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Did you know??

It may surprise you that one of the most notable entrepreneurs of the American frontier didn't wear a jacket, tip his hat or shine his shoes, but rather dressed in a coffee sack, donned a tin hat and traveled barefoot.

John Chapman, better known as Johnny Appleseed, was a 19th century horticulturist who made great contributions to the westward expansion of the United States. Though he may not have traveled down the Allegheny River on a block of ice like his folk hero persona, he paved the way for countless frontiersmen to settle new land around his orchards.

Unlike a lot of other legendary figures of the American Midwest, Johnny Appleseed was a real person. Born in Massachusetts in 1774, John Chapman was a professional orchardist and nurseryman who began his travels to plant apple trees sometime in the early 1800's, armed with apple seeds he collected for free from cider mills.

Everywhere that Chapman traveled, he did more than just plant trees. And despite popular lore, he didn't just scatter apple seeds randomly wherever he went. Instead, he established entire apple nurseries by claiming land in the frontier where no one else had settled. Those orchards established legal land ownership in many settlement regions. He would plant these orchards, let them grow for a while, wait for people to settle in the region and then later sell off the trees for a high profit.

Sadly, at that time, the apples he grew were not worthy of a tasty experience. The trees he planted yielded small, tart apples that were destined for distilleries, where they were used to produce hard cider and the brandy-like applejack, two of the primary alcoholic beverages of the day. (This part was edited out of the legend pretty quickly!)

He considered himself a missionary of the New Church, preaching that God and nature are intertwined. As a child, John hoped to one day plant so many apple trees that no one in the world would go hungry. He preferred planting to grafting since apple trees grown from seeds can mature to any variety. This ensured that a variety of apples would be grown, providing a biodiversity in apples across the United States.

Most depictions of Johnny Appleseed describe him with a tin cooking pot on his head, threadbare clothing and shoeless feet. He favored a tin hat, which he frequently ate out of giving the legend a bit of truth. Those threadbare clothes and shoeless feet? Those were real.

Aside from planting apple seeds, he also carried and planted seed for medicinal plants. He was known to share these with the Native Americans he met along his way and was always welcomed into their company.

At the age of 71, John Chapman died near Fort Wayne, Indiana. He passed away seemingly wealthy, but his fortune did not last. Since he had never married and had no children, his sister was the beneficiary of his estate. His holdings may have been larger if not for two things: he didn't always record where he established some of his orchards and he had to sell some of his land during the financial panic of 1837. Unfortunately, most of what remained was sold off to pay his back taxes after his death.

The legend lives on as Johnny's great-great-great-great grandnephew, also named John Chapman, still maintains a few small orchards in Athens, Maine. At least one tree in his stock is reportedly descended from his forebear's own trees.



Good News!!



Sunday September 10!! Beginning at 9:30, there will be an array of donuts, muffins and coffee cake along with juice, coffee and milk.

The kids are encouraged to bring their backpacks as we will have a short blessing ceremony after the breakfast.

Everyone is then free to talk to their teachers and check out the classrooms!



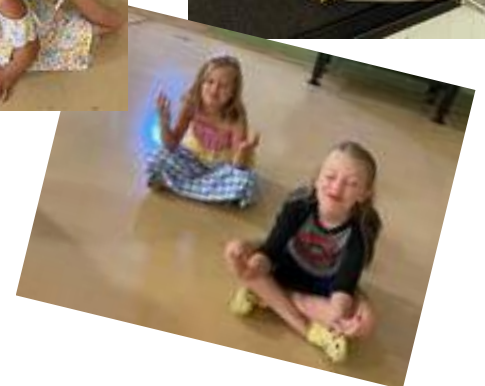
Bellefontaine Mayor **Ben Stahler** swore in two retired officers into new roles Friday afternoon.

Retired Officer Allen Huffman is now an Auxiliary Police Officer. Huffman retired on May 31st of this year and has 34 years of law enforcement experience, most of those with the Bellefontaine Police Department.

Retired Detective Blake Kenner is now a School Resource Officer at Bellefontaine Middle School. Kenner retired in February of 2023, with 31 years of experience, all with the Bellefontaine Police Department.

