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From the Pastor's Desk



Greetings to you and peace from God our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

In preparation for this issue's message, we are one week past the horrific mass killing in Orlando, Florida and have heard endless reports about all the factors that may have led this man to do what he did. And, of course, we have heard endless cries for gun control laws to be passed. Once again, in hearing the news reports and the voices speaking for gun control, I keep thinking in my mind that it is not guns that actually do the killing. The gun is just a machine that in the hands of the wrong person using it for the wrong reason the killing happens.

I liken this to automobiles. For 99.99999% of people, an automobile is a safe machine, a vehicle to transport us from one location to another. But, there are times (like I encountered on my way to the office this morning and was re-routed because of an accident on Stoverstown road) when the driver of said vehicle is distracted or not paying close attention and an accident occurs. Depending on the severity of the accident, there could be injury or even death. And then there is the issue of drivers who choose to drive impaired because of alcohol or drug use because when they choose to drive impaired, they have no regard for anyone else who may be traveling the same route they are taking. No matter what the outcome of the automobile accident may be, it is not the automobile that is responsible for the injury or death of other people. It is the responsibility of the driver who was distracted or impaired.

In my mind the same logic applies to guns. It is not the gun itself that causes injury or death, it is the person handling the gun who chooses to injure or kill another human being. Now, I will agree that we should address assault rifles and the number of rounds that a clip can hold at any given time. There is no need outside of a war situation that anyone should be able to possess an assault rifle or fire more than one, two or three rounds in a few seconds, and so I would support legislation that eliminates the multiple round clips available through over the counter sales as well as the availability of assault rifles. I know there are many elements of my stance that need to be tweaked, but I really think that gun control legislation is like placing a band aid on a gaping wound. Instead of gun control and taking a gun away from responsible carriers, I think that we as a nation need to address the issues that have so many people so angry they feel driven to take the lives of others.



There is another issue making the headlines the past few days that really hits close to home. It is the controversy over the sign at our sister church in Dallastown. The message that was placed on the sign board stating "Wishing a blessed Ramadan to our Muslim neighbors" is offensive to some people. At least one person was offended to the point of making a public issue of his differing opinion and thus news outlets from the local to the national level have reported on this issue. I personally have no problem with anyone showing their support of another culture at all. What I do have a problem with is others telling me that I can't say "Merry Christmas" etc. even though it is a central focus on my belief system. Because they are of a different faith or culture, they are offended by my greeting. If I encounter someone greeting me with something central to their faith or culture, I will accept that as part of who they are. I would only hope that they would do likewise. To me it is a matter of respect for another's differing point of view. "We just have to agree to disagree" has now become "I am offended by your thoughts and words so you don't have the right to say what you think!" Since when did we become a culture that will not allow individuality if it differs from our way of thinking?

Terrorism, gun control, offensive greetings, child abuse, any abuse.... What do they have in common? I think a baseline factor is personal response/responsibility. In my mind in regards to where we find ourselves today, I keep coming back to - W.W.J.D. - what would Jesus do? Now my answer to that question may differ from your answer and for me, that is all right. Is it all right with you that my answer may differ from yours?

God Bless!

With love, Pastor Lou Ann



SPECIAL SERVICES in JULY

July 3 – Pentecost 7

Gospel: Luke 10:1-20

Sermon: "The Reason for Rejoicing"

Special Music: Blymire's Brass Band

3

July 10 – Pentecost 8—Communion

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

Sermon: "Caring Neighbors"

Special Music: Tom Ensminger

July 17 – Pentecost 9

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

Sermon: "Are You Mary or Martha?"

Special Music: Sonny Swords

3

July 24 – Pentecost 10

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

Sermon: "Ask, Search, Knock"

Special Music: Tim Sleeth

3

July 31 — Pentecost 11

Gospel: Luke 12: 13-21

Sermon: "Soul Investment"

Special Music: Linda Viscount

SPECIAL SERVICES in AUGUST

August 7 – Pentecost 12

Gospel: Luke 12:32-40

Sermon: “Be Ready”

Special Music: Keith Collier

August 14 – Pentecost 13

Gospel: Luke 12:49-56

Sermon: “Signs of the Times”

Special Music: Greatly Blessed

August 21 - Pentecost 14

Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

Sermon: “Healing Reign”

Special Music: Joyce Horning

August 28 - Pentecost 15

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Sermon: “Open Table”

Special Music: Love, Peace and Joy



INTER-FAITH SERVICE

As part of Dallastown’s 150th anniversary celebration this year, the Dallastown-Yoe Ministerium will be holding an inter-faith service at the Dallastown Middle School on Sunday, August 28, beginning at 2:00 PM. A community choir from the participating churches and the Golden Agers will be singing. Ron Dyer will be playing the piano. Area clergy will be leading the service, with special speakers Pastor Curt Weber and Byron Borger. All are invited!!

