



Evergreen News

May 2017

Pastor Mick's Musings...

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20

It was a marvelous Resurrection Sunday at church. I always enjoy yelling out, "Christ is risen!" And then hearing the chorus of believers in the sanctuary reply, "Christ is risen, indeed." It is a familiar litany proclaimed in many churches. Indeed, many churches on Easter morning use the Memorial Acclamation of the mystery of faith - "Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again." We are great at proclaiming that Christ has died and Christ has risen, but it seems that we forget that Jesus will come again. I believe that as He rose from the dead in a physical body and left this world in human form, He will return in human form. And I eagerly wait for the return of Jesus Christ to this world.

There has been a huge amount of information lately about the Christ's return. In fact, as recent as last year, there were trusted scholars saying that the fall of 2016 is the time that Jesus will come. Well, it did not happen. Now there are just as many scholars and preachers saying that this may be the year. There are many different beliefs on how the end times will come. Many say we will be raptured from this earth before the time of tribulation just before Jesus returns. Some say that there is no such thing as the rapture and Jesus is just going to show up. Some say we will be caught in the middle of the tribulation and then just before the tremendous persecution and calamities found in the book of Revelation, we will then be raptured. Some folks are premillennial, pre-tribulation. Some folks are amillennial. Some are postmillennial. Some are mid-tribulation. We study the prophetic messages about the second coming of Jesus Christ and endeavor to unlock the mystery. It seems that no one knows for certain and maybe that is exactly what our Father in Heaven wanted. But it does seem like everyone senses that the season of Jesus' return is imminent.

Jesus Christ said that only the Father knows the exact time and date of His coming. However, He does say that we may know the season of His coming. A quick read of His Olivet Discourse found in Matthew 24 and 25 will certainly attest to that. And this may very well be the season to prepare for His coming. Personally, I believe that His coming could be

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If...

If the world were full
of Christians
who studied their Bible daily,
who really did believe
God's commands applied
to them,
who put what they learned
in God's Holy Word into
practice,
their actions reflecting
that Word,
then earth would be close
to heaven.

If the world were full
of Christians
who knew that being a Christian
is more than going to church,
who lived their lives according
to God's will,
service to Him their main
purpose,
who practiced Jesus' teachings
every day, with everyone
they met,
loving and helping their
neighbors,
then the earth would be a place
of heavenly harmony and peace.

By Joanna Fuchs

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 WWW Bible Study 7 pm	2 Commission Mtg. 7 pm Board Mtg. 8 pm	3 Autumn Saints 10 am Youth 7 pm	4 Men's Bible Study 7 pm	5	6 Tractor Sunday Set up Day
7 Tractor Sunday Combined Service 10 am Fellowship Meal Noon	8 WWW Bible Study 7 pm	9 Youth Dinner 6 pm Congregational Business Mtg. 7 pm	10 Autumn Saints 10 am Youth 7 pm	11 Men's Bible Study 7 pm	12	13 Prayer Walk 10 am
Pastor Mick Vacation						
14 Mom's Day Early Service 8 am Sunday School 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am	15 WWW Bible Study 7 pm	16	17 Autumn Saints 10 am Youth 7 pm	18 Ladies Garden Party 7 pm Men's Bible Study 7 pm	19	20
Pastor Mick Vacation						
21 Early Service 8 am Sunday School Discover WGT 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am	22 WWW Bible Study 7 pm Tiny Timbers Staff Dinner 6 pm	23 Deacon Mtg. 7 pm	24 Autumn Saints 10 am Prayer Rally 6:30 pm Youth 7 pm	25 Men's Bible Study 7 pm	26	27
28 Early Service 8 am Sunday School Discover WGT 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am	29 Memorial Day Office Closed	30	31 Autumn Saints 10 am Youth 7 pm			



Anniversaries

5/3 - Glenn & Sharon Longenecker
 5/3 - Dane & Lauren Youtz
 5/5 - Mick & Leslie Allen
 5/8 - Greg & Julie Ramsey
 5/11 - Gary & Cindy Collins
 5/14 - Don & Donna Weaver
 5/29 - Ken & Cindy Drawbaugh
 5/31 - Marlin & Lisa Kershner
 5/31 - Jason & Holly Leonard

