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From the Pastor's Desk



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

I am working on this message May 17th and, if you have a good memory, you will connect that date with the Thursday of our week long rainy weather. (Sigh) As the Carpenter's hit song reminds us.... Rainy days and Mondays always get me down! Mondays are not too bad for me and a rainy day now and then is refreshing, but when the rain event goes on for a week,..... yes, that does get me down! And, from what we hear on the forecasts, tomorrow (Friday May 18) is to be heavier rain! Oh, my, I may run out and invest in an inflatable raft! As my mind runs through various thoughts in light of this rainy weather, I can only try to imagine what the people of Noah's day must have thought when they encountered the flooding rain. As we are well aware, as Noah worked on building the ark, the friends and neighbors probably did their fair share of ribbing him and making fun of his folly. But then, as the rain fell and the flooding level rose and kept rising, Noah was probably overwhelmed with those same people banging on the closed hatch door begging for him to let them in. As we know, then it was too late. Noah probably shared God's message with each one of them as he was placing the pitch to waterproof the ark. He probably shared with them the message of God as he prepared the planks and the framework for the ark. But, no matter how much he talked and shared with them, they didn't listen. They sloughed off all that Noah said because they (as humans have a tendency to do) felt that they were much more wise and what Noah was saying just could not happen! But, as we know, it happened exactly as Noah said God told him it would. So, Noah, his family, and the animals were saved and the "neigh-sayers" met their fate.

Now, we know that God has promised that never again would the earth be destroyed by flood. I will admit that I always thought that the earth will be destroyed by fire and with all the wildfires we have had recently and now the lava flow from Mt. Kilauea I can't help but think, has God had enough and said... "It is time?" From the prophet Isaiah, in chapter 24 we are told that God will destroy the earth. Verse 5: The earth is polluted by its people. They haven't obeyed the laws of the Lord"... read on in the chapter to see how so much of what is core to our society today is addressed. 2 Peter 3:10 does say that the world will be destroyed by fire. Does this mean wildfires? Does this mean numerous lava flows?



Matthew 13: 40 - As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.” And, of course, in Revelation 21 - “And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” The Word of God.

Is this the end of time? I cannot say. Only God knows for certain. But once again, there are so many events happening around us that definitely fall into the perimeter of what scripture tells us will happen in the end of time. And, as I often say, I would much rather invest my time and effort in making sure that my life is ready whenever the end comes than to say, “ach..... there is plenty of time before the world will end. This is just those ‘Bible-thumpers’ going off again.” One of these times it will not be “just the Bible-thumpers” and it will be God’s time.

I also feel drawn to share how many lives the passing of Brad McKinsey had touched! I was in awe to see the number of people who came in support of Cindie, Jenna, Judd and all of the family. Then the full-house here for the funeral service..... all indicators of how Brad touched the lives of everyone he encountered! We should all keep this in mind that no matter how much time we interact with others, we touch their lives and they touch ours. May we make all our encounters meaningful service to the glory of God! Brad did! Rest in peace, Buddy!

God Bless!

With Love, Pastor Lou Ann



SPECIAL SERVICES in JUNE

June 3 – Pentecost 2—Music Sunday

Gospel: Mark 2:23-3:6

Hymn Sing during worship service

June 10 – Pentecost 3

Gospel: Mark 3:20-35

Sermon “Focus on the Family”

June 17 – Pentecost 4

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

Sermon “Kingdom Seeds”

June 24 – Pentecost 5

Gospel: Mark 4:34-41

Sermon “Jesus Calms the Storm”



June 10 - Linda Viscount

June 17– Pastor Lou Ann &
Brenda Kerchner

June 24– Pastor Lou Ann

July 1 - Kenny Runkle

July 8 - Down Home

July 15 - Tim Sleeth

July 22 - Bruce McPherson

July 29 - Dennis Kohler

August 5 - Joyce Horning

August 12 - To be announced

August 19 - New Life for Girls

August 26 - Greatly Blessed

September 2 - Priscilla Pettyjohn

JUNE
BIRTHDAYS



May God

Bless You

On Your

Birthday!

1. Debbie Boyd
2. Jenna Woerner
3. Michael Barley
9. Matthew Boyd
Chase Morton
Sandy Brown
10. David Cress
13. Aria Shane
Joseph Klyeman
15. Dolores Barley
Richard Forbes
18. Mike Axe
20. Ida Michael
22. Sharon Criswell
Gunther Knickel
23. Ashlyn Innerst
24. Wyatt Myers
25. Sandy Innerst
26. Carol Gingerich
Jeremiah Rayhart

CELEBRATING JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- June 3 - Keith & Beth Markey - 46 years
- June 5 - Kimberly & Tracey Dilling - 5 years
- June 13 - Patrick and Erin Michaels - 9 years
- June 19 - David and Maranda Morton - 19 years
- June 20 - Carl and Sharon Criswell - 48 years
- June 22 - Tarrence and Sandra Ness - 22 years
- June 25 - Sterling and Debra Boyd - 12 years

SCHEDULE OF DUTIES for JUNE

GREETERS:

June 3 - Nancy Taylor
June 10 - Sandy Innerst
June 17 - Joyce Horning
June 24 - Beth Markey

GIFT COLLECTORS:

June 3 - Trudy Wise
June 10 - David & Susan McDowell
June 17 - Beth March
June 24 - Sterling Boyd

LAY READERS:

June 3 - Janie Montgomery
June 10 - Susan McDowell
June 17 - Linda Rost
June 24 - Curt Weber

ACOLYTES:

June 3 - Janie Montgomery & Lynz Leader
June 10 - Ed & Barb Adams
June 17 - Ed & Judy Bishop
June 24 - Curt & Ginny Weber

COFFEE SOCIAL HOSTS

June 3 - To be announced
June 10 - To be announced
June 17 - To be announced
June 24 - To be announced

SOUND SYSTEM OPERATORS:

June 3 - Terry Doll
June 10 - Ed Adams
June 17 - Chase Matthews
June 24 - Wyatt Myers

LIGHTING OPERATORS:

June 3 - Joel Frey
June 10 - Greg Ness
June 17 - Greg Ness
June 24 - Sterling Boyd

CAMERA OPERATORS:

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

VIDEO OPERATORS:

June 3 - Sydney Brown
June 10 - Jeri Jones
June 17 - Judy Bishop
June 24 - Nelson Leader

ALTAR GUILD: Jean McDowell & Barb Adams

DEADLINE FOR JULY/AUGUST NEWSLETTER: June 15

FINANCIAL REPORT

Undesignated General Fund

Red Brick Chapel

Cemetery

Month-2018	Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Income	Expense
January	\$10,386.24	\$12,278.60	\$3.48	\$549.36	\$698.29	\$770.40
February	\$10,166.17	\$9,496.26	\$3.09	\$312.96	\$100.11	\$445.00
March	\$8,831.00	\$12,747.00	\$3.37	\$453.81	\$0.09	\$535.40
April	\$10,801.11	\$0,383.39	\$3.22	\$280.76	\$3,000.08	\$0.00
May						
June						
July						
August						
September						
October						
November						
December						
Total	\$40,184.52	\$34,521.86	\$13.16	\$1,596.89	\$3,798.57	\$1,750.80

Balance of Undesignated General Fund @ May 1, 2018

\$7,135.98

Balance of Red Brick Chapel Fund @ May 1, 2018
(Includes \$48,302.49 Endowment)

\$74,306.41

Balance of Cemetery Fund @ May 1, 2018

(Includes \$774,633.22 CD's, Trusts, UCC Foundation))

\$779,541.10

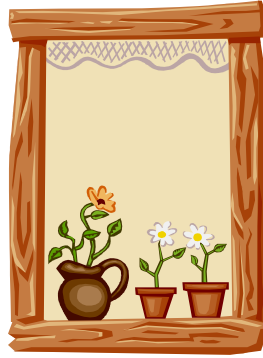
Financial Assistance Given through Hand of Hope Fund - 2018

	#	Total	Monthly	Available
	Families	\$\$\$	Donations	Balance
Beginning				\$ 376.57
January	2	\$ 175.00	\$ 62.55	\$ 264.12
February	4	\$ 150.00	\$ 67.65	\$ 181.77
March	1	\$ 50.00	\$ 69.01	\$ 200.78
April	2	\$ 75.00	\$ 79.82	\$ 205.60
May				
June				
July				
August				
September				
October				
November				
December				
Total	9	\$ 450.00	\$ 279.03	

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

Freda Berry
The Haven at Springwood
2321 Freedom Way
York, PA 17402
717-718-3615

Ruth Grove
389 Waters Road
York, PA 17402
717-848-4690



Emerson Knaper
855 New School Lane
Dallastown, PA 17313
717-244-5003

Peggy Luckenbaugh
Room 704B
Colonial Manor Nursing Home
970 Colonial Avenue
York, PA 17403



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

A1C Ness, Brandon
98950 East Harmony Lane
Tucson, AZ 85748



MEN'S GROUP



Join the men of Blymire's on Tuesday, June 12, at 7:00 PM at the church. Bring a friend to the meeting. As always we have an open discussion on joys and concerns. We will be discussing potential guest speakers for future meetings. Come join us for a time of sharing. This will be our last meeting until September.

**REMEMBER ALL MEN ARE
WELCOME.**

DALLASTOWN ELEMENTARY FOOD BACKPACK PROJECT



The Dallastown-Yoe Minsterium has begun working with the Dallastown schools to prepare backpacks to send home with needy students each Friday. These backpacks contain food items that can be eaten at home over the weekend. They are currently in need of the following items: Regular sized (12 oz) boxes of cereal, boxed mac and cheese, applesauce cups, cracker packs, and peanut butter. Donations may be placed in the shopping carts in the Gathering Room.

HOMEWOOD AUXILIARY FUNDRAISERS



Homewood Auxiliary's annual Tea fundraisers are scheduled for Saturday, June 23, and Tuesday, June 26, in the Plum Creek Windows Dining Room at 12:30pm. This year's theme is "Angels Among Us." The cost is \$20.00 per person. Reservations are now being accepted.

There is also a raffle of 3 handmade wall hangings in connection with the tea. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. The raffle will be drawn at the tea on Tuesday, June 26. You need not be present to win.

On the bulletin board in the main hallway are pictures of the quilted wall-hangings to be raffled. If interested in purchasing raffle tickets or attending the Tea(s), or would like more information, please see Steph Frey.



On Saturday, June 9, from 11:00AM-1:00PM, the Men's Group will be holding their next chicken BBQ. You will get a 1/2 chicken, baked potato, and roll and butter all for \$8.00. If you would like to place an order, please call the church office at 244-0655. Other BBQ's will be held on the 2nd Saturday of each month thru September.



Meet Our
Graduates

Millersville University—May 12

Thomas Miller, son of Todd and Lisa Miller, graduated summa com laude with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration-Finance. While attending Millersville, he was on the Dean's List and a member of Tau Sigma National Honor Society. Thomas received the Reverend Lewis Merwin Hobbs Medallion/Dr. Dominick and Mrs. Helen DeNunzio Award. He plans a career in finance.

Dallastown Area High School—June 8

Sydney Brown, daughter of Trent and Sandy Brown, participated in the Big Buddy program, Art Club (painted windows and murals, Haunted High School and art shows), and the school newspaper. She was also involved in the childcare program. Sydney will be attending York College, where she plans to go through the nursing program, although she is undecided about her career.

Sequoia Innerst, daughter of Nick and Tina Innerst, was a member of the swim team and the volleyball team while in high school. She received a swimming and diving scholarship and will be attending Shippensburg University where she will major in education.

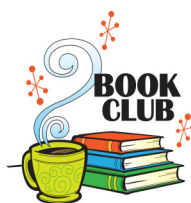
Sarah Leader, daughter of Brad and Michele Leader, was a member of the National Society of High School Scholars and has spent over 100 hours volunteering at Animal Rescue, Inc. She plans to get her Associates degree at HACC, then transfer to Delaware Valley University's Pre-veterinary program. Upon graduation from there, move on to North Carolina State University to become a veterinarian.

Hannah Marshall, daughter of Barb and Jason Marshall, will be attending Millersville University in the fall, majoring in Secondary History Education.

Chase Matthews, son of Mike and Heather Matthews, was a member of the National Honor Society. He also participated in band, the Cyber Patriot Civilian Team (state champs) and was a Physics Olympics winner. Chase plans to attend Penn State University, majoring in Cyber Security Analytics and Operations.

Wyatt Myers, son of Kevin and Renne Myers, played football and volleyball and participated in the Mini-thon (co-organizer this past year). He will be attending York College to get a degree in Respiratory Care.

Braydon Picking, son of Troy and Jane Picking, has received his Welding Certification from HACC in addition to his high school diploma. He plans to attend UTI NASCAR Technology School in North Carolina in order to become a NASCAR tech in Fabrication and Design, with a special interest in Formula Drift.



Our Women's Book Club will hold their next meetings on Tuesday, June 12, and Tuesday, June 26, at 10:00 AM in the Gathering Room. This month we will again each choose our own book to read and will discuss it with the others. New members are always welcome to join us.

CRAFTY CHICKS

Our basket making class taught by Sarah Leader has been rescheduled for Sunday, June 24, at 2:00 PM. Those attending are asked to bring two different colored skeins of yarn with them. The cost of the class is \$15. Check out the sample next to the sign up sheet in the Gathering Room. The deadline to register has now been extended to Sunday, June 10.



