

*from the pastor's pen . . .*

## The Mission Continues

*Matthew 28:18-20*

*"18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.*

*19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

Brothers and Sisters, Praise Jesus for you all! I first want to say that I am the most blessed pastor of our annual conference because I get to do ministry with the people of McConnellsburg United Methodist Church. When the District Superintendent first told me that we would be in ministry together, I felt the Holy Spirit move within my heart, excite my heart, and gave me wonderful visions of our future together. Several months ago (even before I knew I was moving here), God placed it on my heart to pray for the congregation that He was going to send me to. Even before I knew you, I loved the people of McConnellsburg.

Before I continue, I want to pause and also say thank you. Thank you for welcoming me. Thank you for providing food for me. Thank you for cooking me meals. Thank you for the gift cards. Thank you for providing me with a beautiful home. Thank you for the laughter. Thank you for the many conversations. Thank you for allowing me to join in on the fun with Hands and Feet of Hope. Thank you for being you. I know it has only been a week since the moving trucks unloaded all of my earthly possessions, but I am extremely grateful for all the love you have already shown me. McConnellsburg and the people

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## Sunday Services

Worship: 10:00 am

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

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of McConnellsburg United Methodist Church already feels like home. I am excited to be in ministry with you (prayerfully for a very, very, very long time).

As I share with you what God has placed on my heart, I recognize that pastoral transition can be nerve racking. Will the pastor be friendly? Will the pastor be funny or serious? Will the pastor get involved? What ideas does he have to help our congregation? The list can go on and on. If we are all honest with ourselves, we get anxious during this time because we have gotten familiar with the face and the people that we once got so comfortable seeing in the pulpit and out and about in town.

I recognize that pastoral change can be hard for some folks, but let me share with you the constant in all of this newness; which is Jesus Christ is still our Lord and Savior, that God the Father is still our master, and that the Holy Spirit is still with us. Our Lord is the same as He was in the beginning and He continues to be the same Lord that we worship through this pastoral change. At the same time, Christ gives us one mission which is to make disciples of all nations. No matter the pastoral leadership change, we are called by God Himself to transform this world by preaching the message of salvation to all people—that we are all sinners and that we all need Christ to be saved and made as a child of God.

It is my prayer as we begin to do ministry together that we will hold tight to Christ and continue the mission of making disciples for the glory of the Father's Kingdom.

A Servant of Christ,  
Pastor Joshua



#### Church Council Meeting Minutes

*There was no meeting held in June.*



#### Finance Team Meeting

The regular meeting of the Finance Team was held on June 20, 2019 with seven people in attendance.

**Old Business:** Balance on General Fund is down. This is going to be further reviewed to see why this has taken this drastic drop. Discussion on perhaps adding more restricted categories on the Restricted List. Gym Rental is in the negative. Some additional tables for Faith and Life Center were purchased.

Youth/Impact is still in the negative of \$306.23. Someone to advise that this is over and payment will need to come out of their budget balance.

A Special Donation of \$8,421.80 was received from the Estate of Charlotte Batdorff. It was agreed that this amount will be applied to the principal on the loan. Sam will discuss with Penny Shives to see if we can add Charlotte Batdorff's name to the plaque of givers in the lobby of the Faith and Life Center.

Budget Review: \$742 check to Savoy Catering for Mother/Daughter banquet. This amount was collected from persons attending the dinner. Journal - There are three Comcast hookups in the parsonage. Probably do not need that many. Will check with Pastor Josh to see if he needs. It was questioned on whether salaried employees complete time sheets. This may be considered going forward.

# July 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	1 God's Creations-6p	2	3	4 Independence Day	5 First Friday Lunch 11a-1p	6 Love's Closet-9-11a
7 Welcome Luncheon for Pastor Josh Jr. Youth Group-2p	8 SPRC Mtg-6p	9 VBS Mtg-7p	10	11 Finance Mtg-6:30p	12	13
14	15	16 Council Mtg-7p	17	18	19 Jr. Youth Group-7p	20 God's Creations-6p
21	22	23 Trustee Mtg-7p	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 God's Creations & Jr. Youth Group-6p	1	2	3
4	5	<b>NOTES</b> Reminder - Love's Closet sorting & set-up happens every Monday evening 6-8 pm				

## July Birthdays and Anniversaries

05 - Sharon DeShong

06 - Evelyn Gobin

06 - Sam & Sherry Metz

12 - Shaun & Holly Stambaugh

15 - Wanda Randler

17 - Helen Overly

18 - Beverly Wisner

19 - Randy Cole

26 - Abby McGarvey

29 - Allen Cover

**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)

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.

