



Among Friends

AUGUST, 2021



A FROM DIANE'S DESK

Greetings,

Jeff Bezos is the richest man in the world. He is worth over 208 billion dollars. This past week he flew into outer space with his very own spaceship. When he returned to earth, he thanked his employees and his customers for making the spaceflight possible. (He never once praised God for his safety and for his provisions.) Then he drove away in his sleek all-electric Rivian R1S SUV. The starting price is \$77,000, however I'm sure Mr. Bezos got all the options!

For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.

And he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment—to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ.

Ephesians 1:4-10

I want to say that we are just as rich as Jeff Bezos. And if he doesn't know Christ then we are far richer than he is. He may have worldly money and possessions, but we have Christ. Nothing compares to *the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us...* his children.

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SEPTEMBER

Newsletter
Deadline

August 25



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SPECIAL DATES IN AUGUST



Deadline for
SEPTEMBER
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AUGUST 25

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From Our Pastor's Desk (continued)

It may seem that Jeff Bezos has it all; he traveled to the heavens and he returned to his 165-million-dollar home. I read that Jeff Bezos keeps his faith to himself, which probably tells us all we need to know about his faith. Scripture tells us that if we don't have love (God's love), then we have nothing. So, Mr. Bezos might not be as rich as he appears to be.

Folks, someday we will travel to the heavens and the home that has been prepared for us will make the Bezos mansion pale in comparison. As Christians we are rich and what we have is priceless! Because what we have was bought and paid for by the precious blood of Christ.

I have to say, I am not judging Jeff Bezos. I don't know him personally and I don't know for certain that he isn't a Christian...I pray that he is. However, what I want you to see is that all the riches of earth will never compare to the riches we have in Christ. Take time to thank God for the riches he has lavished on you.

In His love,
Diane



SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:

The class is back to meeting in the Sunday School room. Our August lessons continue to focus on faith and hope with lessons from Hebrews, I John, and II Corinthians. Topics we will be discussing are how faith in Christ helps people persevere in all circumstances, that faith overcomes the world, and that we all can have God's gift of eternal life. All are welcome to join us at 9:45 a.m. for a time of Bible study, discussion, and sharing.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL:

The Children's Sunday school class is continuing the study of Romans. They are learning how what was written many years ago can apply to their lives today. We meet in the church basement at 9:45 a.m. each week.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FPC?

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.



FRESH START



MISSION UPDATES



SCHOOL AND HEALTH KITS FOR CHURCH WORLD SERVICE: During the month of August, FPC Presbyterian Women will be collecting items for school kits for World Church Service. Watch for sign up sheets to donate needed items. Also, bags will be available for anyone wishing to decorate bags.

The group is also asking for donations of completed health kits. Look for instruction sheets on vestibule table. All items will be needed by Sunday, September 5 or at the FPCPW meeting on

FPC PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN UPDATE



MONTHLY MEETINGS TO RESUME: On Wednesday, September 8 the FPC Presbyterian Women will meet at 7:00 p.m. at the community center. Please remember to bring items you signed up to donate for the School Kits and completed Health Kits.



Second Saturday Concerts are back! The August 14th concert will feature longtime area performer **Donnie Clark** with a program of Christian music.

Please watch for the sign-up sheet for snacks/desserts and for clean up afterwards.

And....spread the word. Invite family, friends, and neighbors. If you have suggestions for programs, pass them on to Evie or Ruth..

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

Jennie Jamieson
Rev. William
Jamieson
Graham Larimore
Landry Lawson
Ed Lind
Joe Lowers
Will McCoy
Kevin Michael
Willard Morse
Randy Morgan
Jessie Myers
David Parker
Bill & Chris Schroeder
Micheal Scott
Helen Taggart
Joe Vivelo
Seth Vogan
Our military at home
and abroad

