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An Important Message About Our Church's Financial Health

Bellpoint Community Church family, we are facing a significant financial challenge and need your prayerful consideration and support. Our giving has decreased by approximately **\$30,000 year-to-date** compared to last year.

This is a severe impact on our ability to meet essential obligations like payroll, utilities, and insurance.

To cover these costs, we've had to use our reserve funds, which were specifically designated for vital building renovations. This is not sustainable and jeopardizes our ability to maintain our facilities for both our ministries and the community groups that rely on us.

We Are the Church

Bellpoint Community Church is funded by the generosity of its members and visitors. Our collective giving ensures we can keep our doors open and our ministries active. The building and the dedicated staff who maintain it are essential for us to gather, worship, and serve. By supporting the church financially, we ensure a vibrant place for new members and our children to learn and grow in their faith.

The average weekly attendance is about 65 people. If each person were to increase their giving by **\$17 per week**, we could greatly reduce this deficit and be on track to meet our financial obligations.

As a reminder, 2 Corinthians 9:6-7 says, *"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."*

Next Steps and Ideas

We are confident that, with God's grace and your faithful partnership, we can reverse this trend.

Here are a few ways you can help:

- ♦ **Consistent Giving:** If you travel or miss a service, please consider making a consistent gift. You can easily set up automatic payments through your personal bank or on our church website.
- ♦ **Pledge Cards:** We will provide "Intent to Give" forms to help us better forecast our income. You can pledge a specific amount for the next 6-12 months.
- ♦ **Share Your Story:** We will be sharing testimonies of how Bellpoint has positively impacted our lives and community. These stories help connect our giving to the tangible outcomes of our church's work.

We ask each of you to prayerfully consider your current weekly offering. Please pray about how you can contribute, and feel free to reach out with any questions or ideas.

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Church Office Hours:

Monday - Friday
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Upcoming Events

September 19
Worship & Prayer Night
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

September 28
Birthday Party Event
After Second Service

Sunday Morning Worship Services

Traditional Service - 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School - 9:35 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Contemporary Service - 10:30 a.m.

K-4th graders, come join us in Bible Adventures during second service, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Bellpoint Community Church Groups

(all groups meet at church unless otherwise stated)

- **Adult and Youth Sunday School:** Sunday Mornings, 9:35 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
- **Men's Bible Study:** Every other Monday, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Contact Pastor Paul for additional information.
- **Sunday Women's Bible Study:** Every other Sunday, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at the McCullough home. Contact Lori McCullough for additional information.
- **Monday Women's Bible Study:** Mondays, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Location varies.
- **Bible Study Book Group:** The second and fourth Thursdays of the month, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- **Teen Disciples** (6th - 12th grades): Sundays from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

September Birthdays

Sept 2	Ceci Michael
Sept 3	Linda Vangundy Nancy Millar
Sept 4	Beth Sacher
Sept 8	Gabriel Willis
Sept 9	Brenna Coughlin
Sept 14	Pat Gilliam
Sept 17	Dianne May Lawrence Kirby Tiffany Bahan
Sept 19	Ian West
Sept 22	Brendan Sayer
Sept 23	Colleen Dennis
Sept 26	Kurtis May Matt Maxim
Sept 29	Matthew Spellman

Happy Anniversary

September 8

Jeff & Vicki Kidd
Married 52 years

September 9

Brad & Colleen Dennis
Married 47 years

September 16

Jason & Tamara Counts
Married 19 years



Church Birthday Party - Let's Celebrate!

On **September 28th** after the second service, Sisters In Faith will be hosting a birthday party in fellowship hall. All are welcome to attend!

A luncheon will be provided consisting of sloppy joes, hotdogs, vegetable trays, chips, and refreshments; followed by games & one big birthday cake!

If you have any questions, please contact one of the committee members: Margie West, Peggy Sable, Carrie Barth, or Avah Wirz. Hope to see you all there!



Food Donations

Bellpoint Community Church and Ashley Community Church mission teams will be partnering with the Buckeye Valley Food Pantry during the month of **October**. Each week, we will collect for specific needs of the pantry and then donate the total at the end of the month. With your help, we can make this a fantastic donation to families in our local school district! If this is a success, we hope to do this on a quarterly basis. Watch for more information next month!



Emily's Mission Work

Thank you all for your support as I pursue a path to full-time missions. The Lord is leading me to serve in Metro Philadelphia (Cherry Hill, NJ) with a mission agency called WorldTeam at an Arabic Church Plant. I would love to share more specifics with you individually. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity or about how you can support this mission through prayer and/or financially, please reach out. You can contact me at emily.carpenter@worldteam.org or at 740-692-3721.

