

from the pastor's pen . . .

Sheep or Goats?

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. Matthew 25:35-36

Take a moment to read Matthew 25:31-46, an image of the Last Judgment. In this future scene, Jesus will examine his whole flock and separate the sheep from the goats. The sheep, which faithfully executed God's will on earth, will inherit the Kingdom. The goats on the other hand, which cared more for themselves than others, will be cast into the fire to spend eternity in torment. I don't know about you, but there's one barbecue I don't want to be invited to!

Matthew's Gospel neatly unwraps what God's will is for his sheep...to care for the least of these on earth. Whenever we feed the hungry, take in the stranger, clothe the naked, heal the sick, and visit the lonely, we do the will of God. We do God's will not for eternal reward however; we do it because Christ's love has been placed in us.

Just recently, a traveling visitor stopped by our church on a Wednesday evening. He had no money, no place to stay, no food, and no bath for days. All of his worldly possessions were in a small backpack. Unfortunately, we were not able to find him a place to stay as Johnnie's Motel was full and there is no other option for homeless folks in town. We gave him what we had to give which was a few snacks, some money for a hot meal, a Bible, and a blanket. I felt bad that I couldn't offer him a bed in my house, but quite frankly I was too afraid as a woman alone to do so. God will judge me for that decision made out of fear. Yet, this whole experience got me thinking. What could

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Worship: 8:30 am & 11:00 am

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(for all ages)

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we do better when, not if, this happens again? How could we be more prepared to help?

One thing that came to mind was to have a few **sleeping bags** handy that we could give out to those in need. They wouldn't have to be fancy, just warm and waterproof. Bedding like this would make the ground softer while protecting God's children from the elements. Another thing I thought of was that we could have some **traveling visitor kits** available on site. Our traveling visitors would at least be able to wash up and feel human again. I have modified the Mission Central hygiene kits to fit our needs. The kit materials list is found below. Finally, we need to offer some opportunity for a hot meal. **Gift cards to Sheetz or McDonald's** would allow our needy visitors to choose what they wanted to eat along their journey.

Please pray about how God might be leading you to entertain angels unaware. You are free to drop off your donations in the church office or in the back of the overflow area in the sanctuary. Won't you join together, fellow sheep, in this awesome opportunity to help those in need?

In Christ's service,
Pastor Robin †



Traveling Visitors Kit

(Value: approximately \$12.00 per kit)

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|----------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| One hand towel | One toenail or fingernail clipper | One small tube toothpaste |
| One washcloth | One bath size soap | Ten adhesive bandages |
| One comb | One adult toothbrush | One 1-gallon resealable plastic bag |

Assembly Instructions 1. Lay hand towel flat on a table. 2. Lay the washcloth in the center of the hand towel. 3. Place all remaining items on top of the washcloth (except the plastic bag). 4. Fold the sides of the hand towel to cover the items. 5. Grasp the bundle tightly and roll over the remainder of the towel. 6. Place the tightly rolled bundle in the plastic bag, remove air, and seal.



Finance Team Meeting

The regular meeting of the Finance Team was held on May 10, 2018 with five people in attendance.

Old Business: Fire extinguisher – believes this was the overhead stove extinguisher.

New Business: Pricing on new copier. It was agreed to have Sheila make inquiries on leasing versus buying a new copier. The amount we now pay monthly to lease one is \$318.92. It was agreed to transfer \$1,000 from First Friday to General Fund. It was also agreed to transfer \$1,500 from the gym rental and apply to smaller mortgage loan. Under the Restricted Funds, what is Momentum? This was tabled until June meeting. Clarification is requested on the entry of \$5,000 under Mortgage Budget (Special Giving). Is this to be applied to smaller loan? George Heacock suggested that an entry be shown on the balance sheet showing year to date giving versus 2017 giving. This will be checked with Sam Metz. Check # 8360 – CTCB – it was determined that may be county taxes due for first quarter.



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.

May - The regular meeting of the Church Council was held on May 15, 2018 with 10 people in attendance.

Finance: George Heacock reported under Restricted Funds transfer of \$1,000.00 First Friday to General Fund and Gym Rental \$1,500.00 to Small Mortgage. Question of Momentum, which is a youth retreat, have been unable to attend due to the timing of the event. Discussion with new copier and comparing the cost by various companies.

SPRC: Review of SPRC Committee has been completed. The next meeting is June 4, 2018.

Trustee's Report: Did not have a Trustee representative for a report. Sue Nesbitt will discuss with Helen Overly for a Trustee report at the next meeting. The air conditioner is on in some of the church rooms and other rooms are hot. Will refer this to the Trustees.

