



OUR

SPIRE

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May
the Lord
direct your
hearts
into
God's
love....

2 Thessalonians 3:5



1800

Our church stands under God

Shared with the congregation on June 11, 2017

Here on this empty knoll
Where should the church
be placed *exactly*?
How far from the road?
How about twenty feet to the left?
Five feet back to the right?
Oh, the decisions the families faced!
Our church stands under God

How many pews,
and how long should each one be?
And who came up with the idea
not to have a center aisle?
Should there be a balcony, and, if so, how large?
What about the number of windows
in the sanctuary?
Why aren't they stained again?
Oh, the decisions the families faced!
Our church stands under God.

And hiring the first pastor,
and the second, and the third?
Who decides this?
What hymnal do we use?
And just when do we baptize these babies?
And how do we go about getting members?
Oh, the decisions our people made.
Our church stands under God.

And music and worship
And electric lights.
What? How does that honor our history!
We are getting rid of our wood burning stove
in the sanctuary?
And the high pulpit? You're doing what?
You're taking that down?
Oh, the decisions our people made.
Our church stands under God.

The choir, the choir's robes, the minister's salary,
The Lecture Hall should have one bathroom or two?
Organ *and* piano?
And the color here in the sanctuary,
is that classic federal blue on the walls,
or true American blue, or country heather blue?
And two yellow ribbons out front — oh, save those trees!
Oh, the decisions our people made.
Our church stands under God.

Our church stands under God because it couldn't stand
any other way.
We are not to honor ourselves.
We are not to get our own way.
We are not to ask "What's in it for me?"
We are to do what we are called to do, honor God.

Our church stands for God
because our church has been built for God
and we, given our heritage, will continue to honor God.
This is our truth.

This is our history; so much has changed to keep this
church as a monument to God,
not as a museum to the past.
The old glass cabinets in the rear of the sanctuary
hold history it's true—and the history says this,
"Our church stands under God."

As we honor the past, we see today.
Remember what we've done, and live what you have
inherited...
Our church stands under God.

Our church stands under God.

—William Hagenbuch
June/July pastor's page



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Greeters

- July 2 Judy Mitchell
9 - Karen Jones
16 - Anita Millard
23 - LeAnne Colwell
30 - Jean Bonham

Readers

- July 2 - Ted Brewster
9 - Missy Clarkson
16 - Lisa Hahn
23 - George Lotter
30 - Jackie Schulte

Nursery

- July 2 - Nancy
9 - Holli
16 - Kay
23 - Tammy
30 - Dottie



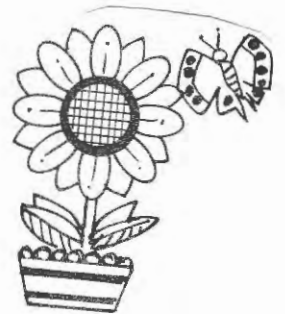
July 4th
Independence Day

Ushers

- July 2 -
9 - Gus Ferrara, George Lotter
16 - Sherry Decker, Kay Gow
23 - Gary and Wendy Phillips
30 -

Flowers

- July 2 - Kay Gow
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16 -
23 - George Lotter
30 -



PRAYER CHAIN

Family of Karen Jones mother
Family of Evelyn Matthews

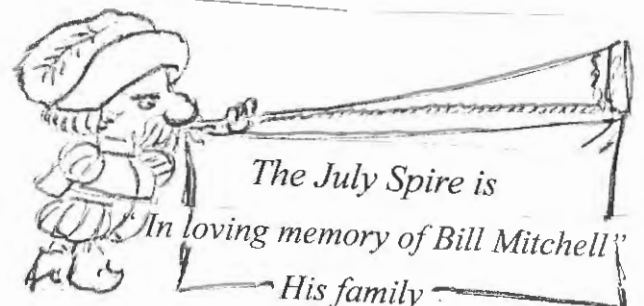
Sioux Petrow	Ethan Rodriguez
Barb Pompey	Barbara Weideman
Linda Lindsey	Becky Seidel
Petrina	Alice Palmiter
Joe Vietri, SR.	

