

June 2016 Newsletter



Peace Garden

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WORSHIP 10 AM

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From the Pastor's Study June

"Oh, how beautiful."

"Everything looks so nice."

"My grandmother used to plant those flowers."

"Someone here sure has a green thumb!"

"What kind of plant is that?" "Ask the pastor about that plant, he'll know what it is."

"That blue flower in the biblical garden is flax. Maybe we can give you a plant for your garden." "Oh, that would be wonderful!"

"It is the beauty of this property that first drew me to this church."

"This community garden is such a great ministry."

These are just a few of the many words I hear spoken throughout the week concerning the church grounds, the planters, the biblical garden, the community garden, the new side entrance garden, and now the Peace Pole garden. It is clear to me why God first planted a garden. A garden unites people it creates community; perhaps because it is the place of our origin. A garden is a place where new life begins, where life is sustained, and where many of the lessons of life are learned.

When a plant fails to survive we learn about loss and learn to accept that loss is just another aspect of life.

When a plant that is supposed to provide food produces only a small crop we learn to make do with what we been given and learn to be grateful for small blessings.

When a beautiful flower blooms but is destroyed by wind, too much rain, insects or disease we are reminded that beauty is often fleeting and short lived and we should appreciate it while we can.

When a perennial returns for another season we are reminded that life is eternal no matter how things might appear.

We learn that in order for something to grow it must be nurtured and cared for. Something nourishing must be added to make a plant grow. It must have good soil. It must be cared for and protected from weeds that might choke it out.

Plants need water and light as do all of us. We need water and light to live;
Living Water and God's light.

I could go on and on about the lessons of the garden. I'm sure those of you who garden can think of the lessons you have learned about life from gardening or just being in a garden.

The Garden of Eden was a place where God demonstrated how human life was intended to be. Eden was a way of life, a state of the soul. It was more than a garden because it was planted by God. Eden is the bible's version of Paradise, of perfection. It was a place of secluded protection and a place of simplicity separate from the complexities of the rest of the world. It was a place where God was the provider and a place of human labor and harmony. Adam and Eve are depicted as living in perfect harmony with nature before the fall.

Two of the most significant events in the life of Jesus took place in a garden. In the Garden of Gethsemane Jesus experienced personal anguish, suffering, betrayal, arrest and violence in a place contrary to those things. The Garden of Gethsemane was also the place where a sacred decision was made that changed the course of human history. Jesus accepted his destiny to give up his life and go to the cross.

The second significant event in the life of Jesus that took place in a garden **was his resurrection. The bible tells us that Jesus' tomb was in a garden and that Mary Magdalene mistook the risen Christ as the gardener on Easter morning. It was fitting for Jesus' resurrection to occur in a garden since throughout history a garden has represented a place of new life and growth.**

Church of the Apostles has been blessed with its own little piece of paradise. The grounds surrounding the church are a park like setting. Large mature shade trees are scattered across, lush green lawns. There are blue birds and a variety of other birds building nests and singing in the trees. Occasionally a flock of turkeys will wander through the property. A fox occasionally darts across the lawn. The hoof prints of deer have been seen in the gardens. And lately, the sounds of neighborhood children can be heard as they play on the church grounds.

Those of you who are only at the church on Sundays may not realize how much community activity goes on here during the week. Cars come and go throughout the day as people with garden plots tend their little piece of paradise. There are many conversations between them and myself and other members of the church who stop by to water the planters, pull weeds, and mulch. Most of the people who have garden plots attend their own church of different denominations. Yet there is a common ground we all share when it comes to the garden.

This week we received our first use of the prayer box that is located along the driveway leading up to the church. On a white index card someone wrote, "Landscaping looks nice. Praise God for Spring."

In Christian Love,
Pastor Michael

"Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce."

-Jeremiah 29: 5 NIV



UCC Penn Central Conference Annual Meeting

Pastor Michael will for the 7th year attend this year's meeting held at Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove on June 10, 11.



Pastor Michael's Surgery

After years of living with a painful arthritic hip, I have decided to proceed with a total hip replacement. My surgery is scheduled for Aug. 1 at Holy Spirit Hospital in Camp Hill. If all goes as planned, I should only be in the hospital two days and will then return home. I will not be able to drive for two weeks. By the third week I should be able to resume my normal activities to a degree. That will, however, depend on my progress and healing. I may need to be off longer than two weeks.

