



# *The Lamplighter*

**June 2015**

***“The greatest gift I ever had  
came from God: I call him DAD!”  
-Anonymous***

# A Word from Pastor Nick

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ. It seems like we have jumped straight into summer this year without too much spring. But after the February we had this year I think we deserve a little extra warmth—don't you?

As we finish off our series in the second half of Ephesians, I want to focus on one thing—our identity. Specifically, our church identity. Paul writes in chapter 4 that “we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.” As we individually grow in maturity in faith, we grow in Christlikeness. As we grow in Christlikeness our congregation begins to look and act more and more like Christ. This process is not only by our efforts but by the power of the Holy Spirit working in and through us. All of this is preface to reflecting how Ohio UP Church manifests Christ's presence here in Hopewell. I believe that our calling as Christians can be summed up in one simple phrase—Love God; love others; help others love God. Christ loved God, loved others and helped others love God. I believe our calling as the church can be summed up using the same phrase. As a way of reflecting on our church identity I have some questions I would love to have you answer. I believe these questions help us get at our church identity. I also believe these questions help us to tell our story as well as attune us to where God may be calling us to serve our community. My hope is that we begin to reflect upon these questions individually and as a congregation. Write down your thoughts and e-mail them to me, or mail them, or stop by the church and share them with me face-to-face. I look forward to hearing from you.

1. What is your earliest memory of church?
2. How did you come to this church?
3. What is your favorite part/aspect of our church?
4. Talk about a time when you really felt the church was living its purpose.
5. Talk about a time when you personally were doing what God wanted you to do.
6. What do you like best about specific areas of our church? (worship, music, preaching, Bible Study, youth, outreach...)
7. Make 3 wishes for our church.

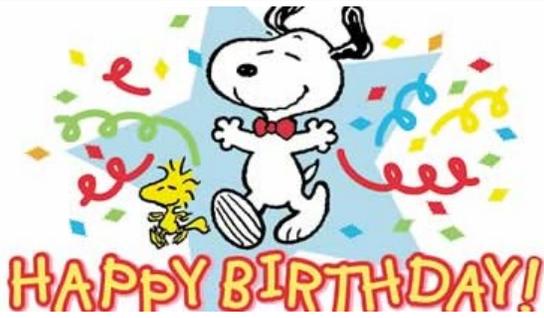
Grace and peace,

Pastor Nick



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### Birthdays

- 1 Kristen Nan
- 3 Vic Pasquarelli
- 4 Elizabeth Hribar  
Sallie Alviani
- 5 Maren Marlatt
- 9 Marcella Schwarz
- 10 Sue Burak
- 11 Joan Stickles  
Katelyn Chambers  
Scott Byers
- 12 Kortney Marlatt
- 13 Jim Novacek
- 15 Peyton Marlatt
- 16 Gwen Hines

- 17 Austin Hoover  
Brenlee Knox
- 20 Joe Petrella  
Amy Kocher
- 21 John Smith
- 23 Shane Byers
- 24 Jim Verostek
- 26 Andrea Tamburrino
- 27 Dolores Hartley
- 30 Linda Hall  
Drew Lewis



### Anniversaries

- 6/24 Rich & Dolly Kerlin
- 6/25 Bob & Chris Hurni



**Please join us as we experiment with  
fun and excitement at SonSpark Labs!**

Join us Monday through Friday, June 8-12

From 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM for Bible stories, activities, games, crafts and snacks galore!

*Call 724-378-3690 to find out more.*

**Register online at [www.ohiopresbyterian.org](http://www.ohiopresbyterian.org) in the  
Info Center tab.**

***Come Discover How God's Plan 4 U = Jesus***

## GRADUATE RECOGNITION

**WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE OUR RECENT HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES IN OUR SUMMER NEWSLETTER AND WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

**IF YOU COULD PLEASE PROVIDE JUDI IN THE CHURCH OFFICE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION, SHE WILL INCLUDE IT IN THE NEXT LAMPLIGHTER.**

**NAME OF GRADUATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOOL GRADUATING FROM** \_\_\_\_\_

**DEGREE RECEIVED IF APPLICABLE** \_\_\_\_\_

**HONORS RECEIVED** \_\_\_\_\_

**FUTURE PLANS** \_\_\_\_\_

**IF YOU WILL BE IN CHURCH, YOU CAN DROP THIS FORM OFF IN THE OFFICE, PLACE IT IN THE OFFICE MAIL SLOT (BY PASTOR NICK'S OFFICE), OR YOU CAN MAIL IT TO THE CHURCH.**



**CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!**

**NEW!**



### **Prayer Request Card** **Share Your Joys & Concerns**

(Place in mail or bring to church)

Date:

Request From:

Request For:

Relationship:

(Please circle below the category this request comes under)

THANKSGIVING   HEALING   SURGERY   COMFORT   OTHER

Request:

Please contact me at:



## **JUNE 20, 2015**

# **COMMUNICYCLE ALIQUIPPA – SCRAP METAL COLLECTION**

Communicycle Aliquippa is an outreach mission of Aliquippa-area churches. We collect used bikes and parts, and provide a way for children and adults to earn a bike through volunteering. People can also bring their bikes to the shop or to our "Communicycle on the Road" events and we'll help them repair their bikes using our tools and parts.

- We use scrap metal recycling as one of the main ways to fund the program. Thanks in advance for your help!



**HOW YOU CAN HELP:**

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**SAVE ALL TYPES OF  
SCRAP METAL.**

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**DROP ITEMS OFF FOR US  
AT MT. CARMEL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ON SATURDAY 6/20/15  
FROM 9:00 AM TO 11:00  
AM.**

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**WE CAN PICK UP LARGER  
ITEMS, OR ARRANGE FOR  
DROP OFF BEFORE  
6/20/15 IF NEEDED.**

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**FOR MORE INFORMATION  
– CALL MT CARMEL AT  
724-378-3821**

**COMMUNICYCLE  
ALIQUIPPA**

329 Franklin Ave

724-302-0466 (Voice mail for  
the bike program)

## **BEWARE THE WRATH OF THE CHURCH ORGANIST!**

*(MUSICAL REVENGE IS SWEET) -John Bingham*

They are the stalwart pillars of the community whose week-in, week-out dedication has kept the country's choral traditions alive for generations. But, if new research is to be believed, behind the quiet exterior the humble church organist is not someone to be crossed.

While charged with providing spiritually uplifting music to worshippers, it seems many also seize the opportunity to extract subtle revenge on clerics who have displeased them or simply play pranks on congregations. A survey of churchgoers found that at least half have noticed their organist straying from the path of musical orthodoxy at some point—slipping snippets of heavy metal classics, advertising jingles and even nursery rhymes into hymns and anthems.

In some cases it can be a means of waging musical war with clerics while in others it is simply an effort by bored organists to make the choir laugh. Christian Research, a polling and research group asked its 2,000 strong “Resonate” panel of churchgoers for their views on church music and organists. Of those who responded, half said they had noticed an organist slipping unexpected tunes into services. Among examples cited was that of the organist in Scotland who had fallen out with some of the elders in the Kirk but got his own back by inserting a thinly disguised rendition of “Send in the Clowns” as they processed in for a Sunday service.

Elsewhere, a vicar sacked an organist after he played “Roll out the Barrel” at the funeral of a man known to have been fond of a drink. In one decidedly high church congregation, an organist punctured the mood of reverence as an elaborately dressed clergyman processed back after the gospel reaching-by playing the theme tune to *The Simpsons*. Another congregation found themselves passing around the collection plate to the strains of “Money, Money, Money” by Abba.

The survey uncovered examples of Eucharist celebrations livened up with renditions of Bon Jovi’s “Livin’ on a Prayer”, the theme tunes from the *Magic Roundabout*, *Blackadder* and *Harry Potter* and even “I’ve Got a Lovely Bunch of Coconuts”.

Sung Evensong-widely regarded as the jewel in the crown of English choral music-has been spiced up with such unexpected offerings as “I’m a Barbie Girl” and “I’m Forever Blowing Bubbles”. One organist who responded confessed to playing hits by Oasis, Billy Bragg and even Kylie Minogue in services but added: “Nobody notices-I do it all the time.” But when an organist played a slowed-down version of Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious from *Mary Poppins*, even the most tone deaf members of the congregation eventually recognized it, sending them into gales of laughter.

An older bridegroom took it in good humor when the organist played “No One Loves a Fairy When She’s 40” at his wedding, while candidates at a confirmation service were left perplexed to hear the strains of “I’m a Little Teapot” from the organ loft.

