



Mark your Calendar

JUNE 2018

- 6-3 Communion
- 6-10 Deacon Meeting – 11:30 a.m.
- 6-17 Father's Day/Friends & Family Sunday
- 6-23 Used Book Sale
- 6-27 Session Meeting - 7 p.m.

JULY 2018

- 7-1 Communion
- 7-8 Deacon Meeting – 11:30 a.m. (tentative)
- 7-15 Friends & Family Sunday
- 7-15–7/17 VBS 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.
- 7-25 Session Meeting – 7 p.m. (Tentative)

AUGUST 2018

- 8-5 Communion
- 8-12 Deacon Meeting – 11:30 a.m. (tentative)
- 8-22 Session Meeting – 7 p.m. (Tentative)

Just some thoughts

Philip Yancey, in his book, *What's So Amazing About Grace?*, tells a story about two people riding on a bus and one of them has a copy of Scott Peck's book *The Road Less Traveled*. The conversation goes something like this:

"What are you reading?"

"A book a friend of mine gave me. She said it changed her life."

"Oh, yeah? What's it about?"

"I'm not sure. Some sort of guide for life. I haven't gotten very far yet...Here are the chapter titles: Discipline, Love, Grace,..."

"What's grace?"

"I don't know. I haven't gotten that far yet!"

I think that is the case with a lot of us. We understand discipline and to an extent love, but grace is a much tougher issue. We don't understand the greatest gift God has given us, grace. We live in a society demanding strict codes of behavior and even more strict consequences for our actions and the gift of grace gets lost in the vast sea of the law. The *"I live the old-fashioned way, I earned it!"* approach doesn't fly for the Christian or the church. How can we advocate a life-style which contradicts the very foundation of our faith? Too often it is because we have not gotten that far yet. We have not taken Jesus' actions and words seriously.

We are living in a very spiritual society. People are aware of, and focused on, spirituality in a way that has not been seen since the Great Awakening over a century ago. People are looking for a way in the desert of this ever-changing world. Anxiety is as high or higher than at any time in history and people are searching for truth. We, the church of Jesus Christ, need to be agents of grace to our hurting neighbors. We should be looking to share grace rather than laws. In a hurting world, grace is the only thing that can come into the picture and make us whole. Grace is the unmerited favor of God. It is not something that is attainable or can be acquired by any means other than thru God's unfathomable love for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This is the gift we have just celebrated in Easter and is why we worship and celebrate all through the year.

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UPDATES

Session Update

Regular June Session Meeting

Wednesday, June 27 at 7:00 p.m.

Regular July Session Meeting - tentative

Wednesday, July 25 at 7:00 p.m.

Regular August Session Meeting - tentative

Wednesday, August 22 at 7:00 p.m.

Note: Summer Session and Deacon Meetings are held if needed

Deacon Update

Regular June Meeting

Sunday, June 10 at 11:30 a.m.

Regular July Meeting - tentative

Sunday, July 8 at 11:30 a.m.

Regular August Meeting - tentative

Sunday, August 12 at 11:30 a.m.

*The nicest place to be is in
someone's thoughts,
the safest place to be is
in someone's prayers, and the
very best place to be is
in the hands of God.*

Prayer
is the key to heaven but
Faith
unlocks the door.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

JUNE

JUNE 3, 2018 – Communion

Assisting Elder *Becky Brandt* Greeters *The Keiper Family*
Assisting Deacon *Sue Gentle*
Servers *Rich Fehr, Scott & Sheri Aydelotte, Lori Indyk*

JUNE 10, 2018 -

Assisting Elder *Kate Harris* Assisting Deacon *Carol Keiper*
Greeters *The Carr Family*

JUNE 17, 2018 – Father's Day/Friends & Family Sunday

Assisting Elder *Bert Kuhn* Assisting Deacon *Emily Swanson*
Greeters *Russell Scott*

JUNE 24, 2018 –

Assisting Elder *Natalie Dutt* Assisting Deacon *Karen Rose*
Greeters *Nancy Baumgartner*

JULY

JULY 1, 2018 – Communion

Assisting Elder *Barbara Esposito* Assisting Deacon *Gail Bragin*
Greeters *The Haschak Family*
Servers *Jeff Indyk, John & Nancy Ehasz, Lori Frankenfield*

JULY 8, 2018 -

Assisting Elder *June Heyer* Assisting Deacon *Ray Lalley*
Greeters *The Wismer Family*

