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IN CHRIST'S LOVE, WE FOLLOW, SERVE & REACH OUT

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Church Family-

Ruth Ann Apple
Jim Barth
Abe and Gabby Fisher - adoption
Minerva Fronk
Wayne Goodling
Ralph Hanawalt
Eugene Heidler
Ethel Lentz
Gary Lentz
Helen McKee
Mildred Spade

Friends -

George Auken - Stage 4 lung
cancer, inoperable brain
tumor
*Joan Fulkroad - ALS
Dick Hart - leukemia
Joe Kerstetter and family - his
wife Bonnie passed away
*Ruth Lawan (kidnapped Ni-
gerian girl assigned to
Bunkertown)
*Molly McClure - 3 year old with
leukemia
*Dave McDowell - osteomyelitis

Michael Phillips - Martha Phillips
nephew, cancer surgery

Darlis Showalter - update -
cousin to Ethel Lentz;
pneumonia is gone
however still has cancer,
can use our prayers

Bob & Vera Sierer - health issues

Harriet Whitesel - cancer

the Jail Ministry, the Juniata
Co. Food Pantry, Church
Board, and the Deacon Body.

Service Men and Women

HOURS

Office	Mon-Fri, 9-2
Worship Service	9:00 a.m.
Social Time	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School	10:30 a.m.

CHURCH STAFF MEMBERS

Pastor	Wes Stahl
Secretary	Caprice French
Clerk	Charlotte Swartz
Treasurer	Ralph Hanawalt
Moderator	Linda Titzell
Preschool teach- ers	Lori Alderfer & Cindy Lucas



ANNOUNCEMENTS



PRAYER VIGILS ~ There will be a prayer vigil from Saturday, June 24 from 7:00 p.m. to Sunday, June 25 at 7:00 p.m. The theme will be “Godly Fathers.” Please sign up in the narthex.

There will be a prayer vigil on Saturday, July 15 from 7:00 p.m. through Sunday, July 16 at 7:00 p.m. The theme will be “Vacation Bible School.”

SENIOR SUPPER ~ will meet on Monday, June 12th at 5:00 p.m. It will be pot luck.. Hope to see you there!

SIGNUP FOR AWANA VOLUNTEERS! See the signup sheet in the narthex to volunteer for Awana, starting September 10th. Questions? See Donna Hanawalt, Stephanie Freyermuth, Barb Grove, Vickie Stahl or Deedre Mitchell.

VBS IS FAST APPROACHING! It will be July 17-21. If you already know what you would like to do, please let Torie Susan know. So be praying about how you can help and be ready to sign up!

THANK YOU ~ A special thank you to my church family for all the meals, visits, calls, cards and prayers I received during my recovery and since returning home. Also for the many cards in remembrance of my birthday. May God bless you all for loving care is my prayer ~ Mildred Spade



THANK YOU ~ quote from a note to Linda Leonard - “I also appreciate the awesome things your church sends me every Christmas. It is very kind of them to do that.” ~ Aimee Harmon (great niece of Linda and Rosalita Leonard in the Air Force.)

HEARTBEAT COMMUNITY SERVICES ~ will hold a huge yard sale on Saturday, June 10th from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at 402 East Sunbury Street, Millerstown. Proceeds from the sale will benefit this local Pro-Life Ministry which has served Perry & Juniata County since 1985. In addition, individuals may donate their own yard sale items to the Heartbeat Yard Sale. Big or small, all items will be greatly appreciated. Items may be brought to 402 Easy Sunbury Street, Millerstown on Thursday, June 8th from noon to 8:00 p.m. and/or Friday, June 9th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. (preferably with items priced). Any questions, please contact Rodney Helwig at 717-694-3356.

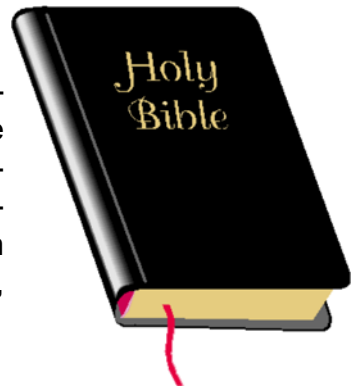
THE RELAY FOR LIFE EVENT will be at Derry Township Park beginning on Saturday, June 10th at 10 am and running through 10am on Sunday, June 11th. The event requires that we have a team member on the walking trail during at all times during this 24-hour period. We will be placing a sign-up sheet in the narthex of the church for anyone who is interested in walking. Again, we’ve appreciated your willingness in the past to help support the team through your prayers and physical/financial support. Our goal is to raise \$5000 this year. If you prefer not to walk, but would rather experience the activities that happen at this event, please feel free to come visit us at Derry Township Park. We’d love to see you there!



