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# The Joyful Noiseletter



## The Discipline of the Father

*"My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor faint when you are reprov-  
ed by him; for those whom the Lord loves he disciplines, and he scourges every son he  
receives." - Hebrews 12:5-6*

Dear Friends in Christ ...

As we look forward to school betting back in session for another year, I am reminded of an incident from my school days ...

It was the 5<sup>th</sup> grade at Rupert Elementary School in Mr. Moyer's class. Because of my size, being one of the tallest boys in the class, I was placed in the back of the room. Next to me was Jimmy Jones, an equally big guy, but he happened to be a little more 'devilish' than I. On this one day, Jimmy was being his devilish self and decided to aim a spitball at Mr. Moyer. Let's just say – he was a good aim! Sitting next to him, I saw it all and of course when the 'splat' hit Mr. Moyer on his dark, horn-rimmed glasses, I laughed. And not just a little snicker, but a gut-busting outburst. Needless to say, Jimmy and I got in a heap of trouble.

After school, Jimmy and I walked home – we lived on the same street. I did what I normally do when I get home from school: changed my clothes, did my homework, and enjoyed one of mom's baked goodies. But then it happened. I heard a knock at the front door. When I turned to look to see who was there, I recognized those familiar dark, horn-rimmed glasses. Mr. Moyer made a home visit to speak with my mom and dad about the events of the day! Needless to say, I got in a heap of trouble for the second time.

My dad was NOT the disciplinarian in the home ... my mom took great pride in that job! But on this particular day, after being confronted by my parents and confessing before them and Mr. Moyer, I was sent to my room. I heard my dad thank Mr. Moyer for coming by. I then heard my dad's footsteps coming closer and closer toward my bedroom. He knocked and then came in. After trying to explain my side of the story, my dad told me to take the 'position!' And with that I received a proper 'whoopin' for my misbehavior. I can honestly say, I never did anything like that again – or at least I never got caught!

Every Christian knows about the discipline of our Heavenly Father. We have all received a 'whoopin' so to speak. The reality is, God is a good and loving Father. When His children sinfully wander from Him, He is faithful to lovingly go after us and bring us back in line. He disciplines us for our good. Figuratively, sometimes the discipline is 'detention' in the belly of a fish (see Jonah), and sometimes the discipline is a 'pig sty' like the prodigal son.

But here is the question: how do you respond to the Father's discipline?

**1. You need to own it.** Don't blow it off. Acknowledge your sin to the Father. Recognize what you did was evil in the sight of the Lord, and the discipline was just.

**2. You need to learn from it.** God doesn't discipline us to destroy us. He disciplines us for our good. He wants us to acknowledge and confess our sin ... accept His forgiveness ... and move on down the road with Him, being careful to "go and sin no more."

One of my favorite worship songs by Chris Tomlin is "Good, Good Father. We have sung a few times in church. The words to the first verse spoke to my heart the first time I heard it, which was when I was on sabbatical in 2016. He goes like this ...

*I've heard the tender whispers of love in the dead of night  
And you tell me that you're pleased and that I am never alone  
You're good, good Father  
It's who you are, it's who you are, it's who you are  
And I'm loved by you  
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am.*

The words to that song caused me to remember that discipline from the Father is a good thing. I'm never alone and He is a good, good Father. It shows that He loves you and me. It shows that you and I belong to Him. A good dad disciplines *his own* children, not the neighbor's kids. I often wondered if Jimmy Jones ever received a 'whoopin'?

So the next time you feel the sting of the Father's discipline come to your heart, thank Him for it. It's gonna hurt for a bit, but receive the discipline and learn from it. Let it do a deep work in your heart to draw you closer to the Savior. After all, *it's who He is and it's who we are!*

*Blessings and love,  
Pastor Jim*



2019-2020 Confirmation Meeting  
For Confirmands, Parents, Mentors  
**Monday Evening, September 9, 2019**  
**6:30 PM**  
**Education Building**

If you are interested in being part of this year's Confirmation Class, beginning in September 2019, please join us to find out the requirements and how you can become a member of St. Peter's!

**Back to Church Fall Campaign**  
**"Together"**

God meant for us to do this thing called church 'together' by loving one another, encouraging one another, praying for one another, and supporting one another. Join us for a great series on how to do church 'together'!

- 9/15 ~ Together We Find Peace!
- 9/22 ~ Together We Experience Love!
- 9/29 ~ Together We Grow Stronger!
- 10/6 ~ Together We Can Change the World!



**TOGETHER**  
NATIONAL BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY™



UPDATE:  
Epiphany Church  
Gloucester, N.J.  
Pastor Joe Marlin

# Jesus is on the MOVE!

## Highlights from the first half of 2019

**We baptized 12 souls so far this year!** That included a couple families that baptized three generations. We had our first 49 members join the church and have 40 more looking to join this Fall. Every single one of these people have become family to us. We thank God for bringing us together as a Church.

**We provided 510 families an Easter Meal,** a small part of an overall Easter outreach ministry providing 10,000 meals to our region! It is amazing how much the Easter outreach ministry has grown since I helped launch this movement 9 years ago, when we first served 75 families in Fishtown, Philadelphia. We also continued our Community Monthly meals, the largest foodbank in our area, and raised a bunch of money at our annual Pasta dinner fundraiser to go directly into helping people with emergency needs!

