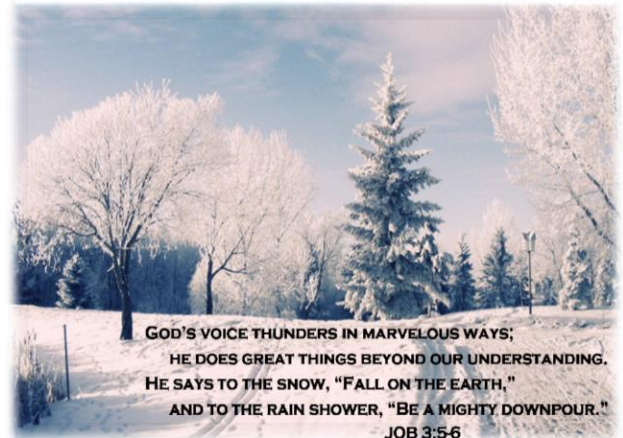


from the pastor's pen . . .



The Love Test

This is a very simple 'test' based on 1 Corinthians 13:4-7, which is known as the "Love Chapter". All you have to do is replace the words "LOVE" and "IT" with your own name. Read it aloud.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.

It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

So, how does it sound? Likely it will show us where we fall short, where are problem areas are, the things we need to change. Remember the real key to transformation is not trying to change on your own, but to rely on the Helper, the Holy Spirit, who will be here with us forever, to give you strength and guidance.

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Sunday Services

Worship: 10:00 am

Sunday School: 9:00 am
(for all ages)



Church Council Meeting Minutes

To keep the congregation updated on happenings at the Church Council Meetings the following information was taken from their meeting minutes.

January - The regular meeting of the Church Council was held on January 15, 2019 with ten people in attendance.

Finance: Rick Buterbaugh presented the Financial Report with ending balance of \$45,758.64. Kelli Miller reported that the amount of \$354.72 is out of the Youth Ministry Budget, which is being corrected. George Heacock inquired regarding the monitoring and maintenance contract with Tele Plus. This has been referred to the Trustees for discussion.

SPRC: George Heacock reported that SPRC did not meet in December. A new hire, Lisa Ott has been approved to help with custodians.

Trustee's Report: Greg Gordon reported that the Trustees did not meet in December. The grubs have been taken care of, the heating system is up and running and the metal roof is on the rental property.

Youth: Kelli Miller reported that the youth retreat "Breakaway" is in March, 2019 in Ocean City, MD. The youth meetings have been switched to Monday and are well attended. The next youth fundraiser will be Bedford Candies. Some new Children's Church material has been ordered.

Missions: Kelli Miller reported that "Hands and Feet of Hope" is scheduled for June 9, 2019 through June 15, 2019. The Missions Team will be meeting soon. Pastor Robin reported gift cards were distributed to a family in need. Kelli Miller also reported for the Lay Leader with "Power Up Program" starting soon and over 50 children registering.

Outreach: Reta Chamberlain reported starting a "Secret Sister" for the women of the church.

Old Business: George Heacock inquired about the outreach visitations and if any needs have been expressed. An inquiry on the church directory with an update at the February council meeting.

New Business: Pastor Robin reported services for Joyce Souders, Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 11:00 A.M., family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at Grove-Bowersox Funeral Home, 50 South Broad Street, Waynesboro, PA. Refreshments at the Waynesboro Fire Hall, South Potomac Street, Waynesboro, PA. Pastor Robin is officiating her service. Pastor Robin will be attending the Bishop's Retreat January 21, 2019 through January 23, 2019. The end of the year report is due January 31, 2019. The Christmas Eve Service had an attendance of 130 and 130 attended worship service in the Faith and Life Center on December 30, 2018 with the Children's Program and recognition of 50-year members. Pastor Baer would like to thank the anonymous donor for the hand rail at the parsonage.

7 Signs God Is Calling You

◇ He'll get you attention

◇ He'll send helpers

◇ He'll assure you of his presence

◇ He'll give you the first step

◇ He'll provide what you need

◇ He'll repeat himself

◇ He'll reassure you



Finance Team Meeting

The regular meeting of the Finance Team was held on January 10, 2019 with seven people in attendance.