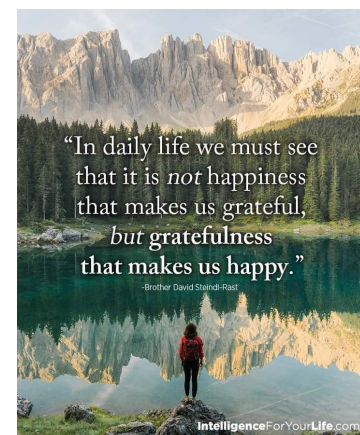
Persecuted Christians
around the world,
Alpha Omega (SR)
Pregnancy Center
Feed My Sheep Food
Cupboard
Beaver Butler
Presbytery
Cooperstown
Congregation

All those who have
been impacted by
COVID19



THOUGHTS AND INSPIRATIONS

Submitted by Chris Hogg
(Shared with her by her daughter, “Dory”)



August

BIRTHDAYS

Dave Walker, 8/1
Pat Bickel, 8/14
Matt Sybert, 8/17
Virginia Merkle, 8/20
Chris Hogg, 8/22
Ruth Keith, 8/29
Dennis Grosky, 8/30

ANNIVERSARIES

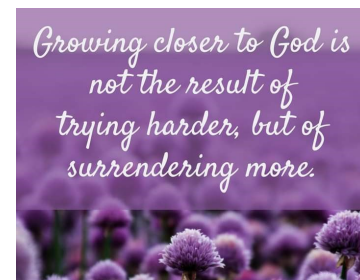
Craig & Doris Allison,
8/16
Robert & Michelle
Lagnese, 8/16
Roy & Karen Pepper,
8/17
Don & Pat Bickel, 8/21



REMEMBER OUR FRIENDS IN NURSING HOMES

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FRIENDSHIP AND FRIENDS TRAVEL TO KENTUCKY June 15 - 16, 2021

Submitted by Jeff Cross

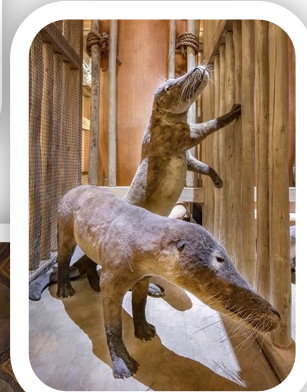
I would like to thank God and everyone who helped make our trip to the Ark Encounter and Creation Museum possible. Cindy and I were joined by 45 wonderful brothers and sisters in Christ, representing 22 churches.

We had an pleasant ride through PA and Ohio and enjoyed getting acquainted with some new friends and reconnecting with some old friends. Along the way we were entertained by Micheal Adams telling some jokes and enjoyed a great “brown bag lunch” thanks to our driver and his wife.

Everyone seemed to like visiting the **Creation Museum** having the chance to explore the comparison of Biblical creation facts vs the “Big Bang” theory and evolution. We enjoyed a great supper at Cracker Barrel right by our hotel.

Friday was a beautiful day for our visit to the **Ark Encounter**, until around noon when God decided to give us a rain storm—I think just to give us the real “Ark Encounter”. (...at least we didn’t need an Ark to get home safely!!!) It was awesome to have the chance to see how Noah and his family might have lived aboard the Ark alongside the animals.

I also want to thank our driver Dave McClymonds for putting this trip together for us and getting us there and home safely. On our way home Friday we announced that we are planning to go to Lancaster next year to see the Sight and Sound Theater’s presentation of “David.”



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BIBLICAL CREATION MODEL	NATURALISTIC EVOLUTIONARY MODEL
Life came from life, personally crafted by the uncreated God of the Bible.	Life spontaneously came from non-life; life is an unintended natural phenomenon.
Animals were created as distinct kinds about 6,000 years ago.	All animals have descended from a common ancestor at least 3.5 billion years ago.
Changes within kinds are the result of design features.	Changes that animals undergo are purely undirected natural phenomena.
No new animal kinds develop—animals cannot change into totally different kinds.	Animals change into completely different animals (kinds); modifications are potentially unlimited.
Modifications are changes in structures that already exist.	Modifications eventually result in entirely new structures.
Fossils were formed quickly due to the Flood and localized post-Flood catastrophes.	Over millions of years, fossils were formed gradually or in localized catastrophes.
Death is an unnatural enemy introduced by Adam (1 Corinthians 15:26); one that will be removed by Jesus Christ.	Death, like life, is a meaningless chemical phenomenon.



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