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From the Pastor's Desk



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

I write this month's message just a few days past our annual conference meeting which this year had the focus of our being connected. And, interestingly enough, with connectedness being so central to my heart and mind today following the shooting of the congressman and others in Virginia yesterday, I also am led to share with you the devotion reading by Sarah Young, author of "Jesus Calling" for June 15. It reads:

When you approach Me in stillness and in trust, you are strengthened. You need a buffer zone of silence around you in order to focus on things that are unseen. Since I am invisible, you must not let your senses dominate your thinking. The curse of this age is over stimulation of the senses, which blocks out awareness of the unseen world.

The tangible world still reflects My Glory, to those who have eyes that see and ears that hear. Spending time alone with Me is the best way to develop seeing eyes and hearing ears. The goal is to be aware of unseen things even as you live out your life in the visible world.

On the desk version of this devotional scripture, references are included and the first one listed is 2 Corinthians 4:18...."So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."

I can't help but think about our world today and how we are bombarded by all kinds of attention grabbing items. Think about television newscasts for example. Anytime there is a news clip being shown it is generally in a "window" on the screen and around that window there is movement of some sort. Either it is with subtitles scrolling at the bottom of the screen or some kind of design flowing in the background. I am aware too that on many advertisements or newscasts, etc. there is always movement to the design of what is on the screen. I am thinking specifically about the Today Show and how their trademark screen has partial circles moving up and down to the right side of their logo. Nothing can be static nowadays. We always have to have something going on in the background while the actual news is being reported. Even on commercials, if a manufacturer wants to highlight some point, often it is highlighted in a box with a glow moving across the edge of the box or the words will actually move slowly from one side to the other. I will admit that often I am so



distracted by this movement in the background that I lose the essence of what is being reported or advertised.

Can we be still? Can we have moments when we avoid distractions around us and focus on God? Our senses certainly are over stimulated in this day and age and hopefully all this stimulation around us does not blind our eyes or close our ears from seeing and hearing what God needs us to see and hear. We will continually have over stimulation of our senses trying to grab our attention but if our hearts are in the right place, if our hearts are one with God, inevitably we will see and hear God in everything that is around us! So, let us fix our HEARTS on God and as the scripture says, fix our eyes on the unseen. Let us not let our senses dominate our thinking, but let our hearts lead us to do God's will all-ways, always!

God Bless! With love, Pastor Lou Ann



SPECIAL SERVICES in JULY and AUGUST

July 2 – Pentecost 4

Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42
Sermon: “The God-Surprise”
Special Music: Blymire’s Brass Band

July 9 – Pentecost 5

Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
Sermon: “Jesus Gives Rest”
Special Music: Down Home Gospel Singers

July 16 – Pentecost 6

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
Sermon: “Sowing Seeds”
Special Music: Joyce Horning

July 23– Pentecost 7

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
Sermon: “Where Do the Weeds Come From?”
Special Music: Tim Sleeth

July 30 — Pentecost 8

Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
Sermon: “Parables For All”
Special Music: Linda Viscount

August 6 – Pentecost 9

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21
Sermon: “It Took a Miracle”
Special Music: Bruce McPherson

August 13 – Pentecost 10

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33
Sermon: “Focus on the Lord”
Church Picnic

August 20 – Pentecost 11

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28
Sermon: “How Great I Your Faith?”
Special Music:

August 27 - Pentecost 12

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20
Sermon: “Are We Like Peter?”
Special Music:

SCHEDULE OF DUTIES for JULY

GREETERS:

July 2 - Nancy Taylor
July 9 - Sally Bosley
July 16 - Ida Michael
July 23 - Beth March
July 30 - Ron & Maddie Heindel

GIFT COLLECTORS:

July 2- Janie Montgomery
July 9 - Sterling Boyd
July 16 - Gwen Wise
July 23 - Jeri Jones
July 30 - Carl & Sharon Criswell

LAY READERS:

July 2 - Janie Montgomery
July 9 - Sonja Ness
July 16 - Ginny Weber
July 23 - Beth March
July 30 - Curt Weber

ACOLYTES:

July 2 - Janie Montgomery
July 9 - Marti Leader
July 16 - Ginny Weber
July 23 - Trudy Wise
July 30 - Stephanie Frey

COFFEE SOCIAL HOSTS:

July 2 - To be announced
July 9 - To be announced
July 16 - To be announced
July 23 - To be announced
July 30 - To be announced

SOUND SYSTEM OPERATORS:

July 2 - Terry Doll
July 9 - Ed Adams
July 16 - Chase Matthews
July 23 - Wyatt Myers
July 30 - Eli Matthews

LIGHTING OPERATORS:

July 2 - Joel Frey
July 9- Greg Ness
July 16 - Greg Ness
July 23 - Sterling Boyd
July 30 - To be announced

CAMERA OPERATORS:

July 2 - Greg Ness
July 9 - John Sterling
July 16 - Todd Miller
July 23 - Terry Doll
July 30 - Greg Ness

VIDEO OPERATORS:

July 2 - Sydney Brown
July 9 - Jeri Jones
July 16 - Judy Bishop
July 23 - Nelson Leader
July 30 - Nelson Leader

ALTAR GUILD: Jean McDowell & Barb Adams

SCHEDULE OF DUTIES for AUGUST

GREETERS:

August 6 - Nancy Taylor
August 13 - Sally Bosley
August 20 - To be announced
August 27 - To be announced

GIFT COLLECTORS:

August 6 - Trudy Wise
August 13 - Diana Myers
August 20 - Barb Marshall
August 27 - Sterling Boyd

LAY READERS:

August 6 - Nelson Leader
August 13 - Lynz Leader
August 20 - Ginny Weber
August 27 - Carl Criswell

ACOLYTES:

August 6 - Ginny Weber
August 13 - Lynz & Alys Leader
August 20 - Heather Matthews
August 27 - Carl & Sharon Criswell

COFFEE SOCIAL HOSTS:

August 6 - To be announced
August 13 - Church Picnic
August 20 - To be announced
August 27 - To be announced

SOUND SYSTEM OPERATORS:

August 6 - Terry Doll
August 13 - Ed Adams
August 20 - Chase Matthews
August 27 - Wyatt Myers

LIGHTING OPERATORS:

August 6 - Joel Frey
August 13 - Greg Ness
August 20 - Greg Ness
August 27 - Sterling Boyd

CAMERA OPERATORS:

August 6 - Greg Ness
August 13 - John Sterling
August 20 - Todd Miller
August 27 - Terry Doll

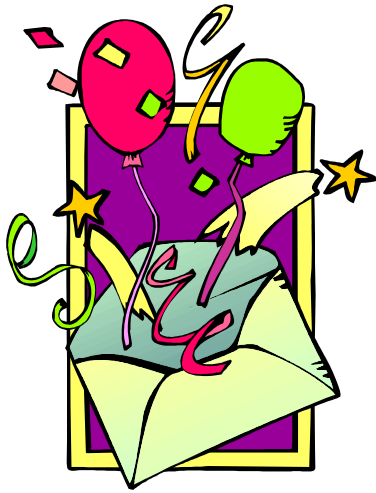
VIDEO OPERATORS:

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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 |
| 13. Carrie Rutledge | Doris Harper |
| Heather Barley | 30. LeAnn Eberly |
| John Montgomery | 31. Jim McDowell |
| 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 - 50 years
July 8 - Brad and Cindie McKinsey - 45 years
July 19 - Kevin and Renne Myers - 20 years
July 25 - W. Edwin and Judy Bishop - 32 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 - 53 years
Aug. 4 - Matthew and Jill Boyd - 16 years
Aug. 9 - Francis (Bernie) and Delores Noll - 50 years
Aug. 10 - Ed and Barb Adams - 43 years
Aug. 14 - Craig and Linda Rost - 46 years
Aug. 16 - David and Brenda Miller - 48 years
Aug. 18 - Charles and Janet Williamson - 39 years
Aug. 19 - Ryan and Jenna Woerner - 12 years

FINANCIAL REPORT

Undesignated General Fund

Red Brick Chapel

Cemetery

Month-2017	Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Income	Expense
January	\$13,069.96	\$14,011.17	\$503.43	\$181.75	\$354.55	\$850.00
February	\$10,907.93	\$5,404.56	\$3.09	\$211.14	\$0.29	\$0.00
March	\$11,915.46	\$13,831.65	\$1,153.48	\$423.97	\$0.32	\$251.56
April	\$9,693.50	\$9,902.05	\$528.42	\$293.05	\$40.30	\$376.81
May	\$11,958.80	\$8,938.88	\$1,003.57	\$100.58	\$0.27	\$947.00
June						
July						
August						
September						
October						
November						
December						
Total	\$57,545.65	\$52,088.31	\$3,191.99	\$1,210.49	\$395.73	\$2,425.39

Balance of Undesignated General Fund @ June1, 2017

\$12,143.82

Balance of Red Brick Chapel Fund @ June1, 2017

(Includes \$43,995.74 Endowment)

\$72,579.10

Balance of Cemetery Fund @ June1, 2017

(Includes \$733,737.81 CD's, Trusts, UCC Foundation))

\$739,848.11

Financial Assistance Given through Hand of Hope Fund - 2017

	#	Total	Monthly	Available
	Families	\$\$\$	Donations	Balance
Beginning				\$ 397.38
January	1	\$ 50.00	\$ 84.27	\$ 431.65
February			\$ 116.61	\$ 548.26
March			\$ 71.58	\$ 619.84
April	1	\$ 25.00	\$ 115.87	\$ 710.71
May	3	\$ 75.00	\$ 20.02	\$ 655.73
June				
July				
August				
September				
October				
November				
December				
Total	5	\$ 150.00	\$ 408.35	

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

Freda Berry
1240 South Pleasant Avenue
Dallastown, PA 17313
244-2282

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



Anita Spahr
36 West Main Street
Dallastown, PA 17313
244-7392

Dale Wise
Room 106A
Manorcare Kingston Court
2400 Kingston Court
York, PA 17402



Remember
and pray for
Our Members
in the
Military

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



... to all the members of our **Senior Choir**, our organist, **Brenda Kerchner**, and our choir director, **Nelson Leader**, for the beautiful service on Music Sunday and also for providing music each week throughout the year.

... to the **Men's Group** and the **Sisters of Service** for providing delicious lunches on Mother's Day and Father's Day respectively.

... for the **cards, prayers, phone calls and visits** after my surgery—they are most appreciated. I am doing well and hopefully "fusing" on the inside! Love you all. **Steph Frey**

... for the **cards, prayers, and gifts** during my hospital stay. It makes me realize how many friends I have pulling for me and helps me get through some of the tough times. **Linda Eichelberger**

WE ASK THAT YOU PLEASE MINIMIZE the use of fragrances, perfumes, or colognes when you come to church. These strong odors are dangerous irritants that can trigger asthma attacks in some of our members. Thank you for your consideration.



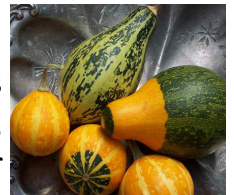
Toiletries Collection



There are boxes under the coat racks to collect toiletries for Helping Hands. Please make sure items are gender neutral, for bags are just going to be handed to them. We will also be making up bags for children

Crafty Chicks

We invite you to join us here at the church on Sunday, August 20, at 2:00 PM for our next Crafty Chicks class. Fran Doll will teach us how to create a craft using gourds. The cost is \$25, which will include all needed materials.



Other upcoming classes are:

September 24—Bracelets taught by Carol Barnhart—cost is a donation to the church

October 22—Woven Basket taught by Melanie Alagood—cost \$25

November 12—Felted Turkey taught by Mary Jane Miller—cost \$25

Watch the bulletin board for sign up sheets for these classes.



MEN'S GROUP



Our Men's Group

will not be meeting in the months of July and August due to summer vacations. Join the men of Blymire's on Tuesday, September 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. REMEMBER ALL MEN ARE WELCOME.



BOOK CLUB

Our Women's Book Club will hold their summer meetings on the following Tuesdays: July 11, July 25, August 8, and August 22 at 10:00 AM in the Gathering Room. We will continue to discuss Lorna Landvik's Angry Housewives Eating Bon Bons. New members are always welcome.

Mark your calendars now!! Our annual church picnic has been scheduled for Sunday, August 13. Worship that day will start at 10:00 AM, with the picnic to follow. More information will be available in upcoming bulletins.



Annual Picnic



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, and the Dallastown Carnival. 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.



On Friday, July 28, at 6:00 PM we will be gather for soup and sandwiches and then watch the movie "Beauty and the Beast."

ISRAEL ARCHEOLOGY PRESENTATION

Please join us here at Blymire's on Sunday, July 16, as guests Johnny & Dawn Johnsson share what they learned on a Biblical Archeology Dig in Israel. Associates for Biblical Research (Bible & Spade Magazine) has been digging the Khirbet el-Maqatir site for 15+ years. Identified as the city of "Ai" which Joshua led Israel in conquering after Jericho, the site was occupied three more times. Come learn about how archeology confirms the Bible, and some interesting and exciting things that were uncovered. We'll start at 5:00 p.m. with a Pot Luck Dinner with a Mediterranean flair. Program to start at 6:00. Please sign-up on the sheet on the bulletin board or RSVP your attendance so we can plan accordingly. Any questions, contact Jeri Jones



On Saturday, July 8, and Saturday, August 12, 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 \$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.

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Number of Dinners _____ x \$8.00 = _____

EMMANUEL'S CLOSET

July August 2017



Back to School Project

We are now preparing for the next school year for the children who are registered at Emmanuel's Closet. Below is a list of the school supplies we are requesting this year. Please donate only these items, as we have an abundance of pens, pencils, crayons, etc.

Elementary Bookbags for boys and girls

(Five Below is a great place to get them)

Construction paper packs

Folders

Highlighters

Hand sanitizers (individual)

Pencil sharpeners

Ruled index cards (3x5)

Tab dividers

Post-its

Markers

Scissors

3- ring binders (1/2 inch size)

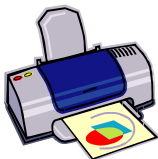
Tissues (individual)

All donations must be brought to Blymire's and placed in one of the Emmanuel's Closet bins by July 31st so we have time to sort them and purchase any needed items. Thank you for helping with this project.

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."



FOOD COORDINATOR NEEDED



Joni Weiss will no longer be able to fulfill her duties as Food Coordinator for Emmanuel's Closet.

A replacement is needed as soon as possible. Joni will be available to train whoever takes over. If interested, please see Tarry Ness or Sterling Boyd.

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!



HEALING HEARTS INSPIRATIONS

JULY 2017



Sometimes life becomes so complicated we feel as if we've gone as far as we can down this stressful highway. We imagine ourselves smashed up against a brick wall, unable to answer one more call, hear one more complaint, and take one more breath. When that's the image that fills your mind, change the brick wall to God. Imagine yourself pressed tightly against his heart, wrapped in his everlasting arms, soothed by his life-giving breath. Picture yourself encircled in God's love, soaked in his strength.

Barbara Johnson

Many of us are so focused on the outcome that we miss the joy of the task. Is it meant for us to live frantically, in order to accomplish as much as we possibly can, as fast as we can, before we die? Or, are we meant to live simply, slowly, enjoying every task and experience until we die? ... Understand that you don't have to run around trying to make a good life. The goodness of life is right where you are, but you have to slow down in order to recognize it.

It's the difference between running in circles or dancing for joy!

Iyanla Vanzant

THE FLAG Michelle Selby

Red for the blood shed in the name of Freedom,
for which we fought, united
Blue for the oceans of time we have crossed,
remaining the land of the free
White for the peace we wish to share,
all men created equal
Stars to remember those who fought throughout the night,
bravely for our land
Stripes to remind us of the lashings taken by the Prisoners of War
With a seal, in God we trust
We each are one of many, in which we stand united in Brotherhood
A symbol of Pride
A salute to those who died in the fight
A blanket to cover us in times of need
Waving high to show we are still here, undefeated
With honor you are presented to the world

"There are hundreds of paths up the mountain, all leading to the same place, so it doesn't matter which path you take. The person wasting time is the one who runs around the mountain telling every one that his or her path is wrong."

Hindu Proverb



A LESSON IN PLURALITIES

"Mom, guess what? We learned to make babies today," said the 2nd grader as she returned home from school.

"That's interesting" replied her mother trying to keep her cool.

"How do you make babies?"
"It's simple" said the girl. "You just change the 'y' to 'i' and add 'es'."

Rebecca Martin



EPITAPHS Luci Swindoll

As an art major in college, I often painted outdoors. Laden with easel, paint, canvas and camp stool, I would strike out to wherever the flowers were prettiest. More often than not, that led me to the local cemetery. It was delightful being outside in the sunshine and I was always intrigued with the headstones on various graves, the bas relief carved in cement, the words that supposedly reflected the person whose bones rested there. To me it was all very fascinating. As the semester progressed I found I was as interested in the epitaphs on the tombstones as I was in the flowers that bloomed throughout the cemetery. I stooped down to read many of them and found it remarkable that a few short words could sometimes capture the entire essence of a person.



It is my understanding that W.C. Fields for example has etched on his tombstone, "On the whole, I'd rather be in Philadelphia". And how about the woman who had her potato salad recipe carved into her headstone. Apparently, during her lifetime everybody wanted that recipe and her response was always, "over my dead body."

Most of us won't have the prerogative to write our own epitaph. It will be written by someone else... someone who will seek to capture our entire life. If you were to die today, what phrase captures your essence? What words characterize you?

In a sense we are writing our epitaph everyday. What would yours say today? I know people who are so rich in character that there are not enough words in the English language to describe the beauty and outreach of their life. On the other hand, I know folks whose cantankerous spirit leaves one searching for something... anything... that can summarize their life kindly. For some of us, the message on our tombstone seems something in the far distant future. However, we never know...

The Creator has made us each one of a kind. There is nobody else exactly like us and there will never be. Each of us is his special creation and is alive for a distinctive purpose. Because of this, the person we are, the contribution we make by being that very person, are vitally important to God. That makes me want to be today exactly who God made me and no one else. This may be the last day I have to make that epitaph what I would want it to be.

GRATITUDE PRAYER FOR SIMPLE BLESSINGS

Today, I'm slowing down enough just to say thank you—thank you for designing us for the experience of delight. Thank you for taste buds in our mouths and sonic decoders in our ears. Thank you for optic nerves which create the "Wow!" factor when we behold your creation. Thank you for the impact of aroma, and the array of smells which stimulate old memories and create fresh hunger.

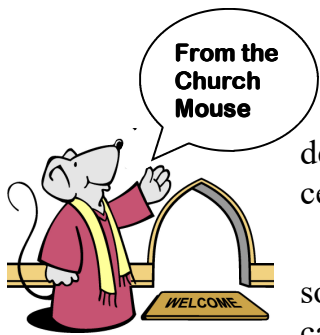
Father, I praise you for anything dark chocolate, the tantalizing aroma of baking bread. I praise you for the relaxing sound of ocean waves, the well-timed greeting of a friend, and how good it feels to finish a long walk and start a new book.

I praise you for the permanent smile on the face of a dolphin, the hand-painted rainbow on the side of a trout, the never-the-same array of sunrises and sunsets, for the sound of laughter and the saltiness of tears, and for the precise ways you show up when I need you the most.

