

JULY PREACHING AND WORSHIP SCHEDULE

July 2, 2017 **RAISING UP ELIJAHS**
4th of July Sermon Series: The Elijah Series
Communion I Kings 18: 17-21 & 18: 36-39
Dr. Broberg preaches *"If the Lord is God, follow him..." I Kings 18: 21*

Special Celebration of the 4th of July with special music/ the singing of special hymns and the encouragement to take our stand for a God-reverencing nation. The first in a three-part series on Elijah the prophet, entitled: "The Elijah Series".

July 9, 2017 **THE DEATH OF PREACHING**
Dr. Broberg preaches Sermon Series: The Elijah Series
I Kings 17: 1-4 & 18: 1-2 & 18: 17-19
"There shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word." v. 1

July 16, 2017 **PREPARATION FOR FIRE TO FALL**
Dr. Broberg preaches Sermon Series: The Elijah Series
I Kings 17: 2-24
"...the word... in your mouth is truth." I Kings 17: 24

July 23, 2017 **HEROES FOR JESUS**
Pastor Kay Preaches Psalm 34: 14b & Acts 2: 37-39
VBS Sunday *"Do Good! Seek peace and go after it!" Psalm 34: 14b*
VBS themes are "God's heroes have heart, courage, wisdom, hope, and power." The gift of the Holy Spirit gives us the power and ability to be Heroes for Jesus in many different ways. Stories of people who have been "Heroes for Jesus."

July 30, 2017 **WHAT PASTOR THINKS OF YOUR WEDDING**
Dr. Broberg preaches Mark 10: 2-9
"So they are no longer two but one." Mark 10: 8

August 6, 2017 **THE HEALING MISSION**
Communion Sermon Series: The Haiti Series
Dr. Broberg preaches Malachi 4: 1-6

"the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings." v. 2

In home communions for the homebound. The West Virginia Mission Team commissioned in worship at 9:43 and 11:00 a.m. "The Haiti Series" is a two part sermon series on mission experiences from our mission trips to the New Testament Mission in Lacroix, Haiti.

FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR NOMINATING CO.

With summer vacations and outings taking so many of us away from Washington in July, we have decided to **reschedule our Visioning Day for a date to be determined sometime in September.**

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THE MIRACLE AT CAMP PINE SPRINGS

Dear friends:

I recently participated in a miracle. Fifteen of us from the church went up to Camp Pine Springs for their 70th Anniversary and for the dedication of their new Dining Hall/ multi-purpose facility, "The Refuge". Its not just a miracle that almost all of the \$1.8 million for the whole campaign is raised. Its not just a miracle that it was completed on time and for camp this summer. Its not just a miracle that it was designed by volunteers and its building supervised by volunteers. Its not just a miracle that they had hoped for 150 to show up for the dedication and more than 450 people actually did. Its not just a miracle that they have more than 850 kids signed up for summer camp and are on course to have 1,000 there this summer (better than any attendance in a decade!). But the miracle was that God did far more than anyone might have ever expected. Way beyond expectations!

Ephesians 3: 20 promises: "Now unto Him who is able...to do far more abundantly than we could ever think or ask..." When we are faithful to God, and keep our focus (as Pine Springs does) on kids having "vital encounters with Christ", and we fervently pray...THEN God is ABLE to do far more exceedingly abundant than anything we could ever hope or dream!!!!

Let's bring that miracle home with us to The Church of the Covenant this summer. Let's pray and believe and hope...and step back and watch what God can and will do.

God never runs out of miracles! Want a miracle? See you in church this summer!

Faithfully,
Stu Broberg

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Sunday School Classes will resume in September.



In Memory Of
Genevieve Zulick

Memorial Fund Jane Barnickel

Grace Wilson Roe

General Fund Tom and Rachel Gladden
Memorial Fund James and Sally Bailey

Earl and Ruth Sharpnack

Memorial Fund Bruce and Laura Sharpnack

FUNERALS

Grace Wilson Roe (member) died on Sunday, June 4, 2017. A Memorial Service was held on Wednesday, June 6, 2017 at the church with Rev. Stuart D. Broberg officiating. Interment preceded the Memorial Service at Jefferson Memorial Park, West Mifflin, PA.

