



Among Friends

OCTOBER, 2021



A FROM DIANE'S DESK

Greetings;

I just love this time of the year; the beauty of the leaves changing colors from green to pink, red and yellow; the cool mornings and the warm afternoons; and FOOTBALL! It just doesn't get any better.

As Christians, I think we can learn a lot from a sports fan. Fans are fanatics when it comes to their team. All you have to do is watch the fans of the Greenbay Packers sitting in below zero temperatures not wearing any shirt. Now that's a real fan... that's commitment.

So, the question I am asking is this, "When it comes to Jesus, are you a real fan?"

Here are the qualities of a real fan. First, a real fan knows who the star player is. And when you think of the star player, it is someone that is a team player. Jesus is the Christian's star player; however, Jesus is part of a team. I call it team Trinity... the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit!

Also, for a team to be successful, there will be sacrifice. Remember what Jesus sacrificed for us. He left his throne in glory, became one of us, allowed himself to be beaten and murdered, so that we could have eternal life.

A real fan arrives early and stays late. They are the first to arrive and the last to leave. A real fan would never show up at halftime. And not only that, a real fan wants the best seat in the house. Shouldn't we be so excited to be in worship that we would want to be as close to the action as you can get? (sorry about that...back seat dwellers!!). Real fans rarely miss a game (worship) and real fans want the best seat in the house!

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NOVEMBER

**Newsletter
Deadline**

October 27

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SPECIAL DATES IN OCTOBER

- World Communion Sunday,
October 3
- Reformation Sunday, October 31



Deadline for
NOVEMBER
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information is
OCTOBER 27

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From Our Pastor's Desk (continued)

*Clap your hands, all you nations;
shout to God with cries of joy.
For the Lord Most High is awesome,
the great King over all the earth.
he subdued nations under us,
peoples under our feet.
He chose our inheritance for us,
the pride of Jacob, whom he loved.
God has ascended amid shouts of joy,
the Lord amid the sounding of trumpets.
Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.
For God is the King of all the earth;
sing to him a psalm of praise.
God reigns over the nations;
God is seated on his holy throne.
The nobles of the nations assemble
as the people of the God of Abraham,
for the kings of the earth belong to God;
he is greatly exalted.
Psalm 47*

As a real fan, as a Christian, your life is supposed to be centered around Christ, centered around your brothers and sisters in Christ, centered around worship. That's what a Christian is...that's what a Christian does!

Are you a real fan of Christ?? If you are, then *He is greatly exalted (verse 9b)*.

In His love and service,
Diane



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FPC?

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:

We will be "Celebrating God" during our fall quarter, focusing upon acts of worship and praise that celebrate who God is and what God has done for his people. During our October lessons we will focus on being called to Praise God. (Make a Joyful Noise, Praise God for Justice and Righteousness, Give Thanks for Deliverance, The Joy of Worship and Praise God with Music.) Join us Sundays at 9:45 a.m. for a time of Bible study, discussion and sharing. All are welcome.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL:

The Children's Sunday school class is finishing their study of Romans and will be starting a study in Genesis. We meet in the church basement at 9:45 a.m. each week.



LOOK FOR THE SIGN!

Submitted by Evelyn Vargo

When driving past the Community Center don't forget to watch for the signs of humor and encouragement.

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**GOAL FOR TODAY
DON'T COMPLAIN**

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SPEAK
LOUDER THAN
YOUR WORDS**

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**GOAL FOR TODAY
BE HAPPY**

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MONTHLY MEETINGS CONTINUE

On Wednesday, October 13 the FPC Presbyterian Women will meet at 7:00 p.m. at the community center. Hostesses for the evening will be Karen Peffer and Wendi Vukson. We will be working on a project for Meals on Wheels.

DO YOU PRAY?

Submitted by Cindy Tuskan

I love this interpretation of a Prayer. What is a prayer? Prayer doesn't only happen when we kneel or put our hands together and focus and expect things from God. Thinking positive and wishing good for others is a prayer. When you hug a friend. That's a prayer. When you cook something to nourish family and friends. That's a prayer. When we send off our near and dear ones and say, 'drive safely' or 'be safe'. That's a prayer. When you are helping someone in need by giving your time and energy. You are praying. When you forgive someone, that is a prayer. Prayer is a vibration. A feeling. A thought. Prayer is the voice of love, friendship, genuine relationships. Prayer is an expression of our silent being. Keep praying always...



