



Summer Pleasures

Sunshine beaming
golden heat
For lots of fun outdoors;
Vacations, for a sweet retreat
To mountains, plains
and shores.
Kids in constant
summer motion,
Free from teacher's rule,
Head to toe in suntan lotion,
At the beach or pool.
Inflatable rafts on
which to float,
Camping and fishing gear,
Rowing or sailing or
waterski boat,
Tell us summer's here.
Things we can't do the rest of
the year
Are summer's special
treasures;
Oh summer, summer,
linger long,
And give us all your pleasures!

By Joanna Fuchs

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Evergreen News

Pastor Mick's Musings...

What do you think of when I say that you are going to heaven? Is it a state of being like maybe nirvana – a place of total bliss- like the Hindus believe? Is it a place where you are surrounded by 70 virgins like the Muslims believe? (Where did the 70 virgins come from anyway?) Or do you believe that is it an actual place – a place will we abide with God for eternity? I believe the Bible points us to the later. Heaven is a real place that God has created for us to be with Him forever. Once we accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior, we become citizens of heaven (see Phil. 3:20). If Heaven is for real, why are we not intrigued and eager to know more about our final destination? I would like to know more. How about you? Here is what the famous evangelist, D.L. Moody, preached about the existence and the pursuit of Heaven. *“Surely it is not wrong for us to think and talk about Heaven. I like to find out all I can about it. I expect to live there through all eternity. If I were going to dwell in any place in this country, if I were going to make it my home, I would inquire about its climate, about the neighbors I would have — about everything, in fact, that I could learn concerning it. If soon you were going to emigrate, that is the way you would feel. Well, we are all going to emigrate in a very little while. We are going to spend eternity in another world. ... Is it not natural that we should look and listen and try to find out who is already there and what is the route to take?”* D.L. Moody, Heaven

The Bible has a lot to say about heaven. In fact, the New Testament alone refers to heaven 276 times, so I guess it must be important. Two things happen to me when I fully realize that I am a citizen of heaven. First, I get excited about my real home. I find myself saying, “I can’t wait until I get to heaven!” And then of course I reply to myself, “Well, I can wait, but I can’t wait!” Does that make any sense to you? It is amazing to think the Jesus Himself has prepared a dwelling place for me and the very thought of this “mansion” is beyond my imagination. Wow! Second, I live on this world with a heavenly perspective. It is not that I have my “head in the clouds.” It means that everything I do and reactions to circumstances in life are filtered through my heavenly world view. The result is that this journey in life has purpose and direction. C.S. Lewis puts it this way: *A continual looking forward to the eternal world is not (as some modern people think) a form of escapism or wishful thinking, but one of the things a Christian is meant to do. It does not mean that we are to leave the present world as it is. If you read history you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next. The Apostles themselves, who set on foot the conversion of the Roman Empire, the great men who built up the Middle Ages, the English Evangelicals who abolished the Slave Trade, all left their mark on Earth, precisely because their minds were occupied with Heaven. It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this. Aim at Heaven and you will get earth “thrown in”: aim at earth and you will get neither. C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity, chapter 10, paragraph 1*

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In other words, knowing that our destination is Heaven, that eternal dwelling place with God, we are eager and energized to pursue the Kingdom of God here on earth. We become fearless and courageous as we work to set people free with the Good News about Jesus and bring about His justice and peace on earth.

That is why I sense the Lord leading me to preach about Heaven. So starting on July 20th, we will explore the truth about Heaven, our Real Home. Heaven is more than just earning a set of wings and playing a harp while drifting on a cloud. Join with me as we explore: HEAVEN, OUR REAL HOME!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!!!

As I am preparing this article for the newsletter, there are 28 days until VBS kickoff night! We are continuing to prepare for a week full of fun & learning about God! We still need help. Please sign up to help with this outreach if you haven't already. I am hoping that as we are receiving the newsletter for July that all the slots are filled to overflowing with help.

This year's Kid's Helping Kids will be donating items and money to the Care for Kids Fund of COBYS. The donations go directly to foster children that are new to COBYS from infants to grad school kids. They are all in need of things when they enter foster care. If you are interested in giving to this fund, we are collecting items the week of VBS. Items that are especially needed are diaper bags & baby items to go with the diaper bags.

- *Toys: sensory toys (balls, tangle toys), blocks, shape sorters, cars, Etch-a-Sketch, Magna Doodle, Magnetix, K'nex, Legos
- *Craft Supplies: colored/printed duct tape, craft kits, Play Doh, coloring/activity books, art supplies for older kids, double-sided tape, glue sticks, small wooden shaker boxes, plain wooden picture frames to decorate, stickers
- *Small Games: Uno, Skip-Bo, Go Fish, Yahtzee, Farkle, Doodle Dice, travel versions of any games
- *Outdoor toys for a variety of ages (footballs, basketballs, Frisbees)
- *Misc.: puzzles, board books & plasticized books for young children, hairbrushes for kids, disposable cameras, bubbles

I am so excited for VBS and the families that we are going to touch this year. If you aren't able to help during the week, please set aside Friday, July 18th, to enjoy our end of the week celebration & carnival!