In reviewing Balance Sheet, Restricted Funds corrected to \$18,207.82 due to \$1,000 was deposited. It was agreed that \$50.00 from the gym rental will be applied to the balance of the lowest mortgage loan. Under the Restricted Fund, the funds from the Christmas Eve collection will be divided as follows: one-half to Blessings Fund, one-fourth to the United Methodist Children’s Home, and one-fourth to Ashlyn’s Angels. Check #8671 – total \$1,018.67 to West Penn Power. Shows \$688.45 of cost for New Life Center. In reviewing this, this cost seemed high, but in checking prior year, the cost is comparable. Check #8651 – Dexter Envelopes, this is the offering envelopes. Effective January 1, 2019, Lisa Ott, along with Joan Kling, will be doing janitorial services and not April Harmon.

No Old Business.

New Business: A letter was received from Teleplus concerning the phone, fire alarms and monitoring systems contract that renews in March. Code requires that the systems are inspected and tested annually. The cost will be as follows: First year: \$2,569.30; second year: \$2,069.30 and third year: \$2,183.91. General consensus is to check with other companies for pricing. George Heacock to check with Mike Glessner concerning the old contract. With the \$50.00 from the gym rental being applied to the balance of the lower mortgage, the remaining balance will be \$18,660.72.

~ Servant of the Month ~

by Reta Chamberlain

The Servant of the Month for February is Kelli Miller. Kelli grew up in the church and has been a member for almost 14 years. She loves this church and is very thankful for the people that God has brought into her life through it.

The office she holds here at the church is the Director of Children, Youth, and Worship Arts. It involves running Children’s Church, working with the youth, and Director of the screens for Worship services.

The committees she’s involved with are Hands and Feet of Hope staff member, the Mission Team, Church Council, Worship Team, Church Choir, and Kids Choir.

When asked what her favorite Bible verse is, it’s Isaiah 58:11, “The Lord will guide you always, he will satisfy your needs”. What does she do in her spare time? She loves to sing and be with her family and friends. She also loves scrapbooking, crafting, and watching Penn State sports.

Thank you for all you do for the church, Kelli. It’s greatly appreciated. God’s blessings!



Q: What did the valentine card say to the stamp?

A: Stick with me and we’ll go places!



Q: What did the caveman give his wife on Valentine’s Day?

A: Ughs and kisses.

February 2019

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|--|--|-------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 First Friday Lunch 11a-1p | 2 Love's Closet-12-2p |
| 3 A. Choir Sm Group Study episode 11 - 9a episodes 12&13 - 2p | 4 K. Choir-5:30p Youth Group-6p SPRC Mtg-6p | 5 A. Choir-6p | 6 Bible Study-10a & 6:30p | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 K. Choir Sm Group Study episode 14 - 9a episodes 15&16 - 2p | 11 Youth Group-6p | 12 A. Choir-6p | 13 Bible Study-10a & 6:30p | 14 Valentine's Day Finance Mtg-6:30p | 15 | 16 |
| 17 Random Acts of Kindness Day A. Choir Sm Group Study episode 17 - 9a episodes 18&19 - 2p | 18 Presidents Day Youth Group-6p | 19 A. Choir-6p Council Mtg-7p | 20 Bible Study-10a & 6:30p | 21 | 22 HFOH Mtg-6p | 23 |
| 24 H.I.S. Sm Group Study episode 20 - 9a | 25 Youth Group-6p | 26 A. Choir-6p Trustee Mtg-7p | 27 Bible Study-10a & 6:30p | 28 | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 | NOTES A Choir - Adult Choir; K Choir - Kids Choir Reminder - Love's Closet sorting & set-up happens every Monday evening 6-8 pm | | | | |

February Birthdays and Anniversaries

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|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| 01 – Bonnie Miller | 09 – Nicole Fletcher | 21 – Gene & Dianne Stenger |
| 02 – Bob Miller | 10 – Sandy Garlock | 22 – Greg Gordon |
| 02 – Hannah Economos | 11 – Gail McClain | 22 – Karson Washabaugh |
| 02 – John Ott | 11 – Andrew Horton | 23 – James DeShong |
| 05 – Patricia Knepper | 13 – Penny Shives | 24 – Paul Wilson |
| 06 – Susan Keebaugh | 16 – Sherry Metz | 26 – Lisa McConahy |
| 08 – Catherine Washabaugh | 18 – Karen Bishop | 27 – Alex Keaton |