HOME BOUND

Rupert Carey	Norma Carey
Lynola Carey	Catherine Escandel
Dorothy Greene	Betty Laurie
Doris Morrison	Barbara Pease
Jean Rounds	Alice Watkins
Sioux Petrow	

July Birthdays- Anniversary

- July 2 - Pat Gallan
3 - Heidi Millard
Dave and Connie Schulte
10 - Brandy Lindsey
11 - Kathy Brown
15 - Gail Batzel
24 - Elizabeth Masters
27 - Scott and Despina Mitchell
28 - Bruce Meyer
Jim Batzel



All Church Bonfire

Sponsored by Christian Education

Saturday, July 15th 6-8 pm



Hot Dogs and s'mores will be provided.

Bring a drink, a chair and a friend or two

Games for the young at heart

For the Family



*yummy
yummy
yum!*



Children of All Ages

FLASH NEWS

Your June 22nd Church Council Report in a flash

The Financial Secretary reported Total Contributions for May of \$8,850.11. Lisa is working on a computer spread sheet program. The Treasurer had a report with the paid bills and balances of the accounts.

Christian Ed is working on the upcoming Bon Fire which will be held in the church parking lot on July 15th. Hot dogs, rolls and s'mores will be provided. Please come for games, fun, and fellowship from 6-8 PM!

The Church Cupboard is serving 5 individuals and 3 families.

The Missionary Society had a successful tag sale in Montrose to benefit the Nicaraguan mission.

The Historian reported an average attendance in May of 65.

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Pastoral Relations met and discussed By-Laws and the Constitution.

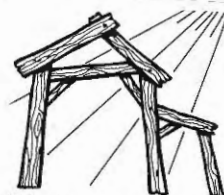
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**"Unless the Lord
builds the house,
those who build it
labor in vain."**

Psalm 127:1

NO
Sunday
School



July
4th

FOR
the FAMILY



July
15th
6-8pm
Bon-FIRE

July 31 - Aug 4th



VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

Food
Games
Lessons
Fun

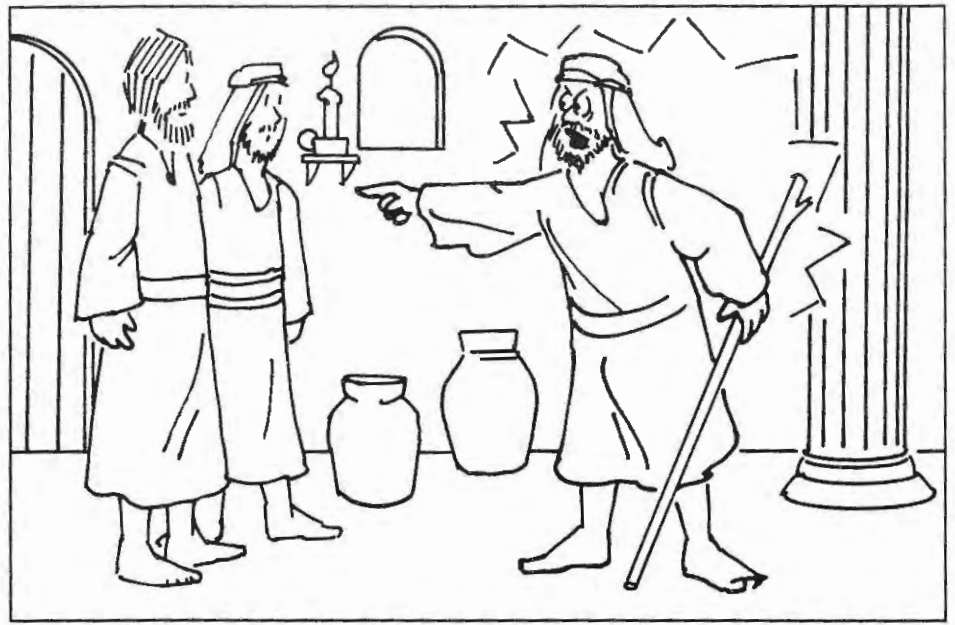
6-8pm

Just for Kids

God Loves You!

