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CONNECT

Monthly Newsletter

HARVEST READY

Whether it's food for the body,
or nourishment for the soul,
we've got you covered. See how
you can connect at A2C

Back To School

Make 2025 count with a back to
school bash and a time of prayer in
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I heard this statement the other day from a friend of mine. He said, exercise is to keep you fit and the Word [of God] is for your health. I have to confess I've pondered that a lot since he said it. I've known some people who were very fit, but, whether through genetics, or an underlying condition, or whatever the case, their health wasn't great. Some have even died of things like heart disease. The writer of Proverbs writes:

"Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the Lord and turn away from evil. It will be healing to your body and refreshment to your bones" (Proverbs 3:7-8).

This comes in the context of obtaining wisdom and truth. The Word is true. It's powerful; a double-edge sword. It's capable of restoring your health. So, while exercise and eating right is great to help keep you fit, what are you feeding your soul? Psalm 103 says, *bless the Lord O MY SOUL and forget none of His benefits. He pardons all our iniquities and heals all our diseases. In verse 5 it says, He satisfies your years with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle.* Hey, it's worth a shot. What have you got to lose?



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A2C NXT

fueling the faith of the next generation

Summer is always a busy season, and that's certainly true for everything happening with A2C Kids and Youth! We've been hard at work preparing for a new school year and creating a welcoming, refreshed space for our students.

Our classrooms have been cleaned, painted, and updated. The Youth Room remodel is nearly finished—just a few final touches to go! What was once known as the "game room" is now the Lifewise Room, painted to match the Lifewise theme as we prepare to welcome 5th and 6th grade Lifewise students into the building this fall.

Two more rooms are next in line for a refresh to support our A2C Kids programming, and the hallway is also getting a facelift. The new hexagon design highlights how we are all connected through Christ, while the A2C NXT logo points to our mission: fueling the faith of the next generation of believers. Our goal is for these spaces to feel comfortable, inviting, and Christ-centered for every student who walks through the door.

In addition to the building updates, we've been busy with:

- Weekly lessons
- Monthly Friday night events
- Planning for an exciting fall season

Upcoming Events

- Back to School Bash – August 15

We're gearing up for a fun-filled evening to kick off the school year! Want to help out? Contact Nick, Taryn, or Stephanie to volunteer.

- Backpack & School Supplies Giveaway – August 17 (During Service)

A huge thank you to AJ and Linda Loeffler for faithfully leading this effort every year. If your student needs supplies, be sure to sign up on the clipboard outside the Sanctuary doors.

- Pray & Play – August 24

Join us as we commit this school year to the Lord. We'll be praying over the students, staff, and Ayersville Local School buildings. Let's lift this year up together as a church family.

You can find more details about these events later in this newsletter. We are incredibly excited about what God is doing through the next generation at A2C. Let's keep growing, serving, and believing together!

| by STEPHANIE HOWARD



MEET EMILY

Emily Gentit is a dedicated mother of four, residing with her husband, Ben, just outside of Defiance. Her eldest son, Ethan, is currently stationed in Italy, serving in the Air Force.



Originally from the Cincinnati area, Emily has called various places across the United States home. She works as a substitute teacher in Defiance County and has a deep passion for food and health, she's eagerly looking forward to sharing her insights with you.



HARVEST UPDATE

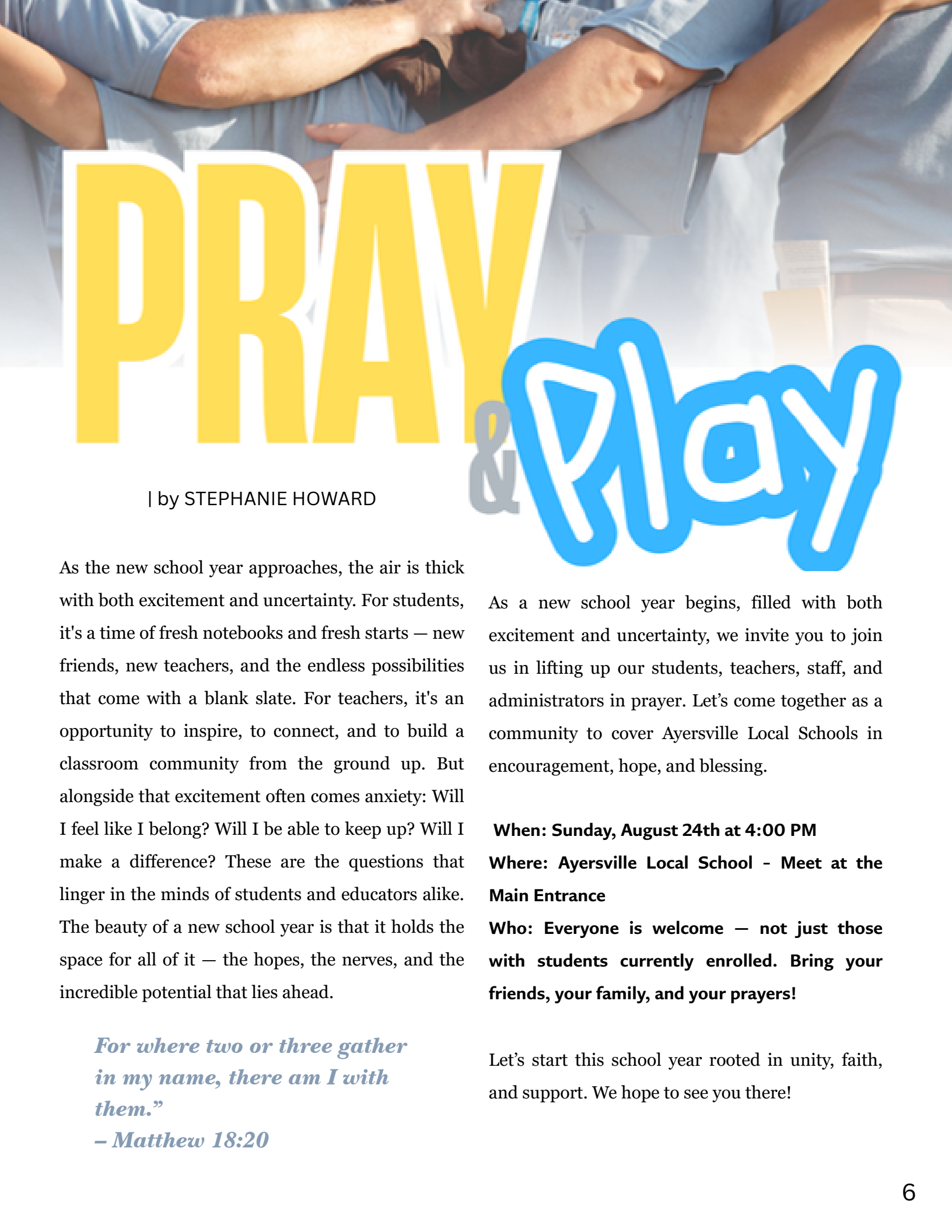
As you enter the church, be sure to check out the new Harvest Sharing area. In August, our gardens are thriving with a bountiful harvest of green beans, tomatoes, sweet corn, and squash. If you have extra produce to share, feel free to add it to the spot or drop it off, and we'll take care of the rest.