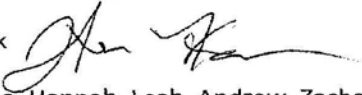
Thanks!
Allison Huber

Family & Friends,

Thank you for all your support this May during our family emergency. To update you on where things are here at the beginning of June, I was able to come home from the hospital after a 9 day stay with the infections eliminated and kidney function on the rebound. The family is settling back into normal schedule with me home and back to full time work. I still am going for weekly blood work to keep watch on the kidney function and red blood cell production. Still need prayer being that I have a long road to get my body back into 35 year old shape again.

The worst feeling you have in the hospital is how you are not there for your family or your employer, and leaving the responsibilities up to someone else. Not that it could have been changed, but the extra burden on Karrye, the children can be overwhelming. The best experience sitting in the hospital is when you see God gave us those opportunities to be part of each others lives, but has kept the responsibility for himself to make sure family and "things" are taken care of.... The day I ended up in the ER people from all over stepped in to take care of the property, care for the children, make schedules, due laundry, make meals, provide all kinds of transportation, added me to all kinds of prayer list, even had people spend the night in the hospital during my lowest points, all this in short notice and from more people than I can mention by name. I can though give recognition to our immediate family, closest friends, wonderful neighborhood, Grace Community Fellowship, friends from Manheim Christian Day School, Mount Calvary Christian School, and many other dear and close friends. You all were witnesses of how the "Body of Christ" works to those who trust in him. Our support system is amazing and we thank you. All it is to the glory of God. To all of you I/we give a sincere THANK YOU for allowing us to be blessed through you.

Jon Hawryluk



Karrye, Karlee, Hannah, Leah, Andrew, Zachary, Isabelle

Karrye

Karlee Ann

Isabelle

Zachary

Hannah

Andrew

Leah

Clothing Bank

Our church recently hosted the Clothing Bank for the month of June. There was a large turnout of people from the community, so the need is there! Thank you to all who donated clothing and to those who volunteered on the day of the event!

Prayers

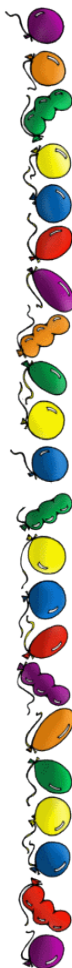
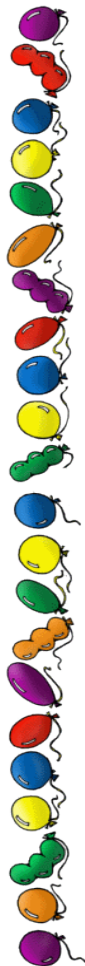
Please pray for Zane, Shauna, Alec & Alea as they travel to New Jersey July 13th-19th to aid Hurricane Sandy victims still rebuilding/recovering. Pray for them as they minister to those still hurting.

Anniversaries

- 7/11 - Jeff & Dori Schwanger
- 7/12 - Jerald & Julie Ruhl
- 7/14 - Evan & Liane Sucharski
- 7/22 - Gerald & Phyllis Hamme
- 7/24 - Don & Rose Thompson
- 7/26 - Dave & Phyllis Becker
- 7/31 - Dennis & Linda Gerdel

Birthdays

- 7/1 - Lloyd Hemperly
- 7/6 - Constance Kowalski
- 7/7 - Harry McClenaghan
- 7/8 - Allison Kulas, Esther Miller
- 7/10 - Nicole Drawbaugh, Peggi Hiller
- 7/11 - Nolan Shoemaker
- 7/14 - Jess Groff, Jackie Hollinger
- 7/16 - Ann Saylor, Derwin Thomas
- 7/17 - Amy Peffley, Kari Slater
- 7/18 - James Gruber, Kathy Martin
- 7/20 - Helen Weber
- 7/21 - Marion Hess
- 7/22 - Michele McClenaghan
- 7/27 - Abigail Schwanger
- 7/29 - Jacqueline Keener
- 7/30 - Xavier Cannon
- 7/31 - Julie Ruhl, Colton Brown, Daryl Harnish, Rebekka Klugh, Jerald Ruhl



HDNM River Float

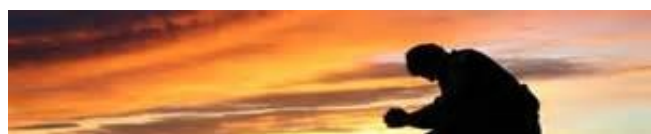
The Juniata River float will take place July 12th. The float starts at Mexico, (PA that is) and ends at Thompson town. Canoe or kayak rentals are available at the nearby Buttonwood Campground. Go to their website for more information:

(<https://buttonwoodcamp.com/>) or call (717) 436-8334.

