

RELIGION

News from the
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compiled by Cookie Short

Archbold Evangelical

Sunday: Nancy Wyse, prelude; Kristie Rex, childrens challenge; offertory, "There Is A Savior and Emmanuel," Mens Quartet. Message, "Adoption," Brad Bame; Holy Communion served. Second service: Praise-lude and worship through singing led by Worship Team Band; childrens challenge, offertory, message and communion same as first service.

Wednesday: Connection Club, Jr. High Alive, Men Alive, adult Bible study, worship team practice, high school small groups, choir practice.

Lockport Mennonite

Sunday: Communion Sunday. Bobbie Stuckey, prelude, offertory; Kevin Miller, worship leader; Randy Kauffman, chorister; Kellie Creighton, childrens lesson. Message, "No Reason to Brag," Cliff Brubaker.

Wednesday: MYF annual Manhunt.

Zion Mennonite

Sunday: Caleb and Josh Liechty, prelude, interlude, offering and offertory; Jim Sauder, song leader; Mona Sauder, worship leader; Jerry and Ladonna Andres, Ned Gisel, Tony Sauder, Howard Snyder, ushers; Bill and Kathy Beck, Lauren and Helen Bowman, greeters; Jessica Schrock-Ringenberg, prayer for the church and world. Sermon, "God's Vision for Tending the Harvest," Sherm Kauffman.

Wednesday: LOGOS, 5:30 p.m.; LOGOS meal, 5:50 p.m.; CHAOS and MYF, 7 p.m.; Dwelling in the word, 8 p.m.

Central Mennonite

Sunday: Music for gathering, offering, offertory, the Music Team; Lane Stopher, welcome; Luke Nagy and the Puppets, scripture; Dwight Kauffman, song leader; Amanda Short, Anita Roth, Levi Beck, Terry King, quartet. Sermon, "Which Kingdom?" Wanda Stopher and Jeff Smith; Mike Wyse, prayer of God's people. Communion and footwashing

Wednesday: Distribution of S.A.M. flyers, 5:45; MYF, Kids Klub, JYP, 7 p.m.

United Methodist

Sunday: Gary and Carolyn

Fidler, greeters; Justin Allison, Garrett Morton, ushers; Austin Welch, Gavin Morton, acolytes; Nancy Miller, organist; Vickie Radel, liturgist. Message, David David.

Wednesday: Groundbreakers, 6:30; High school youth, JAM Session, 7 p.m.

West Clinton Mennonite

Sunday: 100th Anniversary Celebration. Carmela and Wyatt Cerda, greeters; James Roynon, prelude; Arlan Beck, chorister; Wes Graber, welcome, call to worship and prayer; special music, Men's Chorus, led by Dave Sauder; Edward Diener, scripture reader. Meditation, "For God So Loved Us," Rocky Miller. Recognition of former pastors Glen Yoder, Carl Smeltzer, Edward Diener, Rocky Miller, Jim Roynon, by Marv Leatherman; Sarah Nofziger, Fern Schrock, Glen Miller, Lowell Nofziger shared memories; prayer, Andy Stoner, regional pastor. Noon meal followed the morning service.

Wednesday: MYF, 7 p.m.

St. John Lutheran

Sunday: LWML Sunday. Senior Choir sang "Go Ye," led by Mary Grime, organist. Sermon, Dale Kern.

Wednesday: Weekday school of Religion, 5:45 p.m.; senior choir practice, 7:30 p.m.; Worship Team practice, 8 p.m.

St. Peter Catholic

Sunday: Masses for vigil and 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time for intentions of French and Florence Dominique family and Bill Dominique. Sermon, "The Vineyard of God," Gary Ferguson. David Lauber, Nathan Rosenbauer, Emerson Radabaugh, servers; John Briskey, Susan Saaf, Megan Cordes, Lois Grime, Julie Rosenbauer, Julie Double, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion; Evelyn Roth and Linda Lauber, lectors; Richard Roth, Steve Dominique, Troy Double, and Sam Jaramillo, ushers; Joan Garber, rosary leader; Thom Singer, music; Susan Saaf and Pattie Dominique, offertory.