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

Freda Berry

1240 South Pleasant Avenue

Dallastown, PA 17313

244-2282

Peggy Luckenbaugh

Room 704B

Colonial Manor Nursing Home

York, PA 17403



Anita Spahr

36 West Main Street

Dallastown, PA 17313

244-7392



**Remember
and pray for
Our Members
in the
Military**

A1C Ness, Brandon

98950 East Harmony Lane

Tucson, AZ 85748

SCHEDULE OF DUTIES for JULY

GREETERS:

July 3 - Sonja Ness
July 10 - Nelson Leader
July 17 - Donna Hartley
July 24 - Curt & Ginny Weber
July 31 - Gwen Wise

GIFT COLLECTORS:

July 3 - Ken & Ida Michaels
July 10 - Heather Matthews
July 17 - Nancy Myers
July 24 - Kevin & Renne Myers
July 31 - Joel & Stephanie Frey

LAY READERS:

July 3 - Janie Montgomery
July 10 - Nelson Leader
July 17 - Linda Rost
July 24 - Ginny Weber
July 31 - Joel Frey

ACOLYTES:

July 3 - Terry Doll & Jeri Jones
July 10 - Ginny Weber
July 17 - Janie Montgomery
July 24 - Ed & Judy Bishop
July 31 - Lonnie & Carol Barnhart

COFFEE SOCIAL HOSTS:

July 3 - To be announced
July 10 - To be announced
July 17 - Nancy Myers
July 24 - To be announced
July 31 - To be announced

SOUND SYSTEM OPERATORS:

July 3 - Terry Doll
July 10 - Ed Adams
July 17 - Chase Matthews
July 24 - Wyatt Myers
July 31 - To be announced

LIGHTING OPERATORS:

July 3 - Greg Ness
July 10 - Joel Frey
July 17 - Greg Ness
July 24 - Sterling Boyd
July 31 - To be announced

CAMERA OPERATORS:

July 3 - Greg Ness
July 10 - John Sterling
July 17 - Todd Miller
July 24 - Terry Doll
July 31 - Greg Ness

VIDEO OPERATORS:

July 3 - Sydney Brown
July 10 - Tessa Myers
July 17 - Judy Bishop
July 24 - Nelson Leader
July 31 - Nelson Leader

ALTAR GUILD: Jean McDowell & Barb Adams

SCHEDULE OF DUTIES for AUGUST

GREETERS:

August 7 - Nancy Taylor
August 14 - Beth & Kari March
August 21 - Susan McDowell
August 28 - Linda Flinchbaugh

GIFT COLLECTORS:

August 7 - Sally Bosley
August 14 - Charlie Diehl
August 21 - Nelson Leader
August 28 - David & Susan McDowell

LAY READERS:

August 7 - Susan McDowell
August 14 - Joyce Platts
August 21 - Nelson Leader
August 28 - Linda Eichelberger

ACOLYTES:

August 7 - Heather & Eli Matthews
August 14 - Randi & Eric John
August 21 - Joel & Stephanie Frey
August 28 - Janie Montgomery

COFFEE SOCIAL HOSTS:

August 7 - To be announced
August 14 - Church Picnic
August 21 - To be announced
August 28 - To be announced

SOUND SYSTEM OPERATORS:

August 7 - Terry Doll
August 14 - Ed Adams
August 21 - Chase Matthews
August 28 - Wyatt Myers

LIGHTING OPERATORS:

August 7 - Greg Ness
August 14 - Joel Frey
August 21 - Greg Ness
August 28 - Sterling Boyd

CAMERA OPERATORS:

August 7 - Greg Ness
August 14 - John Sterling
August 21 - Todd Miller
August 28 - Terry Doll