THE CHOIR ~ will be taking the summer off and will begin again in September. Enjoy your break!

Read Through The Bible

Reading God's Word keeps us in contact with our Creator and Savior. God reveals His plan for all creation and specifically your life in the pages of Scripture. Through continuous Bible reading we become familiar with the history of the world and with the plan of Salvation and restoration in Christ, but we also learn how to live our lives each day through the practical application of Biblical truth. If you are not in God's Word, You cannot fully experience God's wonderful plan for your life!



Read the passages listed on the day they are associated with. If you miss a day, just move on to the current day. Trying to "catch up" may become overwhelming and cause you to give up. Start reading today and get ready to worship in the Word!

Jun 1 Ps 119:89-176

Jun 2 Sng 1-8

Jun 3 Prov 1-3

Jun 4 Prov 4-6

Jun 5 Prov 7-9

Jun 6 Prov 10-12

Jun 7 Prov 13-15

Jun 8 Prov 16-18

Jun 9 Prov 19-21

Jun 10 Prov 22-24

Jun 11 1 Kgs 5-6, 2 Chr 2-3

Jun 12 1 Kgs 7, 2 Chr 4

Jun 13 1 Kgs 8, 2 Chr 5

Jun 14 2 Chr 6-7, Ps 136

Jun 15 Ps 134, Ps 146-150

Jun 16 1 Kgs 9, 2 Chr 8

Jun 17 Prov 25-26

Jun 18 Prov 27-29

Jun 19 Eccl 1-6

Jun 20 Eccl 7-12

Jun 21 1 Kgs 10-11, 2 Chr 9

Jun 22 Prov 30-31

Jun 23 1 Kgs 12-14

Jun 24 2 Chr 10-12

Jun 25 1 Kgs 15:1-24, 2 Chr 13-16

Jun 26 1 Kgs 15:25-16:34, 2 Chr 17

Jun 27 1 Kgs 17-19

Jun 28 1 Kgs 20-21

Jun 29 1 Kgs 22, 2 Chr 18

Jun 30 2 Chr 19-23



REMINDERS AND MISSIONS

REMINDERS

The **JULY** newsletter deadline is Sunday, June 18th. The **DEADLINE** for the weekly bulletin is each Thursday at noon.

MISSIONS

JUNE'S MISSIONARY OFFERING is Brethren Disaster Ministries. May's offering was Juniper Missions - Haiti with a total of \$685.00 with one Sunday to give.

THE 69TH ANNUAL WOMEN'S CAMP RETREAT will be at Camp Eder on June 12th and 13th. Information is in the narthex. Sponsored by the Southern PA District Nurture Commission, Women's Camp 2017 promises to be a time of spiritual and physical refreshment and renewal. In addition to multiple speaker sessions, activities will include a campfire, hymn sing in Camp Eder's historic Miller Meeting house, hikes and time set aside to relax and fellowship around the table.



NEWS FROM NIGERIA ~ We rejoice in the return of the 82 Nigerian girls captured more than 3 years ago. Continue to pray for them as it was reported in prior releases that they face a difficult time of assimilating back into their old lives.

Sadly, Ruth Lawan, Bunkertown's assigned girl, was not among those returned. Continue to uphold Ruth and her family. ~ Rosalita Leonard

ANNUAL CONFERENCE PROJECT

~The annual "Witness to the Host City" project for Annual Conference in Grand Rapids is supplies for Bethany Christian, for its work with children and refugees and the Refugee Education Center for distribution to refugee families. Items accepted are sets of sheets, pencils, pens, notebooks, backpacks, snack bars, and packages of crackers or dried fruit. Linda and Rosalita will take these items along to Conference. Look for the box in the vestibule, and give them by June 25. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

NEW GLOBAL MISSIONS PROJECTS

~ Are you aware of new global mission projects by the Church of the Brethren? See the Newline Digest posted on the mission bulletin board. One of these is in the Africa Great Lakes area and includes Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda, and Burundi. This is in addition to continuing support of the work in Nigeria. Another area where we are working is in Venezuela. This ministry focuses on teaching and preaching.

Speaking of Nigeria you have heard that another 80+ of the girls kidnapped in Nigeria were released recently. Ruth Lawan, the girl assigned to our church for specific prayer, was not listed among those who were released. We ask you to continue to hold her in prayer as well as those girls who were released and all of the families.

