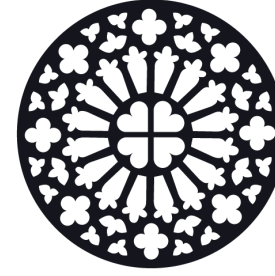


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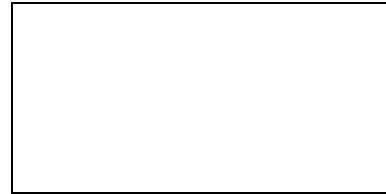
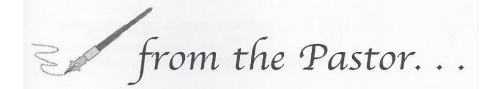


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10:00 - 11:00 am

**Spiritual development time
for children and adults**
Church Office Hours
Mon.-Fri. 9:00 a.m. - 3:00

Dear Church Family,

What has you worried? What is making you anxious? What are you most scared to lose? Are you grieving? Are you lonely? Are you angry? Are you bored? Are you tired? With each new war, or rumor of war, do you ever wonder if we are living in the end times? So, what should we do with our constant questions, thoughts, doubts, feelings and fears?

The answer of Christianity is not a technique, it is not a formula, it is not a method. The answer of Christianity is a person. The answer is always Jesus: Look to Jesus! Run to Jesus! Fall on Jesus! I recently read this quote in *Humble Calvinism*, by J.A Medders, and it led me to worship and to rest in Jesus. I pray it will do the same for you in whatever moment this May edition of The Messenger finds you.

“Jesus literally holds the entire universe together, and yet he’s never too busy for me. My Jesus walked on a Galilean sea, in the middle of a raging storm, and acted like it was no big deal. And another time, he told the wind and waves that enough was enough: “Be still!” I can’t even get my dog to sit.

In the town of Cana, a groom failed to bring enough wine for the wedding after-party—a big embarrassing social no-no. Instead of running to the corner store, Jesus turned water into wine, showcasing his glory and his kindness for this failing newlywed. Jesus helps failures. Jesus is there in the crisis.

When I hear a noise in my backyard at two in the morning, I just hope it’s the neighborhood cat. Darkness and danger terrify me, but not Jesus. Our Lord went toe-to-toe with the demonic powers. Jesus stood up to these ancient bullies as they controlled and hurt men, women, and children. One command from Jesus, and the demons scurried like roaches in the light.

Though fully God—not God junior, diet God, or bargain basket God—Jesus really did let Roman soldiers nail iron spikes into his body. My Jesus did that for me. For my sins. Angels worship him, the universe depends on him, and he died for me.

Jesus became a cold corpse on a slab, but he refused to stay that way. He guaranteed he would rise from the dead and he did. His heart started pumping, his brainstem fired back on, and his central nervous system booted up. He lives. And he is alive in heaven, inviting us to go to him, to believe in him, to follow him and to enjoy him.

When I am unfaithful, he’s faithful. When I’m clueless, he’s patient. When I’m lost, he brings me back. When I’m confused, he’s clarifying. When I’m forgetful, he’s steady. Though there are times when I am embarrassed to talk about him, he is not ashamed to call me his brother, friend, co-heir.

Jesus doesn’t use an iron fist to lead us or intimidate us into following him. Jesus transforms us: he removes the blinders, and we see what the angels long to peer into. Jesus is realistic about our abilities. We lose our keys and can’t remember where we parked our car. There is no way we can manage our salvation. He keeps us. He’s got us.”

Soli deo gloria,

Pastor Billy

NEWS FROM THE FAMILY OF FAITH



United With the Church Triumphant

On Saturday, March 30, 2024, **Ronald G. Braden** joined the Church Triumphant . A funeral service was held at William G. Neal Funeral Home on Monday, April 8th, officiated by Rev. Dr. William Younger. Interment followed at Washington Cemetery.

In Memory Of

Patty Murphy

- Rick and Janet Nevin
- William H. Powell
- James and Kathryn Barnes
- Betty Braun
- Perry and Paula Lane
- Dave, Carol & Andrew McClellan

David Murphy

- Rick and Janet Nevin
- William H. Powell
- Perry and Paula Lane

Anna Belle Jeffries

- Rick and Janet Nevin

Shirley Desmond

- Gina Johnston
- T, Jean Piatt
- Rick and Janet Nevin

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MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR BETTY LOU ENGLE

The memorial service for Betty Lou Hickman Engle will be held on May 11, 2024 at 1 PM at The Church of the Covenant, 267 E. Beau St., Washington, PA. The interment for family will be immediately following at the Prosperity Cemetery, 25 Church Lane, Prosperity, PA.

