

Dear Covenant Partners, Active Supporters, and Friends,

Summer is upon us, meaning warmer and longer days, but it also means extra times of fellowship and fun with our church family! This summer will feature several ways to get and stay connected to one another. Check out the list below of opportunities for Children, Youth, and Families!

<u>Youth Summer Picnic:</u> Youth who have finished grades 6-12 are invited to a summer picnic on **Wednesday**, **June 5**th at my house from 6:30-9 p.m. Come roast hot dogs, make mountain pies, enjoy s'mores, and play a variety of different yard games including volleyball, badminton, Kan Jam, and more! This is a great way to get to know one another and kick off summer!

Rooted Wednesdays: Rooted Wednesdays is for students who have finished grades 6-12 to come together and learn about what it means to be rooted in our faith through fellowship and fun. Rooted Wednesdays, beginning on **June 12th**, are Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at UPVPC, and every 3rd Wednesday at Laurie Ruby's house. Our theme for the summer is Authentic Faith using a character study on Timothy, the young church leader from 1 & 2 Timothy. If you would like more information, please speak with Laurie Ruby.

Family Fridays: This year we are introducing Family Fridays into our summer calendar! Family Fridays is for families of kids of all ages and for our church family! One Friday during June, July, and August we will gather together at a host home (weather permitting) to relax and fellowship with one another. Our first Family Friday gathering will be on **Friday, June 21** at Drew and Dawn Johnson's house from 6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. Come and gather together as we enjoy games, go swimming, and enjoy great food and company! If you and your family would like to join us, please speak with Laurie Ruby in order to make sure we have plenty of food to go around.

Fruitful Farms Vacation Bible School: Join us out in the fields for Fruitful Farms VBS Sunday, July 21-Thursday, July 25 from 6:30 – 8:15 p.m. Kids and adults alike will learn about how God has given us the Fruit of the Spirit and how we can nurture and grow love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control in our lives! Many hands are needed to help water and nurture the seeds of faith in our children, so if you are interested in helping please speak with Laurie Ruby. Registration will soon be available online and paper registrations will be available as well! Invite your friends, family, and neighbors to join us at Fruitful Farms!

For more information about any of these events or if you would be interested in volunteering with our Children and Youth programs please contact Laurie at (717) 491-6357 or rubylaurie53@yahoo.com.

REMINDER: The low interest Daniel Wolff student loan fund is available to all students of any age who are active in the work and worship at UPVPC and are pursuing education beyond high school. If you want to apply or reapply for a Daniel Wolff Student Loan, please contact Elder Jama Hampson at 717-372-0815.

> The firm deadline is June 15th. *******

Showing our Love & Respect for John Walker

On Friday, April 27, esteemed organist and a son of our congregation, John Walker, was the honoree for the 2019 American Guild of Organists Endowment Fund Distinguished Artist Award. For the very special program for this illustrious event our congregation made a donation to the endowment fund in honor of John. Rev. Meagan wrote a short message for the program:

From your first church family, we are very proud of your extraordinary musical accomplishments. Your humble ways reflect God's heart for the world. Upper Path Valley Presbyterian Church

John wrote the following thank you to us:

With profound gratitude I write to express my deep thanks to you and the congregation of the *Upper Path Valley Presbyterian Church for your* kind and meaningful message which was printed in the program for the recent American Guild of Organist Gala in my honor.

I continue to be deeply moved every time I see your kind and generous words. Indeed my inspiration and first opportunities to be a church musician occurred in the Spring Run church, first as pianist for Sunday School and later as substitute organist for Alma Lytle when I was a high school freshman. My life journey was blessed by these formative experiences.

It was a great joy to be present for worship at Upper Path Valley Church a year ago when I was in the area to play in Fannettsburg. What a delight to observe the thriving congregational life of the church in Spring Run.

With my heart overflowing in gratitude to you and the church for your kindness to me now and throughout my life, I thank you sincerely and pray that God will continue to inspire and to bless your ministry.

With deepest gratitude, John Walker







GRADUATION SUNDAY IS JUNE 9TH

Congratulations to the following graduates on their outstanding accomplishments!

