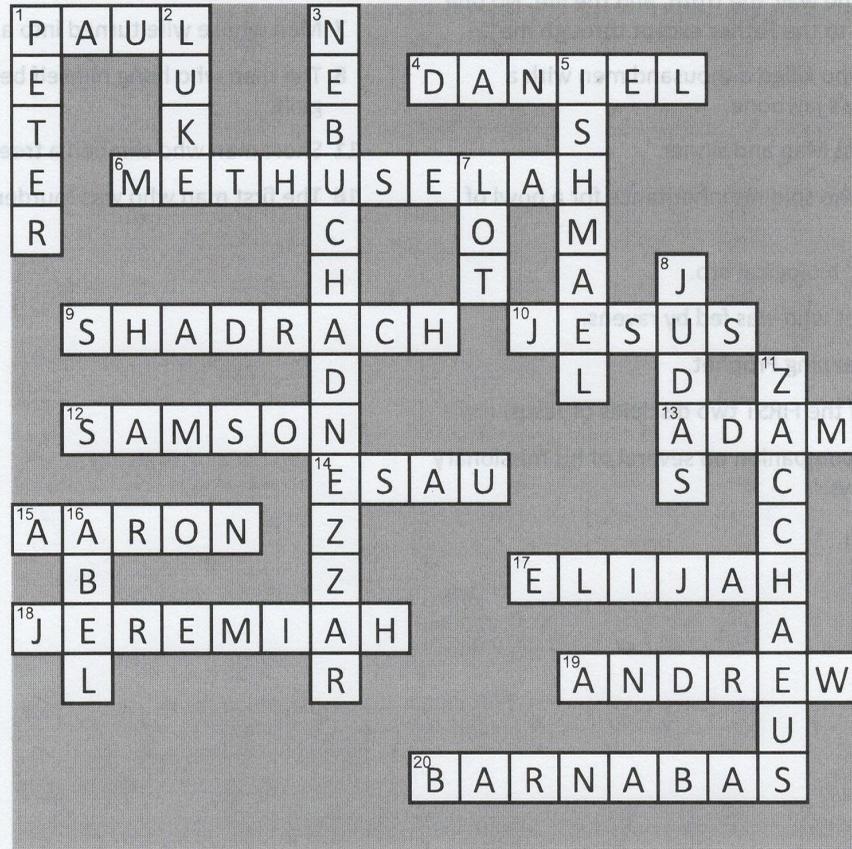


Bible Bros (The good, the bad, and everyone in between)

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Where do you plan on being in a year? 5 years? 10 years? 60, 70, 80 years? Most of us, especially with that last group of numbers will probably answer something like this: “not here”. Well, if not here, where?

Today we just finished our study on Revelation. As we finished up our Lenten Study (due to Co-vid, way past Easter) I asked the Lenten group what they might like to study next, and the answer came up “Revelation”. That always makes me a little nervous when that is suggested because I am making the assumption that what they are asking for is a review of the popular “Left Behind” series theology, but, entertaining as this may be, for me Revelation is so much more than how it all ends. For me it is a story about hope. There is a saying I heard years ago, I think it might be the title to a country song, but it goes like this, “I looked at the back of the book, and we win”. Revelation is a message of hope. It is a message where justice is found, a message of God’s followers being redeemed (that is, bought back) and moving on to a place where, as Ben Witherington III, the author of our study says a place where “there will be no more sin or suffering or sorrow or disease or decay or death or war or weapons or violence”. And in the study he goes on to say (my words) there is a timeline, but we don’t know it. It may look as though the 2020 is a good indicator, but we don’t know... and so what we do is prepare. I have been saying for some 30 years now, the one thing I do know is that YOUR last day will come in YOUR lifetime, whether that be 5 years, 10 years, or 60, 70, or 80 years. But here is the Good News... Jesus came for us, to take us home, all who desire Him and Believe. John 3:16 says that “God so loved the world that He gave His only Son and who so ever believes in Him shall not perish”. And further good news.... God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world (as many would have you believe) but that the world through Him may be saved.

Do you believe? More Good News, Paul writes in Romans 5:8, “...God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us”.