BAPTISM

On April 21, 2024, **Jackson Robert Carl**, born September 1, 2023, was baptized. Rev. Dr. William Younger officiated at the baptism, assisted by Elder Joan McCrory. Jackson is the infant son of Chad and Melina Carl.

THANK YOU NOTE

Thank you for the lily that was brought here. I was sorry I missed her (the deacon who delivered the Easter lily). Tell her I thank her and appreciated it so much.

Sally Corwin

DEADLINE FOR THE JUNE MESSENGER is MAY 15th.

THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH OF THE COVENANT

Congratulations and a warm welcome to the newest members of our family of faith! We are blessed to have you as official members of our family of faith! Our new brothers and sisters in Christ are:

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| Lisa Caprpenter | Zachary Hornyak |
| Courtney Ruch | Dan and Sarah Irwin |
| Debbie Lucas | Jason and Megan Sonson |
| Suzanne Weimer | and children Landon and Adalynn |



Treasured VBS: Discovering You are Priceless to God

Each year, the VBS Team is so overwhelmed and grateful for the prayers and support of our generous congregation. YOU truly help us make VBS a success. We kindly ask for your continued support for our 165+ kids as they discover God's greatest treasure!



Scan the QR code for our Amazon wish list of needed supplies.

Email us for requested items and to select a day to donate.

Donate a home-made or store-bought breakfast item for volunteers!

Sign up to volunteer during VBS week! www.churchofthecov.org/post/vbs2024. There are so many ways to get involved –from helping to make coffee one morning, prepping snacks for our Friday celebration, and much more!

Email us at churchofcov.vbs@gmail.com or contact Amy Dille at 724-678-4456.

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 Library books.

*Indicates a new book.

****The Women*** by Kristin Hannah is a new addition purchased with Library funds. “Women can be heroes.” When twenty-year-old nursing student Frances “Frankie” McGrath hears these words, it is a revelation. Raised in the sun-drenched, idyllic world of Southern California and sheltered by her conservative parents, she has always prided herself on doing the right thing. But in 1963, the world is changing, and she suddenly dares to imagine a different future for herself. When her brother ships out to serve in Vietnam, she joins the Army Nurse Corps and follows his path. As green and inexperienced as the men sent to Vietnam to fight, Frankie is overwhelmed by the chaos and destruction of war. Each day is a gamble of life and death; hope and betrayal; friendships that run deep and that can be shattered in an instant. War is just the beginning for Frankie and her veteran friends. The real battle lies in coming home to a changed and divided America, to angry protestors, and to a country that wants to forget Vietnam. *The Women* shines a light on all women whose sacrifice and commitment to their country has too often been forgotten. (The Library has other books by Kristin Hannah.)

The Stranger in the Lifeboat by Mitch Albom was donated by Nancy McCreight. Adrift in a raft after a deadly explosion, ten people struggle for survival at sea. Short on food, water, and hope, they spot a mysterious man floating in the waves. They pull him in. “Thank the Lord we found you,” a passenger says. “I *am* the Lord,” the man whispers. The author ponders the question of divine intervention. What would we do if God—or someone claiming to be God—actually answered our call? Would we accept it? Would our belief be based on the stranger’s appearance—or our own desperation? Mitch Albom weaves a web of fast-paced mysteries that jump time and keep us guessing. The story is narrated by a lonely passenger named Beni, who recounts the events in a notebook that is discovered a year later when an empty life raft washes up on the island of Montserrat. It falls to the island’s chief inspector, Jarry LeFleur, a man battling his own demons, to solve the mystery of what really happened out at sea. *The Stranger in a Lifeboat* is an uplifting story that will leave you examining your own beliefs, while suggesting that answers to our prayers may be found where we least expect them. (The Library has other books by Mitch Albom.)

The following books were donated anonymously.