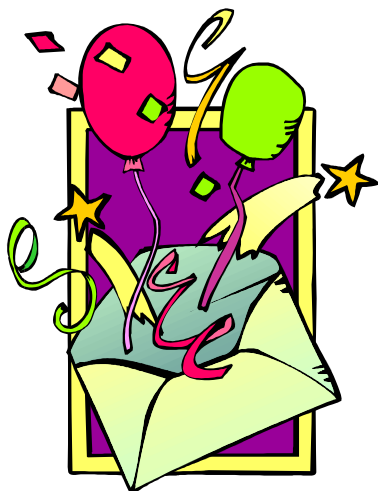
VIDEO OPERATORS:

August 7 - Sydney Brown
August 14 - Tessa Myers
August 21 - Judy Bishop
August 28 - Nelson Leader

ALTAR GUILD: Jean McDowell & Barb Adams

DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER: August 15

JULY BIRTHDAYS



***May God
Bless You
On Your
Birthday!***

- | | |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Erin Ness | 26. Jay Innerst |
| 3. Derek Troop, Jr. | Sarah Leader |
| 4. Billy Roelke | DeLaney Woerner |
| 8. Betty Hyser | Sequoia Innerst |
| 9. Christine Pope | 28. Sandra Koicuba |
| 11. Toni Flinchbaugh | 29. Ruth Grove |
| Christina Lutz | Ruth Knaper |
| 12. Ken Michael | Doris Harper |
| 13. Carrie Rutledge | 30. LeAnn Eberly |
| Heather Barley | 31. Jim McDowell |
| John Montgomery | |
| 14. Trent Brown | |
| 16. Randi John | |
| 18. Wanda Strickler | |
| 19. Trudy Wise | |
| Dennis Ness | |
| Curt Weber | |
| Travis Rost | |
| Joyce Shenberger | |
| 20. Scott Smith | |
| 22. Maranda Morton | |

CELEBRATING JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- July 8 - Greg and Sonja Ness - 49 years
July 8 - Brad and Cindie McKinsey - 44 years
July 19 - Kevin and Renne Myers - 19 years
July 25 - W. Edwin and Judy Bishop - 31 years

AUGUST
BIRTHDAYS



***May God
Bless You
On Your
Birthday!***

- | | | | |
|-----|------------------|-----|-------------------|
| 2. | Sterling Boyd | 25. | Oliver Holtzapple |
| | Dave Miller | 27. | Lakota Innerst |
| | Ariel Leader | 29. | Heather Matthews |
| 3. | Terri Diehl | | Nancy Rutledge |
| 4. | Janet Williamson | 30. | Ryan Woerner |
| | David McDowell | | |
| 9. | Terry Doll | | |
| 10. | Sue Myers | | |
| 11. | Madelynn Barley | | |
| 12. | Peggy | | |
| | Luckenbaugh | | |
| | Amelia Ness | | |
| | Samuel Ness | | |
| 13. | Elizabeth Giese | | |
| 17. | Lucas Smith | | |
| | Bonnie Sipe | | |
| 19. | Greg Ness | | |
| | Joan Schell | | |
| 22. | Christina Barley | | |
| 24. | Barb Marshall | | |

CELEBRATING AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- Aug. 1 - Lonnie and Carol Barnhart - 52 years
Aug. 4 - Matthew and Jill Boyd - 15 years
Aug. 10 - Ed and Barb Adams - 42 years
Aug. 14 - Craig and Linda Rost - 45 years
Aug. 16 - David and Brenda Miller - 47 years
Aug. 18 - Charles and Janet Williamson - 38 years
Aug. 19 - Doug and Tina Leader - 27 years
Aug. 19 - Ryan and Jenna Woerner - 11 years

FINANCIAL REPORT

Undesignated General Fund

Red Brick Chapel

Cemetery

Month-2016	Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Income	Expense
January	\$7,887.33	\$8,395.21	\$549.65	\$151.88	\$451.20	\$0.00
February	\$14,123.82	\$8,677.36	\$1,249.27	\$181.00	\$0.73	\$1,095.00
March	\$9,627.13	\$11,746.85	\$522.60	\$413.84	\$0.64	\$2,324.23
April	\$8,812.60	\$7,989.95	\$503.95	\$123.18	\$0.48	\$325.00
May	\$11,191.79	\$8,122.81	\$1,002.85	\$2,056.78	\$0.40	\$1,485.00
June						
July						
August						
September						
October						
November						
December						
Total	\$51,642.67	\$44,932.18	\$3,828.32	\$2,925.78	\$453.45	\$5,229.23

