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

June 2017

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From the Pastor's Desk



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

Needless to say, as I begin to compose this month's message, I am still on "cloud nine"! It is now two days past my Installation Service and even though I said many "thank you's" on Sunday, I still want to say THANK YOU to EVERYONE who made the Installation Service such a special event.

I reiterate my appreciation to:

Pastor Curt for being a great friend and mentor and for leading the liturgy.

Brenda for being a friend and such a TALENTED musician. I SO appreciated the reflective interlude — by (who else?) Joe Martin

Nelson—such an amazing, talented person and friend! You did an AWESOME job with the video and the music for the service.

The Choir—I am SO touched by the anthems you chose and the meaning behind those choices. I am blessed to be able to share our talents for the glory of God!

My brother-in-law, Karl Jones for the awesome message delivered during the service! As I told Karl, I think this will be the last Installation Service for me so he can truly enjoy retirement because I don't anticipate needing his sermon skills anymore.

Jeri—for reading the scriptures for the service and for contacting JOE MARTIN in hope that he would be able to be here for the service. Since that was not a possibility, the next best thing was the video he sent. What a blessing to have Jeri as my life partner, but to also have the friendship with Joe and his wife Sue!!!!!!

To everyone who helped out by being Acolytes, Gift Collectors, Sound, Lights, Video, etc. GREAT JOB!!!!!

S.O.S.— for the AWESOME time of fellowship following the service! The decorations were BEAUTIFUL!!! The food DELICIOUS!!! The chatter of those enjoying the fellowship UPLIFTING!!!!! A wonderful time was had by all! THANK YOU!

Sandy Innerst for putting together the planters!!!! I have hung them on my porch already and still have them blooming!!!! THANK YOU!

Steph and Joel for the vase of cut flowers, THANK YOU! The Adult Choir for the beautiful charm bracelet.

S.O.S. for the Hearts and Minds gift certificate — I will definitely put that to good use!!!!!

And, to EVERONE in attendance (and those who were with us in thought and prayer) THANK YOU!!!!! I love everyone here at Blymire's CHURCH! — I capitalize that word because this truly is a church! The family of faith here at Blymire's is for me a definition of church because of the connectedness we have. Many of you share family ties but yet, with Jeri and I being "newcomers" we feel like family!!!! And, the way you reach out in thought and prayer is inspirational!!!

I also extend a "THANK YOU" to Rev. Dr. Monica Dawkins-Smith, our Conference Minister who was in attendance! I had received a letter from her but was very moved by her presence also!

I know I have used this before, but, once again this song is repeatedly running through my mind..... "Surely, the presence of the Lord is in this place. I can feel His mighty power, and His grace. I can hear the brush of angel's wings, I see glory on each face. Surely, the presence of the Lord is in this place!" These words deepen with each day that I share my journey of faith with the AWESOME friends of Blymire's U.C.C.!!! I LOVE YOU ALL — DEARLY!!!!!

God Bless! With love, Pastor Lou Ann

SPECIAL SERVICES in JUNE

June 4 – Pentecost Sunday

Gospel: John 20:19-23

Sermon "Receive the Holy Spirit"
Anthem "Come Down, Lord" Pethel

June 11 – Trinity Sunday - Music Sunday Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

No sermon

June 18 – Pentecost 2

Gospel: Matthew 9:35-10:8 Sermon "Disciple to Apostle"

Anthem by Women's Choir "Shut de Do" Stonehill

June 25 – Pentecost 3

Pastor Curt will do a Civil War Worship Service Special Music: Tom Ensminger



June 18 - Women's Choir

June 25 - Tom Ensminger

July 2 - Blymire's Brass Band

July 9 - Down Home Gospel Singers

July 16 - Joyce Horning

July 23 - Tim Sleeth

July 30 - Linda Viscount

August 6 - To be announced

August 13 - To be announced

August 20 - To be announced

August 27- To be announced

<u>JUNE</u> BIRTHDAYS



May God

Bless You

On Your

Birthday!