**We ran a DAILY CAMP, for 7 weeks, for 50 kids, offered to the community for FREE.** This is by far our most intense outreach of the year. Praise God for our youth leader Dylan, who ran this outreach with a handful of local high school students, and two college interns who raised their own money to come serve with us. Half the kids were from our Church, and we've seen most of the families from the other half starting to come to Church in the past month.

We threw an incredible **block party with over 300 people** who heard the Gospel of Jesus.

**Our Youth group is blowing up.** Leaders are being raised up from disciples. Three teens were baptized this summer, and the transformation in their lives has been amazing.

**250 School Bags & Free Haircuts!** As the school year begins, we wanted to equip our students with the necessary tools to excel and the help them look 'fresh' with new haircuts as they begin their new year!

### **Prayers for this fall.**

- **Continue to raise up leaders.** Financially, emotionally and spiritually stable disciples that can become leaders is one of our biggest challenges. Pray that God would just drop in our lap people ready and willing to serve, and that we would do the hard work of raising people from the ground up.
- **Faithfulness in a context of heavy mental illness and drug addiction.** Pray that we would have a thriving and effective ministry that brings healing to the sick and freedom to those in bondage.
- **Giving 250+ school bags away.** Right before school starts we will officially end the summer with a Back to School bash. Pray that God would continue to give us a great presence in the trailer park, and that we would be able to help many in need that are homeless, and living in the many hotels on Route 130.
- **Launching Shepherding Groups.** As the Church has continued to grow from just a handful of people, I am learning fast that I cannot effectively pastor everyone like I once did. Pray for the leaders we are raising up and the launch of our small group ministry this fall.
- **More weddings and baptisms than funerals.** This year has been better in terms of more weddings and baptisms, but just when I thought we would have more of them than funerals I was slammed with 4 funerals in two weeks, and 6 people close to our church passing away. Three of them were stabbing deaths and two of them overdoses.

## CPR UPDATE continued...

### Financial Update!

We praise God that about 25% of our support comes from internal giving, but we are believing God to continue to significantly raise our external support over the next 4 years, even as we just celebrated our one year anniversary this spring. Many of our people struggle to take care of themselves let alone the Church. Right now we are looking to lose \$20,000 in support from Church planting grants in the second half of 2020. We recently lost the support of two churches that equal \$9,000 because they are going through their own hard times and transitions. We need your support now more than ever. I would LOVE to speak to you on the phone or by Skype, or even visit your church or small group to share more about the amazing things God is doing in Gloucester City.

If you'd like to help Epiphany Church out by sponsoring something on their wish list ... let me know! Here are a few items that are not part of their budget, but are seeking God to supply:

- Trailer in Crescent Park for after school and prayer ministry. 5,000 – 10,000K
- Intern Stipend for Fall Youth Ministry. 5,000K
- Conferences for enrichment of lay and pastoral leaders. 3,000K
- Equipment for streamlining Sunday's. 3,000K
- Replenish Benevolence Funds used for emergencies. 3,000K
- Traveling Expenses to Raise Support. 2,000K



## AFRICA MISSION TEAM UPDATE

Just a note to keep you all in the loop. The Africa Mission team has been working hard to raise the funds we need to have a successful trip. We need your help. Coming up we have our monthly dinner (**Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup> 5-6:30pm**). Please try to attend these dinners and support us, as so far, we are only averaging about \$100 profit from each one. The cost is only a \$5 donation. We will also be having a candle sale soon, fall festival pancake breakfast and yard sale, and our annual big dinner in November. Our church has adopted the village of Kalyango in Uganda which is near Hoima. We are drilling wells, cleaning natural water supplies, treating medical needs, repairing the church, supplying a full time pastor and preparing for future projects. This is a great undertaking for our church and we need your help and support. Please feel free to stop and ask any team member about what we do, we would be glad to fill you in.

Thanks,  
Africa Mission Team

# Volunteer Ministry News

*From the pen of Pam*



**Upcoming Volunteer Ministry Fair  
Sunday, September 15, 2019**

The fall season will soon be upon us and with it comes new opportunities of service to God at St. Peter's. If you have been praying about what you can do for the Lord or questioning what talents He has given you that can be used in the life of the church as we seek to build His Kingdom together, you will want to check out our Volunteer Ministry Fair which will be held on Sunday, September 15, in conjunction with Rally Day. The Fair will feature each of our volunteer ministries (exceptions include our Angels of Praise and Brother2Brother ministries because currently those ministries do not have leaders - if you are interested in leading either of these, please see Pam or PJ soon) and following the worship service, you are invited to browse through the Gathering Area, where someone from each of the ministries will be available to give information about their particular ministry or to answer questions you might have. There are so many ways to participate in any of our service or worship ministries, so whether you've wanted to find out about what items the Dorcas Circle makes or how you can help at the Monthly Community Dinners or anything else, September 15th will be a perfect time to get plugged in to a ministry. Obviously, our volunteer ministries are always looking for more people to become involved but, more importantly, the Lord who we love and who loves us is also looking for His children to become more immersed in the life of His church!