TheMindsJournal
-Vijay Dehavalala-

The Age of
ENLIGHTENMENT

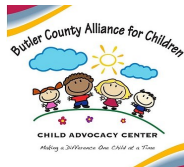
MISSION UPDATES



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD will be upon us in just about 1 month. The collection dates are Monday, November 15 through Monday, November 22. Friendship Presbyterian Community Center will continue to be a drop-off center. Monetary donations toward shipping of shoeboxes can be given by check made out to "Operation Christmas Child." The checks may be given to Ruth Keith, Wendi Vukson, or put in the offering plate on Sunday mornings. The checks will then be placed in a filed shoebox and sent on their way.



SCHOOL AND HEALTH KITS: Thank you all for signing up to donate items for the kits. Thanks to your generosity we were able to fill 66 school kits and 7 health kits. Working together to make a difference in our world!



BUTLER COUNTY CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER: Representatives from the Butler County Child Advocacy Center will attend the FPC Presbyterian Women's meeting on November 10. The meeting will be held at the Worship Center at 7:00 p.m. Please plan to attend this informational meeting!



DRESS FOR SUCCESS: Donations are being accepted for a spring delivery to "Dress For Success." Remember that they accept much more than just "interview" appropriate attire. They also welcome shoes (dress, tennis/athletic), costume jewelry, purses, and more work friendly clothing such as blue jeans, shirts/tops appropriate for more "labor type" jobs.

WHAT GOD IS LIKE

Before her death in 2019, Rachel Held Evans started writing a book with her young children in mind. The goal was to help them explore images for God, who is love.

What Is God Like? (co-authored by Matthew Turner) acknowledges, "That's a very big question, one that people from places all around the world have wondered about since the beginning of time."

The book highlights such biblical images for God as an eagle, a shepherd, a fort, wind, an artist, a "strong and safe" mother, and a "gentle and safe" father.

Just as Evans remained open to questions as a means to grow in faith, her book concludes: "Keep searching. Keep wondering. ... But whenever you aren't sure what God is like, think about what makes you feel safe ... brave ... loved. That's what God is like."

What images for God come to your mind? Indeed, what is God like — for you?

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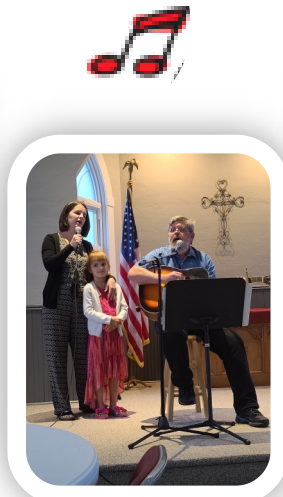


SATURDAY CONCERT

AUGUST 14

Second Saturday Concerts are back! On September 11, we hosted our Second Saturday Concert featuring **Paul Cashdollar** who provided a wonderful collection of gospel songs, featuring many that he wrote himself. It was great to hear some of our old favorites and be taken back to a time when things were easier and friendships dearer. Paul also shared his testimony with us and was an inspiration to all who attended.

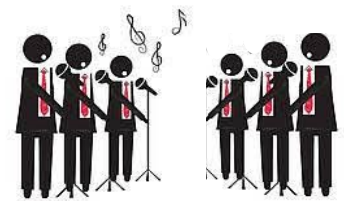
Photos by Micheal Adams



COMING ON OCTOBER 9

This month's Saturday Concert will be held on October 9 and will feature the music of the Olde Town Harmony Barbershop Chorus of Grove City. The group consists of a group of men between the ages of 16 and 94 singing four-part harmony.

Spread the news to friends and family. Refreshments start at 6:30 p.m. and the concert at 7:00 p.m. Watch for sign up sheet for snacks.



**Sing and
make music
from your heart
to the Lord,
always giving
thanks to God
the Father for
everything,
in the name
of our Lord
Jesus Christ.**

EPHESIANS 5:19-20, NIV

Prayer List

*“Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord.”
James 5:16*

Anne D.
April and Todd
Bonnie (of Georgia)
The Alben Family
Jane Allison
Carly Atkisson
Zachary Barto
Kayla Brundige
Martie Cooper
Ruth Cooper
Kay Curtis
Heather Datt
Jim Dickey
Mark Doerr
Blanche English
Jennifer Gilliland
Donna Grossman
David Hall
Kimberly Harrison
Timothy James

Rev. & Mrs. William
Jamieson
Graham Larimore
Landry Lawson
Ed Lind
Joe Lowers
Will McCoy
Kevin Michael
Willard Morse
Randy Morgan
Jessie Myers
David Parker
Karen and Roy Pepper
Bernie and Linda
Bill & Chris Schroeder
Micheal Scott
George Sonnet & Family
The Family Helen
Taggart
Joe Vivelo

Seth Vogan
Joan West
Woman from
Michigan
Our military at home
and abroad
Persecuted Christians
around the world,
Alpha Omega (SR)
Pregnancy Center
Feed My Sheep Food
Cupboard
Beaver Butler
Presbytery
Cooperstown
Congregation

All those who have
been impacted by
COVID19

GOING TO EXTREMES

When a herd of elephants ventured into a town in eastern India, people chased them away. But soon they learned that a baby elephant had fallen into a 30-foot well and been left behind.