The Book of Revelation points out many things dealing with Heaven and Earth, and yes, even a new Earth. It points toward things like death, disease, and decay. It has a lot to say about the year 2020, Co-vid, various unrests, death, disease, and decay. It says that in this life there will be tribulation... But what it best says is that God loves us— His Creation. God offers to us— even in the midst of persecution, hope. Even in the midst of the tribulation, God IS still in control, waiting, patiently waiting for that perfect day when He will complete His Divine Execution and bring those who believe home. Do you trust in Him? Do you Believe?

Peace,
Jeff



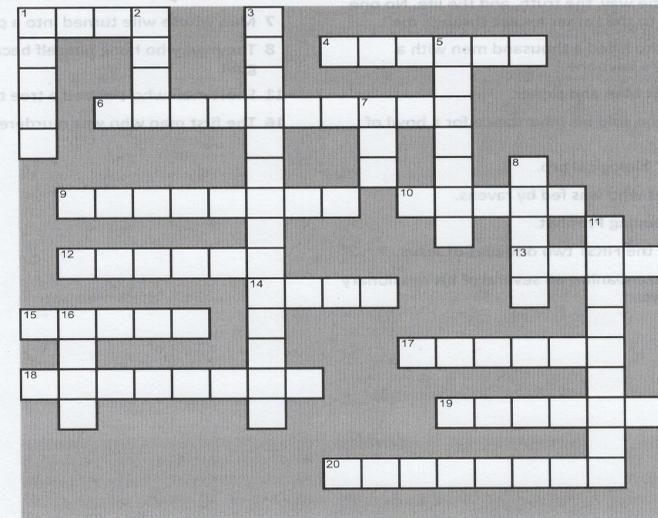
On October 19,26, November 2,9,16,and 23 Rev. Jeff will be leading the study “The Will of God: A Workbook” This study is based on the Leslie Weatherhead book “The Will of God”.

...from the introduction.... “Tragedy befalls us and leaves us confused. Life doesn’t turn out as we had planned. World events bring unspeakable horrors into the lives of innocent people. The unimaginable happens and we are left asking, ‘Why? Why did God let this happen? Why didn’t God heal my loved one? Why did God give me these desires and no way to fulfill them?’”

Join the class as together we work together discern God’s will by being shown how to apply abstract ideas to specific, true to life circumstances.

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Across

- 1 The persecutor that became the persecuted.
- 4 Thrown in a den with lions.
- 6 The Man who had lived for 969 years.
- 9 One of 3 men that was thrown in the "Fiery Furnace".
- 10 "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me".
- 12 Man who killed a thousand men with a donkey's jawbone.
- 13 The first Man and sinner.
- 14 Man who sold his inheritance for a bowl of soup.
- 15 Moses' biological bro.
- 17 Prophet who was fed by ravens.
- 18 The weeping Prophet.
- 19 One of the FIRST two disciples of Jesus.
- 20 Paul's companion on several of his missionary journeys.

Down

- 1 The man who denied Jesus three times.
- 2 A physician by profession (and no, it's not Dr. Joe).
- 3 The King who threw the 3 men into the "Fiery Furnace".
- 5 Son of Hagar, Sarai's handmaiden.
- 7 Man whose wife turned into a pillar of salt.
- 8 The man who hung himself because of extreme guilt.
- 11 Short man who climbed a tree to see Jesus.
- 16 The first man who was murdered.



Join us on the Front Lawn for the
Annual St. Francis Day
Blessing of the Animals

at St. Peter Episcopal Church
4901 Main Avenue at South Park

Sunday, October 4th at 2 p.m.

All are welcome!

A reception with people & animal
goodies will follow!

A free will offering will be taken
as donation to the
Animal Protective League.

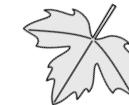
Please keep your pet leashed/restrained
for the safety of humans and animals!

Masks & Social Distancing Required!