Jesus healed the man.

Circle 6 differences in the bottom picture.



Have a safe
happy summer



Bible School
6 - 8 pm
July 31st - Aug 4th



Last pick-up
is Aug. 12th
for peanut butter

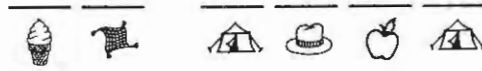
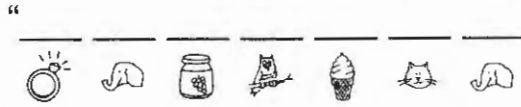


Blessed be the
Lord who daily
bears us up.

Psalm 68:19

Sometimes it is hard to be a follower of Jesus!

Write the first letter of each picture on the line. What did Jesus say?



IN AND AROUND OUR CHURCH and COMMUNITY

SPIRE DEADLINE – AUG. 16

Following are deadline dates:

Sept. 20 Oct. 18 Nov. 15 - 2mo.

Looking ahead in July / August

July 16 – Golf Tournament – 1pm.

July - Bible School July 31st- Aug. 4th.

**Aug. - Dinner at the Dining Hall at the fair
chicken and biscuit – 12noon - ?**

Golf Tournament

July 16th did you add your name to the list to furnish cookies or a basket to be raffled? How about sponsoring a hole or a person or team to golf? Can you help that day? Enjoy the day by participating how best you can!!!!!!

Summer Lunch program

We have as of June 25th 108 jars of peanut butter plus what was left in the barrel on the 25th We need 300 total as our share.

The Lunch Box Program also will be holding a barbecue in Lenox. at the VFW Post on July 8th.along with a basket raffle. Contact Holli (570 – 851-5109 if you would like to furnish a basket. or need tickets. Many people wonder why and what the Summer Lunch program is about. A letter from Lorraine Stanton to the church states “ families whose children receive free/reduced priced meals during the school year are contacted to determine the amount and types of food to best serve the children's needs during the summer when school is not in session.. This year there will be 5 pick-ups , ending on Aug.12th. Each distribution cost about \$2,500.00 or slightly less than \$ 15,000.00 for the summer. 100% of funds go to the food program, all help is voluntary. Questions or concerns, contact Pres. Paula Smith at 570 289 4102. This program has an Entity #23-2041846. (if you would like to read the whole letter, contact Judy at First Church 570 434 2260

Month of July -

Pastor Will is on vacation. Dave Schulte will be filling the pulpit and his sermons will be about the history of Congregationalism; Lost Sheep; Widow's Mite; Gifts and one more . He can be contacted for special needs – emergencies; concerns; sick and hospitalization;

NO Sunday School. Bible School July 31st – Aug. 4th 6 – 8 pm.

Videos of Pastor's sermons can be found on the church's web site URI -<http://www.2nep.net>

Rev. Alan Miller's retirement party – **July 23rd**. If you would like to send a card his address is

Thanks to Twila Williams and Sharon Kinney for getting the church's flower beds back to looking like they are loved.

Thanks also to RaeBelle Albeck for providing the worship music while Robert takes a short vacation; also to George Weideman for furnishing special music on June 11th and to Kandy Wellman as accompaniment to the organ . To the readers of the special poems and articles which we will be hearing this summer and to Tammy Stout who provides all the pictures that get in the Spire

Sign Vote

The vote for a new sign on the front lawn of the church was taken on June 11th at a Congregational meeting led by Moderator Dave Schulte. After much discussion on size, cost, and ruining image of this historic church, a paper ballot was taken, counted by church clerk and others, the result ended in a tie – 21 for, 21 against, The Moderator cast a deciding vote of no “ due to my feeling the people did not want to commit to this expense” The Stewardship Committee has tabled it for now.

Grads and Dads

The grads were recognized and Zeb Feduchak being present received a book and special recognition. The Dads were also present to received their due thanks and were presented candy bars, their picture taken ,along with many well wishes. Congratulations to all the grads and to all Dads.

