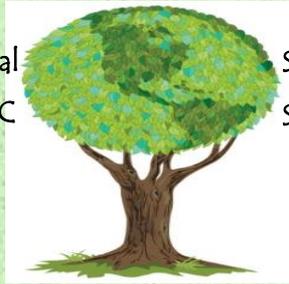


THE TRI-COUNTY PARISH CIRCUIT RIDER



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JUNE 2017 EDITION

My Mission Trip to Honduras

By Beverly Unruh

From May 13 – 20, I went on a mission trip to San Pedro Sula, Honduras, with an organization called, “Children Without Choices.” It’s goal is to identify children (and adults) that have medical needs that they are unable to meet and help those people get the treatment they need. The organization does this by running medical clinics in the more isolated villages in Honduras and other areas.



This is why I came.

The team, consisting of 12 women and 1 man, flew into San Pedro Sula and was met by a team of Hondurans who had prepared for our visit. They rented a 15 passenger van that would take us to the villages throughout the week. We stayed at a hotel in the outskirts of the city. It was very nice and had a pool.

On Sunday, we went to the Mennonite Church in the city. They included us in their Mother’s Day celebration. In the afternoon, we visited an orphanage of 18 children. These children were taken off the streets and have no known family members. We did crafts with them, had a snack, and left some gifts for them. All the children seemed happy and were well behaved. **(Continued on St. John’s News Page)**

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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

Greetings in the Name of the Creator of us all,

As I sit down to write this letter, (many days later than I should), I reflect on the morning thus far. I think of the beauty of the sun peeking from behind a hillside, and through the high clouds. I remember the cat who walked along with me. I remember how crisp the air was while walking. I remember thinking how blessed I am to be in this place at this time. These things reminded me of how blessed I am to be in this area, worshipping God with some pretty amazing people.

Some people have tremendous faith that can be seen. Some have tremendous faith that is only seen when the occasion calls for it. Some are difficult to figure out, but loving people just the same. Then there are those, who like an onion, need to be peeled a layer at a time. All fall under the protection and love of God, and the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

I thought, too, of the love of God. The scripture from [Mark 12:28-31](#) came to mind. Christ was asked: "Which commandment is the most important of all?" Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." As I thought of this passage in scripture, this letter seemed to come together in my mind.

We do love God. It is evident in the faces of God's people in our churches, in our families, in the Minister's Network as we become good friends with the common goal of unity in our communities, in our schools, and in our neighborhoods. God's love is evident as we worship and discern God's direction in all of our lives.

As I walked, thinking about the love of God, the love of self, and the way we are to love our neighbors, I thought of the Wednesday evening book/Bible study. We are to self-evaluate. As we do this, we come in contact with people who can help us grow. Sometimes, we have conversations with fellow parishioners, and friends, who give us an unfamiliar perspective on where we are in life. We don't continue to spend time with those who attempt to bring us down. We spend time with those who will help us to be built up.

The same is true with our church. We must self-evaluate. We must have honest conversations with others concerning our current situations, and our future. Those who do this regularly tend to not repeat the mistakes of the past, and they tend to realize the direction that God is leading the community of faith.

To have honest conversations, we must communicate with one another. This is difficult to do with one's own self. (If we did, others may think us odd) I say this because it is equally difficult when only one person attends this study. We cannot rely on just one person representing our church. A conversation takes at least two people.

The study is intended to show where we think we are vs. where we really are in ministry; ministry that makes us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world. I plead with you to give the study a chance. Please make time on a Wednesday evening to come and discuss your church, neighborhood, and your own self.

As I walked this morning, as I walk the road that leads to Christ daily in my life, I realize how blessed I am to be able to worship with you all. I see the love of God as we walk together towards perfection in our journey towards the heavenly kingdom. Notice the people that God has placed in your path today, tomorrow, and forever cherish what God is doing by placing them in your way, and grab ahold of them and walk beside them.