Below is a list of our volunteer ministries and the names of the leaders (or contact) person for each ministry:

Ding-a-Lings	Kendra Bertoti
Senior Choir	Sally Hamilton
Sound System/Tech Team	Scott McMaster/Eddie Crosson
Caps for Kids	Ruth Gross
Decorating Committee	Sandy Lee
Dorcas Circle	Janice Norris
Funeral Luncheon Committee	Judy Double
HeBrews	Ethan McMaster
Intercessory Prayer Team	Bea Barna
Mom 2 Mom Ministry	Becky Bichler
Monthly Community Dinners	Randy Herbe
Parking Lot Greeters	Lynn and Rick Meyers
We Care	Sally Hamilton
Women's Ministry	Marla Clouse



Remember that each person listed as a ministry leader is also a volunteer, and if anyone of them seeks you out to aid their ministry in some way, please prayerfully consider how you can help. There is definitely a place for everyone to serve God at St. Peter's!!

I'll close with these words from the apostle Peter found in 1st Peter 4:10: 'God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other, passing on to others God's many kinds of blessings.'

Are you ready to answer His call?

## VOLUNTEER MINISTRY NEWS continued...

### CHILDREN'S SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL BLESSES OTHERS

Under Heather Zeigler's direction, all of our kids who attended summer Sunday School learned a lot, had fun (how about that slime??!), and they also engaged in some service projects each of the three months. June's project included making cards and candy treat bags for our 'We Care' folks, and in July the kids made cards that were sent to residents at the Butler VA Hospital. In August, school supplies were collected for the students at Glade Run. We are sure that all who were recipients of the thoughtfulness of our Sunday School children were very blessed with knowing that others were thinking of and caring about them!!

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Everyone who is involved with Women's Ministry - and specifically those who are part of our 'Pair, Care, and Share' ministry to our widows - should mark their calendars so they can take part in the annual Widows' Luncheon, which will be held on Saturday, October 5, from 11:30-1:15. The program this year will feature Joni McFarland, who is a voice teacher at Grove City College. Joni and her accompanist Paula Kubik will be performing a number of sacred and secular songs and everyone will be enthralled with Joni's angelic voice! More details will be forthcoming in the next several weeks - look for them in the bulletins and the upcoming October newsletter!



## *Community Fellowship Dinner*

*Jesus didn't come to be served, HE came to SERVE.*

THE GREATEST AMONG YOU MUST BE A SERVANT.

MATTHEW 23:11 NLT

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**Friday, September 13th ~ 5:00-6:30pm** in our Fellowship Room  
September's menu: Baked Chicken Breast, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy,  
Vegetable, Drinks and Desserts.



A Bible study will begin on **Wednesday, September 11th** at 7:00pm at Cath Rape's home. David Jeremiah's study guide titled "Signs of Life" will take us through many New Testament books in the hopes of our every day life growing more like Jesus. All are welcome. Please call Cath Rape at (724) 452-4936 if you have any questions or plan to join!

## Women's Ministry News

Our service project for September will be for VOICe (Victims Outreach Intervention Center), please bring an item in to donate on **September 21st**. Needed items are: Kleenex, paper towels, Clorox/ Lysol wipes, storage bins, new sweatpants and sweatshirts (all sizes including 2, 3, 4X), new T-shirts (all sizes including 2, 3, 4X), cleaning supplies, garbage bags, laundry detergent, dryer sheets, dish soap, new rags, new makeup, shampoo, conditioner, hair products, body lotion, extension cords, phone chargers, batteries (all sizes), DVDs (adult and children), and arts/craft supplies.

On **Saturday, September 21** from 10-12pm, we are going to be having some fun painting a beautiful picture! A company, by the name of Paint Monkey, will be coming to our fellowship room to lead us in painting a beautiful sunflower. You do not have to be an artist to join this activity! They will have the flower already penciled on a 16" x 20" canvas, all we have to do is color it. Cost is \$15 per person. Be sure to sign up at the Welcome Center (we must have at least 20 people for this event to happen). I hope you will come join us for a time of fun and fellowship even if you do not wish to paint. It will be a great time to catch up with each other from over the summer and enjoy a snack! If you have any questions, please see Kendra Bertoti.

Please watch the bulletin and newsletter for more information on our upcoming Fall Events:

- ◆ October 5th—helping with the Widow's Tea
- ◆ October 12th—helping Randy Herbe with the Pumpkin Pancake Breakfast during Fall Festival
- ◆ November 9th—preparing and serving dinner for Bethlehem Haven-Women's Shelter in Pittsburgh

Please contact me with any questions at (724) 622-2264. I look forward to working with you as we serve others in Christian love.

In Christian love,  
Marla Clouse



Dear St. Peter's Youth Group,  
Thank you for all of your hard work! Our garden looks wonderful!  
We are so proud of you!



Sincerely,  
Catherine and Ed Barth



Dear St. Peter's,

I appreciated receiving your kind notes, well wishes and prayers. My move did go smoothly and I'm happy to be settling in with Linda and John. While I miss my St. Peter's family, I know I will always be a part of St. Peter's no matter where I am and I continue to hold all of you in my prayers. God Bless you all!