Conference: Penny Shives reported the Bishop's Initiative of three offerings of \$100.00 each this year at annual conference; which are One Church, Cup of Water and Mission Central. It was agreed to give \$300.00, \$100.00 each to the three missions from the "Blessings Fund". Penny Shives also stated to be discussed at annual conference for pastoral services, is recommending a minimum salary after 15 years of pastoral services of \$48,619.00. This is proposed at annual conference for year 2019. Thank you to Pastor Robin and Penny Shives for attending annual conference this year.

Youth: Kelli reported that she visited Mission Central and obtained items for VBS, HFOH and Strawberry Festival. More teachers and helpers are needed for Children's Church. The youth will be starting their summer schedule and planning on some Summer Fun with the younger children. Volunteers are still needed for the HFOH, which is June 10, 2018 through June 16, 2018.

Outreach Team: Reta Chamberlain reported preparing for the Women's Retreat and the speaker has been engaged. Pastor Robin reported on Saturday, May 26, 2018 in the Faith & Life Center, the Mission Team will be preparing the fleece tie blankets and helpers are welcome, "Many hands make light work".

Old Business: The Bishop's Fun/Walk Run has been rescheduled for Sunday, May 21, 2018 from 3:00 – 5:00 P.M. The "Stenger Musical Memorial" is Sunday, May 21, 2018 at 6:00 P.M., in the Faith & Life Center. George Heacock inquired on the financial report the charge of \$328.00 for fire extinguishers. After review, this was a combined total of AED pads and kitchen fire extinguisher. Mont Chamberlain stated that the batteries for the AED pads are good for three years.

New Business: Pastor Robin reported the church picnic at Cowan's Gap has been scheduled for Sunday, August 12, 2018 and the pavilion has been reserved. Pastor Robin reported that "Re-creation" will be sharing their talents on Sunday, June 24, 2018 at 6:00 P.M., in the Faith & Life Center. Pastor Robin reported on the Council of Bishops, please keep your prayer hats on and Christ is still Lord of the Church.

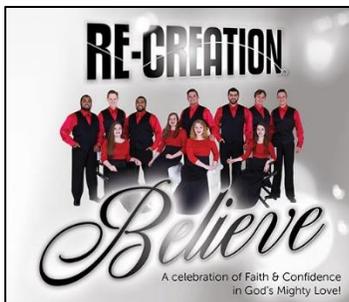


Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6

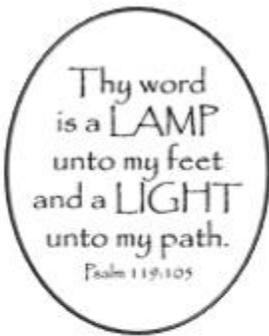
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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 Worship Team Mtg*-6:00p | 01 Annual Conference First Firday Lunch 11a-1p | 02 Annual Conference Love's Closet 9- 11a |
| 03 Recognition of Graduates | 04 SPRC Mtg-6p | 05 | 06 Bible Study-10a & 6:30p | 07 | 08 | 09 |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 Flag Day Finance Mtg-6:30p | 15 | 16 |
| ~ ~ ~ HANDS AND FEET OF HOPE ~ ~ ~ 🙌 ~ ~ ~ HANDS AND FEET OF HOPE ~ ~ ~ 🙌 ~ ~ ~ HANDS AND FEET OF HOPE ~ ~ ~ | | | | | | |
| 17 Father's Day | 18 | 19 Council Mtg-7p | 20 Bible Study-10a & 6:30p | 21 VBS Mtg-6:30p | 22 | 23 |
| 24 Re-Creation-6pm | 25 | 26 Trustee Mtg-7p | 27 Bible Study-10a & 6:30p | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 01 | 02 | Notes: * meet in room beside the office | | | | |

June Birthdays and Anniversaries

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| 01 – Mike Glessner Sr. | 12 – Sid McConahy | 23 – Greg & Vickie Gordon |
| 06 – Vickie Gordon | 13 – David Keaton | 24 – Ellis Yingling |
| 07 – Jean Weller | 14 – Gabrielle McGarvey | 27 – Pam Ott |
| 08 – Gail & Betty McClain | 17 – Dane Pollock | 27 – Nicole Wilson |
| 09 – George Hann Jr. | 20 – Tim & Deb McGarvey | 27 – Ralph & Doretta Mellott |
| 09 – Petie Miller | 21 – Dave & Yvonne Garland | 30 – Ryan Chamberlain |
| 11 – Deacon Garland | 22 – Deb Seiders | 30 – Sarah Keaton |



Make plans to come join in an inspiring celebration of God's great love! Re-Creation will be at the MUMC Faith & Life Center on Sunday, June 24 at 6:00 pm. "Believe" is a dynamic, vibrant church experience focusing on the potential of God's power in our lives. It includes classic hymns, sing-a-longs, children's songs, and more. A love offering will be taken to minister to our US veterans in VA medical centers and state veterans homes. All are welcome!



