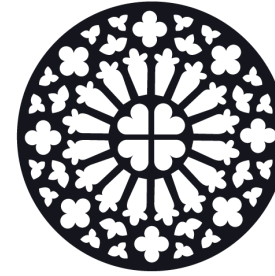


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 from the Pastor...

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“It’s Time to Draw Near to God”

“Draw near to God and he will draw near to you” (James 4:8). That has to be one of the most amazing and surprising verses in the entire Bible. Does God really say that *I* can draw near to Him? And *God* will then draw near to *me*? Me, waiting in a long line of cars at Starbucks in the morning? Me, in the midst of a difficult phone conversation at the office? Me, as I drive home at the end of the day— worn out, tired, sour and grumpy? Me, as I crawl under the sheets at night? Yes, my Heavenly Father wants me to draw near to Him, with the glorious promise that He will draw near to me. And if that is true, and it is, then that is one of the most wonderful truths in all of life. But what does it mean?

To draw near to God means that God is inviting us to move close to Him. God is inviting us to commune with Him and enjoy Him and honor Him and draw strength from Him in our thoughts, in our hearts. He welcomes us into His nearness: “The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth” (Psalm 145:18).

The good news is that calling upon the Lord in truth--- not in perfection, but in Christ--- we will never find God’s door closed. He is not stand-offish and aloof, carelessly gazing upon us from the other side of the universe. No, He loves to draw near to His people--- ordinary, sinful people like you and me. Even when He sees His prodigal children moving in His direction, He runs out to meet us (Luke 15:20).

So you can draw near to Him. You can draw near to Him in praise, in need, in agony, in joy, in gratitude, in sin, in sadness, in perplexity, in confusion, in all the conditions of life. Draw near to God with faith and repentance. Draw near to God through the finished work of Christ on the cross. Draw near to God with boldness, with reverence, and delight yourself in the overflowing pleasures of God’s glorious nearness.

So, as the fall descends upon us like a tidal wave of hurry and flurry, can you and I seize time to simply be near God, asking Him to show us the glory of Jesus and all that He is worth to us? Spiritual conversations with spiritual friends can help. Music can help too. God has many ways to refresh His people, as they all help us to behold the glory of Jesus in whose nearness there is comfort and joy and love and delight.

Please don’t think for a moment that I cannot sympathize with the busyness of life and the struggles (a battle actually) to maintain a strong and vibrant walk with Christ. I can. There are *many* things I regularly become weary with. But according to James 4:8 my only non-negotiable is that I must draw near to Him, and I also must help as many as I can to walk more closely with Him to experience His nearness. The truth is if we will draw near to God and help as many others draw near to Him, we’ll be a wildly successful church in God’s eyes, because that is ultimately what He cares about. Close, vital, regular, daily and rich communion with God— let’s go after it! Let’s talk about it. Let’s care about it. Again, the promise of Scripture is radically basic and surprisingly clear, “Draw near to God and he will draw near to you.”

In Him,
Billy



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NEWS FROM THE FAMILY OF FAITH**In Memory Of****Harriett Johnson**

Memorial

Jerry & MaryAnn Berty

Barbara Richmond

Children/VBS

Edward & Margaret Condon

**DEADLINE FOR THE NOVEMBER
MESSENGER IS OCTOBER 15th.**

United With the Church Triumphant**FUNERALS**

On Friday Saturday, September 16, 2023, the Rev. Dr. William Younger presided over a memorial service for **Jacqui Painter Shor**, who joined the Church Triumphant on May 19, 2023.

BAPTISMS

Baptized on Sunday, September 24, 2023, **Jermaine Lamont Thomas Brown** and **Deandre Jamier Michael Brown**, sons of Janine Lynn Pitner and grandsons of Tom and Linda Pitner. The baptism was officiated by Rev. Dr. William Younger, with assistance from Elder Megan Sutton.

A TIME FOR STEWARDSHIP

October is the KICK-OFF month for the annual Fall Campaign of the Covenant Fund 2024.