Sincerely,  
Evelyn Lutz

Dear St. Peter's Church,

Thank you so much for the money towards our Seneca Hills summer camps. We had so much fun, made new friends and learned a lot. We all look forward to going back next summer!!

Sincerely,  
Colton, Megan & Ella Marley

Dear St. Peter's Church,

The many prayers said, cards sent, and words spoken by so many of you have been such a comfort to all of us as we mourn Wes' sudden passing. We appreciate your loving concern and support more than you will ever know. The gift of the hummingbird throw was so special because Wes was an avid bird watcher and never ceased to be amazed by these tiny creatures as they flitted from flower to flower in our backyard. Pastor Jim's tribute to Wes' legacy captured all that Wes tried to accomplish to conserve and protect our natural resources so that they will exist for future generations. Thank you for being the warm and caring church family you always are, but especially now during this very sad time in our lives.

Sincerely,  
The Hamilton Family

Dear St. Peter's 'We Care',

I want to thank Sally Hamilton and Lucy Palmer for visiting with me, it was so nice to catch up with what is going on at the church. Also thanks for the delicious blueberry muffins and very funny card (I shared it with my friends and nurses and they all got a laugh out of it)!

Love to you all,  
Dorothy Knauf

To the Members of St. Peter's,

My name is Colleen Cotherman and I am president of a Circle of Friends Choirs. This note is long overdue. We are always saying at rehearsal how thankful we are to you for the kindness you show us. I even mentioned you at our annual meeting last Tuesday. You allow us to rehearse in your Fellowship Hall, you allow us to rehearse the bells in the bell room, you share your equipment with us, you allow us to perform in your church, and you gifted us your trailer so that we are able to continue our ministry. These are just a few of the things you do for us, and we wouldn't be able to perform without your help. You all are truly honorary members of our organization! May God continue to bless your church for all your kindness.



Colleen Cotherman

## StP Youth

I am writing this month's newsletter article in disbelief that another school year is upon us. As a teacher at heart, the new school year will always be filled with excitement, wonder, and possibility for me. I love the excuse it provides to change up the routine and create innovative, new things for the students. As you read this month's newsletter, please pray for our St. Peter's youth. Pray for success in school and with friends, courage when faced with difficult situations, and for Jesus and their faith to always keep them on the right path. I pray that they remember to look to Jesus and the church as they are faced with challenging situations and decisions.

### Youth Fundraisers:

AmazonSmile – when placing an order on Amazon, be sure to go through this link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/25-6050542>. By doing this, the Youth to receive a percentage of your purchase back towards our mission trip!

Willing Worker – please continue to submit your WW requests to Aubrey or the church office

**Don't forget to drop your Chick-Fil-A receipts (from Cranberry or Wexford) into the glass bowl near Hebrews!**

### Coming up in September:

#### Youth Group:

Family Dinner Wednesday September 18<sup>th</sup>, 6-7:30 location TBD

Coffee Talk Saturday September 21<sup>st</sup>, 9am Spring Street Café

Kick Off Meeting Sunday September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6-8pm in Youth Room

#### TNT:

Trip to Idlewild – Saturday September 7<sup>th</sup>, leave church at 10:30, return to church at 7pm

Kick Off Meeting Thursday September 19<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8pm in Youth Room

Funslides Friday September 20<sup>th</sup>, time TBD

By His Grace,  
Aubrey Rader, Director of Youth Ministries



## LIBRARY HIGHLIGHTS FOR SEPTEMBER— READ ALL ABOUT IT!

As we step into September, try to find some time to step into the wonderful world of our church library and find something to read (or watch, because we also have some great DVDs to check out) so that this beautiful first month of autumn will be even nicer to enjoy!



### THREE FICTION FINDS

The first book comes to the library by way of Mary Lou Burkett, who has graciously given it in loving memory of Boots McMaster. The title of this novel is "**Tate**", and it is the second book in the '**Montana Marshalls**' series written by best-selling author Susan May Warren. Here is the synopsis from the back cover: 'Personal security guard Tate Marshall has always been the family troublemaker. Maybe it's his propensity to get entangled in other people's problems. Now, he's in over his head because he's desperately in love with the woman he's tasked to protect, the beautiful Gloria 'Glo' Jackson, daughter of US Senator and presidential hopeful Reba Jackson. A member of the country band, the Yankee Belles, Glo was targeted in a recent terrorist attack designed to deter her mother from running, and Tate will do anything to keep her safe...even if it means letting her go. Stubborn and brave, Glo isn't about to hide from threats, at least the kind that won't cost her heart. She's already paid a terrible price for the war on terror, and she refuses to fall for a man who might die, especially because of her. Better to keep him away, even if it means sacrificing her heart. As the presidential campaign heats up and the threats deepen, so does the attraction between Tate and Glo. But what will it cost Tate to keep her alive...and what will Glo do to keep from losing another man she loves?'

The second book to preview this month is the second novel in Irene Hannon's exciting series called '**Code of Honor**' and the new book is "**Hidden Peril**". The book jacket describes it this way: 'As teenagers, Kristin Dane and her two best friends took a vow to make the world a better place. Twenty years later, she's fulfilling that pledge through her fair trade shop that features products from around the world. All is well until, one by one, people connected to the shop begin dying. Detective Luke Carter, new to the St. Louis PD, wants to know why. Before he can answer that question, however, the FBI weighs in and Kristin suddenly finds herself in the middle of international intrigue - and in the sights of the ruthless mastermind behind an ingenious and deadly scheme. Can this cold-blooded killer be stopped before more people die...including Kristin?'

