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## Receiving hate, giving love

Many years ago, during Communism in Romania, my wife, Daniela, and I wanted to start a small clothing factor. The single person who could approve it was the president over all businesses in that county. We scheduled an appointment with him and presented our desire. Although we had all of the proper documents and passed all of the needed inspections, he refused to approve us. When I inquired why, he answered, “I hate you Christians, I cannot agree with you. You all should be destroyed.”

For months, whatever we did was not sufficient, but eventually we were approved and started our business. When the revolution was over, there was no longer a Communist party. The man lost his position and went in desperate search of work. Most people hated the former Communist leaders, so few would open their doors, let alone hire him. One day, he came to our house.

As I opened the door, the man recognized me. He started to plead for a job, with no hope that he would get hired. The hurt and his hate were still fresh in our minds. Daniela and I looked at each other, then offered him a job on the spot. Our former antagonist was amazed. “Why would you help me when I hated you?” he asked incredulously.

“I cannot agree with your views,” I answered. “But I do not hate you. In fact I care for you.”

## You don’t have to agree

In Matthew 18, Peter tries to impress Jesus. “Should I forgive people seven times?” Jesus responds, “Seventy times seven” (v.22). That seems a little eccentric. Then Jesus tells of a servant who owed the king ten thousand talents. “Forgive Me,” he says; “I’ll pay it back.” Right there, he missed it - the depth of his sin and the breadth of God’s grace. One talent was about 67 pounds of gold, about 16 years of wages.

One would need to live about two thousand lives to pay that amount of debt. On the other hand, the servant is consumed with anger and unable to forgive someone who owed him a hundred denarii - just three months’ salary. The bad news is you can never pay your debt. The good news is you don’t have to, Jesus paid it all.

Those who value Jesus’ blood have no problem forgiving, loving, and showing grace. Turning one’s back on this love and grace results in self-inflicted consequences. The third angel’s message state, “And they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name” (Rev. 14:11, NKJV). How should we react when we encounter persons who think or act differently from us?

Mark Finley states, “If your understanding of the mark of the beast makes you angry...[If it makes you] angry at the people who don’t preach it like you think they ought to then you need to reexamine your heart. Your understanding of the mark of the beast should give you a passion for reaching lost people with the gospel of Christ. . . If my understanding of prophecy doesn’t make me a more loving, kind, compassionate Christian - then I should reevaluate my understanding.”<sup>1</sup>

## You do have to love

In a society where division and even hate have become more and more the norm, the third angel’s message is ultimately a message of love. Even children may be taught that the proof of God’s presence in one’s life is the love of God manifested toward those who don’t deserve it. Shama Stock states, “God’s message of warning is a loud message of love. He wants to come into your heart and change you into his image.”<sup>2</sup>

Jesus commands us to love one another to the same degree that He loves us (John 12:34). God is calling us to experience His love and reflect it to those around us - to the same degree that He has loved us. You cannot give what you don’t have.

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<sup>1</sup> Mark A. Finley, “The Mark of the Beast Has the Message Changed?” Adventist Review, June 1, 2018, <https://www.adventistreview.org/1806-36>.

<sup>2</sup> Shama Stock, “The Third Angel: A Loud Message of Love,” [www.revelationforkids.com/the-third-angels-loud-warning](http://www.revelationforkids.com/the-third-angels-loud-warning).

