

Harmony Happenings

News of the People Who Are Harmony Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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*Harmony Evangelical Presbyterian
Church exists to boldly lead others to
become followers of Jesus Christ.*

From Pastor Jeff ...



“How can I give you up, O Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel?... My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. I will not execute my burning anger; I will not destroy Ephraim; for I am God and not a man, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath.” (Hosea 11:8-9)

I cannot recall, but I seem to remember Winston Churchill saying that he trembled to think of what would happen if God should weary of mankind. I could be wrong (I tried to find it), but I think he said it. Still, it is an uncomfortable thought. Especially at the present moment. Have our sins become so great that now His judgment has fallen upon us? Do we compound our sin with unholy rage and the desire to destroy each other? I remember how the disciples desired to destroy a Samaritan village that would not grant Jesus and them shelter because they were Jews (Luke 9:51-56). Jesus said no.

WE need to hear his “no” today. All of us. James 1:20 says “the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.” If our anger, permeated with sin always, does not produce the righteousness of God, then surely our hate does not produce it either.

We are too quick to destroy. It is our sinful nature. We need to hear Jesus “no” We need to hear God’s “no” to himself when he would not destroy Israel even though her sins deserved wrath. The Lord recoils from destruction. His compassion grows warm and tender; it increases in strength even as our sin increases. And it is this God who is in our midst.

Let us not be quick to anger, rage and destruction, especially of other people made in his image. Relationships destroyed may never be restored. Let us pray that the Lord does not weary of us; rather, let us pray that He will not stop loving us. Whatever difficulties we face, whatever dialog and decisions, let us begin by saying “I will not come in wrath.”

Focus on Missions

Supporting the Ministry of...

Feed My Sheep Food Cupboard



May Statistics: Total Family Members~ 232

Families: 119, Adults: 113, Children: 53, Seniors: 66

New Families: 30

Wish List: Brownie Mix

Josh Hayes update/ CCO

Here are two reflections from recent Impact graduates, Amy and Freddy.

“In Impact, I experienced God’s work and faithfulness through friendships built on outdoor trips. I learned to trust the Lord when given new challenges and I better understand the importance of team communication. Whether climbing, backpacking, or white-water rafting; spending time outdoors gave me the opportunity to share the joy I found there with others. It’s a blessing to see the Impact team flourish and witness the contribution it makes at Grove City College. I am thankful for my time in such a great ministry.” ~ Amy

“I joined Impact to learn about rock climbing. Yet, I am grateful that Josh kept pushing me into leadership roles. I co-led the ice climbing trip in January. It challenged me to think about things like how to lead a group in an uncomfortable environment and to plan with a co-leader who has different strengths. Because of this experience and others that Josh gave me, I feel equipped to be a capable and competent leader wherever the Lord leads me.” ~ Freddy

We have a full schedule for Impact this summer. We have three studies (Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis, Creation Regained by Al Wolters, and the Minor Prophets of Micah and Joel), a mountain bike and a backpacking training event in early July and early August respectively, and continued development of our program curriculum and training materials.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the Admissions office on two virtual events and I anticipate that I will assist the Student Life and Learning office with a virtual orientation also. Thank you for making this ministry possible. We are excited about what we’ll find around the bend.

2020 Mission Offering Schedule

Mission Offering will be collected on the second Sunday of each month excluding the months of Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas when Special Holiday Offerings will be collected.

Kirk and Sarah Irwin

APRIL 2020 During this past month we've run into more fallout over the quarantine limitations. We've had to cancel a gallery show scheduled for May – June. The two artists whose work we were going to show were offered a spot for 2021 and they both accepted. It has been great to experience the graciousness of people in our community in the face of dealing with this mandatory isolation.

The deadline for the weekly bulletin is Thursday at 5:00 pm. The newsletter deadline for the August/ September issue of the *Harmony Happenings* is Wednesday, July 29. Thank you notes, articles, and information for the “News of the People” column need to be submitted in writing to the office or sent as an attachment to harmonyepc@zoominternet.net.

Greeters Schedule



Worship will continue in the sanctuary through the summer. If you wish to serve as a greeter before and after worship, please call the church office and your name will be added to the schedule. If you are scheduled to greet and you cannot, notify the church office two weeks in advance; please call 724-735-2854 or you may also send an email to harmonyepc@zoominternet.net. Thank you!

Greeter Schedule

Greeters may stand at the elevator entrance or the back of the sanctuary from 10:45am – 11:00am and at the close of worship. Greeters may be singles, couples, or families.

Greeters will need to welcome people with love even while maintaining social distancing. They will need to direct guests to appropriate seating, approximately every other pew. We want everyone to be safe and to feel safe.