Mayor Ben Stahler made this statement, "I'm grateful to both of these gentlemen for returning to be a part of our law enforcement community. They both had distinguished careers and earned the right to retire. I'm also grateful that Blake Kenner has decided to switch hats and serve our community as a School Resource Officer. He will be an asset to the students, parents, and community. Continuing to keep our schools a safe learning environment is vitally important."

KIDS TALK has had some interesting little programs during these summer months. They've learned to play the chimes, make puppets, sing songs, appreciated the "good old days" and created Roscoe the Rock snake for the community to enjoy now located at Brown Park. As the kids get ready to head back to school, they had a session of yoga to practice the connection of mind, body and soul.

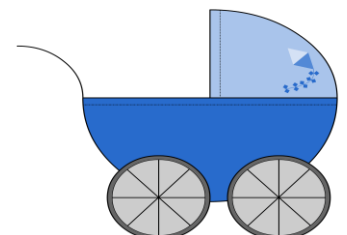


As we enter the Autumn phase of the year, and especially as it continues to be warm, we will all probably notice the addition of some creatures of the night to our evening routines. Well, one particular creature has made his presence known to the church! We'll be calling him **Batrick Swayze** as he seems to dance through the air.

No worries though, we have our own **Betty Bat Buster** to take care of the situation!



Congratulations to **GARY AND LOIS MCKENZIE**
who have become first time GREAT GRANDPARENTS
at the birth of
GRAHAM WES CHARLESWORTH
August 26, 2023!





Thank You's!!

Dear Bellefontaine First United Presbyterian Church,

Thank you so much for the continued support you have blessed me with over the last four years, I could not have done it financially without you! Thank you again!! ~Faith Butler

Dear First United Presbyterian Church,

Thank you so much for awarding me the Richard and Evaline Knief Memorial Scholarship. I started school on June 5, and will use that money to further my education. Again, thank you so much for the opportunity to receive this scholarship. Yours truly, Lauren Anderson

Dear Church Members,

My name is Chloe Anderson and I am a recipient of the Richard and Evaline Knief Memorial Scholarship. I would like to sincerely thank you for your monetary support towards my education. I truly am blessed to receive your support! I am a current sophomore at The Ohio State University majoring in agriscience education, with the goal of educating the future generations of agriculturalists. In the upcoming semester, I will be diving deeper into my major as I am starting my field experience in an Ag classroom and I will be taking more agricultural classes! With your monetary support, I will be able to focus less on my college debt and more on obtaining a quality education at OSU. Thank you so much for investing and supporting me in my educational journey at The Ohio State University.

Many blessings, Chloe Anderson

First United Presbyterian Church,

Thank you so much for the scholarship money. It will go a long way this year as I continue my academic and athletic journey at Ball State. Best, Clay Jacobs

First UPC,

Thank you for the combined Downtown Churches VBS donation gift to Logan County Weekday Religious Education Assoc., LLC. Thank you for your continued support of the Logan County Weekday Religious Education program. Your donations and support are greatly appreciated and continues to help spread the gospel to the 3rd and 4th graders of Logan County. We are grateful for another full year at our local schools, and another generation of 4th graders graduated from the program with Bibles of their own; Praise The Lord! We value your support both financially and in prayer. Please continue to pray for God's leading and blessing for the WRE program to His glory. May God continue to bless you, as you have blessed us with your generosity. This ministry would not be possible with the support of individuals like you. Sincerely, Kathy Fullerton

The Mission Committee would like to thank EVERYONE for their donations of water and homemade pies, taking a turn at working during the Cruise In, pie cutting, helping with set up and tear down, and whatever we have forgotten to mention! The evening was a huge success, even with the threat of weather!! It was wonderful to have everyone working together for the good of the church!! **We can not thank you enough!!** ~Vicky Shields, Chair and the Mission Committee

To the Deacons,

Thank you so very much for your continued visitation and cards of support to my Aunt Barbara Bradford at Belle Springs. It is getting more and more difficult for her to communicate. But the mind is still there! We both appreciate your support! ~Bob & Deb Day



Those Needing our Special Prayers...

