

SUMMER WORSHIP

Special Fourth of July Worship on Sunday, July 1st/ Young People lead our service on July 8th; Mr. Sam Halulko preaching; Vacation Bible School Sunday on July 22nd; Guest Preacher, Pastor Semyon Lee from Central Asia will share about the persecution of the church and the victory of Jesus, July 29th; Summer Communion on August 5th; Missionaries the Schraders preach on August 19th... God never takes a vacation from us, let's not take a vacation from HIM!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING RECENT GRADUATES!

High School Graduates:

Jonas Breedlove
Sydney Bury
Dominic Clutter
Sarah Hardy
Margaret McIlvaine
Travis Nassar
Seth Sumney

College Graduates:

Katie Dessart
Frances Marjorie Frazier.
Kayla Goncalves
Lincoln Key.
Andrew McClellan
Katelyn Nassar
Lindsay Smith
Nathan Wagner, Son of Chris and Amy Wagner and grandson of Bob and Jane Wagner

May God who began this good work in you carry it through to completion, enabling you to use your talents to the fullest.

May God give you the grace to make wise choices and to be faithful to your commitments, always confident in the support of those who love you.

May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships, so that you will live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that you will work for justice, equality, and peace.

May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, and war, so that you will reach out your hand to comfort them and change their pain into joy.

May God bless you with the foolishness to think that you can make a difference in the world, so that you will do the things which others tell you cannot be done.

May your integrity be a gift to the world and may the Spirit of God be with you always. Amen.

PARISH NURSE CORNER SUMMER 2018

The Parish Nurse office location has moved! Now located in Room 302, it is a large space that will also serve as the meeting place for the Hands and Hearts group and a destination for members of the congregation to come for information about health and wellness. My parish nurse office hours will remain the same: Sunday mornings from 9:30-11:00am and by appointment. All meetings and conversations are confidential. Please stop by and visit; I can also be reached by cellphone at 724-263-7911. Good Health to all, Linda Grimm, RN.

DEADLINE FOR THE August MESSENGER IS July 15

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MUCH TO CELEBRATE!

Dear friends:

As I write this I am overwhelmed by the generosity of our congregation and the faithfulness of the Lord God. As of Monday, there were \$700,977 in pledges and an additional \$100,000 plus in gifts through estates. This means we have met the match for the stained glass windows, and the Preschool Endowment, and will be able to fund almost everything on the Campaign List. The Session will still need to meet to finalize the distribution of gifts and their timing of implementation, but I feel confident in saying we have achieved our goals.

Such is the confidence we have in God. Our sufficiency is in Him. To Him alone be the glory.

This campaign also unleashed the creativity of our wonderful congregation. There was excitement in establishing a new pipe organ endowment, and naming other endowments for such luminaries as Bonnie Lamberth, the founder of our Preschool (and who will be present at our Celebration Luncheon!). There is much creative power in the Holy Spirit to do far more abundantly than we could ever hope or think.

And we will not rest upon our laurels. The Stained Glass Window Project begins in earnest the week of July 15th and is scheduled for completion prior to Christmas. What a Christmas gift that will be! Our jewel box of a sanctuary presented to Christ in honor of His birth this year!

So let us gather in a spirit of thankfulness, humility and celebration for the great work the Lord has done through us. GOD SAID, LET THERE BE LIGHT...And Guess what? There is!

Faithfully,
Dr. Stu Broberg

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Vacation Bible School

Edna Grimm

Ruth Ann Weber

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King and Barbara Weber

FUNERALS

Marjorie (Marge) Conn Vanatta (member) died on Monday, May 28, 2018. A Funeral Service was held on Friday, June 1, 2018 at Piatt & Barnhill F.H. with Rev. Stuart D. Broberg officiating. Interment followed at Washington Cemetery.

BAPTISM

Ingrid Kojundic, born March 3, 2018, infant daughter of Aaron Anthony and Courtney Broberg Kojundic, was baptized on June 10, 2018, at the 11:00 worship service with Dr. Stuart D. Broberg officiating.

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.

USHER TEAM 7 on duty for the month of July

Brant Barletta	Joel Braun	Jim Edwards
Lou Barletta	Brian Edwards	Don Faust
	Chris Edwards	

MISSION MATTERS

Hands and Hearts

A mission that matters for a number of members of the Church of the Covenant is the “Hands and Hearts” ministry. Started in the late 1980s by several members (Including current member Connie Hornickel), the organization does small things that have tremendous meaning and utility to those who are beneficiaries of the Hands and Hearts kindness. A subcommittee of the Mission Committee, Hands and Hearts meets monthly to oversee five programs:

“Love in a Basket” fills baskets with baby supplies and new mother supplies for mothers who have little or no support for their newborn child. You can support this mission by dropping off baby supplies such as diapers (children 3 months or less) at the church. Hands and Hearts will get them to those who need them.

