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"All of our services are on Facebook weekly at 9:15 and on our Website every week. "

Biblical thoughts:

"Noah, a man of the soil, was the first to plant a vineyard." Genesis 9:20. Isn't it amazing that after the flood narrative in Genesis, the first thing Noah did was to plant a vineyard? After the massive global disaster, cultivating a vineyard was a beautiful way to begin growth anew. We must care for this great gift of the earth we have been given, before and after disasters. This includes not only care for the earth and the land, but also for the people who love upon it by "planting vineyards" of all sorts to bring new life.

War is an ugly reality of our world, and we can see daily on the news how it disrupts farming and food production and, most devastatingly, displaces people as they flee their homes and farmlands to avoid conflict and death. Hunger is a tragic reality of war as people are displaced and lands are destroyed. In many cases, a lack of food becomes a weapon, which sadly ends up affecting the local people living in the land.

At North Main Street United Methodist Church, we are reaching out to our community in many ways to do our best to feed hungry people. Our Food Pantry is open to everyone. Our Free Lunch is open to everyone. Our Mission Team and Pastoral Care Team reach out to many people each week. We are trying to learn what we can do as a church about food insecurity and its effect on our Community. We have a large Facebook presence and share our thoughts with our overall area. We are a church full of caring people and we share the attributes of God with everyone we come in contact with. Come and be part of our church any Sunday. Donate your time and your talents to help in this journey. Explore the attributes of God and learn what you do to share with our Community in Jesus name.

Pastor Joyce Royal

Joyce Royal

Food Pantry Report- July

The weather was sunny and got hotter as the day went on. We were very busy from the time we opened until we closed. We had 87 come through the pantry with 23 new families. The turnout seems to be getting back to the numbers we had in the past. We were scrambling to get food together for the late comers but we had food for all. The totals were 82 adults, 52 children and 74 seniors. This month we gave out ground beef, bacon, eggs, cheese, and butter. We also had pouches of cooked chicken in the dry bags along with the usual canned vegetables, fruit, peanut butter, mac and cheese, soup and stuffing. There were the choices of cold cereal, juice, and shelf stable milk. We had mayonnaise or oil for an extra choice but no coffee or tea this month. We had received some packages of graham crackers to also give out. As usual we will be restocking before the next month's pantry since our shelves are pretty empty. Our pet ministry is still doing very well. We had requests for only 65 cats and 38 dogs. We will restock for next month also. We still have a small supply of diapers in small sizes for those requests.

Food Pantry Report - August


The weather was cooler but nice for the day. We were not as busy as we were last month. We had planned for 96 after last month's many but we only had 76 total. Again, we had new 11 new families. The turnout seems to be getting back to the numbers we had in the past. The totals were 62 adults, 30 children and 78 seniors. This month we gave out hot dogs, bologna, deli turkey, eggs, and butter. We also had single pizzas for all. The dry bags along with the usual canned vegetables and fruit, peanut butter, elbow macaroni, pork and beans, tuna, and soup. There were the choices of cold cereal and juice. We had mayonnaise or oil for an extra choice. We did have coffee this month but it is getting expensive so we may not be able to continue that. We will be restocking before the next month's pantry. Our pet ministry is still doing very well. We had requests for only 53 cats and 18 dogs. We will restock for next month also. We still have a small supply of diapers in small sizes for those requests. Again, thanks to all those who donate to the funding of our pantry and those who work so hard to make our pantry a success. We thank God that we have the chance to help those in our community who are in need. We are thankful for the grant money we have received and those who put the work into applying for them.

Edna Bennett

Free Lunch

Free lunch is regularly serving over 100 meals on food pantry days and about 35-50 on other Mondays. We've developed a nice group of regulars who enjoy visiting with and waiting on each other. After a couple of years of only doing takeout due to Covid restrictions, this is a welcome sight.

I'm still learning to navigate the regional food bank ordering and delivery process. Since I don't order every week or even every month (our storage space is limited) I frequently make mistakes. I don't make

the same mistake twice but I do find a way to make a new mistake! . The last order I placed came to over \$300 of which we only had to pay \$13 due to the fact that Pastor Joyce is always getting us grants. We are so grateful for that. Thank you as always to our many volunteers and financial supporters. God bless you all!

WICS

There isn't really too much to report on. The new Tastefully Simple catalog will be available soon and I will make sure that our regular customers get a chance to look it over. We haven't been making too much profit as our sales have been dropping, but whatever we do make is a blessing. The consultant that I've been working with has been very helpful and gone above and beyond to see that we get the most rewards for our sales. Other than that, we've been pretty quiet. Thank you to our supporters.

Nancy Marsh

Coalition Youth Family Fun Day

The Coalition Youth Family Fun Day was held at the Rail Station Park on a very hot July 16. While Pastor Joyce helped with registration and food preparation, a volunteer put on our chicken costume. We came in second in the chicken dance.

It was a great day with well over 300 youth attending, including the City Rec program and the YMCA.

A debriefing was held on August 19 with many wonderful remarks about how successful it was since it was only the second Youth Day Festival held by the Glove City Coalition. This is part of our North Main UMC Community Outreach Program.



Community Outreach Team



Our Community Outreach Team including Kasey Frederic, Sally Kwak, James Medbury, Pastor Joyce and Charlotte Locatelli from Northville UMC, are in charge of making dinner for the teens that are serviced by the Captain Street Outreach Ministry. Additionally, Pastor Joyce recently donated 3 large totes of teenage appropriate clothing to the youth. The Captain program will be relocating in the next few months to First Avenue in Gloversville and we will be able to cook in our kitchen and deliver the food to them at the new facility.