REMINDER – For additions or corrections to the birthday & anniversary list use the Newsreel
Suggestion Box at the back of the sanctuary or email the church office (address on page 1)

Answers to Quiz (page 6):

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| 1. – G | 5. – N | 9. – J | 13. – B | 17. – Q |
| 2. – P | 6. – L | 10. – C | 14. – O | 18. – I |
| 3. – M | 7. – R | 11. – K | 15. – A | 19. – T |
| 4. – E | 8. – D | 12. – S | 16. – H | 20. – F |

| CHILDREN'S CHURCH | | |
|-------------------|-------|------------------------------------|
| DATE | 02.03 | Nicole Wilson Kelli Miller |
| | 02.10 | Lindsay Newman Jamie Schetrompf |
| | 02.17 | Holly Stambaugh Vicki Gordon |
| | 02.24 | Penny Shives Jody Hann |
| NURSERY | | |
| DATE | 02.03 | NEEDED |
| | 02.10 | NEEDED |
| | 02.17 | Sherri McClain |
| | 02.24 | NEEDED |

Please see **Kelli Miller** if you can fill any of the vacancies shown for this month or if you have questions about what is required to be a helper, teacher, or nursery volunteer.

HELP NEEDED

We are in need of an Assistant Facilities Coordinator to help Mont and Reta Chamberlin when they are unavailable. Basically, it entails answering calls about renting our facility and then coordinating set up per the needs of the renter. This is not a paid position but an important service to our Church. For further information, see Mont or Reta. Your prayerful consideration will be greatly appreciated.

SPRC Committee

| FEBRUARY SCREEN SCHEDULE | | |
|--------------------------|-------|----------------|
| DATE | 02.03 | Kelli Miller |
| | 02.10 | Dave Gourley |
| | 02.17 | Kelli Miller |
| | 02.24 | Jeron Fletcher |

Special Session of the General Conference - February 23-26, 2019 in St. Louis, Missouri

Our Delegation to the 2019 General Conference

Please pray for our delegation and all of those involved in the 2019 Special Session of the General Conference.

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Find news, press releases, and resources related to the 2019 Special Session of the General Conference at <https://tinvurl.com/UMGC2019>

Small Group Study --- "Restoring the Shack"

Restoring the Shack, is a series of studies by Wm. Paul Young that explore the themes woven into the book and film *The Shack*. In this deeply touching, soul-stirring collection of episodes you can join the author by taking a look into his own life journey where he explores questions of faith, grief, and wonder. Dive into a deeper understanding of the relationship with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

| SCHEDULE | | |
|----------|------------------|--------------------|
| date | time | activity |
| 02/03 | 9:00 to 10:00 am | episode 11 |
| 02/03 | 2:00 to 4:30 pm | episodes 12 and 13 |
| 02/10 | 9:00 to 10:00 am | episode 14 |
| 02/10 | 2:00 to 4:30 pm | episodes 15 and 16 |
| 02/17 | 9:00 to 10:00 am | episode 17 |
| 02/17 | 2:00 to 4:30 pm | episodes 18 and 19 |
| 02/24 | 9:00 to 10:00 am | episode 20 |

Location: Adult Sunday School Room,
lower level below sanctuary
Facilitator: Jim DeShong

True Love

BIBLE READING CHALLENGE

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|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Mark 12:28-34 | 17. Galatians 5:1-6 |
| 2. Romans 5:1-8 | 18. Galatians 5:22-26 |
| 3. Romans 8:31-39 | 19. 1 Peter 4:1-8 |
| 4. Matthew 22:34-40 | 20. 1 Peter 3:8-12 |
| 5. Psalm 42:8-11 | 21. Ephesians 4:10-16 |
| 6. 1 John 4:7-13 | 22. Philippians 2:1-11 |
| 7. 1 John 4:14-20 | 23. Colossians 3:8-15 |
| 8. Zephaniah 3:17-20 | 24. John 14:21-27 |
| 9. John 13:34&35 | 25. John 15:9-13 |
| 10. Psalm 136:1-13 | 26. John 15:14-21 |
| 11. Psalm 136:14-26 | 27. 1 John 3:1-5 |
| 12. Deut. 10:12-15 | 28. 1 Cor. 13:1-7 |
| 13. Psalm 5:7-12 | Bonus Days; |
| 14. Psalm 25:1-10 | 29. 1 Cor. 13:8-13 |
| 15. 1 Peter 1:3-8 | 30. Romans 12:9-18 |
| 16. Ephesians 3:14-21 | 31. Psalm 136:1-13 |

Thank You to everyone who ordered Bedford Candies from the youth group! We appreciate your support and hope you enjoy your purchase.



