



Mark your Calendar

JUNE 2017

- 6-4 Communion/Pentecost
- 6-11 Deacon Meeting – 11:30 a.m.
- 6-18 Father's Day
- 6-28 Session Meeting - 7 p.m.

JULY 2017

- 7-2 Communion
- 7-9 Deacon Meeting – 11:30 a.m.
(tentative)
- 7-9 – 7/13 VBS 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.
- 7-26 Session Meeting – 7 p.m.
(Tentative)

AUGUST 2017

- 8-6 Communion
- 8-13-8-20 InterFaith Hospitality here
- 8-13 Deacon Meeting – 11:30 a.m.
(tentative)
- 8-23 Session Meeting – 7 p.m.
(Tentative)

What's It All About?

Thoughts from Pastor Scott...

One of the eternal questions for all of humanity is, "Who am I?" Am I the person I see in the mirror or am I the person people tell me I am? I often wonder whether I will ever be able to reconcile these internal nagging thoughts. They have at times consumed me and led me to question the very gifts and talents I possess. I must admit, I have been asking these questions of myself lately as we continue our life together. What makes the difference between being a truly significant person and just another plodding average person? How do I balance the knowledge of my sinfulness and the power of God working through me? I was sitting with a friend recently talking about this issue when he reminded me of a poem by Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the German theologian and Lutheran Pastor, wrote from prison prior to being executed by the Nazi's.

Am I then really all that which other men tell of? Or am I only what I myself know of myself? Restless and longing and sick, like a bird in a cage, Struggling for breath, as though hands were compressing my throat, Yearning for colors, for flowers, for the voices of birds, Thirsting for words of kindness, for neighborliness, Tossing in expectation of great events, Powerlessly trembling for friends at an infinite distance, Weary and empty at praying, at thinking, at making, Faint, and ready to say farewell to it all?

Who am I? This or the other? Am I one person today and tomorrow another? Am I both at once? A hypocrite before others, And before myself a contemptibly weebegone weakling? Or is something within me still like a beaten army, fleeing in disorder from victory already achieved? Who am I? They mock me, these lonely questions of mine.

Whoever I am, Thou knowest, O God, I am Thine!

Dietrich Bonhoeffer March 4, 1945

Bonhoeffer was a man of tremendous influence and a powerful man of God. His writings and faithfulness to the truth of God have had a powerful impact on the life of the church and the lives of those who seek to be a follower of Jesus Christ. I am amazed at the depth of his personal despair and internal wrestling.

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UPDATES

Session Update

Regular June Session Meeting

Wednesday, June 28 at 7:00 p.m.

Regular July Session Meeting - tentative

Wednesday, July 26 at 7:00 p.m.

Regular August Session Meeting - tentative

Wednesday, August 23 at 7:00 p.m.

Note: Summer Session and Deacon Meetings are held if needed

Deacon Update

Regular June Meeting

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

Regular July Meeting - tentative

Sunday, July 9 at 11:30 a.m.

Regular August Meeting - tentative

Sunday, August 13 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 4, 2017 – Communion/Day of Pentcost/Graduate Recognition

Assisting Elder Natalie Dutt Greeters The Losco Family
Assisting Deacon Sue Gentle
Servers John Counterman, Rich Fehr, Carol Keiper, Russell Scott

JUNE 11, 2017 -

Assisting Elder Scott Aydelotte Assisting Deacon Suzanne Swanson
Greeters Shirley & Elisa Beers

JUNE 18, 2017 – Father's Day

Assisting Elder Lori Frankenfield Assisting Deacon Gail Bragin
Greeters Sandi Skibenes

JUNE 25, 2017 –

Assisting Elder Tom Wismer Assisting Deacon Jenn Taynor
Greeters The Haschak Family

JULY

JULY 2, 2017 – Communion

Assisting Elder Ruth Skirbst Assisting Deacon Carol Keiper
Greeters Ray & Bev Lalley
Servers Ray & Bev Lalley, Tom & Bonnie Wismer

JULY 9, 2017 -

Assisting Elder Vicki Stevens Assisting Deacon Emily Swanson
Greeters The Gentle Family

JULY 16, 2017 -

Assisting Elder John Ehasz Assisting Deacon Karen Rose
Greeters David Ehasz Family

JULY 23, 2017

Assisting Elder Becky Brandt Assisting Deacon Kate Harris
Greeters The Heyer Family

JULY 30, 2017

Assisting Elder Dave Swanson Assisting Deacon Rich Fehr
Greeters Rich & Betty Salter

AUGUST

AUGUST 6, 2017 – Communion

Assisting Elder Bert Kuhn Assisting Deacon Ray Lalley
Greeters Louise Harris, Ben Rose, Ray Bragin, Olivia Swanson
Servers Deb McKenna, Charlie Cummins, Scott & Sheri Aydelotte