The third book is written by Eleanor Gustafson and is a Biblical novel based on the life of David. The title is "**The Stones - A Novel in the Life of King David**" and the book also has a separate study guide to use to enhance the reading of the book. Here is what the blurb on the back cover states: 'With comprehensive detail and flowing prose, Eleanor Gustafson crafts the retelling of King David's life - from his teenaged anointing to his death - as seen through the eyes of Asaph, a Levite musician. Fictional in scope, yet with amazing scriptural accuracy, this book provides a revealing, behind the scenes glimpse into Biblical history with all the twists, turns, thrills, and romance of one of the world's greatest dramas. You will be there as - a young teen collects stones to take on a giant - a prideful rebel takes count of his fighting men - a fallible leader succumbs to lust, temptation, and deceit - a poet and musician grows closer to God through prayer and worship - a man after God's heart discovers the unfailing love and forgiveness of his Creator. "The Stones" is an epic adventure of man's innate need to worship God and rely on Him for strength...and how badly it can go when he fails to do so.'

## LIBRARY HIGHLIGHTS continued...

### TWO THOUGHT-PROVOKING AND INSPIRING DVDS

Released back in 2006, **"Amazing Grace"** tells the gripping story of how one man's passion and perseverance changed the world. Listed on the back of the DVD are these words: 'Based on the true story of William Wilberforce, the movie follows his courageous quest to end the British slave trade. Along the way, Wilberforce meets intense opposition from members of Parliament, but his minister, a reformed slave ship captain who penned the beloved hymn 'Amazing Grace', urges him to see the cause through.' This movie will leave you with the assurance that one man devoted to the cause of Christ can indeed change the world.

The second DVD is another gem created through the efforts of beloved Christian actor Kirk Cameron and is titled **"Connect"**. The content is geared toward parents and other caregivers who are raising children. The synopsis on the back says this: 'How can this trailblazing generation of parents equip their kids to thrive in an ever-changing digital environment while steering clear of the dangers that lurk nearby? With six kids, Kirk Cameron fully understands this dilemma. so he went to an impressive group of experts (who are featured in the DVD) and what he learned will enlighten, challenge, and encourage parents. Best of all, it can help strengthen your family! If you're committed to raising kids who will make an impact in this world, join Kirk on this important journey of discovery. **'Connect'** offers real help for parenting kids in today's social media world.'

As you can see, this month's previews offer alot to both read and see, so why don't you stop in the library and 'check things out'? Happy September to all you bookworms and movie buffs!!

### *Happy September Birthday to:*

*Evelyn Lutz ~ September 4 ~ 87 years young*

*Shirley McWithey ~ September 4 ~ 93 years young*

*Darla Herr ~ September 14 ~ 81 years young*

*Ronald Rice ~ September 14 ~ 80 years young*

*Dorothy Knauf ~ September 30 ~ 96 years young*



### *Happy September Anniversary to:*

*Gene & Sandy Lee ~ September 1 ~ 57 years*

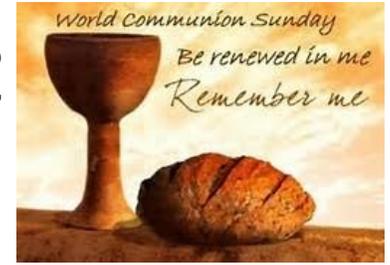
*Bob & Sandy Nolte ~ September 9 ~ 58 years*

*Charles & Annabelle Davey ~ September 21 ~ 70 years*



## WORLDWIDE COMMUNION ~ OCTOBER 6TH

Our Worldwide Communion offering on October 6th will be designated for help with the Uganda, Africa mission trip in specifically providing medical treatment, which includes a doctor to be with us for the week we are there. He will treat wounds, ring worm and other ailments. The offering will also provide for a barber to shave the heads for treatment.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL NURSERY, WORSHIP NURSERY & JR. CHURCH SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

Please remember to always clean up space after you are done on your assigned schedule. Place nursery items in bins/shelves. All Jr. Church supplies/material belong in the hallway closet, please do not leave lay on tables/desks in rooms. Jr. Church lesson will be emailed to you the week of your assigned date.

Switch among yourselves if the date assigned does not work with your schedule. We ALL need to keep this commitment, families are counting on you to show up.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL NURSERY

|                      |                       |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 9/1 Laura Fisher     | 10/6 Jordan Caldwell  |
| 9/8 NONE             | 10/13 Jordan Caldwell |
| 9/15 GeorgAnn Fogel  | 10/20 Jordan Caldwell |
| 9/22 Marla Clouse    | 10/27 Jordan Caldwell |
| 9/29 Jordan Caldwell |                       |

### WORSHIP NURSERY

9/1 Zeigler  
9/8 NONE  
9/15 McGuinness  
9/22 Avery Flood  
9/29 Gracen Heilman

10/6 Jordan Caldwell  
10/13 Carly Pelletier  
10/20 Colton Marley  
10/27 Laurie Cowin

### JR. CHURCH

9/1 Marley  
9/8 NONE  
9/15 Marley  
9/22 Crosson and TEEN Holly  
9/29 Hill and TEEN Tyler

10/6 Rader  
10/13 Jacobs and TEEN Liz  
10/20 Palmer  
10/27 E. Bertoti and TEEN Megan



**DINNER AND MOVIE NITE ~ FRIDAY, 9/6 AT 6:00 PM  
SEPTEMBER MOVIE – Laughing on Purpose**

“Laughing on Purpose” is a standout comedy DVD – a significant new title from a major new Christian comedian. His laid-back style and family-focused humor is good enough for Las Vegas and clean enough for church. He will have you laughing until your face hurts.



