

THE KINGDOM IS COMING!

Dear friends:

I am very proud of our congregation. It is becoming more and more a “mission-minded” congregation; mission is becoming more and more important to us as a people.



The Washington Home Mission, where 70 young people, 20 adults and five churches came together, June 21-15, to make a difference in neighborhoods in the city of Washington, is an exciting evidence of our love for God, for people and for mission. Thank you to Don Nixon and the young people of our church for showing us the way.

The Lunch Feeding Program through the Lemoyne Center, that feeds many. many young people in our city by bringing the lunches to them where they live, is inspiring us and others to do more to address hunger in our city. This “sandwiches for Jesus” approach is an exciting evidence of God’s work through us as a congregation. Thank you to Pastor Emily and the THREE TEAMS of our church volunteers who work to make this happen.

Our Vacation Bible School, where we expect more than 200 children to participate as well as 80 church volunteers, includes an estimated 80 children from the Lemoyne Center participating in this life giving and life changing time for children. We took VBS and also turned it into missional outreach into our community. Thank you to Stacy Phillips, Christian Ed and the many, many committed volunteers that make this happen.

The Kingdom of God is coming to Washington. The Lord is using us as a church to have the inbreaking Kingdom come. Lord, may your Kingdom come and your will be done, in Washington as it is in heaven!

Faithfully,
Dr. Stu Broberg

We would typically publish the June birthdays and daily scripture readings and library book reviews in The Messenger. Conservation of space prohibits that but they will be posted on the website and a printed list will be on the bulletin board at the church.

DEADLINE FOR THE August MESSENGER IS July 15

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JULY PREACHING and WORSHIP SCHEDULE

July 5, 2015 THE WITNESS OF CHARLESTON

Communion Colossians 3: 1-14

Dr. Broberg “...if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other, as the Lord has forgiven you...” v. 3

July 12, 2015 BIG BIRD AND JESUS

Dr. Broberg John 12: 20-26

“Sir, we would see Jesus...” v. 12

July 19, 2015 VBS Sunday

One service at 10am in the Covenant Center

Pastor Emily Preaching

New Sermon Series: The Parable of the Sower

July 26, 2015 #1 HOW MANY SEEDS ARE SOWN

Dr. Broberg Luke 8: 4-15

“A sower went out to sow his seed...” v.5

August 2, 2015 #2 THE SOIL OF THE HUMAN

Communion Luke 8: 4-15 **HEART**

Dr. Broberg “some fell along the path”; “some fell on the rock”; “some fell among thorns”. V. 5, 6, 7

August 9, 2015 #3 SOW ABUNDANTLY

Dr. Broberg 2 Corinthians 9: 6

“he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully...” v. 6

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Worship Services: Sundays: 8:30, 9:43 & 11:00

Adult and Children’s Sunday School will resume in September.

Church Office Hours - Mon. - Fri. 9:00a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



Laurella (Lolly) Carnahan

Carnahan Library Betty Braun

Dorothy "Dottie" Louise Bowers

Memorial Garden Natalie Hoglund
Memorial Garden Barbara Collins
Memorial Garden Harry & Nancy Johnston
Memorial Garden William & Betty Braun
Memorial Garden Tillie Simpson
Memorial Garden Dr. Stuart D. Broberg
Memorial Garden Harry and Johnnie Broberg
Memorial Garden Peggy Hays Nelson

E&P Johnston Memorial Fund

Mission and Adoption Fund call Harry Johnston

James Alan Grimm

Vacation Bible School Jim and Edna Grimm

Weddings

On Saturday, May 30, 2015, **Kayla Sanders and Francis "Frank" Dobbin** were married in the sanctuary of The Church of the Covenant with Rev. Emily Miller officiating.

On Saturday, June 13, 2015, **Ryan Kepler and Elizabeth DiSalvio** were married in the sanctuary of The Church of the Covenant with Rev. Emily Miller officiating.

On Saturday, June 20, 2015, **McKenzie Poland and Keaton Hamburger** were married in the sanctuary of The Church of the Covenant with Rev. Dr. Stuart D. Broberg officiating.

On Saturday, June 20, 2015, **Patrick Trapuzzano and Chaleece McCracken** were married in the sanctuary of The Church of the Covenant with Rev. Emily Miller officiating.

Baptisms

Baptized on Sunday, May 31, 2015 at the 9:43 a.m. worship service, **Devin Michael Reese**, son of David and Rebekah Brooks, born January 11, 2000, **Siddaly Marie Brooks**, daughter of David and Rebekah, born August 10, 2004 and **Sydney Michelle Bury**, daughter of Christopher and Heidi Bury born May 17, 2000. Dr. Stuart D. Broberg officiated.