JULY 15, 2018 - Friends & Family Sunday

Assisting Elder *Rick Cornely* Assisting Deacon *Rich Fehr*
Greeters *The Indyk Family*

JULY 22, 2018

Assisting Elder *Scott Aydelotte* Assisting Deacon *Suzanne Swanson*
Greeters *The Losco Family*

JULY 29, 2018

Assisting Elder *Nancy Ehasz* Assisting Deacon *Jan Kuhn*
Greeters *Courtney Morrow*

AUGUST

AUGUST 5, 2018 – Communion

Assisting Elder *Karen Rose* Assisting Deacon *Vicki Stevens*
Greeters *Rich & Betty Salter*
Servers *Bev Lalley, Gail Bragin, Rick Cornely, Kate Harris*

AUGUST 12, 2018 –

Assisting Elder *Jeff Indyk* Assisting Deacon *Jenn Taynor*
Greeters *Cheryl Edison*

AUGUST 19, 2018 - Friends & Family Sunday

Assisting Elder *Dave Swanson* Assisting Deacon *Sue Gentle*
Greeters *Evenlyn Kankula*

WORSHIP SCHEDULE (cont)

AUGUST 26, 2018 –

*Assisting Elder
Greeters*

*Niki Carr
Dave Ehasz Family*

Assisting Deacon Kate Harris

Usher Schedule

- June 3 Communion Servers will be the Ushers
- June 10 Joyce & Charlie Cummins, Amber Brady, Carol Keiper
- June 17 Joe & Cathy Haschak, Dick and Loyce Johnson
- June 24 Rich & JoAnn Fehr, Rose Bohr, Cindy Winters

- July 1 Communion Servers will be the Ushers
- July 8 Joyce & Charlie Cummins, Carol Keiper, Rose Bohr
- July 15 Scott & Sheri Aydelotte, Amber Brady, Natalie Dutt
- July 22 Niki & Andy Carr, Lynn Ehrhardt, John Ehasz
- July 29 Barbara Esposito, Sharon Bell, Nancy Baumgartner, Lori Frankenfield

- August 5 Communion Servers will be the Ushers
- August 12 Charlie & Joyce Cummins, Carol Keiper, Becky Brandt
- August 19 Ray Lalley, Jeff & Lori Indyk, Courtney Morrow
- August 26 Rich & JoAnn Fehr, Rich & Betty Salter

SUMMER DONATIONS

Summer is a fun time, but it is also a time when traditionally it is more difficult to meet the budget. Please help your church by mailing in your offering if you are going to be away. We need each of you to fulfill your obligation so that the church can continue to fulfill its own obligations. Thanks.

ARMED FORCE MEMBERS

Please keep our armed force members in your thoughts and prayers.

USED BOOK SALE

Time to spring clean those crowded book shelves at home including magazines. This book sale will be held on Saturday, June 23 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. The purpose of this event will be to add to our organ fund. Books and magazines of all kinds will be accepted. Please box your books and bring them to church or call the church office. Thanks and hope to see you at the book sale!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Sunday, July 15 – Tuesday, July 17, 2018 **5:30 to 8:00 p.m.**

Dinner will be served

The Christian Education Committee reminds parents that the deadline for registration for Vacation Bible School is July 8. Please fill out registration form and place in the offering plate, mail or deliver to the church office. You may also call the church office at 859-0355 to register by phone. Payment of \$10 per child is due at the first VBS gathering on Sunday, July 15, 2018.

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY SUNDAY

Remember the FOOD FOR THE NEEDY SUNDAY is the first Sunday of every month. As you come to worship, please place your nonperishable food items in the baskets located in the downstairs hallway. Poverty and hunger, like God, do not take a vacation. The summer can be more difficult for parents as their children are home all day and cannot take advantage of federal school breakfast and lunch programs

