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April 2019



Through Christ we put God first by teaching reaching and loving all!

The R E A C H O U T

We have been studying authentic living in an artificial world. I always wonder how much do we understand when all is said and done. Do we when we realize a short coming in us, change, or do we keep doing what we are doing? Change is sooooo difficult. Do you have the life you desire? What are things that you would want to change about your life? I always wonder as I visit with people who are struggling and we talk. As I leave, I think they have a good plan, but later I find that something derailed their plan and they lose sight of the person they want to be. To accept the person that they are, short-comings and all. Then they think that I think less of them. I sit here today to say I only want to help you walk through whatever change you want or desire to help receive and feel the God who loves you so much and to help you find in you the Holy Spirit that helps to shine that light to others. If you are perfect or showing you are perfect how will all of us who have times of trials and failures ever think we could do what you have done. NO, we need authentic people who know the struggles which we are living.

What is first and foremost to being authentic? Mark 12:29-30: Jesus replied, "The most important commandment is this: Hear O Israel! The LORD our God is the one and only LORD. And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your Soul, all your mind, and all your Strength." This not some light-weight thing, this is a driven, always wanting, always desiring, and always yearning. Pressing to know, or struggling to get a glimpse. How often is our day filled with everything but God? We must depend on God when facing trials or hard times, sink in closer to your God. (Proverbs 3:5, 2 Corinthians 1:8-10). We must delight in God. How often do you just out of pure joy thank God? (Psalms 37:4, 43:4). We must give our devotion to God. (2 Corinthians 5:15) God does not want your perfection, God wants a relationship. Ray Stedman lists five characteristics of a real relationship with God: unquenchable optimism, unvarying success, unforgettable impact, unimpeachable integrity, undeniable reality.

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**TURN IN
YOUR ARTICLES
EARLY!**

RE M I N D E R :

**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER
ARTICLES IS**

April 25

I have always said that if it is no fun being a Christian, then who would want to do it? We who follow Christ authentically have joy because we know we have life and have it to the full. (John 10:10) We listen to the scripture and we hear “A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones. We don’t have to go far to find this almost everywhere. Joy is all through the scriptures and the Bible puts joy in a non-optional category. (1thessalonians 5:16 and Philipines 4:4) We know from Nehemiah 8:8-9: Joy of the LORD brings one strength. We know from the psalms 118:24 This is the day that the LORD has made let us rejoice and be glad in it. We need to simplify our lives so we can focus on God and enjoy God’s goodness. We need to spend more time with each other and hang out laughing and enjoying each other. Our Bibles study group sure understood that in these several weeks we have been together.

As a youth I hungered for more and more knowledge of God. I didn’t understand how that is the very protection needed to fight the spiritual battles that we as followers of Christ come up against every day of our lives. We have to be in the word because the Bible gives us power for the spiritual battles. In Ephesians 6:17: The Word of God is the sword of the Spirit. It is a sharp double edges sword that cuts deep into our innermost thoughts and desires. If we study the Bible, we learn how to find peace. We learn to focus on that which is true, honorable, right, pure, and lovely and admirable, excellent, worthy of praise. When we practice these, we find peace. The Bible gives us principles to live by and prepares us to achieve our purpose in life. This purpose is to work building up the body of Christ.

We learn to lean on God’s understanding and not our own. We learn to search and seek for what God desires for our lives, not what the world wants or desires. We learn to lean into God’s purpose for our lives. We get that we are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God. We lean on and share each other’s troubles and are always responsible for our own conduct. Lean away from conventional wisdom. Lean into divine purpose. Lean on the community of faith.

We must learn to slow down to see God in our life!!! Look out the window of your car while you are parked. Look through your peripheral vision. What can you see? Now start the car moving forward. Does it get harder to see? That is the spiritual world, it is a blur if you don’t hold still. Give yourself the time to be still and know God. Give yourself permission to read the scriptures. Take the time to know God. Faith comes to those who believe in God. And it is strengthened through listening to the Good News, the Good News about Jesus Christ. In God’s presence we find Joy and if we follow and trust in Christ, we find rest.

We are to love no matter what! Love, Love, Love, Love! The gospel in a word is LOVE. The last and the greatest of these is LOVE!