**ON SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> AT 9:00 A.M.**

**LET'S COME TOGETHER IN THE  
FELLOWSHIP ROOM FOR A HOT  
BREAKFAST AND FELLOWSHIP TO  
KICK OFF THE SERMON SERIES  
“TOGETHER”**

**SIGN UP AT WELCOME CENTER**

**OUTSIDE CHURCH SERVICE, PICNIC & ARK IN THE PARK**  
**Sunday, Sept. 8th at 10:15 a.m. (No Sunday School)**

(See below picture for an illustration of the size of the Ark.)



LET'S COME **“TOGETHER”** Church Service

DATE: Sunday, 9/8 (wear a white shirt)

TIME: 10:15 am

PLACE: Glade Run Complex

We will have an outside service, special music, picnic and an ark in the park event. We will join hands **TOGETHER** and form the actual size of the ark. This will be a great way to kick off our fall series, **“TOGETHER”**.

**Please sign up at the Welcome Center to let us know if you can make it, as well as, what food you can bring for the picnic.**

**NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS STARTING SOON, PLEASE SEE BELOW FOR DETAILS:**

**WHO:** 18-30ish YEAR OLDS

**WHAT:** YOUNG ADULT SMALL GROUP

**WHEN:** EVERY SUNDAY, **STARTING SEPTEMBER 29TH @ 9:00 A.M.**

**WHERE:** EDUCATIONAL BUILDING (UPSTAIRS) OLD CONFIRMATION CLASSROOM

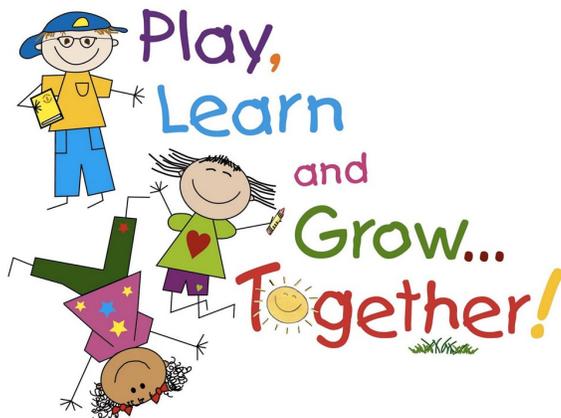
**WHY:** TO DEVELOP RELATIONSHIPS AND GROW STRONGER IN THE LORD TOGETHER

The purpose of this group is to allow for a time of fellowship and growth for the young adults of St. Peter's who do not fall into the scope of other groups or classes within the church. We will be examining the parables used by Christ and how they apply to our lives today. This is not designed to be a Bible Study, rather, a life application focused class. Have you ever asked yourself while reading scripture, "how does that apply to me?" Many times we hear great teachings or read great verses, but we do not see how it fits into our lives. This group aims to bridge that gap.

If interested, please contact Andrew Double at (724) 991-9389 or [andouble@aol.com](mailto:andouble@aol.com)

Blessings,

Andrew Double



**NEW NURSERY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS BEING OFFERED THIS YEAR. STARTS SEPTEMBER 22 AT 9:00 AM NURSERY CLASSROOM AGES 2-4**

**THIS CLASS WILL BRING THE LITTLE ONES TO JESUS THROUGH STORY BOOKS, SONGS AND BASIC CRAFTS. SEE JUDY CALDWELL OR HEATHER FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

**FIRST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES:**

**SEPTEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>** starting at 9:00 a.m., Sunday School kicks off "TOGETHER". Many different classes available for **ALL** ages.

**Fidelity Class** – A scripture driven traditional Sunday school class that digs deep into the Bible.

**Berean Class** – A study for understanding as best we can with open questions and no rushing.

**Basic Class** – This class is about learning discussing and applying God's word to our lives.

**Friendship-Fellowship-Followers Class** – A casual class that is focused on learning lessons of the Bible.

**Young Adults** – This class is focusing on applying biblical principles to everyday life.

**Pre K (age 4) thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade** – Cokesbury Curriculum/ Shine Dare 2 Share/Confirmation

**Nursery (age 2-4)** - Story Books, Songs and Basic Crafts



## LOOKING AHEAD:

**Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**  
at 5:30pm in the church  
parking lot

Come decorate your car –  
come get treats – come  
for fellowship! Candy  
Donations needed, please  
place in the meet and  
greet area!



