

## **FOOD BANK REQUESTS - August**

Triscuits and Wheat Thins	fruit cups
pudding cups	snack crackers (packs)
tomato soup (10 oz size)	spaghetti noodles(box)
chicken noodle soup (10 oz size)	green beans (can)
seafood chowder/soup (can)	corn (can)

## **MISSIONS OUR CONGREGATION SUPPORTS**

Scott & Sally Glover      Tamshiyacu, Peru Church

## **SERVICE MEN & WOMEN**

John Diller	Dave Garver	Tyler Hargraves
Curtis (CJ) Johnson	Chad Ankney	Joey Hamilton
Steven Hoffman	Sean Lefever	Orryn J. Smyth
David Barrett		

## **PRAYERS**

Colton Boyd – great nephew of Elaine Ressel-health concerns  
Jeff Evans – health concerns  
Donna Garver – health concerns  
Carol Girvin- large variety of health concerns  
Paul Girvin-recuperating from surgery  
Robin Hammond – health concerns  
Mike Herr – health concerns  
Linda Kushlan – health concerns  
Shyanne Moore – health concerns  
Jodie Mylin-health concerns  
Joan Probst – health concerns  
Faye & Sam Reinhart – health concerns  
Wade Sheaffer –health concerns  
Summer Stebbins – health concerns (daughter of Walden's)  
Claire Troop – health concerns  
Trevor Vollmer – 2015 Pequea Valley grad critically injured  
Erik & Ethel Walden – health concerns  
Doris Woerth – recuperating from hip surgery  
Texas Flood victims, families and communities

## **MIDDLE OCTORARA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)**

### **OUR MISSION**

*To provide a place of fellowship where a community of believers come together to be spiritually renewed and enabled to effectively witness for Christ through service to others.*

**Worship Service** begins at 10:30 a.m. You may follow along with the paper bulletin or the PowerPoint.

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Office Hours by Appointment

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**Website:** [www.middleoctorara.org](http://www.middleoctorara.org)

**Facebook:** Middle Octorara Presbyterian Church

**ROMEO Club** Quarryville Family Restaurant **Wednesday morning @ 9:00a.m.** “RELATIVELY Old Men Eating Out.” **This is not just for Middle Octorara members, please invite others in our community!**

**Prayer time** – Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. Everyone welcome.

**THE FLOWERS IN THE ALTAR THIS MORNING ARE GIVEN BY** Brenda and Virgil Roark and Family in memory of Loved Ones.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR August 10, 2025**

*Beginning today, we will have "Kid Time" at the beginning of worship right after announcements, geared to them, in place of the youth message.*

We thank Kenton Green for being with us as our special music guest this morning.

**MOPW SANDWICHES** will be delivered to Shirley Miller's home on Thursday after 2:00 p.m.

**Silver Sisters** will meet on Wednesday August 13 at 11:30 at Hometown Kitchen and then back to the church for games. All widows are welcome.

The **Board of Trustees** will meet Tuesday August 12 at 7 PM.

### **SUMMER MUSIC**

August 17	Richard Keene	
August 24	Koryn Barrett	
August 31	Kira Roark	cello

On **Sunday August 17** we will hold a **luncheon** immediately following the worship service. Dale will provide pulled pork and beef brisket. Bring a generous covered dish and join us for food, fun and fellowship.

**SECRET SISTERS** Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. we will have our annual Secret Sister party where we find out who has been our sister for the past year and then pick new ones for the coming year. Please bring a gift for your Secret Sister, a small wrapped gift for "Now You Have It, Now You Don't" game and your favorite snack. Drinks, plates and utensils will be provided. *IF YOU ARE NOT CURRENTLY PART OF THIS FUN GROUP, PLEASE LET DEB HOOVER KNOW AND YOU ARE MORE THAN WELCOME TO ATTEND THIS EVENT.*

**VISITATIONS** Session has approved a new approach to reporting on visitation. It is based on who will be visited rather than who has been visited. Since Pastor John does such an outstanding job with visitations, it is unnecessary to document it every month. Updated visitation address lists for 2025 are available in the Narthex and Welcome Center. It is hoped that you will post one of these sheets in your home for reference when praying, visiting, or communicating in other ways.

The **Covenanter Scottish Festival** will take place on September 6, 2025 from 9 AM - 5PM. Music includes the Philadelphia & District Pipe Band, Chivalrous Crickets and Fire in the Glen. There will be Highland Games, Piping and drumming competitions, clans & vendors, sheep herding, Scottish Country Dance, Gaelic Language Village, Lancaster Spinners & Weavers, Children's Games, Haggis Ceremony and Brandywine Dulcimer Fellowship. The event will take place here and tickets are \$22.00.

Work continues at the **Shrine Church and Museum** with the hope of being open for business for the Scottish Festival. The restored schoolroom museum looks great, and the exterior of the Church and schoolroom are being painted. If you want to book a tour or do research before September, contact Barry.  
717-471-8668 05 [jbgseg60@comcast.net](mailto:jbgseg60@comcast.net)

## YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATES

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**Reminder!** Youth Ministry Surveys are due by Tuesday. This should be no problem for those responding online at:

<https://tinyurl.com/MOyouth2025>

If you are doing the paper version and forgot to bring it, bring it next Sunday. This is the time for all of us to promote the youth initiative with our actions and our prayers. There is a YOUTH mailbox to put your surveys in. It is where the other mailboxes are near the copier room. It is near the bottom left side.

We also invite you to support our presence at the Solanco Fair:

- Sign up to volunteer at our fair booth:  
[tinyurl.com/MOslcfair](https://tinyurl.com/MOslcfair)
- Order a Youth Ministry T-shirt to wear at events:  
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Please spread the word! Share this opportunity with family, friends, neighbors, and former members—*whether they attend Middle Octorara or not*. If they have children or teens who might be interested in getting involved, we'd love to connect with them.

Thank you for being a church that invests in the faith and future of our youth. Your involvement makes a lasting difference!

## HERE ARE THE RESULTS FROM OUR CONGREGATION MEETING ON JULY 27TH.

Option #1 - Repair existing pews only	0 votes
Option #2 - New carpet only	0 votes
Option #3 - Repair existing pews and new carpet	29 votes
Option #4 - No changes to pews or carpet	6 votes

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The plan is for the work approved to begin in early 2026.



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<https://www.gogophotocontest.com/firefighters-calendar-lnp>

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