Thankful to God for you, 

Minister's Musings

By Kathy Miller

Joe and I have just returned from a 5-day camping getaway at Hills Creek State Park. This time away has been a real gift in several different ways—more time than usual spent walking and talking with Joe—uninterrupted! Time to relax away from television, telephone, computers, and busy schedules. And time to better appreciate God's beautiful creation—a brook that ran right behind our campsite; squirrels that scurried around us, including one that, in confusion, ran right between my legs. I'm not sure which one of us was more startled!

Time to listen to the sounds of different birds and geese, the rustling of the wind through the trees. Time to talk with other campers about their experiences, and the visit of our daughter, son-in-law, and grandson who shared dinner and a campfire with us. Time to appreciate the many gifts that God showers on us—all the time!

It reminds me then of Ecclesiastes 3 – “There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.” (NIV)

So, we returned renewed and refreshed, ready to answer all the messages on our phone, and emails on the computer. And to thank God for all the blessings we receive!

We pray that you, too, will find these precious moments of retreat and renewal!

In my book, Jesus Today, by Sarah Young, I found these words.

“Come close to Me, and rest in My Presence. I am all around you, closer than the very air you breathe. Trust Me with each breath you take. Your need for Me is as constant as your need for oxygen. So don't neglect the discipline of practicing My presence. Because your mind is easily distracted, you must keep coming back to Me again and again. Do not be discouraged by your tendency to wander off in tangents from your true Center in Me. Simply keep making the needed adjustments to return to Me. Make these little corrections joyfully—trusting in *My unfailing Love*.”

Use My name, “Jesus,” to reconnect with Me. Whisper it, sing it, shout it—remembering what it means: “The Lord saves.” Embellish My name with words of love and trust. Let your heart overflow with gratitude as you ponder all I am to you, all I have done for you. These practices draw you close to Me and help you rest in My Presence.”

Grace and Peace,

Kathy



Parish News



In the background behind the pool table, is the bowling alley that used to be in the basement of CEP. Actually, it is still there, but covered up now. Maybe we should bring it back?

Congratulations to Alyssa Blazer from St. John's UMC who is graduating from High School this month! May God bless you on this next part of your journey with Him!



Choosing the Faithful Path

We have had a good turn-out for the first two sessions of this study, but everyone is still encouraged to attend! Even if you haven't attended the first few sessions, you can still come for the rest of them! Each chapter in Choosing the Faithful Path is designed for us to engage this process together while participating in the following spiritual guidelines:

- Worship
- Searching the Scriptures
- Prayer
- Christian Conferencing
- Holy Communion

Without more than one person from each church, it is difficult to have discussion about each specific church as to which path they should take. So your attendance is critical to its success! Who should attend? Lay Leaders, Ad Council Chair and members, PPRC Chair and members, and others representing various age level ministries in each church. So in other words, YOU!

It would be a good problem to have to not have enough books! We can always order more! Please prayerfully consider making this study a priority in your week. We meet on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in the basement at St. John's UMC, and are led by both Pastor Jerry and Kathy Miller. The more input we have, the more good we can do for our churches and the needs of our surrounding communities. We look forward to seeing you this week!

Tri-County Parish Shut-ins

Please take time to pray for and perhaps send cards to our Shut-ins to let them know we think about and care for them!

*Thank you to Cindy Walton for suggesting we list our shut-ins in the CR!
If you have any additions or corrections, please let Pastor Jerry or Paula know.*

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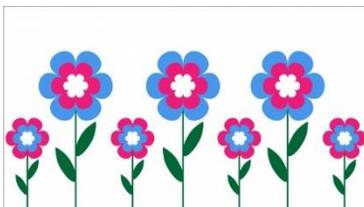
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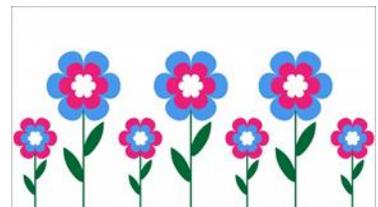
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Shunk UMC

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Shunk News

By Suzi Fisher

Thank you to all of people for serving our congregation!! Ken & Phyllis Quail, Wayne Quail, Ed Fisher, Lucy Baumunk, Carol Miller, Mark Savage, Dori Fisher deserve a big *Thank You* for all they do to keep the grounds, building, music, & finances in order!! I'm sure I have missed someone.....thank you one and all for the things you do to keep our church going!!!