The song “*Turn! Turn! Turn!*” became a hit for The Byrds in 1965. It reached back 2000 years to Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 for its understanding of time and life’s seasons. This 60s hit continues to remind us today of these themes.

The Church of The Covenant is in another new season for our faith; resuming increased activity in our Worship, Mission, and Ministry. We sense renewed energy in every level and activity.

One tangible sign is the ‘blossoming’ of yellow pledge cards throughout the Church, in the Welcome Center, the Sanctuary, and the Covenant Center. The planning of new goals and projects in every realm of God’s works opens opportunities in faith for all of us.

Take these pledge cards and make good use of them. Consider the time, the season, and the changes that God uses to lead us to support his work and Christ’s ways.

MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITY

It is always a blessing to accept new members into our family of faith and the next opportunity is scheduled in November. Interested individuals will gather on **Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 6:30 pm in the dining room** to learn more about our church and what membership means. Those who choose to become official members of The Church of the Covenant will be **received by the Session on Monday, November 14th at 6:15** just prior to their monthly meeting and **then received by the congregation on Sunday, November 20th at the 11:00 am** Celebration of Worship.

If you, or someone you know, wishes to become a member of the church please contact Debi Nicoella – 724-222-0190 x 111 or churchoftheco@comcast.net.

THE CARNAHAN LIBRARY

Dedicated on 11/1/09 to the memory of Thomas Dorrington Carnahan II, Thomas Dorrington Carnahan III, George Kirk Carnahan and to the glory of God.

*The Carnahan Library is in Room 308, the first room on the right as you enter the third-floor hallway from the elevator. The card catalog will help you to locate a book by author, title, or subject. The Library Committee thanks the donors of the books described below. *Indicates a new book.*

The following three books were purchased and donated by Barb Knight in memory of the late Kathy Teagarden. The Beartown series – which inspired an HBO series of the same name – follows the small hockey town’s residents as they grapple with change, pain, hope, and redemption.

***Beartown** (Novel 1) by Fredrik Backman. A tiny community deep in the forest, Beartown hasn’t been the best at anything in a long time. At an old ice rink that stands down by the lake, Kevin, Amat, Benji and the rest of the junior ice hockey team are about to compete in the national semifinals – and they actually have a shot at winning. All the hopes and dreams of this place now rest on the shoulders of a handful of teenage boys. Under that heavy burden, the semifinal match becomes the catalyst for a violent act that will leave a young girl traumatized and a town in turmoil. This is a story about a town and a game, but even more about loyalty, commitment, and the responsibility of friendship.

***Us Against You** (Novel 2) by Fredrik Backman. The residents of Beartown are tough, hardworking people who don’t expect life to be easy or fair. They have been able to take pride in their local ice hockey team, especially when they are victorious over their longtime rivals in the neighboring town. Just when it seems that Beartown Ice Hockey might be disbanded due to the defection of their best players, the team gets a surprising new coach – and a chance at a comeback. Bringing the team together, however, proves to be a challenge as old bonds are broken, new ones are formed, and the bitterness between adversaries threatens to turn into violence. With immense compassion and insight, Fredrik Backman reveals how loyalty, friendship, and kindness can carry a town through its most challenging days.

***The Winners** (Novel 3) by Fredrik Backman. Maya Anderson and Benji Ovich, two young people who left in search of a life far from their hometown, come home and joyfully reunite with their closest childhood friends. They can see how much Beartown has changed and now has a fresh sense of optimism. Two years have passed since the events that no one wants to think about occurred. The destruction caused by a ferocious late-summer storm reignites the old rivalry between Beartown and the neighboring town of Hed, a rivalry that has always been fought through their ice hockey teams. Maya’s parents are caught up in an investigation of the hockey club’s murky finances, and Amat – once the star of the Beartown team – has lost his way after suffering an injury and failure to be drafted into the NHL. Simmering tensions between the two towns turn into acts of intimidation and then violence. All the while, a fourteen-year-old boy grows increasingly alienated from the hockey-obsessed community and seeks revenge on the people he holds responsible for his beloved sister’s death. *The Winners* novel asks us to consider what it means to win, what it means to lose, and what it means to forgive.