Balance of Undesignated General Fund @ June 1, 2016

\$10,325.22

Balance of Red Brick Chapel Fund @ June 1, 2016

(Includes \$40,069.44 Endowment)

\$64,360.61

Balance of Cemetery Fund @ June 1, 2016

(Includes \$699,508.85 CD's, Trusts, UCC Foundation))

\$703,697.29

Financial Assistance Given through Hand of Hope Fund - 2016

	#	Total	Monthly	Available
	Families	\$\$\$	Donations	Balance
Beginning				\$ 361.26
January	2	\$ 50.00	\$ 80.31	\$ 391.57
February	2	\$ 75.00	\$ 95.47	\$ 412.04
March			\$ 96.41	\$ 508.45
April	3	\$ 75.00	\$ 82.46	\$ 515.91
May	2	\$ 50.00	\$ 95.29	\$ 561.20
June				
July				
August				
September				
October				
November				
December				
Total	9	\$ 250.00	\$ 449.94	



Our Women's Book Club will hold their summer meetings on the following Tuesdays: July 12, July 26, and August 9, at 10:00 AM in the Gathering Room. We will continue to discuss John Ortberg's All the Places You Will Go: How Will I Know? Rarely, in the Bible does God tell someone to "stay." Instead He opens doors and invites us to walk through, into the unknown. Come join us in a talk about how doors can lead to divine adventure. New members are always welcome.



On Saturday, July 23, at 5:30 PM we will be holding a Picnic Potluck and Movie Night. We will gather in our pavilion at 5:30 PM to eat. The church will provide hot dogs and barbeque, but please bring a salad, pasta, or vegetable dish as well as desserts to share with others. When we have finished eating, we will venture in to the sanctuary and watch the movie "Pete's Dragon"! Any questions, call 244-0655.

Another Potluck Dinner and Movie Night will be held on Saturday, October 1, again at 5:30 PM. The movie will be "Open Season." Check upcoming newsletters and bulletins for more details.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our church will be setting up a booth to hand out flyers about the church and have sand art projects for children at the following events this summer: Jacobus 4th of July Blast, Red Lion Street Fair, Dallastown Carnival, and Jacobus Labor Day Street Fair. If you are able to volunteer a few hours of your time at any of these events, please sign up on the sheets in the Gathering Room. Thank you.



Mark your calendars!! Our annual church picnic has been scheduled for Sunday, August 14. Worship that day will start at 10:00 AM, with the picnic to follow. More information will be available in upcoming bulletins.

DALLASTOWN PARADE

On Saturday, September 10, Dallastown will be holding a parade to celebrate the borough's 150th anniversary. We would like to enter a float depicting our church, both past and present. We will need volunteers to help construct the float. We will also need people wearing costumes from the 1860's and from modern times to ride on the float. If you would like to help in any way with this project, please see Nelson Leader or Pastor Lou Ann.



Check out the banner that our church has purchased for the celebration. It is on the pole on Main Street between Locust Street and North Pleasant Avenue, near St. Joseph's Catholic Church.



On Saturday, July 9, and Saturday, August 13, from 11:00AM-1:00PM, the Men's Group will once again be selling their famous chicken BBQ. You will get a 1/2 chicken, baked potato, and roll and butter all for \$7.00. If you would like to place an order, please fill out the slip below and turn it in to the church office or call 244-0655.

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Number of Dinners ____ x \$7.00 = _____



SCRAPBOOKING/ CRAFTING EVENT

Fundraiser to benefit S.J.B. TEENS

**St. John's Blymire's U.C.C.
1009 Blymire Road
Dallastown, PA 17313
717-244-0655**

Friday, September 16th

Saturday, September 17th

8:00 am to 10:00 pm

both days

Costs: ONE DAY—\$30.00 BOTH DAYS—\$50.00

**This includes Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner,
snacks, drinks,
and your work table**

Detach and return your registration with payment by check made payable to:

Barb Marshall

212 North Main Street, Jacobus, PA 17407

Name: _____

e-mail: _____

Person you would like to sit with: _____

Which day(s) you will attend: _____



Healing Hearts Inspirations

July 2016



America is a tune.
It must be sung together.