A great way to start your day of worship is with Sunday School at 10:00 AM.

June 14 is Flag Day. Fly your American Flag proudly and by all means pray for and/or thank our dear ones who are Veterans/Active Duty Servicemen and Women!! Spread the word that, "In God We Still Trust!"

June 18- HAPPY FATHER'S DAY to all of the fathers, grandfathers, uncles and important men in our lives and parish!!

June 21- First day of Summer. Give thanks to our dear Lord for the beauty He has enfolded us in!

Sending Congratulations all of the Graduates in the Tri-County Parish!!!!

What Makes a Dad By Unknown Author

God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it ...
Dad

Canton Ecumenical News

By Paula Schmidt

The Canton Food Pantry item for June is Small Jars of Peanut Butter. 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.

Join us for our Monthly Dinner on Tuesday, June 13, 2017. Our meal will feature Roast Pork with Béarnaise Sauce or Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Roll and Butter, Beverage and Dessert. The price is still a bargain at \$6.00 per person. Take outs are available. Take time out of your busy schedule to eat and have fellowship with your friends and neighbors! Remember that there is no monthly dinner in July! Join us on August 8 for our annual Ice Cream Social Monthly Dinner!

On Easter Sunday, we started using our new equipment in the sanctuary! Please bear with us as we learn a new thing! If you have any items for in the power point or bulletin, please submit them to Paula by Tuesday so you are sure they get in. Now that we have added this new technology, more preparation has to be done and it takes more time to accomplish. Thank you for your patience as we get used to doing things a new way! Thank you to Brian Greenough for being our technical director! He has been sharing some inspirational music that has been well received!

Isaiah 43:19 King James Version (KJV)

Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.

Everyone from CEP is encouraged to attend

Choosing the Faithful Path

Wednesdays at St. John's UMC at 6 p.m.



Ward News

By Dana Vermilya

We held our business meeting May 11th at 7:15.

We discussed that two more windows were in and the other two will be completed this summer. We would like to have a dedication once they are all installed.

We discussed Bible School. If you are interested in helping, please let me know ASAP.

We also discussed the ice cream social. Do we want to have one again this year? Let me know your thoughts.

We enjoyed the Blessing of the Bibles service and were pleased to be able to gift 14 Bibles to those who didn't have an age appropriate Bible of their own. We also had many bring their Bibles and 10 shared stories about their Bibles. All Bibles were then blessed.

May 14th was a service to honor our mothers. Thank you to all who provided information so that we could make this an enjoyable time.

We will be honoring our fathers on June 18th. Here's wishing you all a Happy Father's Day!

Keeping with the theme, because I wrote about mothers last month, I am going to write about Father's Day this month. Of course, that's an easy one, right? After all, we have the ultimate guide: God. Yet, I am still struggling with what exactly to write. The things that come to mind are not really Bible stories. I have been thinking a lot about the programs I listen to on the radio. I often listen to Christian radio. I travel a minimum of one hour per day in my car. Often I travel two or even three hours during a day. Because of this, I have the opportunity to listen to various programs and music played on these stations. When I listen to the messages, there is often a parenting theme. It seems that time and time again, the discussion is geared toward fathers. I have read books with this theme as well. It seems that the pastors that do these broadcasts or write these books feel that fathers are the key.

A father is the one who really has to discuss faith with his children. He needs to pray with them, read scripture with them, and set the example. Recently I listened to a broadcast where this was again the theme. The father was going as far as to say how he reached his kids at the different stages of growth. He prayed with them at bedtime when they were little. Then they discussed scripture etc. during dinner when they were too old to want him to "snuggle" at bedtime. As they grew older, he did something like provided them books to read and discussed what they were reading. At times, these broadcasts have left me wondering why it has to be the father?

