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

The R E A C H O U T

²³ Whatever task you must do, work as if your soul depends on it, as for the Lord and not for humans,
²⁴ since you know that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward; you serve the Lord Christ.
(Colossians 3:23-24)

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness. ⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer.

¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord."

²⁰ Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.
(Romans 12:1-21)

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¹ I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: ⁴ there is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. ⁷ But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸ Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high, he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." ⁹ Then it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things. ¹¹ He himself granted that some are apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴ We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming; ¹⁵ but speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love. (Ephesians 4:1-16)

⁷ The end of all things is near; therefore, be serious and discipline yourselves for the sake of your prayers. ⁸ Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹ Be hospitable to one another without complaining. ¹⁰ Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. ¹¹ Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen. (1 Peter 4:7-11)

¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

I have been trying to explain what it means to work, not for this world, but for the next. It is God we are to please, not people. That does not mean to disregard your boss. It means go the extra while not looking for anatta-boy. Do your best work without looking for bonuses. Just because it is the right thing to do. If you get rewarded that's fine and good. If you make a good living that's also fine and good. Your intentions should be to do your best work, for you serve God. That is so hard sometimes to understand. Sometimes it doesn't seem fair. Some times it feels like we are taking a road no one else seems to follow or understand. God understands and God is who you do what you are doing for. We are just followers doing what our master has shown us by example. The way to the cross the Servant King.

What is fun is the feeling after you have accomplished that which did not seem possible?! Folks I know this is hard. I know because I lose sleep because my faith doesn't seem big enough or strong enough. Keep fighting the good fight. Keep struggling to have that faith that does the impossible. Keep going back to scriptures and keep seeking God. Keep seeking to please God. We know the right answers to our questions. For some reason just don't want to believe that it is that easy. We want there to be a fairness or a reward for hard work. And we will get that reward. It will be greater than any reward we might receive here on earth. No one can steal it away from you. You are blessed. You are a child of the most high God. This side of heaven that does not pay the bills, Pastor Ralph. I know I struggle with it too! We each have to decide what we choose to believe and what path we want to follow. You see in the end it is you and God with Christ.

Pastor Ralph

Sundays & Seasons Worship Planner

DATE	EVENT	COLOR	READINGS	INTRODUCTION
July 6th	4th Sunday After Pentecost	green	Isaiah 66: 10-14 Psalm 66: 1-9 Galatians 6: 1-16 Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20	God is the source of our nourishment. Jesus' invitation to "take and eat . . . take and drink" is a repeated one. In holy communion, in the word read and proclaimed, in the assembly of the people of God, the dominion of God has come near. Rejoice! Your name is written in heaven.
July 13th	5th Sunday After Pentecost	green	Deuteronomy 30: 9-14 Psalm 25: 1-10 Colossians 1: 1-14 Luke 10: 25-37	To love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind is to reflect God's mercy in responding to one's neighbor. That mercy found its most profound expression in the "gospel that has come to you"—namely the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That gospel mercy comes to us again today: at the font, at the table, and from the pulpit. It is very near to you.
July 20th	6th Sunday After Pentecost	green	Genesis 18: 1-10a Psalm 15 Colossians 1: 15-28 Luke 10: 38-42	Perhaps the church, at its best, is "all ears." God urges the faithful, again and again, to "listen up!"—to heed the word that gives life. So it was with Abraham and Sarah, Mary and Martha, and the early church at Colossae. So it is today as we join the assembly to hear the word of God, the word of life.
July 27th	7th Sunday After Pentecost	green	Genesis 18: 20-32 Psalm 138 Colossians 2: 6-19 Luke 11: 1-13	Persistence in prayer is encouraged by Jesus and wins the attention of God when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus—is to be nurtured with prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God's own. "When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me."

Thank you team! You've made the church grounds lovely!