2018 Reading Plan

| ✓ | Week | Dates |
|---|------|-----------|
| | 23 | Jun 3-9 |
| | 24 | Jun 10-16 |
| | 25 | Jun 17-23 |
| | 26 | Jun 24-30 |

- Week 23**
 o Proverbs 3-5; Romans 10
 o Proverbs 6-7; Psalm 7; Romans 11
 o Proverbs 8-10; Psalm 144; Romans 12
 o Proverbs 11-13; Ps 8; Romans 13
 o Proverbs 14-15; Romans 14
- Week 24**
 o Proverbs 16-18; Romans 15
 o Proverbs 19-21; Ps 40; Romans 16
 o Proverbs 22-23; Ps 117; 1 Thess 1
 o Proverbs 24-25; Ps 41; 1 Thess 2
 o Proverbs 26-28; 1 Thess 3
- Week 25**
 o Proverbs 29-31; 1 Thess 4
 o Song of Sol 1-3; Ps 72; 1 Thess 5
 o Song of Sol 4-6; 2 Thess 1
 o Song of Sol 7-8; Psalm 127; 2 Thess 2
 o 1 Kings 5; 2 Chr 2; 2 Thess 3
- Week 26**
 o 1 Kings 6; 2 Chr 3; 1 Timothy 1
 o 1 Kings 7; 2 Chr 4; Psalm 44; 1 Tim 2
 o 1 Kings 8; Psalm 30; 1 Tim 3
 o 2 Chr 5-7; Psalm 121; 1 Tim 4
 o 1 Kings 9; 2 Chr 8; 1 Tim 5

BIBLE VERSES FOR WHEN YOU FEEL OVERWHELMED

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|--------------|----------------|
| Psalm 61:2 | Psalm 142:3 |
| Isaiah 40:28 | Isaiah 40:31 |
| John 14:1 | 1 Samuel 2:2 |
| Psalm 28:7 | Psalm 37:5 |
| Psalm 37:23 | Ephesians 6:10 |

| JUNE SCREEN SCHEDULE | | |
|----------------------|---------------|----------------|
| DATE | 8:30 SERVICE | 11:00 SERVICE |
| 06.03 | Dave Gourley | NEEDED |
| 06.10 | NEEDED | Josh Booth |
| 06.17 | Kelli Miller | Jeron Fletcher |
| 06.24 | NEEDED | Dave Keaton |
| 07.01 | Dave Gourley | NEEDED |



Mission Central recently announced they expanded their mission and are now making their own “Mission Central Kits”. These will be in addition to kits they will continue to assemble for UMCOR - the United Methodist Committee on Relief. You may remember hearing about, or you may have helped put together, some UMCOR hygiene kits several months ago here at our church that got delivered to Mission Central for distribution. UMCOR has implemented some changes and beginning in 2018 it will only distribute to places in the United States and its territories the relief supply kits that have been most requested in the past (cleaning kits, school kits, and hygiene kits). In order to assist with a variety of other needs Mission Central will assemble seven new kits, i.e. maternity kits, warm hearts & hands kits, and baby kits. For the full list of kits and details on how the kits are made and what items are included, you can go to the Mission Central website at <https://missioncentral.org/current-needs>.

The website also has lists of “current/immediate needs” and “ongoing needs”. If you feel led to organize an effort within our church or community to gather items for these kits please contact the Mission/Outreach Team leaders – Cindy Glessner or Kelli Miller.

Prayer should be our first response, not our last resort.

This & That

CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR
GRADUATES!



High School

Bryce Feagley Josh Booth
Kellyn Perry Erin Cover

Shippensburg University

Katelynn Mellott

West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine

Hannah (Young) Economos

SAVE THE DATE

August 5 thru 9

Vacation Bible School

August 12

Worship Service at Cowan's Gap
State Park and Picnic

September 29

Women's Retreat at MUMC

Thank You

to all the gentlemen that treated us to a delicious Mother's Day Breakfast. Thanks for making us feel special!



