



# McPresby News

Be a part of the 10<sup>th</sup> annual  
**MPC Summer Service Week**  
and “Love ~ Serve ~ Share”

**Love ~ Serve ~ Share**



**JULY 27 – 31, 2026**

We still need volunteers! Master skills NOT necessary –  
just a heart to serve others.

If you are unable to volunteer, please consider donating food items for the workers. Monetary donations are also welcome.

***\* If you would like to provide a dinner or dessert, please let us know \****

Non-perishable food and drink items such as bottled water, sports drinks, snack bags of chips or pretzels, granola bars, and single serve/variety pack cereal can be dropped off in Trinity Kitchen any time before Friday, July 25.

Perishable food and drink items such as bagels, muffins, juice and fruit (oranges, apples, bananas) can be dropped off in Trinity Kitchen during the week of July 27.



Please mark your donations for “Service Week.”

Contact Tom Maxwell or Mary Lou Cooper with any questions.

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Join us for **Worship in the  
Park** on Sunday, August  
2nd at 10:00am in  
Heritage Park!  
See page 4 for more  
details.



## Pastor's Page— Hospitality and Continued Ministry

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***Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. Acts 20:28***

***For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in... Matthew 25:35***

For 150 years we have been worshiping and serving together. Bringing together believers in Jesus and witnessing to his resurrection. Week by week we honor God by obeying the command of sabbath, setting aside time to worship and serve. Week by week we anticipate a move of God in our midst. We are blessed to inherit much from those who have gone before us, faith, discipleship and constant presence in our community. We pray that many would encounter God here in the seasons that lie ahead.

Our block party was an incredible opportunity to enjoy the company of one another and welcome our community to enjoy a beautiful afternoon with us. I think it is fair to estimate that at least 150 people outside of our church family attended and loved the atmosphere, music, and activities. The food trucks sold out (two of them literally) and were asking to come back next year (no next year is planned). The street was packed with happy people from our whole town, and it was a blessing to be a part of it. Thank you to everyone who believed in the event and helped to make it a truly wonderful day.

A successful event like the one we just hosted reminds us that we are part of a larger community that is looking for an opportunity to connect in a wholesome way. Hosting the block party was not exactly a simple thing. It also had a fairly significant cost. But by all accounts, what we invested was well spent and served to create an atmosphere that was attractive to many. The kid's activities we made available were a big hit. As we look forward to our next season and beyond, further investing in ministry to children will be a key part of making our church relevant to the families that surround us.

We have amazing children's and youth programs at our church that are led by fantastic volunteers and staff people. We have blessed and invested in many children over the years, and it is our true joy to see many of our own students and little ones grow in their faith. But the Gospel calls us forward. The Great Commission commands us to go and make disciples. As great as each individual program is, there is a need for us to look at our whole system and see where the gaps might be and how we can find some next steps to make the program stronger.

This summer we are seeking feedback and praying about how we might want to take some new approaches and incorporate some new people into what we do. Recently some of our visitors with children have struggled to find their place, and we want to find ways to avoid this and update some of our procedures. This will require some changes and additional support. Our goal is to put together the best possible spaces and support system to welcome families. Our café is a great start to this hospitality, and we are looking forward to all of your ideas.

In this together!

- *Pastor Justin*



# Announcements



## DEACON NEWS

The Deacons will be taking a break for July and August. We will meet again on September 6th.

## Hearts and Hands Fellowship Friday, August 7th 6-8pm

Bring a craft or a project and a snack to share. For two fun-filled hours, we talk and laugh (and eat) as we craft together. Men & women of all ages welcome!

If you have any questions, please contact Dana Motte or Kerry Schmitt.



## ROSE MANOR OUTREACH

### Save the Dates for June:

*Monday, July 20 & August 17, 2026- 5:30-6:30 PM - Worship at Rose Manor*

*Wednesday, July 22 & August 19, 2026 - 1:00 PM - BINGO at Rose Manor*

\* If you'd like to volunteer, please see Dana Motte.



## SILVER SOULS

Our next gathering will be held Wednesday, July 8 in Trinity Fellowship Hall at 11:30. A Potluck Lunch, Devotional Time and Bingo are the planned activities. See you there!