Birthdays

5/2 - Zach Mitchell
 5/3 - Megan Gutshall
 5/4 - Maurice Houser
 5/5 - Merv McClenaghan
 5/5 - Dalton Summerson
 5/7 - Adam Zink
 5/8 - George Clugston II
 5/8 - Patsy Risser
 5/9 - Jim Shumate
 5/9 - Ben Youtz
 5/10 - Luke Huber
 5/10 - Lois Schwanger
 5/15 - Cindy Collins
 5/15 - Don Kopp
 5/17 - Duane Bender
 5/17 - Luetta Hess
 5/18 - Justin Mease
 5/19 - Nate Arndt
 5/19 - Noah Farmer
 5/20 - Matt Haverkamp
 5/25 - Charles Groff
 5/25 - Brayden Raynes
 5/27 - Laura Hollinger
 5/28 - Claire Leonard
 5/29 - Helen Keener
 5/31 - Yvonne Johnson

PM's Musings from front cover

very soon. The signs are there and this may very well be the season of Jesus' return. I will continue to study the Scriptures and, believe me, the moment that I am certain is the moment I will be telling you. Until then, no one but the Father knows.

I am writing this, dear friends, to encourage you to be at peace during these turbulent times in the world. As I always say, "God is still on His throne." He is not surprised by the events that are happening. In fact, God is moving and putting everything in place. When it comes to our Father, there is no such thing as coincidence. He knows everything! He has planned everything! We have not come to this moment in history haphazardly. Our Father in Heaven will take care of us, so we have nothing to be worried about. In fact, we have work to do!

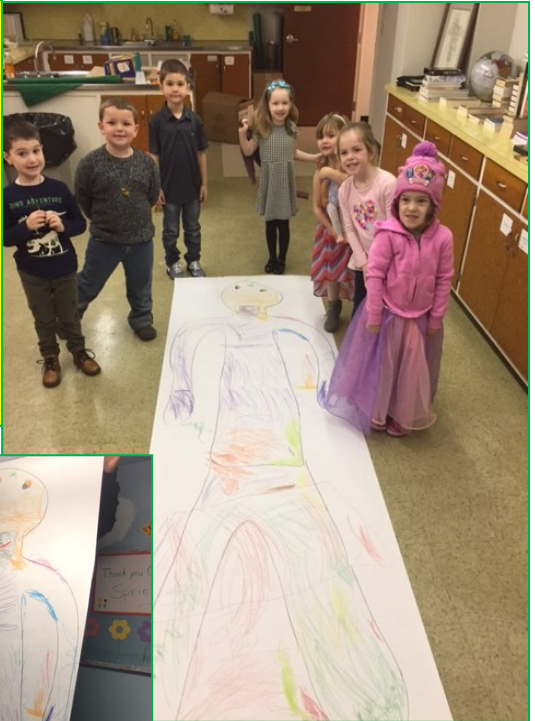
Whether you believe that Jesus will come back by opening the heavens like a scroll and you see Him riding on a white stallion or you perish and see Him face to face in heaven, you can be assured that **you will see Him**. He has prepared a dwelling place for all who believe. But until He returns, Jesus gave us the great commission to fulfill. We are to make disciples of all nations, baptize all who believe in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit and teach everyone the commands that Jesus gave us. So don't lose heart and be of good cheer. Jesus has overcome the world and He will someday, physically, come in glory. In spirit, He has never left us! The last verse we find in the Gospel of Matthew gives me great comfort - "*And certainly I am with you always, even to the end of the age.*"

Peace and love to you in Christ,
 Pastor Mick

**Congregational
 Business Meeting
 May 9th, 7 pm**



Pre-k & K SS Class
Our lesson was David & Goliath... The kiddos made a 9ft giant. Then they used a sling-shot to take him down.



Mark your calendars for this summer's VBS. It will be July 17th to 21st from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. VBS is for kids age 3 through 5th grade. We need lots of volunteers to make this outreach a success!

Our theme this year is *Gadgets & Gizmos - Uniquely Wired, Wonderfully Made*. The Gadgets & Gizmos VBS is geared to capture a kids' imaginations about their Creator so they can discover how they are. . .

MADE by God MADE for a relationship with Jesus MADE to love others.

This summer, discover how the Creator of all things created us to know and love Him.

If you have questions or would like to be in on the early planning for VBS feel free to call or email Allison Huber.

Congregational Business Meeting Meal

Say "CHEESEBURGER"! The youth are offering to make dinner for you prior to the Congregational Business Meeting on Tuesday, May 9th, at 6 pm. Join us for a picnic supper with cheeseburgers & all the fixin's. Come to the meal, bless the youth with a donation, and enjoy some fellowship with your WGT Family.