- 1. Debbie Boyd
- 2. Jenna Woerner
- 3. Michael Barley
- Matthew Boyd
 Chase Morton
 Sandy Brown
- 10. David Cress
- Aria ShaneJoseph Klyeman
- 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 5 - Kimberly & Tracey Dilling - 4 years

June 13 - Patrick and Erin Michaels - 8 years

June 19 - David and Maranda Morton - 18 years

June 20 - Carl and Sharon Criswell - 47 years

June 22 - Tarrence and Sandra Ness - 21 years

June 25 - Sterling and Debra Boyd - 11 years

June 28 - James and Jean McDowell - 48 years

SCHEDULE OF DUTIES for JUNE

GREETERS:

June 4 - Nancy Taylor

June 11 - To be announced

June 18 - Jeri Jones

June 25 - Steph Frey

GIFT COLLECTORS:

June 4 - James McDowell

June 11 - Linda Flimchbaugh

June 18 - David & Susan McDowell

June 25 - Lynz Leader

LAY READERS:

June 4 - Trudy Wise

June 11 - Ginny Weber

June 18 - Nelson Leader

June 25 - Sonja Ness

ACOLYTES:

June 4 - Jeri Jones

June 11 - David & Susan McDowell

June 18 - Beth March

June 25 - Ginny Weber

COFFEE SOCIAL HOSTS:

June 4 - To be announced

June 11 - To be announced

June 18 - To be announced

June 25 - To be announced

SOUND SYSTEM OPERATORS:

June 4 - Terry Doll

June 11 - Ed Adams

June 18 - Chase Matthews

June 25 - Wyatt Myers

LIGHTING OPERATORS:

June 4 - Joel Frey

June 11 - Greg Ness

June 18 - Greg Ness

June 25 - Sterling Boyd

CAMERA OPERATORS:

June 4 - Greg Ness

June 11 - John Sterling

June 18 - Todd Miller

June 25 - Terry Doll

VIDEO OPERATORS:

June 4 - Sydney Brown

June 11 - Jeri Jones

June 18 - Judy Bishop

June 25 - 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-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						
June						
July						
August						
September						
October						
November						
December						
Total	\$45,586.85	\$43,149.43	\$2188.42	\$1,109.91	\$395.46	\$1,478.39

Balance of Undesignated General Fund @ May 1, 2017

\$9,123.90

Balance of Red Brick Chapel Fund @ May 1, 2017 (Includes \$43,995.74 Endowment)

\$71,676.11

Balance of Cemetery Fund @ May 1, 2017

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

\$740,794.84

Financial Assistance Given through Hand of Hope Fund - 2017

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	# Families		Total	Monthly Donations		Available			
			\$\$\$			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	\$	115.85	\$	710.69		
May									
June									
July									
August									
September									
October									
November									
December									

Total 2 \$ 75.00 \$ 388.31

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



Meet Our Graduates

Rebecca Giese Simon, daughter of Stefan and Arlene Giese and granddaughter of Ed and Judy Bishop, graduated magna cum laude from North Carolina Wesleyan College on December 10, 2016. She earned a degree in Business Administration and is now working for a financial company.

Ian Moretz recently graduated from Thaddeus Stevens College, where he studied to become an industrial electrician. Aidan Moretz will be graduating from Cedar Cliff High School this year. He plans to attend Lehigh University, where he will major in

mechanical engineering. Ian and Aidan are the sons of Paul and Heidi Moretz and the grandsons of Greg and Sonia Ness.

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



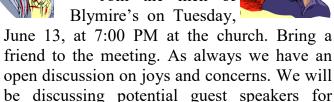
Our Women's Book Club will **ROOK** hold their next meetings on CLUB Tuesday, June 13, and Tuesday, June 27, at 10:00 AM in the Gathering Room. We will be

discussing Looking For Salvation at the Dairy Queen by Susan Gregg Gilmore. New members are always welcome.



MEN'S GROUP

Join the men of



future meetings. Come join us for a time of

sharing. REMEMBER ALL MEN ARE WELCOME.



will resume in September.

On Saturday, June 10, 11:00 AM- 1:00 PM, the Men's Group will once again be holding a 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. Other BBQ's will be held on the 2nd

S.O.S. (SISTERS OF SERVICE)

during June, July or August. Regular meetings

The Sisters of Service will not be meeting

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Name		_				
Phone Number						
Number of Dinners	x \$8.00 =					

Saturday of each month thru September.