The Albanos- Sue and David, both with health issues
 Jadyne Plaugher- Nephew of Gary and Lois McKenzie, leukemia
 Nancy Scouten- Mother of Linda Costin, health issues
 The Amidons- Our ENERGIZER BUNNIES, prayers for continuing health
 Tina Deardurff- health issues
 Carl Wunderle- Brother of Andy Wunderle, cancer
 Makayla Brandyberry- Student of Becky Lentz, ongoing fight with cancer
 Sherri Ullom- Friend of Jill Butler, health issues
 Kathy Jo Putt- Daughter of Ralph and Kathy Morrison, effects of head trauma
 Tom Snapp- Son of Dorothy Snapp, healing from a car accident
 Tom Boone- Healing from back surgery
 Vicky Shields- Healing from leg surgery
 Vicki Shafer- Friend of Karen Baldwin, health issues

With Us In Spirit...

Sue Albano 1409 Whispering Pines Lane Belleft. 43311
 Lois Ashworth 209 E. Glen Belleft. 43311
 Janet Brunke 4888 Co. Rd. #55 Belleft. 43311
 Barbara Bradford 221 School St. Belleft. 43311
 Bob Carter 6559 US Rt 68 S Memory Unit W. Liberty 43357
 Joyce Core 2450 Co. Rd. 118 Rushsylvania 43347
 Bud & Mona Eichholtz 1328 Omaha Belleft. 43311
 Anne Heinlen 741 E. Sandusky Ave. Belleft. 43311
 Talma Heydinger 709 Iroquois Rd. Belleft. 43311
 Jo Mustaine 2739 Co. Rd. #91 *326 Belleft. 43311
 Marcella Neeld 541 Center St. Belleft. 43311
 Nate Weber 608 Newford Dr. Belleft. 43311



Sure, we can send a text or an email to check up our friends and family, but sending a card means more, it's a tangible way to express emotions such as love, gratitude, condolences, and more. Seeing a friend's hand-written note in a carefully picked card creates a powerful connection between the receiver and sender. At times like this, creating this connection between friends and family is more important than ever for our emotional well-being.

Sending a card is a way to show someone you're thinking about them, or you wish them well, or you're proud of them. It's thought-provoking and meaningful; people spend time and emotional energy on choosing the perfect card for their loved ones, and we think that's amazing. Receiving a card gives you a fuzzy feeling knowing you're in someone's thoughts – and that's what it all comes down to. Adding some positivity into someone's day and giving them something to smile about is more important than ever.



The Lord is good to me, and so I thank the Lord, for
 giving me the things I need, the sun and the rain and the
 apple seed, the Lord is good to me.



Celebrating a Birthday in September...

September 1: Mekenzie Flora
 September 5: Julie McCarthy
 Jack Costin, Owen Standley
 September 8: Bud Eichholtz, Bear Neer
 September 13: Ranae Lentz
 September 15: Reagan Standley, Ellie Lloyd
 September 16: Bill Patterson,

September 20: Sophie Wunderle
 September 21: Art Lloyd
 September 23: Karen Baldwin
 Michael Burkhardt, Kelley Forsythe
 September 25: Kaeleigh Flora
 September 27: Jenny Jervis
 September 28: Cati Smith
 September 30: Jesse Jervis



Celebrating a Wedding Anniversary in September...

September 5: Dave and Marla McCormick
 September 8: Julie and Larry McCarthy
 September 17: Mary Jane & Denny Lane

September 18: Michelle & Chris Suman
 September 21: Bud & Mona Eichholtz
 September 23: Nate and Becky Weber



We had a small but fun group for the End of Summer picnic at Kirkmont!

Now is the time to bring more ideas for fun Fellowship activities involving the church!

If you have any ideas, call the church office at 937-592-6611!

Apple Picking Word Search

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Committee Calendar!!



Our Daily Bread Bakers deliver desserts to Our Daily Bread on the 3rd Monday of each month between the hours of 8:30 am and 6:00 pm.

Our upcoming Daily Bread Bakers for September 18 are:
Amy McIntyre.....Lois McKenzie
Joliece Reed.....Sara Stahler



As we begin our time of transition, the Worship Committee is looking for those who might want to take a turn at giving a sermon! If you would like to discuss this, please contact Sara Stahler! We are always glad to have someone from the congregation step into this role and get a different perspective on life.



The **Highland Ringers** are back!! Rehearsals have begun for the Ding-A-Lings but we are always looking for new members to help us bring beautiful music to the Worship Service.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact Cindy Jenkins! We are looking for full-term or substitute players!! It doesn't matter if you read music or not, we will help you!! Come and join us as we laugh, ring, learn and fellowship together through music!



