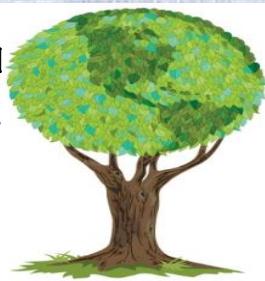


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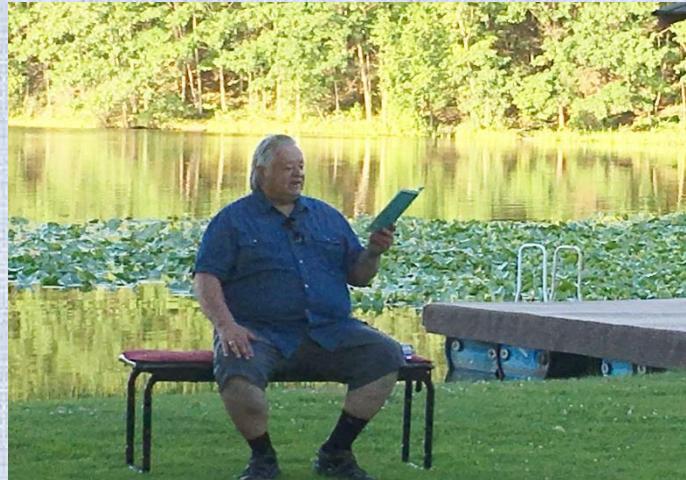
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St. John's UMC Picnic

St. John's had a picnic in July at the beautiful lakeside home of Don Blazer. There was lots of good food, fellowship and praising God for all our blessings! Everyone had a wonderful time!

On Sunday, August 13 another picnic is being planned at the home of Jim and Beverly Unruh. Mark your calendars!

Pictures courtesy of Jerry Schmidt



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If a member of your family or a friend is hospitalized,
please contact the parish office (673-5294) as soon as
possible. (you can leave a message after office hours)
Pastor Jerry and Kathy would like to make a visit, but
since hospitals discharge patients so quickly, we need to
know as soon as possible when your family member is in
the hospital. Also, if you or a member of your family
would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please
let us know so Pastor Jerry can arrange a visit. No one
should go without this important sacrament in their lives.

Pastor's Ponderings

By Jerry Schmidt

Grace, Peace, and God's perfect love to you,

I enjoy bringing in the daily mail, whether at church or at home. It gives me pleasure to see what treasures are in store for me, my family, or one of the churches. There may be a card of thanks, a newsletter from a neighboring church, and sometimes, a check. (I love those, but who doesn't, right?)

I know that the bills that I get in the church mailbox are the responsibility of the church. The bills that I receive at the house go to Paula. I am intrigued by the looks of disgust, or the look of panic, that Paula gets on her face when a piece of mail does not look the "same" as usual. I will hear that familiar comment, "Oh no, what is this?"

That happened to me recently. I received a letter from the Susquehanna Conference – Office of the Bishop. And I panicked. What did I do? I quickly dismissed that question because I don't do bad things anymore. Does he want to meet me? (I am the chairperson of the Williamsport district superintendency committee. (The PPRC to the district superintendent)

What other reason would the Bishop send me a letter? So far, none of these reasons to get a letter from the Bishop are terrible Life-changing reasons, but still, my heart seemed to pound a little harder, and it may have skipped a beat.

As I left the post office, I ripped into the letter. Sure enough, it was from the Bishop. A green ¼ page slip of paper fell from the envelope before I could get to the meat of the letter. On that green slip of extra contents were written the words, "This envelope contains your Clergy ID card". I breathed a sigh of relief as I thought to myself...oh yeah, the appointment changes have been set and those changes took effect July 1.

But don't we all get into a panic before it is necessary? Do we forget the promise of God to care for each one of us? There are people around us who do not realize this fact of our faith journey. They wander through life aimlessly, void of God's grace, mercy, and Salvation through Christ Jesus, the living Son of God.