~Linda Leonard, Mission Advocate

CELEBRATING THIS MONTH

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 2 - Alan Varner
8 - Esther Lauver
9 - Jonathan Hummel
10 - Lisa Peters
 - Alexis Stuck
 RosaLinda Susan
11 - Steve E. Swartz (Jr.)
13 - Suzann Shallenberger
17 - Heather Colyer
22 - Roger Shallenberger
 - Darlis Strawser
 - Jerry Frontz
25 - Mary Evelyn Yeater
26 - Shannon Boop
27 - Ralph Hanawalt
29 - Jodie Burris
 Julian Shirk
 Adeline Minium
30 - Beau Truitt



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 4 - Alan & Shannon Boop ('05)
7 - Jim & Donna Jean Barth ('52)
10 - John & Ruth Ann Kahley ('84)
11 - Abe & Gabby Fisher ('05)
15 - Roy & Gail Burns ('69)
22 - Wes & Vicki Stahl
23 - Jerry & Colleen Frontz ('73)
25 - Greg & Heather Colyer ('94)
 Rufus & Esther Lauver
28 - Darvin & Teresa Forry ('86)
 - David & Chris Resinger ('97)



JUST A REMINDER that the weekly bulletin is now available online. Go to the church website, click on the news tab, then look next to the worship icon. The bulletin is available to print out for your convenience. **Also, the newsletter and calendar are available online. Don't forget the new church app!**

The Executive Board will meet at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, July 11th. The Church Board will meet at 7 p.m. in the conference room.

2017 BOARD MEMBERS

Doug Shellenberger - Chair
 Tim Burris - Vice-Chair
 Charlotte Swartz - Church clerk

NURTURE COMMISSION

Jason Stuck - Chair
 Tim Burris - Vice-chair
 Suzie Shallenberger - Secretary
 Larry Sellers

STEWARDS COMMISSION

Doug Kline - Chair
 John Kahley - Vice-Chair
 Merv Strawser - Secretary
 Jim Haubert

WITNESS COMMISSION

Judi Neimond, Chair
 Nick Kline - Vice Chair
 Ron Gordon, Secretary
 Diane Spade



UPCOMING EVENTS



PRAYER GROUP - Come join us Sunday mornings at 8:45 a.m. A praying church is a growing church. Also, prayer group meets Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

MEN'S BREAKFAST ~ Saturday, July 1st at 7:00 a.m.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ~ Monday, July 17 - Friday, July 21st, 5:45 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.



JUNE NURSERY

June 4	Bev Richmond, Sue Truitt
June 11	Millie Corbin, Barb Smith
June 18	Hannah Bashore, Millie Corbin
June 25	Judy Hoffman, Stephanie Freyermuth

JUNE HELPERS

	Instrumentalist	Off., Hymn, postlude	AV Techs	Jr. Church
June 4	Chris Kline	Suzie Shallenberger	Ron Gordon / Dean Yeater	Jessica Painter
June 11	Stephanie Freyermuth	Rosalita Leonard	Nick Kline/Abe Fisher	Jodie Burris
June 18	Chris Kline	Chris Kline	Tony Neimond/Ron Gordon	Shannon Boop/Mandy Brown
June 25	Stephanie Freyermuth	Linda Leonard	Andy Carvell/Ron Gordon	Deedre Mitchell

Junior Church, 1st - 3rd Grade - June 4 - Betty Helwig; June 11 - Kim & Lexi Stuck; June 18 & 25 - Donna & Ralph Hanawalt; Apr 30 - Stephanie Freyermuth

Ushers	Jon Hummel, Chief Larry Sellers, Jake Peters
Greeters	Jim Haubert & Chris Reisinger
C/D Ministry	John Bachman
Jail Ministry, 4th Sunday	NONE
Counting Committee	Harry & Hannah Bashore, Ruth Ann Apple, Sue Truitt
Bethesda Mission - 1st Saturday	Team #2

DEACONS

May 28 - June 3	Dan & Cindy Houtz
June 4 - 10	Merv & Darlis Strawser
June 11 - 17	Harry & Hannah Bashore
June 18 - 24	Rod Knouse
June 25 - July 2	Dan & Cindy Houtz

Thank You

Thank you to everyone for all the cards, phone calls, and prayers during my recent illness. ~ Helen McKee

The next Deacon meeting is on Tuesday, July 25th at 7:00 p.m.