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Beloved of God,

Break out your sunhats and kiddie pools – it's summer! After an eventful "academic year" in the life of the church, it seems that we are all ready to move into the summer months for rest and refreshment. Looking back on the year, we had some fun during fellowship events like the newly started card club. There were meals (and recipes) shared during soup night. There were tears and memories shared over beloved members who have gone to the Lord. There were impassioned moments of worship and simple moments of prayer. In all these things, the Lord was with us in our pursuit of following in the footsteps of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

We will not lose the drive to follow Christ even as our events wind down for the summer. Each of us will search for our own ways of praising and serving God wherever we happen to find ourselves these coming months. Should you find yourself at home looking for something to do, I want to make sure you know about two summertime events starting soon. First, I am resuming my 10 am Saturday morning walks in the park along the walking trail at the Lions Club park. We will not meet if it is above 90 degrees. Dogs, strollers, and dog-like cats are welcome. (Our cat, Fin, will follow along for a block or two of walking when we take family walks, but he will not really be joining us for Saturday walks in the park.) This family event will also be a time to fellowship with both of Peter's churches who are also invited – St. Paul's UCC church and Trinity UCC church. Second, I am starting a weekly summertime dessert gathering at the manse. I will be sending invitations to all our members to attend at some point throughout the summer. The hope is for a small gathering of folks to enjoy each other's company and some delicious dessert. We will meet in the backyard of the manse, or we will move inside if the weather is uncooperative. You do not need to contribute anything to this gathering – I am looking forward to playing hostess and fixing up some new dessert recipes I've had my eye on.

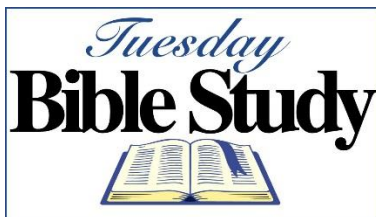
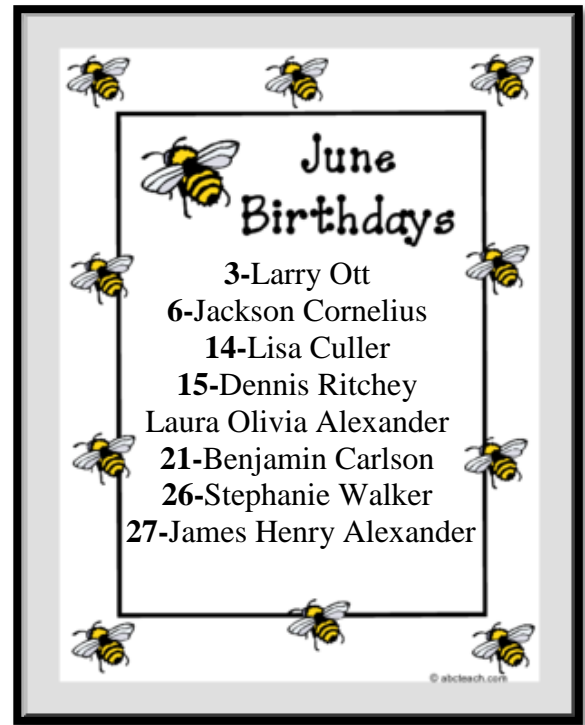
I look forward to our paths crossing throughout the summer.

Grace & Peace,
Rev. Emily R. McCachren



Short Term: Bill Vogel, Jim & Inga Smith, Betty Warthin, Judy Aller, Freda Cromer, Bill & Janet McGinnis, Sandy & Jake Richards, Connie & Doug Brown, Patsy Johnston, Suzanne Hockensmith, Harvey Kneas, Randy Neil, the family of Jessica McLucas Truax, Ronnie Richards, Kathy Kendall, Jackie Morton, & the family of Mary Ott.

Long Term: Whitaker Raymer, Audrey Mitchell, Amanda Bailey, Helen Clusman, FaeAnna Heilig, Shalynn Stough, Don Chatley & Dean Dovey.



Bible Study continues on Tuesdays at 10 AM in the community room. Everyone is welcome to join our discussion-based Bible Study group.



Session meeting report will be printed in the July Gleaner.



Summer hours for worship begin at 10:00 AM each week beginning June 4, 2023 through September 3, 2023.



