

THE SPIRE

Love God! Love Others!



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Fruits of the Spirit

One of the gifts of the summer is the wonderful fresh produce. I love the fresh fruits. We are currently looking forward to the New Jersey blueberries, the sweet melons, and the fresh vegetables. Stephen and I are not trying to garden this year. With moving in mid-August, I knew we would not do gardening justice, though we have our spot picked out for next year.

It isn't just the fresh fruits and vegetables that make this summer so wonderful, it is also the fruits of the spirit that brings life, freshness, and joy to our lives. We will be looking at the fruits of the spirit in worship over the next 9 weeks.



Just as gardens take time, so does growing our spirits. We need to root out the weeds, feed our souls all that is good and then we will reap the benefits. Whether you are at home or away, you can care for your soul and feed your spirit. Use the on-line devotional through the Upland Baptist Church Facebook group (email me if you need connected). Take time to experience God.

May your Spirit bring forth wonderful fruits this summer. See you in Church.

Pastor Brenda



From the Legal Corporation and Ministry Council . . .

At the May Meetings, we . . .

- Discussed Church finances and reviewed expenses;
- Discussed work done in the cemetery;
- Discussed completed repairs around the Church and Chapel;
 - Discussed other property issues; and
 - Each of the Team Leaders reported on various items they were working on and/or hoping to initiate. Their reports can be found in this issue of the *Spire*.

Our **Planning Meeting** is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 28th at 7:00** for all members of the Ministry Council.

Chairperson, Linda Cook



SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR MAIN STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

During the months of June, July, and August, we will be collecting **pencils, yellow highlighters, and boxes of 24 crayons** for students in Main Street Elementary School. There will be a basket in the back of the Chapel for your donations. Monetary donations will also be accepted and can be given to Linda Cook. Watch for sales this summer and stock up! Many students cannot afford to buy school supplies or replenish them when they run out and it is left to the teachers to purchase school supplies. Our donations will help the children be ready for school!



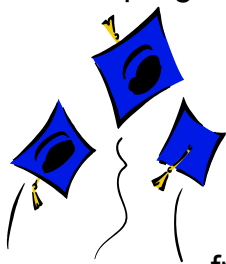
Children, Youth, and Adult News

- **Katie Boyer-Mason and Tom Geveke** continue to play in the *Joyful Noise* Bell Choir.
- **Katie Boyer-Mason and Sara Mason** both worked hard, and put in extra days, so they were able to finish their school year early! Great Job Girls! **Katie** and **Sara** enjoyed a field trip to the Caleb Pusey House, and they will also attend the Upland Carnival this week.

- **Anna Geveke**, a senior at Sun Valley High School, received the President's Education Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence. Also, she was successful in changing her status to on-campus housing at West Chester University.
- **Gavin James** received the Coebourn Elementary School April Student of the Month Award for being respectful, responsible, and ready! He also received a free lunch and a few other surprises along with his certificate. Way to go, Gavin!
- **Matthew Shaw** has finished preschool and enjoyed his end of the year sing-a-long. He is finishing up his first season of Tee-ball.
- **Stephen Shaw** played his recorder at the end of the year concert. His baseball team finished the regular season and is getting ready for the play-offs.
- **VBS Night - A BIG Thank You** to our VBS Night Volunteers:

Brenda Shaw	Linda Cook
Jane Kofroth	John Kofroth
Charlene Miller	Hans Geveke
Joan Decker	Betty Vandergrift
Sandy Kushner	Angela Nieves
Dawn Rafalski	

Also, a **BIG Thank You** to everyone in the congregation who has supported the VBS Night with monetary and food donations. We could not afford the program without your support.



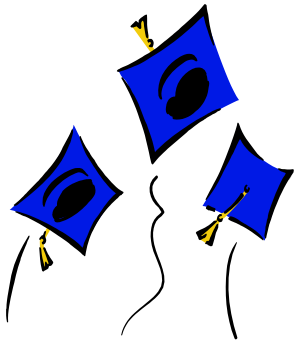
congratulations!

This year, two of our former Sunday School students are graduating from high school! Let's give a cheer and a round of applause to . . .

Anna Geveke and Kyle Lord!

Anna and Kyle have had fine academic careers, played sports, and participated in school activities. They are wonderful teenagers! They will be continuing their learning come this fall at the following colleges:

Anna Geveke – West Chester University
Kyle Lord – University of the Sciences



congratulations!

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Noah Geveke!