AUGUST 13, 2017 –

Assisting Elder Nancy Ehasz Assisting Deacon Jan Kuhn
Greeters Lee Smith Family

AUGUST 20, 2017 -

Assisting Elder Nancy Farley Assisting Deacon Sue Gentle
Greeters Russell Scott

WORSHIP SCHEDULE (cont)

AUGUST 27, 2017 –

*Assisting Elder
Greeters*

*Jeff Indyk
Indyk Family*

Assisting Deacon Tom Wismer

Usher Schedule

- June 4 Communion Servers will be the Ushers
- June 11 Joyce & Charlie Cummins, Rose Bohr, Jan Kuhn
- June 18 Rex LaBarre, Ray Lalley, Courtney Morrow, Deb McKenna
- June 25 Jeff & Lori Indyk, Dick & Loyce Johnson

- July 3 Communion Servers will be the Ushers
- July 9 Joyce & Charlie Cummins, Ruth Skirbst, Suzanne Swanson
- July 16 Rose Bohr, Rich & JoAnn Fehr, Becky Brandt
- July 23 Lori Frankenfield, John Ehasz, John Counterman, Jan Kuhn
- July 30 Scott & Sherri Aydelotte, Ray Lalley, Jeri Lynn Flynn

- August 6 Communion Servers will be the Ushers
- August 13 Charlie & Joyce Cummins, Tom & Bonnie Wismer
- August 20 Carol Keiper, Courtney Morrow, Natalie Dutt, Lynn Ehrhardt
- August 27 Cindy Winters, Jeff & Lori Indyk, Rex LaBarre

BAPTISMS

We are always pleased to welcome God’s children into our church family. Baptized on April 30 was Flynn Johanson Keyser, born on September 11, 2016, son of Patrick and Megan Keyser. .

SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to the family & friends of Richard (“Papa Foot”) Frankenfield, who returned to his Lord on April 1, 2017.

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.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Sunday, July 9 – Friday, July 13, 2017

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 20. 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 18, 2016.

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

Randa Barabas, James Barr, Joan Barry, Christine Basai, Kate Beers, Michael Beers, Shirley Beers, Beth Bell, Grayson Bohr, Mary Bruinooge, Dick Collins, Mary Collins, Sheila Constanza, Kim Crane, Rachel Crane, Joyce Cummins, Glenn David, Flo Disarsky, Jean Dutt, Marilyn Elmendorf, Evans Family, Donna Fleming, Clay Flyte, Kelly Fox, Josephine A. Frankenfield, Paula Freese, Gail Gangaware, Frank Gentle, Melissa Gentle, Anne Ginley-Yerkes, Judy Grace, Kathy Hartung, Hilton family, Betty Holod, Linda Hoffman, Huggins Family, Jessica Hutton, Lynn Keyser, Bob & Cecelia King,, Rex LaBarre, Ray Lalley, Sam Marino, Veronica Matus, Alice McElhinney, Bill McEwen, George Morgan, Jace Nikoden, Rhonda Olswski, Irma Cook Petersen, Tom Pointer, Nicole Prohaska, Janice Prostack, Ed Pulsicki, David Rehrig and his family, Joan Richards, Gary Rooks, Rich Salter, Jr., Russell Scott, Amy Shandor, Sgt Ryan Skibenes, Henry Skirbst, Marjorie Solt, Ron Smith, Earl Steele, Sr., Terry Family, baby Trent, Bob Vannatta, Diane Wilkinson, Danny Wismer, Debbie Wittschiebe, Pete Youpa.

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!!***

GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY

The following graduates will be honored during worship on June 4, 2017: High School - Benjamin Blum, Ben Rose, Nicole Matlock, Kyle Winters, Louise Harris, Kara Tipton, Rachel Rothrock, Raymond Bragin, College – Will Harris – Drexel University, BS in Construction Management. We congratulate them and wish them the best on their next journey.

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.

CHILDREN'S DAY PROGRAM

Our Children's Day Program was presented on May 21. 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.

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.

CHURCH SCHOOL

Church School will resume on September 17th. Kids can register for Church School at the Church Picnic on Sunday, September 10.

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.

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.

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 May 28th were Brian and Maggie Drew. Welcome!

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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And yet, this is a man who is considered one of the greatest Christian witnesses of the 20th Century. Then I read the last line and I understand...My worth and value as a person can be understood in the light of who God has made me, not in my own understanding or the view of others!

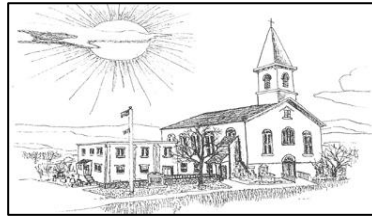
Just some thoughts... Pastor Scott

*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 10.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

JUNE 18th



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