# News, Notes and Revelations from St. John's Blymire's United Church of Christ

June 2019

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# From the Pastor's Desk



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

I begin writing this month's message having just come through something I had never experienced before. Many of you know that because of my gluten intolerance along with sugar sensitivity following the gastric by-pass, my digestive system tends to give me problems galore. But, never before did I experience (what I say affected me) .... Food poisoning. I did not eat something on the verge of spoilage or affected by salmonella, but what I ate was fried in over used oil. Now that I am familiar with the taste that old oil leaves, I will definitely beware and not continue to eat anything with that taste. I went through six days (including a Sunday) and Jeri had two to three days of food poison. So, for Saturday through Monday, we suffered together! Believe me, I NEVER want to experience that again! When I finally got to feeling "normal" I had what I call my "happy eyes." Whenever I get sick, I feel like my eyes are heavy and feel like they are frowning. But, when I get to feeling better, I get my happy (smiling) eyes back. The Sunday that I was sick, people just looked at me and saw that I did not feel well, so I went back home and NELSON LEADER led the worship service. Believe me, I definitely prefer having happy eyes!

I will also confess that I am having a bit of difficulty focusing on this message. Thursday Jeri and I will be traveling to Pawley's Island to visit with our friends. We had planned this trip for last September, but had a tragic event happen in our friend's life. Ted's brother had died without others knowing it and so Ted had to come to Baltimore to take care of things. Finally, after my recovery from neck surgery and Jeri teaching this past semester, we are able to get away for our visit. We always look forward to visiting these friends because they are very faithful people. We always attend church with them when we visit and we often get into discussions about faith. One thing we always enjoy is walking Pawley's beach and collecting sea shells. (Ahhhh - I feel relaxed just writing about it!)

I find it interesting that just talking about walking on a beach can bring a relaxed feeling to my mind. This is affirmation that meditation can be very beneficial in our lives. With meditation, we are directed to allow our minds to focus on something soothing in order to relax. And, IT WORKS! No matter what is happening in life, no matter how hectic things may be, just taking a few minutes to meditate and relax enables us to face whatever is demanding our attention.

Meditation is a time of prayer. Meditation is taking time to specifically clear the mind of whatever may be pressing at the moment and directing the mind to comforting, relaxing thoughts. This is similar to what we do in our prayer lives. We should not only offer our prayers telling God what we want or need. Prayer should be taking time to listen for God to speak to us and allowing God to guide us. All too often our prayers are one way.... us telling God what we want or think we need. But, I did learn in a Meditation class in seminary that it is vitally important for us to just get in a relaxed position with our hands on our laps and our palms upward and listen for God's voice. (I will admit that this activity does bring relaxation because more than one time, I fell asleep for a short time.)

We may not always be able to sit in a particular fashion to meditate, but the state of mind of meditation bears benefits whenever we enter that state of mind. So, do not let your hearts (or minds) be troubled.... Trust in God and, meditate often!

God Bless you ALL!

With love - Pastor Lou Ann



# **SPECIAL SERVICES in JUNE**

June 2 - Easter 7—Music Sunday

Gospel: John 17:20-26

Our adult choir will present favorite anthems

June 9 – Pentecost Sunday

Gospel: John 14:8-17

Sermon "The Advocate-Spirit of Truth"

June 16 - Trinity Sunday, Father's Day

Gospel: John 16:12-15

Sermon "Father, Son, and Holy Ghost"

June 23 – Pentecost 2

Gospel: Luke 7:1-10

Sermon "Worthy or Not?"

