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Pastor Mauri's Musings

As September arrives, it will mark the beginning of the confirmation experience for a new group of young people. Along with classes that I will be teaching, each confirmand will have a number of assignments to do with a mentor selected from the congregation. I consider it a great privilege to have this opportunity to help lay a solid foundation of faith in the hearts and minds of these youth.

Having said that, it will be tougher than ever to reach them because of the results I read about in a book I read a few years ago entitled Almost Christian: What the Faith of our Teenagers is Telling the American Church by Kendra Creasy Dean. This book is based on the results of the National Study of Youth and Religion. It investigates why American teenagers are at once so positive about Christianity and at the same time so apathetic about genuine religious practice.

Dean writes, "We have successfully convinced teenagers that religious participation is important for moral formation and for making nice people, which may explain why American adolescents harbor no ill will toward religion. Many of them say they will bring their own children to church in the future (a dubious prediction statistically). Yet these young people possess no real commitment to or excitement about religious faith. Teenagers tend to approach religious participation, like music and sports, as an extracurricular activity: a good, well-rounded thing to do, but unnecessary for an integrated life. Religion, the young people in the study concurred, is a 'very nice thing.'"

She goes on to say, "What we have been less able to convey to young people is faith. In Christian tradition, faith is a matter of desire, a desire for God and a desire to love others in Christ's name—which results in a church oriented toward bearing God's self-giving love to others, embodied in a gospel-shaped way of life."

Friends, the bottom line is that faith is not caught, it's taught. We have done a miserable job of passing on the faith to our young people. But it's not a lost cause. There is still time to right the ship and start modeling faith better in our church to our young people. We need to recover a sense of mission and model ways of being Christian that go beyond self-serving spiritualities by embodying God's self-giving love for others. And quite frankly, this starts at home. Maybe it's time we did some self-examination, don't you think?

Humbly,
Pastor Mauri

Sermon Titles for September

September 4 ~ "Bent Out of Shape" - Luke 13:10-17

September 11 ~ "Distinguishing Marks of a Strong Family" - Joshua 24:14-15

September 18 ~ "Getting Worship Right" - Revelation 5:11-14

September 25 ~ (Rev. Timothy Dubeau, 4C's Mideast Regional Pastor)

From the president...

Dear St. Peter's,

I would like to start this note with a big thank you to the congregation for continuing to support St. Peter's monetarily. It is important during this transition period that our financial status stays strong, lights stay on, benevolences are paid, etc.

Second big thank you is to all the volunteers who support St. Peter's. Much of this goes unnoticed but be assured you are valued and appreciated.

August was an exciting and busy month. Two highlights for me were VBS and the church picnic. Kudos to staff and volunteers for making both successful. The church was alive and vibrant during these events.

The Senior Pastor Search Committee is underway. Please keep them in your prayers for the tasks ahead.

In the spirit of volunteerism, please be mindful of the upcoming process of nominating consistory members. You may be asked to serve on consistory by a committee person. Please give this prayerful thought. It is important to have willing people to serve our congregation.

Kind regards,
Ron

Consistory Update

- Cathryn Thornberry will be coordinating a weekly Thursday Prayer Circle on Main Street in Zelienople at 5:00pm
- Aubrey Rader has resigned as Interim Director of Youth Ministries effective August 14th
- Rally Day will be held on Sunday, September 11th
- Survey data and comments will be distributed to the current committees to address suggestions/issues

If you have any questions, please contact me at 724-316-0676.

Thank you,
Wendy Grubbs
Consistory Secretary

CPR UPDATE

CPR, which stands for Church Plant and Rescue, is a separate fund of St. Peter's that serves to assist other churches in need. We currently support two mission fields with these funds:

Epiphany Church of Gloucester City (in New Jersey right across from Philadelphia) and St. Peter's Uganda, where we help with physical needs – such as digging and fixing wells and medical supplies – and spiritual needs in the form of pastoral funding and training.

Epiphany Church of Gloucester City ministers to a diverse population in an area wracked with violence, drugs and poverty. Pastor Joe Marlin is the only paid employee, but he has a great team of volunteers who: help pick up and distribute food for 168 families monthly; run a vibrant youth program, including a 2-week camp (with lunch!) for 70 students; train and mentor people in counseling and trauma healing (they currently have 7 certified counselors) as well as preaching and teaching every Sunday evening. They currently work out of a failing Baptist church and have an opportunity to buy the building for just \$40,000, but the ongoing ministries are of primary importance.