Correspondence

Pat White (from a letter that Judy received from Cindy) My news is not so good. When Pam Caraffa (White) and I went to Cincinnati we met as usual with the nursing team. It was their suggestion that we call in Hospice care for her as she doesn't eat well anymore. We were taking her through the main lobby to the beauty shop to get her hair cut and there was a man there, playing guitar and singing for some of the residents. Pat started moving her feet and body, dancing and smiling. It was a wonderful hour, but also the last hour we saw her really awake during the time we were there. We did see her sitting up at lunch the day we left, but she wasn't eating much if anything. Hospice is usually called in if they think there is six months or less of life remaining. A nurse goes in a couple times a week to do an evaluation, social workers oversee all aspects of care, extra aides help with dressing, bathing, taking Pat for haircuts or to entertainments in the open areas of the nursing home. A chaplain will drop in biweekly or more frequently if needed. This one wants to do a little music therapy with Pat as she does still react to music. Pat hasn't known us for at least two years. Please pray for her and maybe ask the prayers of her former congregation. I'll keep you informed of what's happening. Cindy

Dear Harford Church,

How is everyone doing? I'm doing so very wonderful. What is new with everyone? Not much new with me. I'm still reading my Bible and Daily Bread every morning after count. School is going great. Everyone and their families are in my prayers and thoughts daily.

I have some good news: I have a wonderful woman in my life now. She is my high school sweetheart. Her name is Dianna Marie Henry.

Thank you for everyone's prayers and support. God bless everyone and their families forever. I hope to hear from everyone.

Love in Christ,
The farmer
Earl Russell Gow

To Our Choir,

Thank you for the awesome anthems you have been sharing with us during worship this past year.

Your talents and time are greatly appreciated.
Judy Mitchell

(the following is Pastor's report to Council)

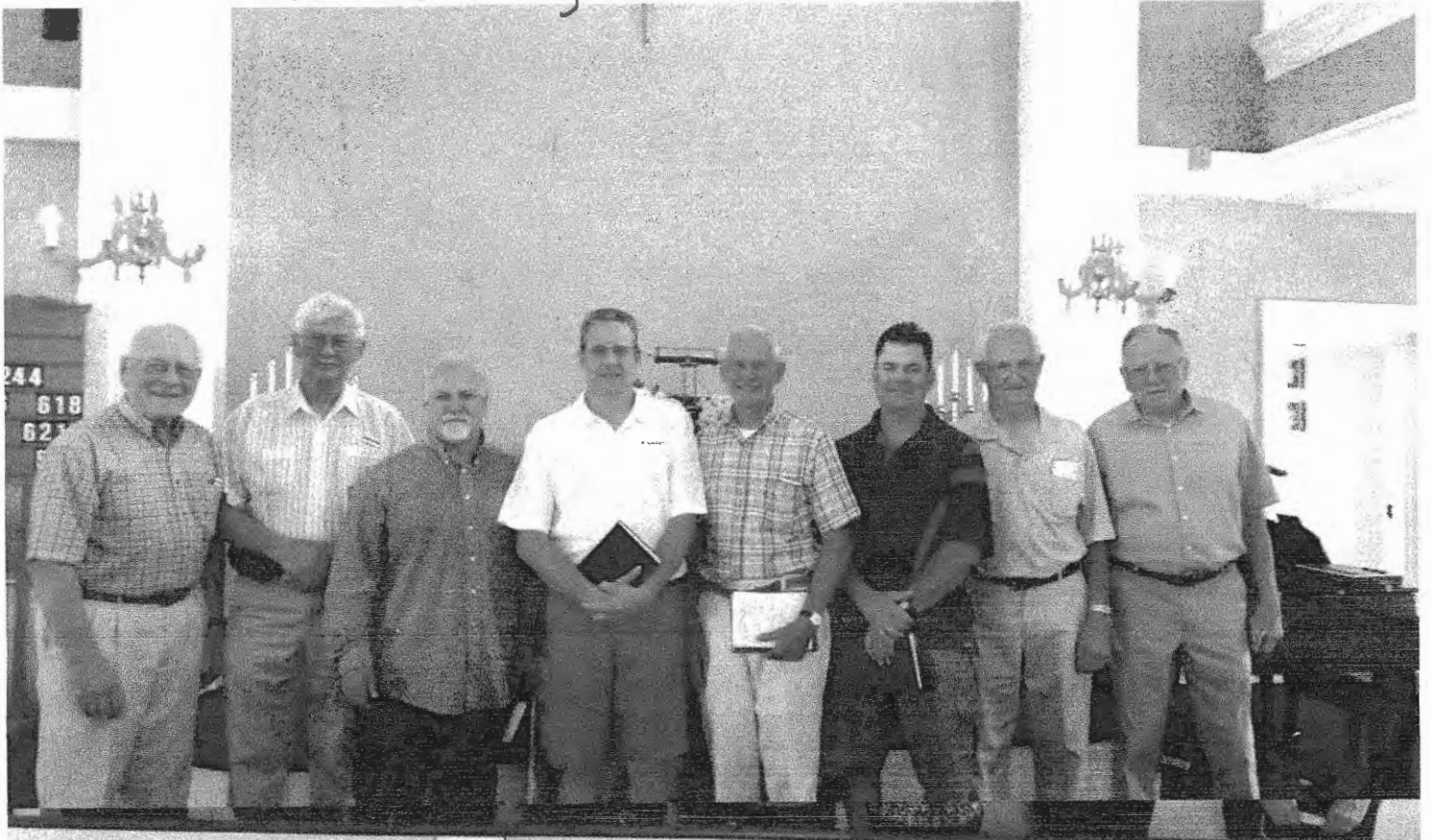
I visited the Dean of the School of Theology at Boston University who was also one of my theology professors while I was in seminary. We discussed the specifics of our church here in Harford, and church life in general. We talked of the political shift and the climate of our nation today and the need to be responsive voices to the Gospel of Christ in the world. Specifically, now is the time to feed the hungry and clothe the naked. Now is the time to speak not divisively, but with unilateral love for all brothers and sisters, here and abroad. It's the day and the age to further define and refine the Christian mission of service to our neighbors. I'm finding through you, the congregation, where and what our mission can be—and that is in the care of those around us.