The Henna Artist by Alika Joshi. Escaping from an arranged and abusive marriage, seventeen-year-old Lakshmi makes her way from a 1950’s rural village to the vibrant city of Jaipur. There she becomes the henna artist and confidante, most in demand by the wealthy women of the upper class. But trusted with the secrets of the wealthy, she can never reveal her own. Known for her original designs and sage advice, Lakshmi must tread carefully to avoid the jealous gossips who could

ruin her reputation and her livelihood. As she pursues her dream of an independent life, she is startled one day when she is confronted by her husband, who has tracked her down many years later with a high-spirited young girl in tow—a sister Lakshmi never knew she had. Suddenly the caution that she has carefully cultivated is threatened; but she perseveres, applying her talents and lifting up those who surround her as she does.

Dark Angel by John Sanford. Letty Davenport’s days working a desk job are behind her. Her previous actions at a gunfight in Texas—and her incredible skills with firearms—draw the attention of several branches of the US government and make her a perfect fit for even more dangerous work. The Department of Homeland Security and the NSA have tasked her with infiltrating a dangerous hacker group known only as Ordinary People. Letty and her reluctant partner from the NSA pose as free-spirited programmers/opportunists for hire and embark on a cross-country road trip to the group’s California headquarters. While the two work to make inroads with Ordinary People and uncover their plans, they begin to suspect that the hackers are not their only enemy. Someone within their own circle may have betrayed them and has ulterior motives that place their mission and their lives in great danger.

Glory over Everything by Kathleen Grissom. Jamie Pike, son of the master of Tall Oaks Plantation and the master’s kitchen slave, is passing as a white aristocrat in Philadelphia in 1830. His secret identity and even his life are threatened when he is compelled by a promise to travel back to the South, where he is still hunted as an escaped slave, to rescue a beloved young boy named Pan. Pan has been kidnapped and sold into slavery. The young boy is unprepared for the brutal life of the slave quarters until he finds an ally in the compassionate nurse, Sukey, and she hatches a plan to help him escape through the Underground Railroad. Jamie manages to locate Pan and Sukey just as the ruthless slave hunters are closing in on him. Together, the three make a run for freedom, but there is a grave price to pay.

The Dearly Beloved by Cara Wall. Charles and Lily, James and Nan. They meet in Greenwich Village in 1963 when Charles and James are jointly hired to steward the historic Third Presbyterian Church through tumultuous times. Their personal differences, however, threaten to tear them apart. Charles hears a calling to the ministry but falls in love with Lily, whose tragic childhood has rendered her faithless. James, the youngest son in a hardscrabble Chicago family, is restless and seeking; Nan’s constant and gentle devotion to God changes the course of his life. The book follows these two couples through decades of love and friendship, jealousy and understanding, forgiveness and commitment.

MARCH PREACHING AND WORSHIP SCHEDULE

April 7, 2024
“The Gospel Experience”
 I Thessalonians 1:1-10
 Rev. Dr. Younger

April 14:
“The Gospel Pastor”
 I Thessalonians 2:1-13; 17-20
 Rev. Dr. Younger

April 21, 2024:
“The Gospel and Sexuality”
 I Thessalonians 4:1-8
 Rev. Dr. Younger

April 28, 2024:
“The Gospel and Death”
 I Thessalonians 4:13-18
 Rev. Dr. Younger

May 5, 2024:
“The Gospel and the End”
 I Thessalonians 5:1-11
 Rev. Dr. Younger

May 12, 2024
“Stealing the Neighbor’s Dryer”
 Matthew 7:1-6
 Matthew 6:28-34
 Rev. Dr. Domske

May 19, 2024
“The Gospel Community”
 I Thessalonians 5:12-15
 Rev. Dr. Younger

May 26, 2024
“The Gospel and Worship”
 I Thessalonians 5:16-28
 Rev. Dr. Younger

THE CHURCH OF THE COVENANT WEBSITE

Check it out at www.churchofthecov.org

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

PARISH NURSE CORNER

The health care bulletin board in the hallway next to the church office will feature Washington County resources during the month of May. Featured community resources will include assistance for veterans, seniors, students, low income, childcare and health care and others. Topics include smoking cessation, transportation needs, how to access assistance paying utilities, recycling facilities and much more. Washington County has much to offer its citizens and the information posted will guide you to navigating the many community resources available. Any questions, please contact Linda Grimm, RN at 724-777-9240.



DIABETES EDUCATION PRESENTATION

On Thursday, June 13th at 6pm, Dana Stainbrook, RN, MSN, DE will present our annual Diabetes Education update. Dana has been warmly received for the past 2 years as she discusses diabetes, diet, medication and the latest research on this chronic disease. Please join Dana in the Parlor on June 13th for this program sponsored by Hands and Hearts. No registration is required, and refreshments will be available. A door prize will be given to one lucky attendee. For any questions, please contact Linda Grimm at 724-777-9240.