## WALK, TALK, PRAY



WTP is going strong and is an excellent opportunity to get some exercise while sharing and talking with your church friends. At the end of the walk, we pray about what we discussed. There are two groups that meet at the McDonald Trail Station on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 6-7 or 6:30-7 and on Saturday mornings from 8-9 or 8:30-9. We would love for you to join us! Men, women, children and pets are welcome!

## BACKPACK GIVEAWAY Wednesday, August 12th

We are delighted to host another Backpack Giveaway this year. This outreach is held in conjunction with the McDonald Salvation Army and other community members and organizations. This is a tangible way for us to help area children and families. If you'd like to help out with this important outreach, please contact Jennifer Smiechowski.



## ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOK



We are compiling a cookbook of "150 years" of your favorite cookie, dessert, cake, etc. We are looking for recipes that are family favorites and have a story – maybe a favorite of someone in the family who was a member of our church but has now passed. It could be a recipe for a dessert currently served at one of our events. And of course, well known to our area – Galettes. Cherish those memories by having the recipe in the celebration recipe book. We would like to publish this book for Rally Day as part of the 150th celebration so we need your recipes by July 12, 2026. You may fill out the form found in the parlor or drop a copy of your recipe in the COOKIE JAR. You may also email recipes to [lynnabrockman@gmail.com](mailto:lynnabrockman@gmail.com). Any questions please see Lynn, Anna, Jane or Chris.

# Announcements

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## WORSHIP IN THE PARK

**Sunday, August 2nd at 10:00am in Heritage Park**

Worship in the Park 2026 will be another beautiful celebration of Christian fellowship across congregations. Our pastors have met and our music ministry teams are also working hard to plan out a beautiful service of worship. We will have a catered meal following the service and look forward to spending time with all of our friends.

Lunch will be served at 11:30am this year, and we are taking steps to make the line go faster! Watch bulletins for full details, and plan to invite your friends and neighbors. This year we are going to be at Heritage Park in the two pavilions at the far end of the park.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY FOCUS GROUP

A Children's Ministry Focus Group is under way to reevaluate how we are reaching our young ones and sustaining that growth in their relationship with Jesus. This group will take a comprehensive look at all areas of our children's ministry including:

Children's Church  
Our Nursery  
Sunday School  
Youth Groups (ReNew and 724)



We are in need of helping hands and parents' input! Please begin praying intentionally for our children's ministry and seeking God's direction for the future of our church. Contact Jennifer Smiechowski to get involved.

## MPC @ the MCSUMMERFEST PARADE! Saturday, July 25th– 5:00pm

This year McDonald Presbyterian Church will be participating in the McSummerfest parade! We would like to represent the different groups and ministries to highlight the many good things we have going on. If you would like to have your group participate, or if you would like to help with planning, please contact Kerry Schmitt or Dana Motte.

## SAVE THE DATES!

**SUMMER SERVICE WEEK: JULY 27-31, 2026**

**WORSHIP IN THE PARK: AUGUST 2, 2026**

**BACKPACK GIVEAWAY: AUGUST 12, 2026**

**FMSC PACKING PARTY: SEPTEMBER 12, 2026**

**MCFALL FEST: OCTOBER 10, 2026**

# Missions

## SAVE THE DATE: FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN PACKING PARTY – SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2026

In our last edition of the newsletter, we reported that our MPC family donated over \$1500 to Feed My Starving Children to provide meals for those in need! Now, it is time for us to put those dollars into action. On Saturday, September 12, MPC will be joining other groups in the area at the South Fayette Intermediate School for an FMSC packing event. This is a fun experience and a wonderful way to participate in a project that makes a huge global impact. Stay tuned for more details on how you can participate. We look forward to seeing you there!



Flip Flops  
(any & all  
sizes)



Items of the Summer:

School Supplies:  
Notebooks  
Crayons  
Pencils



This year's goal? To pack **825 FUN, FULL AND PERSONALIZED** shoebox gifts!