We go to bed at night, praying for those who need that little extra nudge towards goodness for tomorrow. Perhaps we pray that we can take advantage of those missed opportunities from today. We sometimes spend most of our prayer time thanking God for the blessings of today, not realizing that if we listen for God's voice, He may be asking us to share today's blessings with someone tomorrow.

As Hebrews 10:24 states; we should provoke others to love and good works. Prayer may be the only tool some of us have to raise up our brothers and sisters, young and old, to the throne of God's grace. When we pray for others, we should let them know in some manner. How will the one that we pray for, know that it was our prayers for them that made things better for them?

At the recent Community service, we prayed for the youth that were in attendance. But we also prayed for the older youth that were in attendance who needed that little extra because they were going through something. But there were many who prayed for the youth, and those older youth, from our community and world who are struggling with issues in life.

My letter from the Bishop assured me that He and the cabinet are praying for the pastors of the Susquehanna conference. But not only that...they are praying for each one of you in ministry within, and outside the walls of our churches.

That extra letter that you receive or send may have the capability to make a connection with someone who needs that prayer today. Provoke others to love and good works. Let Christ shine in you.

Blessed by you today,

Pastor Jerry

Minister's Musings

By Kathy Miller

I would like to thank everyone in the Parish for allowing me the privilege of participating in the Mission Trip to the Henry Fork Service Center in Henry Fork, VA. This was the 5th year that members of Trinity UMC, Jersey Shore, Pa. along with a UMC Volunteers in Mission team headed by Bill Beebe have gone to serve in that area.

Five people from Trinity and a 15-year-old granddaughter of a VIM team member provided a morning Vacation Bible School based on the theme of Bible Heroes. This was an original program prepared by the Trinity team with a daily skit written by Rev. Helen Learn, pastor of the Athens UMC. As in all other years, my position was the music leader for the children. We had four areas each day: story time, crafts, games, and music, with children divided into four groups based on school ages, K-1, 2-3, 4-5 and Middle School. The attendance varied each day, but averaged between 40 – 60. These children attend each day through the summer months, and many will attend after school the rest of the year. They also receive schooling during the summer months, including the afternoons following lunch and VBS. As part of their schooling they receive religious training with a heavy emphasis on Bible knowledge, stories and Christian music.

During those hours, the VBS team does other work around the buildings: cleaning, painting, sorting craft supplies, mowing, weeding, and other chores that Director Lisa Nichols suggests. Lisa is a member of the UMC and is financially supported by UMC and other denomination churches in Virginia and several surrounding states.

The VIM team contacts Lisa at least one month before our visit to learn what projects at HFSC are needed as well as projects in the nearby communities. Over the 5 years, they have done renovation work for many homes of impoverished families. This year they built a small porch with a ramp on one trailer, and a ramp for a second trailer as well replacing the roofing on the STEP building in Rocky Mount. And then, built a wooden wall on the inside of the block wall with insulation at HFSC. They had done the same thing last year in another room of the original building which had begun life as a gas and service station. The cost of heating and cooling dropped significantly from that renovation, and will certainly again lower the cost.

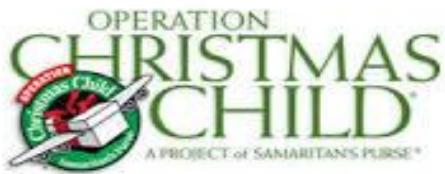
Our teams are housed each year in a dormitory on the campus of Ferrum College, Ferrum, Va. – about 15 minutes from the Center. It is a UMC supported college with a beautiful campus and a cafeteria with delicious Southern foods. We have breakfast and supper there each day, and our lunches are prepared for us at a UMC church in nearby Rocky Mount.

Each year after spending a week there, in the heat (mid to high 90's), and working harder than I do at home, I leave thinking, "I'm getting too old for this." My friend Susan, whom I travelled with, said the same thing to me on our way home. Then we looked at each other and laughed. God has called us there. Who are we to say we are too old?



Announcement!

Parish News

Announcement!