OCTOBER Birthdays

- 2 JoAnn Dennis
- 2 Hannah McKee
- 3 Madison Schaade
- 4 Judy Hakundy
- 5 Mike Parks
- 7 Brent Osten
- 8 Mary Clugh
- 10 Bobbi Heil
- 10 Violet Bogush
- 12 Abbie Shaffer
- 13 Richard Arnold
- 13 Bobbi Brindley
- 13 Bridgett Stiltner
- 13 Lily Rapp
- 16 Jace Parks
- 17 Dennis Heil
- 17 Ron Smith
- 19 Cameron Leavitt
- 21 Monna O'Connor
- 22 Joyce Thompson
- 24 Donna Shiflet
- 27 Richard Clugh
- 29 Max Cobb
- 31 Mary Ann Gage



- 02 Dennis & Bobbi Heil**
- 06 Lenny & Diana Peterson**
- 12 Paul & Sue Miklos**
- 13 Rick & Sheri Leavitt**

*Beyond all these things put on love,
which is the perfect bond of unity
Colossians 3:14*



As a local United Methodist Congregation we promise to honor God with:

Our Prayers

Our Churches, Our Shut Ins, Our Military, Our College Students,
Our Pastor & Family, Missionaries, Dee Ann Rich, Ethan & Ashley Batschelet,
Ed & Linda Gray, Richard Clugh, Don & Mary Clugh Family,
MaryLee Verdi & Family, River, Betty Hansen, Carol Loudermilk,
Richard & Grace Arnold, Jim & Phyllis Wright, Mary Simmons,
Dean & Patty Moore, Lloyd Richards, Carolyn Wayand, Roy & Earline Stiltner,
Howard Hewitt, Erik Pimentel, Jim & Bobbi Brindley, Kurt Brindley,
Eva DeCamillo, Rev. Scott Walsh, Roy Stiltner II, Donna Juras,
Larry & Dixie Liggett, Bruce & Sue DeRidder, Art & Debbie Scott,
Chuck & Janette Davis, Caroline, Lori Leibbrandt, Betty Harting,
Eddie & Linda Dana, Heather Long, Sherry & Ken Livingston, Marilyn Lundquist,
Rona, Rev. Doug Lewis, Sandy Connley, Sarrah Brown, Ben, Mary Hamilton,
Mark & Family, Juli, Rita, Mary Lewis, Stoneman Family, Jim Wright, Judy,
John & Laura Morgan, Edie Warren, Harold & Lou Buck, Janet Renard, Korey Stone-
man, Larry Pontinen, Cathy Morgan, Mat Sobolewski, Sandy Mead, Rick Arnold,
Erik & Heather Peterson, Keith Davidson, Linda, Brenda MacNaughton, Diane, Betty,
Bob Brizo, Jackie McKee, Mark DiBell, Vikie, Edgar Bradley, Alex Gonzalez, Joel,
Nellie, Brent, Aiden, Alex & Family, Glen, Heather, Noah, Shelly, Chuck, Ralph,
Brett Bunnell, Mary Ann Gage, Jud Palmer, Dave, Mel & Family,
The Fifer Family, Jerri Shultz, Patrick Zoblefin, Jim McKee,
Julie Hanneman & Family, Betty Cochran, Shawn & Gerry, Jill & Family,
David & Family, Maryilyn, Keith Youngberg, Landon, Scott & Colleen, Howard,
Alex, Denny Densmore, Louise Ebetino, Michelle (Mike) & Ed Hawk & family,
Sandra Prater & Family, Sue, Sheila

