

The Cornerstone Newsletter

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Pastor's Reflections:



Over the course of the last month, I have been reminding the church leadership and opening meetings with what has become a very important verse of scripture to me. The scripture is Revelation 21:5 "He (Jesus) who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new! Then He (Jesus) said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

I was first reminded of this scripture earlier this year as our family celebrated the life of my Uncle Paul who passed away this past May at the age of 97. My Uncle Paul was a giant in my eyes, I accredit to much of what I am now is because of people like my Uncle Paul, who I watched and listened to. Uncle Paul was married to my Dad's sister Pauline for 70 years plus. Uncle Paul placed great priority in his marriage, his family, his business (a car dealership that he managed for 50 plus years), his country service, his community and most importantly in his relationship with Jesus Christ. To me and many others he was a perfect example and something that I have tried to be -- an example to others.

I thought it so strange at his Celebration of Life that the Pastor would use Revelation 21:5. As I listened, I realized in my soul that much of our focus in life is on endings and not new beginnings. We work as parents to raise our children to be successful, we work in jobs so that one day we can retire, we try to live healthy lifestyles so that we can die without pain, and in so many ways we live for the ending and not new beginnings.

We become Christians by accepting Jesus as our Savior, maybe thinking we have gained that ticket to heaven. This becomes a dangerous pattern because the free gift of

salvation does not end the journey of faith with Christ, it is a new beginning. As it is, we must move from that place of salvation and continually draw nearer to Christ (James 4:8) and live a life that reflects Jesus in all we do.

As we continue to give new thoughts toward following Jesus and being Disciples there are many things that need to be replaced. You know the things in your life that need replaced by more of Christ. You know in your family the things that need changed to draw your entire family to Jesus. You know in your community the things that need changed so that we can once again become a people searching and longing for the heart of God and to be the people of God.

Furthermore, as the Church, as the First United Methodist Church of Kane, we need to come together at the prayer rail, at the communion table, at the water's edge of Baptism, to constantly be seeking God's will for this church and the people, the community, the world in which we called to serve.

I am excited to hear of those who are completing reading through the Bible in a year – it has changed their lives. Are you reading your Bible daily? I am blessed to hear of those who are hearing and recognizing answers to prayer. How much time are your spending with God in prayer? I am stoked to see people who are answering the call as volunteers to be actively engaged in mission and service through many areas of ministry from the core of this Church. What are you doing for Jesus?

Remember for new things to happen, for the old hurts of the past to be gone, it will take you fully leaning into God, setting new priorities in your faith walk, and becoming the person that God has destined you to be.

Write this on your heart – Jesus wants to do a new thing in your life! Are you ready and willing to let this happen – the choice is yours.

Pastor Calvin



OUR CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Rev. Calvin Cook
Youth/Young Adult Minister	Bill Richter
Administrative Assistant	Jan Reynolds
Sanctuary Organist, Financial Secretary	Debbie Airgood
Treasurer (Current Account)	Jill Grosch
Chapel Organists/Accomp.	Ann Bokma Kristi Gelsick and Adam Hickey
Sanctuary Choir Director	Kathy Long
Celebration Bells Director, Young Adult / Youth Choir	Lori Avenali
Wesley Preschool Director	Lenore Spaich
Custodian	Rusty Harp

MUSIC MINISTRY TEAM

Children's Choir Director	Coleen Lundeen
Accomp. Children's Choir	Kristi Gelsick
Puppet Ministry Directors	Kristi Gelsick & Lindsey Reigel
Beginning Chimes Director	Kathy Long

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2019 - 2020

Church Council Chair	Derek Dangelo
Co-Chairperson to Council	Bonnie Fuller
Lay Leader	Bonnie Fuller
Lay Rep. to Annual Conf.	Debbie Woodford
Alternate Representative	Kathy Long
Finance Chairperson	Danette Sarvey
Trustee Co-Chairpersons	Wayne Chapman and Geoff Perry
Staff-Parish Relations Chair	Debbie Woodford
United Methodist Men	Larry Anderson
United Methodist Women	Donna Nelson