***The Nazi Conspiracy** by Brad Meltzer and Josh Mensch was purchased and donated by Barb Knight in memory of the late Kathy Teagarden. This novel is the little-known true story of a Nazi plot to kill FDR, Joseph Stalin, and Winston Churchill at the height of World War II. In 1943, as the war against Nazi Germany raged abroad, President Franklin Roosevelt had a critical goal: a face-to-face sit-down with his allies Joseph Stalin and Winston Churchill. This first-ever meeting of the Big Three in Tehran, Iran, would decide some of the most critical strategic details of the war. When the Nazis found out about the meeting, their own secret plan took shape – an assassination plot that would have changed history. This is a true story filled with daring rescues, body doubles, and political intrigue.

7 Men and 7 Women and the Secret of Their Greatness by Eric Metaxas was donated by Linda Grimm. What makes a great person great? This edition combines two works by Metaxas and tells the story of fourteen individuals who changed the course of history and shaped the world in astonishing ways. George Washington guided his country to independence. William Wilberforce steered the fight to end the slave trade. Teenage Joan of Arc heard God’s command and led the French army to a mighty victory. Jackie Robinson endured the threats and abuse of racism with dignity to become a famous baseball player. Corrie ten Boom risked her life to hide Jews from the Nazis, survived the horrors of a concentration camp and forgave her tormentors years later. The lives profiled here reveal the secret to a life of greatness – by responding to the call to live for something greater than oneself.

The following books were donated anonymously.

Trusting God: A Life Without Worry by Margaret Feinberg. Is it possible to live life without worry? This 12-week Bible study looks at men and women who faced challenging situations and impossible odds but discovered the power of relying on God every step of the way. As we learn to depend on God in everything, as worry and stress disappear, we discover new things about God, life, and others that we never imagined. Whether it is Noah leading a herd of wild creatures on a wooden boat, Abraham venturing into the great unknown, or Ruth embarking on an unforgettable love story, we are reminded that the same God who led, guided, and protected them, also leads, guides, and protects us too.

Hush by James Patterson and Candice Fox. Before her incarceration, Harriet Blue was an unorthodox member of the Sydney Police Department who had a penchant for skirting the edges of trouble. Top cop, devoted sister, and now Inmate 3329: even prison bars won’t stop Harriet Blue from seeking justice for the murder of her brother. Prison is a dangerous place for a former cop – as Harriet Blue is learning on a daily basis. Following a fight for her life and a prison-wide lockdown, the last person she wants to see is Deputy Police Commissioner Joe Woods, the man who put her inside. But Woods is not there to gloat. His daughter Tonya and her two-year-old child have gone missing. He’s ready to offer Harriet a deal: find his family to buy her freedom. (“*Hush*” is part of the Detective Harriet Blue Series. The Library has other books by James Patterson.)

Lost by James Patterson and James O. Born. The city of Miami is Detective Tom Moon’s back yard. He has always kept it local, attending University of Miami on a football scholarship, and as a Miami PD officer, protecting the city’s most vulnerable. Now, as the new leader of an FBI task force called “Operation Guardian,” it is his mission to combat international crime. Moon’s investigative team discovers that the opportunistic “Blood Brothers” – Russian nationals Roman and Emile Rostoff – have evaded authorities while building a vast, powerful, and deadly crime syndicate throughout Europe and metropolitan Miami. Moon played offense for U of M, but he is on the other side of the field this time. And as the Rostoffs zero in on a target dear to Tom, they are not playing by anyone’s rules.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR OCTOBER

