



# Among Friends

**AUGUST, 2023**



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR



Greetings:

Are you full? FULL! I really like that word. I like a FULL tank of gas, a FULL stomach, and a FULL bank account. But what about a FULL life? Where can I get it?

**He fills my life with good things.  
(Psalm 103:5)**

Not only does God fill us, he fills us with good things. While a full tank is good and a full stomach is good and a full bank account is good...is that what God is talking about? Probably not! God fills us with love and hope and peace and joy (you remember these from advent...right?). So, while those other things are good, what God gives us is not only good but the things we really need. And what do we need the most? The bible tells us in the Book of John.

**I (Jesus) have come that they may have life,  
and have it to the full. (John 10:10)**

There it is; LIFE. Jesus came so that we would have life. And not just life, but a FULL life filled with good things.

Folks, I am so grateful for the FULL life that God has given me. It is a life filled with things the world cannot understand and doesn't have. My life may not be perfect, but I have love. My life may have struggles, but I have hope. My life may sometimes have turmoil, but I have peace. My life might not always be happy, but I have joy. Through Christ I have all these things and so can you. After all, that's why he came!

In His love,  
*Diane*



LIVE A  
FULL LIFE *in*  
*Jesus*  
and BRING OTHERS ALONG FOR THE RIDE

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**SEPTEMBER**

**Newsletter  
Deadline**

**August 27**

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With Us*

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Deadline for  
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AUGUST 27

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**BENEFIT SPAGHETTI DINNER  
AND BASKET RAFFLE  
FOR JEN GILLILAND**



**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**



**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 CENTER

**TURN YOUR STRIVING  
INTO WORKS OF  
GRACE  
HAPPY LABOR DAY**

To Book Call: 724-738-0953

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WILL NEVER GIVE YOU  
A POSITIVE LIFE**

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FPC?

### SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

#### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:

The theme of our August lessons is God's Eternal Reign with lessons from the words of Paul in Galatians 5, Romans 14, I Corinthians 4 and 15. Emphasis will be on the topic of worshipfulness. All are welcome for a time of Bible study, discussion, and sharing.

The class meets at 9:45am every Sunday.

#### YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:

The class will be studying how to live out their faith. They will learn that as followers of Jesus they need to be peacemakers and servants of Jesus. They will be challenged to be more like Jesus by showing compassion and love for their neighbors.

We meet at 9:45 a.m. each week.

### UPCOMING EVENTS AND SPECIAL DATES

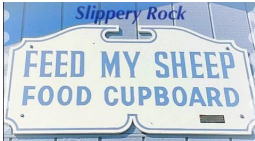


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| <b>AUGUST 6</b>  | <b>WORSHIP AND COMMUNION SERVICE</b><br>Worship begins at 11:00 a.m., Sunday School (for all ages) begins at 9:45 a.m.   |
| <b>AUGUST 11</b> | <b>BENEFIT SPAGHETTI DINNER AND BASKET RAFFLE FOR JEN GILLILAND:</b> Slippery Rock Township Building, 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.   |
| <b>AUGUST 12</b> | <b>SECOND SATURDAY CONCERT</b> featuring <b>2B'S ACOUSTIC</b> (Brenda and Bryan Hill) who will offer a program of Christian and contemporary music. Refreshments start at 6:30 p.m. followed by the program at 7:00 p.m. |
| <b>AUGUST 13</b> | <b>WORSHIP SERVICE:</b> Worship begins at 11:00 a.m., Sunday School (for all ages) begins at 9:45 a.m.   |
| <b>AUGUST 20</b> | <b>WORSHIP SERVICE:</b> Worship begins at 11:00 a.m., Sunday School (for all ages) begins at 9:45 a.m.   |
| <b>AUGUST 27</b> | <b>WORSHIP SERVICE:</b> Worship begins at 11:00 a.m., Sunday School (for all ages) begins at 9:45 a.m.   |



- *Friendship Presbyterian Women will meet Wednesday, September 13, for Bible study (Session 9 from our study guide, "Managing Your Emotions"). We will also organize for the 2023-24 meetings and pack the school kits.*
- *FROM THE SESSION: September 23 was selected as a tentative Date for cleanup for the Worship Center. The next Session meeting is on October 23, 2023.*

## MISSIONS UPDATE . . .



**Feed My Sheep Food Cupboard:** We are currently collecting dessert mixes (cookies, cakes, etc.) and icing for 2 more weeks. Other food items are also welcome. Please put donations in container in vestibule. Watch for the next "item of the month."



**All Good Things:** We continue to collect any clothing items (men's, women's, children's). Also wanted are shoes, purses, and jewelry. A delivery is planned for mid-August.



**CHURCH WORLD SERVICE:** Friendship Presbyterian Women are collecting items for school kits and completed hygiene kits to be distributed around the world.

**SCHOOL KITS:** Sign-up sheets will be in vestibule for donation of school kits items: blunt scissors, notebooks (70 page count), rulers, hand-held pencil sharpeners, large erasers, unsharpened pencils, crayons (24 count box). These items can be left in the vestibule by September 10 or brought to the FPW meeting on September 13.