IDENTITY THEFT/PROTECTION SEMINAR

Hands and Hearts will host an Identity Theft/Protection Seminar sponsored by State Rep. Tim O'Neal's office on Thursday, May 30th at 10am in the church dining room. PA State Trooper Rocco Gagliardi will discuss identity theft, scams, how to protect your personal information, and steps to take if you suspect your information has been compromised. This program is open to the public and registration is required by May 20th. Please contact Linda Grimm by phone or text at 724-777-9240 or

Rep. O'Neal's office at 724-223-4541. Coffee and light refreshments will be provided. Learn how to keep you and your family safe from cyber criminals!



COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY ~ THANK YOU

Thank you to all those who responded to the community circle food pantry collection in the bin in the Commons. The response was tremendous as there were 108 items collected in the last month. The need is still there even though the holiday is over so please continue to fill the bin as we make a difference in the lives of so many in our community. The Community Circle Food Pantry is open every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9 a.m. till noon and is located at 70 E. Beau Street, Washington, with the entrance in the alley behind the First Methodist Church. Volunteers are always needed to pack orders, sort donations and help on truck delivery days. If you'd like to help out, contact Melanie Wolfe at mwolfe15301@outlook.com.



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.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR APRIL

Wednesday, May 1 Lev. 19:1-18 1 Thess. 5:12-28 Matt. 6:19-24 Thursday, May 2 Lev. 19:26-37 2 Thess. 1:1-12 Matt. 6:25-34 Friday, May 3 Lev. 23:1-22 2 Thess. 2:1-17 Matt. 7:1-12 Saturday, May 4 Lev. 23:23-44 2 Thess. 3:1-18 Matt. 7:13-21 Sunday, May 5 Lev. 25:1-17 Jas. 1:2-8, 16-18 Luke 12:13-21 Monday, May 6 Lev. 25:35-55 Col. 1:9-14 Matt. 13:1-16 Tuesday, May 7 Lev. 26:1-20 1 Tim. 2:1-6 Matt. 13:18-23 Wednesday, May 8 Lev. 26:27-42 Eph. 1:1-10 Matt. 22:41-46

Thursday, May 9 Ascension of the Lord Dan. 7:9-14 Heb. 2:5-18 Matt. 28:16-20 Friday, May 10 1 Sam. 2:1-10 Eph. 2:1-10 Matt. 7:22-27 Saturday, May 11 Num. 11:16-17, 24-29 Eph. 2:11-22 Matt. 7:28-8:4 Sunday, May 12 Exod. 3:1-12 Heb. 12:18-29 Luke 10:17-24 Monday, May 13 Josh. 1:1-9 Eph. 3:1-13 Matt. 8:5-17 Tuesday, May 14 1 Sam. 16:1-13a Eph. 3:14-21 Matt. 8:18-27 (U.S.A.) 9 Wednesday, May 15 Isa. 4:2-6 Eph. 4:1-16 Matt. 8:28-34 Thursday, May 16 Zech. 4:1-14 Eph. 4:17-32 Matt. 9:1-8

Friday, May 17 Jer. 31:27-34 Eph. 5:1-32 Matt. 9:9-17 Saturday, May 18 Ezek. 36:22-27 Eph. 6:1-24 Matt. 9:18-26 Sunday, May 19 Day of Pentecost Deut. 16:9-12 Acts 4:18-21, 23-33 John 4:19-26 Monday, May 20 Prov. 3:11-20 1 John 3:18-4:6 Matt. 11:1-6 Tuesday, May 21 Prov. 4:1-27 1 John 4:7-21 Matt. 11:7-15 Wednesday, May 22 Prov. 6:1-19 1 John 5:1-12 Matt. 11:16-24 Thursday, May 23 Prov. 7:1-27 1 John 5:13-21 Matt. 11:25-30 Friday, May 24 Prov. 8:1-21 2 John 1-13 Matt. 12:1-14