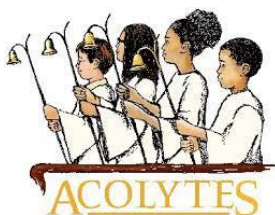
We are looking for technicians for our sound setup and our video setup! Training will be given, as these are simple tasks!! We are looking for people **of all ages** who will only need to commit one Sunday a month for these tasks of bringing our praises to God and to those watching at home! If you are available to learn, please contact Sara Stahler.



The **Worship Committee** invites anyone to provide altar flowers in honor of or in memory of loved ones. If you would like to contribute to the beauty of the sanctuary with the gift of flowers, please call the church office at (937) 592-6611 or email 1stupc@bellefontainepres.com for available dates.



What is better than seeing the faces on our children each Sunday morning as they hear the **Children's Message**? You can be a part of that, bringing a short message or story and teaching them about the love of God. If you are available to offer a message to the kids, please contact Holly in the church office 1stupc@bellefontainepres.com or 937-592-6611!



Calling kids of all ages!! Going into the Fall season, we will be needing **Acolytes**! What an honor it is to bring in the Bible and the Light of God before a Worship Service, a beautiful way to honor our Lord. If you would be available to do this, please contact the church office.



The **Presby Puppets** are ready to bring some scripture and fun to our Worship Services! If you are "handy", we want you to help us bring out the best in our moppets for the good of the church congregation!! To be included in this fun activity, please contact Michelle Suman! We'd be pleased as "Punch and Judy" to have you be a part of this fun fellowship!



If you would like to be a member of the monthly Welcome Teams that serve our church, please contact the church office! You would be responsible for greeting on Sunday mornings, collecting the offering during the service and in general helping new attendees find their way.



Meeting In September!

The **CE Committee** meeting time is to be determined.

The **Church Growth and Member Care Committee** meets Monday September 11, 6:00pm in the Library.

The **Deacons** meet Tuesday September 12, 5:00pm in the Library.

The **Mission Committee** meets Tuesday September 12, 6:00pm in the Church Office.

The **Worship Committee** meets Tuesday September 12, 7:00pm in the Library.

The **Stewardship and Finance Committee** meets Monday September 18, 12:00pm in the Library.

The **Book Club** meets Tuesday September 19, 6:30pm in the home of Lois McKenzie. The Selection for this month is "Mudbound" by Hilary Jordan.

The **Session** meets Thursday September 21, 7:00pm in the Library.

The **Property Committee** meets Wednesday September 27, 7:00pm in the Gym.



Serving in September...

Deacons On-Call: Pam Ark, Brenda Oda

Welcome Team: Mike Brady, Pat Ortli, Andy/Julie Pulfer, Mac Smith

Worship Leaders:

September 3: Cindy Jenkins

September 10: Warren Taylor

September 17: Bridget Hawkins

September 24: Beth Powers

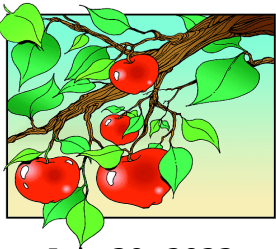
Doors and Lights

September 3: Holly VanBuskirk

September 10: Mark Butler

September 17: Anne Brienza

September 24: Vicky Shields



Financial Focus...