Noah will be working in the field of Engineering. Even as we wish him great success, we know he will continue to do well. He was a wonderful student, and even better, is a fine young man!

WORSHIP ~ Sue Kulp

The Mother's Day recognition went well. Members enjoyed their photos.

The Memorial Day boxes for our deployed military are filling up. They will be mailed out to Operation Gratitude after the holiday. Father's Day is right around the corner.

We look forward to recognizing the men of the church during Sunday service on June 19th. If anyone in the congregation has a special idea to be included in our worship services, please contact me and I will discuss it with Pastor Shaw.

"Don't leave the sermon at church."

Bruce & Stan from the book, God Is In the Small Stuff.

MINISTRY ~ Dawn Rafalski

Ministry to Members

The Bake Sale and Sunday Social on May 1st was a huge success. Proceeds from the bake sale went to benefit Dave Miscowic with medical expenses following his recent surgery. Over \$300 was raised to help Dave. A big thank you goes to Jackie Wright for organizing the bake sale and those who made such wonderful treats.

We will be having an "All Church Brunch" this year instead of a picnic. The brunch will be held following worship on June 12th in the chapel. Dress casually if you wish. The following Sunday we will be moving worship to the beautifully air conditioned Chapel.

Men's News

It's not too early to look ahead to the Retreat for Men and Young Men on Friday, July 29 – Sunday, July 31, 2016 at Shippensburg University. The Keynote Speaker is Rev. Dr. Larron Jackson, Minister, Teacher, Author and Motivational Speaker. If you register by June 1 there is a \$10 discount. For more information see John Kofroth. Registration forms are in the back of the sanctuary.

Property ~ Diane Lord Ogram

- Repairs were completed to fourteen tombstones in the cemetery. Most were due to age, or settlement.
- Lift in chapel repaired.
- Waiting for finalized contract with Inclinator-Elenette, Inc. for our elevator service company.

DISCIPLESHIP ~ Jane Kofroth

VBS

Our Monday night VBS program is on summer hiatus. The last meeting was Monday, May 23 when kids and adults enjoyed a pizza party.

On average, we hosted eight children each week. The good part about that number is that most of those attended every week---giving us the opportunity to really get to know them---and vice versa.

Thanks so much to all the volunteer cooks. We hope you enjoyed the experience of feeding them even *half* as much as the kids enjoyed the food! It was great---every single week.

Thanks to all who volunteered to make this a successful and enjoyable season. And to all those who lifted this program up in your prayers, thank you!

Sunday School

Our Sunday School class for children meets during worship service. All the children are invited to go to the classroom downstairs right after Children's Talk. We are very grateful to each of our volunteer teachers. Special thanks to Anna Geveke who is a very faithful assistant.

There is a sign- up sheet for volunteer teachers for the month of June.

We will move to a different format during July and August with emphasis on teaching kids some basics about how the Bible “works.” If you would like to help, let me know.

Bible Study

Bible Study group meets on Thursday mornings at 10 AM until the Summer lunch program begins. The last meeting will be Thursday, June 30.

Summer Lunch Program

The Summer Lunch Program will begin on July 5.

Our church is opened up to the neighborhood kids 4 days a week. We serve a boxed lunch that is provided by the Philadelphia Catholic Archdiocese program. After lunch the kids can participate in a different activity each day... outdoor games, crafts, board games, library day and special speakers.

If you would like to help with this program, let me know. We are especially eager to find a volunteer to supervise outdoor games on Mondays.

Maybe you have an interesting idea for a craft. How about a game of Paw Patrol with some enthusiastic little players?

COMMUNICATIONS ~ John Kofroth

Volunteer Clearances

All of our current volunteers now have Pennsylvania child welfare clearances.

If you would like to become a new volunteer in any of our programs for children, you can contact me and I'll be glad to help you obtain your required clearances. Remember that no one can work with youngsters unless their clearances are on file.

If you are involved with any of our ministries for children on a regular basis, the law states that you are required to take online training for Mandatory Reporting. The course is “Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse”. It can be found at: https://www.reportabusepa.pitt.edu/webapps/portal/execute/tabs/tabAction?tab_t ab_group_id= 2_1

In order to register for the course, click on *Registration* and complete all the fields. If you are a volunteer, the “County of employment” should be N/A. If you are a volunteer, the answer to the question in the last field: “are you currently Licensed...” is *NO*.

This training is helpful and informative and can benefit each of us as Christians concerned for the welfare of kids.