Pastor Dylan Lebakken, who filled our pulpit for a Sunday last spring, has accepted a call in Virginia where his wife got a teaching job. Pastor Joe is currently mentoring Robinson Christopher, a minister in training, as well as serving on the 4C's Gathering Committee. Add to that, he and his wife recently adopted two children whose mother overdosed, made it to the hospital and was resuscitated, was led to Christ, then sadly had a fatal seizure in the hospital.

St. Peter's CPR support has been \$1,000/month, and that is 10% of their entire budget. Without our support, their ministries would suffer greatly.

St. Peter's Uganda has been more in the forefront to the people of St. Peter's due to Randy Herbe, Jim Schulz and others' active participation. They are planning another trip just after Christmas this year to check on the church, wells we built in the past, and the medical situation. Our church budget pays for part of the need, but their monthly dinners and several yard sales and other fund-raising events, as well as the CPR fund, are necessary to provide all they need. They've earmarked about \$2,000 to fix wells, \$1,500 for medical supplies, and monies to compensate both a pastor and a nurse. This next trip will include Denise Herbe, a nurse, who has trained in treating chigger bites and other debilitating health issues seen there. There will also be a request for children's clothing that they will take with them (not infant wear). There will be more news of that in Randy's update in upcoming newsletters. As you can see, the need is great!

The CPR committee strongly asks you to donate to this fund so we can continue to support both of these struggling churches who are fulfilling our mission: to reach the least, the lost and the lonely. If you use church envelopes, there is one each month labeled "Church Plant and Rescue". If you donate without an envelope, please put "CPR" in the memo line. Help us continue to support both of these churches!

For more information, see Bob Nolte, Pam North, Sally Hamilton or Randy Herbe.

REACHING OUT THROUGH OUTREACH MINISTRIES

SHARING ABOUT 'SIMPLY SINGLES'

For more than a year now, St. Peter's has had a group of people who have gotten together under the leadership of Nancy Reader (with help from Sue Hamilton) and they have recently been designated as one of our volunteer ministries. This group of single women and men 'simply' get together from time to time to fellowship with each other and to enjoy each other's company (without any romantic intentions). Some of their activities take place at the church, and at other times, the group meets at different restaurants or attends cultural or other social events. All of their get-togethers reflect a spirit of Christian fellowship, and actually at this time, they have a get-together planned which has been advertised in our recent bulletins. Here are the specifics of that invitation: 'Come and play board games and eat pizza at St. Peter's Reformed Church fellowship room (lower level) at 4pm on Sunday, September 18th. Contact Nancy Reader at (724) 601-4442 or Sue Hamilton at (724) 504-9156 for more information. Please RSVP to one of us a week before the event so that we can plan accordingly.' Doesn't that sound like a great way to spend some time with nice people? This would be a wonderful opportunity to get acquainted with the 'Simply Singles' and if you can't get to this event, there will be other opportunities in the future to take part in this ministry and all that they do. Also, there will be a sign-up sheet for 'Simply Singles' out in the Gathering Area on September 11 and 18 where you can sign up to find out about their upcoming events and find out more information.