July 30, 2023

On-Line Attendance: 8

Sunday School Attendance: 25

Worship Attendance: 44

Received To Date: \$108,725.82

Sunday School Offering: \$39.00

Weekly Giving: \$2531.00

-\$20,668.18

Needed Weekly: \$41.50

Needed Weekly: \$4,174.00

Needed To Date: \$129,394.00

August 6, 2023

On-Line Attendance: 3

Sunday School Attendance: 28

Worship Attendance: 41

Received To Date: \$111,169.82

Sunday School Offering: \$59.25

Weekly Giving: \$2444.00

-\$22,398.18

Needed Weekly: \$41.50

Needed Weekly: \$4,174.00

Needed To Date: \$133,568.00

August 13, 2023

On-Line Attendance: 0

Sunday School Attendance: 27

Worship Attendance: 47

Received To Date: \$116,153.63

Sunday School Offering: \$32.00

Weekly Giving: \$4983.81

-\$21,588.37

Needed Weekly: \$41.50

Needed Weekly: \$4,174.00

Needed To Date: \$137,742.00

August 20, 2023

On-Line Attendance: 7

Sunday School Attendance: 17

Worship Attendance: 51

Received To Date: \$117,915.71

Sunday School Offering: \$24.00

Weekly Giving: \$1,762.08

-\$24,000.29

Needed Weekly: \$41.50

Needed Weekly: \$4,174.00

Needed To Date: \$141,916.00

August 27, 2023

On-Line Attendance: 8

Sunday School Attendance: 16

Worship Attendance: 36

Received To Date: \$119,770.71

Sunday School Offering: \$20.79

Weekly Giving: \$1,855.00

-\$26,319.29

Needed Weekly: \$41.50

Needed Weekly: \$4,174.00

Needed To Date: \$146,090.00



Coming Soon!!



Our Daily Bread Bakers deliver desserts to Our Daily Bread on the 3rd Monday of each month between the hours of 8:30 am and 6:00 pm.

Our upcoming Daily Bread Bakers for October 16 are:
Sara Stahler.....Nancy Stokes
Celynn Taylor.....Judy Wical



Who's up for a TRIVIA NIGHT?? A suggestion has been made to have a trivia competition!! We can put together teams, have some trivia dessert and some winners could walk away with some great prizes!!

If you are interested, please contact the church office!!



We will be celebrating our Veterans in November!! If you are a Veteran, or know someone from the congregation (living or having passed) who is, please submit your name and theirs to the church office.

HOW 'BOUT THEM APPLES!!

It takes about 36 apples to create one gallon of cider.

There are more than 2,500 varieties of apples grown in the United States, and they come in all shades of red, green and yellow.

The science of apple growing is called pomology.

Pilgrims planted the first US apple trees in the Massachusetts Bay Colony.

It takes the energy of 50 leaves to produce one apple.

Apples are members of the rose family.

The most popular varieties of apples in the US are the Red Delicious, Golden Delicious and Granny Smith.

Apple trees can live to be about 100 years old.

The fear of apples is known as Malusdomesticaphobia. This phobia gets its name from the scientific name of apples, which is Malus domestica in the Rose family.

The crabapple is the only apple native to North America.





From the Presbytery...



Ordination/Installation Service for Bruce Miller
First Presbyterian Church, Urbana
Sunday September 10, 2:00pm.

Presbytery of the Miami Valley is pleased to invite you to attend the service to ordain and install Bruce Miller as pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Urbana, on Sunday, September 10 at 2:00pm. A reception will be held immediately after the service.

This service will take place at First Presbyterian Church, 116 West Court Street, Urbana.

Please join us for this special occasion in our presbytery's life to celebrate and affirm God's call to Bruce Miller to serve as pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Urbana. The opportunity to come alongside pastors and congregations as they transition in shared ministry is a sacred time for our presbytery. It is one way to celebrate God's work through the faithful mission and ministry of our churches. We hope you can be part of this important covenant event.

Ruling Elder Michael Seewer, Moderator
Presbytery of the Miami Valley



Presbytery of the Miami Valley invites member of the community to four conversations with International Peacemaker Gaia Magdalena Luczak, September 28 – October 1. The goal is to raise our awareness of refugee and peace issues around the world and to equip us to look at our own contexts to try to discern where the Spirit is guiding us. The Presbyterian Peacemaking Program is a ministry of the Compassion, Peace and Justice Ministry of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Gaia Luczak is a humanitarian activist working in Poland. Professionally associated with the Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights, she works in cooperation with Grupa Granica, focusing on the rights of minorities at the Polish-Belarusian border. Her humanitarian activism history includes working on a rescue team in the Greek Island of Lesbos and in refugee centers in Berlin, Germany.

In addition to being a therapist, she is an English and Political Science graduate. Her thesis was on American history and culture. She has a passion for protecting animals and the environment. She splits her time between Poland, Germany and the USA.

For more information, please contact the Rev. Cynthia Holder Rich at 419-315-8907.