**HYGIENE KITS:** Each kit requires 1 hand towel, 1 washcloth, 1 wide-tooth comb (needs to be sturdy, have at least 6" of teeth, with or without handles, no pocket combs or picks), 1 fingernail or toenail clipper removed from packaging, 1 toothbrush in original package, 1 bath size bar of soap in packaging, and 10 standard size band-aids. Items should be packed in a 1 gallon size Ziploc type bag. Do not add toothpaste. These kits can also be left in the vestibule or brought to the FPW meeting on September 13 meeting.

**ALSO NEEDED:** Some medium sized cardboard boxes for shipping. Contact Ruth with any questions.

**NOTE:** Cash donations are also appreciated to help with shipping costs. Please give to Nancy Natili or Ruth Keith.

. . . across the street & around the world



# 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

Harold Eichholtz.  
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  
George Sonnet & Family  
Jane Spencer  
Joe Vivelo  
Seth Vogan  
Donna Walker  
Joan West  
Michelle Whitehouse  
Megan Lind Zimmer (Joan West’s granddaughter.)

Woman from Michigan  
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.

## DAILY REASONS TO CELEBRATE

Poor August, the only month without holidays! Still, there’s lots to celebrate these final weeks of summer. Enjoy some summer flavors: August 1 is National Raspberry Cream Pie Day; August 2, National Ice Cream Sandwich Day; August 3, National Watermelon Day; August 10, National S’mores Day (have a bonfire!); and August 24 is National Peach Day.

If you share life with young kids, have a water balloon fight on — you guessed it — National Water Balloon Day, August 6! Head out for a final (National) Beach Day on August 30. Or head out for an intergenerational hike on National Trail Mix Day, August 31.

And don’t forget to celebrate God’s precious gifts of friends — National Friendship Day is the first Sunday in August; creation — Global Sleep Under the Stars Night is August 8 (prime time for meteor showers!); laughter — National Tell a Joke Day is August 16; and the opportunity to put God’s love into action by serving others — on August 22, National Be an Angel Day, or August 28, National Thoughtful Day, and, for that matter, every day of the year — holiday or not.



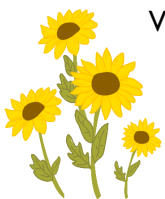
## BIRTHDAYS

Dave Walker, August 1  
Pat Bickel, August 14  
Matt Sybert, August 17  
Virginia Merkle, August 20

Chris Hogg, August 22  
Ruth Keith, August 29  
Dennis Grosky, August 30  
John Black, August 31

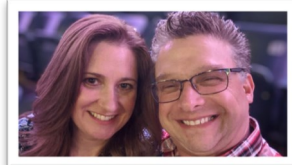
## ANNIVERSARIES

Craig and Doris Allison, August 16  
Robert and Michele Lagnese, August 16  
Roy and Karen Pepper, August 17  
Don and Pat Bickel, August 21



# THE SATURDAY CONCERT

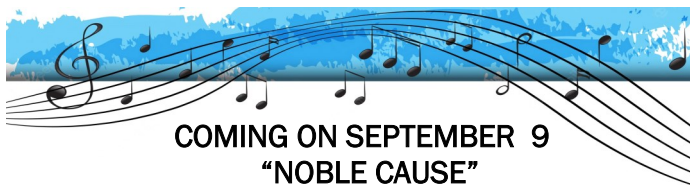
We welcome 2B'S ACOUSTIC to our stage for the first time for our August 12, Second Saturday Concert.



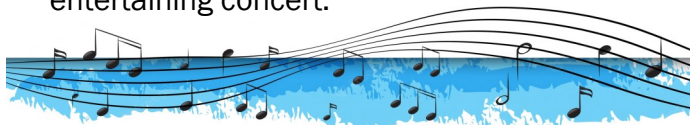
Brenda and Bryan Hill have been connected by their love of music for more than 30 years. They have shared their vocal talents for many years by serving on various worship teams, but just recently decided to become a part of the local mainstream music scene. Brenda provides the majority of lead vocals, 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.

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.**



"Noble Cause," (Jeff and Barb Cause), will present a program of gospel music as well as traditional and contemporary music. This is their second performance for us and we look forward to another inspirational and entertaining concert.




## Daily Checklist for a Happy Christian

- Don't let little things disturb you.
- Face each day knowing "Jesus does all things well."
- Give ALL your cares to Jesus.  
**HE** heals - **HE** guards - **HE** guides - **HE** saves completely!
- Stop worrying! Do good, and then let the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit give the results in your life.
- Remember what you think is "impossible," to God, is nothing more than a passing breeze.
- Trust Jesus that everything will be okay. For it's better to trust, than to doubt and miss a blessing.
- Do not do God's work for Him.  
**HE** convicts, **HE** convinces, **HE** will be the Judge.
- Look for the good in everyone, and don't find fault.
- Live so that all who meet you, meet Jesus.
- Know that Jesus is with you and nothing else matters.

Ken Pilcher, Jr.







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