Ana Pauline Krueger, daughter of Dexter and Melissa and Christian Garcia, son of Jose and Erika, was welcomed into the church thru baptism.

Wednesday: Religious educa-

Organizations

Blood Draw

Western Lake Erie Region of the American Red Cross blood draw: Saturday, Oct. 11, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Harley Davidson Sales & Service, 862 American Rd., Napoleon; Monday, Oct. 13, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Northwest State Community College, 22600 St. Rt. 34, Ridgeville Corners.

AAUW

The American Association of University Women, Tuesday, Oct. 14, 7:30 p.m., Defiance College Serrick Center, Hubbard Room. Michael Suzo speaks about the college admission process.

AACC

Archbold Area Chamber of Commerce, noon luncheon meeting, Monday, Oct. 13. Speaker: Darren Jenkins, superintendent, Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center.

Women

Woman 2 Woman, a group for women in all life stages, Monday, Oct. 13, 6:30 p.m., Crossroads Evangelical Church, Wauseon.

MOPS

Mothers of Preschoolers, Monday, Oct. 13, 6:30 p.m., Archbold Evangelical Mennonite Church, 300 Park St.

Cancer Support

Cancer Survivors support group, Tuesday, Oct. 14 & 28, 7 p.m., Crossroads Outreach Center, E. Leggett St., Wauseon.

SAHC

Stryker Area Heritage Council Board of Trustees, Thursday, Oct. 9, 7 p.m., Stryker Depot, 203 N. Depot St., Stryker.

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tion classes for grades K-8.

St. Martin's Lutheran

Sunday: 21st Sunday after Pentecost. Jan Delaney, lector; Jason and Bridget Lovejoy, Michelle Collins, ushers; Kris Jemmott, assisting minister; Butch and Amy Blankenship, Jane Sonnenberg, Ivy Nehls, Jan Delaney, communion assistants; Steve Basselman, organist/pianist; Donovan Ziegler, guitar;

Mike Short, percussion. Choir anthem, *True Light*, chancel choir, Cristie Sevey, soloist. Sermon, "Mixed Metaphors," Dana Bjorlin, guest pastor.

Wednesday: Homework table, 3:30; Grace Notes, 4:30 p.m.; meal, 5:15 p.m.; children's activities, adult and high school small groups, catechism, informal worship, 6 p.m.; bell choir, 6:30 p.m.; chancel choir, 7:30 p.m.



Paid Announcement

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our gratitude to all who demonstrated love and sympathy to our family during Shirley's illness and death. Special thanks to Dr. Krueger, the Archbold Rescue Unit, and the staffs of Fulton County Health Center and Fulton Manor for their professional and compassionate care.

The family of Shirley Lugbill

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CARD OF THANKS

Thank you to everyone who remembered us with cards, prayers, food, and memorials for our father and grandfather, Clyde J. Kinney. Dad truly was a wonderful gentleman who touched a lot of lives. Thank you to Pastor Hap for his visits and for the lovely service. His singing of "The Old Rugged Cross" was so comforting. Thank you to Irene Nelson and all of her girls from Christ United Methodist Church for the lovely luncheon following the service. They did a great job.

Dick, Carolyn and Rod Kinney

Births

Fulton Co. Health Center
Sept. 28: Jennifer and Chad Perry, Liberty Center, boy.

Sept. 29: Lisa Miller, Wauseon, boy; Veronica Zamora, Archbold, twin girls; Tracy Perez, Wauseon, girl; Nichole Johnson, Napoleon, boy.

Oct. 1: Elizabeth Spencer, Wauseon, boy; Sara Vandemark, Wauseon, boy.