Thank you for your prayers, cards, and gifts! I appreciate your support as I continue to heal.

Pastor Ralph

April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Office open 9am-2pm	2	3 Office open 9am-2pm Bible study 6pm Lent worship 7pm	4	5 Office open 9am-2pm	6 Worship 5:00pm
7 Worship 8:00am & 10:30am	8 Office open 9am-2pm	9 Stewardship meeting 7pm	10 Office open 9am-2pm Discipleship training 5:30pm Lent worship 7pm	11	12 Office open 9am-2pm	13 Worship 5:00pm Soup and sandwich dinner 4-7pm
14 Worship 8:00am & 10:30am	15 Office open 9am-2pm	16 Council Meeting 7pm Renewal of vows and blessing of oils	17 Office open 9am-2pm Discipleship training 5:30pm	18 Maundy Thursday worship 7pm	19 Office open 9am-2pm Good Friday worship 7pm	20 Worship 5:00 pm Easter vigil 7pm
21 Worship 8:00am & 10:30am Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter	22 Office closed	23	24 Office closed	25	26 Office closed	27 Worship 5:00pm
28 Worship 8:00am & 10:30am	29 Office open 9am-2pm	30				

Sundays & Seasons Worship Planner

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DATE	EVENT NAME	COLOR	READINGS	INTRODUCTION
April 7th	Fifth Sunday In Lent	purple	Isaiah 43: 16-21 Psalm 126 Philippians 3: 4b-14 John 12: 1-8	The Lord our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume in preparation for the day of his burial. In the second reading we recall the transformation of Saul, the persecutor, into Paul, the apostle. In baptism, God's new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins.
April 14th	Palm Sunday	purple	Luke 19: 28-40 Isaiah 50: 4-9a Psalm 31: 9-16 Philippians 2: 5-11 Luke 22: 14-23:56	The voice of the suffering savior, Jesus, can be heard in the prophet Isaiah's words and the pleading of the psalm. We are invited into the agony of our Lord in the extended reading of the story of Jesus' passion. In the second reading, we who have put on Christ in holy baptism are urged to let the mind of Christ be our own. Lent leads us to this holy moment. Embrace it.
April 18th	Maundy Thursday	white	Exodus 12: 1-14 Psalm 116: 1-2, 12-19 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26 John 13: 1-17, 31b-35	With nightfall our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. At the heart of the Maundy Thursday liturgy is Jesus' commandment to love one another. As Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, we are called to follow his example as we humbly care for one another, especially the poor and the unloved. At the Lord's table we remember Jesus' sacrifice of his life, even as we are called to offer ourselves in love for the life of the world.
April 19th	Good Friday	stripped	Isaiah 52: 13-53: 12 Psalm 22 Hebrews 10: 16-25 John 18: 1-19: 42	Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek the face of the Lord again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."
April 21st	Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter	white	Acts 10: 34-43 Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24 1 Corinthians 15: 19-26 Luke 24: 1-12	"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." God has indeed raised from the dead the one who was put to death "by hanging him on a tree." Alleluia! God allows Jesus to appear "to us who were chosen by God as witnesses" in holy baptism and invites us to eat and drink at the table of the risen Christ. Alleluia!
April 28th	Second Sunday Of Easter	white	Joshua 5: 9-12 Psalm 32 2 Corinthians 5: 16-21 Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32	The psalm sets the tone this day: "Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!" Happy are those who have "become the righteousness of God" in the merits of Christ Jesus. Happy are those for whom the forgiveness of God has "rolled away . . . the disgrace" of former times. Happy is the father at the return of his prodigal son. Happy are we that our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake. Rejoice!