Saturday, May 25 Prov. 8:22-36 3 John 1-15 Matt. 12:15-21 Sunday, May 26 Job 38:1-11; 42:1-5 Rev. 19:4-16 John 1:29-34 Monday, May 27 Prov. 10:1-12 1 Tim. 1:1-17 Matt. 12:22-32 Tuesday, May 28 Prov. 15:16-33 1 Tim. 1:18-2:15 Matt. 12:33-42 Wednesday, May 29 Prov. 17:1-20 1 Tim. 3:1-16 Matt. 12:43-50 Thursday, May 30 Prov. 21:30-22:6 1 Tim. 4:1-16 Matt. 13:24-30 Friday, May 31 Prov. 23:19-21, 29-24:2 1 Tim. 5:17-22 (23-25) Matt. 13:31-35



Cindy Barnhart 5/1 Chaleece Trapuzzano 5/2 Jeanmarie Harding 5/3 Tammy Locy 5/3 Paul Leake 5/5 Sharon Valentine 5/6 Kyle Hamilton 5/6 Maggie Warren 5/9 Matthew Georgalas 5/9 David Opfer 5/11 Paula Lane 5/13 Zachary Conway 5/14

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Sheryl Leckie 5/14 Daniel Irwin 5/15 Kerri Lacock 5/15 Margaret McCarrell 5/16 Barbara Weber 5/17 Sydney Bury 5/17 Madison Zajdel 5/18 Brian Teagarden 5/19 Dennis Myers 5/20 Wallace McCarrell 5/20 Amanda Weaver 5/20 Douglas DiGiovanni 5/20 Patrick Stewart 5/22 Carol Carnes 5/23 Mary Wichterman 5/23 Dan Halulko 5/23 Hilary Burchett 5/23 Joshua J. Anderson 5/24 Chuck Neff 5/27 Christine Crompton 5/27 Patrick Grimm 5/29 Jill McIlvaine 5/30 Brittany Hamilton 5/31 Alexa Holik 5/31



DEDICATION OF PLAQUE TO HONOR CONNIE HORNICKEL

Hands and Hearts will host a dedication of a plaque to be placed in the church receptionist office in memory of long-time member and church office volunteer, Connie Hornickel. The short service led by Pastor Billy with special music by trumpeter Howard Hornickel will take place in the Commons following the 11am service on June 2nd. Refreshments will follow featuring Connie’s cracker toffee. Everyone is welcome to honor Connie’s long-time legacy of volunteerism.

2024 PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIRTHDAY OFFERING

“Launched in 1922 to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Women’s Auxiliary in the Presbyterian Church in the United States, the Birthday Offering is a time-honored annual tradition for Presbyterian Women. Over the last century, these grants have funded more than 200 major projects that continue to provide medical care, shelter, food and support for people most in need, at home and abroad.”

This year, the grants go to Advocates for Community Choice dba Bethel Hills Villa Apartments and Recreation Area (\$123,500), and Shawnee Presbyterian Church Café Ginkgo, Louisville, Kentucky (\$150,000). For more information see Birthday Offering information on the Presbyterian Women bulletin board.



Please prayerfully consider giving to the Birthday Offering, so these and others can receive needed help. Make checks out to Presbyterian Women, “Birthday Offering” on the memo line, and place in offering plate or mail to Joan McCrory, 1240 Wylie Ave., Washington, PA 15301-1636.

ANNUAL SPRING FLOWER SALE

The Mission Committee will hold their annual flower sale fundraiser on Thursday, May 9th from 12-3 pm. Flats will be \$26 and hanging baskets \$26. You can order your flowers by completing the form by the display in the Commons Area or contacting Kathy Nassar at 724-350-5000. Forms and checks can be placed in the envelope on the display. Flower order pick-up times will be **Thursday, May 9th from 12:00-3:00**. Please make checks payable to “Church of the Covenant” and write “Flower Sale” on the memo line. Money is due at the time of the order. All proceeds will go directly to support Church sponsored mission trips.

MUSIC SUNDAY

We will celebrate Music Sunday on Sunday, May 12, which is also Mother's Day. The Chancel Choir will sing *Shepherd Me, O God*, accompanied by piano, cello, and violin. The Jubilate Ringers will ring *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*, and *Dona Nobis Pacem*. George A. Rau and Darla will play organ and piano duets for the Prelude and Postlude. And, our kids' choir will sing and ring Kristal Bells at both the 9:00 and 11:00 services. Please plan to help celebrate with us by attending church that special day.