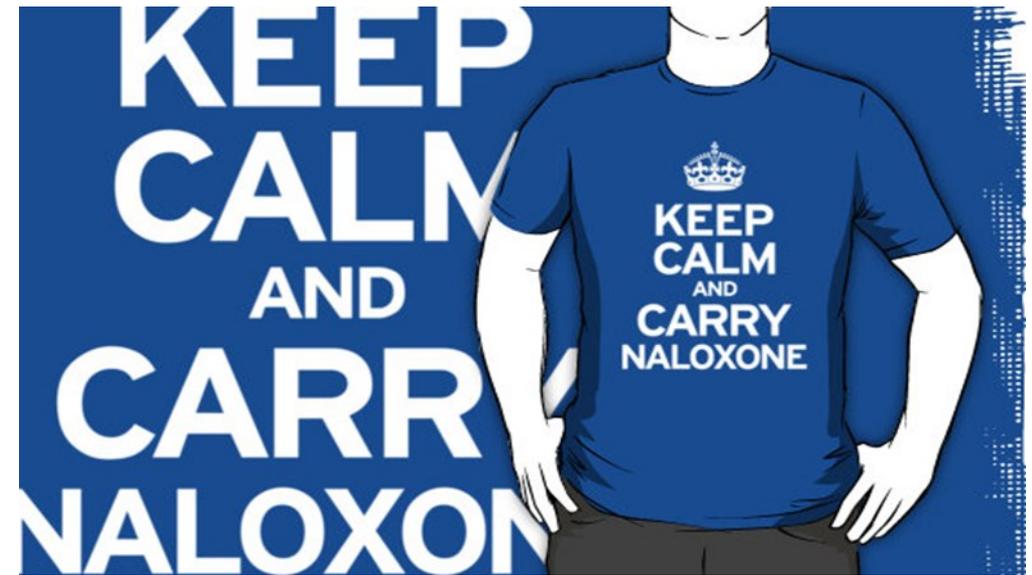
Our Gifts

Year to Date as of August 31, 2020

Offerings & Income \$118,574.57
Expenses (\$113,439.03)
\$5,135.54

Our Service

Sunday Worship at 9:30
& Virtually on You Tube
WOW Service
Wednesday at 6:00pm



SIGNATURE HEALTH

4726 Main Avenue

Ashtabula

FREE Naloxone (Narcan) Distribution

October 7, 10 am to 2 pm

And

FREE HIV and Hepatitis C Testing

-For any County Resident-

Provided by the Mental Health & Recovery Services Board and Signature Health

**OCTOBER IS PASTOR
APPRECIATION MONTH!**

*Thank you Rev. Jeff
for All You Do!*

The Gift

This pastor appreciation poem is based on Ephesians 4:8-13 which reads, "When Jesus ascended to the heights, he led a parade of captives and gave gifts to his people...He is the one who gave these gifts to the church: pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ..."

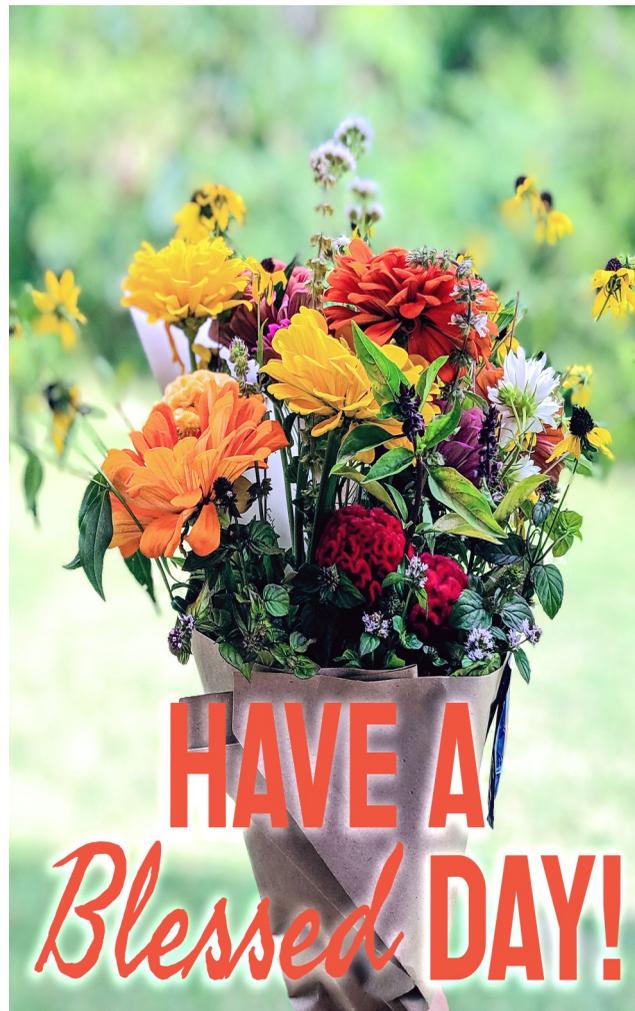
When Jesus celebrated his victory over sin and death, He chose to send gifts to those he set free.

He could have, of course, chosen to give us anything: Knowledge, spiritual growth, protection from the Evil One, or even comfort during trials.

In the end, though, when Jesus celebrated his victory over sin and death, He chose to give us all these things because,

**Pastor;
He chose to give us, you.**

by Daniel Sherman



and Our Witness



**Some Thoughts
from Betty Cochran**

Several verses in the bible talk about **tithing**. God doesn't care about money. He doesn't need it. Of course we need it because we live in a sin stained world. I've seen people love money more than anything else. Yes, even more than they love God himself, but that's another story.

As you can see in the scriptures, God wants us to give what we can to the church.