"A father is a banker provided by nature." French Proverb Spring being a tough act to follow, God created June.

Al Bernstein



WHEN GOD CREATED FATHERS

When the good Lord was creating fathers, He started with a tall frame.

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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 on a 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."

God worked throughout the night, giving the father few words but a firm, authoritative voice and eyes that saw everything but remained calm and tolerant. Finally, almost as an afterthought, He added tears. Then He turned to the angel and said, "Now, are you satisfied that he can love as much as a mother?" The angel shutteth up.

Erma Bombeck

CLUNKER?

Many Christians view their conversion something like a car wash. You go in a filthy clunker, and you come out with your sins washed away—a cleansed clunker. But conversion is more than a removal of sin. It is a deposit of power! It is as if a brand-new Ferrari engine was mounted in your frame. God removed the old motor that was caked, cracked, and broken with rebellion and evil; and he replaced it with a humming, roaring version of himself.

The Apostle Paul described it as being "a new creation, old things have passed away; behold all things have become new" (2 Corinthians 5:17). You are fully equipped. Do you need more energy? You have it. More kindness? It's yours. Hebrews 13:21 promises that God will equip you with all you need for doing His will. Just press the gas pedal. God has given you everything you need for living a godly life!

Max Lucado

We seek God, we yearn for Truth, we long for peace and wisdom. We earnestly turn over every stone of faith, read numerous books and talk with spiritual mentors, searching for Him.

Yet St. Augustine tells us that in desiring God we have already found Him. Or rather, He has already found us.

We cannot seek the Lord with an iota of the intensity with which He seeks us.

Even if we have squandered His gifts, like the story of Prodigal Son, we can humbly come to our senses and turn toward home. Then we will see that He comes flying down the path to greet and embrace us and to fill our lives with goodness.

Lisa Bowman



"By changing your perspective, you will change the quality of your life's experience.

Complaining guarantees a negative experience, while looking at the bright side guarantees a positive one. Which one shall it be? You hold the magic wand of Gratitude.

Are you waving it?"

11:11 Progress Group

"Happiness can be found in even the of darkest times, if one only remembers to turn on the light."

Steven Kloves

PRAYER FOR PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS

Oh God of patience, kindess, gentleness and graciousness, enable us to be quiet long enough to hear the faltering steps of the little people who attempt to follow us. May they see in us your patience; may they experience from us your kindess and may our voices reflect your gentle graciousness. Thank you for the privilege of participating in the molding of their characters. May we rise to that highest of calling and savor each blessed moment. AMEN Marilyn Meberg

?? FASHION PLATES AND BEACH BODIES ??" Debora M. Coty

No one will ever be more beautiful than Mother Teresa or Corrie Ten Boom. These were women who never wore diamond necklaces or silk camisoles or strappy heals in their lives, but who radiated ethereal beauty that the accessories of this world can't possibly mimic. So the next time I'm trying on shorts, instead of succumbing to hopeless despair, I plan to dwell on the beautiful things I'm doing for God and let the cellulite fall where it may.

Our outsides are not always reflections of our insides. You can look great but feel wretched. Botoxed on the outside but crinkle fried on the inside. It doesn't matter that your teeth are straight if your attitude is warped. There no magical cure for discontentedness or lagging self-esteem. If God's peace isn't in your heart when you're heavy it won't be there when you're thin either. After all, God loves Sumo wrestlers just as much as runway models!

Dear God, help me to truly believe that You have made me beautiful and that You have created me uniquely and wonderfully. May my self-esteem come from You and not from the world. Amen .

EMMANUEL'S CLOSET

June 2017

Socks and Underwear Give-out

On Saturday, May 20, we gave out \$25 Walmart gift cards to 52 children and teens to be used to buy new socks and underwear. 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. We won't start collecting until July, but if you happen to see any bargains on school supplies, pick them up and save them for our back to school giveaway. Check your bulletins and the next newsletter for a complete list of items that are needed.

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."

THANKS FOR CARING!

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

<u>Please, NO Expired Food Items</u> Clothing should be clean, in good renai

Clothing should be clean, in good repair and unstained.