**By purchasing some items in bulk, we can get better deals and reach our goal faster and more economically.** Please scan this QR code and visit our [Packing Party Wish List](#) to see what we are talking about. (Maybe invite a friend to share the cost of an item with you)

Always feel free to contact Michelle Unruh with any questions (412-720-8232).

And again, thank you so much for your support these past 27 years!



[Updated Packing Party Wish List](#)

### Inventory Update

Washcloths: 420

Bandanas: 781

Toothbrushes: 77

Notebooks: 34

Stuffed Animals: 200

Flip Flops: 144

# Save the Date!



McFall Fest 2026  
Saturday, October 10

**McFall Fest** is one beautiful, busy, bountiful day, and we hope you will join us for the fun!

In case you haven't heard about McFall Fest, it is our annual church-wide fundraiser in which **ALL (as in every single cent!)** of the proceeds are given to our local, regional, and international ministry and missions partners.

This event takes many hands and many weeks of preparation, so if you are reading this ... WE NEED YOU!

Please consider where you might lend a hand.



BAKE SALE  
BASKET RAFFLE  
DECORATIONS  
50/50 RAFFLE  
INFORMATION TABLE  
KIDS' ZONE  
KITCHEN  
PUBLICITY/SIGNAGE  
RESALE SHOP  
VENDORS



If you have any questions or are looking for more details, please contact Kristie Briceland, Patty Doane, Kerry Schmitt, or Michelle Unruh

McDonald Presbyterian Church  
MCFALL FEST- October 10, 2026

**Now Accepting  
VENDOR APPLICATIONS**

Call 724-926-8561 or  
Email [office@mcdonaldpres.org](mailto:office@mcdonaldpres.org)

- Beware of scammers!
- We will not ask for money!

# 150th Anniversary Block Party Celebration



# Vacation Bible School



Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

~ Romans 12:2



### CLUB 724



Get ready for our inaugural Summer of 724! Throughout the months of July and August, we will be celebrating summer with a variety of fun outings, activities, and opportunities to grow together in faith and friendship.

July 7th \$5 movie night @ the Phoenix

July 26th Mid-Summer Christmas Extravaganza

August 8th Hang out @ Settler's Cabin Park

August 18th \$2.5 night @ the Wildthings

August 30th End of Summer Field trip to Kamen Science Center

Adult Chaperones are needed and welcome to join us at all our events. Also, we are planning a bible study as well. Keep an eye out on TeamReach for more information!

### RENEW YOUTH GROUP

ReNew is on break for the months of July and August. We will resume meeting in September.

Have a great summer!



### TEAMREACH

Be on the know. Renew and Club 724 will be connecting to students through the Teamreach app to keep our students updated on the happenings for this season! Download the app on google play or the Apple app store and use the following code to join the conversation! RENEW youth code: MPCeco0613 ; CLUB724 code: MPC724eco

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Feel called to mentor the next generation? Please consider becoming a kids church teacher. The more the merrier. Please see Dana Puhlman with any questions or interest!



### PINE SPRINGS CAMP "ADOPT" A COUNSELOR



The Missions Team, on behalf of MPC, is pleased to encourage two counselors at Pine Springs Camp this summer. Bella Sworts, whom we supported last year, and Titus Colangelo.

Cards and care packages are sent to each counselor during their time at camp to strengthen, inspire and reassure them in their ministry. "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."