Pork Chops with Apples and Stuffing

Ingredients

1/2 teaspoon butter or margarine, softened	2 unpeeled red baking apples, sliced
2 teaspoons all-purpose flour	1 teaspoon packed brown sugar
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon	1/2 teaspoon seasoned salt
4 bone-in pork loin chops, 3/4 inch thick	1 cup apple juice or apple cider
2 tablespoons butter or margarine	1 & 1/2 cups stuffing mix for pork or chicken
1/4 cup sweetened dried cranberries	1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley

Instructions

Heat oven to 375°F. Brush 1/2 teaspoon butter in bottom of 13x9-inch (3-quart) glass baking dish. Spread apple slices in dish. In small bowl, mix flour, brown sugar and cinnamon; sprinkle over apples. Sprinkle seasoned salt on both sides of pork; place pork over apples.

In 2-quart saucepan, heat apple juice and 2 tablespoons butter to boiling over medium-high heat. Stir in stuffing mix and cranberries. Cover; remove from heat. Let stand 5 minutes. Fluff mixture with fork. Scoop 1/2 cup stuffing onto each pork chop.

Spray sheet of foil with cooking spray; place sprayed side down over baking dish. Bake 40 to 50 minutes. Uncover; bake 5 to 10 minutes longer or until pork is no longer pink in center and meat thermometer inserted in center reads 160°F. Sprinkle with parsley. To serve, lift pork chops with stuffing to serving plates; serve apples on the side.

Snickerdoodle Apple Cookies

Ingredients

3 cups + 2 tablespoons flour	2 teaspoons cream of tartar
1 teaspoon baking soda	1/2 teaspoon salt
3/4 cup butter, softened	1 cup sugar
1/2 cup brown sugar	2 large eggs
1 & 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract	3 cups diced apples
1/3 cup sugar	1 & 1/2 tablespoons ground cinnamon
1 & 3/4 teaspoons ground nutmeg	



Instructions

Preheat the oven to 350° degrees.

Combine the flour, cream of tartar, baking soda, and salt in a medium bowl. Set this aside. Add the butter, 1 cup white sugar, and brown sugar to a large mixer bowl and cream until light in color and fluffy in texture, about 2-3 minutes.

Add the eggs one at a time, mixing until combined after each. Scrape down the sides of the bowl, as needed. Add the vanilla extract and mix until well combined. Add the dry ingredients and mix until combined, then gently stir in the diced apples.

Scoop out 1 1/2 tablespoon balls of dough onto plates and freeze for 15 minutes or refrigerate for half an hour. Mix the remaining 1/3 cup sugar with the cinnamon and nutmeg in another small bowl. Roll the cookie dough balls in the cinnamon sugar mixture, then set on a prepared cookie sheet (lined with parchment paper) with about 2 inches between them. Bake for 8-10 minutes.



HANDS & FEET

SERVING CHRIST | SERVING OTHERS



Each month, the **Board of Deacons** encourages you to help meet the needs of our 1st UPC family through your donation to our **2-Cents-of-Compassion Offering**. Your donation will support the Deacons in their effort to support those members of our church who are in need. Donate 2 cents (or more) for every compassionate thought you have had in the last month and place it in the "2 Cents of Compassion" envelope included in Sunday's bulletin.

Our Lord Jesus said, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice."

DINNER AT THE PRES! Plans are being made for the next dinner, Tuesday September 26!! A sponsoring Committee is needed! If your Committee would like to step up, please contact Vicky Shields! In the meantime, Our Daily Bread will need our help with serving on the last Tuesday of each month. Four or five volunteers are needed. If you are available to help, please contact Evelyn at 937-592-6325!



**God is not unjust; he will not forget your work
and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people
and continue to help them.**



Through the **Community Cash Program**, shop at Community Market (2 locations, North Main St. and East Sandusky Ave.), bring in your receipts and place them in the Donation Centers outside the sanctuary (Narthex) or in the Fellowship Hall. A portion of your sale will support 1st UPC's Sharing Fund, providing assistance to our church families as needed.

Use your Kroger Reward Card and support Youth Mission Trips!

To make an automatic donation with your Kroger Plus Card, go to krogercommunityrewards.com. Log in or set up a new account. Our "NPO" (non-profit organization) ID number is **HD313** and is listed as First (not 1st) United Presbyterian Church. Each year, 1st UPC folks who have named 1st UPC as their charity contribute \$800-\$1000 a year to support our youth mission trips.



It only takes a little on your part – but it sure helps our community a lot!



*if one man and a
few appleseeds can
change the world,
then i can too.*