

AUGUST PREACHING AND WORSHIP SCHEDULE

AUGUST 6, 2017 **THE HEALING MISSION**
Communion Sermon Series: The Haiti Series
Malachi 4: 1-6

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

Commissioning of WVA Team

The West Virginia Mission Team commissioned in worship at 943a.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.

AUGUST 13, 2017 **WILL SAMMY GO TO SEMINARY?**
Sermon Series: The Haiti Series
Exodus 3:1-12

"God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said: 'Here am I'". Exodus 3: 4

The call of God and the cloud moving in a young man's life. The dramatic story of how God is calling young people to bring Haiti to new life in Christ.

AUGUST 20, 2017 **TEARING DOWN THE HEAVENS**
The Rev. Dr. Larry Stratton OT Isaiah 64: 1-12
Guest preacher NT Philippians 1: 12-15

"and that beats Kant et al. any day."

When Christians proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed, they tear open the heavens.

Brief bio:

Dr. Stratton, an ordained Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) minister, received a B.S. in Economics from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School, a J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center, and his M.Div. and Ph.D. in Christian Social Ethics from Princeton Theological Seminary. Prior to his appointment at Waynesburg University, he taught courses relating to law and ethics at Georgetown University Law Center, the University of Pennsylvania, Villanova University, and Pepperdine University. Waynesburg University's Stover Center is an interdisciplinary scholar center dedicated to bringing insights from the U.S. Constitution's Founding Era and from Christianity to bear in the contemporary public square, with the ultimate goal of creatively transforming the polis.

AUGUST 27, 2017 **Pastor Kay**

SEPTEMBER 3, 2017 **Pastor Kay**

SEPTEMBER 10, 2017 **WHERE THERE IS NO VISION**
Visioning Day Acts 2: 14-21 & Proverbs 29: 18

"Where there is no vision the people perish..." (King James Version)

Our VISION comes from the Holy Spirit; our VISION comes from the Lord or it will be a faulty VISION. How Pentecost and visioning go hand in hand.

SEPTEMBER 17, 2017 ~ RALLY DAY

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PRELUDE TO SEPTEMBER

Dear friends:

As August begins can September be far away? There are three things I want to place in front of you to get on your personal agenda.

The Holy Cow Congregational Survey or CAT (Congregational Assessment Tool). Beginning July 31st we are asking you to take 20 minutes of your time to fill out a survey that will help our Associate Pastor Nominating Committee put together its Mission Information Form. This document is the key piece of information that will guide the committee in its search. The Session will also use the information gathered in its current strategic planning.

Sunday, September 10, 2017 after church is our Visioning Day. We will have a light lunch. We will hear a presentation on the survey results and have opportunity to ask questions and make comments. This should be a great day indeed!

Rally Day is Sunday, September 17th. Special events are planned. It is a reunion of our very successful Vacation Bible School this summer, with all the songs, characters and Bible stories making their return. Invite your children, grandchildren and neighbors' children to come and have a great day!

See you soon! God bless you!

Faithfully,
Dr. Stu Broberg

I love this Bible quote! "But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared. He saved us, not because of deeds done by us in righteousness, *but in virtue of his own mercy*, by the washing of regeneration and renewal in the Holy Spirit, which he poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that we might be justified by his grace and become *heirs in hope of eternal life.*" (Emphasis added) Titus 3: 4-7 Be an "heir in hope" this summer!

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Sunday School Classes will resume in September.



***In Memory Of
James Alan Grimm***

- Vacation Bible School Edna Grimm, Mom
- Memorial Fund ***Grace Wilson Roe***
John & Emma Lee McMurtry
- Building Fund & Pre-school ***John Keisling***
Jack & Marian Keisling
- Memorial Fund ***Mary Stewart and Grace Roe***
Betty Lou Engle
- Memorial Fund ***Mary Stewart***
Christopher & Kathryn Harr
- Memorial Fund Kristal Swayze
- Memorial Fund Anonymous
- Parlor Refurbishing George & Joyce Camlin
- Memorial Fund Ellen Jane Barnickel
- Memorial Fund Ronald & Marlene Sebeck
- Memorial Fund Dave & Carol McClellan

FUNERALS

Mary Stewart (member) died on Tuesday, July 4, 2017. A Funeral Service was held on Friday, July 7, 2017 at the church with Rev. Stuart D. Broberg officiating. Interment followed the Funeral Service at Washington Cemetery, Washington, PA.

NOTES OF THANKS

To Hands & Hearts, Pastor Kay, Pastor Stu and all my many friends at the Church of the Covenant,

My sincere thanks to you all for remembering me in prayer – a special thanks to Pastor Kay for your timely visit at the hospital. Your kindness and prayers were comforting during my procedure. Thanks to Hands & Hearts for the beautiful “Sunshine” card filled out with so many heartfelt get well wishes and prayers.

Thank you all so much, See you in church.

Love and friendship in Christ’s name, Jean Piatt

FROM THE BOILER ROOM:

I am thrilled to report we can see the finish line on the demolition of the Campbell/Gray House on Beau St. We are blessed to have D.R. Contracting doing the job, but due to insurance requirements no one is permitted inside the fence, and when he begins, all materials within the fence become his property. Please allow them the freedom to complete the job in a timely manner. Everyone’s cooperation in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Please direct any questions to Ralph Farabee (724-222-0190 X 119).

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.

