



Among Friends

JULY, 2023



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR



Greetings;

As I write this, today is the first day of summer. What a wonderful time of the year. For me summer means rest, relaxation and a time to rejuvenate. School is out and even though I dearly love Gwen and Jack, I am grateful for this free time. Now I have time to do some of the things I have been put off during the school year. I have been dusting and scrubbing and cleaning out closets and taking things Goodwill. I have found *stuff* that I didn't remember having and don't remember buying. It made me wonder about the things (talents) God has given me. Have I put them away and not used them for a long time?

In *Matthew 25:14-30* we read the parable of the talents. One servant was given over \$5000, he put the money to work and doubled it. Another servant was given over \$2000, he also put the money to work and he doubled what he had as well. But the servant that was given \$1000 failed to invest the money. He was afraid of losing it so he dug a hole and hid it in the ground.

When the master returned, he checked to see what the servants had done with the money. The first two received praises from the master because they had used the talent given and even multiplied it. But the master was unhappy with the third, so he took the money and gave it to the one who now had \$10,000.

The meaning is this; what we don't use, we lose! You have all heard the saying; "*use it or lose it.*" Now we know where the saying came from!

Some Christians plan to start praying on a regular basis. They plan to spend more time in prayer. When they don't, they find it more difficult to do so as time goes by. They have buried their talents. *Use it or lose it!*

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AUGUST

**Newsletter
Deadline**

July 26

*Worship
With Us*

(((ONLINE WORSHIP)))

Click Here

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Deadline for
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JULY 26

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From Our Pastor's Desk (continued)

Other Christians plan to spend more time in God's word—studying it and meditating on it. But it seems like tomorrow is a good day to start...and tomorrow just never comes. Another talent is buried. *Use it or lose it!*

Many Christians want the courage to tell others the Good News, yet they never seem to muster up the courage to do so. Sadly, many opportunities to share have been missed. The opportunities have been buried. *Use it or lose it!*

As Christians, we must take our calling seriously. God wants us to be good stewards who use the talents he has given us—not grave diggers who bury them!

What about you? Are you going to use the talents and gifts God has given you or are you going to bury them? Scripture warns us: *use it or lose it!*

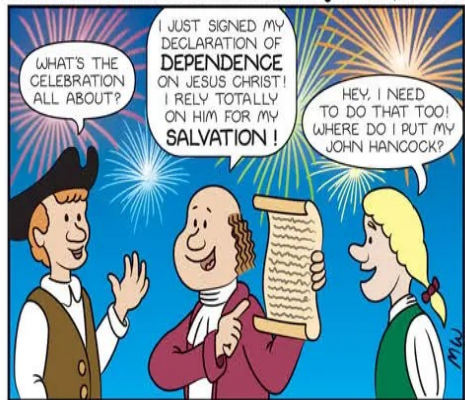
In His service,
Diane



**GOD BLESS
AMERICA**



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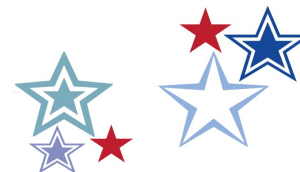
My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge.

— PSALM 62:7 NIV

LOOK FOR THE SIGN!

Submitted by Evelyn Vargo

When driving past the Community Center don't forget to look for the sign!



FRIENDSHIP PRESBYTERIAN COMMUNITY

**IF THERE
IS NO WIND
ROW**

To Book Call: 724-738-0953

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**IF YOU STOP CUTTING
YOURSELF DOWN
BEAUTIFUL THINGS
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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FPC?

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:

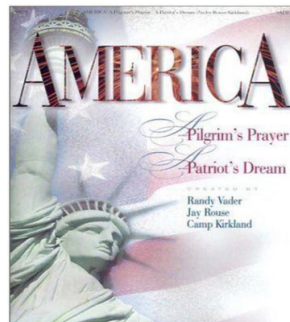
July starts out with one more lesson from the prophets, a lesson from Zechariah 9 that announces God's peace to the nations. Then, we explore Jesus' kingdom-teachings in Matthew 12 and 13. All are welcome to join us for a time of Bible study, discussion, and sharing. The class meets at 9:45am.

YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:

The Young Adult Class will be studying "who is God?" They will learn that Jesus is the fullest & best representation God. We will learn that Jesus is the only path to salvation and he reveals God's desire and welcome those who turn to him with a repentant heart. We meet at 9:45 a.m. each week.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND SPECIAL DATES

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| JULY 2, 2023 | WORSHIP AND COMMUNION SERVICE
Worship begins at 11:00 a.m., Sunday School (for all ages) begins at 9:45 a.m. |
| JULY 4, 2023 | INDEPENDENCE DAY |
| JULY 8, 2023 | SECOND SATURDAY CONCERT featuring Barry and Debby Wiles who will offer a program of Christian music. Refreshments start at 6:30 p.m. followed by the program at 7:00 p.m. |
| JULY 9, 2023 | WORSHIP SERVICE: Worship begins at 11:00 a.m., Sunday School (for all ages) begins at 9:45 a.m. |
| JULY 16, 2023 | WORSHIP SERVICE: Worship begins at 11:00 a.m., Sunday School (for all ages) begins at 9:45 a.m. |
| JULY 23, 2023 | WORSHIP SERVICE: Worship begins at 11:00 a.m., Sunday School (for all ages) begins at 9:45 a.m. |
| JULY 30, 2023 | WORSHIP SERVICE: Worship begins at 11:00 a.m., Sunday School (for all ages) begins at 9:45 a.m. Mr. Larry Pifer will lead the service. |



Presented by
ACTS
Tuesday, July 4, 2023
2:00 p.m.

Mt. Chestnut Presbyterian Church
Butler, Pa.

Three of our own will be participating. Micheal Adams and Heather Datt will singing in the choir. Sue Datt will present a slide show that will add visuals to the musical performance.

MISSION UPDATE



Feed My Sheep: The crackers have been delivered to the food cupboard. They are so grateful for anything that they receive. The item of the month for July will be **dessert mixes** (cakes, brownies, cookies), and anything else that fits in the category. Cake icing would be appropriate as well. Items will be delivered week of July 31st.



All Good Things: A third delivery of clothing items is set to be delivered (week of June 26). Thank you for your donations. Again, clothing for men, women, and children, shoes, jewelry are welcomed. All Good Things is a thrift shop in Grove City. All proceeds from their sales are donated to support area needs.



School and Health Kits: Watch for sign-up sheets for school kit items coming out in August. Also watch for health kit instructions. This is a FPC Presbyterian Women project and these items will be collected at the meeting on September 9.



Spaghetti **BENEFIT** DINNER & BASKET RAFFLE

AUGUST 11, 2023

4:00 - 8:00 P.M.

SLIPPERY ROCK TOWNSHIP BUILDING

Adults: \$10.00

Children (3-12): \$5.00

Children under 3 free

Take Out Available

Meal includes salad, spaghetti and meatballs, cake and beverage.

**For tickets call Jeff Cross at 724-498-5957 or
Michelle Whitehouse at 724-992-3604**



As many of you know, Jennifer Gilliland (Jen) lives in Harrisville and was a member of the Friendship Parish (Bethel Church) since birth. She has been a paraplegic since her teens. Jen has a wound on her leg that modern medicine and doctors have been unable to heal which has caused her hip joint to deteriorate with the only recommended option as amputation. Due to the wound, she spends 90% of her time in a special pressurized bed. Despite her medical issues, Jen has been a hard-working member of society for 19 years. The medical visits, hospitalizations and illness have sadly caused her to take leave from work and pursue medical retirement from her employer. She has not had a paycheck since February and could use your support to continue to pay for her medical supplies and her bills.

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 Bentley
Bonnie of Georgia
Christy Francine
The Alben Family
Leslie Alford
The Allison Family
Jane Allison
Carly Atkisson
Tammy Baker
Zachary Barto
Jan Bloom
Candy Boulanger
Kayla Brundige
Tyler Burson
Joanne Campbell
Martie Cooper
Martie Cooper’s Brother
Louise Corbett
Jeff & Cindy Cross
Heather Datt
William Datt
Jim Dickey
Mark Doerr

Jennifer Gilliland
Donna Grossman
Chris Hogg
Timothy James
Rev. & Mrs. Bill Jamieson
Graham Larimore
Landry Lawson
Joe Lowers
Amber Matteo
Will McCoy
Kevin Michael
Willard Morse
Randy Morgan
David Parker
Bernie Rihel
Bill & Chris Schroeder
Cindy Solman’s Mother & Sister
George Sonnet & Family
Jane Spencer
Joe Vivelo
Seth Vogan
Donna Walker
Joan West (and her family)
Michelle Whitehouse

Megan Lind Zimmer (Joan West’s granddaughter.)
Our military at home & abroad
Persecuted Christians around the world
Alpha Omega Center
Feed My Sheep Food Cupboard
Beaver Butler Presbytery
Cooperstown Church Family
Friendship Church Family
S. R. Community Nursery School
Trevor Wood’s Ministry
All those who have been Impacted by COVID19.
All those impacted by mass shootings in the United States.
The people of Ukraine and Russia, their leaders, the world leaders and the world’s people.