1 Thessalonians 5:11

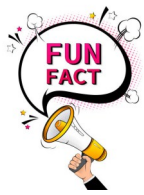
### RALLY DAY

Sunday, September 13

Sunday School kickoff at 9:45am

Worship begins at 10:45am

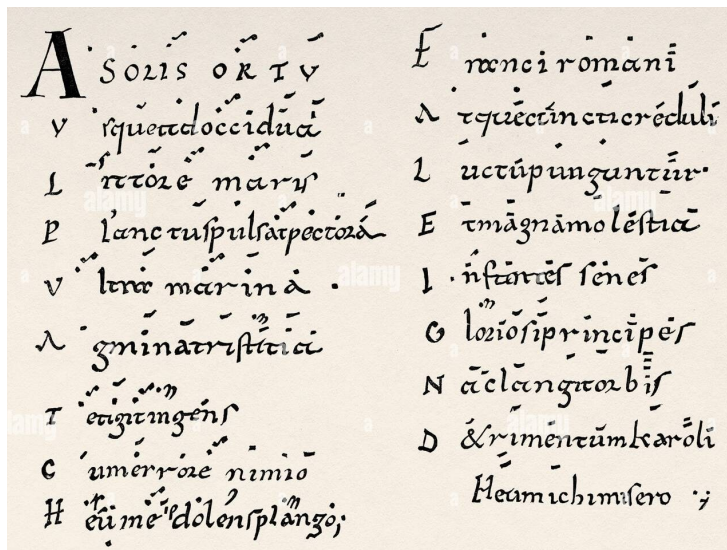




## MUSIC FUN FACT!

Early church music, which was melody-only, was passed down orally because there was no written musical notation to document the melodic line. Melody lines began to be written down in the 1200's, when Guido d'Arezzo created the system of neumes, which only indicated the general direction the voice needed to go. The word "neume" comes from Greek, meaning "breath" or "spirit." Look for the next step in music notation's development in the September newsletter! (Source:

<https://stevieemmit.medium.com/a-random-music-fact-about-hymns-6e43cd16d7c2>)



## MPC MUSIC MINISTRY DINNER

Jeff and I are excited to begin the new season with new and returning ministry members. Please join us for a dinner, fellowship, and a little rehearsal on Thursday, August 27th, at 6:30 in Calvary's Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP by calling or texting either Heidi at 412-491-6050 or Jeff at 412-841-1655.



## SUMMER MUSIC PERFORMERS

July 5– Dana & Asher Martin

July 12– Patty Doane

July 19– Syndria Lowe

July 26– Zoe & Michelle Unruh

August 2– Worship in the Park

August 9- TBD

August 16– TBD

August 23– Dan Hanczar Singers

August 30– TBD

\* If you would like to fill one of the open August dates, please see Heidi.



## SUMMER MUSIC GROUP CLASSES

At this point, the schedule is shaping up with these options. Final dates/times will be determined with the participants:

Guitar - Friday, July 10th, 6:30-8:30pm

Handbells - Thursday, July 16th, 6:30-8:30pm

Singing/Voice - Tuesday, July 21st OR Thursday, July 23rd, 6:30-8:30pm

Drum Circle - Tuesday, August 4th OR Thursday, August 6th, 6:30-8:30pm

Flute Choir - Tuesday, August 11th OR Friday, August 14th, 6:30-8:30pm

If you signed up, or would like to still sign up, please see, text or call Heidi.

# Community Life Groups



**YAHWEH WEDNESDAY:** Our group meets once a month, and each session, we are studying a different minor prophet. We will meet next on July 1st & August 5th . If you have questions or are interested in joining us, please contact Pastor Justin.

**LUNCH LADIES:** Lunch ladies will meet on July 13th & 27th and August 10th & 24th.. We are currently studying *A Jesus Shaped Life* by Lisa Harper. New members are welcome to join us! Please see Peggy Samarin or Linda Matchett if you have any questions.



**LAMPLIGHTERS:** The Lamplighters are taking a break for the summer, allowing our members to engage in the many church activities planned over the next few months. Details on our next study will be forthcoming. Lamplighters is a women's study group that meets on Monday evenings at 7pm. New participants are always welcome. Contacts for this group are Syndria Lowe and Patty Doane.



**SHE SOARS:** Our group will be taking a break over the summer and will resume meeting during the Sunday School hour in September. All women are welcome!