June 30 - Pentecost 3

Gospel: Luke 7:11-17 Sermon "Fear and Glory



June 9 - Bruce McPherson July 21 - Kenny Runkle

June 16– Pastor Lou Ann July 28 - Delta Road Singers

June 23 – Dennis Kohler August 4 - New Life for Girls

June 30 - Nelson & Marti Leader August 11 - To be announced

July 7 - Down Home August 18 - Priscilla Pettyjohn

July 14 - Becky Wilcox August 25 - To be announced

September 1 - To be announced

# <u>JUNE</u> 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
- Carol Gingerich Jeremiah Rayhart

# **CELEBRATING JUNE ANNIVERSARIES**

June 3 - Keith & Beth Markey - 47 years

June 5 - Kimberly & Tracey Dilling - 6 years

June 13 - Patrick and Erin Michaels - 10 years

June 19 - David and Maranda Morton - 20 years

June 20 - Carl and Sharon Criswell - 49 years

June 22 - Tarrence and Sandra Ness - 23 years

June 25 - Sterling and Debra Boyd - 13 years

June 28 - James and Jean McDowell - 50 years

# SCHEDULE OF DUTIES for JUNE

#### **GREETERS:**

June 2 - Nancy Taylor

June 9 - Sally Bosley

June 16 - Donna Hartley

June 23 - Steph Frey

June 30 - Ida Michael

#### **GIFT COLLECTORS:**

June 2 - Joel & Stephanie Frey

June 9 - Nelson & Marti Leader

June 16 - Rod & Linda Eichelberger

June 23 – David & Susan McDowell

June 30 - Lynz & Alys Leader

#### **ACOLYTES:**

June 2 - Joel & Stephanie Frey

June 9 - Barb Adams & Janie Montgomery

June 16 - Nelson & Marti Leader

June 23 - David & Susan McDowell

June 30 - Lynz Leader

#### LAY READERS:

June 2 - Ginny Weber

June 9 - Janie Montgomery

June 16 - Tim Sleeth

June 23 - Linda Eichelberger

June 30 - Linda Rost

#### **COFFEE SOCIAL HOSTS:**

June 2 - To be announced

June 9 - To be announced

June 16 - To be announced

June 23 - To be announced

June 30 - To be announced

#### **SOUND SYSTEM OPERATORS:**

June 2 - Terry Doll

June 9 - Ed Adams

June 16 - Chase Matthews

June 23 - Wyatt Myers

June 30 - To be announced

#### **LIGHTING OPERATORS:**

June 2 - Joel Frey

June 9 - Greg Ness

June 16 - Greg Ness

June 23 - Sterling Boyd

June 30 - To be announced

#### **CAMERA OPERATORS:**

June 2 - Greg Ness

June 9 - John Sterling

June 16 - Greg Ness

June 23 - Terry Doll

June 30 - Greg Ness

#### **VIDEO OPERATORS:**

June 2 - Sydney Brown

June 9 - Jeri Jones

June 16 - Judy Bishop

June 23 - Nelson Leader

June 30 - 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-2019	Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Income	Expense
January	\$10,497.09	\$9,547.51	\$0.41	\$304.33	\$923.15	\$1,053.87
February	\$9,667.09	\$9,824.01	\$0.36	\$483.40	\$241.82	\$1,553.75
March	\$8,387.08	\$12,838.53	\$0.40	\$453.34	\$0.01	\$1,243.18
April	\$13,112.13	\$9,712.75	\$0.38	\$257.71	\$100.07	\$1,225.10
May						
June						
July						
August						
September						
October						
November						
December						
Total	441,663.39	\$41,922.80	\$1.55	\$1,498.78	\$1,265.05	\$5,075.90

Balance of Undesignated General Fund @ May 1, 2019

(\$728.53)

Balance of Red Brick Chapel Fund @ May 1, 2019 (Includes \$48,630.76 Endowment)

\$71,474.10

Balance of Cemetery Fund @ May 1, 2019
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(Includes \$778,817.87 CD's, Trusts, UCC Foundation-in April transferred \$9000 from the UCC Foundation to BB & T Bank)

\$787,090.85

Financial Assistance Given through Hand of Hope Fund - 2019

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	# Families		Total		Monthly		Available	
			\$\$\$	Donations		Balance		
Beginning						\$	253.90	
January				\$	78.55	\$	332.45	
February	1	\$	25.00	\$	70.20	\$	377.65	
March	1	\$	25.00	\$	62.75	\$	415.40	
April	2	\$	50.00	\$	53.76	\$	419.16	
May								
June								
July								
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								

**Total** 4 \$ 100.00 \$ 265.26

# REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

Freda Berry

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

**Doris Harper** 

Arlington Court, Room 121 **Senior Commons** @ Powder Mill 1775 Powder Mill Rd York, PA 17403

> **Emerson Knaper** 855 New School Lane Dallastown, PA 17313

> > 717-244-5003



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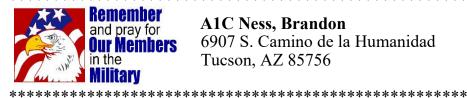
Peggy Luckenbaugh