NEW REGISTERED NURSING STUDENT FUND

Anonymous generous donors have recently created a Fund in the church’s endowment to financially help a church member(s) who has been accepted into a Registered Nursing education program which is hospital-affiliated, and typically in the range of 18 months duration. If you, or any member you know, is considering this educational path toward licensure by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a Registered Nurse, financial resources may be available and they should contact the Church.

**NURSING
STUDENT**

**PINE SPRINGS CAMP
“CAMBERSHIP” AVAILABLE**

The Christian Education committee has scholarship funds available to support the cost of summer camp for Church of the Covenant campers. All church families are encouraged to apply. Contact Yvonne Gayle, yvonnegayle20@gmail.com, for more information.

TEEN EXTREME

We are happy to announce that our Teen Extreme program is full! We are looking forward to a fun and fulfilling time with these students!

WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE... OUR TEEN EXTREME PROGRAM IS FULL! WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO A FANTASTIC TIME WITH THESE AMAZING TEENS!



**PINE SPRINGS SUMMER
CAMP REGISTRATION**

What are you doing this summer? Pine Springs Camp is currently accepting camper registrations for the summer 2024 camping season. Camps are available for a variety of ages and interests and campers get to experience the Pine Springs mission of every camper having a vital encounter with Jesus Christ. For more information and to register visit <https://www.pinesprings.org/registration-and-forms>



CHEER BUCKET UPDATE

Items needed for Cheer Buckets!

If you would like to spread some love and provide a bit of joy to kids who are admitted to Washington Hospital, please consider donating items. We are in need of colored pencils, markers, crayons, coloring books, small toys or craft projects. Basically anything a child can do sitting down. We have received texts and letters from Washington Hospital expressing their appreciation and how helpful the items have been. You may give items to Yvonne Gayle or leave in the office.

Thank you for your continued support!

FX ~ FAMILY EXPERIENCE

The April FX- Family Experience was held in the Covenant Center, and it gave our families more room for fun and fellowship. Hunter and Eryx made Yone's day by making their own FX hoodies that read "We are only here for the chicken". Our actors did a fantastic job once again and families jumped in to participate. Our next FX will kick off with the Family Challenge on October 20th.



They're "Just here for the Chicken!"



Cowboy Karaoke?



Is this a game, or Story Time?



Preschool -What a Fantastic Year!!

What a splendid year! Watching every child grow and learn to love everything at preschool and to feel good about themselves and be thankful for what God has given us indeed constitutes a great year! Yes, we learned our letters and numbers and many other concepts just so we are ready to return to preschool next year or go onto Kindergarten, but two of the best things were learning about God and Jesus and making new friends.

We ended our school year with watching caterpillars turn into butterflies. All of the classes let the butterflies free in the Memorial Garden or on the playground.

On Earth Day, we placed our new rocks into the rock garden. Come take a look won't you? The kids were very excited to leave their mark on their Preschool years .

The T class had a field trip to Mingo Park and walked in the creek to find salamanders. Yes a change of clothes were required but what a fun way to learn!

We also had the Coolie Schoolie Ice Cream bus visit us and each kiddo enjoyed their ice cream treats. It was a beautiful day for them.

We also went on a fieldtrip to Oglebay Zoo and had educational classes there about how different animals move and live. To top it off we all walked through the Good Zoo and saw many animals and ended with a playground energy buster.

To sum it all up, we all showed our families what songs we learned for the preschool Programs and sung with great joy! The four year olds had a little graduation to celebrate their Preschool accomplishments and before moving onto Kindergarten.

This is my last Messenger article written on behalf of the Preschool. My heart will always be here forever. I praise our 8 teachers who touched the hearts of every child here along side of me. Couldn't have done it without them! Love them all!

So we wish everyone a happy and safe summer and stay tuned for the continued fun and learning adventures of our church Preschool.

Love, Miss Camille

PLEASE HELP US CELEBRATE OUR GRADUATES!

"Graduate Recognition Sunday" will take place on Sunday, May 19th, at the 11:00 service. There will be a reception between the 9:00 and 11:00 services. Please join us to celebrate the accomplishments of our Graduates: August Ralston, Trey Blunt, Sidney Watson, Natalie Ewbank, Mason Burchett, Jasmine Amaya, and Kameron Locy.



If you have a graduating senior, please send their name, school, a picture if possible, and information on future plans to yvonnegayle20@gmail.com so that we can honor their achievements. To our Church family, please save the date for this special day and help us provide a meaningful send-off to our impressive graduates. **More details to follow.**