This year we are trying something different! Each month we will encourage you to purchase a different item to help fill your shoebox. This way, you won't have to buy everything all at once. Then, for 2018, we will continue to collect items, one type each month so that by November when the boxes are collected, your box will be filled and ready to send!! We started in July with clothing items and accessories. **The category for August is School Supplies and stuffed animals!** Just think about how much easier this will be by purchasing items a few each month, it will be so much easier to fill a box, you will fill many more!! In December, you will simply pray for all those who receive the boxes we send to them! We will again have printed shoeboxes available for when you are ready for them.

A few things to remember:

For 2017 **NO** candy of any kind is allowed in boxes due to regulations (including gum and hard candy). Also, **NO** toothpaste is allowed as well. Always remember that no items relating to war or the military are allowed. You can pick up a brochure to help you with buying items for your shoe boxes at each church...just look for the How to Fill a Shoebox display!

As always if you have questions, you can go to: samaritanspurse.org/occ or contact Paula Schmidt. Thank you in advance for your support of this important ministry!

2017 Operation Christmas Child Schedule

July- Clothing & Accessories

August- School Supplies & Stuffed animals

September- Games & hygiene items

October- toys & gloves, hats, and scarves

November- \$9.00 donation for your box
(Boxes are collected)

December- Pray for those receiving boxes



Canton Ecumenical News

By Paula Schmidt

The Canton Food Pantry item for August is canned tuna. Thank you for your faithfulness to this local ministry, helping people in need right here in our community! Your generosity is greatly appreciated by the needy in our town.

The monthly dinner for August is our annual Ice Cream Social. Featuring Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Assorted Salads, and of course, Ice Cream!! The cost is still a bargain at \$6.00 per person. Take-outs are available. Come beat the heat and join us for some good food and fellowship!! If you are able to help, please contact Brian Greenough.

Shunk News

By Suzi Fisher

Sunday School is at 10 AM. Come learn more about the Word!

Please take time to look both ways when pulling into and/or out of our church parking lot! There is a lot of traffic on our curve this time of the year.

This was originally taken from Lavina Fisher's Diary/Notebook started in 1945. Lavina was Ed's mother.

The letter "E" is said to be the most unfortunate letter in the alphabet, because it is always out of cash, forever in debt, never out of danger, and in torment all the time. All of which is true, still it is never in war, always in peace, and always in something to eat. It is the beginning of existence, the commencement of ease, and the end of trouble. Without it there would be no life or heaven. It is the center of honesty and always in Love.

Prayer Request-Please pray for unity in our great country. We are being torn apart by many evil forces. Our nation's morals are falling apart. Lift America up to God asking Him to bless us and guide our leaders in the right direction! Pray, and pray, then pray some more.

God bless America!!!

St. John's News

Pictures courtesy of Jerry Schmidt



Orbisonia UMC Mission Trip

9 youth and 5 adult leaders from Orbisonia UMC infiltrated St. John's church as a mission to help with projects, but more importantly, to show what a youth group looks like, and how they operate. They were joined by our own Sydney Crawford, and 3 youth from Ward UMC; Sam and Noah Shedd, and Kylie Landon. There was plenty of good food for them organized by Dody Smith. They had devotions, worship, fun, and got plenty of work done at the school, Cedar Ridge, and St. John's Church. Saturday, they had a picnic and a free swim for the community, which included a softball game and devotions. We look forward to what God is doing in the lives of the youth who participated in this worthwhile venture. (continued on next page)



Orbisonia UMC Youth Group

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St. John's and Ward Youth

St. John's News (continued)

The group is looking forward to another mission trip again next year! Thank you to Ed Seeley and his crew for leading the group, and thank you to everyone from St. John's who helped plan and coordinate their visit! It was a blessing to all who were involved.

Don't forget- St. John's picnic at the Unruh's, Sunday, August 13 at 5 p.m. Please bring a lawn chair and a dish to pass.

Our Adult Sunday School Class celebrated Christmas in July on Sunday the 30th. The tables were decorated for Christmas, we sang "Joy to the World", and heard the story of Mary visiting Elizabeth. Come check out all the fun we have in Sunday School! Everyone is welcome!

