

Good News Letter

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I am looking forward to a beautiful autumn season this year. Last year was okay, but there was a mini-drought at the end of the summer and a lack of water late in the season always receives the blame for a less than spectacular fall.

This year there has been plenty of water. The runoff stream at the Deer Haven Park where I like to walk remains almost too high to cross, instead of being completely dry as is most common at this time of the year.

It is the season to think of the recent past, the present year drifting away. It is a time to take stock of things. Throughout October, as the leaves turn and then fall, the colors intensify and then fade into the dead of winter. I am presently, however, not in the mood to think of winter.

Thankfully, there is no season in which it is inappropriate to think of the hope of resurrection, and direct our thoughts to life's



victory over death, and to the new beginnings that are always a part of our earthly days.

In that spirit, I leave you with the words of a hymn that reminds us of resurrection hope, beloved by Genevieve Peterson, who is on my mind after her recent celebration of life. It may seem a song of spring, but I offer it here in the fall as well.

It is called the Hymn of Promise:

In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden
promise: butterflies will soon
be free!

In the cold and snow of
winter there's a spring that
waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can
see.

There's a song in every
silence, seeking word and
melody;
There's a dawn in every
darkness, bringing hope to
you and me.

From the past will come
the future; what it holds, a
mystery,
Unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can
see.

In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
In our doubt there is
believing; in our life, eternity,
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can
see.

Blessings,

- Mark

Quarterly Business Meeting

October 28th
6:30 Potluck Dinner
7:00 Business Meeting

October Panera Volunteers

Wed **Thur**

Sept 30-Grubbs. Oct 1-Lovell /
Remlinger
Oct 7-Brown Oct 8-Brown
Oct 14-Lee Oct 15 -Volunteer
 Needed
Oct 21-Faulk Oct 22-Faulk
Oct 28-Faulk Oct 29 -Faulk

Thanks to all who volunteer.
There is a new sign-up sheet for
the fall quarter in the Gathering
Place.

PERSONALS

-Connie Roberts recently had
more cancer surgery.

-During the worship service on
September 20, very special music
was provided by Randy Turner,
Claire Pierce, and Pam Beery
with her flute.

-At the Marion Association Fall
Rally, Randy Turner was
presented with the award for
Outstanding Mission Person of
the year,

-Richard and Laura Brown's
daughter Rachel has to have
knee surgery, and her husband
Brian will be taking a new job in
Chicago.

American Baptist Women

In September, 7 ladies gathered
for lunch and remembering
Genevieve Petersen who had just
passed.

Our October 17th meeting will be
at 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall.
Everyone should bring a lunch
and ideas for the the upcoming
festive season.

- Laura Brown



Genevieve Peterson

Genevieve Peterson, 98, died on
Friday September 18, 2026 after
a brief illness. Genevieve Elva
MacNeill was born October 20,
1927 in Cranbrook. British
Columbia, Canada, the daughter
of Vernon Harcourt and Beatrice
Amanda (Demaray) MacNeill.

In 1930, the family moved to
Mendota, Illinois, and in 1937
relocated to Rock Island, Illinois.
She was a graduate of Rock
Island High School and
Augustana College, both in Rock
Island. Her chosen profession
was education, and she taught
kindergarten and substitute
taught for a number of years

On August 21, 1949 she married
Kenneth E. Peterson and was in
the role of pastor's wife for many
years, having church pastorates
in Illinois, Ohio, Massachusetts,
and Michigan. While being a
pastor's wife, Genevieve also
faithfully volunteered in several
organizations, including the
American Red Cross, and Habitat
for Humanity.

After Ken left the parish ministry,
they located to Columbus, Ohio
and were both active in University
Baptist Church. At UBC,
Genevieve was instrumental in
organizing and volunteering in the
weekly International Coffee Hour
in which the spouses of foreign
graduate students from Ohio
State University would have a
place to socialize and learn
English.

Genevieve and Ken frequently
invited guests to their home for a
wonderful home cooked meal and
conversation. They organized
neighborhood barbecues to
promote community, and as a
result developed lifelong
friendships with many. In addition,
they were both accomplished
gardeners and enjoyed
maintaining a beautiful residence
wherever they lived. Genevieve
was also creative, and she
artistically designed and sewed
many lovely and detailed
commemorative quilts, which she
gave away to family and friends.

For complete obituary, visit:
snyderfuneralhomes.com/obituaries

THANK YOU NOTES

Thanks to all of you for the warm
reception and the chance to
share what God is doing in
Eastern Congo! The food was
delicious as well.

Love,
Ann and Bill (Clemmer)

Birthdays and Anniversaries



October

2 Christina Kilhefner
Ben & Bailey Turner
3 Jarrod & Nichelle Trigg
6 Marissa Ferguson
7 Ann Brown
Bud Salyer
10 Claire Cooper
16 Taylor Trigg
24 Sherry Chambers
25 Jack Turner
31 Claire Pierce

Please report any errors.

Mark and Congregation:

Thank you and those who were able to come to Jim's celebration of life. It was so nice to see you there. I know he would have been pleased. Jim and I love the church and we both missed being able to attend. I do enjoy watching online and will continue to do so. I also appreciate the cards, thoughts, and prayers. With love,
Ann Brown and Family

Pastor Vacation

Pastor Mark will be on vacation October 19-26. Mike Reynolds will be the guest pastor on Sunday, October 26th. Please contact a deacon if you have pastoral needs.