Notes of Thanks

Dear Friends,
Thank you for your cards and prayers after my fall in church. As I continue my recovery at home, I think of you all and ask that you remember me in your prayers. You are my family!
Fondly, Betsy (Stevenson)

Dear Friends,
"Thank you" to Pastors Stu, Kay and the Congregation for all the prayers for when I wrecked my quad and was life flighted on Good Friday. Stu came on Easter to visit and Kay also visited me at Presbyterian Hospital in Pittsburgh. The visits really meant a lot to me. I am doing better and should return to work on June 19th!
John "Moe" Dean

Many thanks for your thoughts and prayers for me the last few weeks. Pastoral calls were helpful, and cards and notes were really appreciated. How wonderful to be part of such a caring church family. Please continue to pray for me.
Glenna Pratt

Thank you for your prayers, cards and visits during my recent hospital stay. Special thanks to Pastor Stu, Pastor Kay, Linda Grimm for visits and the teddy bear, and Pat Sanders, for helping me.
Shirley Howe

Dear Friends,
Please accept this memorial and the thanks of our family, Earl and Ruth, in heaven and us on our way. For over 50 years, the people and programs of The Church of the Covenant have graciously encouraged and supported us. In the love of Christ, you have brought us many wonderful memories. While it would be impossible to list and recognize all the special people and times that have magnified God's love in our lives, we would like to acknowledge the most recent kindness of Reverend Stu Broberg and Mrs. Rachel Gladden. Until we can see each other face to face, we give God the Glory in all things.
Bruce and Laura Sharpnack

CONFIRMATION CLASS OFFICIALLY JOINS THE CHURCH!

On **Sunday, June 25, the 2017** Confirmation Class was received by the congregation at the 9:43 worship service and introduced at the 11:00 service. Congratulations to: **Noah Johnson, Charlie McIlvaine and Garrett Nassar**. They were received into full adult membership and discipleship that morning. May God Bless them as they continue to grow in their faith!

NOTICE FOR THOSE WHO LOVE BOOKS

There's no summer vacation for the Carnahan Library. It's open for your visit 6 days a week: M – F 9:00 – 3:00 & Sundays 8:30 – 12:30 Plan to stop by to select books for your summer reading. There are best sellers (both fiction and non-fiction), books by well known authors such as C. S. Lewis, Henri Nouwen, John Ortberg, David Baldacci, John Grisham, Karen Kingsbury, Kristin Hannah and David McCullough.
THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE'S READING TASTES & INTERESTS.

PARISH NURSE CORNER

Summer is finally here! We'll be spending time at the pool, beach, ballgames and having just plain fun in the sun! Be safe and follow these suggestions to prevent dehydration, heat exhaustion and sunburn: **1.** Avoid overheating by wearing light-colored, loose-fitting clothes **2.** Plan outdoor activities before 10am or after 4pm to avoid the sun's strongest rays **3.** Drink plenty of water and make sure pets get needed water as well. **4.** Use sunscreen of a SPF factor of at least 30, especially on children. Lastly, check on elderly neighbors on the hottest days of summer. Any questions? Just call or stop by. My office hours are 9:30-11am most Sundays. -Linda Grimm, RN, Parish Nurse

LEMOYNE SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

The Church of the Covenant participates in a Summer Lunch program during the summer with the Lemoyne Center to feed children in the community. We work at the Nazarene Baptist Church for 2-3 hours each Wednesday (from June 14 through August 16) to prepare lunches for that day. The church has three teams of volunteers so the teams only work every third Wednesday. We still need volunteers to serve as alternates when regularly scheduled team members are unavailable. If you would like to participate in helping the church in this worthy mission effort, please contact Steve Johnson (412-420-7253) or Connie Hornickel (724-228-7985).