St John's is collecting school supplies that are needed by local students in our church family and in the Canton Area School District. Below is a list of items needed for each specific grade. The school uses only the specific items on this list, so please refer to the list carefully as you purchase items to help. Thank you in advance for your help in this important outreach to our community.

School Supplies Needed by Local Students in Our Church Family And in the School District

Elementary

Kindergarten

Elmer's Glue Sticks
4 oz. Elmer's School Glue
Crayola Pip-Squeaks Washable Markers
Children's Scissors
Crayola Crayons- 24
Crayola Colored Pencils- 12
Block Erasers- 2 pk.

First Grade

Tissues- unscented, no lotion
Elmer's Glue Sticks
Children's Scissors
Crayola Crayons- 24
Expo Thin Dry Erase 4 Color Markers
Homework Folder

Second Grade

Ticonderoga #2 Pencils
Yellow/Green Highlighters
2 Pocket Folders
Block Erasers
Expo Markers/permanent markers
Tissues, unscented, no lotion

Third Grade

Crayola Crayons- 24
2 Pocket Folders
Green/Yellow Highlighters
Dixon Ticonderoga #2 Pencils
Cap Erasers
Three Hole Binder
Pouch/Pencil Box
Glue Sticks

Fourth Grade

Index Pocket Organizer
Ticonderoga # 2 Pencils
Crayola Colored Pencils-12
Crayola Crayon- 8
Green/Yellow Highlighters

Fifth Grade

Crayola Colored Pencils- 12
Crayola Crayons- 8
Green/yellow highlighters
Hole reinforcements

Sixth Grade

Correction Tape
Scissors
200 wide ruled paper
(3 hole)
Yellow/green highlighters

High School

3-hole wide rule paper for
binder
Blue Pens

Ward News

By Dana Vermilya

This month, I would like to share a bit about the 12 week Bible study that just wrapped up. This was a study designed to help us look at our church, our community, and our outreach. We spent a great deal of time looking at various aspects of our community. We reviewed data based on a three mile radius of the church. We also spent time looking at different aspects of our church. What do we offer in terms of ministry for our children, for our youth, for our adults, etc? We spent time discussing the fact that we are to, "Go make disciples". We looked at average attendance, baptisms, membership, etc. within our church. We looked at who our neighbors are, what their needs are, and how we are serving them. Now, keep in mind, this is a very basic overview of the things we did. After discussing what we thought were the needs of our community, we then assessed our ability, willingness, and commitment to reach out and meet these needs. We are supposed to set a goal for our church, one that we come up with on our own, and make a plan to meet this goal. It is to be a goal of outreach. We are supposed to reach out to our neighbors in the hopes that they will become disciples and, maybe, join us in church.

This study had two main tracks that a church could choose when looking at how they were going to do this. One is Re-Innovation and the other is Transition to Legacy. Re-innovation is setting a new goal of outreach and carrying through with that goal. Transition to Legacy is closing your church. Thankfully, we are choosing Re-Innovation. However, what does that mean for us? We do have some community outreach in place. As I type this, we have just finished a week of Bible school where we saw 26 children. This is a great community outreach that we have. We also have our quilt ministry, cancer ministry, baskets, and mission work that we do. I am sure I am forgetting some too. However, we are still to come up with a new plan to reach out more to our neighbors. There are choices we have in this as well. We can choose to do this through 1. renewing and refocusing the nurture, outreach, and witness ministries of the church, 2. engaging in cooperative parish ministries with other United Methodist congregations, 3. engaging in shared ecumenical ministries with other non-united Methodist congregations, 4. redevelopment or re-missioning, 5. relocation, or 6. merger.

At this time, we are not looking at relocation or merger. Still, this is not an easy task we are charged with. We have to develop a plan that we feel will be effective, but also one in which the people of the church want to take part. My mother and I were the Ward members that attended the study. We did not develop this plan for our church. We, of course, need your help with this process. We need to discuss what ideas we can come up with and then decide which will be the best choice for us to implement. As you can imagine, I have my own ideas of things we may consider doing, but we need to hear your ideas too! Maybe you are already doing something that we can do as a group on a larger scale. Please be thinking about this and consider joining the discussion when it occurs. We will need the support of many to be successful. I hope that the information I have provided is not confusing. I am certain that there are important details that I have forgotten to include. My hope is that you now have a small glimpse at what is to come and get excited about the new outreach opportunity we decide upon. Look for more on Bible School next month.