Sunday, October 1

2 Kings 17:1-18
Acts 9:36-43
Luke 5:1-11

Monday, October 2

2 Kings 17:24-41
1 Cor. 7:25-31
Matt. 6:25-34

Tuesday, October 3

2 Chron. 29:1-3; 30:1 (2-9) 10-27
1 Cor. 7:32-40
Matt. 7:1-12

Wednesday, October 4

2 Kings 18:9-25
1 Cor. 8:1-13
Matt. 7:13-21

Thursday, October 5

2 Kings 18:28-37
1 Cor. 9:1-15
Matt. 7:22-29

Friday, October 6

2 Kings 19:1-20
1 Cor. 9:16-27
Matt. 8:1-17

Saturday, October 7

2 Kings 19:21-36
1 Cor. 10:1-13
Matt. 8:18-27

Sunday, October 8

2 Kings 20:1-21
Acts 12:1-17
Luke 7:11-17

Monday, October 9

2 Kings 21:1-18
1 Cor. 10:14-11:1
Matt. 8:28-34

Tuesday, October 10

2 Kings 22:1-13
1 Cor. 11:2 (3-16) 17-22
Matt. 9:1-8

Wednesday, October 11

2 Kings 22:14-23:3
1 Cor. 11:23-34
Matt. 9:9-17

Thursday, October 12

2 Kings 23:4-25
1 Cor. 12:1-11
Matt. 9:18-26

Friday, October 13

2 Kings 23:36-24:17
1 Cor. 12:12-26
Matt. 9:27-34

Saturday, October 14

Jer. 35:1-19
1 Cor. 12:27-13:3
Matt. 9:35-10:4

Sunday, October 15

Jer. 36:1-10
Acts 14:8-18
Luke 7:36-50

Monday, October 16

Jer. 36:11-26
1 Cor. 13:(1-3) 4-13
Matt. 10:5-15

Tuesday, October 17

Jer. 36:27-37:2
1 Cor. 14:1-12
Matt. 10:16-23

Wednesday, October 18

Jer. 37:3-21
1 Cor. 14:13-25
Matt. 10:24-33

Thursday, October 19

Jer. 38:1-13
1 Cor. 14:26-33a (33b-36) 37-40
Matt. 10:34-42

Friday, October 20

Jer. 38:14-28
1 Cor. 15:1-11
Matt. 11:1-6

Saturday, October 21

Jer. 52:1-34
1 Cor. 15:12-29
Matt. 11:7-15

Sunday, October 22

Jer. 29:1, 4-14
or Jer. 39:11-40:6
Acts 16:6-15

Monday, October 23

Jer. 44:1-14
or Jer. 29:1, 4-14
1 Cor. 15:30-41

Tuesday, October 24

Lam. 1:1-5 (6-9) 10-12
or Jer. 40:7-41:3
1 Cor. 15:41-50

Wednesday, October 25

Lam. 2:8-15 or Jer. 41:4-18
1 Cor. 15:51-58
Matt. 12:1-14

Thursday, October 26

Ezra 1:1-11
or Jer. 42:1-22
1 Cor. 16:1-9

Friday, October 27

Ezra 3:1-13
or Jer. 43:1-13
1 Cor. 16:10-24

Saturday, October 28

Ezra 4:7, 11-24
or Jer. 44:1-14
Philem. 1-25

Sunday, October 29

Hag. 1:1-2:9
or Jer. 44:15-30
Acts 18:24-19:7

Monday, October 30

Zech. 1:7-17
or Jer. 45:1-5
Rev. 1:4-20

Tuesday, October 31

Ezra 5:1-17 or Lam. 1:1-5 (6-9) 10-12
Rev. 4:1-11
Matt. 13:1-9



OCTOBER PREACHING AND WORSHIP SCHEDULE

October 1, 2023

Sermon Title:
Preaching:
Scripture:
Special Notes:

(Communion) Mission Sunday/World Communion Sunday

“The Rescue”
Rev. Dr. William Younger
John 1:6-8; 19-29
Mission Sunday/World Communion Sunday



October 8, 2023

Sermon Title:
Preaching:
Scripture:
Special Notes:

“Sent to Broken People and Broken Places”
Rev. Dr. William Younger
Nehemiah 1:1-11

October 15, 2023

Sermon Title:
Preaching:
Scripture:
Special Notes:

“A Time to Act”
Rev. Dr. William Younger
Nehemiah 2:1-18
Congregational Meeting/Receiving New Members

October 22, 2023

Sermon Title:
Preaching:
Scripture:
Special Notes:

“Building the Wall”
Rev. Dr. William Younger
Nehemiah 3:1-12; 4:1,3,6-8, 14

October 29, 2023

Sermon Title:
Preaching:
Scripture:
Special Notes:

“A Light That Is So Lovely”
Rev. Dr. William Younger
Nehemiah 5:14-6:16
Reformation Sunday



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



Carol McClellan	10/1	Jill Ann Heather	10/10	Deborah Shankovich	10/19
Joshua Faust	10/1	Bruce McDowell	10/11	Michael Wagner	10/19
Travis Stolfer	10/1	Jeanne Spiegel	10/11	Lucy Johnson	10/20
Toby Cullings	10/1	Grant Braun	10/11	Gretchen Brehl	10/22
Phil Weaver	10/2	Bob Wagner	10/12	Natalie Hogleund	10/22
Sherri Vlainich	10/3	Katie Conway	10/12	Lainey Duncan	10/23
Kathy Kephart	10/4	Jonathan Crompton	10/12	Todd Bright	10/24
Jody L. Scott	10/4	Geoffrey Braun	10/12	Camille Braun	10/25
Betty Braun	10/5	Abigail Dessart	10/12	Butch Richmond	10/25
Arlene Locy	10/6	Jeremy Kluczyn	10/13	Gayla Cowden	10/25
Jonathan Pachter	10/6	Jayne Wilson	10/15	Gerald S. Smith	10/26
Chelsea Baker	10/6	Sonna Agnew	10/16	Leslie Zajdel	10/26
Elizabeth Day-Flynn	10/7	Vincent Nicolella	10/17	Lisa McMullen	10/27
Julie Kelley	10/7	Colton Scott	10/17	Anna Belle Jefferies	10/29
Natalie Ewbank	10/7	Jeffery Legler	10/18	James Heather	10/30
John DeFrancesco	10/8	Brandie Ewbank	10/18	Jennifer Barletta	10/30
Amy Rigal	10/8	Eric Meyers	10/19	Toni Hoover	10/31

HANDS AND HEARTS OPPORTUNITIES FOR FALL

Veteran Recognition

Hands and Hearts would like to recognize members of our church family who have served or are active-duty military this coming Veteran’s Day. If you or someone you know who attends the Church of the Covenant is a veteran or is currently serving in the Armed Forces, please contact Linda Grimm or Mary Wichterman by phone or text at 724-263-7911 or 724-809-5017.

PILL BOTTLE COLLECTION IS BACK!

Hands and Hearts is once again collecting pill bottles for Matthew25 Ministries in Cincinnati, OH for use in the developing world. A friend of the congregation has graciously offered to deliver the pill bottle collection by vehicle periodically throughout the year, thus defraying the cost of mailing. Only pill bottles that are clean and free of any label or glue will be accepted. They **must** be placed in clear zip lock storage bags marked “Clean Bottles”. No others can be accepted. Any questions about this ministry, please contact Linda Grimm at 724-263-7911.



BLUE CHRISTMAS PLANNING MEETING

The Blue Christmas planning committee will meet **Thursday, October 6th at 7:00 pm in the Dining Room**. The Blue Christmas service has become an annual event that is designed to offer comfort to those experiencing a life loss (death of loved one, loss of job, loss or change in friendship). If interested, please plan to attend the meeting on October 6th. Contact Pat Boyer at 724-225-5374 with any questions.



FELLOWSHIP OF CONCERN

For prayer support or to join this ministry, call the church office. Please contact the Fellowship of Concern to give the names of those who are in need of prayer for health or other reasons. The names will then be called or emailed to the church members who pray daily for others. Prayer request forms are available in each pew. Completed forms may be placed in the offering basket.

PARISH NURSE CORNER

Diabetes and healthy eating is important to maintaining control over this chronic disease. Good diabetes self-care means following your meal plan and keeping track of what you eat and drink. Some tips to follow: eat a variety of foods in the right amounts; check food labels for calorie, carbs, total fat and sodium; eat regularly; match what you eat with your activity level. Talk with your health care provider, nutritionist or diabetes educator if you have any questions. Meal planning support can also be found at Cornerstones4Care.com. Linda Grimm, RN (724-777-9240) or stop by Room 302 on Sunday morning. Reminder: BP screenings each week. Good health to all!