In Leviticus 27:30 says....

"A tenth of the produce of the land, whether grain or fruit, is the Lord's, and is holy."

And in Deuteronomy 16:17 Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God that he has given you.

I do know for a fact (because it Happened to me) that when I give, I really do receive it back, just like Luke 6:38 says. Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.

I've always liked the story in Luke about the widow. Luke 21:1-4 Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box, ² and he saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins ³ And he said, "Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them. ⁴ For they all contributed out of

their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on." See we can't fool God....God knows our hearts and he knows everything about us.

He also says in Luke 12:33 Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys.

It's true folks...You can't take it with you, like I said in the first paragraph God doesn't care about money. He doesn't care about your fancy home or your fancy cars or if you're wearing the newest fashions. He cares about what's in your heart and how you care about and love others.

I know people who don't go to church because they feel they can't give up 10% of their money for tithing. It's a shame that this stops people, but in reality sometimes it does.

We need tithing to keep the church open and to contribute to many many good causes, but.....search your heart, talk to God and give what you feel you can and

**No matter how poor you are, never
ever feel that God loves you any less
or let it stop you from
worshipping the Lord.
He loved the widow didn't he?**

**OCTOBER 10TH SWISS STEAK DINNER
CARRY-OUT 4PM-5PM
HERE AT THE SAYBROOK UMC**

Because of the Covid 19 Virus most events were cancelled this year and understandably so. That is why we have decided to implement all rules and regulations to insure everyone's safety and have the Swiss Steak Dinner, as carry-out only. You might not be able to socialize like normal but you can still eat well!

So it's my pleasure to announce on October 10th. Beginning at 10:00pm the Mission Team will be cooking up a storm, so between 4:00p.m.—5:00p.m. you can safely pick up a delicious SWISS STEAK DINNER.

Please call the church office at 440-969-1562 or Earline Stiltner at 440-346-0031 to place your order. If you get the answering machine, please leave your name, phone number (in case there are any questions) and how many dinners you would like.

Dinners are \$12.00 for adults, Children Under 5 years old \$8.00 and children 3 & under eat free.

Our Menu: Swiss Steak, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Apple Sauce, Green Beans, Roll & choice of Apple or Pumpkin Pie

There is a coupon in the Gazette Newspaper, bring it with you and get \$1.00 off your order!

Thank you for all your love and support these many years and may God Bless you!

The Mission Committee

All proceeds go to Missionary Works

[LEVITICUS 23:22](#)

“WHEN YOU REAP THE **HARVEST** OF YOUR LAND, DO NOT REAP TO THE VERY EDGES OF YOUR FIELD OR GATHER THE GLEANINGS OF YOUR **HARVEST**. LEAVE THEM FOR THE POOR AND FOR THE FOREIGNER RESIDING AMONG YOU. I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD.”



October 2020

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

				1	2	3 8:30am MEN'S GROUP
4 9:30am Sunday Worship	5 10:00AM MISSION	6 6:00PM TRUSTEES	7 6:00pm WOW	8	9	10 10:00AM UMW SWISS STEAK DINNER
11 9:30am Sunday Worship	12	13 6:00PM EDUCATION 7:15PM MEMBERSHIP	14 6:00pm WOW 7:00PM SPRC	15	16	17 8:30am MEN'S GROUP
18 9:30am Sunday Worship	19	20 6:00PM FINANCE	21 6:00pm WOW	22	23	24
25 9:30am Sunday Worship	26	27 6:00PM AD COUNCIL	28 6:00pm WOW	29	30	31 



DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING YOUR LOOKING FOR? TO GIVE AWAY OR SELL? GARAGE, OR ESTATE SALE? OR MAYBE SOMEONE IS HAVING A BIRTHDAY, ANNIVERSARY, GRADUATION, BABY SHOWER OR A BRIDAL SHOWER..... IF SO EMAIL ME AT saybrookumc1@gmail.com AND I WILL ANNOUNCE IT IN THE NEWSLETTER FOR YOU.

As the Secretary here at the Saybrook UMC I receive many calls regarding all of the above, so I have decided, with approval, to make a page up in the Newsletter. The only thing I ask if you sell an item, please find it in your heart to give a little of the profit to the church if possible.

Christmas

Yes, Christmas is coming and we are thinking about our Christmas Families that we will help this year.