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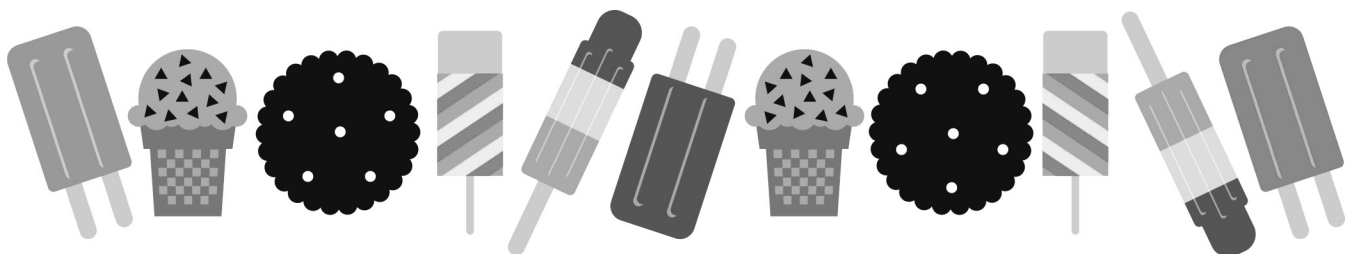
Yes, Vacation Bible School Day Camp has come and gone, and everyone who attended had an awesome time, but there are so many people who made the whole thing possible and they all deserve a huge Thank You for everything they did. Helping with the kids were Shelby Koch, Pat Wiedenheft, Carrie Killingsworth, Trevor Ramsdell, Koral Russel, and Carrie Wiedenheft. With music we had Adele Hoffman and her son Brad. And in the kitchen helping with the picnic were Candy Beatty, Phyllis Nuber, Cathy Wobser, Dave Wobser, and Fred Wobser. And a special thanks to Carol Dahs for the bamboo sticks that were given to each kid to use as a fishing pole both at VBS and then to take home and to Paul Warner for letting us use his boat in the story room. It is always so fantastic how so many people from our church are so willing to help with activities such as these. All their help was greatly appreciated!



Mark your calendars and SAVE THE DATE for a special day coming up in September. On Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating a few important events. First, we will use this Sunday as our “God’s Work, Our Hands” Sunday. Judy Driscoll and her committee will be having activities that we can all participate in on this day.

We will also be kicking off the Sunday school year with Rally Day and then we will be celebrating the milestone for our 1<sup>st</sup> graders with the presentation of their first Bible.

And lastly, we will be having our annual Blessing of the Bookbags as everyone should be in school by then, but we’ll add that extra blessing and prayers for the kids for the school year! So, you can see, lots is being planned so save the date and watch for more information as the day gets closer.



At this time, we are making two new changes to our worship services. First, all the doors to the church will now be open for your use and second, there is no more asking you to sit in certain pews during worship. Everything else will remain the same and these things are being done so for your safety and as before, the use of masks and social distancing is up to each individual at this time. If things should change, we will notify you either on our Facebook page, in the newsletter or by a special mailing depending on the severity of the issues. If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please see any of the Worship and Music committee members so we can address them. And again, thank you for your cooperation with all the changes that we felt had to be made for yours and our safety.



In preparation for  
**GOD'S WORK OUR  
HANDS**  
on Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>

Again, we are asking for your support for those less fortunate. Please help us to collect personal care items for homeless in our area. We are hoping to fill cloth backpacks with:

- Socks (suitable for men or women)
- Bottle of water
- Hand wipes Travel Size, Please
- Tooth Paste and Brush
- Deodorant
- Comb
- Hand Sanitizer
- Hand Warmers







Be kind  
to one  
another.

EPHESIANS 4:32, ESV

# Crossroads Homeless Shelter Meal for August 18, 2021

**Alfredo Chicken**  
**Glazed Carrots**  
**Potato Chunks**  
**Sliced Tomatoes**  
**Zucchini Muffins**  
**Fruit Salad**

**Jim is still cooking monthly meals for Crossroads. If you would like to support this ministry please send your donation to the church and mark it Homeless Meal.**

## Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Sandusky, Ohio - Sandusky OH Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2021