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Sometimes, I think it is because they're thinking that these families have a stay at home mom so this allows the father time to be involved. Other times I wonder if it is because the father is the "head of the household" so they feel it is important that these strong features are taught by him.

I really have no idea why this is what is often taught. What I can say is, although my children turn to me for many things and I have been their primary care giver, they do seem to take more interest in Ronnie's words and actions. I do not know if this is because they are boys, or just the way it is at my house. However, because of this, I can see the importance of their father being the one to be sure he is reading scripture with them and discussing how they should be living their life. It's like that country song that says, "I've been watching you Dad, ain't that cool...I want to be like you". There are so many fathers of the Bible. We could look at any one of them and learn a lesson. However, none of them would have done these great things without the guidance of their Heavenly Father. So many of these men had messages sent to them from God. Did this make their job easier or harder? I guess that depends on if they liked the message they received or if it terrified them. Today, we don't always have God sending messages in the same way that it happened in the Bible. Even still, I am sure that some of you would say He has given you a message, while others may be waiting for that "ah-ha moment" when He does. While you may not have had a message directly from the mouth of God, I see how so many different fathers do guide their children based on the messages from God. These are heartwarming moments. It gives us hope in this troubled world. If fathers are setting a Christian example for their children, perhaps these children will grow up to set a Christian example for their children. We certainly need more of that in this world. Now, I know that if you are reading this, you are one of those fathers that is setting/has set this example for his children. For that I say, thank you. You are helping to make a difference. There's another song that came to mind when I was trying to decide what to write for this entry. It is a song that Sanctus Real sings called "*Lead Me*". The first verse refers to the relationship of a husband and wife, but the second refers to children. It goes like this: I see their faces, look in their innocent eyes. They're just children from the outside. I'm working hard, I tell myself they'll be fine, they're independent, but on the inside, I can hear them saying: "Lead me with strong hands, stand up when I can't. Don't leave me hungry for love, chasing dreams, what about us? Show me you're willing to fight, that I'm still the love of your life. I know we call this our home, but I still feel alone." It goes on to say: So, Father give me the strength to be everything I am called to be. Oh, Father, show me the way to lead them. Won't you lead me? At the end, the lyrics are: Father, lead me, 'cause I can't do this alone. As you celebrate Father's Day with your family, follow the lead of our Father remembering he is always with you.

St. John's News

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Monday started our daily routine: breakfast at 6:30, on the road by 7:30 with an hour to an hour and a half drive to the village. We passed by fields of sugar cane, banana trees and palm trees – which palm oil is extracted from. Surrounding the area were tall, majestic mountains.

Once we arrived in the village, we set up our stations in the school rooms. The stations included registration, blood pressure check, deworming medicine and vitamin A, anemia check, vision check – “reader” glasses given as needed, and the gift table. We give out toothpaste and brush, a beanie baby, a matchbox car, and crayons and a coloring sheet to each child or family.



The anemia station: A finger stick for blood and compare the results on a chart.

After that, each family had a doctor's consultation. On the team were 2 Honduran doctors and a nurse practitioner from the U.S. After they were seen, they went to our pharmacy for medications. Frequent complaints were stomach distress, cough, skin problems and female problems. In the one village, we saw quite a bit of anemia. They stated they could only afford to eat rice and beans. We saw a total of 936 people in five days. We found 22 cases that will be followed up with further medical treatment with the help of Children without Choices.

The villagers would be lined up when we arrived, waiting in the hot sun to be seen. The line would go smoothly but would back up when seen by the doctors. When everyone went through the stations, we would go outside and play with the kids. We did bubbles, sidewalk chalk, painted fingernails, made bracelets and other crafts. This is the part I like the best, getting to be with the Hondurans.

We had interpreters with us, but a smile and a hug is a universal language everyone can understand. I felt like I was planting seeds of joy and love.

On Friday evening, we had supper with the 13 Hondurans who helped us out for the past week, by driving, cooking, interpreting, or just being there to help.

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We took a special communion that night: a deworming pill – for the bread, and a gummy vitamin – from the wine. (That is the combination we have for the villagers at one of the stations). I was sad to see the week end but also anxious to get back to my family. The Lord blessed us with safety and a team that worked really well together.

I just want to thank everyone for their prayer support as I went on this trip.

Beverly Unruh



This tiny baby was only one month old. The oldest person we saw was a 94 year-old man.



They love to have their picture taken and then shown to them.



Relaxing with a new friend!

You Gotta Laugh!

From the *Fishwrapper*, April 11, 2017 Lancaster/West Edition

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STAY!

I pulled into a crowded parking lot and rolled down the car windows to make sure my Labrador Retriever had fresh air. She was stretched out on the back seat, and I wanted to impress upon her that she must remain there. I walked to the curb backward, pointing my finger at the car and saying emphatically, “Now you stay. Do you hear me? Stay!”

The driver of a nearby car gave me startled look. “I don’t know about you, lady,” he said incredulously, “but I usually just put my car in park.”

FLYING FIRST CLASS

The flight attendant approached a naïve young lady sitting in the first class section and requested that she move to coach since she did not have a first class ticket.

The lady replied, “I’m not moving until I get to New York.” Not wanting to argue with a customer the flight attendant asked the co-pilot to speak with her. He went to talk with the woman asking her to please move out of the first class section. Again, the lady replied, “I’m not moving until I get to New York.”

The co-pilot returned to the cockpit and asked the captain what he should do. The captain said, “I know how to handle this. Sometimes my wife can be the same way.” He went to the first class section and whispered in the lady’s ear.

She immediately jumped up and ran to the coach section mumbling to herself, “Why didn’t anyone just say so.”

Surprised, the flight attendant and the co-pilot asked what he said to her that finally convinced her to move from her seat. The pilot replied, “I told her the first class section wasn’t going to New York, but was headed to Philadelphia.”

8 Ways to Be More Positive Right Now

By Holly Lebowitz Rossi- Posted in Positive Thinking on May 2, 2017

From Guideposts.com

When you are at a tough spot in your life, is there anything more difficult to hear than, “think positive?” some people may naturally have a positive outlook on everything – but for the most of us, a scary diagnosis or other personal challenge send us into battle with our negative thoughts.

Positive psychology researchers have two pieces of very good news for us, though. The first is the simple truth, backed by an ever-growing body of research, that a positive outlook on life has tangible health benefits in times of wellness and illness alike.

Jane Brody recently summarized this idea in a New York Times column about the health benefits of positive thinking. “Studies have shown an indisputable link between having a positive outlook and health benefits like lower blood pressure, less heart disease, better weight control and healthier blood sugar levels”

Brody also cites Yale School of Public Health research that show both biological and psychological benefits for older adults who have a positive view of aging. Participants ranked statements like, “As I get older, things are better than I thought they would be.” on a scale of 1 – 6. Then, the researchers measured levels of C-reactive protein (CRP), a marker of stress-related inflammation in the body. Those with positive views of aging tended toward lower CRP numbers - and those with lower CRP lived longer and felt better than those with higher markers.

If you are thinking, “that’s great for people who are naturally positive, but I struggle with that in my life.,” you are ready for the second piece of good news - a positive outlook is really just a set of skills...a set of skills that can be learned.

Citing research that found a relationship between positive thinking, lower stress, health, and longevity in HIV patients, Brody shares eight positive thinking skills. Here’s a bonus piece of good news – patients needed only receive training in three of these skills, and practice just one per day to see benefits.

1. Recognize a positive event each day.
2. Savor that event and log it in a journal or tell someone about it.
3. Start a daily gratitude journal.
4. List a personal strength and note how your used it.
5. Set an attainable goal and note your progress.
6. Report a relatively minor stress and list ways to reappraise the event positively.
7. Recognize and practice small acts of kindness daily.
8. Practice mindfulness, focusing on the here and now rather than the past or future.