FALL KICK-OFF FOR WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Elsewhere in the newsletter, you will find Marla Clouse's monthly article about our Women's Ministry, but I wanted to mention some of my own thoughts regarding this very multi-faceted group. It goes without saying that all women of St. Peter's (even if you aren't an official member of the church) are part of Women's Ministry (even if you can only come to meetings and/or events from time to time). This group has always tried to concentrate primarily in three areas of church life: service projects (both in the church and outside of our walls), Bible study and prayer, and social get-togethers. The word 'fellowship' is implied in each of these three categories because the women of St. Peter's certainly do like to fellowship with each other, and the word 'ministry' is the operative word for all that Women's Ministry does. In her leadership role, Marla Clouse has always sought out the ideas of the women who are part of the ministry for what they might like to do each year, and coming up, the Potluck Luncheon on September 10th at 11am in the Fellowship Room is a perfect time for any of you to come and share different ideas God has put on your heart for social activities, Bible studies, and service projects that could be implemented sometime in the future. In fact, I can share an example of this kind of scenario and how it all transpired: Within the last few years, one of the great recent 'fits' for Women's Ministry came through Karen Nesbitt, who shared about a ministry in Butler for women veterans who have fallen on hard times and how Mary Chitwood (the current administrator of Robin's Home) had the vision and then worked to secure a house and provide not only lodging, but also opportunities for women veterans to get back on their feet, all while being cared about and appreciated for their service to our country. When Karen shared all of this, along with the continuing needs Robin's Home has, Women's Ministry jumped on board and a real 'come alongside' relationship was formed that has continued to this day. Ironically, in Marla's article she has a list of needed items for the women at Robin's Home, and that collection will take place in the upcoming weeks. The point of this account is that all of this outreach is in place – a wonderful relationship with Mary and her 'girls' – all because Karen shared how much Robin's Home had touched her with the ladies at Women's Ministry on a Saturday morning at one of our meetings! So please consider coming on September 10th to enjoy fellowship and a fine lunch, perhaps bring a friend, and definitely bring some ideas to share so that together, Women's Ministry will be what God wants us to be through this season, and the next, and the next...

ONE MORE REMINDER

I was thinking just the other day that it has now been two years since St. Peter's has had a Volunteer Ministry sign-up time and some of our ministries have had a long time of not being active (effects of the pandemic). But here we are now in a position to move ahead in our collective 'getting back to normal', and I pray that many of you have prayed about and are planning to join a volunteer ministry (or more than one) during our sign-up times on September 11 and 18. Using our gifts in the church is the expectation God has for His people, so we must examine what our gifts are and then put them to good use to help build God's Kingdom. Does it require time and commitment to do this? Yes, of course. But we are fulfilling God's mandate to serve Him and live our lives for Him when we use what He has given us to help and encourage others as we bring honor and glory to the One who gave us those gifts in the first place. I will close with sharing St. Peter's Vision Statement because, just like our Mission Statement, the message fits so well God's desire for His church here at St. Peter's: **"A community of faith, unified in love, sharing Jesus with the world."** Great words and a great challenge!

See you in the Gathering Area soon!!!

In Christ's service,
Pam



"We Care" bi-monthly visitations will resume Tues & Weds, 9/20 & 9/21. It is a very rewarding experience for our volunteers to be a part of this ministry, and is very much appreciated by our shut-ins. We welcome anyone who would like to join us, even if only occasionally. There will be a sign-up sheet on Sunday's, 9/11 & 9/18, in the Gathering Area. Or you can call me, 724-452-9745 or 412-952-6933, to sign up or if you have any questions. Also, if anyone knows of someone who would like to be contacted for a visit, please let me know. Thank you, Sharyn McMaster





Fall Sunday School/Rally Day starts on 9/11/22 at 9a.m.

Let me introduce our Sunday School Teachers!!

Adult Classes

Dick Williams- Dick teaches his class in the Basics room which is on the 2nd floor of the Educational Bldg. Anyone is Welcome to attend! Starting **Sept 11th** Dick will be starting Exploring the three forms of Unity. It will be an overview of the Belgic Confession, The Canons of Dort, and the Heidelberg Catechism. They will then dive into Galatians.

Betty Kraynik- Betty teaches her class in the Fellowship Hall. Betty's class will bring breakfast to share with everyone. Anyone is Welcome to attend! Starting on **Sept 11th**, Betty will focus on the family "The Truth Project".

Bob Nolte- Bob teaches his class in the Fidelity room, which is on the 2nd floor of the Educational Bldg. The Berean class will be studying "Reason to Believe" by R. C. Sproul A Response to Common Objections to Christianity. All are welcome.

Children's Classes

Preschool/Kindergarten- Amy George and Jordan Bridges teach their class on the 1st floor of the Educational Bldg. Amy and Jordan teach from the Gospel Light Curriculum. Kids will learn 2 Kings, Jonah, Chronicles, Jeremiah, Daniel, Esther and Nehemiah. The kids have worksheets that follow the lesson along with music. Parents are welcome to attend and learn with their child.

1st and 2nd Grade – Thelma Jacobs teaches her class on the 1st floor of the Educational Bldg. Thelma also teaches from the Gospel Light Curriculum. Kids will learn 2 Kings, Jonah, Chronicles, Jeremiah, Daniel, Esther and Nehemiah. Parents are welcome to attend and learn with their child.