A daughter, Ella Clare, was born Sept. 29, 2008 at Flower Hospital, Sylvania, to Nick and Hayley Tule, Wauseon. She weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces, and was 20 1/4 inches long. She has a 1 1/2-year-old brother, Benjamin. Grandparents are Jeff and Penny Waack, Wauseon, and John and Suzie Tule, Archbold. Great-grandparents are Helen Peebles, Lyons, and Patrick Waack, Aiken, S.C.

A CHAPEL MEDITATION

by Charles Gautsche

Inflation, Economic Jitters, Financial Insecurity!

It really gets our attention when a brokerage firm that was valued at \$680 billion declares bankruptcy. We scurry about to see what we can do to secure our finances, and we find few sure answers.

Risk-takers, greedy firms throwing precaution to the winds, have jeopardized the personal finances of millions of people. Government has failed in allowing the process to go unregulated or inadequately supervised.

Furthermore, when the government has taken over bankrupt financial firms, they allow the CEOs that made these tragic mistakes to walk away with multimillion dollar checks.

Is that integrity? I find the whole thing quite disgusting and frustrating. Where is justice to be found? Who should be held accountable?

Inflation: when food and fuel increase in cost; the value of money deteriorates; and the paycheck doesn't seem to cover the costs of living.

Then we begin to feel nervousness and insecurity, wondering how serious the conditions will become. The Bible has some comments about inflation.

In Samaria, at a time of war, the city was besieged and food got scarce. It got so bad that a donkey's head sold for 80 shekels of silver and a half pint of seed pods sold for five shekels. People got so hungry they became cannibals, eating their own children.

A New Testament reference is James 5:2&3: "Your wealth has rotted and moths have eaten your clothes. Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you!"

Obviously these conditions are much worse than anything we know about; yet it points out how excessive greed can be converted to intense need when a financial system collapses. It makes us think of the statement, "The love of money is a root of all kinds of evil."

The love of money causes people to be destructive and do evil deeds.

Much of the current credit crisis is the result of this root of all kinds of evil.



In contrast, the Bible teaches us that integrity and righteousness are principles a Christian should follow. Paul wrote to the young minister, Timothy: "*Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the truth and pierced themselves with much grief. But you, man of God, flee from all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness.*" (1 Tim. 6:10&11)

You and I should be guided by the principles of godliness in our financial dealings. We were in a grocery store and there found a long line at the checkout counter. A mature woman wearing a church t-shirt was giving the clerk a difficult time.

One item had been accidentally charged twice and the young man had subtracted the amount of that charge, but she was not satisfied. He cancelled the charge and rang up the groceries again. Still she claimed the price of one item was wrong and wanted the manager to come.

When the manager said it was right she walked out, leaving the groceries there.

When we got to the checkout, I told the young man, that as a Christian I wished to apologize for the woman's actions. A Christian should not have acted like she did.

I thanked him for his patience with her and felt he did the right thing. He said, "I wanted to be fair and helpful, but she rejected my efforts. I am sorry that she left, because I tried to treat her right."

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principles of godliness in our financial dealings.

I know we are all tense over the current economic situation; yet we are responsible to clarify what motivates us; is it our love for God or our love of money.

For those of us of retirement age there is the fear of running out of resources. Inflationary prices, affecting a wide range of living expenses, claims a greater proportion of available resources, together with fuel costs, causing some to find they must decide between food or medicine.

Health care insurance is sometimes sacrificed to keep within a budget.

The greater threat faced by some families is losing their homes. Repossession of a home or vehicle is difficult to accept.

It also means the loss of credit, bringing a paralyzing effect upon the opportunities of life long into the future. Yes, there are reasons for concern and we are tested by these concerns.

Whatever our financial situation, whether wealthy or poor; at ease, enjoying life and able to share in its opportunities, or struggling to make ends meet; trying to balance the budget and cut back on some expenditures; we need to hear the apostle's advice.

He says, "Some people eager for money have wandered from the truth and have brought much sorrow upon themselves."

And then he tells us, "As a Christian, flee from all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness."

Scripture quotations are in bold italics and are from the NIV translation of the Bible.

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Charles Gautsche

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