Gerald Stanley Lee



We can never untangle all the woes in other people's lives. We can't produce miracles overnight. But we can bring a cup of cool water to a thirsty soul, or a scoop of laughter to a lonely heart.

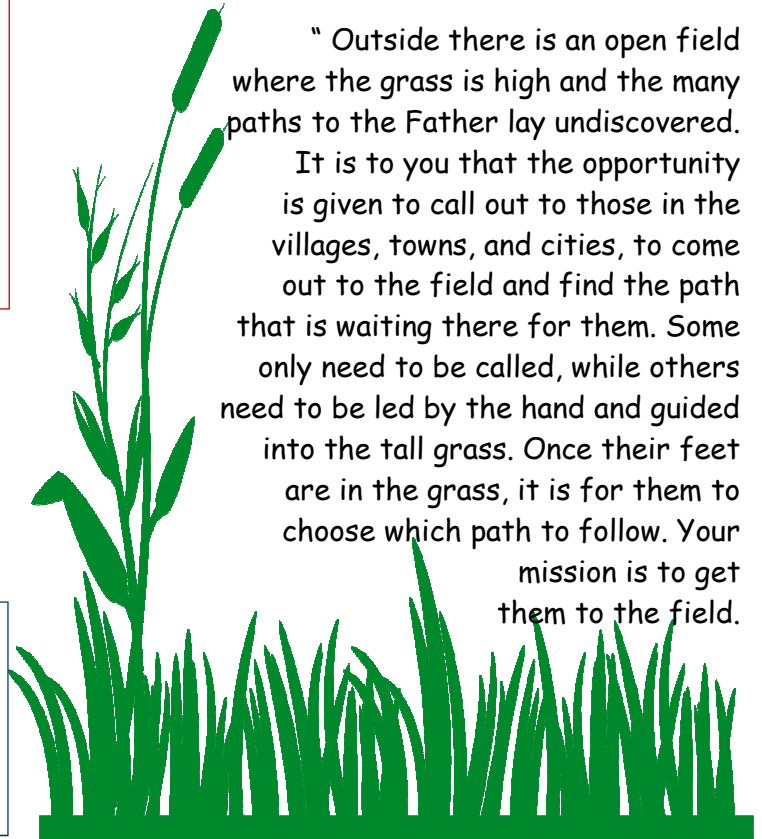
Barbara Johnson

just for today, i will sing. . .
just for today, i will appreciate all that i have. . .
just for today, i will share my smile. . .
just for today, i will be me, and only me. . .

"May we think of freedom, not as the right to do as we please, but as the opportunity to do what is right."



Peter Marshall



" Outside there is an open field where the grass is high and the many paths to the Father lay undiscovered. It is to you that the opportunity is given to call out to those in the villages, towns, and cities, to come out to the field and find the path that is waiting there for them. Some only need to be called, while others need to be led by the hand and guided into the tall grass. Once their feet are in the grass, it is for them to choose which path to follow. Your mission is to get them to the field.

A CALM SURFACE



The surface of life is also in a state of constant flux, with good days & bad, victory and defeat. To maintain, as the ocean does, a deep inner calm, while the storms of misfortune, reverses, fears and worries lash at the surface of life, is to discover the secret of serenity.

Years ago, when Thomas Edison's factory burned down, he wasted no time bemoaning his fate. Immediately after the disaster the reporters found a calm, quiet man already at work on plans for a new building.

When Emerson's home was destroyed by fire and his precious books were being reduced to ashes, Louisa May Alcott came to console him. The great philosopher said, "Yes, yes, Louisa, they are all gone, but let us enjoy the blaze now. Isn't it beautiful!"

Some people are ocean personalities. In their inner depths they are not defeated by what happens to them. The towering waves of circumstances cannot reach us when we go deep within to seek the peace that passes all understanding. While the surface of life is in turmoil we can find an inner calmness to see us through.

Wilfred A. Peterson



The Fourth of July is a "feel good" holiday. Most of us are going to find ourselves beach-bound or at picnics with friends and loved ones, eating and drinking to pleasant excess, enjoying fireworks, while trying to avoid bug bites and sunburn. It's a holiday which few people can take issue with. On a deeper level, to me it carries powerful meaning because of the freedoms that were delivered thru our liberation from a tyrannical England, some 236 years ago. A few of the freedoms that still remain somewhat intact allow inspired people with creative ideas to pursue them for the betterment of those who they serve, while also creating a more abundant life for themselves, and those immediately around them. This is something I absolutely cherish. It's truly American.