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

> Jovce Shenberger 2105 Knob Hill Road Apartment 213 York, PA 17403 717-845-3162

> > **Linda Trone**

Room 700 Colonial Manor Nursing Home 970 Colonial Avenue York, PA 17403



A1C Ness, Brandon

6907 S. Camino de la Humanidad Tucson, AZ 85756



On Sunday, June 16, from 2:00-5:00 PM you are invited to join us in the pavilion to hear TIMELESS, a rock and roll band playing songs from the 50's and 60's. There is no admission charge, but a free will offering will be taken. Food will be available for purchase. Bring your own lawn chairs or sit at one of our picnic tables. Invite your friends and family to join us for this trip back in time.

Other concerts currently being planned are: Blue Silk & Satin (big band music) -July: Country Clickers & Slim Pickins (Country Gospel/Bluegrass) - August: Jessica and Friends Bell Choir-September: Community Patriotic Veterans Day Concert-November.

Watch future newsletters and bulletins for more information on these concerts.



On Saturday, June 8, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM, the Men's Group will be holding their third chicken BBQ of the season. 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 fill out the slip below and turn it in to the church office or call 244-0655. Other BBQ's will be held on the 2nd Saturday of each month thru September.

Phone Number		
Number of Dinners	x \$8.00 =	





**Chase Morton,** son of Dave and Mandy Morton, will receive his high school diploma on June 5. He plans to attend the Pennsylvania College of Art and Design in Lancaster, majoring in Media Design

# Dover Area High School - June 8, 2019

Meet Our Amber Smith, daughter Chad and Julie Smith, will receive her high school Graduates diploma on June 8. While in school, she was active in National Honor Society (Vice President), Concert Choir, Festival Choir, Women's Choir, Renaissance, Cross Country, Track and Lacrosse. Amber received a Presidential Scholars Award and Music Boosters Scholarship. She plans to attend Penn State University-Main Campus, majoring in Marketing.

## HACC - York Campus - May 9, 2019

Jaron Picking, son of Troy and Jane Picking, has received a degree in Applied Sciences with highest honors. He is currently working at Stetler Auto Group and Drive Right. He will remain in the area working as a Master Technician and will be getting married in September.

# East Carolina University—December 14, 2018

Josh Bishop, son of Stefan and Arlene Giese and grandson of Ed and Judy Bishop, graduated with a Bachelor of Music in Performance. He was the winner of the 2018 Brass Division Concerto Competition-Principle Euphonium Player ECU Wind Ensemble and Triangle Brass Band. Starting in the fall 2019, Josh will be pursuing a Masters degree at the prestigious Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University. He will be studying with world renowned faculty, including Demondrae Thurman, a world class euphonium teacher and player.

## University of Michigan - May 4, 2019

Shannon Sylte, daughter of Kathi Sterling, received a Masters of Landscape Architecture. She was the president of the University of Michigan Student Chapter of the American Society for Landscape Architects, a research assistant and graduate student instructor. Shannon received the following awards: Anthony and Johanna Van Sweden Landscape Architecture Award, Olmstead Scholar, Russel A. Pelton Award, Signa Lambda Alpha Society Award, Dow Sustainability Fellowship, 1st Prize University of Michigan Campus of the Future design contest. Her future plans include working in the environmental conservation field. She hopes to some day own her own firm.

> We congratulate these graduates upon the completion of their studies and wish them well as they begin the next phase of their lives.

#### **MEN'S GROUP**

The Men's Group is going on summer vacation for the

months of June, July and August. We will have our next meeting on Tuesday, September 10. Everyone enjoy your summer.



Our Women's Book Club will hold **BOOK** their next meetings on Tuesday, CLUB, June 12, and Tuesday, June 26, at 10:00 AM in the Gathering Room.

## SISTERS OF SERVICE

We will be taking a break over the summer. Our fall kick off meeting will take place on Monday, September 16, at 6:30 PM. Diana Myers will lead devotions and Heather Matthews will provide refreshments.



REMINDER: Our church bazaar will be November 9, so please keep working on those crafts. We need your support to make it a success. Thanks for your help.