USHER TEAM 7 on duty for the month of July

Kim Carter	Harriett Johnson	Robynne Myers
Elijah Chipps	Jessica Kearns	Charles Neff
Sandra Cincinnati	Thomas Kearns	Delmer Mounts
	Eric Meyers	

THANKS FOR EVERYTHING AND GOOD LUCK

Hello friends,
As you may know by now, our friend, Carol Hissom, has decided to move closer to her sister. This is something she has been pondering for a while, and I am glad that she and her sister will be together. This, however, is sad news for all of her friends at COC. She will be missed! I will miss her in the kitchen, as that is where our friendship solidified many years ago. I am putting an invitation out to anyone that has a love, an urge, a calling...to cook! I will need help with our larger dinners. I will be thrilled with any help that is offered. Feel free to call the church and leave a message for me, or catch up with me and just chat. The next big dinner at the church will be in September, then in October, then the Thanksgiving Dinner in November. If you think you would like to help, please give me a call. Carol always said, "many hands make lighter work." May God bless you, Carol, in your new adventures.

You will be missed, Cyndi
(724-222-0190, ext. 119)

CONFIRMATION CLASS OFFICIALLY JOINS THE CHURCH!

On **Sunday, June 7, the 2015** Confirmation Class was received by the congregation at the 9:43 worship service and introduced at the 11:00 service. Congratulations to: Jessica Ashmore, Jonas Breedlove, Dominic Clutter, Sarah Hardy, Margaret McIlvaine, Travis Nassar, Devin Reese, and Margaret Thompson. Sydney Bury and Mitchell Zullo were received in absentia. They were received into full adult membership and discipleship that morning. May God Bless them as they continue to grow in their faith!

SUMMER YOUTH NEWS

The youth of The Church of the Covenant will be getting together for Bible study every Tuesday evening at 7:30 pm in the Youth Room during the summer. We'll be digging deep into God's Word for all those going into grades 7 to 12.

For the first time we will be inviting alumni to come together for Bible study as well. The alumni will meet at 6:30 pm on Tuesdays in the Youth Room.

In addition to growing in our faith, here are a few of the activities we have planned for the summer:

- Kennywood July 22.
 - Retreat at Conneaut Lake July 26-28. The cost will be minimal and more details will follow.
 - Faith Night at the Pirates baseball game August 20.
- Swimming at the Artuso home August.

Looking forward to digging with you!
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WHAT AN EXCITING WEEK IT WILL BE!



VBS is July 13th through the 17th ~ 9am to noon, and we are so excited to share God's love with all the children who are coming! Checkers the Cheetah, and all our wonderful VBS volunteers, will help us to learn that a life with God is a life full of action. "In God we live, move, and exist!" Acts 17:28.

Sunday July 19th will be VBS Sunday with one service at 10 am in the Covenant Center. Pastor Emily is preaching a special VBS sermon, and children will help lead the worship service and sing wonderful songs to the glory of God. Afterward at 11:30 we will have lunch on the lawn. It will be a **good "old-fashioned" church picnic**, with food, fun, and fellowship for everyone! Come to the Penn street lawn and pull up a chair or picnic blanket and enjoy hotdogs, watermelon, and other great picnic food. You are invited to bring a side, salad or dessert! We are suggesting A-N bring sides or salads and P-Z a dessert. Please sign up at the Welcome Center! There will be games and other fun stuff too! A tent will provide protection from the weather.



Sunday July 19th is our opportunity to celebrate Vacation Bible School and the lives of the children who have the love of Jesus Christ made know to them during that week. Let's celebrate our wonderful week! Let's celebrate the joy of sharing God's love with so many special children! Invite your friends and family to worship, sing, and picnic together!

Bible School Blessings, *Miss Stacy*
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HEY CLUB 56!!



It seems a little mid-summer **Kennywood** action is in order. On **Wednesday, July 22** we will depart on the "Coach of the Covenant" van to the wonders of The Phantom's Revenge, The Pittsburgh Plunge and Potato Patch Fries. Of course, the Jack Rabbit, Racer and Log Jammer may prove to be fun as well. More details will follow, but for now let's put this one on the calendar. Contact Don Nixon or Miss Stacy for more details.

SUMMER READING

Summer has finally arrived and it's hoped that you'll find your way to the Carnahan Library to borrow books for your summer reading. There are ample fiction and non-fiction books that will appeal to anyone's interests. The library is located in Room 308, the first room on the right as you enter the third floor hallway from the elevator. The hours are Mon. - Fri. from 9-3 and on Sunday from 8:30 - 12:30.

Use the card catalog to find specific books. Follow the sign out procedure which is found above the clipboard to the left of the door. All are welcome. Some new additions to the library shelves include the following:
All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr
Wonder by R. J. Palacio
Who is This Man? by John Ortberg
The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah