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## *From the Pastor's Desk*



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

So far this summer I have been enjoying a few things.... Knitting prayer shawls and lap blankets for the ministry we have at Blymire's and reading a series of books by Philip Gulley. The books are the Harmony series and they focus on a Quaker minister who after serving a church in a neighboring state has come back to his hometown (Harmony) to serve in the Harmony Friends Meeting. It is quite hilarious to read about some of the church members and their "devotion" to serving God. And most chapters in all of the books I have read so far seem to end with a paragraph that has a life-message for the reader. I will admit, I have offered quite a number of laughs and giggles because I can certainly identify with some of the antics of the members of the Friends Meeting. I will also say though, I have never encountered a parishioner whose calling in life was a ministry focused on Scripture Eggs or Scripture Balloons, but nonetheless, the sincerity of this man to feel God was calling him to minister in these ways is thought provoking.

In the fourth book in the series, which I just finished reading last night, there is a chapter where Sam (the pastor) works on his house and succeeds in painting the first floor on his own. But in trying to paint the second story, he hires a town "handyman" who ends up painting that part of the house a slightly different color. Sam and his wife Barbara know the color is different, but the handyman points out that with all the trees in front of their house, no one else would be able to see the different colors and that only they would see the "blemish." The chapter ends with the message that, we are all well aware of the "blemishes" of our homes, but we love them just the same.

I got to thinking "How beautiful life would be if we would apply this to the people around us? We are generally fully aware (for better or worse) of the blemishes of those around us. Now, hopefully none of us spend any effort in pointing out other people's blemishes (like a few of the Friends Meeting parishioners are prone to do). Instead, we should make sure we love them just the same. And, instead of being quick on the draw to point the finger at others (like a few of the Friends Meeting parishioners are prone to do), we should first look at our own lives and our own ministry and see if we recognize our own blemishes. We all have them, you know. And we should try to work on



our Lord that we can be. We should put as much effort into being the best for God as we tend to put effort into our own interests. But even as I think about trying to change my life and remove the many imperfections that I know are there, I hear God saying to me..... "I love you just the way you are! Imperfections and all! WHAT???? Wait a minute! How earth-shattering is that thought? We affirm that God loves us just the way we are, right? Then, how about we make a focused effort to try to apply that to how we view the world around us? That, even though we may be quick to see and identify blemishes in the people around us, how about we love them just the way they are instead of trying to mold them into the idea we have about how they or the world should be.

The world is a beautiful place and there are many beautiful people in it! We never were created to be just like everyone else. If that were the case, God would only have one mold for a human being and we would all be clones! So, instead of trying to make others be just like us, let us give praise to God for our differences. If we would, the world would be a far better place!

God Bless! With love -



### **SPECIAL SERVICES in JULY and AUGUST**

#### **July 1 – Pentecost 6**

Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

Sermon: "Healing Powers"

Special Music: Kenny Runkle

#### **July 8 – Pentecost 7**

Gospel: Mark 6:1-13

Sermon: "Sent With"

Special Music: Down Home Gospel Singers

#### **July 15 – Pentecost 8**

Gospel: Mark 6:14-29

Sermon: "Be Careful What  
You Wish For"

Special Music: Tim Sleeth

#### **July 22– Pentecost 9**

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Sermon: "Wherever You Are . . ."

Special Music: Bruce McPherson

#### **July 29 — Pentecost 10**

Gospel: John 6:1-21

Sermon: "The Power of Jesus . . . Amazing"

Special Music: Dennis Kohler

#### **August 5 – Pentecost 11**

Gospel: John 6:24-35

Sermon: "Bread That Perishes,"  
Bread That Endures"

Special Music: Joyce Horning

#### **August 12 – Pentecost 12**

Gospel: John 6:35, 41-51

Sermon: "Do We Complain About the Food?"

Special Music: Nelson Leader  
Church Picnic

#### **August 19 – Pentecost 13**

Gospel: John 6:51-58

#### **August 26 - Pentecost 14**

Gospel: John 6:56-69

## **SCHEDULE OF DUTIES for JULY**

### **GREETERS:**

July 1 - Nancy Taylor  
July 8 - Janie Montgomery  
July 15 - Gwen Wise  
July 22 - David & Susan McDowell  
July 29 - Trudy Wise

### **GIFT COLLECTORS:**

July 1 - Joel & Steph Frey  
July 8 - Janie Montgomery  
July 15 - Sally Bosley  
July 22 - David & Susan McDowell  
July 29 - Jeri Jones

### **LAY READERS:**

July 1 - Hannah Marshall  
July 8 - Janie Montgomery  
July 15 - Barb Marshall  
July 22 - Joel Frey  
July 29 - Beth March

### **ACOLYTES:**

July 1 - Joel & Steph Frey  
July 8 - Barb Marshall  
July 15 - Tim & Donna Sleeth  
July 22 - David & Susan McDowell  
July 29 - Trudy Wise

### **COFFEE SOCIAL HOSTS:**

July 1 - To be announced  
July 8 - To be announced  
July 15 - To be announced  
July 22 - To be announced  
July 29 - To be announced

### **SOUND SYSTEM OPERATORS:**

July 1 - Terry Doll  
July 8 - Ed Adams  
July 15 - Chase Matthews  
July 22 - Wyatt Myers  
July 29 - Eli Matthews

### **LIGHTING OPERATORS:**

July 1 - Joel Frey  
July 8 - Greg Ness  
July 15 - Greg Ness  
July 22 - Sterling Boyd  
July 29 - To be announced

### **CAMERA OPERATORS:**

July 1 - Greg Ness  
July 8 - John Sterling  
July 15 - Todd Miller  
July 22 - Terry Doll  
July 29 - Greg Ness

### **VIDEO OPERATORS:**

July 1 - Sydney Brown  
July 8 - Jeri Jones  
July 15 - Judy Bishop  
July 22 - Nelson Leader  
July 29 - Nelson Leader

**ALTAR GUILD:** Jean McDowell & Barb Adams

**DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER:** August 15

## **SCHEDULE OF DUTIES for AUGUST**

### **GREETERS:**

August 5 - Nancy Taylor  
August 12 - Rod & Linda Eichelberger  
August 19 - Diana Myers  
August 26 - Sonja Ness

### **GIFT COLLECTORS:**

August 5 - Nancy Myers  
August 12 - Rod & Linda Eichelberger  
August 19 - Charlie Diehl  
August 26 - David & Susan McDowell

### **LAY READERS:**

August 5 - Barb Adams  
August 12 - Janie Montgomery  
August 19 - Linda Rost  
August 26 - Trudy Wise

### **ACOLYTES:**

August 5 - Barb Marshall  
August 12 - Curt & Ginny Weber  
August 19 - Sterling Boyd  
August 26 - Joel & Steph Frey

### **COFFEE SOCIAL HOSTS**

August 5 - To be announced  
August 12 - To be announced  
August 19 - To be announced  
August 26 - To be announced

### **SOUND SYSTEM OPERATORS:**

August 5 - Terry Doll  
August 12 - Ed Adams  
August 19 - Chase Matthews  
August 26 - Wyatt Myers

### **LIGHTING OPERATORS:**

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### **CAMERA OPERATORS:**

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August 26 - Terry Doll

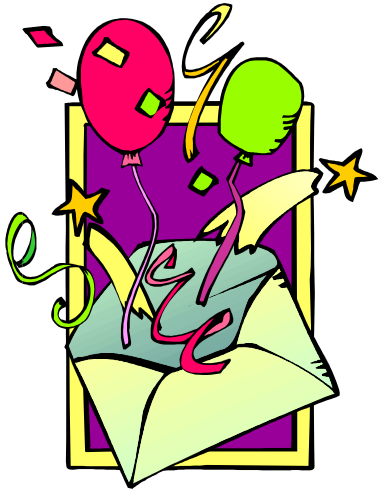
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## **JULY BIRTHDAYS**



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

- |     |                  |                    |
|-----|------------------|--------------------|
| 1.  | Erin Ness        |                    |
| 3.  | Derek Troop, Jr. |                    |
| 4.  | Billy Roelke     |                    |
| 8.  | Betty Hyser      |                    |
| 9.  | Christine Pope   |                    |
| 11. | Toni Flinchbaugh |                    |
|     | Christina Lutz   | 26. Jay Innerst    |
| 13. | Carrie Rutledge  | Sarah Leader       |
|     | Heather Barley   | DeLaney Woerner    |
|     | John Montgomery  | Sequoia Innerst    |
| 14. | Trent Brown      | 28. Sandra Koicuba |
| 16. | Randi John       | 29. Ruth Grove     |
| 18. | Wanda Strickler  | Doris Harper       |
| 19. | Trudy Wise       | 30. LeAnn Eberly   |
|     | Dennis Ness      |                    |
|     | Curt Weber       |                    |
|     | Travis Rost      |                    |
|     | Joyce Shenberger |                    |
| 20. | Scott Smith      |                    |
| 22. | Maranda Morton   |                    |
| 24. | Alys Leader      |                    |

## **CELEBRATING JULY ANNIVERSARIES**

July 8 - Greg and Sonja Ness - 51 years  
July 19 - Kevin and Renne Myers - 21 years  
July 25 - W. Edwin and Judy Bishop - 33 years

**AUGUST**  
**BIRTHDAYS**



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

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|-----|------------------|-----------------------|
| 2.  | Sterling Boyd    |                       |
|     | Dave Miller      |                       |
|     | Ariel Leader     |                       |
| 3.  | Terri Diehl      |                       |
| 4.  | Janet Williamson | 25. Oliver Holtzapple |
|     | David McDowell   | 27. Lakota Innerst    |
| 9.  | Terry Doll       | 29. Heather Matthews  |
| 10. | Sue Myers        | Nancy Rutledge        |
| 11. | Madelynn Barley  | 30. Ryan Woerner      |
| 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 - 54 years
- Aug. 4 - Matthew and Jill Boyd - 17 years
- Aug. 9 - Francis (Bernie) and Delores Noll - 51 years
- Aug. 10 - Ed and Barb Adams - 44 years
- Aug. 14 - Craig and Linda Rost - 47 years
- Aug. 16 - David and Brenda Miller - 49 years
- Aug. 18 - Charles and Janet Williamson - 40 years
- Aug. 19 - Ryan and Jenna Woerner - 13 years

# 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	\$9,383.39	\$3.22	\$280.76	\$3,000.08	\$0.00
May	\$9,512.60	\$13,731.94	\$3.30	\$158.01	\$800.21	\$926.86
June						
July						
August						
September						
October						
November						
December						
<b>Total</b>	\$49,697.12	\$57,637.19	\$16.46	\$1,754.90	\$4,598.16	\$2,677.66

Balance of Undesignated General Fund @ June 1, 2018

\$2,916.64

Balance of Red Brick Chapel Fund @ June 1, 2018

(Includes \$48,302.49 Endowment)

\$74,151.70

Balance of Cemetery Fund @ June 1, 2018

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

\$779,414.45

## 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	5	\$ 225.00	\$ 382.60	\$ 363.20
June				
July				
August				
September				
October				
November				
December				
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>\$ 675.00</b>	<b>\$ 661.63</b>	

## **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

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

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

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### ***HOMWOOD HOMES NEEDS YOU***



If you can do simple sewing, Homewood Homes needs you! The skilled care facility needs soaker pads and laundry bags for the residents. The directions for each are on the bulletin board in the main hallway. There is a box of material located in the fellowship hall—flannel for the soaker pads and cotton for the laundry bags. Any questions, please see Steph Frey. Thank you for supporting this project.



### ***DALLASTOWN ELEMENTARY FOOD BACKPACK PROJECT***

The Dallastown-Yoe Ministerium is working with the Dallastown schools to prepare backpacks to send home with needy students each Friday. Over the summer Bethlehem United Methodist Church will take care of the distribution, so we will continue collecting. These backpacks contain food items that can be eaten

### ***TOILETRIES COLLECTION***

We are once again collecting toiletries for Helping Hands to give out. You may put your donations in the boxes under the coat rack in the hallway. Please try to keep items gender neutral. We will also be giving out bags to children, so kids' items are needed as well. Thank you for supporting this project.



### ***CRAFTY CHICKS***



To our Blymire's family—we wish to express our most heartfelt gratitude for your loving support during this difficult time with the beautiful flowers, cards and comforting words. Thanks also to the people who helped by providing the refreshments and assistance during Brad's services. Words cannot fully express how much your loving support will always be remembered. May God bless. Cindie, Jenna and Judd



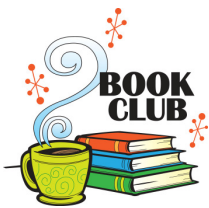


## MEN'S GROUP



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 11, 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.



Our Women's Book Club will hold their summer meetings on the following Tuesdays: July 10, July 24, August 14, and August 28 at 10:00 AM in the Gathering Room. 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.

Mark your calendars now!! This year's annual church picnic has been scheduled for Sunday, August 12. Worship that day will start at 10:00 AM, with the picnic to follow.



The Fun Team will provide the meat and drinks. Those attending are asked to please bring a covered dish to share. We will also need donations for cake walks. We will be playing Bingo and prizes for that would be appreciated as well.

If anyone has any questions, please call Diana Myers at (717) 741-1840.



## 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 Dallas-town Carnival, which will run from August 14 thru August 18.

If you are able to volunteer a few hours of your time to help with this event, please sign up on the sheet in the Gathering Room. Thank you.



On Saturday, July 28, at 5:00 PM we will be gathering for a potluck supper, followed by a movie at 6:15 PM. Please bring a covered dish. Join us and invite your friends. We will be inside to watch the movie.

## CHEERS TO 90 YEARS!!

Stop by anytime to wish our mom - Ruth Grove a Happy 90th Birthday! Open House at:



**Les & Nina Grove**  
**1015 New School Lane**  
**Dallastown Pa 17313**  
**Date: July 29, 2018**  
**Time: 1:00 -3:30pm**  
**RSVP by July 22**

Text or call: Kathy Rayhart 717-891-0897 or Les Grove 717--683-8108

If you can't make it, she loves getting cards. Please send before July 27th so she can open them on her special day.

**Ruth Grove**  
**389 Waters Rd**  
**York, PA 17403**



On Saturday, July 14, and Saturday, August 11, 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 2018*

## **BACK TO SCHOOL PROJECT**



School is now 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.)**

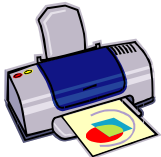
**Highlighters**

**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."

## **SPECIAL FOOD NEEDS**

While we can always use any of the items listed to the right, at this time we are especially in need of the following foods:

**Mashed Potatoes**

**Scalloped Potatoes**

**Vanilla Frosting**

**Chocolate Frosting**

**Hamburger Helper**

## **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**



***THANKS FOR CARING!***



## HEALING HEARTS INSPIRATIONS

JULY 2018

A 4-yr-old was listening to a Bible story. His dad read: 'The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city but his wife looked back and was turned to salt.'



### WONDERFUL

We seek and we seek and we seek, and we search and search, usually not thinking at all that the very thing we search for--be it peace or riches or hope or love--is within us the whole time. Anything we could ever want is a part of us already. Do I want to be rich? Then I need to realize the riches inside of me and appreciate them. Do I want to know secrets of the ancients? Then I need to look at the answers that come from inside of me and heed them and live by them.

There are many wonders of the world, but even the ability to appreciate those wonders comes from inside of ourselves. One person can stop and stare in awe at a beautiful rainbow, while another keeps on walking without paying the least attention to the wonder of the sight. The first person is in touch with that part of him or herself that allows them to feel wonder, while the second is unable or unwilling to recognize the amazing qualities of the sight. I think that it's time for us to stop looking only outside of ourselves for answers and wonders. There are wonders out there, of course, and we should enjoy them, but it's also important to get in touch with ourselves--who we are and what we are--if we're to be in touch with the marvelous nature of life and living.

We can see, we can feel, we can love, we can laugh, we can interpret, we can appreciate,

If there was ever a goal of the spiritual life, it would be this. For God to help us see things as they really are, not as our anxieties, our fears, our incessant busyness urges us to see, but as we can be perceived from a heavenly perspective. For us to see how truly big the world is, vast and luminous, not narrow and scary, and for us to



### BE THANKFUL FOR THE MIRACLE THAT IS YOU!



Father, You created me in Your image and likeness, and that means so much. I know that You always love me. I know You didn't just carelessly or thoughtlessly throw me together. You made me so wonderfully complex! It is amazing to think about. Your workmanship is marvelous—and how well I know it.

Thank You for choosing me before the foundation of the world. I acknowledge You, God, as my Father, and thank You that I am Your child. Because I am Your workmanship, Your handicraft, made for good works, I ask You to help me to view myself from Your perspective. Help me to realize my strengths. Open my eyes to the strengths,



**BABY, YOU'RE A FIREWORK:  
3 WAYS YOU'RE DESIGNED**



People are funny; they want the front of the bus, middle of the road, and back of the church.

In another life, I produced a fireworks show called "SkyConcert" that was choreographed precisely to music and broadcast live on TV and radio. In 25 years of doing that event we were never rained out. I asked the Lord once why this fireworks show was so important that he always held back the rain. He pointed out a banner hanging outside a local church, festooned with fireworks bursts and the word "Joy" in the middle.

Joy. Fireworks are designed for joy. They are constructed with specific elements that radiate certain colors and patterns; barium chloride for green, copper compounds for blue, lithium carbonate for red, aluminum and magnesium for whites and silvers. The designers know exactly the effect they are looking for when they put the fireworks together. And their work is a gift of joy to our eyes.

Pop songs have made the analogy that we are like fireworks. It's corny, but true. We were designed with specific elements; a measure of wit or sensitivity, a helping of talent or skill or curiosity, a sprinkling of unique insight or perspective. When the Designer planed us, he knew exactly the effect he was looking for. Believe it or not, like a firework, you are designed to be a joyous gift to the world. You are designed to shine.

Sometimes we assign the designation of shining to the likes of pop stars, poets, preachers and prophets. When the Holy Spirit came upon Zechariah at his son John the Baptist's birth. Sounds about right for a prophet. But for me? Yep, you were *designed* to shine. We are designed specifically by God for a purpose, here in this time and place. Just like a specific firework fits into and enhances a fireworks show. You were designed to shine the light of God through who you are and what you do.

Of course, God is always the source of light. He created us in his image and breathed life into us. Any light we have is a result of his creation and endowment. But he did put individual, unique light in each of us. It is illuminated by the presence of his spirit living in us. We share light in at least three ways:

**We Emit-** We carry it in us and into the circumstances and situations we encounter. That light shines at work, at the grocery store, at school, just by walking into those places. The light of Jesus living inside us shines through us, and the light of who God made us to be goes with us. Where you go-- where God launches you like a firework-- the light shines. You don't have to do anything to cause that. I want to keep that in mind and watch for what God might do because of that.

**We Reflect-** We convey the light—the light of truth in love. We speak out God's light found in the Bible, we pray God's light in situations.

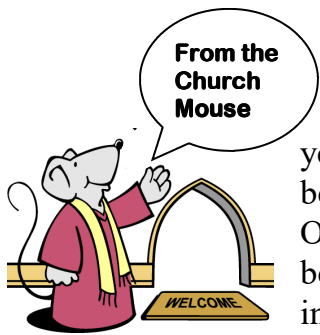
**We Amplify-** We have the opportunity to recognize the light in people and call

If it rains on your parade, splash in the puddles!



Laughter sparkles like a splash of water in the sun.





## Revelations for JULY AUGUST from “Bly Mire” Mouse

Does this newsletter say JULY-AUGUST???? Oh my, where did this year go? Excuse me quoting an ageless adage..... TIME FLIES! And, with this being summertime, there are not quite as many activities going on at Blymire’s. Of course, the AWESOME chicken bar-b-ques are in full swing. I hear that it is best you do not take your chances there will be dinners available if you just walk in. Call ahead and reserve your dinners so you are sure to have them available.

Word has gotten around how good they are! And, I understand the baked goods are quite popular too! Definitely, Blymire’s has the best of everything here!

This past month I think I heard a number of sighs (more than usual) because of the number of graduates we had in our faith family. A few of the seven high school graduates are the youngest in the family so what comes along with that is the realization that the “baby” is all grown up. Then, the thinking also that “soon they will be out on their own” hits along with the “empty nest” syndrome. Also, with the families whose oldest child has graduated is the realization that the “baby” is all grown up and where did the time go? No matter what, graduation is a transition time not only for the students, but for the families as well.

I have heard some of the plans the graduates have to celebrate. A few are going on cruises and others are traveling to vacation destinations. We certainly congratulate all of them and wish them all the best!

Oh, I must mention how thankful I am that the summer music is here again. We already had Linda Viscount and then piano/organ duet by Pastor Lou Ann and Brenda, and Tim Sleeth singing - WOW! And, this is just the first weeks! Come to church and hear the amazing talents of these musicians!

I also popped in to the Meeting room recently when the FUN Team had a meeting and I am getting stoked about the plans I overheard. JULY 28 is a Food and Film night! ( I did hear something about watching “EVAN ALMIGHTY”.) The church picnic will be AUGUST 12 — I can’t wait!!!! I just love the cake walk (I scour the pavilion floor and grab goodies for my little ones!) And it is so funny to sit back and watch as the people play BINGO! What good times!

And now, my one-liner about summer offering..... Give what is right, not what is left. (Get it.... Not what is left after vacation, etc.?) Hee-hee!



With our love,

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 handwork — including you!

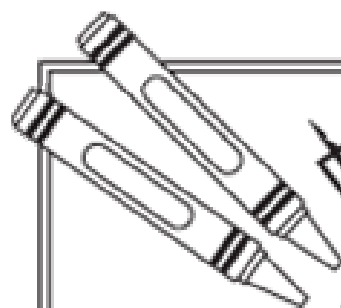
## What you need:

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