*Merry Christmas*

### **St. Peter's Theater Dinner Night** **Sunday, Dec. 1st at 5:00 pm**

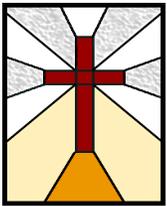
Let's have our church family come together before the hustle and bustle of the season takes over. Please join us to remember the true meaning of Christmas while sharing a meal and watching the very talented people of St. Peter's. See Heather Zeigler to get involved. Sign-up sheets will be out closer to the date.

## Consistory Status Report

- Gifted the Trailer to the Circle of Friends
- Church Trim Painting Contract Approved
- Front Sidewalk Replacement Project Approved
- Replacement of the Church Roof Project Underway
- Removal of the Organ Pipes for Cleaning/Repair Completed

If you have any questions, please contact me at 724-316-0676 or via email at [wgrubbs@p-r-i.org](mailto:wgrubbs@p-r-i.org).

Thank you,  
Wendy Grubbs  
Consistory Secretary



## SOUTHWEST BUTLER FOOD CUPBOARD

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Harmony, PA 16037  
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Website: [www.swbfoodcupboard.org](http://www.swbfoodcupboard.org)

The kids are back to school and pretty soon the weather will begin to get cooler. The Southwest Butler Food Cupboard is sensitive to the needs of our community during the Fall and Winter months.

Below is a list of needs for September...

|                  |                                   |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Canned Fruit     | Ready-To-Eat Soup                 |
| Oatmeal          | Read-To-Eat Pasta (Chef Boyardee) |
| Condensed Soup   | Jello/Pudding mix                 |
| Rice             | Dessert mixes                     |
| Pasta            | Sloppy Joe mix                    |
| Pasta sauce      | Taco kits                         |
| Rice/pasta sides | Canned vegetables                 |
| Jelly            | Canned tuna                       |
| Pancake mix      | Canned chicken                    |
| Cereal           |                                   |

**If you would like to volunteer to help the Southwest Butler Food Cupboard, below are the details:**

**On the 2nd Tuesday of every month from (9:00-11:00 a.m.) we need help with (checking dates, sorting, stocking) and then on the 3rd Tuesday of every month (9:00-11:00 a.m.) we need help with (packing boxes of food) and then at (6:30-8:00 p.m.) we need help with (Distribution).**

Blessings,  
Sharon Klaiber

## “It’s My Business to Help You”

This is the second article in a series that features one of the businesses from our directory that highlights what they can help you with. For those of you who had advertised in the directory, if you would like to submit an article explaining more about your business or profession, please call Sheri or Pam at the church office (724) 452-8120 and we’ll reserve a spot in an upcoming newsletter for you.

This month you will read about Edward McGuinness, who is a licensed professional counselor with The Psychological Cooperative at Malec, Herring, and Krause in Mars.

Counseling, most simply put, is walking with a person seeking improvement but experiencing distress. The field of mental health, as simple as therapeutic relationship building, is as varied and dynamic as to prove difficult for the professional attempting to describe what they do. Following surgery for a herniated disc, I was blessed with multiple clients who expressed interest in a mental health check in. I had not seen these clients for multiple years, (since they were in their first years of high school). Despite the length of time, I could easily recall their presenting problems, coping skills, family dynamics, etc. It was encouraging to hear of High School graduation, ease of university transition, and even medical school acceptance. Their reports of well-being did not fit with my usual list of presenting problems. When inquiring as to their need for a mental health assessment their response was to express how far the therapeutic work we had completed took them.

God chose to share a plan directly with Noah, an opportunity to avoid the impending disaster that would wreck the planet by way of flooding. The Bible expresses a concrete/specific geometric and mathematical blueprint for constructing a craft that would have been difficult to imagine at the time. The structure was a direct answer to problem solving how God would save and restart the process of life on earth. That answer was grand and incomprehensible to a mind that would be closed off to problem solving.

Just as in the days of old, the cycles of positive to negative are ongoing. Rather than a list of symptoms indicating poor health, consider instead the term *being*. Even more helpful, consider *being* as a continuum from negative ten to positive ten. Spending most of the time in the negative spectrum of being could be an indication that a course correction would be in order. Following preventative & pro-active therapeutic work, well-being would be recognized as a preferred state of being.

Unfortunately, we revisit the cycle of negative choices on a routine basis. The world was in such a place as to have a rainbow when Jesus arrived to save the world from self-destruction. Rather than a direct cause and effect (flood to restart), we have an abstract long-term method of resetting the game. Mankind can take the teachings of Jesus Christ to developmental levels beyond a concrete solution to a direct problem presented. We cycle through positive and negative thoughts, feelings, and actions based on the situation we are in. Problem-solving requires developmental growth to adapt to an increased complexity of situations.

It is the developmental growth of the human mind that I am most interested in as a mental health counselor. From Macroscopic world view to Microscopic individual view, we adapt to stress and change in a complex variety of ways. Sometimes the adaptations are helpful, but sometimes the adaptations to stress are harmful. The adaptations to stress include a multitude of coping skills to avoid or overcome stress. Following the acceptance of God into our hearts, the balance of positive and negative will continue to swing back and forth. The continued direction traveled will be based on the ability of the individual to steer the ship in a direction worthwhile.