3rd and 4th Grade – Patti Kerr and Tonya Reynolds teach their class on the 1st floor of the Educational Bldg. Patti and Tonya also teach from the Gospel Light Curriculum. Kids will learn 2 Kings, Jonah, Chronicles, Jeremiah, Daniel, Esther and Nehemiah. Parents are welcome to attend and learn with their child.

5th and 6th Grade- Sally Hamilton, Jan Maharg, and Jessica McGuinness will be teaching the New Testament. Their class is on the 1st floor of the Educational Bldg. Any adults who would like to study the New Testament with the 5th and 6th grades may do so.

7th-12th Grade- Aubrey Rader will be teaching this class in the youth room, which is on the 1st floor of the Educational Bldg. Aubrey will be doing a video series with her class.



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 9th ~ 5:00-6:30pm in our Fellowship Room**

September's menu: Baked Chicken Breast, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy,  
Vegetable, Drinks and Desserts.

## AFRICA MISSION TEAM UPDATE

Greetings St. Peter's,

The mission trip team has some pretty big things coming up in the next couple of months. First is our September dinner on **Friday the 9th**. As I have stated before, these dinners are our main fund-raisers. We need your help. Please come support us if you can. October is going to be real busy for us and again we need your support. **October 14th** is our Oktoberfest meal followed by a pumpkin pancake breakfast from 8-12 on **Saturday October 15th** and then the Mark Bishop Concert that same evening at 6:30pm.

We are also putting together a quilt raffle, apple butter sale and a candle sale. Fund-raising is an ongoing project for us and we thank you for your support. Also we wanted to mention that the St/ Peter's CPR fund has graciously allotted funds for well repair, medical needs and pastor salaries. Please continue to support this fund also because it really helps out with other church plant and rescues. Feel free to contact Randy, Jim or anyone else on the team for more information.

Yours in Christ,  
The Uganda Mission Trip Team

### **About Mark Bishop**

Mark's musical roots trace back to idyllic summer evenings in Kentucky, singing on the front porch with his family. It was then that the Bishop family began to form a musical foundation that would usher them to the forefront of Gospel Music. During their career, The Bishops enjoyed enormous success across all outlets, with twenty-seven national Top-40 songs, including twelve Top 5 songs and three Number 1 songs.

Since embarking on a solo career in 2002, Mark Bishop has not missed a beat. He has been honored with multiple nominations and awards in a broad range of categories from leading Gospel Music publications and organizations. He is one of the select few soloists who have been invited to perform on the Main Stage of Gospel Music's signature event, the National Quartet Convention. Over the past thirty years, Mark's songs are staples on Gospel Music radio, accumulating numerous hits on the national airplay charts. Check out his songs on YouTube or through any search engine.

## Women's Ministry News

Women's Ministry will meet on **Saturday, September 10** at **11 am** in the Fellowship Room for a Potluck Luncheon. Please bring a food item or casserole to share. Paper products and beverages will be provided. Come join us for a time of fellowship and to plan some service events for the fall and winter.

I have reached out to Robin's Home in Butler that provides housing and assists women veteran's to return to the community. They are always in need of the following items:

### **For the home:**

Coffee  
Bottled Water  
Sugar  
Creamer  
Flour  
Aluminum Foil  
Tall kitchen trash bags  
Freezer and Sandwich bags

### **Paper Products:**

Toilet Paper  
Paper Towels  
Paper Plates  
Plastic Utensils  
Plastic Cups

### **Cleaning Supplies:**

Dawn Dish Soap  
Dish Sponges  
Swiffer XL Wet Pads  
Swiffer Dusters  
Toilet Bowl Cleaners  
Shower Cleaner  
All Purpose Cleaner  
Mop & Glo Multi-Surface Floor Cleaner  
Lysol Clean and Fresh Multi-Surface cleaner  
Murphy's Oil Soap Wood Cleaner

### **Hygiene Items:**

Body Wash  
Razors

### **Gift Cards:**

Wal-Mart  
Giant Eagle

If you would like to donate any of the above items please bring them with you to our luncheon on September 10th. Please bring any ideas for service projects as well! I look forward to seeing you as we continue to show God's love and spread His Word to others through serving them and helping them with their needs.