July

- 5 Ron and Mary Lou Phipps
- 12 Pastor Jeff, Pam, and Family
- 19 Dane and Carol Sloan
- 26 Jerry and Harriet Grossman

August

- 2 John and Marge Elmer
- 9 Veronica Norcross and Diane Hyatt
- 16 Joe and Patty Ridley
- 23 Pastor Jeff, Pam, and Family
- 30 Ralph and Maggie Oakes

September

- 6 Ron and Mary Lou Phipps
- 13 Jon and Becky Miller
- 20 Ralph and Maggie Oakes
- 27 Dane and Carol Sloan

October

- 4 John and Marge Elmer
- 11 Ron and Mary Lou Phipps
- 18 Jon and Becky Miller
- 25 Dane and Carol Sloan

November

- 1 Joe and Patty Ridley
- 8 Ralph and Maggie Oakes

Thank you to all who serve as greeters!

Board Meetings

- Deacons** meet on the **Second Thursday** @ 7:00pm
- Session** meets on the **Third Monday** @ 7:00pm.
- Trustees** meet on the **Fourth Monday** @ 8:00pm.

Birthdays in April and May

Happy Birthday!

June Birthdays: 1st – Christiana Jones; 4th – Mitchell Robinson; 5th – Gene Isacco; 11th – Linda Stirling; 21st – Jennifer Robinson; 25th – Lindsey Flynn & Colt Sloan; 27th – Becky Compton; 29th – Jeff Jones

July Birthdays: 1st – Leah Hensley; 9th – Vonda Lumley & Ed Arnold; 12th – Sarah McCandless; 14th – Shawna Mershimer & Becky Sopher; 16th – Jerry Grossman; 18th – Emeline McCoy; 20th – Alan Smith; 24th – Donna Hogg & Don Lumley; 27th – Cassie Clouse; 28th – Bob Burnett; 30th – Grace Rudish

Please let us know if we missed your birthday. If you want to be added to the list, call the church office at 724-735-2854. Thank you.

Upcoming Events

Evangelism Committee Events for the second half of 2020:

We are looking toward marching in the 4th of July parade in Harrisville carrying a banner.

A camp fire, hotdog roast, and sing-a-long is being planned for August.

The outdoor service will occur on September 13. 1st responders will be invited and recognized. Food is being planned.

See weekly bulletin for more details.

Expressions of Gratitude

Harmony Church Family,

Thank you for the generous gift and everything you have done for me and my family over the years. All of you gave me wisdom to grow up with God at the front of my life and I will continue to do that as I start the next chapter of my life.

Blessings,
Lillian Hensley

To my family at Harmony Church,

I owe you all a great deal of thanks, not only for the kindness you've shown me with the graduation gift and letter, but for over 20 years of love, support, and teaching. As I grew up in the church, many of you not only watched me grow, but also helped me grow and taught me how to live a genuine life of Christian faith. Even while I was (not far) away at college, I was always reminded of your caring through calls and packages. Any time I would visit the church on a Sunday, I was met with the kindness and interest of family.

I'm not an especially eloquent speaker or writer, but I don't think words express my gratitude for you all and your role in my life. You are my family, and I do hope to see you soon. Thank you again for the gift and words of encouragement.

Luke Hensley

Thank you so much for your support as I graduate and go on to Kent State University! It was very considerate and appreciated. I am very excited for this new chapter of my life.

Thanks again,
Amber Flynn

Thank you so much for your support as I completed nursing school. It was very thoughtful and much appreciated. I am excited to see what the nursing world has to offer me through my new job in home health and as I continue my education at SRU in the fall to get my BSW.

Lindsey Flynn

Dear friends at Harmony,

We pray that you are all safe and things are doing well. The world is full of so many problems and many of the problems keep changing our plans. We do want to thank you for your support, Please continue to pray that God will lead us day by day.

Blessings,
Leah and Don Vander Ploeg

Thank you for your recent donation to "Feed My Sheep" Food Cupboard. The need for assistance by many families in this area continues. The food and monetary contributions we are receiving from individual, businesses, schools, and churches make it possible for us to respond to these needs.

Last month 142 families were served including 30 new families coming for their first visit.

Our volunteer workers appreciate the support you are helping to provide. As you are contributing to welfare of others, may God's blessing be with you.

Gratefully yours,
Shirley Osburn/ Secretary

Please see the Thank You Card on the Bulletin Board in the church Fellowship Hall for handwritten expressions of gratitude from the ladies at the Hope Place!

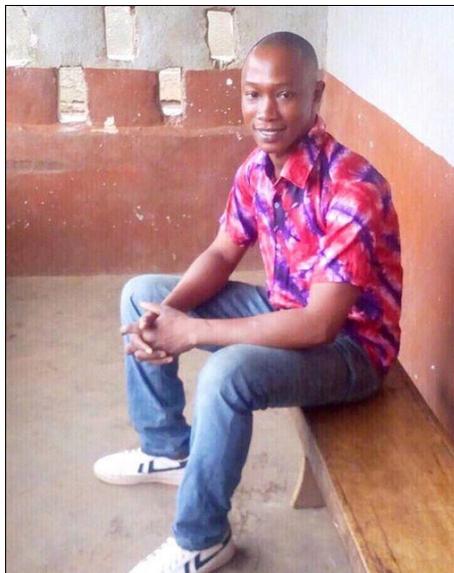
Missions

EDUNATIONS IMPLEMENTS HOME-SCHOOLING PROGRAM

In an attempt to decrease the spread of COVID-19 throughout Sierra Leone, the government ordered that schools be closed starting on March 31. Undaunted, EduNations immediately implemented a home-schooling program for our national examination candidates. The program was needed because our students live in remote villages where there is no access to the radio-teaching program provided by the national government as preparation for the National Primary School Examinations (NPSE) and Basic Education Certificate Examinations (BECE) 2020.