-Pastor Michael

Outdoor Prayer Request Box

An outdoor prayer request box was made by Randy Cramer months ago but has only recently had signage added to the post stating "Prayer Requests". The box is located along the driveway leading up to the church building. Paper and pencil are inside for requests.



Offer to Send a Kid to Camp



Once again an offer has been made to pay the way for a child to go to camp and again this year no one seems to know of a single child who might want to go to camp but can't afford the cost. Think, think, think! Surely someone knows of someone; friends child, neighbor, someone you heard of, a relative...who would love to go to camp. See Pastor Michael if you think of someone. Time is running out to enroll.

***Birthdays
&
Anniversaries
in
June***



6/1 Bob and Pat Bostwick
6/2 Betty Lynerd
6/3 Robert Lynerd
6/4 Katie Fitz
6/12 Ernest and Beverly Fitz
6/12 Gilbert Hovermale
6/14 Bill Luick
6/18 Beverly Fitz
6/20 Mary Lou Misner
6/21 Eric Jacobs
6/22 Robyn Dingle
6/26 Robert Benchoff

**Calendar of Events
June**

5 Outdoor Worship Service 10 AM
6 Y Gradale Sorority Picnic 6 PM
12 Outdoor Worship Service 10 AM
13 Buchanan Quiltmakers 5:30 PM
17 Silver Express Delivery 1 :30 PM
19 Worship 10 AM
26 Worship 10 AM



Weight Watchers meets every
Tuesday at 5 PM
and Wednesday at 9 AM
Al Anon meets every Thursday
from 8-9 PM

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS *in June*

Lay Readers

The scriptures will given to you the week before you are scheduled to read.

No assigned readers

for

June



The Nursery is Available if Needed.



Ushers & Greeters

- June 5: Donna Levick & Ernie Fitz
June 12: Jean High & Judy Fitz
June 19: Bob Benchoff & Randy Cramer
June 26: Nevin & Sondra Monn

Changes in Worship for the Summer Season

Our worship service changes to 10:00 AM for the months of June, July, and August beginning on June 5.





Ladies Breakfast

The annual Ladies Breakfast will be held at
Keystone Family Restaurant on June 6 at 9 AM
with a breakfast buffet in the East Room.
Bring your daughters, mothers, grandmothers and friends!

Church Staff & Committees



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Outdoor Ministry Thanks

Thank you to everyone who adopted trees and mulch areas, it all looks awesome !

Special thanks to:

Donna Levick & Nevin & Sondra Monn for doing soooooo much weeding & soooooo much mulching, especially along the building.

Donna Levick for selecting the flowers and Beverly Fitz for helping her to plant the planters and the Outdoor Ministry Center, and Donna for maintaining the biblical garden & flowers under the cross & the Amsterdam Road sign bed.

Pastor Michael for selecting, planting all & donating half the flowers for the north entrance planter, the new canopy beds and the hanging ferns.

Shelley Benchoff for designing the peace garden and selecting the plants for it, Jake Jacobs for removing the sod, Nevin & Bob Benchoff for helping Shelley plant the plants, & Shelley & Bob for mulching.

Thanks to all who helped to water all these beautiful areas and will continue to water throughout the season !

Finally, have you noticed that we had the sidewalks and Outdoor Activity Center professionally power washed thanks to our building maintenance fund.

Community Garden Expands

Our community garden has recently expanded with the purchase of three raised bed planters that have been planted by our newest gardener, who resides at Trinity House.

It all began when he made a visit to see the gardens and express his gratitude to Pastor Michael for them, when we realized that he could participate if we had some waist high raised beds.

The beds are located along the left side of our storage building. Stop by and take a look !



Expressions of Gratitude

I was recently handed \$20 from a resident of Trinity House out of gratitude for providing garden boxes he can use to plant his tomatoes, onions, and radishes. He said as long as he had \$5 a day left over to live on for the month he could afford to make the donation. He had previously made a trip to the church to personally thank me for all the church does for the residence of Trinity House.

One of our members who work at Quincy Village relayed a message to me from another resident of Trinity House who is presently at Quincy Village for rehab. She said *"I pray for the people of Church of Apostles every day for all they do for us at Trinity House."*

Summer Tithes and More About Tithing

Although Memorial Day is the official start of the summer vacation season, people today are travelling and away from home (and church) every month of the year. When you are away and cannot attend church it is important that you continue to tithe. Although your tithes are needed to pay for the churches ongoing expenses; they are more importantly your personal expression of gratitude for God's blessings that never end. The topic of tithing came up at a recent boundary training course I attended. It was said that many people seem to think of their Sunday tithe as their price of admission for that Sunday. Many people seem to think that they only need to tithe on the Sundays they attend church. Unless you have attended a service at another church and tithed to that church, you should be making a tithe at your church either by making it before you leave for vacation or adding to the tithe you are giving on the Sunday you return to your home church. The same rules for tithing also apply to members who cannot physically attend church but still receive services and care from the church, provided they are financially able to give. Many shut-ins do send their tithes to the church every week although they are unable to attend services.