Workers had to use three backhoes to free the calf, breaking down the brick well and digging a sloping trench for the youngster to walk out on.

Righting a wrong — and even saving a life — may require extreme measures. A structure holding someone captive may need to be torn down. And in many cases, it’s better to allow the trapped one as much independence and agency as possible.

Rather than hoisting the elephant out vertically, which might have been dangerous and traumatic, helpers made a path so it could take part in attaining its freedom.

God often works like this, restoring and equipping us to partner with him. How can we assist others while granting them the dignity of being part of the solution?

—Heidi Hyland Mann



BIRTHDAYS

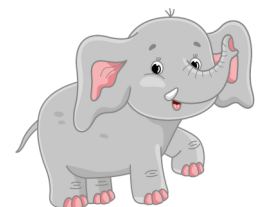
Benjamin Vukson, 10/3
Joanie West, 10/6
Beth Frampton, 10/7
Robert Lagnese, 10/13
Shirlann Finch, 10/22
Jeff Cross, 10/23
George Natili, 10/26

ANNIVERSARIES

Philip and Bethann
Frampton, 10/12

REMEMBER OUR FRIEND IN THE NURSING HOME

Jessie Myers
Grove Manor
435 North Broad Street
Grove City, PA 16127



JUST FOR FUN

Submitted by Chris Hogg

JOKES

THAT CAN BE TOLD IN CHURCH

Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, 'Why is the bride dressed in white?'

The mother replied, 'Because white is the color of happiness, and today is the happiest day of her life.'

The child thought about this for a moment then said, 'So why is the groom wearing black?'



At Sunday School they were teaching how God created everything, including human beings.

Little Johnny seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs.

Later in the week his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill, and she said, 'Johnny, what is the matter?'

Little Johnny responded, 'I have pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife.'



Three boys are in the schoolyard bragging about their fathers.

The first boy says, 'My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a poem, they give him \$50.'

The second boy says, 'That's nothing. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a song, they give him \$100.'

The third boy says, 'I got you both beat. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a sermon, and it takes eight people to collect all the money!'



A Sunday School teacher asked her class why Joseph and Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem.

A small child replied, 'They couldn't get a babysitter.'



A police recruit was asked during the exam, 'What would you do if you had to arrest your own mother?'

He answered, 'Call for backup.'

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five- and six-year olds.

After explaining the commandment to 'Honor thy father and mother,' she asked,

'Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?'

Without missing a beat, one little boy answered, 'Thou shall not kill.'



An elderly woman died last month.

Having never married, she requested no male pallbearers.

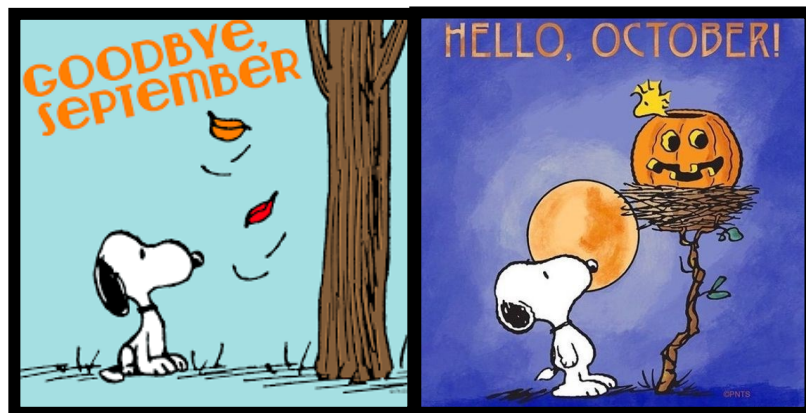
In her handwritten instructions for her memorial service, she wrote, 'They wouldn't take me out while I was alive, I don't want them to take me out when I'm dead.'

You don't stop laughing because you grow old.. You grow old because you stop laughing! Take heed and share these with People who need a laugh.

Times are tough right now...for all of us...so we need something to make the day a happy place.



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