Something to Ponder...

Author Unknown

From the Fishwrapper, Lancaster/West Edition June 27, 2017

If you woke up this morning with more health than illness... you are more blessed than many others.

If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish somewhere,
You are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.

If your parents are still alive and still married... you are very rare, even in the United States and Canada

If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep... you are richer than 75% of the world.

If you can read this message, you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world that cannot read at all.

If you can attend a church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture, or death...
you are more blessed than three billion other people.

If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation...
you are ahead of five-hundred million people In the world.



You Gotta Laugh!

A teenage boy had just passed his driving test and inquired of his father as to when they could discuss his use of the car.

His father said he'd make a deal with his son, "You bring your grades up from a C to a B average, study your Bible and get your hair cut. Then we'll talk about the car."

The boy thought about that for a moment, decided he'd settle for the offer and they agreed on it.

After about six weeks his father said, "Son, you've brought your grades up and I've observed that you have been studying your Bible, but I'm disappointed that you haven't had your hair cut."

The boy said, "You know Dad, I've been thinking about that, and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair, and there's even strong evidence that Jesus had long hair."

Dad replied, "Did you also notice that they all walked everywhere they went?"





News From the Susquehanna Conference



Mission Central Needs Wheelchairs!

We still need wheelchairs! The calls are coming in and we want to help all of those in need. If you have any type of wheelchair or have a contact at a medical facility that we can call, please let us know. There are people right here in our community that need our help. Together we can make this happen!

Call [717-766-1533](tel:717-766-1533) with any questions or bring your donations in ASAP!

Music Festival To Be Held At Uriah UMC, Gardners

The Uriah United Methodist Church, 925 Goodyear Road in Gardners is having a music festival (Lift Fest) on **August 12, 2017**, to help raise money for Mission Central. There will be activities for kids of all ages and plenty of awesome food, including homemade ice cream! We have several bands lined up for the festival, but are looking for additional bands to play. It can be Christian rock, blue grass, country rock ... whatever the Lord puts into your heart. This will also bring exposure to your band and show others the talent God has given you! If your band has an interest in playing at the festival, please contact Uriah Church at [\(717\) 486-7543](tel:717-486-7543).

The fun starts at 10 a.m. and ends at approximately 9 p.m.! So come join us for a great time and great music, but please remember to bring a chair!

Spiritual Direction Course

*Is God calling you to a deeper season?
Do you long to listen more and speak less?
To discern more than decide?*

Spiritual Direction is a course that invites all these things through reading, prayer, and a monthly small group event that builds skills so you can be instrumental in hearing God's voice in your own life and in the life of others.

For more information, visit www.centerformation.org, under Ministry of Spiritual Direction, to learn more about it.

Questions? Ask away at formation1@embarqmail.com or call [717-240-0678](tel:717-240-0678). Dr. Russell M. Hart - Center Director, CSF

A Note From Beth Jones, Williamsport District Superintendent

God's vision is so much bigger than mine. Seems obvious, right?

And yet, almost daily, I fall into the trap of reducing my vision to a narrow field of view that includes only MY to do list, MY agenda, MY e-mails...I forget about the broad, God-size vision for the day.

I assume I'm not alone in this. Even those of us who profess to be disciples of Jesus Christ, believers in God's mighty power and far-reaching vision, we forget to take that broad view, lost in our many electronic devices and piddling agendas. In narrowing the focus of our eyes, ears and mind, we often miss the opportunities that God is placing in our path.

Summer used to be a time for slowing down and taking that broad view as we would wander outdoors, breathe the fresh air, take in the wonder of all that is around us. Slowly, those days are getting filled again and I fear that the broad view will eventually be squeezed from our busy lives.