Serving in God's House THE REACHOUT

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE	April 7 Fifth Sunday in Lent	April 14 Palm Sunday	April 21 Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter	April 28 Second Sunday of Easter	May 5 Third Sunday of Easter
Altar Guild	Alice Haller	Art & Barb Gray	Donna Haller	Jean Ohlin	Kathy Kramer
Acolyte/ Crucifer 8:00am 10:30 am	Stephen Coss Barry Pitzer	Lauren Coss Grace Pavkovich	Stephen Coss Kara Haskin	Lauren Coss Ashlyn Elford	Stephen Coss Nick Haines
Communion 8:00 Assistant 10:30	Peggy Manchester Loetta Haller	Penny Felger Kathy Kramer	Peggy Manchester Sarah Deiger	Penny Felger Andy Tesyk	Peggy Manchester Loetta Haller
Lector 8:00 10:30	Stephen Coss Don Manning	Peggy Manchester Leslie Warren	Nancy Crouse Kathy Kramer	Greg Razo Loetta Haller	Stephen Coss Sarah Deiger
Liturgy	Sarah Deiger	Sandy Kuntz	N/A	Andy Tesyk	Loetta Haller
Ushers 10:30 am	Chuck Haller	Sonny Schneider	Ed Smith	Chuck Haller	Sonny Schneider
Fellowship after 10:30 am worship	Leslie Warren	Art & Barb Gray	Jean & Ed Ohlin	Kathy Kramer	Jean Sauerwein
Chrema Head counter in bold print	Tammy Chuey Ed Smith Ruth McMurray	Jeff Hum Donna Haller Rachel Montgomery	Loetta Haller	Nancy Barret Sandy Kuntz Sarah Deiger	Tammy Chuey Ed Smith Ruth McMurray
Anointers	8:00 am Nancy Crouse Marlene Vavrus Peggy Manchester	10:30 am Nancy Barret Sandy Kuntz Andy Tesyk	5 pm Diane D'Amico	Any service Jeff Waldele Sarah Deiger Wendy Edwards	
Communion Bread	Rachel Montgomery	Rachel Montgomery	Rachel Montgomery	Rachel Montgomery	Loetta Haller
Pew restocking	Andy Tesyk	Ruth McMurray	Andy Tesyk	Ruth McMurray	Andy Tesyk
Recycling	Andy Tesyk	Greg Razo	Andy Tesyk	Greg Razo	Andy Tesyk

If you need to exchange dates with someone else, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE **AFTER** you have made the arrangements with someone to exchange dates with, so that we may change the office calendar. **If you would like to volunteer, please call the office (330-549-2406) and we will add your name to our list. Thank you!**

Circle News ~ Team News

HANNAH CIRCLE NEWS

Hannah Circle members met at the church March 12th with 6 members present. We finalized plans for our cookie project, baking cookies for the Rescue Mission. After visiting, we had lunch at Belleria in Columbiana where Loetta asked the blessing. Our next meeting will be April 9th at 10am. We will visit friends again. Please continue to save foil and aluminum cans for Hannah Circle as this is our only fundraiser. We wish to thank all who baked for the Rescue Mission. They were very grateful and pleased.

DORCAS CIRCLE NEWS

To kick off the new year, we met March 13 for lunch at Carmella's on Western Reserve Road. The next meeting will be April 10th at 10:30am at Shepherd of the Valley.

STEWARDSHIP TEAM

The stewardship team met on March 12th. Our current project is to help with the Camp Frederick wish list. If you are able to donate any of the items, or if you want to donate money to help purchase bigger items, please let Camp Frederick know. The phone number is 330-227-3633. The wish list is on page 11. Thank you everyone who donated pet supplies to our Furry Friends collection. All donations have been distributed to local shelters. They are very appreciative! Our next meeting will be April 9th at 7pm.

DINNER TEAM

The Past Bake dinner was delicious and earned \$495.00. Thank you to all volunteers. Thank you to all who donated desserts. Thank you dinner team for all of your hard work and hospitality!

The next dinner is April 13th from 4-7pm. All-you-can-eat soup and sandwich dinner for only \$10.00; pre-sale tickets are available. Soups offered are stuffed pepper, twice baked potato, stuffed cabbage, and French onion. Sandwiches will be ham and turkey. The meal includes a beverage and dessert. Take out is also available. Join us for great food and fun fellowship!

Our Prayer List

The One Call system allows us to contact the prayer chain all at once to lift up prayers. If you would like a One Call sent out please contact the Church office at 330-549-2406.