As a Licensed Professional Counselor, my goal is to help the captain of any age (chronological or developmental) to right the ship. I do not wish to steer your boat, nor would that be helpful. Instead of giving directives to solve immediate problems, my goal is to increase the problem-solving ability of the captain. When the leader has the problem-solving capability to think of the world in a different way, the journey becomes more manageable. Adaptability is a hallmark feature of human; from first breath to last breath, we are constantly adjusting to improve the quality of life.

**Edward McGuinness, LPC**  
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# SEPTEMBER 2019

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|                                                                                                                                         | Sunday School<br>9:00 am<br><br>Worship<br>10:15 am                                                                                                                                                | Head Usher<br>for<br>September<br>Ron Double                                                                                                                 | <b>**REMINDER**</b><br>Bible Study at<br>Cath Rape's home<br>every Wed.<br>starting Sept. 11th<br>@ 7pm !!                                                                                 |                                                                                          |                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                       |
| 1                                                                                                                                       | 2<br>Labor Day ~<br>Church Office<br>Closed<br><br>5:30pm AA Mtg. ~<br>Fellowship Room                                                                                                             | 3<br>5:30pm COF Bell<br>pract. ~ Bell Rm.<br>7pm COF Voice<br>Choir ~ F. Rm.                                                                                 | 4<br>9am Prayer Group<br>7pm The Journey<br>7pm Choir pract. ~<br>Sanctuary                                                                                                                | 5<br>11:30am<br>Ministerium ~<br>Fellowship Room<br>7pm Capital Team<br>Mtg. ~ Ed. Bldg. | 6<br>6pm Family<br>Dinner & Movie<br>Night ~ F. Rm. &<br>Sanctuary                                                 | 7<br>10:30am TNT trip<br>to Idlewild                                                                                  |
| 8<br>NO SUNDAY<br>SCHOOL FOR ALL<br>CLASSES<br><br>10:15-2pm Church<br>Service, Picnic &<br>Ark in the Park at<br>Glade Run             | 9<br>5:30pm AA Mtg. ~<br>Fellowship Room<br>6pm Ding-A-Lings<br>Bell practice ~<br>Bell Room<br>6:30pm Confirm.<br>Mtg. (Students,<br>Parents, Mentors)<br>~ Ed. Bldg.                             | 10<br>1-3pm 500 Card<br>Club ~ F. Rm.<br>5:30pm COF Bell<br>pract. ~ Bell Rm.<br>7pm COF Voice<br>Choir ~ F. Rm.<br>7:15pm<br>Consistory Mtg. ~<br>Ed. Bldg. | 11<br>9am Prayer Group<br>5pm Feed My<br>Sheep prep work<br>7pm The Journey<br>7pm Choir pract. ~<br>Sanctuary<br>7pm Bible Study at<br>Cath Rape's house<br>(weekly)                      | 12                                                                                       | 13<br>5-6:30pm<br>Community<br>Dinner ~ F. Rm.<br><br>5pm Goodzinski<br>/Baran Wedding<br>Rehearsal ~<br>Sanctuary | 14<br>12-3:30pm<br>Wedding prep ~<br>Church<br>3:30pm<br>Goodzinski/Baran<br>Wedding ~<br>Sanctuary                   |
| 15<br>Sunday School<br><b>RALLY DAY</b><br>9am Breakfast ~<br>Fellowship Rm.                                                            | 16<br>5:30pm AA Mtg. ~<br>Fellowship Room<br><br>6pm Ding-A-Lings<br>Bell practice ~<br>Bell Room                                                                                                  | 17<br>5:30pm COF Bell<br>pract. ~ Bell Rm.<br>7pm COF Voice<br>Choir ~ F. Rm.                                                                                | 18<br>9am Prayer Group<br>5pm Feed My<br>Sheep prep work<br>6-7:30pm YG<br>Family Dinner<br>7pm The Journey<br>7pm AFSP<br>Support Group ~<br>Ed. Bldg.<br>7pm Choir pract. ~<br>Sanctuary | 19<br>6:30-8pm TNT Mtg.<br>~ Youth Room                                                  | 20<br>6-8pm TNT Event<br>at Funslides                                                                              | 21<br>9am YG Coffee<br>Talk<br><br>10-12pm Painting<br>with Paint Monkey<br>all Ladies<br>Welcome ~<br>Fellowship Rm. |
| 22<br>9-10am<br>Confirmation Class<br>~ Church Office<br>6-8pm YG Kick Off<br><br>29<br>9-10am<br>Confirmation Class<br>~ Church Office | 23<br>5:30pm AA Mtg. ~<br>Fellowship Room<br>6pm Ding-A-Lings<br>Bell practice ~<br>Bell Room<br><br>30<br>5:30pm AA Mtg. ~<br>Fellowship Room<br>6pm Ding-A-Lings<br>Bell practice ~<br>Bell Room | 24<br>1-3pm 500 Card<br>Club ~ F. Rm.<br>5:30pm COF Bell<br>pract. ~ Bell Rm.<br>7pm COF Voice<br>Choir ~ F. Rm.                                             | 25<br>9am Prayer Group<br>5pm Feed My<br>Sheep prep work<br>7pm The Journey<br>7pm Choir pract. ~<br>Sanctuary                                                                             | 26                                                                                       | 27                                                                                                                 | 28                                                                                                                    |