AN ABUNDANCE OF GIFTS

In 2022, people set some amazing Guinness World Records. A Nebraska man paddled more than 37 miles in a hollowed-out pumpkin boat. A Vermont teen wearing 4-inch heels walked more than 600 feet across a tightrope. And an Oregon man found and alphabetized all 26 letters in a can of alphabet soup in 2 minutes and 8.6 seconds. (The toughest part, he says, is distinguishing subtle differences between letters such as M and W.)

Your talents might not earn you any world records, but they certainly can grow faith and change lives. Whether you’re good at teaching, singing, writing, cooking or accounting, the church can put those skills to productive use. Romans 12 lists many more qualities you may not realize are spiritual gifts: graciousness, serving, generosity, acts of mercy, loving and honoring others, extending hospitality, rejoicing and weeping with people, making peace.

You might not be able to outperform the alphabet soup record. But God abundantly blesses each of us to “outdo one another in showing honor” (Romans 12:10, ESV) and in sharing his love.

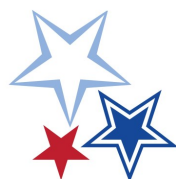
—Stephanie Martin

Reminder From Pastor Diane:



BIRTHDAYS

Luke Sybert, July 13
Bill Kreuzer, July 20
Ray Vukson, July 24
Craig Allison, July 27



ANNIVERSARIES

Matt and Emily Sybert
July 10
Dan and Tiffany Sybert
July 12

THE SATURDAY CONCERT

We welcome **Barry & Debbie Wiles** back to our stage for the **July 8, Second Saturday Concert**. Barry and Debbie live in North Carolina and spend their summers at Slippery Rock Campground on West Park Road. Once again we look forward to a program of beautiful Christian music along with their heartfelt witness of their love for one another, their love of God and His love from them and all that He has done in their lives. Be sure to tell your friends and family to join us...this is a program you won't want to miss!

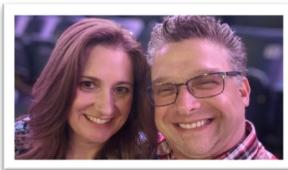


As always, refreshments start at 6:30 p.m. and the concert will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. (Members are asked to bring along a dessert or snack to share.)

Attention Facebook users: please share with your friends the FB announcements that come out so we can broaden our reach.

COMING ON AUGUST 12 2B'S ACOUSTIC

Brenda and Bryan Hill have been connected by their love of music for more than 30 years. They have shared their vocal talents for many years by serving on various worship teams, but just recently decided to become a part of the local mainstream music scene. Brenda provides the majority of lead vocals, but loves when she can add a harmony to her husband's leading voice. Bryan plays the acoustic guitar and lends his effortless harmonies to enrich the melodies of the covers they sing. Join us as we welcome them to their first 2nd Saturday Concert!



DECLARATION OF DEPENDENCE

It is a great and holy God that calls the nations to prayer...and He has promised to listen to the prayers of His people...these are His words...

"If my people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways then will I hear from Heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

(2 Chronicles 7:14)

We are a nation that needs healing and needs forgiveness. One of the great and wise kings of a history, Solomon, king of Israel, proclaimed, "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people..."

(Proverbs 14:34)

Jesus...let Your words awaken a right spirit within us...let us pray as You taught us to pray acknowledging our

Declaration of Dependence...

*Our Father Who art in Heaven,
hallowed be Thy name.*

Thy Kingdom come,

Thy will be done,

on earth as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread

And forgive us our debts,

As we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,

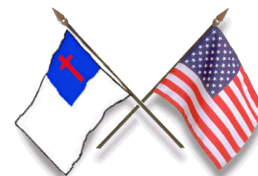
But deliver us from evil

For Thine is the Kingdom

And the power

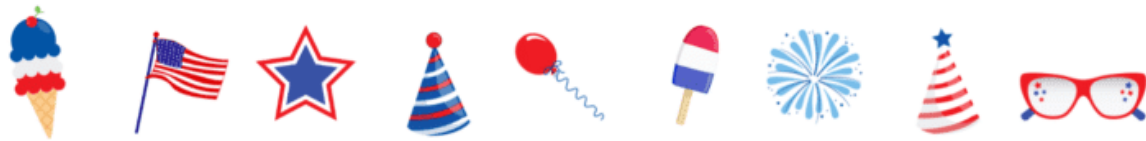
*and the
Amen.*

glory forever.





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