### NURSERY

DATE	NEEDED
07.07	<b>NEEDED</b>
07.14	Sherri McClain
07.21	<b>NEEDED</b>
07.28	Deb & Bryan Fletcher



### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

DATE	NAME
07.07	Lindsay Newman Jamie Schetrompf
07.14	Holly Stambaugh Vicki Gordon
07.21	Penny Shives Jody Hann
07.28	Tracey Fletcher Brandon Fletcher

### JULY SCREEN SCHEDULE

DATE	NAME
07.07	Kelli Miller
07.14	Dave Gourley
07.21	Dave Keaton
07.28	Jeron Fletcher
08.04	Kelli Miller

# This & That



## SAVE THE DATE!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
AUGUST 11-16  
PRESCHOOL - 5TH GRADE

The next planning meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 9, at 7:00 pm, for anyone wishing to help. If you have questions see Kelli Miller.



2019 Fulton County Fair  
July 28 – August 3

Vesper Services, with speaker Pastor Allan Schmidt, will be held Sunday, July 28 at 6:30 pm. Special music by the Gospel Strings will begin at 7:30 pm.  
**FREE ADMISSION**



Thank You !  
Thank You •

- to all those that baked pies for the HFOH banquet! We sure have some great bakers among us!
- to everyone that came out for the 'clean-up' day. A LOT was accomplished in a relatively short amount of time because of all the willing workers!

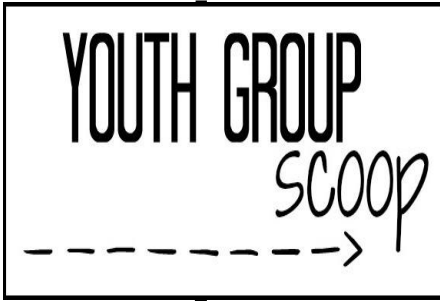


Do you have an old, worn-out American flag that you don't know how to dispose of? You can deposit tattered, frayed flags in the **FLAG RETIREMENT BOX** located in the lobby of the Fulton County Courthouse. This box is made available so flags can be destroyed in a dignified way. Please make use of this box and never just throw an old flag away.

*Did you know . . . .*

- these things about the Bible?
- the word Bible comes from the Greek word *biblios*, which means scrolls or writings.
  - it was the first book to be printed by movable type (instead of being had written) by Johann Gutenberg in 1454 or 1455.
  - there 66 books in the Bible (39 Old Testament, 27 New Testament)
  - there were over 40 authors
  - there are 5 books NOT divided into chapters
  - the longest word in the Bible is Mahershalalhashbaz, found in Isaiah 8:3
  - it was written over approximately a 1,600-year period (1500 B.C. to 100 A.D.); spanning 40 generations
  - it was written in three languages – Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek
  - the middle chapter is also the shortest chapter – Psalm 117
  - the longest chapter, with 176 verses, is Psalm 119
  - the longest book is Jeremiah
  - the shortest book is 3 John
  - The last word in the Bible is **AMEN**

*. . . . and now you know.*



## WHAT'S GOING ON IN JULY

- | day | time      | who             | what & where                                 |
|-----|-----------|-----------------|--|
|     | 01 - 6 pm | God's Creations | - open gym @ church                          |
|     | 07 - 2 pm | Jr. Youth       | - water wars @ church                        |
|     | 19 - 7 pm | Jr. Youth       | - movie night @ church                       |
|     | 20 - 6 pm | God's Creations | - cookout & outdoor movie @ Kelli & Justin's |
|     | 31 - 6 pm | both groups-    | mission night @ church                       |

For more info, see Kelli or Justin Miller.

*God's Creations – students 6<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup>*

*Jr. Youth – students 2<sup>nd</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup>*

## COMING in AUGUST

- God's Creations & Jr. Youth – Hagerstown Suns Baseball Game
- Jr. Youth – Bowling

## BIBLE READING PLAN to READ WITH YOUR KIDS!

The goal is to show our kids what God is like, what He does, and why we can trust Him, resting safely and securely in His care.

### Week One

- Mon Matthew 7:7-11  
*God gives good things*
- Tues Psalm 103:2-5  
*God heals, forgives, and redeems*
- Wed Philippians 4:10-13  
*God strengthens us, gives us contentment*
- Thurs Psalm 23:1-3  
*God is our shepherd*
- Fri Matthew 6:25-33  
*God provides our food and clothing*

### Week Two

- Mon Genesis 8:20-22  
*God regulates seasons and preserves life*
- Tues Luke 18:1-8  
*God gives us justice*
- Wed Deuteronomy 8:3  
*God fed Israel with manna and His Word*
- Thurs Philippians 4:19-20  
*God supplies our every need*
- Fri Exodus 2:23-25  
*God hears, remembers, and knows*

### Week Three

- Mon Matthew 11:28-30  
*Jesus gives us rest*
- Tues 1 Samuel 2:7-8  
*God cares for the poor*
- Wed Mark 10:25-27  
*God makes salvation possible*
- Thurs Psalm 103:10-14  
*God is a compassionate Father*
- Fri John 3:16-17  
*God's love for the world*

