

Good News Letter

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The life of the church is seasonal, in part because the various parts of the gospel story are emphasized throughout the year; Christmas in the winter and Easter in the spring; all the outside things are in the summer. It is not a coincidence that stewardship campaigns and budgets are fall tasks, for they come at the end of the year after the harvest and are associated with Thanksgiving. Pentecost is the next holy day in the church's life. It represents the coming of the Holy Spirit which came at the celebration of the winter harvest, fifty days after Passover.

In another way, the life of the church is not seasonal at all. The presence of sin in our lives and in the world is a universal, not contingent on the time of the year. The daily tasks of work and play requiring a display of Christlike character and faithful witness never take a day off, nor does Grace, which is an ever-present reality throughout the year and throughout life. Neither time nor space separates us from the love of God. This idea is reflected in the 139th psalm:



Where can I go from your Spirit?

Where can I flee from your presence?

If I go up to the heavens, you are there;

if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

If I rise on the wings of the dawn,

if I settle on the far side of the sea,
even there your hand will guide me,

your right hand will hold me fast.

If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me

and the light become night around me,"

even the darkness will not be dark to you;

the night will shine like the day,

for darkness is as light to you. (Psalm 139:7-12)

With all of that in mind, it is summer and that means a return to summer scheduling, worship at 10 am. It means vacations and visits with family and friends who live in other places. I pray for all a wonderful summer filled with blessings and with a powerful sense of God's gracious presence in everything you do, everywhere you go.

Please take a look at the biographical and ministry information for Peter and Sarah McCurdy and Bill and Ann Clemmer. They are American Baptist missionaries that are recommended for our support after the retirement of Emerson and Ivy Wu. They do important work in theological education and medical ministries respectively. Be in prayer for them and all the ABC missionaries who serve around the world.

Blessings,
Mark

Panera Volunteers for June

- June 2 Faulk
- June 9 Grubbs
- June 16 Shears
- June 23 Faulk
- June 30 Lovell

Thank you all for volunteering. There are still openings for July and August. The sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Place.

THANK YOU

Thanks to all who brought items for the teacher appreciation bags for Conger Elementary. There are 3 thank you notes from them on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place.

WOMEN'S LUNCH

On Saturday, June 18 at 11:30am, the women will be gathering for lunch at Scramblers on Route 23 in Lewis Center (in front of Kroger Marketplace). Please let Pam Faulk know if you will attend so she can call ahead with our numbers. If you need a ride, call Pam Faulk.

PERSONALS

- Brennan Howe was named on the Hayes honor roll for the third quarter. Congratulations Brennan!

- Jay Roberts will be honored at the BV/Radnor alumni dinner in June.

-Dave Lovell would like to thank everyone for their prayers for his brother Richard.

- Jeanne Ekelberry would like to thank everyone for their prayers for her brother-in-law Bruce.

- Pastor Mark would like to thank everyone for their prayers for his family, especially his sister.

- Tennis star Gabe Fogle was featured in a May 5 article of the This Week newspaper.

- Our church got a mention in a thank you letter from the Warming Center printed in the May 11 Delaware Gazette.

- Candy Lee and Brennan will be traveling most of June with Candy's sister Pat Gosser and son Chad. They will be touring out West.

- Jim Snyder has been recovering from some facial surgery,

Birthdays and Anniversaries



June

- 4 Pat Foor
- 8 Pam Faulk
Carol Serviss
- 10 Aidan Ferguson
Dave & MaryLou Lovell
Mike & Cathy Reynolds
Mike & Emilie Showalter
- 11 Randy & Jennifer Turner
- 16 Chad Myford
- 17 Matt & Marci Cooper
- 21 Dan & Sherry Chambers
- 24 Beth Trigg

Please report any errors.

Mission/Outreach News

Thanks to everyone who pinned a slip of paper on the blanket hanging in the front of the sanctuary for Mother's Day. I hope, as you pinned the slip of paper with names and a monetary donation on the blanket, that you thought of your mother or another special woman in your life who was a blessing to you. I hope that you also thought of how important it is to be warm with a blanket or to use it to comfort a child. Your donation is a wonderful gift to a woman in need. The monetary donation will be given to Church World Service to provide for others.

Thanks to all who gave snacks to fill the "thank you" bags for the teachers at Conger. Beginning this year, the "thank you's" are for all the staff. We filled 70 bags. They were so appreciative that we were thinking of them, supporting them with their work with children, and providing a snack as a "pick me up." They also liked the flower seeds that were included. It gives them something to look forward to this summer!

Father's Day Tools of Hope Sunday

Each year you have an opportunity to honor or remember your father or another man. You will have the opportunity to write that person's name on a slip of paper with a donation. These donations are given to Church World Service to meet needs such a tools to repair structures or build something new. From tornados, fires, and floods, the need is great!.What a great tribute and way to help.

Panera Pick Up

Thanks to all who continue to pick up Panera items that are not sold on Thursdays evenings. Your dedication to picking up, rebagging the items and delivering them to Andrews House the next day is so appreciated!

Thank You

Thank you to Pastor Dwight Davidson who gave an inspiring message in Pastor Mark Allison's absence. It was so good to see Dwight again! Thanks for coming to be with us.

Youth Sunday

Thanks to all the youth who had a part in Youth Sunday. It was so great to have you involved in the worship service: Connor, Brennan, Taylor, and Gabe. Thanks Will for your beautiful violin music.

Thanks to Larry for cooking all the hamburgs and hot dogs! So good to have a picnic filled with good food and conversation!