**Service at the White Church
Sunday, June 11, 2023
10 AM**



Opening Prayer by Al Clark

Minutes from last meeting approved by Al Clark and seconded by Rachel Howells

New Business:

Teacher Appreciation Week: Carbaugh Family, Inga Smith, Connie Brown, Val Alexander, Jayne Metcalf, Tim/Joyce Fowler. Rachel Howells will get thank you cards from Giant and contact Daily Drip 717 816 2857 for gift cards (\$10/person).

Old Business:

Fishing Trip

Discussion of providing bait and fishing poles, play by ear.

Reminding Alan Kelso of our fishing trip.

People bring their own lunch.

Al will remind the church congregation that Sunday.

Rock Art

Will be addressed at June Meeting for July Church Picnic.

Community Picnic

Confirmed for 6/24/23 @ Lions Club Community Park 4:00PM-7:00PM.

Emily will post on Facebook, Al will notify Fulton Co Newspaper for the 14th and 21st.

Games: kick ball, frisbee, corn hole.

Frank will secure Hamburgers (75)/Hot Dogs (75) Cheese Slices (50).

Side Dishes needed, condiments, rolls, drinks supplied: lemonade, water, tea.

Ask Trustees to assist in transportation of goods.

Prayer List

Short Term: Add Kathy Kendall, Jackie Morton, the family of Mary Ott

Short Term: Remove family of Don Fowler, Richard Rotz

Long Term: Remove Ron Richards

Flower sent: Doug Brown, Mary Ott Funeral, Richard Rotz

Visits

Emily was with the family of Mary Ott.

Problem solve new gifts to bring shut ins

Benevolences

Noted last month benevolences \$500 Heifer International was recorded as Hands and Feet of Hope.

Beginning Balance \$3,844.41

Gift Cards Total: \$80 Teachers, \$50 Brown

\$150 Loves Closet

\$400 Cub scouts/Charter Scout Troops and Pack 43

Frank motion/passed to give \$100 to each fire company in the county (\$300) 5 yes, 1 no.

\$1,000 to WIN in honor of Mother's Day

\$1,000 to Hands/Feet of Hope

Frank motion/approved \$500 to McConnellsburg PTSO, check given to Sarah Cutchall

Next Meeting 6-7-23 at 7PM

Closed in prayer by Rachel Howells



Wayne MacDonald called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. In attendance were Jayne Metcalfe, April Leese, Connie Brown, Harvey Kneas and Ken Keebaugh.

Connie delivered the opening prayer.

Ryan Earley has been contacted to paint the sanctuary ceiling the two weeks we will be having church at the White Church and the church picnic at Cowans Gap.

Carpet and vinyl base for the sound booth and kitchen are promised to be ready soon. April will do an energy audit for the month of April and check into thermostat issues. Jeff Shearer will be asked to check the restrooms. Ken will seal and install trim on the drafty manse stairs.

Harvey will check the smoke detectors. Harvey will ask the Maid Squad to remove old wax and apply new wax to the new vinyl floors. John Nelson will be asked for assistance in resetting and cleaning headstones in our cemetery.

New handrails for the back stairs have been installed by Antietam Iron Works. Pastor Emily will do artwork for shades on the arch windows in the library and nursery. The basement for lot 59 has been filled in and graded.

Connie delivered the closing prayer.



Find us on YouTube

Our YouTube channel is MUPCLive. All in-person worship services are also simultaneously broadcast on YouTube.

The videos are also later uploaded to our church website, www.mupc.org, under the Media: Worship tab.



Gleaner Deadline for the July Issue is June 26th. It will be printed on the 26th. If you can't email it, feel free to call or lay a hand written document on the secretary's desk.



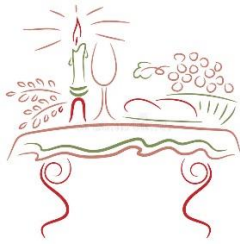
The 522 Youth Group

The 522 Youth Group will not meet while Pastor Peter transitions to his new position with the UCC church. Watch for an announcement about when The 522 will begin to meet again.



Expense Reimbursement

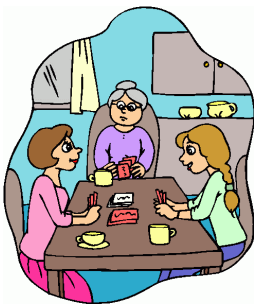
Have Receipts? Need to be Reimbursed? To submit receipts for reimbursement, you need to fill out a "Check Request Form" and staple the receipt, or a copy of it, to the back of the form. These forms can be found in the first folder in the mailbox drawer in the church office. The mailbox drawer is the rightmost, top drawer of the filing cabinets under the long desk. Make sure you fill in the committee or program that the purchase was made for, a list of which can be found on the back of the form. After filling the form out, put it in the Treasurer's mailbox folder closer to the back of that same drawer. If you have any questions about this process or need some help, reach out to Pastor Emily or our office secretary Susan.