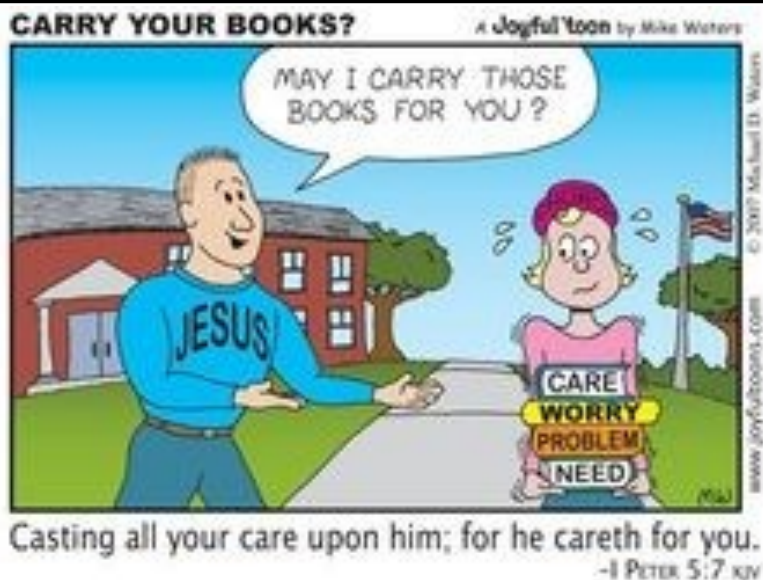
**MIGHTY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** The Mighty Men's Bible Study will resume meeting at 8:45am on July 5th upstairs in the Calvary pastor's study. All men in the church are welcome to study the Attributes of God with us every Sunday morning during the Sunday School hour.



**READY, SET, GROW:** Our class meets on Sundays at 9:30am (8:45 in the summer) in the Tower Room of Calvary. Each session, we meet to pray and then we review and discuss the previous week's Scripture lesson and sermon. We have found it to be an excellent opportunity to connect with others as we delve more deeply into the Bible. Please contact the church office or Dana Motte with any questions, or just pop in on a Sunday morning. You are welcome!!!



**QUARTER-LIFE CRISIS:** Quarter-Life Crisis is a group of young adults who meet on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 to study the Bible, eat food, and encourage one another. The group is for young adults from 10th grade and through their 20s. Talk to Kylie Bowland or Julia Amsler to get involved in this dynamic group.



What kind of lights did Noah use on the Ark? Floodlights!  
Why did Eve do math problems? She was told to multiply!  
Why did Moses cross the Red Sea? To get to the other side!



# Community News/ Our Love & Prayers



**MCDONALD LION'S CLUB RIB COOKOUTS:** At the McDonald Trail Station from 9am until sold out. July 25th, August 29th, September 26th

**BAKED GOODS FOR MOW:** Meals-on-Wheels is looking for people who are willing to bake/ provide baked goods periodically for distribution to our clients. Anyone who is interested, please talk to Pat Powell.



**FOOD BANK:** For the months of July & August, the Food Bank is requesting non-perishable *items of your choice* that can be dropped off in Calvary Parlor. They are also accepting cash and check donations. Please make checks payable to McDonald Presbyterian Church and indicate "Food Bank" on the memo line. Please contact Ed Nalesnick with any questions.

**MCSUMMERFEST 2026:** Heritage Park

Kicks off with a parade on July 25th and goes through August 1st.

Food, games, rides, entertainment, and more!



## ONLINE GIVING

Did you know that you can make your weekly offering and other church contributions online? You can do this by visiting [mcdonaldpres.org](http://mcdonaldpres.org) and clicking on *Covenant Partner Account Access*, or you may scan the QR code.



## Our Love & Prayers Go Out To...

Karen Altman  
Belmont Village Senior Living Westwood  
10475 Wilshire Blvd, Apt 417  
Los Angeles, CA 90024

Ida Galicic  
Strabane Woods- Room 116  
319 Wellness Way  
Washington, PA 15301

Jon & Patty Sember  
Strabane Woods, Room 314  
319 Wellness Way  
Washington, PA 15301

Larry Doak  
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1010 Delafield Road  
Pittsburgh, PA 15215

Laurain Lacotte  
Middy Ecker  
Elsie Kovach  
Cloe Barricklow  
Rose Manor  
100 Rose Court  
Oakdale, PA 15071

AT HOME:  
Mary Catherine Garrett  
Lana Gilbert  
Julie Hanczar  
Chuck "Tootie" Smith  
Bob & Vicki Zyra