- **Morgan Frazier** graduated from Fannett-Metal High School & Career Tech's Fire & Rescue Program with Fire One and EMT! Morgan is heading to Penn Tech to become a paramedic. She will be working as an EMT over the summer.
- **P** Rachel Horton graduated from Southern Huntingdon High School. She will be attending Harrisburg Area Community College in the Surgical Tech program.
- Robert Lee McClure III graduated from Big Spring High School. He is heading to Fort Benning, GA for basic training and AIT. He plans to return home to pursue a Chemistry degree at Shippensburg University in Spring 2020.
- Matthew Overmoyer (great-grandson of Maxine Morris) graduated from Penn State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Labor and Employment Relations.
- Elizabeth Parsons is graduating from the online school Commonwealth Charter Academy. Her general career focus is to do something math related, as she has enjoyed taking challenging math courses. Her heart is not set on a particular career yet, but she is working toward figuring that out. She plans on starting college either this fall or the next, most likely at Penn State Mont Alto. "I forward to seeing God's plans for me as I have seen his hand in my life. Thank you so much for being such a supportive church family!"
- Billy Peppernick (Valedictorian) graduated from Fannett-Metal High School. He will attend Messiah College to pursue a Biomedical Engineering degree.
- Alyssa Rotz graduated from Fannett-Metal High school. She will attend Slippery Rock University to become a Doctor of Physical Therapy.
- **Damon Watkins** (grandson of Pat & Donnie Allison) graduated from Shippensburg University in Accounting. Damon is working with JLG.
- Janae Watkins (granddaughter of Pat Allison) graduated from Shalom Christian Academy. She will attend Wilson College.
- **Tamel Woodward** graduated from Central Penn with a degree in Business. Cam is working with his dad Kevin and exploring a variety of options for the future.



Summer Mission Work Update

We will take on local mission projects this summer as applications come in. If you know someone who could use some help at home, please contact the church to discuss the schedule and possibilities.

A Thank you from the Path Valley Shoebox Project

John & Ruth Mitchell

O my goodness - it's only May and our storage area in the Val-Med Building at Dry Run is starting to burst at the seams! What a wonderful problem to have! We wish to thank everyone who has supported the Project in any way - we have received very nice items for the boxes, along with prayer support and financial gifts. We especially want to thank our friends, neighbors, members and the entire congregation at UPVPC for their generous support with the Easter Sunday offering. We are excited to share with you these funds will enable us to send our "extra" shoeboxes that we expect to pack in the fall into areas of the world where the Gospel has not yet been shared. It is hard to imagine but there are many children in the world where the Gospel is not shared and in some places it is not allowed. By supporting our efforts, you will have a part in sharing the Gospel with these precious children. And that is why we pack shoeboxes, why we collect the items, and why we labor -to go forth into all the nations, sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. It is what we are called to do, and we love doing it!

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES!



Pray a prayer of thanksgiving and blessing over each person/couple as their special day arrives:

Birthdays

- 6/5 Missy Ruby
- 6/6 Gary Rebok
- 6/8 Wayne Harry

- 6/11 Tina McGee
- 6/12 Glenn Campbell
- 6/13 Meagan Boozer, Lisa Parsons
- 6/16 Kathy McGee
- 6/18 Carrie Anderson, Bob Shoop, Bill Shoop
- 6/20 Willa Allison, Ashley Mayeski
- 6/22 Ken Weikel
- 6/23 Eric Bair
- 6/24 Wally Hoffman, Denny Stine
- 6/26 Jeff Beaumont, Hunter Waite, Ruth Mitchell
- 6/28 Joan Stewart
- 6/29 Kathy Baker, Logan Walters, Elizabeth Parsons
- 6/30 Kyndlelyn Rosenberry, Casey Rotz, Tammy Shoop

Anniversaries

- 6/2 John & Joan Stewart; Gary & Minnia Rosenberry
- 6/3 Mark & Ruth Frazier; Casey & Holly Rotz
- 6/5 Donnie & Pat Allison
- 6/7 Tim & Jama Hampson; Todd & Katrina Myers
- 6/8 Jeff & Dawn Beaumont
- 6/14 Mark & Brooke Fischer
- 6/15 Tim & Donna Zeigler
- 6/17 Don & Nancy Woodward
- 6/19 Bob & Laurie Shoop
- 6/21 Melvin & Ellen Heckman
- 6/25 Greg & Jackie Best, Mike & Gayle Parks, Kenny & Betty Wenger
- 6/28 Greg & Bobbi Jo Hart
- 6/29 Seth & Tammy Hart
- 6/30 Bob & Sherri Baker, Dick & Julie Eckels, Rodney & Kim Walters, Chad & Tana Martin



It's time to start collecting Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Items!