Tuesday, July 20, 2021

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Account #	Account Name	YTD Balance
<b>Assets</b>		
1.100.102	Checking Account	37,904.78
1.100.104	Petty Cash Fund	20.00
1.100.106	Thrivent Bond Fund Checking	61,898.71
1.200.114	Thrivent Money Market Account	456.60
1.220.116	Endowment Savings Thrivent	99,132.46
1.220.118	Mission Plus Investments (3 CD's)	3,833.81
1.400.110	Thrivent Moderate Fund (Reserve)	42,874.99
1.400.112	Thrivent Moderate Fund - Pavement	2,388.47
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>\$248,509.82</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
2.100.216	Ohio Treasurer of St	111.00
2.100.218	R.I.T.A.	144.39
2.100.219	Ohio Department of Taxation	18.69
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>\$274.08</b>
<b>Fund Balances</b>		
3.100.300	Current Fund Balance	29,669.61
3.210.300	Community Mission Fund Balance	10,492.08
3.220.300	<i>Designated Giving Fund Balance</i>	
3.221.300	Memoral Fund Balance	27,443.28
3.222.300	Endowment Fund Balance	102,966.27
3.223.300	Building Improvement Fund Balance	32,401.04
3.225.300	Pavement Fund Balance	2,388.47
<i>Total Designated Giving Fund Balance</i>		<i>\$165,199.06</i>
3.400.300	Reserve Fund Balance	42,874.99
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>		<b>\$248,235.74</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>		<b><u>\$248,509.82</u></b>





# COUNCIL UPDATE

## TRINITY CONGREGATION COUNCIL Meeting Highlights - July 15, 2021 - 7:00 pm (These are unapproved meeting minutes)

Attending: Carrie Wiedenheft, Sally Warner, Jim Bertsch, Candy Beatty, Pastor Ralph, Barb Wobser, and secretary, Carol Dahs. Not in Attendance: Mike Markley, Bonnie Lieb, Judy Driscoll

Meeting called to order by President, Carrie Wiedenheft

Opening devotions were given by Barb Wobser.

Minutes of previous meeting (June) were reviewed. Barb made a motion to accept the meeting minutes as submitted. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Candy. Motion was placed on hold because there was not a quorum for voting.

Treasurer's report for June was reviewed. Sally made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Candy. Motion was placed on hold because there was not a quorum for voting.

President's Report: Carrie submitted in writing a letter to Guy Miller and the Call Committee on Council's requirements for a pastor. Pastor Cathy suggested that council use the council liaison Barb Wobser for updates on the Call Committee actions. One new name was given for thought to the Call Committee, but they did not feel it was a good fit for Trinity, so they declined an interview.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Ralph requested that a couple more front doors be opened for worship service. This allows those who are unfamiliar with the building to be able to access it easier. Jim will open up more starting this Sunday.

Congregational Life – Candy Beatty – There were 60 people present for the church picnic after VBS on July 11. Everything went well with little food leftover.

Mission Service – Judy left a request that Trinity support a collection of personal care items to be collected through August to support God's Work Our Hands in September. We will continue to collect for Luther Home of Mercy also. The pork and kraut dinner will happen this year in November with it being carryout only.

Property – Mike Markley – Carrie reviewed a list of items from Mike who was unable to attend. Clearview Window Tinting will come out and install the impact protection film on the new educational doors after they are installed. A new heavy-duty door closer was installed on the south entry door. Approval for educational door replacement bid from Janotta and Herner was tabled until next month due to no quorum for voting. Mike was able to clean out the gutters.

Witness and Welcome – Bonnie Lieb – Sally reported for Bonnie that she made calls to past members and had good conversations with them about church being back open. Most seemed to be aware.

Worship and Music – Sally Warner – Sally stated that we will stay with two services currently. Prayer request cards and memorial envelopes were added to the south entrance to the sanctuary for everyone's convenience since items are not being placed back in the pews yet. Pastor Cathy will look into seeing if Trinity can find two representatives to attend the Synod Assembly. Trinity will go back to a full Sunday service after GWOH's Sunday on September 12. VBS had 22 kids present. Everything went well. Teachers and kids enjoyed the one-day event. Thank you's will be sent to Trevor Ramsdell and Koral Russell for their help.

Old Business – Council decided they did not want a special tab on our new website for just council meeting minutes. Carol reported that the new website looks good and is coming together. Trinity still needs to know how they can update it.