TOPS Food Donation

Kathleen Seiler and members of TOPS, a weight loss group of which she is a member, made a donation of non-perishable food items to the Silver Express Food Bank this week. The food donation was roughly equal in weight to the amount of weight the group has lost over the past three months (100 pounds between 16 people). Thank you TOPS, you are the tops!



“Silver Express” Food Bank

Thank you for your help to fill their
bowls!



Donations for this month
will be delivered **June 21**.



All canned/boxed food on the shelves will be delivered
each month to ensure freshness.

Congregational Meeting Concerning Church Carpeting

A congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, June 26 at 10:00 prior to start of the morning worship service. The meeting will address the proposal to carpet all floors in the church as described in the proposal. Please read the “Non-skid Floor Covering Proposal” on the opposite page. A vote will be taken during the June 26 meeting to decide whether or not to accept the proposal and proceed with the carpeting installation.



NON-SKID FLOOR COVERING PROPOSAL

Brotherhood Mutual Insurance Company, who insures our church, has, in a recent newsletter, alerted us to the importance of having NON-SLIP FLOOR COVERINGS.

The newsletter has explained the key factor in limiting liability is to keep our facility in safe operating condition. If someone is to slip or trip and fall because of an unsafe condition, the blame is likely to fall squarely on the church. Safety and keeping our facility in excellent repair has always been one of our priorities as a congregation !

Our tile floors have served us well for almost 50 years and the newer areas almost 30 years, so it is no surprise that we have corners missing and loose tile in some places.

Since tile is not considered a non-slip floor treatment, rather than attempting to do repairs, we recommend accepting the following proposal from WBS Home Decorating , Waynesboro, to carpet our floors.

The following areas to receive the same carpet as the sanctuary: carpet:

Narthex	\$2482
Front Hall	\$1230
Back Hall	\$1865
Fellowship Hall	\$5320
Offices	\$1332
Lounge	<u>\$ 445</u>
Subtotal	\$12,674

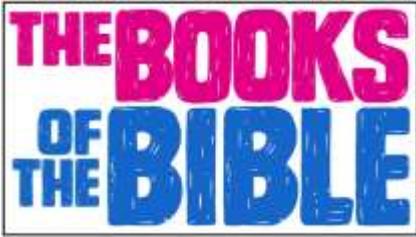
The following areas to receive carpet like the existing classroom:

Northeast Classroom	\$1300
Southeast Classroom	\$1300
Kindergarten & Nursery	<u>\$1465</u>
Subtotal	\$4,065

Total \$ 16,739

In addition to the safety there are two other benefits to the carpeting:

1. Enhance the overall feel and beauty of our already attractive building.
2. Add physical warmth and save heat which will reduce our electricity cost in the heating season.



Solution May's: 30 hidden Bible Book Names

The letters in bold reveal the solution to the May Newsletter paragraph with 30 Bible book names hidden in it.

There are 30 books of the Bible in this paragraph. Can you find them? This is a **most** remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket, on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, **keeping** him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much, he passed it on to some friends...One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his **john** boat. Another friend studied it while playing his ban**jo**, **Elaine** Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend **judges** the **job** of solving this puzzle so involving, **she brews** a cup of tea to help her nerves. **There** will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a **fact**. **Some** people, however, will soon find themselves in a **jam**, especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. **Truthfully**, **from answers** we get, we are forced to admit **it usually** takes a minister or a scholar **to see** some of them **at the worst**. Research has shown that something in our **genes is** responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in this paragraph. During a recent fund raising event, which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta **Phi lemonade** booth set a new record. The local paper, The **Chronicle**, surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As **Daniel** Humana **humbly** puts it, "The books are all right here in plain view hidden from sight." **Those** able to find all of them will hear great **lamentations** from those who have to be shown. One **revelation** that may help is that books like **Timothy** and **Samuel** may occur without their **numbers**. Also, keep in mind, that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal. **A chipper** attitude will help you **compete** really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for a mad **exodus**, there really are 30 books of the Bible **lurking** somewhere in this paragraph waiting to be found. God Bless.