### Week Four

- Mon Psalm 34:8-10  
*God is our refuge and provider*
- Tues Isaiah 40:10-11  
*God is mighty and tender in His care*
- Wed Titus 3:4-7  
*God makes us heirs of eternal life*
- Thurs Micah 7:18-20  
*God pardons and is faithful*
- Fri Revelation 21:3-4  
*Our ultimate hope in God*



### MANDARIN SALAD

1/2 cup almonds, sliced  
3 T sugar  
1/2 head iceberg lettuce  
1/2 head romaine lettuce  
1 cup celery, chopped  
2 whole green onions, chopped  
1 – 11 oz. can mandarin oranges,  
drained

Dressing:  
1/2 tsp. salt  
dash of pepper  
1/4 cup vegetable oil  
1 T parsley, chopped  
2 T sugar  
2 T vinegar  
dash of Tabasco

In a small pan over medium heat, cook almonds and sugar, stirring constantly until almonds are coated and sugar dissolved. Watch carefully as they will burn easily. Cool and store in air-tight container. Mix all dressing ingredients and chill. Mix lettuce, celery and onions. Just before serving add almonds and oranges. Toss with dressing. Makes 4-6 servings.

*Norma Vores, 2009 McConnellsburg United Methodist Church Cookbook*

### BAKED PINEAPPLE

1 cup sugar  
3 T flour  
2 eggs, beaten  
1/4 cup water

#2 can crushed pineapple  
(do not drain)  
butter  
cinnamon

In buttered casserole dish, combine sugar and flour. Whisk in eggs and water. Add pineapple and juice. Mix well. Dot with butter. Sprinkle with cinnamon. Bake at 350 degrees for one hour. Note: #2 can = 2½ cup or about 20 oz.

*Vickie Gordon, 2009 McConnellsburg United Methodist Church Cookbook*

### MACARONI SALAD

1 lb. macaroni  
1-1/2 cup mayonnaise  
3 T vinegar  
2 T mustard  
1/2 can evaporate milk

1 cup sugar  
1 tsp. salt  
pepper to taste  
3 hard boil eggs

Cook and drain macaroni. Let cool. Chop and add eggs. Mix together all dressing ingredients until smooth. Pour over macaroni and stir. Optional add ins.: shredded carrots, onions, celery or pickle relish.

*Kate Mellott, 2009 McConnellsburg United Methodist Church Cookbook*

A pastor said, "You need to join the Army of the Lord"! My friend replied, "I'm already in the Army of the Lord, Pastor". Pastor questioned, "How come I don't see you except at Christmas and Easter?" He whispered back, "I'm in the secret service."



After the church service a little boy told the pastor, "When I grow up and get a job, I'm going to give you some money."  
"Well, thank you," the pastor replied, "but why?"  
"Because my daddy says you're one of the poorest preachers we've ever had."

QUIZ ANSWERS: 1. 8 2. 150 3. 12 4. 20 5. 40 6. 23 7. 7 8. 10 9. 30 10. 300

## NUMBERS IN THE BIBLE QUIZ

1. During the flood, how many people were on the ark? (Genesis 7:13)

- 8                       30  
 10                      125

2. You know that it rained for forty days and forty nights. After it stopped raining, how many days was it before the Noah's ark rested on the mountains of Ararat? (Genesis 8:3)

- 70                       365  
 150                     240

3. Israel was both a family and a great nation. How many tribes belonged to this family? (Genesis 49:28)

- 7                         12  
 15                      8

4. Joseph's brothers were jealous of him because Jacob, his father, favored him. They conspired to get rid of him, put him in a pit, but then retrieved him and sold for how many pieces of silver?(Genesis 37:28)

- 15                       25  
 20                       30

5. While the Israelites were wandering in the wilderness, God provided food for them. One of the foods He provided was manna. For how many years did the Israelites eat manna? (Exodus 16:35)

- 50                       10  
 20                       40

6. When the Israelites were in the Promised Land, judges ruled them for many years. Many exciting stories are in the book of Judges. One of the judges was Tola. We know very little about him, but we do know how long he judged Israel. How many years was it? (Judges 10:2)

- 10                       47  
 23                       19

7. Ruth was a wonderful daughter-in-law. She was so wonderful that at the end of the book of Ruth, she was pronounced to be a better daughter-in-law than how many sons? (Ruth 4:15)

- 5                         2  
 7                         3

8. Now moving to the New Testament, let's think about the ministry of Jesus. Jesus healed many people. Once He healed a group of lepers and only one of them returned to thank Jesus for the healing. How many were healed? (Luke 17:11-19)

- 2                         10  
 12                      8

9. Jesus was betrayed by Judas and sold for how many pieces of silver? (Matthew 26:15)

- 30                       50  
 35                       100

10. Now that you have all the numbers, you can answer this final question with ease. Samson was a colorful judge of Israel. Once he set fire to the tails of foxes and set them loose in the cornfields of the Philistines. How many foxes? (Judges 15:4)

- 30                       300  
 500                     50

*Welcome* Pastor Josh!

We're excited to start this journey with you and see where God takes us!