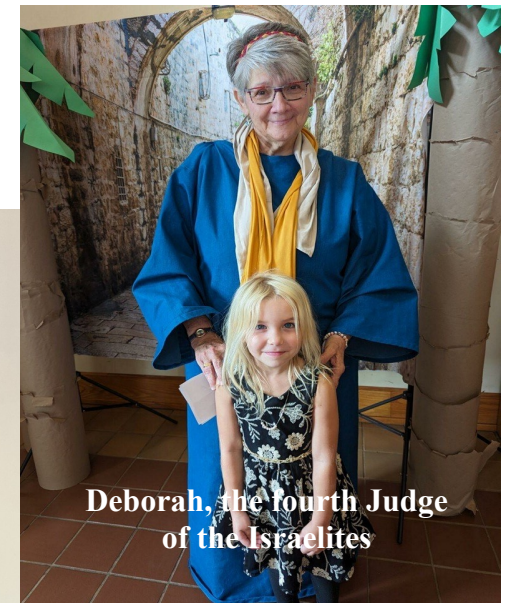
The Bible has some Cool Characters



Miriam, keeping watch as Baby Moses lies hidden in the reeds



Grown-up Moses showing how he led his people to safety



Deborah, the fourth Judge of the Israelites



David and Goliath

KICK-OFF SUNDAY!!!

Thank you to everyone who helped with Kick-Off Sunday. From the opening testimonies, music and singing, phenomenal candy station and interactive Bible characters you all helped make today fun for all.

And a HUGE thank-you to Yvonne who inflated a million or so balloons, Christian Education who decorated the Commons with a “Middle-Eastern” look and held a Disco Ball party in the Dining Room with candy stations, the folks who dressed up as biblical characters and interacted with kids, and our fabulous guest musicians, Jackson, Isaiah and Rob, who rocked it in the 9:00 service AND at 11:00!

Building Our Faith Generation to Generation



Queen Esther, who saved her people from the plotting Vizier



COVENANT CONNECTIONS HOUR FOR KIDS, TEENS AND PARENTS

COVENANT KIDS

Classes for kids, listed each week in the bulletin:

- 10:00 AM Covenant Kids Elementary 3-5 Room 212
- 10:00 AM Covenant Kids K-2 Room 210
- 10:00 AM Covenant Kids Preschool Covenant Kids Room

Where kids learn how to apply bible lessons to everyday life.

Leaders: Pre K -Rebecca Aizupitis;
K-2 -Lois Core
3-5 - Jess Ullum, Katie Merry & Brian Merry



TEENS

Group for Youth, Middle & high school

10:00 AM IMPACT Youth Room

Teens join together for Bible discussions, service projects and fellowship.



ADULTS

10:00 AM Book Study - Adult Spiritual Development. Room 306
10:00 AM Video Study - “The Chosen” Parlor

Leaders: Andy Klucznan (Book Study)
George Jones (Video Study)

PARENTS

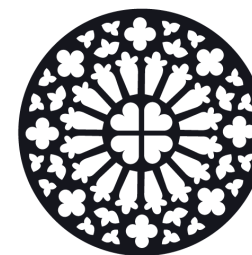
10:00 AM Parent Gathering Room 211

Where parents can have genuine discussions and studies to help us be the best parents for our kids.

Leaders: Bonnie Saffell; Heidi Gottron



Covenant Fund for 2024 Kicks Off Sunday October 9th



Please be aware that the 2024 Covenant Fund Campaign will officially kick off on Sunday, October 9th. In the meantime, please begin to pray and think about your commitment to pledge and support the operation and missions of the church in 2024. On behalf of the Stewardship Committee, thank you in advance for your faithful consideration, which is essential to ensure the sustainability of all we do here at The Church of The Covenant, now and in the future.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

DEDICATION OF THE RENOVATED CHURCH PARLOR, OCT. 8TH, 12 NOON

The Parlor Renovation Team is pleased to announce the dedication of the renovated Parlor. You are invited to the Rededication Sunday, Oct 8th, immediately following the 11am service. There will be a brief rededication service, followed by light refreshments.