Kevin Barret



Bill Varga



Wayne & Marion
Meyer

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE JULY

Serving in God's house	July 6	July 13	July 20	July 27
Lector 8:00	Greg Razo	Nancy Crouse	Greg Razo	Nancy Crouse
Lector 10:30 Liturgy	Kathy Kramer	Pastor Ralph	Kathy Kramer	Pastor Ralph
Communion bread	Tammy Chuey	Tammy Chuey	Tammy Chuey	Tammy Chuey
Altar Guild				
Chrema	Wendy Edwards Tammy Chuey	Nancy Barret Wendy Edwards	Nancy Barret Sandy Kuntz Tammy Chuey	Wendy Edwards Nancy Barret

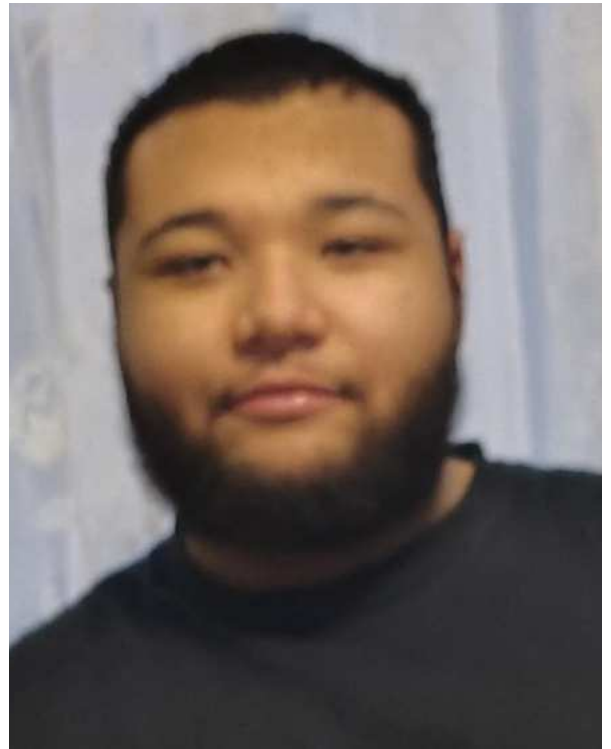
SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE AUGUST

Serving in God's house	August 3	August 10	August 17	August 24	August 31
Lector 8:00	Greg Razo	Nancy Crouse	Greg Razo	Nancy Crouse	Greg Razo
Lector 10:30 Liturgy	Kathy Kramer	Pastor Ralph	Kathy Kramer	Pastor Ralph	Kathy Kramer
Communion bread	Marion Meyer	Marion Meyer	Marion Meyer	Marion Meyer	Marion Meyer
Altar Guild					
Chrema	Wendy Edwards Tammy Chuey	Tammy Chuey Wendy Edwards	Tammy Chuey Sandy Kuntz	Wendy Edwards	Nancy Barret Wendy Edwards

GRADUATES 2025



Jimmy Powell



Neil Takach

Smoked Turkey Dinner with Teen Challenge

Sunday September 21st at Noon

Join us in Fellowship Hall right after the 10:30 worship to welcome and share a meal with the men and women of Teen Challenge. The meal will be provided by the Shaffer family.

Stuffed Shells Dinner

Wednesday September 17th ~ 4-6pm

Meal includes cheese stuff large shells, salad, bread, and dessert.
To-go only.

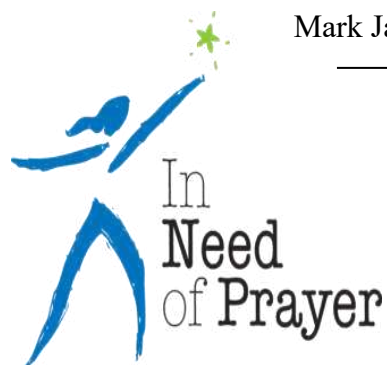
Our Prayer List

Wayne Graham
Daralee Graham
Andy Tesyk
Ruth Thompson
Janet Chittock
Mark Jamison

Debbie Jamison
Lorie McCale
Hannah Perry
Coy Cope
Cohen Sweeney
Bruce Holisky

Tim Winters
Rick Johnson
Missy Foster
Jim McCauley

In the military:
Alyssa
Bryce Liberty
Jakeb Fry
Daniel McMurray



Our weekly intercessory
prayer for the people of our
congregation :

