

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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING RECENT GRADUATES!

High School Graduates:

Katherine Bonus
Todd Bright
Jonna Craig
Forrest Cullings
Sam Halulko
Carter Thomas
Madi Zajdel

College Graduates:

Rachel Phillips
Daniel Kephart



*Your church family celebrates and applauds your achievements!
May God's blessing be upon you in all of your future endeavors.*

PARISH NURSE CORNER SUMMER 2019

Blood Pressure Screenings

Hypertension is a silent killer. Part of a healthy lifestyle includes maintaining a blood pressure within acceptable limits determined by your health care provider. In between those physician office visits, monitor your blood pressure by taking advantage of screenings offered the first Sunday of every month in the Receptionist Office after each service. All blood pressure results are confidential. Blood pressures are also taken in the Parish Nurse Office in Room 302 most Sunday mornings.

Practice Sun Safety this summer. Wear sunscreen everyday. Broad spectrum sunscreens block UVA and UVB rays, both of which are harmful. Apply liberally and reapply every 2 hours or immediately after swimming. Don't forget the kids! Additional protection tactics from the sun include staying in the shade especially between 10am and 4pm, wearing a wide-brimmed hat, wearing sunglasses and covering up with dark or bright-colored tightly woven clothing. Practice sun safety everyday, everywhere, all year long for optimum skin and eye health. Please contact me with any questions at 724-263-7911 or stop by on Sundays in Room 302. Good Health to all, Linda Grimm, RN, Parish Nurse.

WE'RE ON THE WEB!!

The Church of the Covenant now has its own web page! Check out all the events and happenings at the church online. The address is www.churchofthecov.org.

You can download the Messenger by going to the Newsletter tab and then clicking on download the Messenger.

DEADLINE FOR THE August MESSENGER IS July 15

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AN EXCITING MONTH!



Dear friends:

Three things that are “**MUST Do's**”
in the Month of July...

- 1) Come to church on **Sunday, July 7th** for a wonderful inspiring patriotic service for the Fourth of July. Special music, communion, prayers and preaching.
- 2) Come to the Adult Ed Series with Dr. Jim Platt speaking on “Lost in Translation” a five week course where he unpacks the background of the Greek language behind significant Bible verses. A five week course on Tuesday evenings at **7:00 pm** in the **Dining Room** beginning **Tuesday, July 9th**.
- 3) Come to **Vacation Bible School** beginning **July 15th**! Even adults will want to see and participate in the Planetarium as part of VBS that week.

Blessings abound as we focus our hearts on the Lord over the summer. God never sleeps, nor slumbers, nor takes a vacation from His eternal care for us. Let's not take a vacation from HIM over the summer! God bless!

Faithfully, Pastor Stu



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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.



In Memory Of

Barre A. McClay, Sr.

Stained Glass Windows

Connie Hornickel

Helen Rice

Vacation Bible School

Don and Linda Grimm

James Alan Grimm

Vacation Bible School

Edna Grimm

BAPTISMS

Sunday, June 16, 2019

Baptized at the 9:43 Worship Service this morning: Nathaniel Andrew Thomas Merry, son of Brian Christopher Merry, born February 4, 2015.

Baptized at the 11:00 a.m. worship service, **Harrison Lee Rush**, infant son of Emily Gayle Day and Michael Lee Rush, born May 1, 2019.

Also baptized at the 11:00 a.m. worship service, **Brooke Griffith**, infant daughter of Daniel C. and Brenda Lucas Griffith, born May 14, 2018.
Dr. Broberg, officiating

THANK YOU

I would like to thank the Hands and Hearts Committee (Mary Wichter-man), Linda Grimm and the church staff for the lovely cards I received while I was in the hospital. And also, thank you for all the prayers. Sincerely, Jayne Wilson

JESSICA HICKMAN ANNOUNCES RESIGNATION

Jessica informed the Session of the church that she intends to step down from her position as part time Director of Christian Education effective August 2, 2019. She has served the church and our children ably and well for more than three years. Her kindnesses include staying for VBS this year and giving us enough time to find interim leadership prior to Rally Day this September. We will announce more detailed plans to thank her. Please make a point of personally thanking her for her excellent service. The Personnel Committee

ADULT EDUCATION REMINDER

Dr. Jim Platt returns for a SUMMER Adult Education series!

Beginning **Tuesday, July 9th at 7:00 p.m.** Dr. Platt will be speaking about "Lost in Translation", a 5 week course that will look at Bible passages with interesting translations from the Greek, in order to better understand and interpret them. If this seems all "Greek to me" you'll discover a much deeper understanding of the Bible by studying with a Master teacher the underlying original languages of scripture. Dr. Platt is a professor of Greek at Duquesne University.