While I suspect that our Founding Fathers are rolling over in their graves seeing what we have done with these very liberties and principles in the years that have followed, I will reluctantly hold back from making this into a political commentary. But humanity can shine forth even beyond political differences.

Thomas Jefferson and John Adams became fast friends during the First Continental Congress but the political elections, which made them both presidents, illuminated their very different political views, creating a rift that would last most of their lives. A mutual friend engineered a reconciliation between the two, culminating in a rich & heartwarming relationship, documented in 12 years of letters between them, which historians say must be read to be fully appreciated. As two of the few surviving signers of the Declaration of Independence, they were finally able to see that they had far more in common than any differences they had once perceived.

Amazingly, on July 4th, 1826 — the 50th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence — these two luminaries died... within hours of each other. What's more, Adams' last words, as he drifted in and out of consciousness on his final day, were, "Jefferson...survives." In his last moments, Jefferson awakes to ask his aides in his final utterance, "Is it the Fourth?" Indeed it is, Mr. Jefferson. Today is the Fourth of July. We owe you and Mr. Adams tremendous thanks.

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!

Jason Earle

OOPS! THOSE WONDERFUL CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS!

These sentences (with all the BLOOPERS) actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services.

The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday

Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10 AM . All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B. S. is done.

This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

EMMANUEL'S CLOSET

July August 2016

Back to School Project

We are once again asking you to help fill book bags to supply the children who come to Emmanuel's Closet with the necessary items to start the school year in the fall. We will be collecting from now through August 14. You may place your donations in the Emmanuel's Closet bins in the Gathering Room. Below is a list of the items that are needed. They will be given out on August 20.



Construction Paper

Pencils

Markers

Glue

Scissors

Neutral Pencil Pouches

Individual hand sanitizer (small)

Pens

Colored Pencils

Erasers

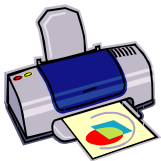
Rulers

3 ring binders

Bookbags (appropriate for K-5th grade)

All items need to be NEW. Monetary donations are always welcome and will be used to buy items that are not donated.

Cartridge Recycling



Don't forget to bring in your empty printer cartridges and place them in the box in the Emmanuel's Closet bin in the Gathering Room.

We can use the rewards that are earned to buy school supplies. Thank you for your support of this project which will not only raise money for those in need, but also help to keep our planet "green."

E.C. Continuing Needs

Juice

Cereal

Peanut Butter/Jelly

Spaghetti Sauce

Boxed Dry Pastas

Helper Meals

Dessert Items

Condiment Items

Canned Tuna/Meats

Canned Broth

Canned Fruit/Vegetables

Coffee/Tea

Deodorant, Soap, Shampoo

Toothpaste, Toothbrushes

Toilet Paper, Tissues, Paper Towels

Dish Washing Liquid

Laundry Detergent

All-Purpose Cleaners

Baby food, formula, diapers, etc.

Children's books/toys

Please, NO Expired Food Items

Clothing should be clean, in good repair and unstained. Due to limited space at our new location, please do not bring any out-of-season clothing because we have no place to store them.



THANKS FOR CARING!



Revelations for JULY/AUGUST from “Bly Mire” Mouse

FIRST DAY OF SUMMER!!!! Y-E-S!!! And the temps are to be in the 90's today.... thank goodness we have air conditioning — even if it is just a window unit! As the temperature got to the point of needing to turn on the air conditioning, I heard quite a number of people had trouble with the air coming on. Most were easily resolved but MARTI and NELSON did not fare so well. They now have a window unit to keep them cool. And, that is a good thing BECAUSE, unfortunately, Marti will not be able to enjoy their pool as she has in past summers. She fell and broke her arm last week. She will find out if she needs surgery or not, but we definitely will keep her in our prayers!!!!

I haven't heard too much about happenings yet this summer. I do know that BARB MARSHALL is looking for people to help with the church stand throughout the summer events. On July 4th and Labor Day we will have the stand at Jacobus and we need people to help kids fill a variety of trinkets with sand. We are also going to have a basket of goodies for people to try to win so we will need people to help with that too. IF YOU HAVE EVEN ONE HOUR to help with the stand, that will be greatly appreciated!!!! Let Barb or PASTOR LOU ANN know! The other activities I heard about are the Red Lion Street fair on August 13th and the Dallastown Carnival from August 15th through the 20th. WE NEED YOU!!!!