Would you be able to help with a meal of hospitality for the Re-Creation gang that's coming June 24?

Reta Chamberlain is coordinating an effort to feed about 20 of the members so if you could help, please contact her about what you could contribute.



ATTENTION PIE BAKERS WE NEED YOU!

Hands and Feet of Hope will be hosting a banquet again this year for the youth workers, leaders, and the residents of the homes where the work was done. If you could supply a homemade pie on June 14 for this special event please see Nancy Cordell.

Some of the crafts planned for **Vacation Bible School** use the cardboard rolls from paper towels and toilet paper. We need about 40 of these by August so if you can please start saving these we'd appreciate it! Donations of colored or patterned duct tape would also be appreciated. See Sue Nesbitt for details.



Congratulations

It was some time ago that Craig Knepper announced to our congregation he was going to heed the call of our Lord and begin the process of becoming a certified lay minister (CLM). As a candidate for CLM Craig has been assigned, by Rev. Dr. Kathleen Kind, Altoona District Superintendent, to serve in the Three Springs Parish. A CLM does not have sacramental authority but can provide pastoral leadership within a local congregation under the supervision of a clergy person. In this case, that is Pastor Ronald E. Folk. Three Springs Parish is comprised of six churches – Cornelius Chapel, Mapleton Depot; First Three Springs, Three Springs; Grace Three Springs, Three Springs; Mt. Carmel Three Springs, Three Springs; Waterfall Zion, Waterfall; and Wells Valley, Wells Tannery. We wish Craig all the best as he begins this new path. May God bless his obedience.



~ Servant of the Month ~
by Reta Chamberlain

Servant of the Month for June is SUE NESBITT. Sue has been a member of the church since 1967/68. The committees Sue is on for the church are Chair of Administrative Church Council, Finance Team, Planning Team for HFOH. She has been a Sunday School Teacher for 4th/5th grades, been involved with Vacation Bible School and choir as well. Sue has also been a Certified Lay Speaker for many years. A Lay Representative to Annual Conference and is the Teller for Annual Conference for the past 6 years. Sue is also involved with Love's Closet where she checks people in, does the record keeping and helping to administer it's Facebook page.

When asked what Sue likes to do in her spare time she says she likes to read and volunteer for Bible Release at the McConnellsburg Elementary School and a lot of her spare time this year is helping to plan her daughter, Ellen's, wedding in the fall. One of the highlights for her every year that she can is attending The Aldersgate Conference. She says she enjoys times of singing and praise and it renews her and brings a fresh vision and commitment to the work of the Kingdom of God.

When asked what her favorite Bible verse is she said Romans 8:28. "For ALL things work together for good, to those who love God and called according to HIS purpose." She says bad things are going to happen to us. Sometimes from our own poor choices and sometimes from things we have no control over. In this verse God continues to remind her that when she turns it over to HIM, he's going to show up and can count on HIS influence in the situation or in her to bring about something good and precious. Sometimes it's a peace so profound that words can't explain it. Sometimes it's a closeness to HIM that may not have come unless she had to depend so completely on HIM. And sometimes it's the realization that what we thought was a bad thing was really God's way of getting to the place where he could bless us with the best. So thankful for HIS mercy that forgives all the times we say or do wrong things and for HIS grace that continues to bless us. He loves us and we are his children. God Is Good!



As the choir begins its summer break, we'd like to thank you all for your support throughout our 2017-18 season. We look forward to hearing the special music coming in the summer months. The summer music sign-up sheet is located on the memorial case.

A Sunday School teacher began her lesson with a question, "Boys and girls, what do we know about God?"

A hand shot up in the air.

"He is an artist!" said the kindergarten boy.

"Really? How do you know?"

the teacher asked.

"You know - Our Father, who does art in Heaven.."





Bishops, The Upper Room launch Phase 3 of Praying Our Way Forward

For Immediate Release

May 23, 2018

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Council of Bishops, in partnership with **The Upper Room**, is launching Phase 3 of **Praying our Way Forward**. **Phase 1** involved 84 members of the Council of Bishops praying for The United Methodist Church's way forward for 15 minutes daily, from August to December 2016. This was followed by **Phase 2**, which resulted in 18 continuous months of daily individual and corporate prayer by faithful members of annual conferences around the globe.

"Now we are ready to launch Phase 3, which begins June 3 and continues through the **Special Session of General Conference** in February 2019. In this phase, we are encouraging every United Methodist to fast weekly and to pray daily with the **Council of Bishops**," said Bishop Al Gwinn, the Prayer Team Coordinator.