As part of the home-schooling program, EduNations assigned students to 98 teachers for personal tutoring. Each teacher was assigned to visit one to three students for 2-3 hours at a time, three days per week to help the student in their study and examination preparations. The teachers are working with a clearly defined strategic study plan for each student to assure strong preparedness for the exams in July 2020.

Study materials are based on school curriculum and a collection of past external examination papers. Although the home schooling has been additional work for EduNations' teachers and administrators, we are hopeful that EduNations students will continue the history of excellent results in this year's national exams.



EduNations

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It's **#TeacherTuesday!** Meet this week's featured teacher.

1. What is your name? My name is Alpha.
2. What school do you teach in? I teach at EduNations Hope Academy Primary School Fintonia.
3. What school subject do you teach? I am the Head Master and a teacher of all subjects.
4. What do you like to do in your free time? I like reading novels and listening to the radio.
5. What is your favorite part about being a teacher? My favorite part about being a teacher is imparting knowledge to the pupils.

Name _____

The Twelve Apostles During Christ's Mortal Life (see Luke 6:4-16)

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Peter

Andrew

James

John

Philip

Bartholomew

Mathew

Thomas

James Alphaeus

Simon

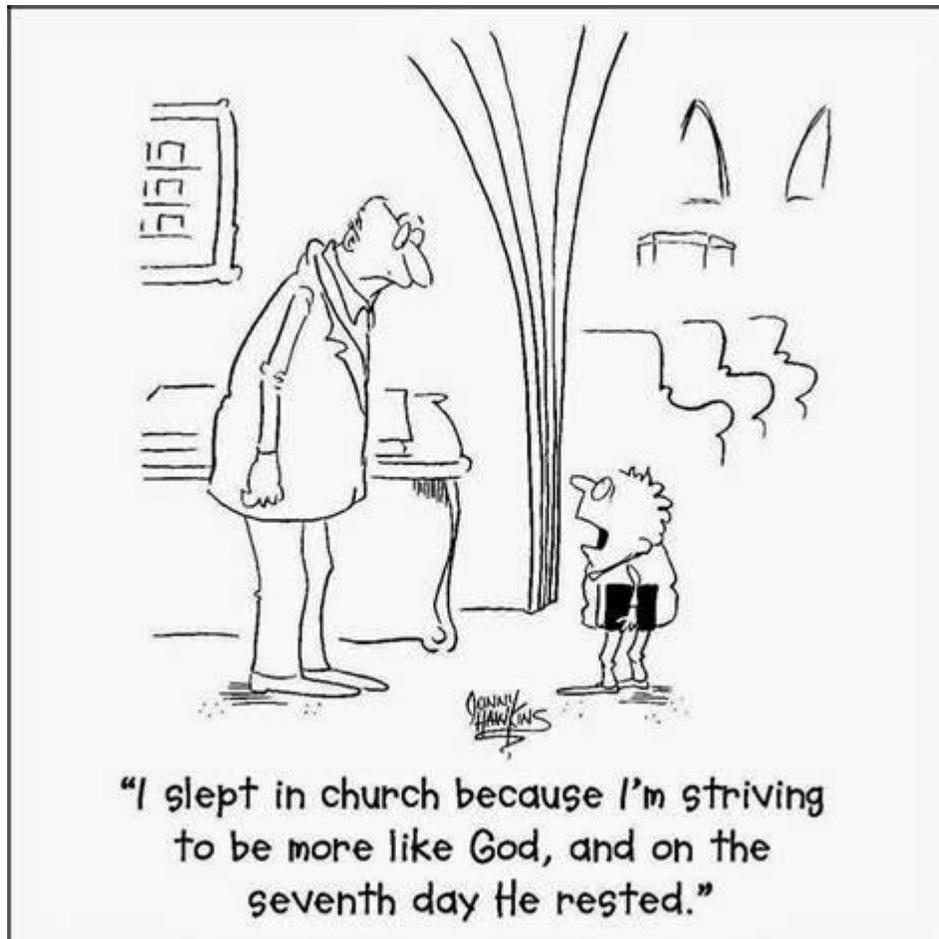
Judas

Judas Iscariot

SIX LITTLE STORIES WITH LOTS OF MEANINGS

- (1) Once all villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer, all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. That is faith.
- (2) When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. That is trust.
- (3) Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set the alarms to wake up. That is hope.
- (4) We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. That is confidence.
- (5) We see the world suffering, but still, we get married and have children. That is love.
- (6) On an old man's shirt was written a sentence "I am not 80 years old; I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience." That is attitude.

Have a happy day and live your life like these six stories. Remember – Good friends are the rare jewels of life, difficult to find and impossible to replace!!



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Come & Worship With Us!

9:45 am – Sunday School

11:00 am – Worship

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