Revelations for JUNE from "Bly Mire" Mouse

Hello my friends!!!! This is JUNE — already????? WHOA! Where did the time go???? By now, some of the schools have already ended classes and within a week or so, all of the schools will be out of session for the summer. I just can't believe that my little ones are on summer break. Of course, we all know mice age faster than humans so I am not sure why this surprises me. I may have to contemplate that a little more.

I will definitely say that Blymire's has been a bee-hive of activity! I commend the men on the feast they offered on Mother's Day! What a spread they set up for the amazing women they have! THANK YOU NELSON AND ALL THE MEN who chipped in for the awesome Mother's Day Fellowship time. And, the ladies also thank the church for the pretty flowers!

And then the 21st seemed like a normal Sunday until after Sunday School. WHAT HAPPENED??? I heard some noise so I poked my head out of my mouse house to see that people were moving tables and setting up chairs. I wondered what was happening, but then by mid-afternoon, I caught on. It was the Installation Service for Pastor Lou Ann. WOW— what a great time! The Hymns, Brenda's Reflective Interlude, Pastor Curt leading the liturgy, the Anthems, the Sermon by Pastor Lou Ann's brother-in-law,..... EVERYTHING — AWESOME! And then, the Fellowship offered by S.O.S.... AMAZING!!!!! THANK YOU LADIES!!! The decorations, the cake by Barb Marshall, the flowers — Sandy Innerst did the two pots that were for Pastor Lou Ann and the vase of cut flowers from Steph and Joel's garden — BEAUTIFUL!!!! I also sneaked a peek as Pastor Lou Ann opened the gifts she received. The choir gave her a special bracelet with charms — crosses, "Faith, hope, love" on a heart charm — WOW!!!! S.O.S. gave her a gift certificate to Hearts and Minds — I bet by the time you read this, she has already made use of that! SO AWESOME! I saw her wiping many tears along with lots of laughter that day. WOO-HOO! A time of GREAT joy!

OH — did you also notice the planters by the doors? It is good that we have an "in" with someone who works with plants! These planters are gorgeous!!! And, we invite you to do some deadheading if you see the need! These planters will stay through the summer. BEA-U-TI-FUL!!!!!!

I think I will close for now. I heard the ladies talking about plans for Father's Day and they were mentioning meat. It sounds like they are trying to keep up with the men. So, fathers — hope your taste buds are watering! It sounds good! ENJOY!

Well, see you next month. It may not be so much to talk about because the summer schedule kicks in. Hard to believe, but, we are there!

Your faith-friends,

From the Church

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BLY and MIRE and family!



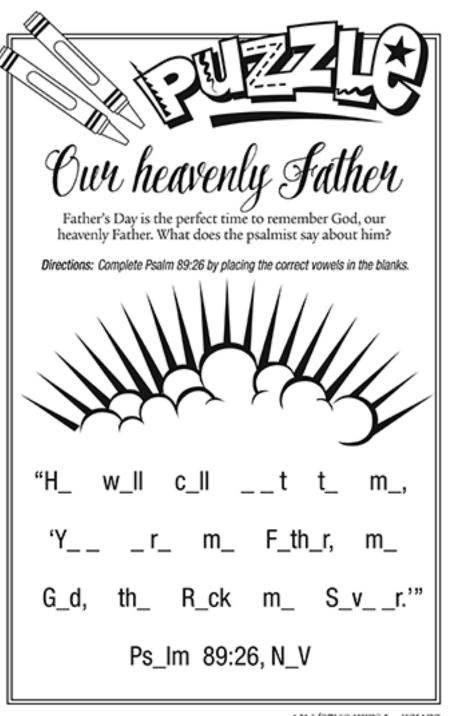
Make this heartwarming handprint gift to give your dad or another special man on Father's Day.

What you need:

- Tempura paint (any two colors besides white)
- A paper plate
- Two paintbrushes
- Your dad's hand
- White cardstock
- Paper towels
- A pen

What you do:

- Place paint on the paper plate.
- Paint your dad's palm and the insides of his fingers with one color of paint. Set his hand in the center of the cardstock and press down. Let dry.
- Paint your palm and fingers with the other color. Place your hand in the center of your dad's. Let dry.
- Write a loving message to your dad on the blank sections of the cardstock.
- Give your dad the gift and a hug!



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Answer: "He will call out to me, You are my Father, my God, the Rock my