July 6

Pam Nock
Ed Ohlin
Jean Ohlin
Kim Ohlin

July 13

Theresa Ohlin
Kim Oliver
Grace Pavkovich
Kristen Pavkovich

July 20

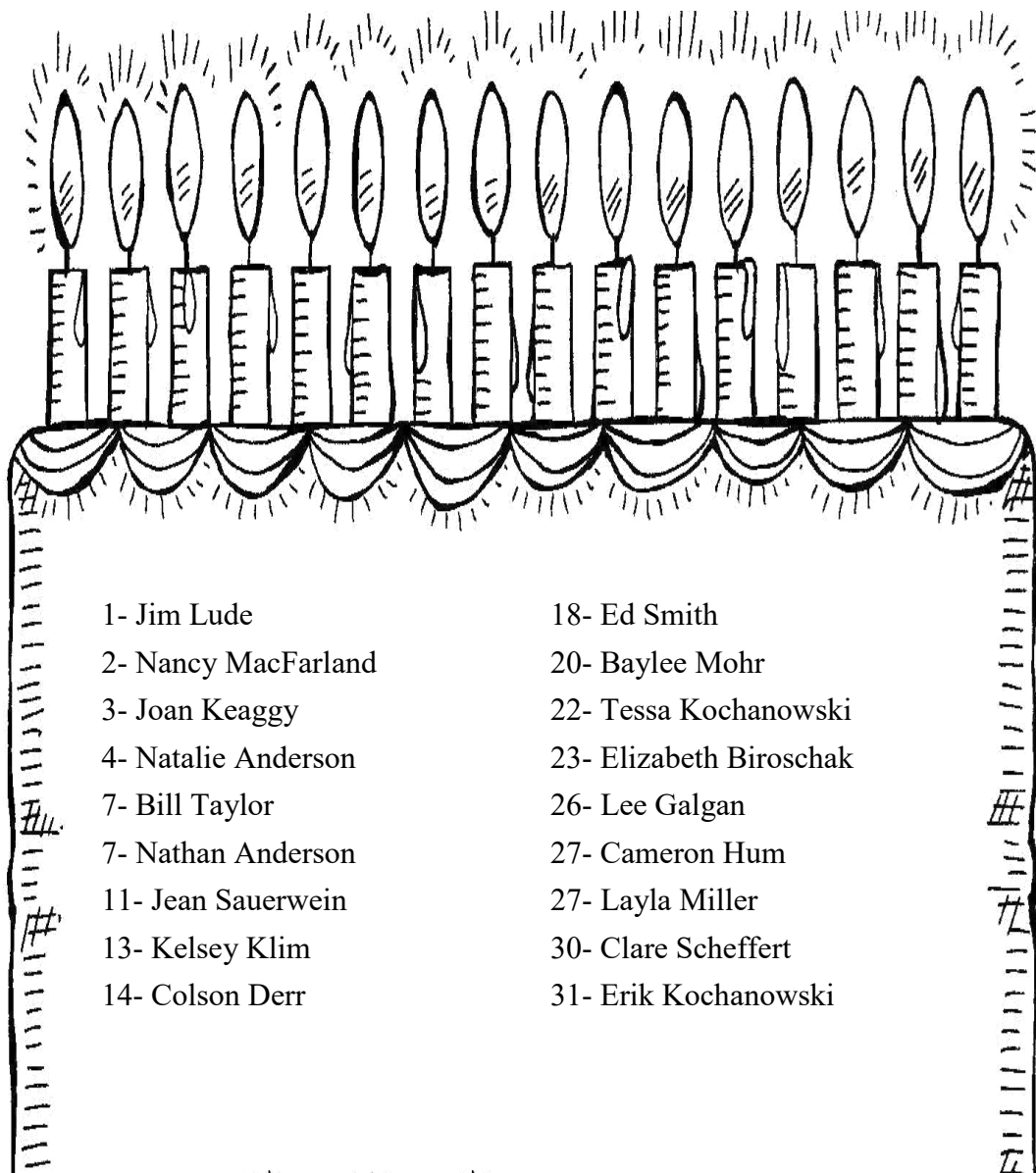
Ava Peterson
Aza Peterson
Barry Pitzer
Kellen Pitzer

July 27

Adam Popio
Alyssa Popio
Gianna Popio
Ivana Popio
Savannah Popio



6- Wolfgang and Helga Wengler
12- Scott and Lisa Shehan
14- Brandon and Lacey Kramer
23- Lee and Karen Galgan
24- Glenn and LaDonna Fuller



1- Jim Lude
2- Nancy MacFarland
3- Joan Keaggy
4- Natalie Anderson
7- Bill Taylor
7- Nathan Anderson
11- Jean Sauerwein
13- Kelsey Klim
14- Colson Derr

18- Ed Smith
20- Baylee Mohr
22- Tessa Kochanowski
23- Elizabeth Biroshak
26- Lee Galgan
27- Cameron Hum
27- Layla Miller
30- Clare Scheffert
31- Erik Kochanowski

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Meeting Minutes for June 17, 2025

present: Carl, Mark, Pastor Ralph, Wendy, and Greg
excused: Ken

Pastor Ralph opened the meeting with prayer.