LOOKING FOR SUMMER NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

If your summer schedule is a little more flexible and find that you are able to volunteer a Sunday or two, the nursery could use a few extra volunteers. This will help greatly in covering vacations and open Sundays. If you are able to help, please contact Jessica Hickman through the office - (724)222-0190 x 112.

Family Faith Night ~ Join us for a family night at the ballpark! Former Pittsburgh Pirate Sid Bream will be sharing his faith after the Washington Wild Things baseball game on Sunday, July 9. The game is at 5:05 pm and general admission tickets are only \$5.00. Gather up the family and we'll meet at Consol Energy Park. Let's get to the ballpark around 4:30 pm and sit together in sections 212 or 213. Contact Don Nixon for more information - 724-222-0190x111 or dwnccovenant@gmail.com

USHER TEAM 3 on duty for the month of July

John Artuso	Joe Losko	Bob Wagner
Rodney Hardy	Steve Marriner	Brian Weaver-captain
Jill Losko	Christopher Wagner	

FLAME IS HERE!



Our red panda hero is here and ready to see everyone at VBS! Come join in the fun.

July 17-21, 9a-12p each day, with a **special program Friday at 12p** to show family and friends all that we have learned. **Sunday, July 23, is VBS Sunday!!** The VBS attendees and volunteers will have to opportunity to share songs and dances with all who attend the 9:43 and 11:00 services.

We could still add a few volunteers. If you would like to help and join in the fun, please contact Jessica Hickman or Pastor Kay Balderose. (Because we will be having a week long event, we will be decorating and setting up Sunday afternoon, July 16th. If this works better into your schedule, we could greatly use your help!)

UPCOMING TUESDAY SPEAKER SERIES

"Christian Faith in a Turbulent Public Square"

This evening series will resume in September (date TBD) from 7:15 - 8:15 pm in the Dining Room. It explores the challenges and opportunities relating to Christian engagement in the public square by exploring and applying insights from Christian thinkers such as Reinhold Niebuhr, Martin Luther King, Jr., Karl Barth, Paul Tillich, John Witherspoon, John Calvin, Martin Luther, Thomas Aquinas, and Augustine of Hippo. What insights from these thinkers and their historical context provide wisdom for the challenges facing Christians and society today?

The series will be led by the Rev. Dr. Lawrence M. Stratton, Director of Waynesburg University's Stover Center for Constitutional Studies and Moral Leadership and Associate Professor of Ethics and Constitutional Law. More details in the August Messenger.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS UPDATE

Hi everyone ~ hope you're having a great summer. Things are really moving here at the church for Cyndi and I. We have already finished preparing the preschool for the return of the students. The Campbell (Family Promise) House is scheduled for demolition in July and the contractor is eager to get it done. Our goal is to have over 10,000 sq. ft. more carpet cleaned and several hallways painted prior to Rally Day in September. We have also removed 5 of the dead trees from Penn St., one that fell on the fence in the bottom parking lot and 2 more located in the backyard at 35 North Ave. property. We are still looking to help with opening and closing on Sunday. It takes about 1 hour for each and does require quite a bit of walking. This help allows me to worship on Sunday. Tim Grantz is truly a blessing but isn't able to do every week. If you see him, thank him, as I do, for his willingness to help out. Always serving, Ralph

"CHANGE FOR CHANGE" SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2017

A simple but meaningful event that will occur in our worship services as a part of **VBS Sunday**. **The younger children of the church will participate in the services by collecting loose change from the congregation.** With little metal buckets, the children will spread-out to collect change from those in attendance. The sound of the coins clanking in the bucket is an audible sign to the children of giving, and the money collected will be used to support the **"Summer Feeding Program"**, sponsored by the LeMoyne Center. Bring your change and bring about change in small, but effective ways, ~ let's make some noise in the metal buckets!

DEADLINE FOR THE August MESSENGER IS July 15