New Business – There was a transfer request from Dan and Lori Schlick to Zion, Sandusky. Carol stated that Brainiac's is available through Buckeye for \$90 per month. This would give us some tech support on all our computers that is currently needed. There is an additional \$80 on site charge if they need to come to the building. Carol will ask Adele about her son Brad helping Trinity get their new tablet figured out to record and upload our services each Sunday.



## **TIME TO CONSIDER WHERE MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND PROCEEDS SHOULD GO**

We'll soon have a second-quarter report on the status of Trinity's Mission Endowment Fund. And, next month, our Stewardship and Finance Team will begin to consider possible destinations for the money the fund has earned through investment.

The Stewardship and Finance Team will make a recommendation to the Congregation Council, and, in turn, the Council will place its recommendation before the congregation at its annual meeting in October.

Now is the time for you to consider making a recommendation as to where some of our proceeds should go for the sake of our Lord's mission to our area and beyond. Is there work being done for the good of others that would be an appropriate destination for some of our fund earnings?

Think on it; talk with others. And, communicate your idea to president Carrie Wiedenheft, Jim Bertsch, or the church office. Thanks!

Here are some past recipients of these proceeds:

- Support Annual Thanksgiving Meal at Holy Angels Church
- Special gift to Care and Share
- Support Meals on Wheels Program
- Two Scholarships for State Tested Nurse's Aide training through EHOVE Career Center
- ELCA Leader's for Seminary Students
- Second Harvest
- Disaster Relief
- Lutheran World Relief



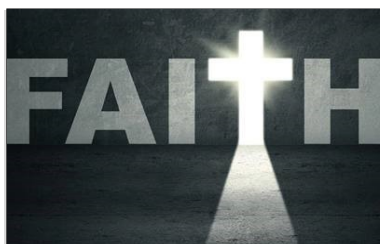
**JAM!**

**TODAY'S CHRISTIAN MUSIC  
IN A SPIRIT-FILLED  
ATMOSPHERE!**

**COME, WORSHIP, AND SING!**

**AUGUST 8, 2021**  
**BETWEEN SERVICES,**  
**9:30-10:00 AM,**  
**IN THE SANCTUARY.**

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## FAITH Member Ministry

**F**riends and Family **A**biding in Christ **I**n **T**heir  
**H**omes/Hospitals/Healthcare Centers

“You never know when a moment and a few sincere words can have an impact on a life forever.” – Zig Ziglar

### FAITH Members (as of 6/21/2021)

#### **At the Commons of Providence Assisted Living Building, 5000 Providence Drive, Sandusky**

Ruth Sieb                      Rm #107                      Birthday - Sept. 19

#### **At the Commons of Providence Memory Care Unit, 4901 Providence Drive, Sandusky**

Ruby Stierhoff              Rm #114                      Birthday - July 26

#### **At the Willows of Bellevue, 101 Auxiliary Drive, Bellevue, Ohio 44811**

#### **At Providence Care Center, 2025 Hayes Avenue, Sandusky, Ohio 44870**

Dorothy Miller              Rm #72                      Birthday - June 20

#### **At Heritage Village, 700 Helen Street, Clyde, Ohio 43410**

#### **At The Meadows of Osborn Park, 3916 Perkins Avenue, Huron, Ohio 44839**

Shirley Miller                      Birthday - April 3

#### **Orchard Villa, 2841 Munding Dr, Oregon, Ohio 43616**

Iretta Gast                      Birthday - July 15

#### **In their homes:**

Brian & Mary Ann Hickman 51 N. Harbors End, Port Clinton 419-732-7398      B: May 25    MA: July 10

Viola Liptok                      102 Portland Avenue, Bay Bridge, OH      419-684-5840      Dec. 9

Send mail to: 5322 Hampton Drive, North Olmstead, OH 44070

Dan & Gwen Miller              5708 Bogart Road, Castalia      419-684-5274      D: May 24    G: Oct. 5

Bernie Neidler                      1305 Ogontz, Sandusky      419-625-4839      B: Nov. 16    MA: Dec. 30

Pat Nielsen                      1502 Martins Point Road, Sandusky      419-684-5627      June 6

Judy Welser                      5619 Debra Drive, Castalia      419-684-7232      Feb. 11

Ron Wriker                      101 Caswell Drive, Castalia      Apr. 6

Send mail to: 5316 Bardshar Rd, Sandusky OH 44870

Should you like to join our team in making home visits, where we offer conversation, prayers and communion, please contact Patty Swartz at 419-626-4970.

# AUGUST MILESTONES

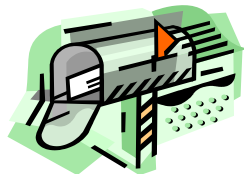
## BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Don Bowers
- 2 Karen Gill
- 4 Calli-Elizabeth Hemmer-Keller
- Hannah Baum
- Penelope Miller
- 7 Mary Meyer
- 9 Ayden Miller
- Jager Hacker
- Amanda House
- Jody Eckler
- 12 Jack McGinnis
- Marshall Fall
- Matthew Miller
- 13 Deanna Thompson
- 15 John Ashby
- Sarah Strayer
- 16 Charlene Zeno
- Cynthia Griffin
- Zoe Koch
- 19 Pr. Dane Meuschke
- 20 Diana Troike
- Joshua Trout



- 21 Sheryl Miller
- Brian Schenk
- Jaxson Bohn
- Glenn Pfann
- Angie Ramsdell
- Gary Lieb
- Craig Orshoski
- 23 Casey Wilson
- Aubree Ream
- 25 Larry Wiedenheft
- Briana Casanova
- 26 Dominic Tordi
- 29 Dale Meyer
- Austin Stierhoff
- Grace Kleinoeder
- 31 Ben Troike

Ruth Sieb, Apt 107  
The Commons of Providence  
5000 Providence Drive  
Sandusky OH 44870



Jacob and Amy Stierhoff's 5th  
wedding anniversary  
on July 30

(This was omitted from the July Newsletter)

## ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 Guy & Laura Miller - 27th
- 8 Cory & Michelle Orshoski - 29th
- 12 Paul & Barbara Wiedenheft - 54th
- 18 Michael & Susan Cullen - 48th
- 19 Charles & Amanda House - 15th
- 20 Andrew & Kimberly Wright - 15th
- 22 Timothy & Rosa Thompson-Markley - 7th
- 23 Charles & Judith Howard - 52nd
- 24 Donald & Alice Kuns - 53rd
- 24 John & Beth Ashby - 25th**
- 27 Tim & Gayle Thompson - 27th



Jack & Brenda Ried in memory of  
Curt Miller

Dennis & Valarie Grahl, Edward  
Grahl, Gregory, Susanne & Carrie  
Lemert, Kenneth Grahl in memory  
of Gary Weilnau



Tom & Lois Moses, Rex & Charlene Stierhoff in  
celebration of Ruby Stierhoff's 80th Birthday



2 CORINTHIANS 13:11



On behalf of the people of Trinity, our Congregation Council thanks:

- Dave & Fred Wobser in their help with the picnic
- Zane and Noah Warner for helping cleanup after the picnic
- Carol Dahs for the bamboo poles

# AUGUST 2021

3	1	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1	<b>Tenth Sunday of Pentecost</b> Communion Service 8:00 & 10:30 am		2	3	4 NA 7:00 pm	5	6	7 NA 11:00 am
8	<b>Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost</b> Worship Service 8:00 & 10:30 am Jam Session 9:30 am Fellowship Hall Reserved 1:00 - 7:00 pm		9	10 Worship & Music Mtg - 7:00 pm	11 NA 7:00 pm	12	13	14 NA 11:00 am
15	<b>Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost</b> Communion Service 8:00 & 10:30 am		16	17	18 Crossroads Meal 1pm NA 7:00 pm	19 Council Mtg 7:00 pm	20	21 NA 11:00 am
22	<b>Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost</b> Worship Service 8:00 & 10:30 am		23	24	25 NA 7:00 pm	26	27	28 NA 11:00 am
29	<b>Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost</b> Worship Service 8:00 & 10:30 am		30	31				

