

# FPC NEWSLETTER

## JULY 2024



### What Do I Do?

We have all experienced moments when we were unsure of what to do. As a pastor, I frequently see it when a loved one dies and important decisions have to be made by family members, all in the midst of the trauma that surrounds loss.

I want to invite you to a gathering on **Sunday evening, August 4th at 6:00 p.m.** at the church to begin to think about all those decisions that have to be made at one of the most difficult times of life. Having a plan in place ahead of time can make a huge difference.

Luke Nolting, President of Spurgeon Funeral Home in Brownstown, will help those attending understand what needs to happen when a loved one dies. Who do we call? What information is it important to have on hand? What services does a funeral home provide?

As a second part of the evening, I will spend time talking about the considerations of a service of worship honoring a loved one. What should be included in the service? Should the service be a “funeral” or a “memorial” service?

I understand these are difficult conversations to have, but they are also important to have. I hope you will mark that date on your calendar and join us at the church.

**Help us purchase school supplies  
for Jackson County students**



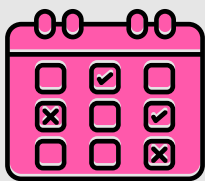
### Rock n' Ready School Supply List

**Please have items dropped off at the church by July 7th!**

- Letter size 2 pocket paper folders
- College ruled 8x10.5" 3-hole punch white
- filler paper
- Dry erase markers
- No. 2 pencils, unsharpened
- Glue sticks
- Colored pencils
- Erasers
- 5" kid scissors
- Highlighters
- Mechanical Pencils
- Markers
- Crayons
- 1" 3-ring binders

**Youth Group Campfire  
July 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00  
Casey Jordan's house**





## July Staff Absences

Scott will be out of the office from Tuesday, July 16th – Sunday, July 28th.

Cristina will be playing at the Chautauqua Conference Center in New York and will return to our worship on Sunday, July 28th.



## July 1st, the pantry welcomes Toyota Forklift Associates for Lift the Community Day!

From 1-5pm Toyota employees will be volunteering in the pantry. Stop by and say hello as they organize spaces, prepare diaper bundles, and paint our bundling room! \*The pantry will also be open to our families for normal business from 12-3pm.



Summer is here! This should be a fun and exciting time for families, right?!

Not always. For some families, summer means schools are closed, child care costs increase, and grocery bills double or even triple. Many parents have to stretch their dollars even farther when summer arrives. At the pantry, we are seeing a summer surge of families (not necessarily new families) needing diapers. In the first TWELVE HOURS of open pantry shifts in June, we distributed 178 bundles. That equates to 7,112 diapers and pull-ups out the door! We ask you to prayerfully consider how you might be able to support the pantry's families this summer.

A few ideas:

1. Pray daily for the families that have to make their dollars stretch even farther during the summer months. Likewise, pray for the children who have worried or stressed out parents.
2. Consider working a shift to meet our families and give them a friendly face of encouragement.
3. Purchase a box or two of diapers or wipes during your next shopping trip. Size 6 diapers is always the most requested size by pantry families.
4. As always, the pantry is committed to our community and the serious concern of diaper-need that our families face as they raise their little ones. Consider joining us as a financial supporter to not only offset this summer's surge, but to ensure Sweet Cheeks is a blessing to our community for years to come! Have questions or want to chat? Text or call Jessica anytime: 812-521-6431

## VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH

### June

These individuals gave their time, talents, and love to our diaper pantry!

<b>Scott Hookey</b>	<b>Ellen Gentry</b>
<b>Sandy Cordes</b>	<b>Larry Hartley</b>
<b>Laura Kirtley</b>	<b>Sheri Hookey</b>
<b>David Wait</b>	<b>Suzi Fallis</b>
<b>Lisa Mincy</b>	<b>Lori Wait</b>
<b>Candy Bevers</b>	<b>Shane Fallis</b>
<b>Ashley Roblero</b>	<b>Leslie Hill</b>
<b>Debbie Laitinen</b>	<b>Jessica Olsen</b>
	<b>Ashley Darlage</b>

From our FPC Family: **15**

From our community: **2**

## FPC Little Food Pantry

Announcing the grand opening of our FPC Little Food Pantry. You will find this located in our courtyard. It will be getting a new coat of paint but we would like to thank our SHS Building Trades class for the donation. This will only be open and available during the hours that our Sweet Cheeks Diaper Pantry is also open. We would like to fill this with food that would most likely be needed by the children that make use of our bundles. Below is a list of ideas that would be great to purchase to keep these shelves stocked. We will be counting on our congregation to keep this full so please check back often to see how our inventory looks! There will be a donation box in the narthex for anything you wish to contribute. If you have any questions, please see any member of the mission committee. Thank you!!

— Missions and Outreach Committee

- Any jar/plastic tub baby food
- Dry baby cereal (ex: rice or oats)
- Snack "puffs", "Lil crunchies"
- Arrowroot biscuits or Baby Mum Mums
- Soothe n Chew sticks
- Freeze dried fruit crisps
- Yogurt or fruit "melts"
- Rice cakes
- Toddler juice
- Toddler meal trays
- Applesauce or yogurt squeeze pouches
- Pediasure shakes
- Goldfish crackers
- graham crackers
- breakfast biscuits
- Fig bars
- granola/Nutri grain bars
- Pudding cups
- Applesauce/fruit cups
- Chef Boyardee products



## JULY SPECIAL CALENDAR

July 8	Committee Meetings	6 pm
July 10	Youth Group Campfire	6p



- 9 Sue Smith
- 12 Laura Friedrich
- 17 Grant Williamson
- 18 Monica Villatoro Diaz  
Lance Gentry
- 22 Germain Dias
- 30 Dereva Ernest

## Annual Church Picnic

### WHERE?

**Dave & Debbie Laitinen: 347 South Echo Ln., Brownstown, IN**

### WHEN?

**Sunday, August 18  
at 4pm**

**Meat, drinks, and paper products will be provided.**

**Please bring your own chairs, towels, swimsuits, and children's life preservers. Side dishes and desserts are encouraged to bring! Please carpool if possible. If there's inclement weather, the picnic will be held at the church.**