I hope you enjoy the rest of your summer. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Blessings to you,  
Marla Clouse  
724-622-2264





Dear St. Peter's,

WOW! What a fun picnic! I hope you all enjoyed the great food, fellowship and games!! A big shout out of praise and gratitude for my helpers—Peter Butcher, Judy Caldwell, Steve Frederick, Wendy Grubbs and Sara Jacobs for their tireless efforts to put this fun afternoon together for all. Thanks to all that helped with set up and clean up—you are sweethearts! Kudos to our talented face-painters, Emma Caldwell and Jordan Bridges. You girls ROCK! Lastly, congrats to the current reigning Corn hole Champions—Dan Banyay and Ed Barth.

Until next year ~

Kate Konyak

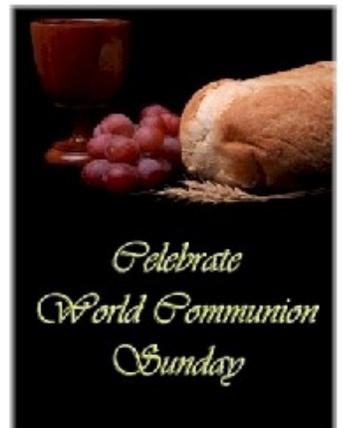
## World Wide Communion ~ October 2nd

Our next communion offering is set for **Sunday, October 2nd** will be going to Light of Life, see below for the details of this organization.

Light of Life transforms lives through the love of Christ by providing food, shelter, and hope to men, women, and children experiencing homelessness, poverty, or addiction to restore them as healthy members of our community. Their services include a Men's Residential Program, Women and Children's Program and Food and Emergency Shelter (Samaritan Ministries). Light of Life works with community partners all throughout Pittsburgh to provide food items to those in need. The Light of Life food pantry offers anything from pantry items and fresh produce to meat and dairy products to those in need.

Since 1952, Light of Life has been a place where hope and healing meet for men, women, and families experiencing homelessness, poverty, or addiction. Light of Life transforms lives through the love of Christ.

Additional details concerning Light of Life may be found at <https://www.lightoflife.org/>



## Women's Choice Network Fall Fundraising Banquet

The Women's Choice Network will be hosting a Fall Fundraising Banquet. It will take place on **Thursday, September 15**, from 6:30pm – 9:00pm at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center located at 1000 Fort Duquesne Boulevard in Pittsburgh.

Be encouraged, inspired and informed as Women's Choice Network celebrate 7000 lives saved by their ministry network. And learn how Women's Choice will save 7000 more!

For more details and to register, go to <https://mypregnancycenter.org/upcoming-events/>

### **SIMPLY SINGLES**

Simply Singles is a fellowship group for all adults who find themselves alone -- whether by choice, divorce or widowed. We invite you, and friends you know, to join us for the activities planned to bring us together.

**September 18** -- Come and play board games and eat pizza at St. Peter's Reformed Church fellowship room (lower level) at 4 p.m.

**October 16** -- Enjoy a fall bonfire, cook hot dogs and s'mores around the campfire at the home of Ken Hardt at 4p.m. Directions will be provided to those who RSVP.

**December 4** -- Join us for an early celebration of the Christmas season at Luciano's restaurant (off Rt. 228 across from Springfield Grille) at 5 p.m.

Contact Nancy Reader at 724-601-4442 or Sue Hamilton at 724-504-9156 for more information. Please RSVP to one of us a week before the event so that we can plan accordingly.

### **St. Peter's Choir**

St. Peter's Choir is looking for some new members to join in the fun. If you have a love for singing, we'd love to have you! Our rehearsals will begin on **Wednesday, September 7th** from 7-8 p.m.

Please contact Sally Hamilton at 724-822-4530 if you have any questions.



## JR. CHURCH ROTATION LIST

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|-------|--------------------------|
| 9/4   | Beth & Keith Stauffer    |
| 9/11  | Edward & Jess McGuinness |
| 9/18  | Jerry & Amber Cogliano   |
| 9/25  | Amy George               |
| 10/2  | Nathan & Abbey Statzer   |
| 10/9  | Sara Jacobs              |
| 10/16 | Kris Butcher             |
| 10/23 | Becky Bichler            |
| 10/30 | Judy Caldwell            |

### HeBrews Cafe



Our quarterly donations through August have totaled \$155 and we will be donating this money to our CPR Fund here at St. Peter's.