Do any of these skills seem in reach for you - or perhaps even reflect something you are already practicing? If so, that’s good news indeed!



News From the Susquehanna Conference



WILLIAMSPORT DISTRICT MINI CAMP

Williamsport District Mini Camp will be Sunday, July 2 through Wednesday, July 5th at His Thousand Hills Christian Camp and Retreat Center in Wellsboro, PA. Our theme this year is "Freedom in Christ". We are currently recruiting volunteers for male and female overnight counselors. **If you are interested, contact the Parish office for the forms.** If you would like to volunteer or have questions please contact Camp Director, Pastor Lauren Bissonnette. Email l_bissonnette@yahoo.com or home [607-359-3826](tel:607-359-3826) or cell # [860-428-3993](tel:860-428-3993).

MISSION U

Pastor Jerry and Brian Myfelt will be leading the youth school once again!

JULY 6-8, 2017

Bucknell University

3-Day Seminar – Adult, Youth & Children's Schools

Study Topics: Living as a Covenantal Community,
The Missionary Conferences of the United Methodist Church

MISSION U EXPRESS

Wednesday, July 5 at Muncy First UMC

Saturday, July 29 at Chambers Hill UMC, Harrisburg

Contact Edna Brehm, Registrar, for information: Samiam2108@gmail.com or [\(717\) 448-3808](tel:717-448-3808).

#SEE ALL THE PEOPLE (ABOUT #SEEALLTHEPEOPLE)

Discipleship Ministries believes that for too long The United Methodist Church has looked for a quick fix to help guide our discipleship efforts.

Therefore, we are called to be in relationship with the communities that surround our churches.

We are called to recapture a spirit of movement. We must shift our thinking from fixing churches to true discipleship.

We encourage you to watch the video, (go to seeallthepeople.org) and [learn more about #SeeAllThePeople](#).

Let's stop fixing
CHURCHES,
and start seeing the people
GOD calls us to reach.

Summer Music Camp

Faxon Kenmar United Methodist Church

1301 Clayton Ave. Williamsport, PA

KIDZ



June 26-30, 2017

Kindergarten – Grade 7

8:30 AM – Noon Daily

**Melody Bells, Chimes, Handbells, Crafts, Bible Study, Boomwhackers,
Rhythm Instruments, Recorders, Snacks, Hard Hats, T-shirts,
Picnic, Singing, Movement, Zumba, and more!!!**

Concert Friday Evening, June 30 at 7 PM

Registration forms available at church or on website

Registration Fee: \$10.00

Registration Deadline: June 5, 2017



Mari's Homemade Oatmeal Cookies

Adapted from "Georgia Cooking in an Oklahoma Kitchen"

By Tricia Yearwood © Clarkson Potter 2008

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Ingredients:

1 cup (2 sticks) salted butter, at room temperature
1 cup packed brown sugar
1 cup granulated sugar
2 large eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
2 cups old-fashioned oatmeal
1 cup chopped pecans
1 cup coconut



Directions:

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.

Using an electric mixer, cream the butter and both the brown and granulated sugar. Add the eggs and vanilla and beat well. In another bowl, sift together the flour, baking soda, baking powder, and salt. Stir in the dry mixture to the butter mixture. Then add the oatmeal, pecans, and coconut.

Using an ice cream scooper, drop some of the dough on an ungreased baking sheet 2 inches apart. Bake until the cookies turn a light brown, about 10 minutes. Remove from the oven and cool on the baking sheet for 2 minutes before transferring to a wire rack to cool completely. Repeat with the remaining dough.

Cook's note:

The cookies should be chewy.