I would invite you to take a moment. Even right now as you are reading this - take a moment, close your eyes as you feel God's presence right there where you are. What is God's calling for you this day? Boldly pray for God's leading as you live out your moments this day. God's agenda may be different from the one we had in mind, and it will be challenging for us to choose a different path. But for ourselves, our churches, our communities, God is asking us to remember to always be looking for the God-sized vision for today and every day.

God's peace to you in these summer days...

Beth



Peace in Times of Trouble

From Our Daily Bread Ministries Encouraging Stories and News 2017 #3

The saying, “If something sounds too good to be true, it probably is,” offers a necessary caution. If the television infomercial for the latest wonder product (that has not been tested or approved by anyone significant) offers results that seem unrealistic, be careful. For example, if a diet pill will help you lose fifty pounds in a month, you would be wise to question the legitimacy of the offer. The ability of the person making the offer to deliver on the promise is crucial to our confidence in purchasing whatever it is they are selling. In that upper room, Jesus made an offer to His troubled disciples. He offered them peace – and He would deliver on His promise. As John 14 opens, Jesus reminds His disciples that they can trust Him. His words would have been a voice of calm in the midst of their confusion - and it can be in ours as well. “Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me.” (John 14: 1 NASB). These words were not spoken to tranquil people enjoying a pleasant evening together. Jesus spoke these words to men like Peter who were grief stricken, troubled, and confused. In response to their hearts, Jesus gave two thoughts of comfort.

Stop letting your heart be troubled.

Literally, Jesus was saying, “Stop the shuddering and trembling of your heart.” Heart speaks of the seat of understanding, the private world, the part of you which makes you, “you.” in the core of who we are, Jesus says to stop being troubled. It is important to notice, though, that Jesus didn’t simply say, “Don’t worry, be happy; everything will be just fine.” He gave them a reason to stop being troubled. He gave them Himself as their reason for peace.

Believe in God, believe also in Me.

Jesus didn’t simply tell them to buck up, keep a stiff upper lip, or get over it. He gave them a starting point for peace – trust. He challenged them to allow their confidence in Him to overcome their fear and despair. Jesus’s words challenged them to believe in Him the exact same way they had been taught to believe in God. It was as if Jesus were telling them (and us), “You will fail, but I never will. Believe in Me and trust Me during the dark hours ahead. I will not fail you or abandon you, even though you will abandon me. You can trust Me – no matter what you are facing.” his promise of peace is directly linked to our trust in Him and His ability to bring us through.

Barratt's Chapel

By Paula Schmidt

During our mini vacation to New Jersey and Delaware, Pastor Jerry, Rachel, and I went to a historic United Methodist Church in Delaware, called Barratt's Chapel and Museum, with roots to the birth of the United Methodist Church as we know it today. In fact, one of the Bishops of the former Central PA Conference (now known as the Susquehanna conference), Bishop Felton May, who died recently, is buried there. We thought you might enjoy looking at the pictures from our visit. To see the pictures in color- go to our website.

*For more information about Barratt's Chapel,
go to: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Barratt%27s_Chapel or
<http://www.barrattschapel.org/index.html>.*



The view from the balcony



Pump Organ recently donated to the museum



The view as you enter the church



Pastor Jerry in the pulpit



Modern addition added for museum meetings



Baptismal font and church organ

The Sting of the Scorpion!!

*From the Fishwrapper, Lancaster West Edition, June 27, 2017
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A man saw a scorpion drowning and decided to draw it from the water, but when he did, the scorpion stung him. Because of the pain, the man dropped the animal and it fell back into the water. He attempted a second time to get it out of the water and the animal stung him again.

Someone who was observing approached the man and said, “Excuse me, but you seem determined! Don’t you understand that whenever you attempt to pull it out of the water, it will sting you?”

The man replied, “The nature of the scorpion is to sting, but that will not change my determination to help.”

Then, using a leaf, he drew the scorpion from the water and saved its life and continued,” Do not change your course if someone hurts you; just take precautions. Some pursue happiness, others create it. When life presents you thousands of reasons to cry, show that you have a thousand reasons to smile. Be concerned more about your conscience than your reputation, because your conscience is what you are, and your reputation is what others think of you.”