We will leave the church at 7:30 am. The drive time is about 1 hour 15 minutes. Float time is approximately 4 hours; however, this is dependent upon the water level. What to bring: a picnic lunch, water, sunscreen, binoculars, fishing gear, lifejackets, and launch permit. (If you are renting a canoe or kayak, lifejackets and launch permit are provided). Last year we had some rain so remember your poncho, but the fishing was good! And yes, we will stop for ice cream on the way home. Please sign up on the sheet next to the kitchen. If you would like to go on this trip but you do not have a partner, contact Randy Estep at 361-9405.

Sunset Prayers in the Garden

Another Sunset Prayers in the Garden will be held Thursday, August 21st, beginning at 7:30 pm. Our speaker for the evening will be Shawn O'Brien with worship led by Glenn Weaver. Join us!



Camp Swatara Weekend

August 8 - 10

See Linda Tripp for details!

July Servants				
	July 6	July 13	July 20	July 27
Messenger	Shawn O'Brien	Pastor Mick Acts 1:1-11	Pastor Mick	Pastor Mick
Pianist/Organist	Ryan Arndt	Sylvia Weaver	Brenda Geib	Leslie Allen
Special Music	Ryan Arndt		Kari Slater	
Offertory				
Chorister	Regena Tripp	Glenn Weaver	June Kolp	Sylvia Weaver
Greeters 8 am	Ruth Carlson	George & Sarah Clugston	Jim & Linda Spickler	Dave & June Sauder
Greeters 10:30 am	Bill & Regena Tripp	Luetta Hess & Cindy Collins	Randy & Karen Ginder	Doug & Darlene Brene-man
Worship Leader	Julie Ramsey	Jason Leonard	Abigail Schwanger	Jackie Hemperly
Ushers	Youth	New Horizons SS Class	Faith Seekers SS Class	Sojourners SS Class
Sound Room 8 am	Jerry Huber & Zane Seitz	Jerry Huber & Duane Martin	Jerry Huber & Nicole Drescher	Duane Martin & Zane Seitz
Sound Room 10:30 am	Jeff Schwanger & Duane Martin	Nicole Drescher & Jason Leonard	Shane Schwanger & Andi Collman	Jeff Schwanger & Jason Leonard
8 am Nursery/Toddler	Jason & Kari Slater		Daryl & Angie Harnish	Mike & Marcia Hawthorne
10:30 am Nursery	Abby Ramsey	Brenda Axe		Adrienne Fellenbaum
10:30 am Toddler	Holly & Jason Leonard	Dane & Lauren Youtz		

May & June Stats				
	May 25	June 1	June 8	June 15
Total Worship	162	211	159	184
Sunday School	80	135	104	112
General	\$3,052.00	\$4,926.00	\$4,437.14	\$6,131.00
Building	\$50.00			\$50.00
Deacon	\$50.00		\$116.00	\$50.00
Seminary	\$50.00		\$40.00	\$15,070.00

July Activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
			Jr. & Sr. High Clubs 7 pm		Independence Day Office Closed	
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Worship 8:00 am Sunday School 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am	Lunch Break Prayer Noon	Board Mtg. 7 pm	Jr. & Sr. High Clubs 7 pm			VBS Set Up Juniata River Float 7:30 am
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Worship 8:00 am Sunday School 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am VBS Set Up	Lunch Break Prayer Noon					VBS Clean Up
 <p style="font-size: 1.5em; color: #00A651; font-weight: bold; text-decoration: underline;">VBS 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm</p>						
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Worship 8:00 am Sunday School 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am	Lunch Break Prayer Noon Submissions for the August <i>Evergreen</i> News Due	Deacon Mtg. 7 pm	Jr. & Sr. High Clubs 7 pm			
27	28	29	30	31		
Worship 8:00 am Sunday School 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am Baptism @ Noon	Lunch Break Prayer Noon		Jr. & Sr. High Clubs 7 pm	Tiny Timbers Visit Night 7 pm		

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN NIGHT

AUGUST 23, 2014

GATES OPEN: 4:30PM * 6:00PM GAMETIME

*"For where two or three are gathered together in my name there am I
in the midst of them." -Matthew 18:20*

**THE ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT,
PENNSYLVANIA SOUTHERN DISTRICT AND THE
HARRISBURG SENATORS INVITE YOUR CHURCH
FAMILY TO A NIGHT OF FUN AND FELLOWSHIP AT
METRO BANK PARK.**

**TICKETS ARE \$11 AND \$2 FROM EACH TICKET WILL
BENEFIT YOUR CHURCHES RESPECTIVE DISTRICT.**

DRAWSTRING BACKPACK GIVEAWAY!!

**STICK AROUND AFTER THE GAME FOR KIDS RUN
THE BASES**

COB Night with the Senators!!

All are invited to a fun-filled evening at the ball park! Invite friends!! Please sign up on the sheet next to the kitchen by August 3! Pre-payment is necessary to order & receive tickets. Place payment (checks made payable to WGT) in the mailbox marked, "Bulletin/Newsletter" (NOT in the offering). Thanks!

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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