Stephen Goddard, of Christian Research, said “It’s an oft-repeated adage in church circles— ‘what’s the difference between an organist and a terrorist? You can negotiate with a terrorist!’ Hidden from view, your local church organist may appear unassuming and self-deprecating, but like any true artist, he or she can be eccentric, mischievous and very opinionated. Mess with them at your peril-he or she will pull out all the stops to get his own back!”

-submitted by Shirley Fluharty (*your church organist*)





## **MAY 2015 DEACON MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

Treasurer's Report: Balance as of 4/30/15: \$3,818.22

Correspondence: 11 cards were sent out.

Lunch Bunch – Cinco de Mayo celebration was a lot of fun! We want to promote Lunch Bunch as being for all ages and for men and women!

Friendship Group – June 24th, Tour the Firsts Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh followed by lunch. IF not already on the list, please contact Sharon Neville, Donna Olexick, or Sallie Alviani.

After Church Fellowship – Next one will be in September.

Old Business: Deacons sponsored a bake sale during the Sale of Sales.

New Business: Discussed possible ways to revise prayer request list inserted in bulletin. Reviewed prayer request card from Pastor Nick.

Calendar:

- June 8th-12th                      Vacation Bible School
- June 16th (Tues.)                Spring Dinner and Auction of Goods & Services
- June 24th (Wed.)                Friendship Group
- August 23rd                        Church Picnic at Shelter #3 of Hopewell Park

### **AWASH IN SUNLIGHT**

St. Francis of Assisi-perhaps best remembered for his love of animals and his belief that God cares about them in special ways too-was said to have lived with an exuberant "attitude of gratitude". He wrote, "Such love does the sky now pour, that whenever I stand in a field, I have to wring the light out when I go home."



As summertime begins, what natural wonders amaze you and make you grateful: sweet-smelling grass? Warm, gentle rain? Blooming flowers everywhere? Pristine, blue skies? Just for fun, write an exclamation like that of St. Francis, glorifying God for his creation.

THE MUSTARD SEEDS  
TOGETHER SPREADING GOD'S LOVE

An outreach ministry that involves the entire congregation, by utilizing the gifts that God has given us. It is also a ministry that our entire congregation is welcome and encouraged to utilize both for themselves or for others they may know have a need.

Do you feel you never seem to have enough time to be able to donate it to a large commitment? This is the ministry for you. We all have time to make a phone call or stop over somebodies home and change a light bulb and that can mean the world to somebody who is unable or it is too unsafe for them to do for themselves. Everyone from age 2-102 are encouraged to get involved. Below is a list of services we will be offering and we encourage you to figure out where God is calling your heart and ask that you sign up as well as offer suggestions for services that are heavy on your heart. All services will be on a rotation so no one member is burdened and allows for all of our church members a chance to be a part of this important ministry. So think about where God is calling you and get ready to join The Mustard Seeds in spreading God's love.

- Companionship – a visit once a month or a phone call daily or weekly just to check in and make sure everything is alright. (Age 2 and up could participate here)
- Pick up and drop off medicine or ginger ale to someone who is unable or too ill to get it themselves
- Make an extra dish of your dinner and give it to someone who has just exited the hospital or has just had a baby
- Sit with a toddler for an hour and allow a mother a chance to run errands or take a nap
- A ride to a doctor appointment or chemotherapy treatment
- Set up someone's medication for the week in a weekly pill container
- Planting a flower for someone who is unable to kneel on the ground but would love to have a beautiful flower to brighten their home (age 2 and up could participate here)
- Small odd jobs – light bulb changing, putting up storm windows, sweeping the floors, dusting, opening a jar that is stuck shut, etc...)
- Review and help with confusing medical bills (will help sort out what is covered and paid and help you settle any complications making it possible for you to pay less)

All services are done and should be received with confidentiality. We would like to make a list of reputable service personnel (plumbers, electricians, general contractors). Names and numbers that we could give out that would allow our church family to feel secure.