# EMMANUEL'S CLOSET June 2019

# Below is a list of items that we are especially in need of right now:

Instant mashed/scalloped potatoes
Juice

Boxed macaroni & cheese
Hamburger Helper
Boxed/Bagged pasta sides
Canned tomato sauce
Diced/crushed tomatoes
Canned chicken
Canned spam
Pancake mix/pancake syrup

Canned beets

Canned sauerkraut

#### CHILDREN'S BOOKS AND TOYS

# **Cartridge Recycling**

Don't forget to bring in your empty printer cartridges and place them in the box above the coat rack in the hallway. We will use them to buy school supplies to fill backpacks for our children and teens. 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/Oatmeal

Peanut Butter/Jelly

Pancake Mix

Spaghetti Sauce

**Boxed Dry Pastas** 

Helper Meals

**Dessert Items** 

**Condiment Items** 

Canned Tuna/Meats

Canned Fruit/Vegetables

Soap

Shampoo

Toilet Paper

Paper Towels

Dish Washing Liquid

Laundry Detergent

All-Purpose Cleaners

Children's books/toys

Small household items

# **Please, NO Expired Food Items**

We are now accepting spring and summer clothing. They should be clean, in good repair and unstained.



THANKS FOR CARING!



# Healing Hearts Inspirations

June 2019

"I believe that what we become depends on what our fathers teach us at odd moments, when they aren't trying to teach us.

Umberto Eco



My child's feelings are hurt. I tell her she's special. My child is injured. I do whatever it takes to make her feel better. My child is scared. I won't go to sleep until she is secure.

Moments of comfort from a parent come naturally, willingly and joyfully. So why am I so reluctant to let my heavenly Father do the same for me? Why do I think he wouldn't want to hear about my problems? Why do I think he's too busy for me?

When I am criticized, injured, or afraid, there is a Father who is ready to comfort me. The same goes for you, my friend. There is a Father who will hold us until we are better, help us until we can live with the hurt, and who won't go to sleep when we're afraid of the dark. Ever! And that's enough.

Max Lucado



# THE NOISY WAGON

As I walked with my father one day he suddenly asked me, "besides the song of the birds, do you hear anything else?"

"Yes," I answered, "the noise of a wagon."

"Excellent." he said. "And it's empty."

"Empty? How do you know if we haven't seen it?"

"Very easy, because of the noise it makes. The emptier the wagon, the greater the noise it

Since then, when I see someone talking too much, bragging of what he has, and belittling others, I seem to hear my father's voice, "The emptier the wagon, the greater the noise."

Author Unknown



# MY DAD MY HERO MY GUARDIAN ANGEL

HE WATCHES OVER MY BACK
HE MAY BE GONE
FROM MY SIGHT
BUT HE IS NEVER
GONE FROM MY HEART

It is with much regret that I announce that as of August 31st, Healing Hearts will be no more. The group got its start in September 2007 and provided many years of friendship and support among church members and quite a few others in the community who were dealing with a loss of one kind or another. Now, due to deaths of a few members, and transportation issues for many others, attendance has been very low. I will always treasure friendships made during these years!

Thanks to all for our 12 year run!

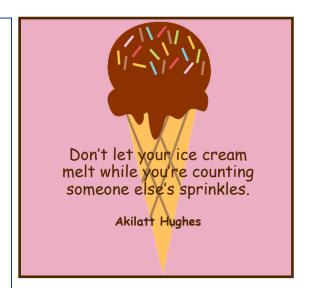
Kathi Sterling

# Cherish every moment today. Each one is special and will not visit you again!

The steps we are taking today will never again be taken in exactly the same way. The thoughts we are thinking are fresh, never to be repeated in exactly the same way. All that these moments offer will never pass our way again.

We each have to grab our own happiness, and create our own richness thorough experiences. We may share what we capture with loved ones, but like us, they too must search their own avenues for satisfaction that lasts. We can neither give happiness to another, like a gift, nor expect it in return. The fullness of life we all long for is the natural by-product of living every moment as fully as possible. God will never direct us into water too deep. When we have willingly turned our lives and our wills over, we'll find an abundant, rich, full, and satisfying life.

Karen Casey



If people only knew the healing power of laughter and joy, many of our fine doctors would be out of business. Joy is one of nature's greatest medicines.