As of now, we are not sure where our next quarter's donation will be going, so stay tuned for future updates in the monthly newsletter.

Please support this ministry as we are showing God's love one cup at a time.

HeBrews and we serve ~ Emma



Who wants to go through Genesis with John MacArthur? Starting **September 14th** (Wednesdays), 7-8:30pm at Cath Rape's home. There is a lot of information in that first book—you may have missed something! Please let me know if you'll be joining in. For questions or confirmation call (724) 452-4936.

## 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 so that this beautiful first month of autumn will be even nicer to enjoy!

The first four books are non-fiction and have been added to the church library by way of donations:

**Where to Find It in the Bible (The Ultimate A-Z Resource)** by Ken Anderson: 'This is a contemporary topical resource that takes up where other concordances leave off—using common words, phrases, and whimsical illustrations to help you locate the biblical sources on a myriad of subjects, both traditional and offbeat. This A-Z listing of topics puts key Scriptures at your fingertips in language that's easy to understand, and it will help you locate specific Bible references to over 3,700 different subjects, circumstances, and situations.'

**Day by Day with Charles Swindoll:** 'A steaming cup of coffee, a heart-warming story, a poignant time of meditation and prayer in your favorite place of solitude. A few quiet moments alone with God—what a great way to begin ...or end ...your day. Now, Charles Swindoll, the master communicator whose compelling stories and eye-opening insights have helped millions of people find and build meaningful relationships with God, brings you this moving collection of 365 daily devotionals. Based on the Bible and his best-selling classic, *The Finishing Touch*, this new book provides just what you need to open your heart to the Lord's love and leading every day. Your soul-strengthening journey through this volume can begin at any time during the year. And you will be drawn ever nearer to the heart of God through these brief encounters with Him as you study and worship *Day by Day with Charles Swindoll*.'

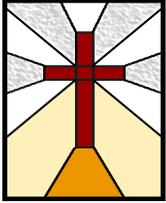
**Emotions, Confront the Lies. Conquer with Truth.** by Charles Stanley: 'Overwhelmed by your emotions? Can't help the overpowering feelings that control your heart? Do you wish you could find freedom from the pain? God cares about how you feel—how you process the circumstances you face and how those experiences shape your understanding of the world around you. But even more important, the Father wants you to understand that He has given you the gift of emotions to help you connect meaningfully with others, find purpose and joy in life, and reflect His love to the world around you. Dr. Stanley deals kindly and compassionately with the five key emotions that wound us: fear, rejection, bitterness, guilt, and depression, even sharing his own personal experiences with emotion. In his inspiring book, you will learn how you can break free from the feelings that have taken you captive and regain the purpose for which God gave you emotions in the first place.'

**Fearless** (2 copies) by Max Lucado: 'They're talking layoffs at work, slowdowns in the economy, flare-ups in the Middle East, turnovers at headquarters, downturns in the housing market, and upswings in global warming. The plague of our day, terrorism, begins with the word *terror*. Fear, it seems, has taken a hundred-year lease on the building next door and set up shop. Oversized and rude, fear herds us into a prison and slams the doors. Wouldn't it be great to walk out?'

The last book is historical fiction and has also been donated to the library:

**Return to Me** by Lynn Austin: 'After decades of exile, the prophecies are coming true—King Cyrus has declared the Jews may return to Jerusalem. Iddo, a priest, is sure this is a sign of God's renewed favor. For too long they've remained in Babylon, and many including Iddo's sons, are losing the faith that sets them apart. And so only a few choose to leave everything to return—return to their home and their God. Nothing about their journey to the Promised Land is easy. As hardships mount, even the faithful, like Iddo's beloved wife, Dinah, question the sacrifice of following God's leading. Zechariah, Iddo's oldest grandson, feels torn between his grandfather's ancient beliefs and the family they left behind. But one life-changing encounter with the Holy One gives him insight that will change Zechariah—and history—forever. Bringing the Old Testament to vibrant life, *Return to Me* tells the compelling story of two men living by faith in the midst of doubt, the women who love them, and the faithful remnant struggling to rebuild their lives in obedience to the God who beckons them home.'