Yours in Christ,

Tracy Pasquarelli  
724-378-8117 or cell 412-874-4643,



**Friends in Deed**

**ANNUAL COVERED DISH AND AUCTION OF GOODS & SERVICES**



- When?** Tuesday, June 16th at 6:00 pm  
Ohio UP's Fellowship Hall
- What?** Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Meat, bread and beverages will be provided. The dinner will be followed by an auction of new or gently used items, services that have been donated by the congregation, and specialty gift baskets.
- Why?** The proceeds will benefit the Building Fund. Sign up with the bulletin insert or by calling the church office. If you previously signed up in March for the auction, please sign up again.

*If you have any questions, you can contact Patti Strominger at 724-495-2146 or by email at pattistr@gmail.com*

**RELAY FOR LIFE-KAREN'S CANCER CRUSADERS TEAM**

The Relay for Life is less than 1 month away. I want to thank all of you for volunteering and helping me along the way. A few things:

- For those who plan on walking or working the booth—I have created a schedule by hour that you can sign up for. My goal is to have at least one walker and one booth worker per hour. If you have not already done so, please let me know your availability-Saturday, June 13th starting at 10:00 am (set up) thru Sunday, June 14th at 8:00 am (clean up).
- For those who cannot attend the Relay, I am organizing a bake sale and Chinese auction and still need items for both of these. Let me know if you would like to provide a donation, as I am trying to avoid multiples of the same item.
- Monetary donations are also acceptable. In the end, all proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society. They appreciate any amount you can give.



Again, thank you to all who have volunteered! I think the Relay is going to be a big success this year. Please contact me if you have any questions or to volunteer!

-Elizabeth Hribar  
elizhri@gmail.com (724)375-2064

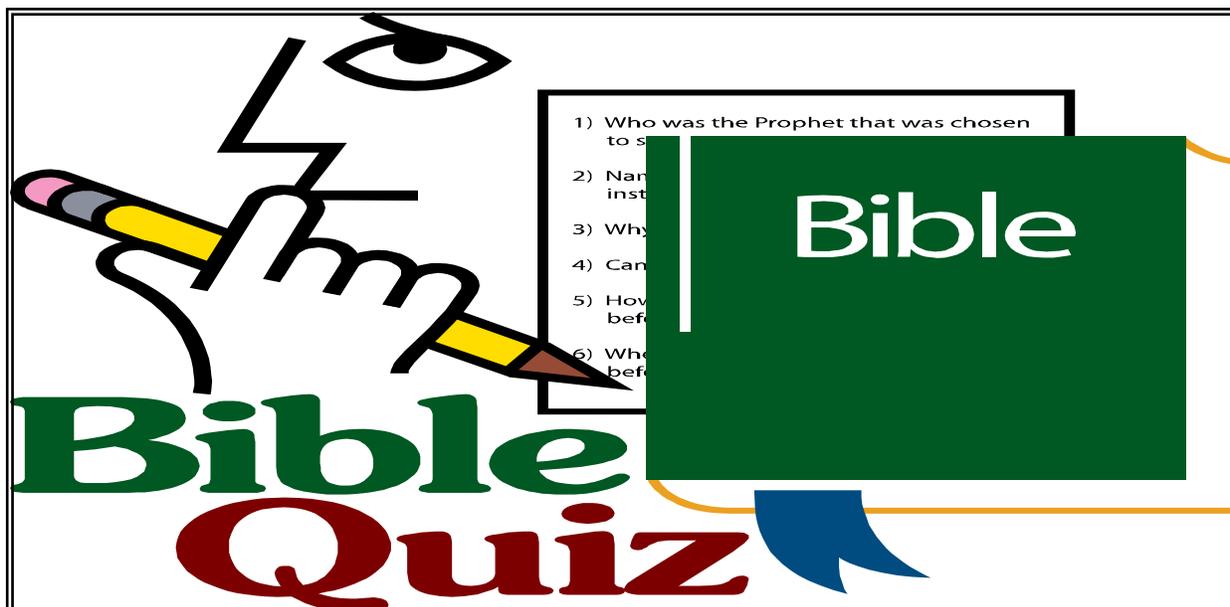
**WATERING SCHEDULE FOR CHURCH**

I need folks to sign up to help water the plants around the church this summer. A sign up schedule will be posted on the table in the Narthex. Also, look for notice of a yard work day around the church in the future. If you have any questions, contact Harriet Kulha, (724) 375-5695 or kuhlhare@comcast.net



**CLEARANCES FOR THOSE WHO WORK WITH CHILDREN**

Be watching for more information next month about the new state law that affects those who volunteer to work with children. This will impact Sunday school teachers, nursery and Jr. Church volunteers, VBS teachers and staff, and volunteers for any other activities where children are in attendance.



### HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW THE BIBLE?

By Ella Mae Spieker

How time does go by! A few more weeks and summer will officially be here even though a few days lately have seemed like summer. (I'm not complaining).

Here are the answers to May's Bible Quiz:

1) H 2) J 3) E 4) L 5) I 6) B 7) K 8) C 9) A 10) F 11) G 12) D

Since we've been learning memory verses, I thought I'd try a few to see how many you can get without the scripture references. (King James version)

1. But my God shall \_\_\_\_\_ all your \_\_\_\_\_ according to his riches in \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Be not \_\_\_\_\_; God is not \_\_\_\_\_, for whatsoever a man \_\_\_\_\_, that shall he also \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Therefore being justified by \_\_\_\_\_ we have \_\_\_\_\_ with God through our \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus Christ.
4. Cast all your \_\_\_\_\_ upon him, for he \_\_\_\_\_ for you.
5. Be careful for \_\_\_\_\_; but in \_\_\_\_\_, by prayer and supplication with \_\_\_\_\_ let your requests be made known unto \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Cast thy \_\_\_\_\_ upon the Lord, and he shall \_\_\_\_\_ thee: he shall never \_\_\_\_\_ the righteous to be \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Create in me a clean \_\_\_\_\_, O God; and \_\_\_\_\_ a right \_\_\_\_\_ within me.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ saith unto him, I am the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_: no man cometh unto the \_\_\_\_\_, but by me.
9. As ye would that \_\_\_\_\_ should do to you, do ye also to them \_\_\_\_\_.
10. For \_\_\_\_\_ so loved the \_\_\_\_\_, that he gave his only \_\_\_\_\_ Son, that \_\_\_\_\_ believeth in \_\_\_\_\_ should not \_\_\_\_\_, but have \_\_\_\_\_.

**Have a wonderful and safe summer!**

# KID'S PAGE



## A "SUNDAE" PARTY

Invite your Sunday school teacher(s) to a special thank-you celebration.

### What you need to make a card:

- 8" x 11" cardstock (or blank cards)
- Crayons or markers

### What you do:

1. Fold the cardstock like a card. On the outside, write "Thanks for being my teacher!"
2. On the inside, write a personal message and sign your name.

### Celebration options:

- Buy a gift card from a local ice cream parlor and tape it inside the card.
- Invite your Sunday school class to bring all the makings for sundaes for your teacher(s).
- Invite your teacher to an ice cream parlor or to your house to enjoy sundaes together.



## Written for our learning

Not only did God give us the Bible as his Word, but he also gives us many people to teach us his ways. Our greatest teacher is Jesus, God's Son.

*Directions: Complete Matthew 19:16-17 by filling in the blanks (using words from the Word Bank) and then unscrambling the three words and writing them on the tablets.*

### WORD BANK

ask do eternal If good good Why  
good Jesus life man One Teacher

A \_\_\_\_\_ came up to \_\_\_\_\_ and asked,  
"\_\_\_\_\_, what \_\_\_\_\_ thing must I \_\_\_\_\_  
to get \_\_\_\_\_ life?" "\_\_\_\_\_ do you  
\_\_\_\_\_ me about what is \_\_\_\_\_?" Jesus replied.  
"There is only \_\_\_\_\_ who is \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_ you want to enter \_\_\_\_\_ ...

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Matthew 19:16-17, NIV

Answers: A man came up to Jesus and asked, "Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?" "Why do you ask me about what is good?" Jesus replied. "There is only One who is good. If you want to enter life ... obey the commands."

# June 2015

Sun                  Mon                  Tue                  Wed                  Thu                  Fri                  Sat

	1	2 Women's Assoc. Mtg.-present and new members	3 Deacons @ 6:30	4	5	6
7 VBS Staff Dedic- ation	8 	9 Session 7 pm	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 Dinner & Auction of Goods and Services 6:00 pm	17	18	19	20
21 	22	23	24 Friendship Grp.	25	26	27
28	29	30				

# July 2015

Sun                  Mon                  Tue                  Wed                  Thu                  Fri                  Sat

			1	2	3	4 
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Session Mtg. @ 7	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 Presbytery Mtg.	29	30	31	