EMMANUEL'S CLOSET

June 2018



Socks and Underwear Give-out

On Saturday, May 19, we gave out new socks and underwear, as well as Walmart gift cards to 56 children and teens. Diapers and wipes were given to the younger children. They were most appreciative of this. Thank you to everyone who helped by contributing to this project.

BACK TO SCHOOL PROJECT

School will soon be over for this year, so that means it is time to start thinking about our back to school project for the next school year. Below is a list of items that are needed. New this year are tooth brushes and toothpaste. Please bring your donations to church no later than Sunday, July 29. Thank you.



Pencils

Markers

Crayons

Glue

Rulers

Hand Sanitizer (Small bottles)

Filler Paper

3 ring binders (1/2 in. to 1 in.)

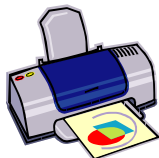
Highlighters

Colored Pencils

Backpacks (for grades 1-8)

Toothbrushes (individually wrapped)

Toothpaste



Cartridge Recycling

Don't forget to bring in your empty printer cartridges and place them 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.



THANKS FOR CARING!



HEALING HEARTS INSPIRATIONS

JUNE 2018

Here is a test to find out whether
your mission in life is complete.
If you're alive, it isn't.

Richard Bach

WHEN GOD CREATED FATHERS

When the good Lord was creating fathers, He started with a tall frame. A female angel nearby said, "What kind of father is that? If you're going to make children so close to the ground, why have you put fathers up so high? He won't be able to shoot marbles without kneeling, tuck a child in bed without bending or even kiss a child without a lot of stooping." ...And God smiled and said, "Yes, but if I make him child-size, who would children have to look up to?"

And when God made a father's hands, they were large and sinewy. The angel shook her head sadly and said, "Do you know what you're doing? Large hands are clumsy. They can't manage diaper pins, small buttons, rubber bands on ponytails or even remove splinters caused by baseball bats." And God smiled and said, "I know, but they're large enough to hold everything a small boy empties from pockets at the end of a day, yet small enough to cup a child's face."

And then God molded long, slim legs and broad shoulders. The angel nearly had a heart attack. "Boy, this is the end of the week, all right." she clucked. "Do you realize you just made a father without a lap? How is he going to pull a child close to him with the kid falling between his legs?" And God smiled and said, "A mother needs a lap. A father needs strong shoulders to pull a sled, balance a boy's bicycle or hold a sleepy head on the way home from the circus."

God was in the middle of creating two of the largest feet anyone had ever seen when the angel could contain herself no longer. "That's not fair. Do you honestly think those large boats are going to dig out of bed early in the morning when the baby cries? Or walk through a small birthday party without crushing at least three of the guests?" And God smiled and said, "They'll work. You'll see. They'll support a small child who wants to ride a horse to Banbury Cross or scare off mice at the summer cabin or display shoes that will be a challenge to fill."



Some minds are
like concrete;
thoroughly
mixed up and
permanently set.



live without pretending
love without depending
listen without defending
speak without offending

"Don't be pushed by your problems. Be led by your dreams."

When we pray for **STRENGTH**, God will give **difficulties** to make us stronger.

When we pray for **WISDOM**, he will give **problems** to solve.

When we pray for **PROSPERITY**, he will give **brains and brawn** to work.

When we pray for **COURAGE**, he will give **obstacles** to overcome.

When we pray for **LOVE**, he will give **troubled people** to help.

When we pray for **FAVORS**, he will give **opportunities**.

"When you go out into the woods, and you look at trees, you see all these different trees. And some of them are bent, and some of them are straight, and some of them are evergreens, and some of them are whatever. And you look at the tree and you allow it. You see why it is the way it is. You sort of understand that it didn't get enough light, and so it turned that way. And you don't get all emotional about it. You just allow it. You appreciate the tree.

The minute you get near humans, you lose all that. And you are constantly saying 'You are too this, or I'm too this.' That judgment



Use those talents you have. You will make it. You will give joy to the world. Take this tip from nature: The woods would be a very silent place if no birds sang

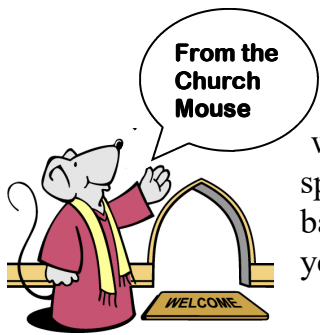
PASS IT ON I've grown up believing that if someone shows me kindness, my highest duty was to pay back that kindness to the same person. It wasn't until I was done a great kindness by a great friend, who insisted that I never pay her back but pass on the kindness to someone else, that I learned about the incredible value of passing on something so nice and important as a kindness.