Potluck and Quarterly Business Meeting

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, October 28th for a potluck fellowship meal followed by our quarterly business meeting at 7 pm. The meeting will include the election of officers for 2027 and our annual budget.

WORLD FOOD DAY

World Food Day is observed annually on October 16 to raise awareness about global hunger and food security issues. Organized by the U.N., it emphasizes the importance of collective action to combat food insecurity and malnutrition worldwide.

UNITED NATIONS DAY

United Nations Day is celebrated annually on October 24, commemorating the establishment of the United Nations in 1945. This day serves

Prayer List

This list is prepared by the Deacons.
Please send changes to Larry Faulk (lfaulk01@aol.com).

Name	Reason for Prayer
Dr. Allison's sister	Health Issues
Bill & Ann Clemmer	Safety
Tim Lee	Health Issues
David Salyer	Health Issues
Connie Roberts	Health Issues
Ray Serviss	Health Issues
Condolences to the Peterson family on the death of Genevieve	

Remember daily all the men and women in the military — Those stationed in the USA and those deployed throughout the world. GOD BLESS AMERICA!

to highlight the UN's efforts in promoting peace, security, and cooperation among nations.

REBUILD RESTORE RENEW

Some of the most powerful moments in ministry happen where hardship and hope meet. The opening verses of Isaiah 61 are a remarkable example. Isaiah wrote to people who had experienced loss and devastation and their future seemed uncertain. Yet God delivered a message of good news and hope: "They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated; they will renew the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations."

This picture of God's restorative work is at the heart of IM's mission. Around the world, global servants (missionaries) and ministry partners are helping to rebuild, restore, and renew lives and communities in Christ's name. Each year through International Ministries' World Mission Offering (WMO), thousands of churches and individuals come together to promote and support ministries that God is using to transform the world. During the month of

October, our mission focus will be the World Mission Offering. I ask that you prayerfully consider your gift. Our goal is \$1000.
-Pam Faulk

FOUR WEEKS OF PRAYER

For the past several years, our church has been participating in 31 Days of Prayer during the month of October when our focus is on our missionaries and their specific prayer requests. This year they have sent 8 prayer requests from the different global areas that we support. We will be celebrating four weeks of prayer with a focus on two prayers a week. You will find these prayer requests on an insert in the bulletin each of the four Sundays of October. Please join Baptists around the world in praying for our global servants.

ANDREWS HOUSE NEWS

Longtime executive director at Andrews House, Mel Corroto, will be retiring in November. Our church has worked with Andrews House since its inception. We have maintained close ties with Mel over the years. Her successor will be Lindsey Blackburn, who has already been

working with Mel for a smooth transition. There is an article in the September 16th Gazette about this change. Andrews House is hosting an event on October 22 from 4-6 to celebrate Mel's legacy and the next chapter for Andrews House.

Mission/Outreach News

Clemmers Return to Goma

Ann and Bill Clemmer, our missionaries, have returned to Goma. Ann wrote the following message:

The Ebola cases continue to climb; over 7,500 as of yesterday. The survival rate is 50 %. Bill is very busy working because of it. Ann is working with the team to set up their new library. The building is complete, the shelves are built, and most of the books (670) are recorded and shelved! We plan to have the dedication ...and the dedication of the Women's Center in a week or two.

Keep them in your prayers.

Undies Sundays Month

In September, the congregation has been purchasing new underwear of all sizes and putting it in the basket in the entry of the church. The basket is full! It will be taken to Common Ground Free Store for distribution to people that go there. When underwear is taken there, we are always met with smiles and thank you's, as that is always a major need. Thank you all for your generous donations!

Panera Pick Up Continues

Thanks to all who continue to pick up unsold items at Panera on Wed. and Thursday nights and take them to Turning Point and / or Andrews House. It is a commitment and others are blessed by it.

People In Need

The basket in the entry continues to get filled each month by your thoughtfulness of others who have food insecurity. Thanks to Peter White for taking it to People In Need.

Crop Walk

The 2026 Delaware County CROP Hunger Walk will be 2:00 PM on Sunday, October 4, 2026 at the Ohio Wesleyan University Hamilton-Williams Campus Center located at 40 Rowland Ave., Delaware, OH.

Choose a 3-mile or 1-mile walk. The purpose is to raise funds and awareness to combat local and global hunger via Church World Service. 25% of the money raised stays in Delaware County to support the People In Need, Inc., food pantry, while 75% supports global sustainable disaster relief and anti-hunger programs.

If you want to walk, you can register online or just go to Hamilton-Williams before the race starts. You can make a donation by going to Safari or Google on your computer and type in Crop Walk 2026, Delaware, OH.

Operation Christmas Child

We will be filling Christmas shoe boxes for children in other countries as we have in the past. The ending date will be in November, so we need do as much as we can in October to meet that goal. Christmas boxes are available and handouts will have information about what to put in them, if they are for a boy or a girl, and the age of the child. A donation for processing and mailing of each box is welcomed.

World Mission Offering

During the month of October, each Sunday is an opportunity to give to the World Mission Offering. This offering supports global missionaries. Contributions help fund global health, leadership training, community development and education.

Change for Change

Thinking ahead! Hold onto your loose change! On November 1, 2026, Communion Sunday, we will collect loose change as we reset our clocks for the fall.

Directory Update

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October

2026

Office Hours: by appointment

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October Mission Focus: • (WMO) World Mission Offering • Crop Walk Pastor Appreciation Month		September 29	30	1	2	3
9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service World Communion 2:00 pm Crop Walk WMO + 4 Weeks of Prayer	5	6	7	8	9	10
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