Members of the Parlor Renovation Committee were: Connie Hornickel, Pat Boyer, Connie Simon, Karen Simonini, Ralph Farabee, Cyndi Barney and, prior to his retirement, the Rev. Dr. Stu Broberg.

PW IN THE WASHINGTON PRESBYTERY - FALL GATHERING

The Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering is set for Thursday, October 12, 2023, from 9:00 AM to noon, at Faith United Presbyterian Church's lower level. There will be time for sharing and networking. The speaker is Sarah Angelo from Resurrection Power; worship, and election/installation of officers will take place. You may win a prize or take home a raffle basket! There will be refreshments and fun!

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

FAMILY CHALLENGE RETURNS!

The Annual Family Challenge returns on October 22 at 5:00 pm. Gather your family and friends and gear up for another night of fun competitions. The evening is filled with goofy games and challenges that will stretch your skills and talents.

TUESDAY SPEAKER SERIES CONTINUES UNTIL OCT. 24th

Our 2023 Tuesday Night Speaker Series continues with Dr. John Burgess, Professor of Systematic Theology at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Dr. Burgess has written extensively on the Christian church in Germany and Russia. This series will introduce participants to the life and thought of the great Protestant theologian of the twentieth century, Dietrich Bonhoeffer. He was one of the few theologians in Germany to speak out against the Nazis. Eventually, he was arrested and hanged. Come and learn more about this brave man.



PINE SPRINGS WOMEN IN THE WOODS

Women in the Woods is a retreat designed to be physically and spiritually refreshing for women of all ages. The teaching will be incredible, and the retreat will be packed with great singing, fun, laughter and fellowship. The retreat will run from Friday, October 6th to Saturday evening October 7th, culminating with a special dinner celebration. Consider a Women in the Woods retreat for you, your church, or just bring a friend and join us! For more information, and to register visit <https://www.pinesprings.org/women-in-the-woods>



PINE SPRINGS CAMP ~ THE BIG ONE
OCTOBER 20-22

The BIG one is an amazing way to experience a retreat at Pine Springs Camp! Packaged like a student conference, the BIG one invites students in grades 6-12 for a retreat full of evangelism, fellowship, discipleship, worship and a whole lot of fun—Pine Springs Camp style. The weekend is packed with activities, games, entertainment, worship, teaching, friends and fun. This experience is great for individual campers and youth groups! Want to catch a glimpse of what the Big One is like? Make sure you plan to attend The BIG one from Friday October 20th - Sunday October 22nd! For more information, and to register, visit <https://www.pinesprings.org/the-big-one>.

PRESCHOOL NEWS

PRESCHOOL UPDATE

Of course everyday is special at Preschool! We are making new friends, reconnecting with last year's friends and just love being a kiddo all wrapped up in God's love! We are happy to have 146 families walk through our church preschool's doors and into a wonderful Christian learning experience. We are so blessed!

With the Endowment Scholarships and the Dittman Lutes fund this year we are able to help five families whose hearts want their children to attend the Preschool-- Once again another blessing that this can occur.

Our first month of schooling was fantastic. Our Preschool is an awesome mission to have here at the church. Please feel free to stop and pay us a visit during the week or maybe walk through on a Sunday to see and feel the excitement that is within these walls. A smile will appear on your beautiful face for the day!

Miss Camille



YOUTH AND TEEN NEWS

IMPACT YOUTH

Thank you for your generous support to our Cheer Bucket program. Cheer Buckets are given to kids who are admitted to Washington Hospital. IMPACT youth were able to deliver 15 buckets in July and another 17 buckets in September. The donations also included items that were donated during VBS. Our next delivery will be December 1st. If you would like to donate to this program, items needed are: crayons, markers, coloring books, small toys or puzzles, stickers, small stuffed animals or anything that is easy to play with sitting down.