LOVE REMAINS

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. (1 Corinthians 13:13). Love Remains is the theme of the 2022 One Great Hour of Sharing offering. One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) began 73 years ago in response to the devastation of WWII. On Saturday evening, March 26, 1949, a national broadcast titled "One Great Hour" featured a remarkable assembly of national leaders and celebrities, including

Prayer List

This list is prepared by the Deacons.
Please send changes to Larry Faulk (lfaulk01@aol.com).

Name	Reason for Prayer
Richard Lovell	Health Issues
Dr. Allison's sister	Health Issues
Ken Shears	Health Issues
Candy Lee's family	Health Issues

Remember daily all the men and women in the military — Those stationed in the USA and those deployed throughout the world. GOD BLESS AMERICA!

a radio address from President Truman which included the following words:

"There are thousands of children in foreign lands today who have no memory of their parents, no knowledge of the meaning of the words 'home' and 'family,' and who have forgotten what it feels like to have enough to eat. There are hopeless thousands who wander among the shattered towns seeking a place to rest, seeking security and a chance to begin their lives anew. There are many who pray to God only in secret, fearing persecution if they profess their beliefs openly. It is hard for us to comprehend grief and distress such as this because we in America are so much more fortunate. Our country has been blessed with material riches. Our homes are secure. We can go to our churches and worship God as we desire. We know that we enjoy these great blessings not because of any special merit on our part, but because of the bounty of God. It is to His Providence that we owe the richness of our country and our heritage of freedom. Since these good things come to us from Him, we know that we must use them for the good of others in

accordance with His will." President Truman's words could be used today about the people of Ukraine.

The broadcast concluded by asking Americans to give generously the next morning in their churches. More than 75,000 churches responded. Today, Love Remains. One Great Hour of Sharing serves people in over 80 countries around the world. American Baptists are one of the many Christian U. S. denominations that contribute to it. The goal of our church is \$900. Please prayerfully consider giving to the OGHS in the month of June.

Pam Faulk

Missionaries

Ivy and Emerson Wu are no longer in the mission field abroad, so they no longer need our monetary support. I'm sure they would still like an email or note from you to say "hi" if you can.

We have been researching other missionaries who could use support from our church.

Currently we are considering Peter and Sarah McCurdy and the family and Ann and Bill Clemmer.

Sarah has come to our church and given us information about their work abroad. They were both at a Fall Rally one year. You may have met them.

Included in this newsletter is a little information about each of their ministries. There will be a picture with information on the bulletin board at church as well.

Peter and Sarah McCurdy

Peter and Sarah McCurdy serve in Mexico City. Peter's ministry focus is theological education, spiritual direction, and spiritual formation. He serves seminary students, seeking to provide a safe and nurturing environment for them, their families, and others pursuing a call to the ministry.

Sarah, is a former French teacher and has been invited to meet with International Ministries partners who work with children's holistic ministries in health and education. They have 4 children.

Peter and Sarah hope that through their ministries, people will grow in the image of Christ. They post what they are doing on Facebook or you can look them up on the international ministries website if you would like to more about what they are doing.

Ann and Bill Clemmer

Ann and Bill Clemmer live in the Democratic Republic of the Congo on the Congo-Rwanda Border where they work as regional consultants working with International Ministries partners (HEAL Africa and IMA World Health) in the town of Goma.

Bill provides support to health care workers, hospitals, and clinics that provide life-saving maternal and child health services.

Ann supports educational and relief assistance to orphans and vulnerable children. The Clemmers began their service with International Ministries in 1993.

They have served in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, South Sudan, and Haiti, with interim assignments in Somalia, Yemen, Burundi, and other countries to meet needs.

You can go on the International Ministries website to learn more about them and what they are doing.
www.internationalministries.org

Blanket Sunday 5/7/2022 Dedications

Given by:	In memory/honor of:
Mark Allison	In memory: Fern Allison
Jeanne Ekelberry	In memory: Ethel Trogon Imogene Ekelberry
Erin and Larry Faulk	In honor: Pam Faulk
Larry and Pam Faulk	In memory: Evoleno Cole Florence Faulk Jean Wickum
	In honor: Erin Faulk Laurie Faulk Pat Rose Donna Mann
Deb, Will and Gabe Fogle	In honor: Mary Lou Lovell Carol Seviss Barbara Smith Raeleen George
Carol Grubbs	In memory: Theresa Griffith In honor: Suzanne Haycox Alison Bradford
Candy Lee	In memory: Jean Scott Christine Lee
Dave Lovell	In memory: Margaret Morby Jennie Lovell
	In honor: Barbara Smith Deborah Fogle Mary Lou Lovell
Jane Moore Snyder	In memory: Willa Smith Corder
Jay and Joyce Roberts	In memory: Grace Jones Pauline Roberts
Jim Snyder	In memory: Olive Fern Snyder
Archie Trigg	In memory: Mary C. Trigg
Beth Trigg	In memory: Anne Linn
Randy and Jennifer Turner	In honor: Tonabell Turner Jane Moore Snyder

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Dr. Mark Allison, Pastor

Office Hours: by appointment

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>May 29</p> <p>10:00 am Worship Service</p>	<p>Memorial Day 30</p> 	31	1	2	3	4
<p>5</p> <p>10:00 am Worship Service Holy Communion</p>	<p>Pentecost 6</p> 	7	8	9	10	11
<p>Baptist Youth Day of Prayer 12</p>  <p>10:00 am Worship Service</p>	13	<p>Flag Day 14</p> 	15	16	17	18
<p>Father's Day Tools of Hope Juneteenth 19</p>  <p>10:00 am Worship Service</p> <p>July newsletter deadline today</p>	20	<p>Summer Begins 21</p> 	22	23	24	25
<p>26</p> <p>10:00 am Worship Service</p> <p>July newsletter available today</p>	27	28	29	30	<p>June Mission Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Great Hour of Sharing • Tools of Hope (CWS) 	