REMEMBER THESE FOLKS IN PRAYER

David Au, family of James Barr, Joan Barry, Christine Basai, Al Beder, Kate Beers, Michael Beers, Shirley Beers, Beth Bell, Chris Bohr, Grayson Bohr, Tammy Burrows, Chloe, Niki Carr, Dick Collins, Mary Collins, Sheila Constanza, George Costello, Kim Crane, Rachel Crane, Jimmy Crouse, Charlie Cummins, Joyce Cummins, Lori Cymerman, Glenn David, Flo Disarsky, Jean Dutt, Lynn Ehrhardt, Marilyn Elmendorf, Carolann Ficarra, family of Donna Fleming, Clay Flyte, Brian Forik, Kelly Fox, Josephine A. Frankenfield, Paula Freese, Gail Gangaware, Frank Gentle, Melissa Gentle, Anne Ginley-Yerkes, Judy Grace, Betty Holod, the Hutnick family, Jessica Hutton, Dick Johnson, Cecelia King, Ernie Kirchgaessner, Rex LaBarre, Ray Lalley, Sam Marino, Maria Massaro, Veronica Matus, Bill McEwen, Tom Moschberger, Olivia Ruggerio, Jace Nikoden, Zachariy Orletzkiy, Irma Cook Petersen, Tom Pointer, Salter Family, Rhonda Santilli, Russell Scott, Amy Shandor, Henry Skirbst, Earl Steele, Sr., baby Trent, Diane Wilkinson, Danny Wismer, Tom Wismer, Debbie Wittschiebe

THANK FOR TONER/INK CARTRIDGES

Thank you to all who have turned in ink and toner cartridges. We receive \$2 for each one turned back into Staples. We have received many rebate checks and have really saved on our office supply orders from Staples. Every little bit helps and we appreciate your support. ***Please keep them coming!!***

MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAM

Our Harmony Church has been active in the Phillipsburg Meals on Wheels program for many years, delivering meals at homes to those who are not able to be up and about. Those of us who have participated have given an hour or so one day a month, picking up the meals at a designated location, working in pairs with one driving and the other knocking on doors. We pick up at approximately 10:40 and usually finish up in an hour or less, following careful directions given to us for the various routes.

We could use at least two more volunteers or perhaps three or four to cover necessary absences. If you are interested in joining our group, talk to one of these folks and call Lola Shepherd at 908-474-2924. Thank you.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



If you would like to add a birthday or anniversary please contact the church office at 908-859-0355 or send e-mail to tomcat507@verizon.net. Please note that the birthday and anniversary lists will be no longer appear in the Tower but will be available on our website tpcnh.org.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

Do you want to remember a loved one? Or would you like to honor a special person or day, such as a birth, anniversary, marriage or birthday. Chancel flowers are only \$30 for two vases. You can take the flowers with you after the service or the Board of Deacons will see that they are distributed to a church member who is ill or shut-in. A sign-up chart is located on the door to Fellowship Hall. Please place your donation in the offering plate and make the envelope "flower fund." If you have any questions or if you can't come in to sign the chart please call the church office.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

It is a cause for joy when visitor become friends, and friends become members of our church family. Publicly received as new members during worship on March 18th were Nancy Baumgartner, Sharon Bell, Howard Bell, Mason Sucigan. Also our confirmation class was welcomed on May 20th. Welcome to Campbell Smith, Aaron Losco, Chase Aydelotte and Cole Aydelotte. Welcome to all!

CHILDREN'S DAY PROGRAM

Our Children's Day Program was presented on May 20. We wish to thank all the children and their teachers for a wonderful, meaningful program. Thanks to Sandy Vliet for her assistance with this program.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION AND CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

The following graduates were honored during worship on May 20, 2018: Middle School – Chase Aydelotte, Cole Aydelotte, Campbell Smith, High School - Nicholas Austin. We congratulate them and wish them the best on their next journey. Also, we welcomed the following confirmation class as members of Harmony Presbyterian: Campbell Smith, Aaron Losco, Cole Aydelotte and Chase Aydelotte.

CHURCH SCHOOL

Church School will resume on September 16th. Kids can register for Church School at the Church Picnic on Sunday, September 9.

DOOR WILL BE LOCKED

For the safety of our children in Church School please note that the side door – parking lot side – will be locked on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. If you arrive after 10:00 a.m. please use the front doors. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY SUNDAY

Friends and Family Sunday will be held every 3rd Sunday beginning on June 18. Please bring friends and family to our worship service.

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Mark Twain said the church is good in the worst sense of the word. Meaning, we are good but not as good or responsive as we can or should be! We, unfortunately, have not gotten that far yet! We are good, but can we be the best for the sake of and because of Jesus and His grace? Just some thoughts... Pastor Scott

In an attempt to save postage costs, the newsletter will be on the church website. If you would be interested in not receiving a copy in the mail – please notify the church office. Thank you.

CALENDAR REMINDER: CHURCH PICNIC WILL BE SEPTEMBER 9.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

JUNE 17th



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