Catherine Ponder

#### ONE, TWO, FOUR

Ruth and I had been married for 52 years. When you've been with someone that long, you practically develop your own language. Like the way Ruth and I said, "One, two, four" when counting off before jumping in a pool or moving a heavy piece of furniture. There was no reason to leave out three—it was just one of our shared quirks.

For 20 years we lived in Florida. But it was at our secluded summer cabin in the woods of western Pennsylvania that we felt most at peace. We'd spend many afternoons strolling the woods, feeding the chipmunks and laughing at their antics. Funny how it was those small shared moments that made us feel closest.

When Ruth was diagnosed with cancer early in 1992, I took her to my brother's house in Pennsylvania. My brother and his wife were there to help out, and his place was not far from our cabin. I spent every moment with my bedridden wife. She'd put her thin arms around my neck and together we'd say "One, two, four" before I helped her sit up in bed so we could gaze out the window at the woods in which we'd spent so many happy times.

Ruth died on September 15th of that year. After the funeral, I went back to our cabin alone. "God, I just wish I could feel my wife with me one more time", I prayed, "share just one more laugh."

On October 13th I woke up and walked into the bathroom. In the sink lay a single peanut. That's strange. There were no peanuts anywhere in the cabin and no window nearby through which an animal could have come in and dropped the nut.

The next morning it happened again. This time two peanuts were in the sink. "Where could they be coming from? " I wondered. I searched the entire cabin but still couldn't figure out the source of the nuts.

The following day was October 15th, exactly one month since Ruth's passing. That morning I found more peanuts in the bathroom sink—four of them. I had to laugh. And I knew Ruth would have too.

One, two, four.

Blake Logue

# **Revelations for JUNE from "Bly Mire" Mouse**

"HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY!" (I thought I better share that now because I forgot last month.) I think I am actually having a memory lapse. Time seems to be going so fast that my brain is a month behind! I can hardly believe it is only a few more days until the little ones are out of school for the summer. My goodness! Time certainly does fly!!!

I will say that my family totally enjoyed the Dessert and Movie night!
What an amazing variety of yummy desserts! And "Mary Poppins Returns" was really good. I even recognized Dick Van Dyke who was in the original Mary Poppins movie! A fun night was had by all! I did hear some people say that we will have more movie nights! GOOD!

And, a Concert Series - at Blymire's!!! The Fun Team has concerts scheduled for this summer. So, keep your eyes peeled for the dates, but the concerts begin on June 16th from 2 to 5 p.m. The kick off group is "TIMELESS" (they do rock music from the 'good ole days!'). Bring your lawn chairs and invite your friends! A good time is promised! Inclement weather,.... We will go inside.

I will say that I know that things balance out when summer comes around because, even though our regular activities take a break over the summer months, there are also many other activities going on. So, we say to the Sunday School classes, Men's group, and S.O.S.,.... See you in September! And, have a great and safe summer wherever your plans may take you!

June's humor: I heard Pastor Lou Ann telling this the other day:

Her car broke down last Sunday, so on Monday she went to the garage where it was towed. "I hope you'll go easy on the cost because I am just a poor preacher" she said.

"I know," came the reply; "I've heard you."

#### Bible humor:

A little boy was so engrossed in drawing that his mother finally asked him what it was he was drawing.

"God" he said.

From the Church

Mouse

"But nobody has ever seen God," she said.

"Well, they will when I'm finished," the little boy replied.

With our love,



Your faith-friends, BLY and MIRE and family!

P.S. - HAPPY FATHER'S DAY and HAPPY FATHER-FIGURE DAY! Love you!



Make this craft to show appreciation for your dad or another special man.

## What you need:

- Acrylic paint
- Paintbrush
- Adult garden gloves
- · Garden gloves that fit you
- · Permanent marker

#### What you do:

- Paint your right palm and press it on the back of the right adult glove. Lift to reveal your handprint. Repeat with your left hand and the left glove.
- If you have younger siblings, layer their handprint(s) on top with a different color.
- Write your name(s) and the date.
- Repeat steps 1 through 3 on your gloves.
- Present the gift. Offer to use your gloves to give a helping hand with chores!



advance, Ephesians

Answer: handiwork, created, Christ, Jesus, good, works, God, prepared,