I was also blessed to have a one-on-one conversation with Walt Poxon, a man who is an absolute pleasure to talk with and learn from. We spent 30-minutes in my office and Walt is full of wisdom, information, and thoughts about the transitioning church of today. I have valued the home visits I made this month, and appreciate those who communicate well by phone, as this is a great way for us to connect. In working closely with the Stewardship Committee, I thank those who have contributed new or gently used clothing for the Interfaith clothing drive this past season. Also, those who contributed financially through the One Great Hour of Sharing coin collection. Amen! There have been and continue to be so many ways we as a congregation can support our church through time and/or treasure. Thank you to the deacons for hosting the church wide bon fire this month, and to those behind the scenes working so well to make this year's golf tournament a success. I wish to mention my appreciation to the food pantry, the Willing Workers, the Attic Treasure Ladies, the choir for their music the CE team for their commitment this past year, the Missionary Society, and those hardworking Trustees who have had big decisions before them. Thanks to all who attend the Men's Breakfasts and the Ladies' lunches each month. Thanks to all who will or have already volunteered for VBS this July, and all who have and will bring summer guests and family to worship this summer. Finally, thank you, Robert Fisher for all our great music, and thanks to Our Spire editor, Jean Bonham (and her crew) for getting our news out. God, may You continue to bless this church that serves and loves You.



Mother's Day - May 14, 2017

Father's Day - June 18-2017



From Our Conference - merging of PNEC and South PA. conferences

1. The Penn Northeast Conference Board of Directors, at the June 8, 2017, meeting appointed the Rev. Dr. Bonnie L. Bates, to the position of Designated-Term Conference Minister, beginning September 1, 2017.

Rev. Bates is currently serving as Associate Association Minister for Congregational Vitality and Development for the Eastern Ohio/Western Reserve Associations of the Ohio Conference, United Church of Christ. Prior to this she served as local church pastor in the New York Conference. Her first career focus was in organizational management and human resource development in non-profit companies.