# Prayers, Readings and Psalm for the month of August

## August 1 - Tenth Sunday of Pentecost

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 - *The LORD gives manna in the wilderness*

Psalm 78:23-29 - God rained down manna from heaven; so mortals ate the bread of angels. (Ps. 78:24, 25)

Ephesians 4:1-16 - *Maintain the unity of the faith*

John 6:24-35 - *Christ the bread of life*

**Prayer of the Day:** O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## August 8 - Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost

1 Kings 19:4-8 - *Elijah given bread for his journey*

Psalm 34:1-8 - Taste and see that the LORD is good. (Ps. 34:8)

Ephesians 4:25--5:2 - *Put away evil, live in love*

John 6:35, 41-51 - *Christ, the bread of life*

**Prayer of the Day:** Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## August 15 - Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost

Proverbs 9:1-6 - *Invited to dine at wisdom's feast*

Psalm 34:9-14 - Those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good. (Ps. 34:10)

Ephesians 5:15-20 - *Filled with the Spirit, sing thanks to God*

John 6:51-58 - *Christ the true food and drink*

**Prayer of the Day:** Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## August 22 - Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 - *Joshua calls all Israel to serve the LORD*

Psalm 34:15-22 - The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous. (Ps. 34:15)

Ephesians 6:10-20 - *Put on the armor of God*

John 6:56-69 - *The bread of eternal life*

**Prayer of the Day:** Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## August 29 - Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 - *God's law: a sign of a great nation*

Psalm 15 - LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? (Ps. 15:1)

James 1:17-27 - *Be doers of the word, not hearers only*

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 - *Authentic religion*

**Prayer of the Day:** O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



## What is SNAP?

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- SNAP stands for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.
- SNAP is a federal program that helps millions of low-income Americans put food on the table.
- Across the United States there are 9.5 million who benefit from SNAP.
- It is the largest program working to fight hunger in America.



## For more information on SNAP contact:

Tina Gaston, MBA

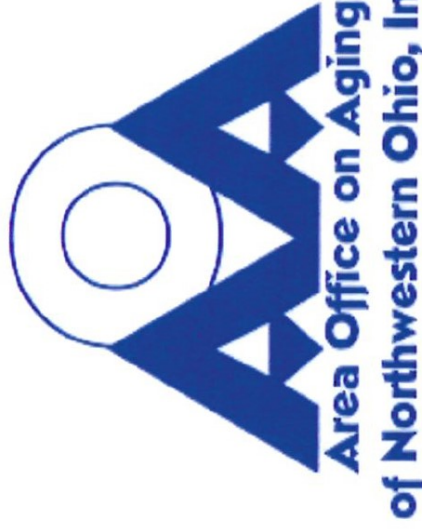
at

419-382-0624 ext. 1137

419-280-1283

or email: kgaston

@areaofficeonaging.com



## Put Healthy Food on Your Table





## Why is SNAP Important?

- SNAP provides many with basic nutritional needs to get through temporary hard times.
- In 2015, SNAP lifted 4.6 million Americans above the poverty line, including 366,000 seniors.
- SNAP helps to ensure that seniors age with dignity.
- SNAP is absolutely critical to making sure no one in America goes hungry.
- COVID-19 Emergency Relief Bill- \$13 billion in increased funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), which includes a 15 percent increase in the monthly benefit through June 2021. Nationally, four million older adults rely on SNAP benefits to meet their nutritional needs.



## How to apply for SNAP?

Please call  
Tina Gaston  
at 419-280-1283 or  
email [kgaston@areaofficeonaging.com](mailto:kgaston@areaofficeonaging.com)  
for questions  
and assistance!

## Am I Eligible?

- SNAP is targeted toward our most at-risk citizens, including elderly or disabled members.
- Federal eligibility for SNAP is limited to people with gross incomes up to 130% of the federal poverty line — meaning a family of four can make no more than \$2,633 a month to receive benefits.
- The amount you receive will depend on your Household income from all sources, such as money you get from a job, Social Security, SSI, or interest. How many people live in your household.