Mark your Calendars on June 25th for a worship celebration of MUPC's communion table, which has served our church for 100 years. The table was devoted to service on July 1, 1923. The session and Pastor Emily are hoping to reach out to pastors who have presided at the table over the years and invite them to provide some portion of the worship service. It is bound to be a memorable worship service.



Join Pastor Emily on Saturday mornings beginning June 3rd at 10 AM for a walk around the path at the Lions' Club Park. Weather dependent - if it is raining or above 90 degrees, we will not meet to walk. Furry friends welcome!



Card Club will not be meeting during the summer months of June, July, & August.



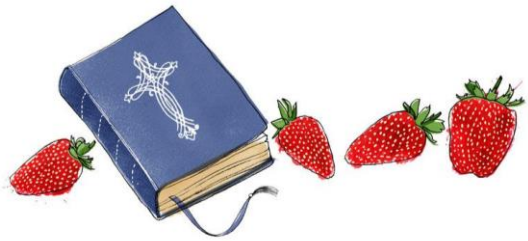
Guest Preachers this Summer

As part of the celebration of our 100 year-old communion table, Pastor Emily will be inviting previous ministers to lead worship sometime in July. This coincides with Pastor Emily taking some additional Family Leave time, moving to part-time hours from June 26th through August 6th. Pastor Emily will still be in worship and available as needed throughout the week. This will not alter scheduled events, Bible Study, or pastoral care.



I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream!

Pastor Emily, Peter, and Rosemary will be hosting a summertime dessert party in the backyard of the manse every Monday night throughout the summer. We will be sending invitations to local members for them to attend at some point during the summer. Our hope is to have a small group each week. If you do not receive an invitation by the end of the summer - we need your address! Pastor Emily is looking forward to sharing some delicious new recipes with you. (Contrary to the title of this announcement, I cannot promise that dessert will always include ice cream.)



June Lectionary Readings

Week of June 4

Trinity Sunday

Communion

Genesis 1: 1-2, 4a

Psalms 8: 1-9

2 Corinthians 13: 11-13

Matthew 28: 16-20

Week of June 11

White Church

Genesis 12: 1-9

Psalms 33: 1-12

Romans 4: 13-25

Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26

Week of June 18

Father's Day

Genesis 18: 1-15

Genesis 21: 1-7

Psalms 116: 1-2, 12-19

Romans 5: 1-8

Matthew 9: 35

Matthew 10: 8-23

Week of June 25

Communion

100th Year Celebration of

Communion Table

Genesis 21: 8-21

Psalms 86: 1-10, 16-17

Romans 6: 1b-11

Matthew 10: 24-39



June 18





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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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					6:30 PM Boy Scouts CR	10 AM Walk in the Park
4-Trinity Sunday Communion 10:00 AM Worship + Children's Church	5	6 Office Hours 9-2 10 AM Bible Study (CR)	7 7 PM Deacons Meeting BR	8 Office Hours 9-2	9 6:30 PM Boy Scouts CR	10 10 AM Walk in the Park
11-White Church 10:00 AM Worship + Children's Church	12	13 Office Hours 9-2 10 AM Bible Study (CR)	14-Flag Day 7 PM Trustee Meeting (BR)	15 Office Hours 9-2	16 6:30 PM Boy Scouts CR	17 10 AM Walk in the Park
18-Father's Day 10:00 AM Worship + Children's Church	19	20 Office Hours 9-2 10 AM Bible Study (CR)	21-Summer Begins 7 PM Session Meeting (BR)	22 Office Hours 9-2	23 6:30 PM Boy Scouts CR	24 4-7 PM Community Picnic-Lions Club Park
25 Communion 100th Year Celebration of Communion Table 10:00 AM Worship + Children's Church	26	27 Office Hours 9-2 10 AM Bible Study (CR)	28	29 Office Hours 9-2	30 6:30 PM Boy Scouts CR	

Please check our online calendar, www.mupc.org/media/calendar, for any changes.