Safe Birth Collection. The Committee collects money that is used to support safe birth practices in underdeveloped countries. A unique way money is collected is by placing quarters in a wooden tube. When the tube is filled, it holds the equivalent of \$25.00 in quarters which, in many poor countries, is enough to see that a mother is able to give birth safely and help her child get a decent start in life. You can support this effort by dropping quarters into the tube on Sundays when Hands and Hearts is set up in the Welcome Center.

Hands and Hearts provides meals for members of Church of the Covenant who have recently been discharged from the hospital or who may be going through a difficult time. A kindness like this can be extended because the members of Hands and Hearts are well attuned and responsive to the life of the church and the needs of its congregation.

The Committee also contributes to the physical wellbeing of the church’s members. Under the auspices of the church’s Parish Nurse, Linda Grimm, Hands and Hearts sponsors a monthly blood pressure screening. Screenings can be received at 8:30, 10:30, and 12:00 at the church on the 4th Sunday of each month. The Committee also provides periodic CPR training sessions and organizes blood drives.

A final service Hands and Hearts provides is a “Card Ministry.” In a true “labor of love,” Committee member Mary Wichterman sends cards to members of the church on a wide range of occasions. The cards let members know that their church family is thinking of them in times of grief or sickness, that it shares their joy and satisfaction in accomplishments, or that the church has not forgotten them despite their inability to attend services.

Hands and Hearts is a great example of a ministry inside our church’s larger ministry. The Committee’s members are dedicated to helping and encouraging those in need through simple acts of kindness and service. The importance of their mission was recently recognized on “Get Involved Sunday” when 11 people signed up to either help or join the Committee. Hands and Hearts is a mission that matters to those who participate on the Committee and to those who receive the simple kindnesses the Committee works hard to provide. If you are interested in being part of Hands and Hearts, contact a member of the Mission Committee or Connie Hornickel.

INFORMATION ABOUT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

VBS Happenings:

July 15th- 2pm-4pm VBS Volunteer get together! T-shirt handout, discuss the upcoming week and pray together for the children and volunteers that will be joining us.

July 15th-4pm-? VBS decoration celebration! Help is to decorate the church so that Monday morning the children will be transported to a deserted island and become ready to be rescued by Jesus. There are rumors that there will be pizza!

Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus **Vacation Bible School is July 16th-20th**. Hope, Beacon, Rae, Guac and Moe are excited to join us and help us remember that Jesus is there to rescue us in moments when we are lonely, worried, struggling, wrong, or powerless. Join us for crafts, songs, Bible discovery, imagination discovery and more! We meet from 9am-noon each day in the Covenant Center.

July 22 is VBS Sunday, please plan to come and hear all that we have learned this week!

Miss Jessica has started a blog, Faith, Family and the Farm. Check it out for ideas on how to incorporate faith into your family when you have limited time, laugh along...well, Miss Jessica is just funny and will find things to lighten your day! Check it out! (faithfamilyandthefarm.wordpress.com)

August 25th Christian Ed teachers/volunteers mark your calendars! August 25th, 9am-11am, we will gather for a time together to get ready for the fall and Rally day. We will have a Welcome Back celebration and an enrichment time. There will be time to ready your room if you choose.

September 16th is Rally Day!! Be on the lookout for all the exciting things happening that day!

The Christian Ed department, Miss Jessica, Pastor Kay and all past Club 56 members would like to shout out a huge “Thank You” to “Miss Stacy” Phillips. She has decided to step back from her role at a leader and co-leader of Club 56. She has been there from the beginning and has guided the group to grow. Thank you Miss Stacy for everything!

YOUTH MINISTRY dates you’ll want to add to the calendar: Family Month August 5th, 12th, and 19th 6pm-8pm in the Covenant Center. Plus, September 29th – 30th Pine Springs is holding their annual Fall Fusion retreat for 4-6th graders! July 8th there will be a Youth Table with more information, updates, and signup sheets from the Youth Ministry. ~ Kayla Goncalves

SPECIAL GIFT

Anonymous generous members of our congregation have given the church a gift of a representation of Jesus surrounded by the little children. “Let the children come to me”. There will be opportunities to see a small scale model in clay at 9:20am and 12:15pm on Sunday, July 15th and Sunday July 22nd (VBS Sunday) and to ask questions. We have invited the artist, Alan Cotrill, to come and answer questions on the 22nd.