I know that when I perform a kind act, I don't do so with the intention of having it paid back, so it's funny that I assume that when someone else is kind to me, I should feel that I have to pay it back to them. In a way, my perspective even cheapens their kindness by assigning a self-serving motive to it, and that doesn't really seem fair.

It would be a beautiful feeling to think that a kind act that I did for one person was passed on to someone else, and then passed on from there to even another person. If my simple act can motivate another person to add to the kindness and caring of the world, then my simple act becomes much more than a simple act--it becomes a spark that can start a flame, and it's a wonderful thing to think of that flame spreading and affecting many more people in positive ways.

Performing a kind act is adding positive energy to the world. It's making a contribution to

I don't know why some people change churches.
What difference does it make which one you stay home from?



Revelations for JUNE from “Bly Mire” Mouse

Oh, what a beautiful morning..... (ear worm!!!) At least, I should say what a beautiful morning it is after the fog lifts! At least it is feeling more like spring and early summer! And, all the activities of this time of year! Baseball is back! Beach trips are frequent. Vacations are being planned! I LOVE this time of year! (Of course, I say I love every time of the year because I do love every day!)

This year, we have something special happening in the life of our faith family. We have a total of 8 graduates!!! We have one college graduate - THOMAS MILLER (son of TODD and LISA MILLER) and from Dallastown High School we have a total of seven graduates - SYDNEY BROWN (daughter of TRENT and SANDY BROWN); SEQUOIA INNERST (daughter of NICK and TINA INNERST); SARAH LEADER (daughter of BRAD and MICHELE LEADER); HANNAH MARSHALL (daughter of BARBARA and JASON MARSHALL); CHASE MATTHEWS (son of MIKE and HEATHER MATTHEWS); WYATT MYERS (son of KEVIN and RENEE MYERS); and BRAYDON PICKING (son of TROY and JANE PICKING). AMAZING!!!! We certainly CONGRATULATE these young adults on their graduation and pray for God's blessings on their future careers and education!

I remember my days in education..... but, I won't bore you with all the details other than to say that the best thing that came from those days was meeting Mire! She has done an awesome job in home schooling our little ones because not many schools welcome mice in any class other than Biology (and you can probably imagine how much mice enjoy that class!)

How about you, do you have fond memories of your school or college days? Even if it was many years ago, I bet you can share some interesting stories!

Since Dallastown's graduation is on June 8th and Thomas graduated from college on May 12th, we offer this little poem by an unidentified writer.....

**Your adventure has begun!
We are confident you will make the right choices and follow your heart
We hope in your life, we will always have a part!
CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATE! Your future looks bright.
Don't let go of your dreams, always keep them in sight.
There are no limitations in what you can achieve
Go chase your dreams and always believe.
Don't let anything hinder your quest for the best!**

But, you know, these are words all of us can hold in our hearts no matter how long ago we may have graduated!

With our love and our congrats!

Your faith-friends, BLY and MIRE and family!



A STARRY LIGHT

Summer is the perfect time to gaze at the wonders in the sky. Make this craft as a reminder of God's handiwork — including you!

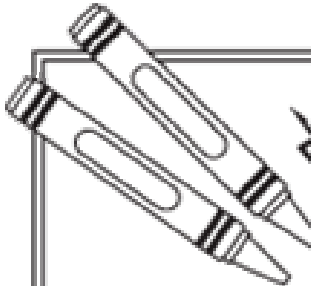
What you need:

- Glass jar
- Permanent marker
- Glue (and water)
- Paper plate
- Paintbrush
- Star sequins
- Battery-operated tea light



What you do:

1. Around the jar's opening, write in permanent marker: Shine ... like stars in the sky. Philippians 2:15
2. Pour some glue on the plate. Thin with some water.
3. "Paint" the outside of the jar with glue and then sprinkle on some sequins. Let dry.
4. Add the tea light and give your bedroom a starry glow at nighttime.



PUZZLE

Wonders of creation

Our Creator is in control of the entire universe!

Directions: Beginning with column 1, go down each column until you come to a dot. Write the letter that's found to the left of the dot on the blank below to complete Psalm 147:4, NIV. (Some columns have more than one letter.)

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----- PSALM 147:4, NIV

Answer: The determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name. Psalm 147:4, NIV