Joe Kreidler	Leah Martin	Gerald Hostetter	Christopher
Jennifer Ostapiak	Linda Gray	Nora Sabella	Sandy Lutz
Catherine Bivianno	Jack Schneider	Sarah Corey	Sandra Nagy
Emily Bluedorn	Judy Dickey	Kerry Gumbs	Jack Crouse
Chris and Julia Karis	Jimmy Waldele	Carol Coleman	Walter Kyser
Dale Sheely	Joan Mayberry	Andy Tesyk	Lilian Fabry
Joan Grant	Dave Hospodar	George Anderson	

Serving in the Military:

Morgan Ball, Alyssa, Lyndsey Liberty, Bryce Liberty, Jakeb Fry, Jodie Brimmer

Our weekly intercessory prayer for the people of our congregation :

April 7

D.J. Frederick
Carl Frost
Jack Frost
Alaina Fuller

April 14

Glenn Fuller
LaDonna Fuller
Karen Galgan
Lee Galgan

April 21

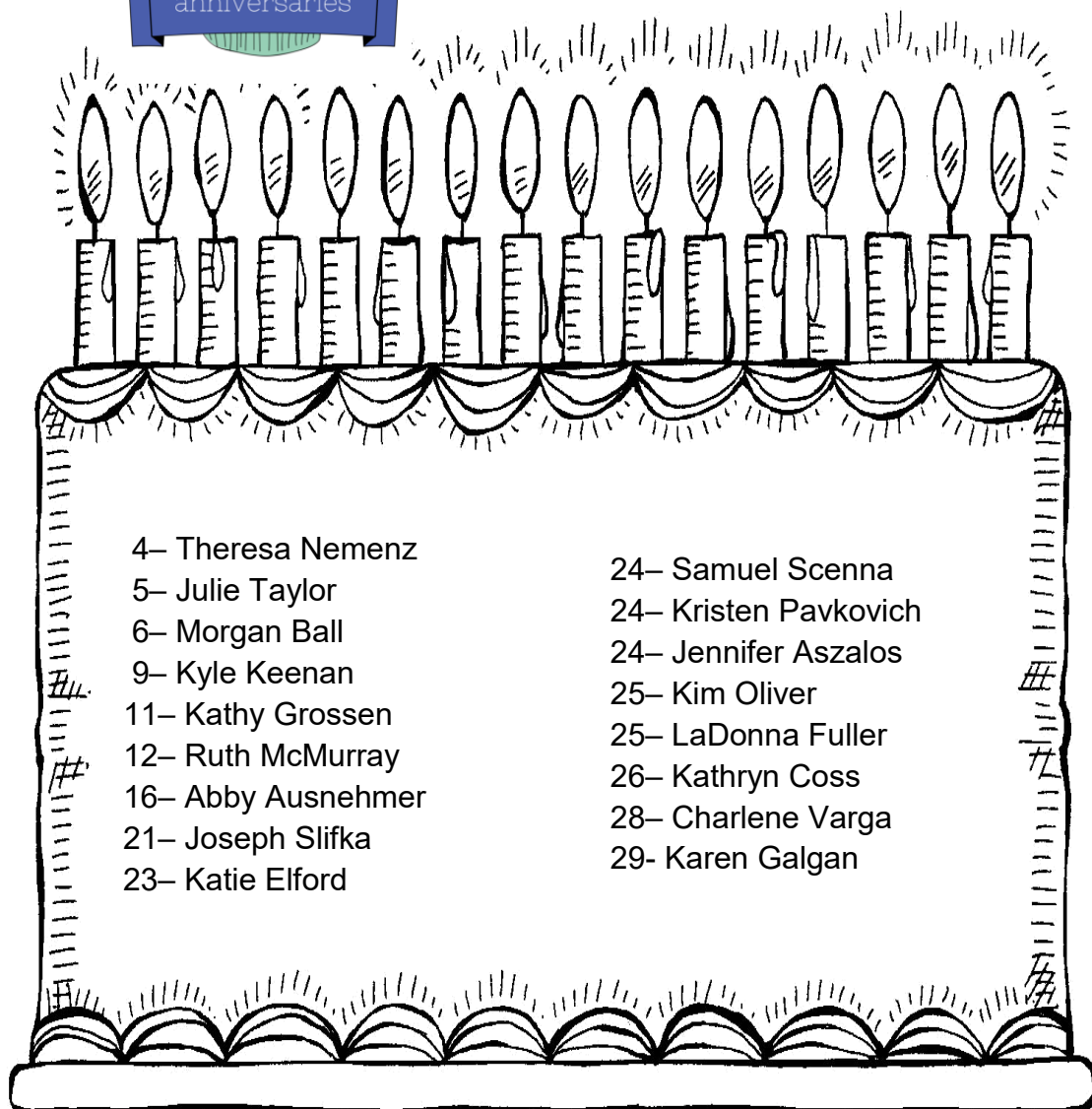
Shannon Galgan
Hannah Gettemy
Tina Gettemy
Arthur Gray