Tri-County Parish June Birthdays and Anniversaries

Canton Ecumenical

- 4- Marie Ohm
- 12- Amy Stone Harvey, George Wilcox
- 15- Val Huntley
- 19- Marilyn Morgan
- 20- Katie Campbell
- 24- Susan Stull, June Seely
- 30- Caleb Lattimer

Anniversaries:

none

St. John's

- 4- Lisa Darrow, Meghan Eagleberger
- 6- Rosalee Cease
- 8- Chuck Stimson
- 25- Katelyn Cease
- 29- Jeremy Vermilya
- 30- Jerry McNett, Bonnie Smith

Anniversaries:

- 2- Willard & Rosalee Cease
- 8- Mart & Eunice McFall
- 10- Ed and Dody Smith



Ward

- 2- Trey Smith
- 12- Cheryl Gould, Laurie Tompkins
- 21- Dennis Gould
- 23- Greg Kelly
- 24- Amy Bellows, Lydia Landon
- 25- Bill Holland
- 28- Noah Shedden, Link Vermilya

Anniversaries:

- 12- Thad & Sheila Woodward
- 19- Jeremy & Lydia Landon

Shunk

- 11- Ed Fisher
- 16- Pat Gehman

Anniversaries:

None



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

Tri- County Parish Events - June 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
					<i>Trey Smith</i> <i>Willard & Rosalee Cease</i>	
4 Pentecost New Beginnings speaking at St. John's and Shunk <i>Marie Ohm</i> <i>Lisa Darrow</i> <i>Meghan Eagleberger</i>	5 Minister's Network New Life @ 9 am Pastor Jerry Mtg. @ 12n	6 <i>Rosalee Cease</i>	7 Choosing the Faithful Path 6 pm at St. John's	8 FLPAM Mtg. (Pastor) 10am <i>Chuck Stimson</i> <i>Mart & Eunice McFall</i>	9	10 <i>Ed & Dody Smith</i>
11 Trinity Sunday <i>Ed Fisher</i>	12 CEP Ad. Council 1:30pm <i>Amy Stone Harvey</i> <i>George Wilcox</i> <i>Cheryl Gould</i> <i>Laurie Tompkins</i> <i>Thad & Sheila Woodward</i>	13	14 Flag Day Bishop's Retreat Mtg. (Pastor) Choosing the Faithful Path 6 pm at St. John's	15 <i>Val Huntley</i>	16 <i>Pat Gehman</i>	17
18 Father's Day	19 Music Club at CEP <i>Marilyn Morgan</i> <i>Jeremy & Lydia Lando</i>	20 Clergy Day Apart <i>Katie Campbell</i>	21 The First Day of Summer Choosing the Faithful Path 6 pm at St. John's <i>Dennis Gould</i>	22	23 <i>Greg Kelly</i>	24 <i>Susan Stull</i> <i>June Seely</i> <i>Amy Bellows</i> <i>Lydia Landon</i>
25 <i>Katelyn Cease</i> <i>Bill Holland</i>	26	27	28 Choosing the Faithful Path 6 pm at St. John's <i>Noah Shedden</i> <i>Link Vermilya</i>	29 <i>Jeremy Vermilya</i>	30 <i>Bonnie Smith</i> <i>Jerry McNett</i> <i>Caleb Lattimer</i>	

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

Lectionary June 2017

June 4: (Pentecost)

Acts 2: 1 – 21
Psalm 104: 24 – 34, 35b
1 Corinthians 12: 3b – 13
John 7: 37 – 39

June 11: (Trinity Sunday)

Genesis 1: 2 – 2: 4a
Psalm 8
2 Corinthians 13: 11 – 13
Matthew 28: 16 – 20

June 18: (The Second Sunday After Pentecost)

Genesis 18: 1 – 15
Psalm 116: 1 - 2, 12 – 19
Romans 5: 1 – 8
Matthew 9: 35 – 10: 8 (9 – 23)

June 25: (The Third Sunday After Pentecost)

Genesis 21: 8 – 21
Psalm 86: 1 – 10, 16 – 17
Romans 6: 1b – 11
Matthew 10: 24 – 39



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