Youth / Nursery	Rebecca Miller
Worship	Robynn Boyer
Education	Linda Hearst
Missions	Donna Nelson, Mary Thompson
Head Usher	Bill Whiteman
Greeters	Kathy Cledgett
Worship Leaders	Ethel Fogel
Communion	Nancy Rudolph
Poverty Ministries	Bonnie Fuller, Tina Steudler
Hospitality	Sonja Geer & Ann Bokma
Audio	Don Lundeen & Craig Rudolph
Altar Guild	Don & Pinky Holt
Kimbrough Library	Jackie Durnell
Librarian	Adam Hickey
Newsletter	Kay Keyser and Aneta Johnson
Nursery Attendant	Mary Williams
Evangelism	Barry Morgan
Prayer Ministries	Natalie DeWalt
Health Ministries	Rebecca Miller
Advance Team Leader	Dawn Stefani
Connections Facilitator	Pam Wright
Technology & Social Media	Debbie Woodford
MEMBERS AT LARGE:	Nancy Rudolph Tina Steudler & Bill Whiteman



DISCIPLES SERVING IN SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP LEADERS

(If you have a question or need to switch, please contact Ethel Fogel or the Church office. Thank you).

Sept. 1 st	8:30 AM	Adam Hickey
	11:00 AM	Donna Nelson
Sept. 8 th	10:00 AM	Debbie Woodford
Sept. 15 th	8:30 AM	Gail Cook
	11:00 AM	Lindsey Reigel
Sept. 22 nd	8:30 AM	Natalie DeWalt
	11:00 AM	Coleen Lundeen
Sept. 29 th	8:30 AM	Dawn Stefani
	11:00AM	Nancy Morgan

SEPTEMBER GREETERS

September 1 st	8:30AM	Gail Cook
	11:00AM	Stephenie & Josue Pena
September 8 th	8:30AM	Linda & Steve Bowser
	11:00AM	Carol Stanko
September 15 th	8:30AM	Robynn & Bob Boyer
	11:00AM	Nancy & Paul Morgan
September 22 nd	8:30AM	Geoff Perry
	11:00AM	Ruth Heeter
September 29 th	8:30AM	Vickie Osmer
	11:00AM	Jan & Harold Hallberg

SEPTEMBER SPECIAL MUSIC

8:30am

1 st	Adam Hickey
15 th	Gail Cook
22 nd	Becky Miller
29 th	

11:00am

1 st	Adam Hickey
15 th	Sanctuary Choir
22 nd	Sanctuary Choir
29 th	Sanctuary Choir

10:00 am

8 th	Sanctuary Choir
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SEPTEMBER ALTAR FLOWERS

1 st	Jack & Linda Hedlund's 57 th Wedding Anniversary
8 th	
15 th	In memory of Betty Johnson & Susan Beatty by their family
22 nd	In honor of Avery Grace Stanley's 1 st birthday from Grandma Jan & Grandpa Marty
29 th	In honor of Bill & Nancy Barr's 67 th Wedding Anniversary on Oct. 4 th by their children

(If you are interested in sponsoring the altar flowers, please sign up or phone the church office, 837-7120)

SEPTEMBER RADIO BROADCAST SPONSORS (\$45.00 per broadcast)

1 st	To the Glory of God
8 th	
15 th	In memory of Betty Johnson & Susan Beatty by their family
22 nd	
29 th	

(If you are interested in sponsoring a radio broadcast, please sign up or phone the church office, 837-7120)

ORGANISTS / ACCOMPANIST SEPTEMBER

Saturday Night:	iWorship, Ann Bokma, Gail Cook and Adam Hickey
8:30am	Ann Bokma, Adam Hickey and Kristi Gelsick
11:00am	Debbie Airgood

(8:30AM Organist schedule):

September 1:	Ann Bokma
September 8:	Ann Bokma
September 15:	Kristi Gelsick
September 22:	Adam Hickey
September 29:	Kristi Gelsick

COMMUNION STEWARD FOR SEPTEMBER

Nancy Rudolph

Communion Weekend: August 31st and September 1st
Communion in the pews

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY OCTOBER 5TH & 6TH – Come to the Table

Looking forward to this time when we will be celebrating Communion and all that it stands for with our brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the world. The Sanctuary Choir and Youth and Young Adult Choir will be presenting a special musical piece for this as well.