Thank you! - *Emily Carpenter*

Prayer Requests

- ♦ **Carol Barker** – no trace of cancer in any of her lymph nodes
- ♦ **Sandra** – released from the hospital (Jody Miller's Sister)
- ♦ **Don** – came through his angiogram with flying colors, no further treatment needed (Lori McCullough's father)
- ♦ **Prasad** – missionary in India who has a bad case of the flu & can't get his 104-degree fever down (friend of Terry Adams)
- ♦ **Kathy** – in hospice care (friend of Avah Wirz)
- ♦ **Steve** – diagnosed with cancer (friend of the Webb family)
- ♦ **Families impacted** by recent automobile fatalities here in Delaware
- ♦ **Brad** – recovering from surgery (Sayer)
- ♦ **Tom** – blood clots
- ♦ **Cecilia** – having a heart valve replacement
- ♦ **Janet Artz** – cancer
- ♦ **Jake** – trial treatments for brain cancer (McCullough)
- ♦ **Greg's Mom** – recovering from a fall
- ♦ **Cindy** – kidney failure (West)
- ♦ **Carl** – cancer recurrence
- ♦ **Bill** – illness (John Guy's brother)
- ♦ **Susan Ritchie** – prayers for a friend who has an undiagnosed illness
- ♦ **Marie** – her father has cancer and recently had a stroke
- ♦ **Mark** – cancer
- ♦ **Gary** – recovering from surgery
- ♦ **Cindy's Dad** – cancer
- ♦ **John** – lung cancer (Webb)
- ♦ **Kevin** – cancer (VanGundy)
- ♦ **Debbie** – brain aneurysm
- ♦ **Tia's Coworker** – her son has a lesion on his spine
- ♦ **Monroe** – seven-year-old with brain cancer



Prayer Chain

Are you looking for a way to serve Bellpoint Community Church and our community? Prayer is a powerful way to make an important difference in someone's life. The Prayer Chain is always looking for new members for this vital ministry, so please call the church office if you are interested.

If you hear of a concern or praise there are multiple ways to share the information with our Prayer Chain:

- ♦ Complete a paper prayer request located on the back of each chair and drop in an offering bag or one of the clear boxes in the entrances to the fellowship hall and sanctuary.
- ♦ Contact Brooke Williams, the church office manager, by phone at 740-369-5956 or by email at office@bellpointchurch.com.
- ♦ Post to the online prayer wall at bellpointchurch.com/prayer-wall.

LifeWise Academy Update

For LifeWise Buckeye Valley to not only continue, but thrive, we need our community to step forward in four key ways:

1. **Volunteers** - We have all needs filled EXCEPT Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. for our 6th and 8th graders at the Middle School.
2. **Program Director** - Part-time role with full-time passion for the ministry and the strategic direction for the program.
3. **Advisory Leadership Board Members** - volunteer role to support and expand the reach of the program.
4. **Monthly Financial Support** - We are asking our community to prayerfully consider donating just \$30/month to sponsor 1 child in the program. Last year we had 280 students to give you an idea of our need!



LifeWise Buckeye Valley exists because of families like yours who believe in bringing God's Word into the lives of students during the school day. Without your support, we cannot keep this program strong for the children who depend on it.

We invite you to prayerfully consider where you can step in. Every role, every gift, every commitment matters.

Thank you for being part of this mission—we can't do it without you.

With gratitude and urgency,

LifeWise Academy Buckeye Valley

lifewiseacademy.org/buckeyevalleyoh

Sisters in Faith

- * 7 ladies a great day driving through Amish county and enjoying a meal and the musical **"The Road to Damascus"** at the Ohio Star Theater in Sugarcreek on August 13th. All would highly recommend this adventure which will be performed through November 4!
- * **Birthday Party/Luncheon** after second service in the fellowship hall – September 28th. See page 3 for additional details!
- * **Ladies Luncheon** – to be held in October, possibly at Hank's BBQ, after second service.
- * **Senior Citizens Thanksgiving Luncheon** - November 20th at Noon. More information coming!
- * **Christmas Ornament and Cookie Exchange** - December 4th at 6:30 p.m. Bring a Christmas ornament wrapped to exchange and two dozen cookies to share!
- * **What has Sisters in Faith been up to this past year? See below!**
 - Donated to Turning Point - cash donation and listed needed supplies
 - Worked one of the Summer Ice Cream Socials
 - Donated to the Buckeye Valley Local School Lunch program. (This donation pays for kids K-12 who cannot afford lunch. It is paid until they can be placed on a lunch assistance program.)
 - Put on the Ladies Day Tea Luncheon
 - Put on the Church Family Birthday Celebration
 - Purchased 12 wreaths for Wreaths Across America
 - Put on the Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon
 - Donated cash to Family Promise of Delaware County for an evening meal
 - Sponsored 2 children on the Dolly Parton Imagination Library
 - Supported functions like Funeral Luncheons/Dinners
 - Supporting 2 kids for LifeWise Academy
 - Put on the Women's Christmas Cookie and Ornament Exchange in December



Upcoming Events - Save the Date!



Friday, September 19th - **Worship & Prayer Night** - 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 28th - **Birthday Party Luncheon** - after second service in the Fellowship Hall

Friday, October 17th - **Worship & Prayer Night** - 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 20th - **Senior Citizens Thanksgiving Luncheon** - 12:00 p.m.

Friday, November 21st - **Worship & Prayer Night** - 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 4th - **Sisters in Faith Christmas Ornament and Cookie Exchange** - 6:30 p.m.

Friday, December 19th - **Worship & Prayer Night** - 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

The Peal

If you do not have access to the internet or email, or simply prefer to have a hard copy mailed to you each month, please contact Brooke Williams, the church office manager at 740-369-5956 or by email at office@bellpointchurch.com.

Just a Reminder...

Please email all articles, pictures, and content for the October Peal to Rachel Kaprally at peal@bellpointchurch.com by **Friday, September 26th**. Thank you in advance for your assistance!