Rev. Bates earned the Masters of Divinity, and the Doctor of Ministry in Transformative Leadership at Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School. She has participated in numerous continuing educational and professional development programs, most notably dealing with COACH training, and Boundary Awareness training.

Rev. Bates comes to us very highly recommended from her references: as a person of deep faith, having great organizational skills, being a wise, prophetic leader, and having a passion and enthusiasm for pastoral leadership, along with a healthy sense of humor, and a great singing voice.

Bonnie is married, the mother of a son, and the grandmother of three.

We look forward to her leadership among us as we discern together where our Still Speaking God is leading us and challenging us to be and to become.

A brief explanation of the position title "Designated-Term." This term indicates the intent of our Board for leadership in the next 3 years which addresses many transformational issues. Why only 3 years? The work of the Transition Team which has been meeting for the past year or so to study the possibilities of a merger with the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference has anticipated that it will take the better part of 3 years to make any recommendation to merge. We needed to appoint a leader for this specific period of time, with this specific responsibility, in addition to all the other duties and responsibilities of being our Conference Minister.

Please feel free to contact me with specific questions. Thank you for your support. We are in this business of being church together.

Barbara Hanks, Moderator

Transition Team

2. The transition team is excited to share good news! At our annual meeting, we voted in favor of the resolution to support our conversations to explore a merger of our two conferences, and now this past weekend, the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference also voted to affirm the resolution. Now that we are formally entered into conversations together, the transition team is now looking to transition as well. The current team was formed by the Board of Directors to bring us to this point. Now, the team needs to expand and gather a group of people with the leadership skills to guide our conference through the process of exploring a possible merger with PSEC to form a new Penn East Conference. We will be developing a Conference Merger Team to move us through this process.

We are looking for visionary leaders. We are hoping to form a diverse team of people with various skill sets to help us move through this discernment process. We are looking for five people to join our moderator, Barbara Hanks, to participate with this team. There will be six people from each conference including the two conference ministers who will help lead us in this process. If you are interested in serving on this team, [click here](#) for an application to express your interest. Please fill out this application and email it to Barbara Hanks at:

barbara.hanks@pnecc.org before July 31st.

As we make this transition, we ask for your prayers. Prayers for the leaders, the Boards, for our local churches of both conferences, that together we can be the hands, feet, and heart of Jesus Christ in the world.

Thank you for your consideration!

Peace, Joanne

Rev. Joanne P. Marchetto

BOARDS TRUSTEES

DEACONS

June 12th 2017

Present for the meeting were Ginny Ahearn, Gail Batzel, Kay Gow, Teresa Lamberson, Pastor Will and Tammy Stout.

New Business: Zeb Feduchak, Chris Graf, Brooke Zupanovich(2017 High School graduates); Rebecca Gardner, and Laura Moser (2017 College graduates); Alex Empet, Bailey Reuss, Ethan Rodriguez and Tanner Stout(2017 6th grade graduates). All HS and College graduates were invited to attend Grads and Dads service on June 18th .Teresa had a storage box made for the portable communion supplies. She will be donating this in memory of her husband Pat.

Next meeting is July 10th @ 7pm.

STEWARDSHIP

The June 15th meeting convened at 7:15pm. Present included : Dottir Hagenbuch,Pastor Will,Kay Gow, JoAnn Titus, Lisa Hahn, Craig Stout,Peggy Empet and Evan Clarkson.

The meeting was almost entirely devoted to the Tiffany investments which were bequeathed to the church. JoAnn invited Mr. Leet and Mr. Soden, Certified Financial Planners from Rick Leet Agency to speak with Stewardship Committee concerning how the monies which are currently in mutual funds with Nationwide Insurance might be invested or maximize the return on the investments. The gentlemen gave us an abundance of information(including handouts) and suggestions which gave us "food for thought " not only for the Tiffany investments, but for all of us on a personal level. Mr. Leet inquired as to whether the church had an immediate use or need for the Tiffany money. The stipulation in following the Tiffany's wishes is for the money to be used for a building project, not church improvements or general improvements. Several members questioned if the Tiffany Request could be used to fund a new church sign?