Please cut at the line on this form & return to Shawn O'Brien/Youth Director's mailbox by Sunday, May 7th.



Name: _____

No. of adults enjoying dinner: _____

No. of children enjoying dinner: _____

Thank you for your support!

May Servants

	May 7	May 14	May 21	May 28
Scripture & Sermon	Soil Condition of the Heart Marlin Heagy	John 1:1-18, 1 John 7-12 The God No One Has Seen Cody Schwanger	Ephesians 1:1-14 Your True Identity Pastor Mick	Ephesians 1:15-23 Your Glorious Inheritance Pastor Mick
Pianist/Organist	Ryan Arndt & MJ Smith	Ryan Arndt	Brenda Geib	Leslie Allen
Special Music	Pleasant Passage	Kari Slater	Audrey Garber	Allison Huber
Chorister	June Kolp	Regena Tripp	June Kolp	Regena Tripp
Greeters 8 am		Dennis & Linda Gerdel	Mel & Brenda Geib	Steve Bender & Greg Seitz
Greeters 10:30 am	Duane & Kathy Martin	Cindy Collins & Ralph Daniels	Shawn & Lisa Cannon	Zane Seitz & Brendan Haverkamp
Welcome Center 8 am		Julie Ramsey	Sarah Clugston	Blaine Youtz
Welcome Center 10:30 am	Regena Tripp	Ralph Daniels	Colton & Brienna Brown	Glenn & Sylvia Weaver
Worship Leader	Doug Breneman	Brenda Axe	Donna Hollinger	Dick Dickason
Ushers	Youth	New Horizons SS Class	Faith Seekers SS Class	Sojourners SS Class
Deacons/Anointing	Jerry & Julie Ruhl	Clint & Julie Arndt	Dennis & Ann Saylor	June Kolp
Sound Room 8 am		Jerry Huber & Zane Seitz	Jerry Huber & Nick Sieber	Duane Martin & Justin Arndt
Sound Room 10:30 am	Pastor Mick & Jason Leonard	Jeff & Shane Schwanger	Jeff Schwanger & Jason Leonard	Jeff & Shane Schwanger
8 am Nursery/Toddler		Linda Spickler & Hailey Tippet	Jackie Hemperly & Jordyn Gutshall	The Cannon Family
10:30 am Nursery/Toddler	Brienna Brown & Ally Dupler	Marilyn Keener & Nick Ellison	Jason & Holly Leonard	Kelsey Hollinger & Cindy Seitz

March & April Stats

	March 26	April 2	April 9	April 16
Total Worship	None Reported	165	190	246
Sunday School	129	108	108	128
General	\$4,846	\$4,286.00	\$7,992.00	\$4,688.00
Building		\$650.00		\$797.00
Deacon	\$200.00		\$60.00	\$145.00
Seminary	\$60.00		\$25.00	\$644.00

Witness News

What have we done lately?

S.V.P.S. Baby Shower - The Witness committee would like to thank the congregation for supporting the baby shower for Susquehanna Valley Pregnancy Services. You provided a lot of nice gifts and they will be put to good use by new, young moms. I'm sure that's very encouraging to them.

Easter Egg Hunt - The egg hunt was a huge success. We had about 50 kids, and even more adults came out. Those 50 kids collected 1038 eggs, filled with candy, stick-on tattoos and money! They also enjoyed refreshments, made crafts, and were treated to a song and story by Pastor Mick.

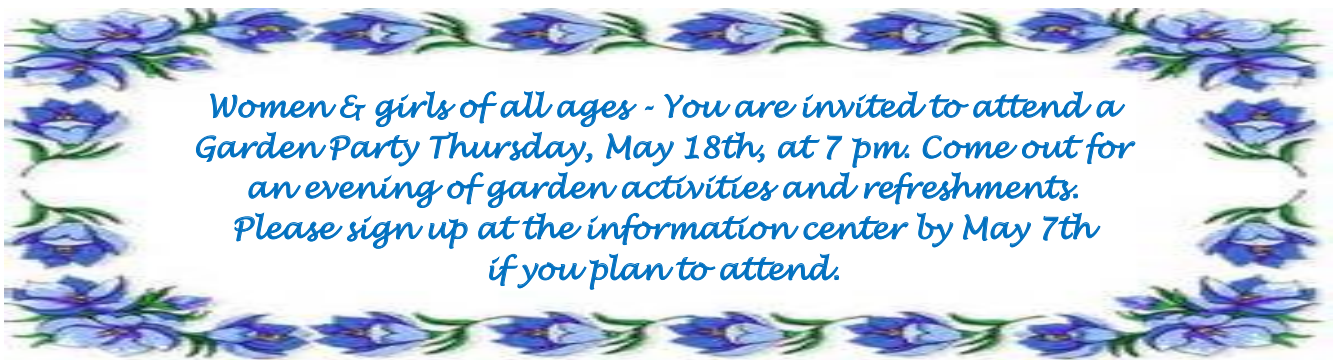
Water Street Rescue Mission - A group of 7 of us went to W.S.R.M. to serve a meal. That's always a lot of fun, and a blessing to those we serve, and we're blessed for serving them. You may want to join us next time we go.