There will be a few special things happening such as the CHURCH PICNIC on August 14th so worship will begin at 10:00 that day and then we will share in games and other activities. We are planning some special entertainment as well. But, keep an eye out for additional details in the bulletin!

We will have a FOOD and FILM evening on July 23rd so mark your calendar!!!! We will gather at 5:30 and we ask that you bring a salad, pasta, or veggie dish as well as desserts and drinks to share. The church will supply hot dogs and Bar-b-que sandwiches. The movie we will see that night is the original animated "PETE'S DRAGON". The meal will be in the picnic pavilion and the movie will be in the sanctuary and will begin about 6:30 or later if you want to just come for the movie.

I did eavesdrop on a meeting last week when the search team had a mock interview in preparation for interviewing candidates for a call to serve SJB. The team has received profiles and will begin interviews soon. Keep them in prayer as we begin another chapter in the search for our next pastor.

I also know a lot of people are traveling this summer so I certainly hope that everyone has a safe journey and an enjoyable and relaxing time!!!! I have a few day trips planned because my main focus this summer is to do work on my mouse house. If you would like to help, let me know!!!!

See you in two months! God Bless us all!

Your faith-friend, BLY!



SUMMER FRUIT PIZZA



Celebrate summer with this tasty dessert pizza, using your favorite summer fruits as the toppings.

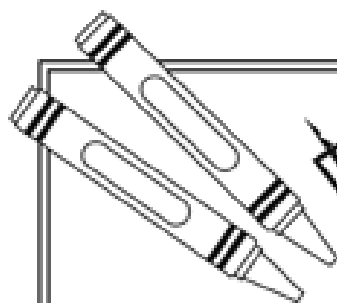
What you need:

- 1 tube slice-and-bake sugar cookie dough
- Knife
- Round pizza pan
- 8 ounces cream cheese
- $\frac{1}{3}$ cup sugar
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups sliced fruit
- Adult help



What you do:

1. Cut the dough into slices $\frac{1}{8}$ -inch thick. Place slices on the pan, overlapping them slightly.
2. Bake at 375 degrees for 12 minutes. Let cool.
3. Combine softened cream cheese, sugar and vanilla, mixing well. Spread this "frosting" over the baked-cookie "crust."
4. Arrange fruit on top of the pizza.
5. Slice and enjoy!

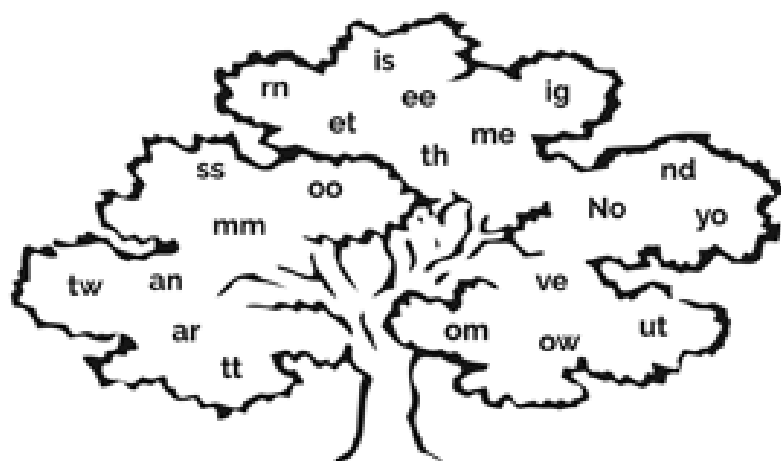


PUZZLE

Signs of summer

Jesus told his disciples that fig trees indicate when summer is approaching.

Directions: Complete the Bible verse below by placing the letter pairs from the tree into the correct blanks.



"___ w lea___ th___ le___ on
fr___ the f___ tr___: As s___ n
as its ___ igs g___ te___ er ___ d
its lea___ s co___ o___, ___ u
kn___ ___ at su___ er is ne___."

Ma___ hew 24:32, NIV

Answer: "Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near."
Matthew 24:32, NIV