A number of questions were answered by Mt. Leet and Mr. Soden concerning how the money might be invested. Mr. Leet stated if it is to be used within a year, keeping it in the bank was his recommendation.

The first step in the process is to transfer the money from the Tiffany Estate to the church. This will be accomplished with an application and 2 signatures(Dave Schulte and Lisa Hahn) delivered to Rick Leet Agency in New Milford. Rick Leet is to contact Russell Tiffany to ask if his family would approve the use of hisparents gift for the new sign.

June 11th a vote was taken by the church members as to whether we should build a new sign, the design proposed as well as the cost. The vote was a tie and church president Dave Schulte cast a " nay "tie breaker. Because there was not a majority vote, the sign project will be revisited at a later date.

Pastor Will suggested a letter be crafted by Stewardship Committeec to be read to the congregation expressing our continued support of one another in the spirit of congregationalism and love. JoAnn with Evan's presence will read it at church on Sunday, June 18. It will also be printed in the Spire.

Lisa has been working very hard in her new position as church treasurer to understand our extensive financial records. She is hoping to transform the recording process into statements which are manageable and more easily understood by the congregation.

Before the meeting ended we all shared personal concerns in our busy lives and felt the kindness, love and support from one another as Pastor Will sent us home with his uplifting prayer for each of us.

Peggy Empet, Secretary Pro Tem

Letter from Stewardship

Dear Congregation,

The Stewardship Committee met this past Thursday and we appreciate your being present for the vote and showing your dedication and concern for our church and its well being.

We are blessed to work with you and serve you. We will continue to listen, and together, we will move forward to honor our God.

COUNCIL

Church Council met on June 22 with 11 members present. Dave Schulte opened with prayer. The Financial Secretary reported Total Contributions for May of \$8,850.11. She is working on a computer spread sheet program. The Treasurer had a report with the paid bills and balances of the accounts. We discussed the Hudson Trust. The principal is to be untouched and that and the interest are in a CD. Both reports were approved. Christian Ed hasn't met this month yet. The Choir is taking a much needed vacation. The Church Cupboard is serving 5 individuals and 3 families. The Deacons met and it was decided that the supplies for the Picnic would come out of the General Fund. Missionary had a successful tag sale in Montrose to benefit the Nicaraguan mission. The Historian reported an average attendance in May of 65. The Nomination Committee is still looking for job descriptions. Pastoral Relations met and discussed By-Laws and the Constitution. Stewardship met with Rick Leet and his associate of Nationwide to discuss investing the money from Marie Tiffany. The committee decided the money will be deposited into the church until we know the restrictions on the account. Rick Leet will meet with the family. Trustees reported that the black top driveway between the church and lecture hall is too damaged to be resealed. The drive will be redone and the stones on either side by the buildings will be removed and black top will be laid. This will cost \$6,100; the motion was made, seconded and passed. Two CO2 detectors were installed. The new siding is scheduled for the fall. Willing Workers reported that the old Log Cabin (1890) will not be repaired this year but plans for its restoration are being made by the Fair Directors. The Pastors Report will be in the Spire. Dave Schulte will be preaching while Will is on vacation in July. Roll Call will be taken on June 26. Will had some meaningful conversations with Walter Poxon and Dean Neville from BU about changes in church attendance. Under new business Craig Stout brought up that perhaps the blue metal sign should be moved. It will be stored in a Jeffer's barn for safe keeping. The meeting was adjourned.

Dear Congregation,

If you can share with our congregation a Christian poem or a reading, it can be an original contribution or a longstanding favorite from a known or unfamiliar artist. This is a great way for us to bring glory to our God and King.

Other summer Sundays are available if another date works best for you, or, if in the weeks ahead, you find something in your summer reading that speaks to you and will, in turn, speak to us. Our God is good. Help us hear Him through you!

What do you say? Are you ready to contribute? We simply want to hear from you.