April 28

Barbara Gray
Don Greenberg
Sharon Greenberg
Kathy Grossen



8– Wendy & Ralph Edwards
11– Pam & John Nock



MEETING MINUTES

Council meeting minutes for March 19, 2019

The financial reports, team reports, Pastor's report and February meeting minutes, were all emailed to council ahead of the meeting. All reports were accepted.

present: Sarah, Kelly, Peggy, Stephanie, Kelsie, Jeff H., Wendy, Greg

excused: Pastor Ralph, Andy, Jeff W.

Sarah opened the meeting with prayer.

Dante Lewis presented a contract from the Mahoning Valley Board of Elections and requested to rent Good Hope's Fellowship Hall to use as a polling station.

Jeff motions to accept the contract. Stephanie seconds. Motion carried.

Treasurer: Kelly reports that we are spending more than we are bringing in. She has changed the report to show the percent of the budget spent.

Old business

a. capital improvements: The parsonage wall will be completed by the end of this week. The parking lot, landscaping, and lighting will start this Spring.

b. social media: Sarah and Stephanie will be ready to present at the April meeting.

c. All council members will try to find someone to replace Joe.

New business

a. church picnic: Greg will cook this year. The date was tentatively set for August 4th.

b. social events: A car show with food, and an ice cream social were discussed.

c. directory: Peggy states we need to schedule 23 families for both photo days. She will be advertising and scheduling appointments soon.

d. Easter flowers: Sarah has put out order forms. Orders and money are due March 31st.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer led by Greg.

Secretary and Youth Report:

Prepared for Communion Camp for confirmation class

Attended council and stewardship meetings

Cleaned up and organized office

Handled incoming calls and answering machine messages

Cleaned up email and handled correspondence

Helped with 3 c's phone calls

Updated our website weekly- sermons and calendar

Distributed mail

Prepared 8 regular bulletins

Prepared and distributed the March Reachout

Prepared 4 Sunday school lessons

Updated Red book and Onrealm

Changed outdoor sign

Ordered office supplies

Prepared packet for council meeting

Attended Camp Frederick dinner meeting

***** We need to replace 1 council member as soon as possible. If you would like to be on council, please contact the office at 330-549-2406. *****

PASTOR'S REPORT –March– 2019**Area of Focus Last Month**

I had 14 counseling sessions and numerous significant contacts with members and others.

5 Visit to the Hospital- Shirley Valadez, Jack Crouse, Marilyn Wire

We had our regular number of Saturday night, Sunday morning Services

Over the past month, I have presided at 13 worship services and prepared 6 sermons.

- Feb 15 Living Free Training
- Feb 19 Mahoning Valley Area Churches
- Feb 20 Emotional Intelligence Training
- Feb 24 Ohio Valley Adult and Teen Challenge will worship with us
- Feb 24 Dinner Team will have a lunch for Teen Challenge
- Feb 27 Emotional Intelligence Training
- Feb 27 March 6,13,20,27, April 3,10 Authentic Living Bible Study
- Feb 28 Mahoning County Community's Juvenile Trauma-Informed Council
- Feb 28 A Thursday with Thrivent
- March 1-2 Confirmation overnigher and 1st Communion Retreat
- March 5 Shrove Tuesday Dinner at Mt. Olivet for Community Day Camp
- March 6 Emotional Intelligence Training
- March 6 Imposition of Ashes 11am to 1pm and at Worship
- March 6 Ash Wednesday Worship at 7pm
- March 9 Pasta Bake Dinner
- March 13 Discipleship Training

Up and Coming Areas of Focus

- March 13,20, Lenten Worship 7pm
- March 19 The Mystery of Risk
- March 21 MVAC Board Meeting
- March 22 Opioids Summit V Adolescents and Opioids
- March 25 Trauma-Informed Care
- March 27 Bible Study
- March 27 Lenten Concert
- March 30 Grief Camp Meeting

Treasurer's Report Ending February 28, 2018

Negative shown in parentheses	Actual this period	Actual this year to date	Annual budget remaining
Income	\$11, 733.66	\$21,816.17	\$171,683.83
Expense	\$17,194.50	\$34,294.20	\$158,761.08
Total	(\$5,460.84)	(\$12,478.03)	\$12,922.75

Capital Improvement Fund: Goal = \$50,000.00 Current Balance = \$27, 353.90

Thank you for your donations!