Hebrews 13:16 reminds us, *"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."* Supporting locally sourced vegetables benefits not only our community and the environment but also nourishes our souls. Knowing where our food comes from is essential for all generations. Let's come together to celebrate the abundance!



GREEN BEANS

- Low in calories, high in fiber.
- Vitamins A, C, K, and folate.
- Contains antioxidants like quercetin (antioxidant/anti-inflammatory and kaempferol (anticancer), supporting health.
- Good source of minerals like manganese and potassium.
- Abundant in August and September locally.



PRAY & Play

| by STEPHANIE HOWARD

As the new school year approaches, the air is thick with both excitement and uncertainty. For students, it's a time of fresh notebooks and fresh starts — new friends, new teachers, and the endless possibilities that come with a blank slate. For teachers, it's an opportunity to inspire, to connect, and to build a classroom community from the ground up. But alongside that excitement often comes anxiety: Will I feel like I belong? Will I be able to keep up? Will I make a difference? These are the questions that linger in the minds of students and educators alike. The beauty of a new school year is that it holds the space for all of it — the hopes, the nerves, and the incredible potential that lies ahead.

*For where two or three gather
in my name, there am I with
them.”*

– Matthew 18:20

As a new school year begins, filled with both excitement and uncertainty, we invite you to join us in lifting up our students, teachers, staff, and administrators in prayer. Let's come together as a community to cover Ayersville Local Schools in encouragement, hope, and blessing.

When: Sunday, August 24th at 4:00 PM

Where: Ayersville Local School - Meet at the Main Entrance

Who: Everyone is welcome — not just those with students currently enrolled. Bring your friends, your family, and your prayers!

Let's start this school year rooted in unity, faith, and support. We hope to see you there!



mom CONNECT

Mama, Mommy, Mom, Grandma, Nana

Whatever name you're lovingly called, this group is for you!

We are a community of women connected by the shared journey of motherhood. Whether you're in the thick of sleepless nights and diaper duty, or you're enjoying the joys of grandparenthood—spoiling grandkids and sending them home—we welcome you.

Our gatherings are relaxed and informal. Expect snacks, heartfelt conversations, and encouragement as we navigate life together.

At our next gathering, we'll be putting together "blessing bags." We'll provide bags and some crafting supplies to get us started. If you have favorite supplies or items you enjoy using, feel free to bring them along!



Blessing Bags are a great way to connect with each other and a community in need

When: Wednesday, August 20th

Time: 6:30 – 7:30 PM

Where: A2C-Classroom across from the Office

Come as you are—we'd love to see you there!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Each month on the first Saturday, we open our doors to the community for a free will donation breakfast. There are lots of good food items from pancakes to egg casseroles to biscuits and gravy and more! Come and join in the fellowship and fun from 7:30a - 10:00a

We hope to see you there



WOMEN'S STUDY

We will begin a women's bible study on Thursday, September 11 at 10:00 am in the East Wing Classroom of the church. Our study will be "The Ten Commandments". There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for those planning to attend so that we will know how many studies to order. If you have questions please contact Paula Roth (419) 439-0618



TRIVIA NIGHT

Coming this fall...It's Trivia Time! Test your knowledge and see if your team can be number one. Watch for details and join us for fun and fellowship. If you are interested in helping or participating, contact Bev Hohenberger at (419) 438-2197 or Rhonda Taylor at (419) 980-3931





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