What's coming up?

Tractor Sunday! - Drive Your Tractor to Church Sunday, May 7th! If you don't have a tractor that's OK - please come and enjoy this special combined service at 10 am (No Sunday School this day). Marlin Heagy will be the special guest speaker & Pleasant Passage will minister in song. Many tractors will be on display for your viewing enjoyment (arriving around 9 am) and a delicious meal will follow the combined service at Noon. Folks whose last name begins with A-M are asked to bring a side dish or salad to share. Folks whose last name begins with N-Z are asked to bring a dessert to share. WGT will provide the meat, baked potatoes & veggie.

Prayer Walk around Elizabethtown - Join us for a Prayer Walk Saturday morning May 13th, 10 am. We will meet in the front parking lot of E-town high school. We will set out walking around town, stopping to pray over schools, churches, the police station, local business, homes, parks and ballfields, and offer to pray for people we meet along our walk. We'll have lunch at a local restaurant then walk back to our cars at the high school.

Prayer Rally - On Wednesday evening, May 24th, we will host a prayer rally open to the public. Weather permitting we'll hold it outside. (In the sanctuary if it rains) 6:30 pm - 7 pm we'll have refreshments by the pavilion. The rally will run 7 pm to approx. 8:15 pm. Our own praise band and those leading prayer will be set up in the pavilion, and the crowd can enjoy it from the field. Please bring lawn chairs or a blanket, and there will be some picnic tables. We'll pray for our community, the church, police and other rescue workers, the drug epidemic, schools, marriage and families. This should be a lot of fun and a powerful evening.



Women & girls of all ages - You are invited to attend a Garden Party Thursday, May 18th, at 7 pm. Come out for an evening of garden activities and refreshments. Please sign up at the information center by May 7th if you plan to attend.

Deacon Lists for 2017

If you have a concern or need please contact your deacon. If your name does not appear on any list and you would like to be included please contact Pastor Mick or Marlin & Rose Hibshman.

Clint & Julie Arndt

Axe, Brenda
 Becker, Dave & Phyllis
 Bender, Duane
 Bender, Steve & Nel
 Bender Warren
 Bowers, Ellen
 Breneman, Doug & Darlene
 Brooks, Sue
 Brosey, Larry & Linda
 Brown, Colton & Brienna
 Carlson, Ruth (Skip)
 Cicero, Mike & Robin & Family
 Clugston, George & Sarah
 Clugston, George Jr., Traci & Family
 Collins, Gary & Cindy
 Gordon, Kathy
 Haverkamp, Matt, Heather & Family
 Horst, Ed & Kay
 Shelly, Todd & Lisa

Matt & Heather Haverkamp

Arndt, Ryan
 Daniels, Doug, Janessa & Family
 Daniels, Ralph
 Garber, Dick & Nancy
 Geib, Mel & Brenda
 Gruber, Jim & Ruthanne
 Heistand, Ryan
 Hernley, Dale, Lois & Family
 Hess, Marion
 Kolp, Jim & June
 Kolp, Sarah
 Landvater, Jean
 Leonard, Jason, Holly & Family
 Martin, Duane & Kathy
 Martin, Laura
 Martin, Matthew
 McClenaghan, Merv, Mary Jane & Family
 Metzler, Chris, Nicole & Family
 Miller, Barry & Sheila
 Mummau, Thelma
 Sieber, Todd, Tammy & Family
 Sowers, Dakota

Dennis & Ann Saylor

Dickson, Dan, Krista & Family
 Farmer, Scott, Kristi & Family
 Grove, Zac, Heidi & Family
 Rolls, Melinda
 Ruhl, Jerry, Julie & Connor
 Schwanger, Walt & Lois
 Seitz, Greg, Cindy & Zane