In Phase 3, all United Methodists are invited to:

1. Engage in a weekly Wesleyan 24-hour fast from Thursday after dinner to Friday mid-afternoon. Those who have health situations causing food fasts to be unadvisable might consider fasting from social media, emails or another daily activity.
2. Pause and pray for our church's mission and way forward daily for four minutes from 2:23 through 2:26 a.m. or p.m. in their own time zone OR at another time. This is because the Special Session of General Conference will be held February 23 through February 26, 2019.
3. Pray using a weekly prayer calendar that will be posted on the UMCPrays.org website from June 2, 2018, through the end of February 2019. The calendar will list a unique cluster of names each week. The names will balance United States bishops and delegates with Central Conference bishops and delegates. It will also include General Secretaries, Commission on a Way Forward members, the Commission of the General Conference and the staff of the General Conference.

"We urge every Annual Conference to use the video available on the umcprays.org website to promote Phase 3 of Praying Our Way Forward. There will also be a local church media kit with downloadable resources including logos, social media posts, and bulletin inserts available by Memorial Day," said Tom Albin, director of Spiritual Formation for The Upper Room.

Bishop Debra Wallace-Padgett, Council of Bishops Life Together chair, added: "We believe that the acts of weekly fasting and prayer will help us approach General Conference both individually and corporately in a posture of humility and receptivity to one another and to the leadership of God's Holy Spirit,"

For more details, visit **UMCPrays.org**.

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At the time of this publication, the weekly prayer calendar mentioned in item 3 has not yet been posted on the website. It is expected in the coming weeks we will hear more about when the Susquehanna Annual Conference is listed.



SOUTHERN BAKED APPLES

8 medium apples, peeled and cored
2 T butter, melted
1/2 tsp. cinnamon
1/8 tsp. nutmeg
2 T butter
1 – 14 oz. can condensed milk
3/4 cup chopped pecans
3 T milk

Arrange apples in baking dish. Brush with butter, sprinkle with cinnamon and nutmeg. Bake at 350 degrees for 40 to 45 minutes or until tender. Prepare sauce in small pan. Melt 2 tablespoons butter and stir in condensed milk until smooth. Stir in pecans and 3 tablespoons milk. Cook over low heat 7 to 10 minutes until thickened. Remove from heat. Serve warm over baked apples.

Patricia Horton, 2009 McConnellsburg United Methodist Church Cookbook

STRAWBERRY PIE

1 box strawberry Jello gelatin
3/4 cup sugar
2 T cornstarch
1 1/2 cups boiling water
2 cups strawberries, sliced
1 baked deep dish pie shell
OR 1 graham cracker pie crust
Cool Whip

Combine gelatin, sugar, cornstarch and water in a saucepan and cook until gelatin is dissolved. Cool. Fill pie shell with sliced berries and add cooled gelatin mixture. Refrigerate until fully set. Top with whipped topping before serving. (I mix the berries and sauce together and let jell a little before putting in the pie shell.)

Sherry Metz, 2009 McConnellsburg United Methodist Church Cookbook

God Bless My Kitchen

God bless my little kitchen
(I love it's every nook)
And bless me as I do my work,
Wash pots and pans, and cook.

May the meals that I prepare
Be seasoned from above
With Thy blessing and Thy grace
But most of all Thy love.

As we partake of earthly food,
Thy table for us spread,
We'll not forget to thank Thee, Lord,
Who gives us daily bread.

So bless my little kitchen, God,
And those who enter in,
May they find naught but joy and peace
And happiness therein.
Amen.

**Fathers have a great impact on our lives and our faith. As we celebrate Father's Day
let's see how many fathers from the Bible you can recognize from these clues.**

1. Which father almost sacrificed his son in obedience to God?
2. Who was Solomon's father?
3. Who had twin boys?
4. Who was the first father on earth?
5. Whose sons became the twelve tribes of Israel?
6. What was the name of John the Baptist's father, who was silence by God until John's birth?
7. Who was Jesus' earthly father?
8. Which father lost all his children on the same day but later received more children as a blessing from God?
9. Who was the father of Archelaus that was a powerful king and was responsible for "the massacre of innocents"?
10. Who was the father of Rufus that helped Jesus carry His cross to Calvary?

Answers: 1. Abraham, 2. David, 3. Isaac, 4. Adam, 5. Jacob, 6. Zechariah,
7. Joseph, 8. Job, 9. Herod, 10. Simon of Cyrene

“Lord, thank you for the fathers who point us to you.
Help us learn from their examples as we
strive to obey your word.
Amen.”