MISSION BUDGETING

The Church of the Covenant has accelerated its annual budget planning process for 2018. Accordingly, church committee budgets must be submitted to the Finance Committee by September 13, 2017 to enable Finance to prepare the 2018 church budget. If you have suggestions for Mission giving in 2018, contact a Mission Committee member before September 13th to have your recommendations considered for 2018. We want to know about the missions that matter to you.

Church of the Covenant apportions approximately 10% of its annual General Fund income to Mission giving each year. Moreover, the church’s endowment produces approximately \$15,000 annually that is also dedicated to Mission giving. The Mission Committee is responsible for deciding how Mission funds from those two sources are allocated.

Donations from the church’s Mission funds are made to recipients in two general categories—“Local Missions” and “Foreign Missions.” The Committee’s intent is to identify Christian-based local and foreign agencies that make effective use of funding to feed hungry people, provide shelter to homeless, care for disadvantaged children, and offer relief to those afflicted by substance abuse, physical impairment, violence, or disaster. Within the local Washington community, such agencies as the Lemoine Center, CASA for Kids, Resurrection Power, and County Food Bank have been recipients of the church’s donations. Foreign recipients have included such agencies as the Haiti LaCroix Mission, our affiliated missionary teams, and Foundation of the Word ministry in Sierra Leone. The church also regularly donates Mission funds to support such agencies as our own Pre-School, the City Mission, Pine Springs Camp, and the PCUSA Disaster Relief fund.

While need will always far out-pace relief efforts, the Mission Committee sincerely tries to follow God’s direction in applying the church’s finite Mission resources to agencies whose programs will do the most good for the most people.

UPCOMING TRAVEL CLUB TRIPS

August 9 & 10 – The Ark and Creation Museum in Kentucky. This trip is about finalized but we can still add to the 37 that we have at this time. Price for a double is \$290.

October 6 – Amish Brown Bag Tour. Price is \$112.

November 17 & 18 – Lancaster Christmas. This includes 3 shows. Price is \$400 double. We have openings.

November 21 – Motown the Musical. This one is filled up but may try to get a few more tickets. Any reservations now will go on a wait list. Price is \$125 with dinner at the Lemont.

January 6 – Love Never Dies, a sequel to Phantom of the Opera. Price is \$130 with dinner at the Walnut Grill in Bridgeville. Still have openings.

Questions?? Email or call Marge McWreath, mmewreath@msn.com or 724 225 3226.

USHER TEAM 4 on duty for the month of August

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| Barry Blöse | Jay Gerchow | Nicole Silbaugh |
| Pat Boyer | Lucy Johnson | Dave Warne |
| Harold Caesber | Joan McCrory | |

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WAS AMAZING!!

VBS is complete! We had the pleasure of bringing the word to approximately 100 children each day. Thank you to all who volunteered during VBS or behind the scenes. We surely could not have had such success without you. Thank you to everyone that lifted the children and the volunteers in prayers this week. The children had fun learning that God’s heroes have heart, courage, wisdom, hope, and power. Flame and Captain Shield brought the wonderful daily lessons to life each morning and afternoon.

"Do good! Seek peace and go after it!" Psalm 34:14

RALLY DAY! SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH!

Come join the fun and excitement! All children (even if you couldn’t come to VBS this summer) are invited to experience the fun and excitement of Vacation Bible School at the Rally Day Celebration of Hero Central!

At the 9:45 a.m. worship service, sing your favorite VBS songs, recite the codes and memory verse with Captain Shield and worship God with your VBS friends.

The VBS Reunion fun continues from 11:00 a.m. - noon as Sunday sessions resume for children of all ages. You loved VBS - continue the fun every Sunday morning with Bible stories, crafts, and a healthy variety of activities. Traditional worship in the Sanctuary at 11.

The Rally Day Celebration continues in the Commons with a on-going buffet spread from 10:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (Christian Education committee invites you to be our guests!)

Everyone had a Blast at July VBS Hero Central - experience the thrill again - come to Rally Day Reunion, Sunday, September 17! and remember:

"Do Good! Seek Peace, and Go after it!"

SUMMER FUN AND SOON IT'S OVER!

Can you believe that our students' summer will end as early as August 21 when most of them will begin school? It looks like there's a lot of living to do between now and then. We want to help!

Tuesday, August 8: Kennywood Day. Meet at the church at noon to take the van. We will return about 8 pm. Tickets are \$32.99 from Giant Eagle.

Sunday, August 13: Miniature golf at Red Carpet. 6 to 8 pm

Sunday, August 27: Swim Party at Elmhurst Pool. 5:30 to 8:30 pm
See Don Nixon for details (412-480-5895 or dwnccovenant@gmail.com)

PARISH NURSE CORNER

One out of four people will struggle with mental illness at some point in their lives and the statistics are not very different in churches. We can help bear one another’s burdens with compassion and we can care when we share our hurts and pain. No one should have to whisper about mental health disorders. One of the roles of the church is to let people affected by mental illness, including caregivers, that it’s okay to acknowledge pain and brokenness. Hands and Hearts is exploring having an open forum for people experiencing mental illness in any way (self, caregiver, friend, etc.) to share their stories and struggles and receive prayer, a hug, and affirmation that we care, offer hope, remove the stigma and as a church share the burden. Please contact me if interested. All information is held in strict confidence. My office hours are 9:30-11am most Sundays. I can be reached at 724-263-7911-Linda Grimm, RN, Parish Nurse

DEADLINE FOR THE September MESSENGER IS August