Pastor's Report –June– 2025

Area of Focus Last Month:

I had 3 hospital visits- Andy Tesyk and Judy Powell

I had 15 counseling sessions and numerous significant contacts with members and others. I had 25 contacts by phone for significant help. We had our regular number of Saturday night and Sunday morning services. Over the past month I have presided at 13 worship services and prepared 5 sermons.

- May 2 Adam brings new computer
- May 10 benefit dinner for Laurie at Shaffer's Deli
- May 13 Eric Buday sworn in for Beaver Police
- May 14 Briarfield Place worship
- May 16 Senior Meeting at the Park
- May 17 Synod Assembly on-line 9AM to Noon
- May 17 Camp Frederick Qtr. Auction
- May 22 Southeastern Conference Meeting and Lunch
- May 24 Rally in the Valley
- May 27-31 covering for emergencies for Kari Lankford
- May 30 Rummage Sale
- May 31 Rummage Sale
- May 31 Chicken Dinner
- May 31 Baptism- Oliver Wayne Lude

Secretary's Report:

May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29- confirmation class

May 4, 11, 18- family Sunday school

May 14- Briarfield worship

May 17- Quarter Auction for day camp

May 24- yard clean-up day with girl scouts

May 29- fire extinguishers inspected by Silco

May 30- helped at rummage sale

May 31- helped at rummage sale

Completed office duties, changed paraments, restocked supplies in pews, and answered calls for 3 c's. Updated electronic sign, organized clothing shed, prepared bulletins, power points, and the Reachout.

Old Business:

- a. Proceeds from the rummage sale are \$1,845. Wendy will talk to Nancy Crouse to see when the next sale is at Mount Olivet.
- b. Proceeds from the bbq chicken dinner are \$540.

New Business:

- a. Pastor Ralph is having a dinner team meeting June 28 at 10am. Everyone is invited. They will be discussing the dinner schedule for the rest of the year.
- b. Pastor Ralph will speak to Naomi and Bryan Hum about preparing the 2026 budget for Good Hope.
- Pastor Ralph led the Lord's Prayer to close the meeting.

Treasurer's Report May 1 May 31, 2025

Negative shown in parentheses	Actual	Budget	Budget remaining
Income	\$10,467.55	\$16,163.34	\$5,695.79
Expense	\$16,340.88	\$15,901.68	(\$439.20)
Net Total	(\$5, 873.33)	\$261.66	\$6,134.99

Weekly Attendance 2025

January	February	March	April	May	June
59	53	82	82	69	83
51	59	62	78	69	103
53	56	77	123	55	68
69	99	71	80	65	67
		81			61
(58)	(67)	(75)	(91)	(65)	(77)

Mark Your Calendar

July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30- Music in the Park concert series 7pm at Woodworth Park

July 9- Worship at Briarfield Place 11am

July 15- Council meeting 7pm

July 26- Levites at Mt. Olivet breakfast 9am

***Family Sunday School will resume in the Fall.**

***Bible study will resume in the Fall. We will be studying Acts.**

***Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://zoom.us/j/92198377951?pwd=DSkKlCEY5w7Gosjvnrj51HM3QJCaqv.1>

Beaver Township Fire & EMS



Saturday, Sept. 20th

3:00 - 7:00 pm

DRIVE-THRU OR DINE IN

Tickets Available Now!

Don't wait, \$15 in Advance

\$18 at the Door



Meal includes: half chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, soft serve ice cream.

Held at the South Range School building.

All proceeds to benefit the Beaver Township Fireman's Association

Congratulations to the 2025 Confirmation Class!
Ava, Aza, Khloe, Kevin, Sam, and Donovan



The Music in the Park Concert Series is going really well! Thank you Sandy and Pat for hosting!



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Return Services Requested

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Worship Services

Saturdays—5:00 pm

Sundays—8:00 & 10:30 AM & noon

Children's Sunday School during 10:30 worship

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