## Generational Facilities Improvements in 2026 - Clean, Dry, and Welcoming

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For the past twenty years our congregation has been on a steady path of restoring our neglected facilities, to once again become the splendid and beautiful centers for ministry that they were designed to be. While the church has always invested in maintaining facilities, there was a season when our former congregations fell behind. Around the time of the merger that began to change. The first significant step towards this was the replacement of the failing roof system on Calvary Center with the current concrete tile roof. This is a tremendous roof system that is on track to last for 80 more years. Yes, you read that correctly. With about 22 years behind them, the tiles are showing no signs of wear or deterioration. This type of roof requires periodic detail maintenance as a few tiles fail from time to time, but the system remains strong. Furthermore, we have spent the past 15 years upgrading all of the flashing work on the roof. This is now essentially complete. The residential grade flashing that was installed at the time has been completely replaced with 75-year soldered copper flashing. With basic maintenance we have a roof system that will stand the test of time. This spring we corrected one of the last persistent problems on the roof that resulted in minor seepage in four different gutter areas. This problem has been corrected and we are pleased to know that these interior locations (including one spot visible in the sanctuary) can be painted without concern for future damage.

Beyond this, almost every system and space in both buildings will have been upgraded, remodeled or replaced in this period of time. Most of us know that both fellowship halls and kitchens have been replaced and remodeled and that numerous projects have been completed to keep away as I like to say: "The waters from above, and the waters from below!" This includes a full replacement of the Trinity Center roof system from scupper boxes to new shingles, valleys and flashing. Beyond this we have new HVAC, sidewalks, restroom facilities, sump pump systems, children's spaces, and fresh paint. We have worked together to accomplish almost everything on our lists. Projects will continue but with a great amount of wind at our backs and necessary work under our belts.

This year has been a monumental year in furthering those goals and investing in projects that will keep us ahead of what is necessary so that we can focus on ministry. The café has been a huge success and now that we have it, we can understand its value even more. This year we will spend about \$40,000.00 on long term roofing repairs that will bring our buildings even more securely into the future. A new boiler system has been chosen for Calvary Center and this investment of over \$50,000 will provide us reliable and efficient heat for the next thirty years. A bathroom replacement project in Calvary Manse will secure that building as a viable rental for us into the future and will always serve as an asset to our congregation that allows flexibility for unforeseen needs. The plaster repairs in Calvary this year return those spaces to their beautiful and clean intended function. Everyone's personal generosity, inspired by our faith, has allowed all of these most recent projects to be completed without a new capital campaign. Thank you for your contributions and for all of the great ways that you make our congregation a wonderful place to worship and serve.

With Gratitude,

*Pastor Justin*



# Calendar

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July 1	Yahweh Wednesday	Noon
July 5	Mighty Men	8:45 a.m.
July 7	Club 724 Movie Night @ Phoenix Quarter-Life Crisis	TBD 6:30 p.m.
July 8	Silver Souls	11:30 a.m.
July 12	Ready, Set, Grow Mighty Men	8:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.
July 13	Lunch Ladies	Noon
July 14	Quarter-Life Crisis	6:30 p.m.
July 19	Ready, Set, Grow Mighty Men	8:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.
July 21	Quarter-Life Crisis	6:30 p.m.
July 26	Ready, Set, Grow Mighty Men Club 724 Midsummer Christmas Extravaganza	8:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m. 12-2 p.m.
July 27	Lunch Ladies	Noon
July 27-31	Summer Service Week	
July 28	Quarter-Life Crisis	6:30 p.m.
August 2	Worship in the Park @ Heritage Park	10:00 a.m.
August 4	Quarter-Life Crisis	6:30 p.m.
August 5	Yahweh Wednesday	Noon
August 7	Hearts & Hands	6:30 p.m.
August 8	Club 724 Day @ Mingo Park	
August 9	Ready, Set, Grow Mighty Men	8:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.
August 10	Lunch Ladies	Noon
August 11	Quarter-Life Crisis	6:30 p.m.
August 12	Backpack Giveaway	6-8 p.m.
August 16	Ready, Set, Grow Mighty Men	8:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.
August 18	Quarter-Life Crisis Club 724 @ Wild Things	6:30 p.m. 7:05 p.m.
August 23	Ready, Set, Grow Mighty Men	8:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.
August 24	Lunch Ladies	Noon
August 25	Quarter-Life Crisis	6:30 p.m.
August 30	Ready, Set, Grow Mighty Men Club 724 @ Kamen Science Center	8:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.