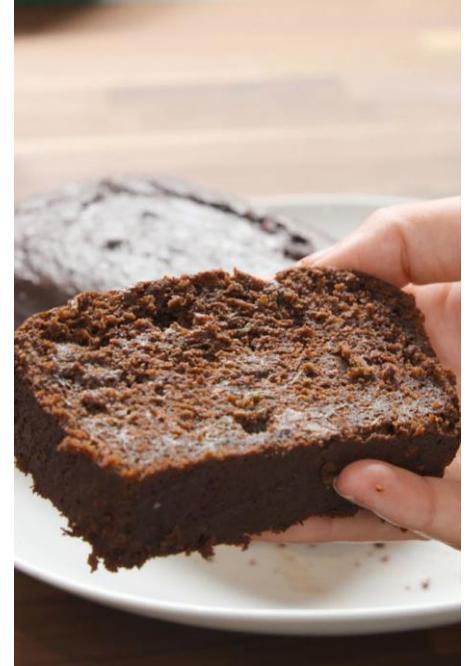
If life presents you with a sting, think about this little story: take your precautions, but don’t change who you are. Don’t worry about other people’s opinions and KEEP SMILING!!

Daily Bible Reading Plan- August

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| 1- 2 Kings 21 – 25 | 13- Psalm 94 – 96 | 25- John 7 – 9 |
| 2- Proverbs 16 | 14- Numbers 1 – 4 | 26- 1 Timothy 4 – 5 |
| 3- Daniel 1 – 6 | 15- 1 Chronicles 5 – 9 | 27- Psalms 102 – 103 |
| 4- John 1 – 2 | 16- Proverbs 19 | 28- Numbers 9 – 12 |
| 5- 1 Thess. 4 – 5 | 17- Hosea 1 – 7 | 29- 1 Chronicles 15 – 19 |
| 6- Psalms 90 – 93 | 18- John 5 – 6 | 30- Proverbs 21 |
| 7- Leviticus 25 – 27 | 19- 1 Timothy 4 – 5 | 31- Joel 1 – 3 |
| 8- 1 Chronicles 1 – 4 | 20- Psalms 97 – 101 | |
| 9- Proverbs 17 - 18 | 21- Numbers 5 – 8 | |
| 10- Daniel 7 – 12 | 22- 1 Chronicles 10 – 14 | |
| 11- John 3 – 4 | 23- Proverbs 20 | |
| 12- 2 Thess. 1 – 3 | 24- Hosea 8 – 14 | |

Death By Chocolate Zucchini Cake

From delish.com



Ingredients:

1/2 cup melted butter, plus more for greasing pan
1/2 cup cocoa powder, plus more for dusting pan
1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
1 cup sugar
1 egg plus 1 egg yolk
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
2/3 cup chocolate chips (any variety)
2 cups of grated zucchini (from 1 large or 2 – 3 small)

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Butter a loaf pan and dust with cocoa powder.
In a large bowl, whisk together flour, cocoa powder, baking soda, cinnamon, and salt.
In another large bowl, stir together sugar, egg and egg yolk until smooth, for 1 minute.
Add melted butter and vanilla and mix until smooth. Add zucchini, then add flour mixture in 3 additions. Fold in chocolate chips. Transfer batter to prepared loaf pan and bake for 50 minutes.
Let cool slightly in pan, then transfer to a cooling rack. Sprinkle with flaky sea salt and serve.

Microwave Rocky Road Bars

From the Fishwrapper, Lancaster/West Edition, June 27, 2017

Ingredients:

1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
2 tablespoons half and half
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 cups miniature marshmallows
1 1/2 cups chopped nuts
1 cup shredded coconut

Directions:

Microwave chocolate chips and half and half on medium high until chips are melted, 1 to 3 minutes, stirring once during cooking. Stir in vanilla. Add remaining ingredients; mix until coated. Press into a greased 9" x 9" baking dish. Cool and cut into bars.