Don't forget that God's Creations youth group meetings are now on Monday evenings, 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

Can You Match These Bible Couples?

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| _____ 1. Adam (Genesis 3:20) | A. Abigail |
| _____ 2. Isaac (Genesis 25:20) | B. Bathsheba |
| _____ 3. Joseph (Matthew 1:20) | C. Delilah |
| _____ 4. Zacharias (Luke 1:5) | D. Drusilla |
| _____ 5. Elimelech (Ruth 1:2) | E. Elisabeth |
| _____ 6. Lot (Luke 17:32) | F. Esther |
| _____ 7. Ananias (Acts 5:1) | G. Eve |
| _____ 8. Felix (Acts 24:24) | H. Gomer |
| _____ 9. Heber (Judges 4:17) | I. Hannah |
| _____ 10. Samson (Judges 16:6) | J. Jael |
| _____ 11. Ahab (I Kings 16:30,31) | K. Jezebel |
| _____ 12. Abraham (Gen 17:15) | L. Lot's Wife |
| _____ 13. Uriah (II Samuel 11:3) | M. Mary |
| _____ 14. Jacob (Genesis 29:20) | N. Naomi |
| _____ 15. Nabal (I Samuel 25:14) | O. Rachel |
| _____ 16. Hosea (Hosea 1:2,3) | P. Rebekah |
| _____ 17. Boaz (Ruth 4:13) | Q. Ruth |
| _____ 19. Moses (Exodus 2:21) | S. Sarah |
| _____ 20. Ahasuerus (Esther 2:16) | T. Zipporah |

(answers on page 4)



WHITE CHILI

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|---|---------------------------|
| 2 – 16 oz. cans Great Northern Beans, undrained | 1 tsp. oregano |
| 1 onion, chopped | 1-1/2 tsp. cayenne pepper |
| 3 garlic cloves, minced | 1/2 tsp. salt |
| 8 oz. green chilies, diced | 2 lb. chicken breast |
| 2 tsp. cumin | 14-1/2 oz. chicken broth |
| | 1 cup water |

Cut chicken into 1” bite size pieces. Brown chicken in stock pot in olive oil. Add onion and garlic and cook for about 10 minutes. Add remaining ingredients and simmer for about an hour. Keep fire extinguisher handy.

Big G, 2009 McConnellsburg United Methodist Church Cookbook

MOMMA'S CORN BREAD

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|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1-1/4 cup flour | 1/4 cup sugar |
| 3/4 cup cornmeal | 1 egg |
| 4 tsp. baking powder | 1 cup milk |
| 1/2 tsp. salt | 1 T butter, melted |

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. In a large bowl, combine flour, cornmeal, baking powder, salt, sugar, egg, milk and melted butter. Mix well. Transfer mixture to a greased 8 x 8-inch pan. Bake in oven for 15 to 20 minutes, until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Makes about 8 servings.

A Friend, 2009 McConnellsburg United Methodist Church Cookbook

CHERRY CHEESE CAKE

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|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 pkg. yellow cake mix | 1-1/2 cup milk |
| 2 T oil | 3 T lemon juice |
| 2 - 8 oz. pkgs. cream cheese | 3 tsp. vanilla |
| 1/2 cup sugar | 1 can cherry pie filling |
| 4 eggs | |

Preheat oven to 300 degrees. Reserve 1 cup cake mix. Combine remaining cake mix, 1 egg and oil. Mix until crumbly. Press evenly into bottom and 3/4 way up side of 9 x 13 pan. Blend softened cream cheese, sugar. Add 3 eggs and reserved cake mix. Beat one minute at medium speed. At low speed, add milk and flavorings. Mix until smooth. Pour into crust. Bake at 300 degrees for 45 to 50 minutes, until center is firm. Cool. Top with pie filling. Chill before serving.

In memory of Carolyn Nesbitt, 2009 McConnellsburg United Methodist Church Cookbook



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