As we continue to collect items for our fall packing parties, we continue to reach out to those who have a love for children, sharing the Gospel and packing shoeboxes. We will be meeting at Double Dip, June 3 at 6:30pm and everyone is welcome to join us. We are always in need of items for our boxes including soap,

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washcloth, clothing items, toys, pencils, sharpeners, erasers, paper, stuffed animals, toothbrushes, jump ropes, matchbox cars, the list includes anything you would want to send. If you have items to donate, our storage area in the basement of the Val-Med Building in Dry Run is open the last Saturday of the month from 9-12 noon. Or just bring your items to the church!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Check your weekly bulletin for updates and additions!

JUNE 2019

- Sat. June 1: Work Morning, 8 a.m. noon. Bring yardwork tools! On the list: masonry work, clean up in the prayer garden, weeding, raking, fixing the shed door, fixing our hoses, cleaning up the boiler room and organizing two closets inside.
- Sun., June 2: 8:30 & 11 a.m.; Small Groups, 9:45-10:45 a.m.
- Mon., June 3: Mission & Outreach, 6:30 p.m.
- Wed., June 5: Retired UPVPC Friends
 Fellowship Lunch, 11:30 a.m. at the PVR;
 Youth Cookout, 6:30-9 p.m. (see front page)
- Sun, June 9: 8:30 & 11 a.m.; Small Groups, 9:45-10:45 a.m. This is Pentecost and Graduate Recognition Sunday!
- Mon., June 10: Fun & Fellowship, 3 p.m.
- Tues., June 11: Session, 6:30 p.m.
- Wed., June 12: Rooted Youth Group, 6:30 8:00 p.m.
- Sat., June 15: Daniel Wolff application deadline; Deacon's Aprontree Meal ministry.

- Sun., June 16: 8:30 & 11 a.m.; Small Groups, 9:45-10:45 a.m. Baptism of Rylan Laird Felmlee, 8:30 a.m.
- Monday, June 17: Deacons, 6:30 p.m.
- Wed., June 19: Third Wednesday for Youth at Laurie's house, 6:30 8 p.m.
- Fri., June 21: Family Friday at Dawn & Drew Johnson's house, 6:30 8:30 p.m.
- Sun., June 23: 8:30 & 11 a.m.; Small Groups, 9:45-10:45 a.m.
- Mon., June 24: Trustees, 6:30 p.m.
- Wed., June 27: Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.
- Sat., June 29: Church Kayak Adventure
- Sun., June 30: 8:30 & 11 a.m.; Small Groups, 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Thank you to everyone for your generous giving for our special Easter offering. God enabled us to give \$1256 to each of our five missionary families, and to each of the following ministries: Path Valley Shoebox Project, Kwezeke Ministries in Mozambique, Cool Shade of Life Church in Thailand, and the Nebraska Haylift Project. Thanks be to God!



LOOKING AHEAD: Sunday, August 11 Starting at 4 p.m. at Spring House Farm. Hotdogs and burgers and drinks will be provided. Bring a dish to share!



Lord Jesus Christ, I want to follow you.

I want to learn from you.

I want to be your disciple.

I choose today to continually put myself in a position of obedience to receive the growth I know I need.

Please help me be:

- D a follower with a dedicated, determined, devoted heart that desires above all else to be like Jesus.
- I invested and involved in the people and the work of ministry in my church,
- S submitted to the ways and will of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit,
- C connected with God and with one another in the Body of Christ,
- I indwelt and ignited by the Holy Spirit who is constantly instructing me,
- P a proclaimer of Jesus Christ who counts it nothing but a privilege to be persecuted for the sake of Christ and his kingdom,
- L a lover of God and my brothers and sisters in the church so that everyone will know that we are disciples of Jesus Christ,
- E a disciple with an expansion mindset (making more disciples of Jesus), and
- S an honorable and faithful steward of the Christian faith, of the rich history of our church, and of the beautiful property God has given to us.

Gracious God, I come before you with humility,
for I know I cannot be and do all of these things apart from you.
You are my goal. You are my desire.
You are my breath, my life, my one and only Savior.
Help me to bring you glory by the way I respond to all you have taught me.
This I pray in Jesus name, with a grateful heart,
Amen.



SPEND A WEEK AT

FRUITFUL FARMS VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

UPPER PATH VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY JULY 21 - THURSDAY JULY 25

6:30 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. Ages 3 through 5th Grade

"For the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness,

faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control..."

Galatians 5:22-23

REGISTER ONLINE:

https://vbspro.events/p/events/fruifulfarms REGISTER BY PHONE: 717-349-2603 FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL LAURIE RUBY AT 717-349-2603