Tri-County Parish August Birthdays and Anniversaries

Canton Ecumenical

- 4 Cassandra Fitzwater
- 8- Donna Strout
- 9- Megan Dean
- 10-Elaine Kilbourn
- 13- Crystal Cooper
- 14- Bill Krause
- 15- Wayne Bronson, Chrissy Greene
- 17- Jerry Schmidt
- 22- Jeffrey Wright
- 24- Alex Seeley, Edna Tomlinson
- 25- Roland Cooper

Anniversaries:

- 8- Larry & Beverly Wright
- 9- Bill & Marsha Krause

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- 17- Jerry Schmidt

Anniversaries:

None



St. John's

- 6- Fern McNett
- 15- Alvah Avery
- 17- Jerry Schmidt
- 28- Alexis Doud

Anniversaries:

- 18- Jim & Dorothea Doud

Ward

- 3- Dave Machmer
- 7- Alene Boyd
- 22- Jeff Sechrist
- 26- Derrike Bellows

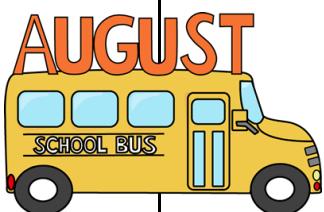
Anniversaries:

- 3- Mike & Tonie Hall
- 6- Ronnie & Dana Vermilya
- 8- Tyler & Julie Sechrist
- 9- Bill & Brenda Holland
- 23- Dave & Ruth Morse
- 29- Mark & Sylvia Betzer



If you have corrections or additions to this list,
contact Pastor Jerry or Paula immediately so we
can keep this list is as accurate as possible.

Tri- County Parish Events - August 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
						5
				Dave Machmer Mike & Tonie Hall	Cassandra Fitzwater	
Friendship Day <i>Fern McNett</i> <i>Ronnie & Dana Vermilyea</i>	6 FLN Youth Theatre <i>Alene Boyd</i>	7 FLN Youth Theatre <i>PPRC at St. John's 7 p</i> <i>Donna Strout</i> <i>Tyler & Julie Sechrist</i> <i>Larry & Bev Wright</i>	8 Pastor Jerry Order of Elders Meeting 10am FLN Youth Theatre <i>Wayne Bronson</i> <i>Chrissy Greene</i> <i>Alvah Avery</i>	9	10 FLN Youth Theatre	11 FLN Youth Theatre
St. John's picnic at the Unruh's 5 pm <i>Crystal Cooper</i>	13 <i>Bill Krause</i>	14	15	16 Parish Office Closed <i>Jerry Schmidt</i>	17 Parish Office Closed <i>Jim & Dorothea Doud</i>	18 Mission U Meeting <i>Derrike Bellows</i>
	20	21	22	23	24	25
						26
				Alex Seeley Edna Tomlinson	Roland Cooper	
	27 Pastor Jerry away Parish office open <i>Alexis Doud</i>	28 Pastor Jerry away Parish office open <i>Mark & Sylvia Betzer</i>	29 Pastor Jerry away Parish office open	30 Pastor Jerry away Parish office open	31 Pastor Jerry away Parish office open	

All events are subject to change.
Birthdays and Anniversaries are in italics.

Lectionary August 2017

August 6: (The Ninth Sunday After Pentecost)

Genesis 32: 22 – 31

Psalm 17: 1 – 7, 15

Romans 9: 1 – 5

Matthew 14: 13 – 21

August 20: (The Fifth Sunday After Pentecost)

Genesis 45: 1 – 15

Psalm 133

Romans 11: 1 – 2a, 29 – 32

Matthew 15: (10 – 20), 21 – 28

August 13: (The Tenth Sunday After Pentecost)

Genesis 37: 1 – 4, 12 – 28

Psalm 105 : 1 – 6, 16 – 22, 45b

Romans 10: 5 – 15

Matthew 14: 22 – 23

August 27: (The Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost)

Exodus 1: 8 – 2: 10

Psalm 124

Romans 12: 1 – 8

Matthew 16: 13 – 20



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