Father, our ongoing work under the blazing sun has meaning because of the finished work of your beloved Son. Because the gospel is true, we can glorify you now and we will enjoy you forever.

In Jesus' holy and loving name. Amen

Scotty Smith



Revelations for JULY AUGUST from “Bly Mire” Mouse

(Y-A-W-N!!!) The “lazy” days of summer are here. A few 90 degree days have me laying around sipping my iced tea under the breeze of the ceiling fan. Thank goodness for air conditioning!!!!

Did I say last month that things were going to slow down for a while? In some ways things slow down because our Sunday School (or as some churches call it — Faith Formation classes) has now taken a hiatus for the summer. BUT — MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!! Our “kick-off” for the fall semester of our Faith Formation classes will be..... (drum roll)..... A MOVIE on SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10. We will show “THE SHACK”. We will watch the first half and then pause to have soup and sandwiches. Nelson will make Chicken Corn Soup for us..... Y! U! M!!! And then we will watch the remainder of the film. We will take time to discuss the film as well. So, that sounds AWESOME!!!!

But, there are other activities scheduled for our summer days. Another “Food and Film” night. Friday, July 28 at 6:00 we will gather for Soup and Sandwiches and then we will watch the new “Beauty and the Beast”. This will be a good, family fun evening!!!!

Our church picnic will be August 13th. Remember, church will start at 10:00 am that day! We will have meats provided by the church, but we ask that you bring other picnic dishes to share. Also, we will have a cake walk, bingo, entertainment, etc. The water slide will be set up also! Again.... MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

And, as you venture around to community events this summer, look for the church’s stand. We will again have our sand art opportunity for children. Of course, we would appreciate any help you could give us for these events!!!! See BARB MARSHALL for date, time and place information.

There has also been a lot happening in the lives of our faith family. STEPH FREY had surgery on her neck in May. She has been in a hard collar for (as she would say) too long. She is coming along on the road to recovery. We join her in being thankful that she no longer has the pain down her arm. And, LINDA EICHELBERGER was diagnosed with A.L.L. in May. As you may know, she has been at John’s Hopkins for treatment and ROD just shared with us that PRAISE GOD..... She is Cancer free!!!! (I am wiping tears as I write this!!!) They are not sure just what steps are ahead but... what GREAT news this is!

I know I said earlier there is not much happening and that is usually the case during the summer. Because of that, we publish one newsletter for July and August SO, I will (you probably can guess what is coming)..... “See you, in September”. (Did I give you an ear worm?????)

Your faith-friends,

BLY and MIRE and family!



Friendship Snack Mix



Life is more interesting when you have a diverse "mix" of friends. Show your variety of buddies how much they mean to you by making this snack for (or with!) them.

What you need:

- 1 cup fish-shaped crackers
- 1 cup chocolate Chex
- 1 cup mini pretzels
- 1 cup peanut butter crackers
- ½ cup mini M&M's
- Large bowl
- Snack-sized zippered baggies
- Permanent markers
- Foam sticks

What you do:

1. Mix all the food in the bowl.
2. Write a personalized message on each baggie. Decorate with stickers.
3. Measure some snack mix into each baggie. Seal them shut.
4. Share this snack with your friends!



Friends in the Lord

Proverbs 27:17 (NIV) says, "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." It's important to choose friends who help us be more like Jesus. How many words can you make from the word *friendship*?

F R I E N D S H I P

2-letter words: _____

3-letter words: _____

4-letter words: _____

5-letter words: _____

Words with 6 or more letters: _____

Answers include: in, is, hi, he, hip, end, sip, dip, rip, nip, pie, sir, hid, ship, send, ride, dine, find, fine, drip, shed, dish, fish, nud, nup, hide, tried, pride, 'sire, 'fresh, 'ferns, 'friend, 'fisher, 'diners, 'ruses, 'shine, 'finish, 'shiner, 'insider, 'hinders, 'inspired, 'refinish, 'finished