USHERS: SEPTEMBER

Saturday Night:	Larry Anderson
8:30am Chapel:	Craig Rudolph and helpers
11:00am Sanctuary	Bill Whiteman/Stephenie Pena Team

OUR ACOLYTES FROM 2018/2019

The following young ladies served as acolytes for the 2018/2019 program year:

Ava McKinney, Lucy Stevens, Natasha Stevens, Erica Lundeen, Jenyka Hearst, Satene Banks, and Alexis Morgan

They will be recognized in the 10:00 AM church service on September 8th at Rally Day. Thank you for serving God well.



During our 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM Worship services we offer Nursery Care for our young children. Mary Williams is our attendant. If you desire to take your child to the nursery and are unfamiliar as to the location, any usher or church member would be more than happy to assist you. Parents/Guardians/Grandparents will be given a hand-held pager for their convenience in the event you need to be contacted during the service time. Mary is also available in the nursery for some of our special programs and choir/bell rehearsals during the months that they rehearse.



The Mission of the United Methodist Men (UMM) is To Help Men Grow in Christ.

The United Methodist Men will be starting up their monthly Men's Fellowship Breakfasts on Sunday, September 8th at 7:30AM in Bartlett Hall. This is a time of fun, fellowship and good food prepared by a group of the men. All men of the church, and beyond, are invited to come and join us.



RALLY DAY AND MUCH MORE!

(Table Ministry, etc.)

Hooray! While it's sad to see summer end, it's good to return to the regular program schedule of the church. On 9/8/19 we will have Rally Day. We will have one service that day at 10:00 AM. Prior to the service there will be a light breakfast of donuts, juice and coffee served beginning at 9:30 AM. While you are enjoying the breakfast treats you can walk around the Chapel and take a look at the Ministry Tables. These represent all the ministries that are affiliated with our church. We will have information available to review, photos to see, and people to talk to so you can get to know our church life better. Maybe you will even see something you would like to be involved in.

During church we will be celebrating Sunday School accomplishments, like attendance and the giving of Bibles, along with recognizing the great work of our acolytes last year and welcoming them this year.

After church, the Ministry Tables will still be available to view and persons to speak to and there will be our usual Second Sunday Lunch. Lunch will be served outside, weather permitting, and the menu will be - ????

Come join this exciting start to a new program year.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



by: Donna Nelson

Summer is over and now things will be starting up again. Hopefully everyone had a restful summer and you are ready to go.

On September 10th at 6:00 PM, we will be having a tureen dinner in the Fellowship Room. Mary Circle

will be the hostesses and will be providing the beverages. The devotions and program will be done by Donna Nelson and Gail Cook.

This is open to all women. Come bring a dish to share and a table service and join us for a great night of fellowship.

MISSION TEAM NEWS

by: Donna Nelson

The Mission Team will be working on some projects for Haiti like sewing pillowcase dresses and feminine hygiene kits (reusable pads, shields and bags to keep them in). We are also leaving the list of requested donation items up for the Ruth M. Smith Center and have a copy in this newsletter. We will place a collection container in the narthex. So if you have some extra things you can spare or maybe you come across a great buy one/get one deal maybe you would consider donating them to the Ruth M. Smith Center. There will be more mission work to come.

POVERTY MINISTRIES/SHARING ROOM

by: Bonnie Fuller

SHARING ROOM

HOURS WE ARE OPEN:

Tuesdays: 7:00 – 8:00 P.M.

Thursdays: 2:00 – 4:00 P.M.

and by appointment by calling: 837-7120

The Sharing Room continues to support individuals and families who have urgent needs for non-food items. We appreciate your continued support. MUCH NEEDED ITEMS continue to be laundry and dish soaps, shampoo and conditioner. Dollar General and Family Dollar both carry these items and many others for \$1. Toilet paper is always in demand and I recently got a 4 roll package for \$1 at Dollar General. Opened packages of personal care items are also welcome.