Bible Word Search: Living Water

All the words listed below are in the puzzle - left, right, up, down or diagonally. Find each word. After you have found all the words, arrange the leftover letters in the correct order to form the *mystery answer*.



Believe, Bubbling, Bucket, Christ, Come, Deep, Disciples, Drinks, Dry land, Eat, Fields, Gift, Give, Harvest, I Am, Jerusalem, Jesus, Jews, Living water, Messiah, Mountain, Mount Gerizim, Prophet, Ran, Ripe, Rivers, Rope, Salvation, Samaria, Samaritan, Satisfy, Surprised, Sychar, Thirsty, Time, Tired, Truth, Water jar, Well of Jacob, will of God, Work, Worship.



SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

Kids Eat Free!

(18yrs and Under)

What: The Waynesboro Area School District is offering a free summer lunch program for children in the community 18 years old or younger.

Where: Fairview Elementary School, 220 Fairview Avenue

When: June 6-July 29, 2016 (excluding July 4)
Monday through Friday from 11:30 am-12:30 pm

Who: All children 18 years and under **FREE**
(Adult meals may be purchased for \$4.00 after all children are served.)

Please enter the building using the side entrance by the small playground.
Adults are required to present a valid driver's license or photo ID.



Church of food
We Love you all
Lois Martin
Annabelle Smeyer
Carolyn Smith

Malaki
your love
measures
the love
of heaven

DAVE

Brenda Sheffler
Frances Bries
God Bless you thank you very much for our food Pat B.

good job
SLC

DODIE STARLIPER

Donna Vaughan
Londra Wagman
Pat Etter



Your kindness
is greatly appreciated

Brenda Newcome
Donna Ferris
Jerrin Pryor

Brian Welsh
Wonna Bape
Brenda Czer

Darryl Scott (woffy) Sweeten
Barb Criley
Jean Murphy
Rosalie Bahr



Bonnie Worthman
Nedene Welsh
Mutha Sandee
Cathy Young

Thank
You

from

Trinity
House

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST SAYS

Thank You!

To the members of

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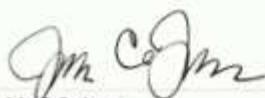
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God is still speaking,

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April 22, 2016

Ms. Jean High
348 Laurel Lane
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Dear Ms. Jean High,

**"There are only two lasting bequests we can hope to give our children.
One of these is roots, the other, wings."**

JOHANN WOLFGANG VON GOETHE

For more than a century, Hoffman Homes for Youth has offered shelter, caring and comfort—roots—to those most vulnerable of children. For the past 25 years, we have provided life-changing treatment and healing for thousands of children and youth who are struggling with mental illness and severe behavioral challenges.

We are proud of our legacy of caring—and equally as happy to embrace our future. Our newly opened on-site, private academic school was founded to ensure that our children receive a high-quality education during their stay with us. Hoffman Academy provides a differentiated and progressive curriculum focused on our students' health and positive growth. Recently, due to the generous support of donors and through a supplemental grant and Title 1 funding, we were able to provide our school students with individual iPads to support advanced learning. The integration of this technology into our curriculum allows faculty to engage students in a way that is relevant—keeping their interest and making them *want* to learn, even as they receive leading-edge, developmentally appropriate instruction. Coupled with our comprehensive creative therapies, which promote constructive self-expression, our program promotes the healing, personal growth and achievement of each and every child we serve, to give them the wings needed for a better life and a promising future.

A brighter future, thanks to you

Please know that your support is helping to make a tremendous difference in the lives of our children and our community. Your contribution to Hoffman Homes is an investment in our children's future, and we couldn't be more grateful. On behalf of the children we serve, THANK YOU for your donation of birthday cards on behalf of the Church of the Apostles (Waynesboro) for our children in care.

Thanks to you, we have a long, deeply rooted history of caring—and, with your continued support, we'll have the brightest of futures, dedicated to the health and well-being of our children.

With gratitude,

Brittane Varano
Director of Special Events
& Community Development

*Thank you for your donation!
The kids always enjoy
their cards !!*

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Please forward an address change to the Church office.



June 2016

MISSION STATEMENT

We are called together to worship God, united by the Holy Spirit, and chosen as instruments of our Lord's purpose to teach, support and serve all people. We witness to the church, the community and the world by showing joy in the faith and using our talents to praise God.