June Kolp

Arndt, Clint, Julie & Family
 Cooper, Fritz
 Fellenbaum, Adrienne & Grace
 Gantz, Kathryn
 Garber, Chad, Audrey & Family
 Grose, Dan & Nila
 Hiller, Steve & Peggy
 Hinshaw, Carlyle & Jeanie
 Hollinger, Jackie
 Hollinger, Jean
 Hollinger, Kelsey
 Hollinger, Laura & Kaylee
 Hollinger, Phil & Donna
 Huber, Gerald, Allison & Family
 Johnson, Walt & Vonnie
 Keener, Charles & Marilyn
 Keener, Helen
 Kile, Chet & Ella Louise
 Kipp, Don & Sandy
 Longenecker, Glenn & Sharon
 Weaver, Don & Donna

Jeff & Dori Schwanger

Brandt, Carey & Paula
 Gebhard, Kathryn
 Gerdel, Dennis & Linda
 Ginder, Randy & Karen
 Hemperly, Lloyd, Jackie & Family
 Hibshman, Marlin & Rose
 Mease, Justin, Beth, & Family
 Nauman, John & Judy
 O'Brien, Shawn, Mandy & Family
 Peffley, Amy & Family
 Ramsey, Greg, Julie & Family
 Riggelman, Charlotte
 Risser, Kathy & Patsy
 Roush, Lynx
 Sprenkle, Jean
 Thompson, Don & Rose
 Townsend, John
 Youtz, Dane, Lauren & Family
 Youtz, Dustin, Dana & Family
 Youtz, Randy, Anita & Lexi
 Youtz, Dick & Kathy

Dennis & Ann Saylor continued

Sheetz, Justin, Sarah, & Family
 Shumate, Jim & Polly
 Smith, Steve, Mindy & Family
 Spickler, Jim & Linda
 Stoppard, Kenneth & Margaret
 Stumpf, Ned & Margaret
 Sucharski, Even, Liane & Family

Jerry & Julie Ruhl

Collman, Matt, Steph & Family
 Drescher, Charlie, Tracy & Family
 Dupler, Gary, Dawn & Family
 Dunkelberger, Bob & Shirley
 Fazenbaker, Dick & Erma
 Grieger, Vera
 Groff, Charles
 Groff, Michele
 Gruber, Michele
 Harnish, Daryl, Angie & Family
 Harry, Henry & Nancy
 Hawthorne, Dave & Ruthie
 Hawthorne, Justin, Nichole & Family
 Hawthorne, Mike, Marcia & Family
 Hawthorne, Nate & Hunter
 Hess, Luetta
 Schwanger, Jeff, Dori & Family
 Schwanger, Abigail
 Schwanger, Cody
 Stauffer, Amanda
 Strickler, Bryan

Marlin & Rose Hibshman

Arndt, David
 Allen, Mick & Leslie
 Cannon, Shawn, Lisa & Family
 Dickason, Dick & Sandy
 Drawbaugh, Brad, Brenda & Family
 Drawbaugh, Ken & Cindy
 Garber, Tami
 Hollinger, Don & Ruthie
 Hollinger, John & Laurie
 Houser, Maurice (Moe) & Kim
 Kershner, Marlin, Lisa, & Kayley
 Miller, Jen & Nick
 Myers, Deb & Gabriella
 Saylor, Dennis, Ann & Family
 Shoemaker, Ray
 Slater, Jason, Kari & Family
 Walmer, Gene & Betty
 Weber, Helen
 Youtz, Blaine & Family
 Ziegler, Jeff & Jordan
 Ziegler, John (Willie)

Dennis & Ann Saylor continued

Summerson, Dan, Bernadette & Family
 Tripp, Bill & Regina
 Tripp, Jessica
 Tripp, Linda
 Weaver, Glenn & Sylvia
 Williams, Cyrus & RaErin
 Williams, Mellanie & Trisha
 Zink, Adam & Hoffman, Jackie

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Our Purpose Statement
*"We intentionally develop friends of
Jesus Christ by sharing God's love
through words and deeds."*

Sunday Service Times:

Contemporary Worship 8:00 am

Sunday School 9:15 am

Traditional Worship 10:30 am

Wednesday Service Times:

Jr. High Clubs @ 7:00 pm

Sr. High Clubs @ 7:00 pm