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



## SOUTHWEST BUTLER FOOD CUPBOARD

557 Perry Highway

Harmony, PA 16037

Phone: 724.453.4184

Website: [www.swbfoodcupboard.org](http://www.swbfoodcupboard.org)

The kids are starting 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 **MOST NEEDED** items for September...

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|------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Jelly            | Peanut Butter                           |
| Oatmeal Packets  | Sloppy Joe                              |
| Chicken Broth    | Ready to eat pastas (ex. Spaghetti O's) |
| Canned Tomatoes  | Canned Tuna                             |
| Rice/Pasta Sides |                                         |

Other needs:

|                     |                          |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Any kind of noodles | Mac N' Cheese            |
| Instant Potatoes    | Rice                     |
| Spaghetti sauce     | Canned Veggies and Beans |
| Soup                |                          |

Blessings,  
Erin Makowski, Director

### *Happy September Birthday to:*

*Darla Herr ~ September 14 ~ 84 years young*

*Dorothy Knauf ~ September 30 ~ 99 years young*



### *Happy September Anniversary to:*

*Bob & Sandy Nolte ~ September 9 ~ 61 years*



**Ladies Fellowship of the 4 C's Allegheny Fellowship**  
**Fall Retreat Fri. evening/ Sat. afternoon, October 21-22**  
**Registration Form – Deadline October 1, 2022**

(Registration forms available from pastor or ladies representative)

**Sequanota Conference Center & Camp, Boswell, Pa.**

Directions; North, East & South – From the intersection of Routes 30 & 985 in Jennerstown, travel west 1 mile on US 30. Turn right on Kline Mill Road. Follow signs to Sequanota.

From West – travel east on US 30 2.5 mile from Laurel Hill Summit. Turn left on Willison Road. Turn left at stop sign and follow signs to Sequanota.

**TREASURED!**

“The Lord has chosen you to be a people for His treasured possessions.”  
Deuteronomy 14:2

This Bible study by Deb Burma is an uplifting look at BLING – yes BLING! Not simply beads, gems or stones, but the priceless & valuable treasure we are to the One who gives us our shine! We are His “TREASURED” ones, valuable because we are chosen by Him. The retreat begins at 5:00 with registration & settling into rooms. Our fellowship picnic is at 6:00. Please bring a favorite dish to share. Friday evening is a fun & faith-filled evening of ice-breakers, a Bible study session & late-night girl talk, getting to know one another better. It is a great fellowship time!

Saturday registrations are at 8:00 a.m. A 10:00 Brunch is scheduled around Bible study sessions, craft, & music. We will end at approximately 3:00 p.m.

A free will love offering will be received to offset expenses & support various ministries.

For more information; Barb Thomas, 814- 766-2507, 4 C's Allegheny Ladies Fellowship leader  
or Myra Whysong-Krentz, 814-276-3494, 4 C's Allegheny Ladies Fellowship secretary/treasurer

**Full Package – Overnight Lodging, Snacks, & Brunch**

**\$70.00 total.** (Two ladies to a room, private bath, please designate roommate, both need to name each other! Bedding & towels provided. All on one floor, no stairs!)

Single rooms are extra, if available. (\$90.00 each total package)

**Saturday only - \$35.00** (Please come around 8:00 a.m.)

Fill out form below, detach and mail **before Oct.1,2022 deadline.** Keep the rest of the form for directions and information. Make checks payable to Myra Whysong -Krentz & memo "Women's Conference". Mail completed form, questions and payment for desired package to:

Myra Whysong-Krentz  
156 Pavia Road  
Imler, Pa. 16655

More info - Barb Thomas  
814-766-2507  
or

Myra Whysong-Krentz

Detach here & return form:

814-276-3494

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**"TREASURED"**

**Fall Retreat registration, Oct. 21 & 22, 2022**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one;

Full Package \$70 \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday pkg.\$35 \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ (Add \$20.00 for single if available)