# Birthdays, Anniversaries

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Isabella Bianchini	7/1	Julia Wasco	7/18	Nicholas Berthold	8/10
Lorelai Ewing	7/1	Cliff Elicker	7/18	Marilou Ritchie	8/10
Joe Smiechowski	7/3	Jay Nation	7/18	Comfort Aklikoku	8/11
Dylan Eger	7/4	Taven Yates	7/18	Suzanne Casey	8/12
Kylie Bowland	7/5	Shane McGinnis	7/19	Dana Puhlman	8/12
Vicki Zyra	7/6	Gabrielle Smith	7/19	Melissa McMillen	8/14
Dottie Cook	7/7	Richard McVicker	7/20	Tina Mollica	8/16
Nancy Dallas	7/7	Chris Burger	7/21	Margaret Novak	8/17
Ryker McMillen	7/8	Sue Gilbert	7/26	Nicholas Carter	8/18
Debra Secreet	7/10	Rich Snatchko	7/26	Aiden Allen	8/20
Jennifer Goodwin	7/11	Robin Galicic	7/28	Gianna Bianchini	8/21
Peggy Moore	7/12	Andy Diamond	7/29	Chrystal Yates	8/23
Jeff Smith	7/14	Eraste Boko	7/31	Lyndon Baker	8/23
Mildred Gilbert	7/15	George Schmidt	8/1	Kim Cook	8/24
Carol McCarty	7/15	Linda Amic	8/3	Donald Stepp	8/26
Ted Bair Jr.	7/16	Barbara Powell	8/3	Sandy Meyers	8/27
		Arlene Carr	8/5	Gary McGinnis	8/29
		Wyatt McMillen	8/5	Ed Esposito	8/31
		Donna Toward	8/7	Chris Giambanco	8/31
		Adeline Yates	8/8	Chris Powell	8/31
		Mary Bennett	8/10		

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Chrystal & Brandon Yates	7/2	Jamie & Mark Slack	8/3
Dawn & Brian Jeannette	7/7	Michelle & Brad Unruh	8/3
Katelynn & Joshua Tronetti	7/14	Sarah & Justin Amsler	8/9
Judy & Wayne Masquelier	7/16	Alicia & Dennis Slovick	8/14
Lois & Michael Meehan	7/18	Mary & William Hawes	8/18
Linda & Neal Matchett	7/19	Katie & Jim Martin	8/18
Debra & James Secreet	7/24	Heather & Paul Bianchini	8/19
Lorraine & Matt Zombeck	7/29	Lucrece & Rudolph Boko	8/22
Heidi & Jeff Betschart	7/30	Tina & Brian Kocian	8/24
		Barbara & Pat Powell	8/25

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**McDONALD  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

July/ August 2026  
NEWSLETTER

Non Profit Org.  
US POSTAGE PAID  
MCDONALD, PA  
PERMIT NO. 9

**Worship Site:**  
202 West Lincoln Avenue  
McDonald, PA 15057

**Office Location:**  
119 Station Street  
McDonald, PA 15057

**Phone:** (724) 926-8561

**Office Hours:**  
Monday - Thursday

*McDonald Presbyterian Church is a mid-sized congregation located in McDonald, PA that exists to honor God by making more disciples for Jesus Christ. Our worship, service and outreach are all focused on helping others experience the love of God and the joy that comes from knowing Him. We love what we do and who we are when we come together as a community of God's people. Our door is always open, and we look forward to meeting you and welcoming you into our fellowship.*

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RETURN SERVICE  
REQUESTED

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Visit our website:  
[mcdonaldpres.org](http://mcdonaldpres.org)

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**GET CONNECTED ... BE ENGAGED**

**WORSHIP**

Sundays @ 10:00 a.m. Calvary Center or  
live on Facebook



**SERVE**

Look for volunteer opportunities for upcoming events, such as Summer Service Week in July, Backpack Giveaway in August, or one of our many fall events!

**FELLOWSHIP**

Join a new group or committee, sit somewhere new in church, or invite someone for coffee.