Backpack Give -a -Way

Our Administrative Assistant brought her granddaughter who filled the backpacks and all the give-a-way bags to be ready for the Day. This is our 5th Annual Backpack give-a-way and the funds for the backpacks come from a grant from Stewarts. The rest of the supplies are from the generous donations of our congregation.



Packing up for the Annual Backpack Give-a-way



Backpack Give-a-Way

Another super successful backpack give-a-way.

We had 75 bags this year, twenty to Edinburg and the rest to ours. We went through 100 hot dogs, 75 bags of chips, endless bottles of drinks. The craft table was a big drawing point thanks to Sharon Rogers. The kids love to do crafts... Sally and Werner ran the hot dog stand, Pastor Ron and Nancy Egan the ice cream, and James and Pastor Joyce the back packs. We could have used another 25 bags. A big shout out to everyone who contributed to stuffing the bags and bringing supplies. And, don't forget to thank Stewarts. Without a grant from them, this would never have come off.



Our beloved Abra brought along her friend Mandy



Fund Raising Team

We held an ongoing Popcorn sale which netted us \$231.

Our next fundraiser will be a Spaghetti Dinner - take out only - at Plaza Italian Bistro on Wednesday, October 15th. Tickets will go on sale in mid-September and are \$10.

Respectfully submitted,
James Medbury
Fundraising Chair

Mission Team Report

Everyone knows about the Texas floods and the catastrophic damages from them. Though we are a small congregation we still raised \$576 to send to Texas. Lisa Sommella McCoulsky, whose family were long time members of North Main, was our contact in Texas. It was with everyone's help that we raised all that money, so thanks to all who did make a donation.

We have blessed several beautiful shawls made by church members. I am watching for a matching deal from Heifer so we can place an order with them again. If anyone has an idea of a worthy cause for our Second Sunday Funds, please let me know.

Valerie Kevlin
Co-Chair Mission Team

Mums

Tom Kevlin will be bringing his van to St. Johnsville on September 5 to pick up the Mums that the members of the congregation have bought. He could use some help so please contact the church office if you are available. Thank you in advance.



Bible Study

Hi Everyone!

Fall is on the horizon and Bible Study is returning on Mondays in the parlor on September 22, 2025 at 1:15! Having said that, our first meeting back will be in the parlor but our second meeting on September 29 will be in Fellowship Hall as our District Supervisor, Debbie Earthrow, has need to use the parlor for that day only. The first study will be "Jesus Followers" by one of our favorites, Anne Graham Lotz. I have ordered the books. As you know, I try to find used books in good condition for us and it looks like I have found enough of the books, but we may have to share the study guides. I will keep looking. The book seems to be about \$7 each with tax - free shipping. I expect they will be here the end of the first week of September. I will get a book to anyone interested in the study. This study is done in conjunction with Anne's daughter Rachael-Ruth Lotz Wright and is designed to offer practical ideas, biblical teaching, and inspiring true stories to help you to lead others in a whole-hearted pursuit of God. Drawing on the fascinating genealogy of Genesis 5, Anne explores the unique impact of our witness, worship, work, and walk. Rachael-Ruth offers vivid descriptions of how God's truth was passed on by word and example. As the daughter and granddaughter of Billy Graham incorporate their deep commitment to teaching God's word so that none should perish.

I am working on a new selection of bible studies for the coming year. If you have a list from last year and can bring it, that would be helpful!! Looking forward to meeting together again and sharing our thoughts. **Sally**

Birthdays

Linda Sammons – September 6
Bill Rogers – September 7
Sally Kwak – September 8
Sara Towne – September 11
Marilyn Cornell – September 22
Dave Sammons – September 23
Landon Rajter – September 24

Marlene Thomson – October 1
Carol Johnson – October 3
Kasey Frederick – October 5
Mavis Baldwin – October 7
Penna Smith – October 12
Joyce Royal-Paul – October 23
Joanne Brown – October 24
Stephen Wood – October 27

Anniversaries

Sharon and Bill Rogers – September 2
Cheryl and Tom Bielli – September 4
Nancy and Sim Morey – September 10
Teresia and Eric Davis – September 19
Sandy and Roger Trevett – October 9
Valerie and Tom Kevlin – October 14
DiAnne and Jack Sanford – October 27

Grandparents Day – September 7

What is a Grandparent (written by third graders)

**When they read to us they don't skip parts of the story or mind if it is the same story over again.*

**A grandfather is a man grandmother. He goes for walks with boys and they talk about fishing and stuff like that.*

**Everybody should try to have a grandmother, especially if you don't have television because they are the only grown-ups who have time.*



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September 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labor Day	2	3 Captains Meal	4	5	6
7 10:30 Service in Sanctuary Communion	8 11:30 – 12:30 Free Lunch	9	10	11	12 Food Pick up	13
14 10:30 Service in Sanctuary	15 11:30 – 12:30 Free Lunch 10:00 – 1:00 Food Pantry	16 10:30 Lay Servants at Wells House	17	18	19	20
21 10:30 Service in Sanctuary	22 11:30 – 12:30 Free Lunch 1:15 Bible	23	24	25	26 Food Pick up	27
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