Any Allergies? \_\_\_\_\_ To what? \_\_\_\_\_



# SEPTEMBER 2022

|                                                                                             | Mon                                                                                                                    | Tue                                                                                                                                                                | Wed                                                                                                                                                                                | Thu                                                               | Fri                                                                               | Sat                                                                   |
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| <p>Sunday School<br/>9:00 am</p> <p>Worship<br/>10:15 am</p>                                | <p>Head Usher<br/>for<br/>September<br/>Josh Rader</p>                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                    | 1                                                                 | 2                                                                                 | 3                                                                     |
| 4                                                                                           | <p>5</p> <p>Labor Day ~<br/>Church Office<br/>Closed</p> <p>5:30pm AA Mtg. ~<br/>Fellowship Room</p>                   | <p>6</p> <p>1pm 500 Card<br/>Club ~ F. Room<br/>5pm COF Bells ~<br/>Bell Room<br/>6:30pm Elder's<br/>Mtg. ~ Ed. Bldg.<br/>7pm COF Choir ~<br/>Fellowship Room</p>  | <p>7</p> <p>9am Prayer Group<br/>7pm St. Peter's<br/>Choir ~ Sanctuary<br/>7pm The Journey</p>                                                                                     | <p>8</p> <p>11:30am<br/>Ministerium Mtg. ~<br/>Fellowship Rm.</p> | <p>9</p> <p>5-6:30pm<br/>Community<br/>Dinner ~ F. Rm.</p>                        | <p>10</p> <p>11am Women's<br/>Ministry Mtg. ~<br/>Fellowship Room</p> |
| <p>11</p> <p>9am Sunday<br/>School Classes<br/>Begin (Rally Day)</p>                        | <p>12</p> <p>5:30pm AA Mtg. ~<br/>Fellowship Room</p> <p>7pm Confirmation<br/>Class ~ Ed. Bldg.</p>                    | <p>13</p> <p>1pm 500 Card<br/>Club ~ F. Room<br/>5pm COF Bells ~<br/>Bell Room<br/>7pm COF Choir ~<br/>Fellowship Room<br/>7pm Consistory<br/>Mtg. ~ Ed. Bldg.</p> | <p>14</p> <p>9am Prayer Group<br/>7pm St. Peter's<br/>Choir ~ Sanctuary<br/>7pm The Journey</p>                                                                                    | <p>15</p> <p>6:30pm TNT Mtg. ~<br/>Fellowship Room</p>            | <p>16</p>                                                                         | <p>17</p> <p>9am Church<br/>Security Training<br/>~ Sanctuary</p>     |
| <p>18</p> <p>4-6pm Simply<br/>Singles Event<br/>Games &amp; Pizza ~<br/>Fellowship Room</p> | <p>19</p> <p>5:30pm AA Mtg. ~<br/>Fellowship Room</p> <p>6:30pm Pastoral<br/>Search Committee<br/>Mtg. ~ Ed. Bldg.</p> | <p>20</p> <p>12:30pm We Care<br/>Visitations<br/>1pm 500 Card<br/>Club ~ F. Room<br/>5pm COF Bells ~<br/>Bell Room<br/>7pm COF Choir ~<br/>Fellowship Room</p>     | <p>21</p> <p>9am Prayer Group<br/>12:30pm We Care<br/>Visitations<br/>7pm St. Peter's<br/>Choir ~ Sanctuary<br/>7pm The Journey<br/>7pm AFSP<br/>Support Group ~<br/>Ed. Bldg.</p> | 22                                                                | 23                                                                                | 24                                                                    |
| <p>25</p> <p>12-5pm Tina Geis<br/>using Fellowship<br/>Room</p>                             | <p>26</p> <p>5:30pm AA Mtg. ~<br/>Fellowship Room</p> <p>6pm St. Peter's<br/>Bell Choir ~ Bell<br/>Room</p>            | <p>27</p> <p>1pm 500 Card<br/>Club ~ F. Room<br/>5pm COF Bells ~<br/>Bell Room<br/>7pm COF Choir ~<br/>Fellowship Room</p>                                         | <p>28</p> <p>9am Prayer Group<br/>7pm St. Peter's<br/>Choir ~ Sanctuary<br/>7pm The Journey</p>                                                                                    | <p>29</p> <p>6:30pm TNT Mtg. ~<br/>Fellowship Room</p>            | <p>30</p> <p>5pm<br/>Bertoti/Meloni<br/>Wedding<br/>Rehearsal ~<br/>Sanctuary</p> |                                                                       |