USHER TEAM 6 on duty for the month of July

Gordon Core	Abe Key	Lindsay Wall
Jerry Smith	Dennis Myers	Nicholas Wall
	Larry Myers	

MISSION MATTERS

Charity Navigator

The Church of the Covenant, through the Mission Committee, supports various mission activities in our community and the world. The Mission Committee is intent upon ensuring that Mission resources are applied to meaningful beneficiaries that feed the hungry, house the homeless, help people overcome obstacles in their lives, and assist those who have lost hope.

One of the tools available to the Committee to ascertain the performance and effectiveness of donation recipients is the Charity Navigator. Founded in 2001, Charity Navigator has become the nation's largest and most-utilized evaluator of charities. Its team of professional analysts has examined tens of thousands of non-profit financial documents. Using its unbiased, objective, numbers-based rating system Charity Navigator is able to assess over 9,000 of America's worthy charities.

Specifically, Charity Navigator's rating system examines two broad areas of a charity's performance; their Financial Health and their Accountability & Transparency. Their ratings show donors how efficiently they believe a charity will use the donor support. The information provided allows charitable donors to make intelligent giving decisions.

Charities are rated from one star to four stars with the latter being the highest rating. Charity Navigator provides details about how charities spend the money that is provided to them by donors. It also issues alerts if charities are subject to adverse reporting. Many charities are not large enough to be evaluated using the Charity Navigator system. In those cases Charity Navigator will provide a copy of the charity's IRS Form 990 which shows how the charity gets its income and how it uses it to support its cause.

Charity Navigator's website is found at www.charitynavigator.org. It is a 501 (c) (3) public charity itself. It provides the church, and individual givers, with a guide enabling them to apply charitable donations to recipients that will use the gifts to best advantage. .

UPDATE FROM BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Hello, and blessings from the boiler room. The Buildings and Grounds Department has been extremely busy with updates to the security of the church. The cameras are functioning and have already answered some questions related to incidents/situations. The security of the doors and elevator in the Commons is now fully operational and we are becoming accustomed to it a little more each day. The re-keying of interior doors is 75% complete and projected completion date is July 1, 2019. The "Knoxbox" which contains keys for emergency responders to enter the building has been installed.

With these upgrades access to the building is limited but security is greatly enhanced. It is more important than ever to schedule room usage with Debi so that we can use our facility in a productive way and maintain a high level of security.

A great deal of time, thought and expense has been invested in this project. The matter of security is a concern to all and we look forward to partnering with the congregation as these changes and upgrades are implemented.

Always serving, Ralph

FROM THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Our calendars are filling up quickly with picnics and celebrations. Here is what we have happening this July!

Vacation Bible School: July 15th-19th

Come travel with us "To Mars and Beyond" and learn where God's amazing power can take you! Meet EP3-20 who will help with our daily missions into outer space. Sing "out of this world" music. Engage in interactive Bible stories that reveal God's love. Explore the wonders of creation at the Science Center. Make projects at the Craft Center that will remind you of your trip as Voyagers. Play games at the Recreation Center that will keep your body fit for space travel. Eat food at Snack Time grown on a very special planet. We will be taking a collection each day for our mission of the week: **Shoes that Grow**. These incredible shoes will be sent to children in Haiti. For more information visit:

<https://becauseinternational.org/the-shoe-that-grows>.

The Carnegie Science Center will be bringing its **Digital Planetarium** one day during the week of VBS. Every child will see the heavens from inside the planetarium. Step inside the dome for an "out-of-this-world" experience!"

Registration forms can be found on the church website, at the Welcome Center, on the CE bulletin board in the Commons and on a table outside the Covenant Center. If interested in volunteering to help with VBS, please contact Lois Core. (724-225-8276) or loiscore@gmail.com There will be a **VBS decorating party on Sunday, July 14th at 2pm**. Please come and help us transform the church to an out of this world experience for the children of VBS.

YOUTH DEPARTMENT

Confirmation Class Update

Congratulations to the Confirmation Class of 2019! They did so much in two month's time! The class participated in an overnight at the church, helped to construct and participated in a church service, and learned about Presbyterian church polity and different committees. They've planned a mission project for the LeMoyné Summer Lunch Program, they learned about faith and what it means to give their lives to Christ, and had the opportunity to explore the First

Presbyterian Church in downtown Pittsburgh. The Confirmation students have completed their personal Statements of Faith and presented them to Session on June 23rd. After meeting with the Session that morning, at the 11:00 a.m. worship service, they were received as "Active" Members of The Church of the Covenant!! Warm congratulations to Nathan and Ryan Angott, Meghan Artuso, Emily Ewbank, Ben Hardy, Bethany and Julianna Koman who are now officially members of our family of faith! So please keep each student in prayer as they continue their faith journey! Director of Youth Ministry - Kayla Goncalves



Artwork by Jonna Craig