Of course along with everything else that is affected by the virus this year, so will the way we interact and give to our Christmas families.

We always go through Catholic Charities and they give us the families that are in need. Now we don't know how or if it's even going to happen this year, so if you know any families that are in need please let us know.

It will not be the same as every other year, but it will happen.

Right now the only thing we know for sure is that we are **not** excepting clothing.

Be safe and strong during this time, put your trust in God and be on the look out for updates as we draw nearer to Christmas. Thank you and God Bless.



Dear Friends at Saybrook UMC,
Thank you for having me at the church during the week of Sep 8-10. I enjoyed being there and being able to share again about Honduras and my ministry there. May God bless each of you!

ReeAnn

Matthew 28:19-20 And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.

And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."



We need help in the kitchen preparing, cooking, slicing pies, placing food in containers, cleaning up and many more miscellaneous duties for the Swiss Steak Dinner. Please call Earline Stiltner if you are able to help.

Also, we are in need of Apple or Pumpkin Pies, There is a sign up sheet for those that can contribute or again, give Earline a call.

We will be practicing the Covid guidelines for safety in the kitchen and distribution.

Thank you and God Bless



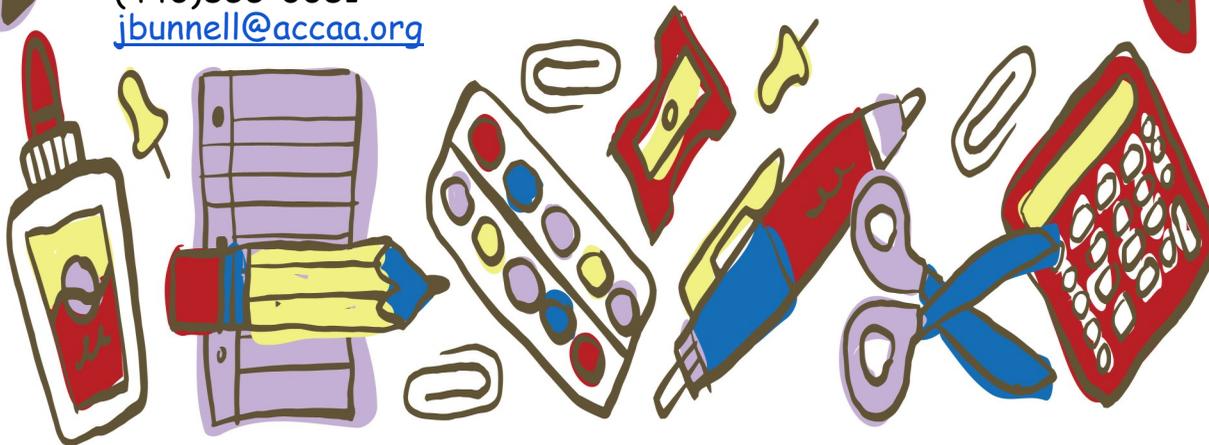
Dear Saybrook UMC Congregation,

Please accept my sincere appreciation for your generous donation of school supplies and volunteer hours to the students of Ashtabula Area City Schools through the DEC. Your support means so much to the children you are helping! I wish you all could see the excitement on the faces of the kids faced with poverty starting school with new supplies they may not otherwise have had. Special thanks to Lloyd Richards for his help this summer as "lead traffic controller" for the Farmer's to Families Food Distributions, and to Kathy Feiler and Judy Richards for their time in shopping, inventorying and assembling school supply boxes. It is through the support of our community members and organizations such as Saybrook UMC that DEC is able to provide the many basic needs services we offer our students and families.

May God Bless each and every one of you, and keep you safe.

Jennifer Bunnell,
Community Resource Coordinator
Dragon Empowerment Center
"Building Strong Foundations for Successful Futures"
Ashtabula County Community
Action/Ashtabula Area City Schools

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APPLE SNACKS



These healthy chips make a yummy back-to-school snack.

What you need:

- 4 apples, cored and cut into 1/8" rings
- Large bowl
- Spoon
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- Baking sheets (sprayed)

What you do:

1. Place apple slices in the bowl. Add cinnamon and sugar. Stir so apples are coated evenly with the mixture.
2. Place apple slices on the sprayed baking sheets in a single layer.
3. Bake at 200 degrees for two to three hours, until chips are dry but still slightly soft.