With peace,

Your Church Teams

*Readers
also!*

July 2017

July 2017							August 2017						
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August 2017

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August 2017

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September 2017

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Aug 6 - 12

Aug 13 - 19

Aug 20 - 26

Aug 27 - Sep 2

Chicken
Biscuit
12-2

Visit the us at the Log Cabin

-14-

AUGUST

Worship Assistants

Greeters

- August 6 - Evan Clarkson
- 13 - Gail Batzel
- 20 - Kay Gow
- 27 - Priscilla Allen

Readers

- August 6 - Ray Frederick
- 13 - Evan Clarkson
- 20 - Peg Empet
- 27 - Kay Gow

Nursery

- August 6 - Bonnie
- 13 - Nancy
- 20 - Kay
- 27 - Holli



Ushers

- August 6 - Craig and Tammy Stout
- 13 - Loren and Linda Robinson
- 20 -
- 27 - Ken and Betty Lou Bennett

Flowers

- August 6 - Bonham
- 13 - Kay Gow
- 20 -
- 27 -



**Get Well
Prayers**

*Sick
Discouraged
Away from home
Our prayer chain
Friends - Family*

August Birthday, Anniversaries

- August 1 - Lynn Butler
Mark Lewis
- 2 - Julie Gardner
- 3 - Craig Stout
- 4 - Nancy Marr
- 6 - Patrick and Kate Simons
- 7 - Ellen Holdredge
- 9 - Ilse Lorey
Connie Schulte,
Tanner Stout
- 22 - Ray Frederick
- 25 - Dorothy Hagenbuch
Charlie Ahearn
- 26 - Barbara Pease



AMEN!



Voltaire predicted that within a hundred years of his day (i.e., the 18th century) Christianity would be nothing but a relic of the past. He had to admit that in order for that to happen, the world would first have to get rid of Sunday. He said: "There is no hope of destroying Christianity so long as the Christian Sabbath is acknowledged and kept ... as a sacred day."

MISSIONARY

6-15-17

Treasurer: current balance \$1838.66

Announcements: 1. Church Picnic on June 25 at Allen/Chichester

Correspondence To: 1. Thank you to George Weideman, Bill Chichester, Gary Phillips, Gary Housel for help and transport for the yard sale.

Correspondence From: 1. Thank you from CHE Nicaragua

2. Dorothy Greene – Hand Made Baby Items for Distribution

Presentation: CHE Sewing Machine Update. Our church along with the Missionary group are partnering with six women in Nicaragua. Each woman earns 20% of the cost of a foot powered sewing machine (treadle), \$26. We supply the remaining 80% or \$104. Each woman must pledge to teach others how to sew and make patterns. This skill enables the woman to support their families and communities.

Summer Lunch Box Program: Offers supplemental food in the summer to families normally receiving free and reduced school meals. Collecting 300 jars of peanut butter for the program. \$150 will be given to this program.

The Bulletin Board in the Lecture Hall will be updated to include current Missionary Group programs:

Daily Bread Devotional, CareNet, Rock Mountain Bible Camp, Summer Lunch Program, Care Group visitations and cards, Doctors without Borders, CHE missionaries, CHE sewing Machine program

Next Meeting: September 19, 2017 at 1:00 - no lunch

Presentation: Priscilla Allen – Compassion International

Least Coin: Thursday in Black – Campaign against rape and violence.

Provides 5000 informational pins and book marks in many languages



Summer Lunch Box Chicken BBQ

Saturday, July 8 from 12:00-5:00

Lenox VFW

Dinners \$10

Get tickets from Holli Chichester or in the Church Office

There will be a huge Basket Raffle, gun raffle and bake sale

100% of the proceeds go to supplying needed food to children in the MountainView school district.

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BIBLE SCHOOL

July 31st - August 4th

games
 Lessons 6-8 pm.
 food
 see you there!



Bon-FIRE
 July 15th
 6-8 pm

games
 food
 fun!

Fun for the whole family!



**CHICKEN and BISCUIT
 DINNER**

August 24th
 12 noon - ?



July
 6th
 pm.

Attic
 Treasures
 Cutlery
 Ornaments

Homemade
 Candy



in the dining hall at the fair

SEE YOU THERE!!!