OUTREACH ~ Joan Decker

To all who helped in any way with the Memorial Day Parade or Picnic, THANK YOU. This is one of the church's biggest outreach projects. Hope everyone enjoyed themselves.

The Summer Lunch program will be starting again in July. Look for more information in the "Discipleship" section of this Spire and on the churches website.

Outreach at Main Street Elementary

- On May 3rd, "National Teacher Appreciation Day", we recognized the teachers, support staff and volunteers with notes of thanks for their dedication as well as trays of cookies and baskets of fruit.
- On May 25th, Fifth Grades' Special Day, we purchased water ice and bottled water. Pastor Brenda, Linda Cook, Joan Decker, Jane & John Kofroth, and Diane Ogram scooped out the water ice and served water.
- On Field Day, June 15th, we will be giving out popsicles to all 413 students.
- On Graduation Day, June 16th, we will be presenting a gift card, certificate, and a book to a deserving 5th grader at their Graduation Ceremony. We will also provide bottled water to everyone in attendance.

Grocery Bingo will continue in the fall. We are looking for a coordinator for Bingo. If anyone is willing to become involved with this project please let Joan Decker know. You can e-mail the church or call the church office. There was a rumor that grocery bingo was to be canceled but it will continue and start up in the fall.

Food Bank is always in need. You can place your donations in the back of the church or in the church office.

Home and International Missionary birthdays in June
(there are none in July or August)

Rev. Yamina Apolinaris 6/2
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Caguas, PR 00726
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Rev Rick Bunker 6/2
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Bensalem, PA 19020
Email: rbunker@rtca-pa.org

Mr. Philip Smith 6/8
1801 Dante Michilini –APTO 501
Mata Da Pria – Vitoria, ES – Brazil
Email: Philip.smith@internationalministries.org

Rev. Vital Pierre 6/15
Apartado 21
La Romano, Dominican Republic
Email: vital.pierre@internationalministries.org

Mrs. Kelly Bunker 6/22
(Same as Rick Bunker above)

June Birthdays

6 Colleen Walker
7 Adam Robert Moore
8 Henry Strunk
12 Mary Hampton
18 Axel Williams
23 Madison Hahn

June Anniversaries

1 Shane & Casey (Albrand)
Murphy
11 John and Rev. Brenda Shaw
19 Ken & Christy Mason
22 Darlene and David Pysher
24 Ray & Cindy Leber
26 Harold and Mary Hampton
29 Robert & Bella Smith
30 Frank & Sue Kulp

August Birthdays

1 John Kofroth
5 Bob Smith
6 Carol Arscott
8 Elinore Ottey
Kiley Paice Murphy
15 Doris Fraim
21 Ken Mason
Cameron Klimek
Lucas Charles Gervase
22 B. Jean Greenhalgh
Ava Noelle Harman

July Birthdays

1 Shane Murphy
2 John Fraim
7 Linda Cook
8 Billy Lord
10 Karen Johnston
13 Grace Miles
16 Betty Vandergrift
Christy Mason
18 Jesse Kulp
28 Harold Hampton
30 Stephen Shaw
31 Charlene Miller

July Anniversaries

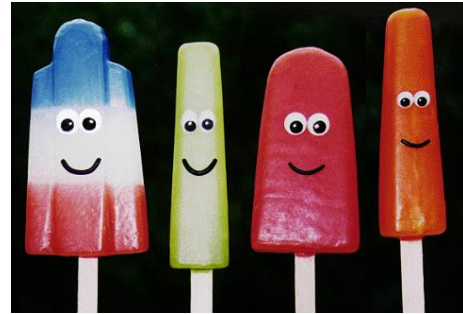
7 Bill & Karin Lord
16 Mark & Rebecca Minchak

August Anniversaries

2 Henry & Darlene Srunck
17 Jason & Shannon
Sutherland

WOULD YOU LIKE TO DONATE
TOWARDS UPLAND BAPTIST'S
OUTREACH AT MAIN STREET SCHOOL
FOR SPECIAL PROGRAMS

**WE NEED TO PURCHASE
413 POPSICLES FOR
FIELD DAY**



**WE WILL BE PURCHASING
500 BOTTLES OF WATER FOR
THE GRADUATION CERAMONY
& A GIFT CARD AND BOOK FOR
A DESERVING 5TH GRADER AT
GRADUATION**



**Donations can be or dropped off at the
church office, or in the collection plate
marked "Main Street School".**