* Mark Your Calendar *

April 3 & 10: Lenten worship at 7pm.

April 6: Camp Frederick dinner dance: Invitations are available in the Narthex.

April 13: Soup and sandwich dinner

April 16: Blessing of oils and renewal of vows

April 18: Maundy Thursday worship at 7pm.

April 19: Good Friday worship at 7pm.

April 20: Vigil of Easter worship at 5pm.

April 21: Resurrection of our Lord at 8am & 10:30am.

Special Interest

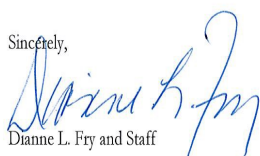
Directory: Peggy Manchester is heading up the new directory team. Photos will be taken by Lifetouch on May 6th and May 8th from 2-9pm. You may schedule your appointment in the Narthex or by contacting Peggy at: 330-770-3523 or pmanch@hotmail.com

Our annual rummage sale is May 18th. Cleaning out garages or basements this Spring? Please donate your items to the rummage sale. Contact John Chuey at 330-549-3527 to pick up your donations.

Dear Good Hope Lutheran Church,


Thank you for the thoughtful donation of food and supplies for our dogs. We greatly appreciate you thinking of us. Your kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated! The support we receive from individuals such as yourself is invaluable in our continuing endeavor to raise the standard of care for our dogs and providing the best opportunity to be successful in a loving home.

Sincerely,


Dianne L. Fry and Staff



Dinner Dance

to Benefit
 Camp Frederick

Sock Hop Theme

April 6, 2019

Doors Open at 6pm.
Dinner is Served at 7pm

Zion Lutheran Church
3300 Canfield Rd.
Youngstown, OH 44511

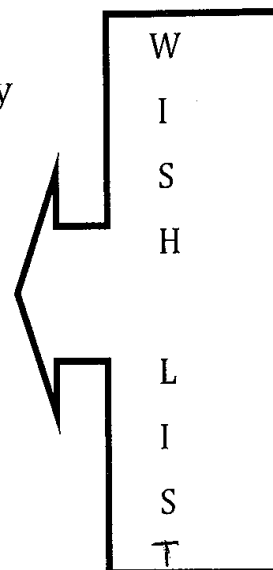
\$40. Per Ticket
Contact
Camp Frederick
(330) 227 - 3633



Camp Frederick

The stewardship team is asking you to prayerfully consider supporting Camp Frederick as they prepare to kick-off a new camping season.

- Gas powered log splitter- new or used
- New camp van
- Back-up generator system for camp powered by natural gas
- Dehumidifier for Nature Center - \$200
- 30 new folding chairs for the Adult Retreat Center and Trinity Center - \$20 each
- 4-8' folding tables - \$80 each
- 2-4' folding tables - \$53 each
- 16 mattress covers for cabins - \$20 each
- Lowes/Home Depot Gift Cards - for weekly maintenance needs
- Gas Gift Cards
- By-fold Doors for closet in the Cottage- \$100



SOUP AND SANDWICH DINNER

ALL YOU CAN EAT TAKE-OUT AVAILABLE

WHEN: APRIL 13, 2019 TIME: 4:00 – 7:00PM

SOUPS: STUFFED PEPPER, STUFFED CABBAGE, TWICE BAKED POTATO, AND FRENCH ONION

SANDWICHES: HAM AND TURKEY

-DESSERT AND BEVERAGES INCLUDED!

TICKETS: ADULT- \$10.00, CHILDREN- \$5.00



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Saturdays—5:00 pm

Sundays—8:00 & 10:30 AM

Children's Sunday School during 10:30 worship

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