The only clothing items we can accept at this time are underwear and socks. We have a good supply of hats, gloves and scarves for the coming winter. We will be having a coat drive in October.

Volunteers are needed to fill in occasionally, mostly on Thursday afternoons. You will have a partner monitoring the room with you. Please see Bonnie Fuller or leave a message with the church office if you are interested or have any questions.

Thank you for sharing God's abundance with others.

FROM THE ADVANCE TEAM!

By: Dawn Stefani

All the different ministries of the church have been at work over the summer to prepare for the program year ahead as you can see from the summaries here in this newsletter. I hope you take the opportunity to attend Rally Day on September 8th and look over the many different opportunities available to you to be God's hands, feet and voice in our church and community. If you are still not sure or have any questions or concerns about any of these activities and groups, please see me and together we will see what we can do.

I would just like to highlight some things that you will see happening:

- **Afterschool ministries from 3-5:30 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Open to all children in our community. This program will begin September 23rd.**

- **A Young Adult Ministry is being worked on and anyone interested in being in on the ground floor of this should see me or Bill Richter, our Youth and Young Adult minister (or YAYA as we affectionately call him 😊)**

- work bees to spruce up some of the different areas of the church

- a fall litter pick up since we were unable to do this in the spring due to all the rain.

- a fresh look for our Sunday School program, like an opening session all together and a more unified curriculum

- some new looks in the worship services and maybe even the addition of one during the workweek

- participation in the Pumpkin Walk and Trunk-or-Treat, Rock Ridge Apple Festival and much more.

I really enjoy working with so many wonderful people in our church and community. I hope I get to work with you too. Come join the amazing work God has placed before us.

NEWS FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

SANCTUARY CHOIR – by Kathy Long (837-0920)

Calling all singers!

Sanctuary Choir rehearsals begin Wednesday, August 28th. If you have thought about singing in the church choir, but just haven't made it, you are welcome to jump right in and join us! We rehearse every Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM in room 105 near the bottom of the first stairway. Practice lasts about an hour, and we sing every Sunday at 11:00 AM except the second Sunday of each month when the children sing. This is an easy-going group – if you are away on vacation, working some weekends, or happen to be ailing, you're still welcome to join in whenever you can!

*Singing in a choir will do amazing things for you. It can improve circulation, release endorphins (“feel-good” hormones), reduce stress, enhance your immune system, and *perhaps* even help with snoring! (*Paraphrased from an article by Russell Scott, a famous vocal coach, producer, and musical and artistic director.) Social and spiritual benefits almost go without saying, but are really some of the main reasons so many of us are committed to the choir!

We promise – you'll be blessed, and you'll be a blessing to others!

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT CHOIR

– by Lori Avenali

This choir's first practice will be September 15th following the 8:30 AM worship service. We will be working on a song that will be done with the adult choir for World Communion Sunday on October 6th.

They will be singing at both the 8:30 and 11:00 services that day. We will be singing “Come to the Table” by Sidewalk Prophets. At the printing of this newsletter the choir will continue to practice at its usual time following 8:30 Worship. Any youth or young adult interested in singing with the group please contact me or Dawn Stefani or just show up after church.

CELEBRATION BELLS – by Lori Avenali

Celebration Bells will be meeting to polish bells Wednesday, September 18th at 6:15 PM. At that time we will discuss a start date and time for bell rehearsals. Anyone interested in joining the fun please contact me or Dawn Stefani.

THIRD QUARTER JUG COLLECTION OF July, August, September, 2019

We are beginning the last month of collection this September. We have been collection for the Wesley Preschool Fund. Thank you for being so generous and for your continued support.

TARGETED GIVING FOR SEPTEMBER

*** THE HAITI SCHOOL ***



(From our most current listing)

PRAYERS TO BE LIFTED: Christly (child from Haiti)
* Darlene Moon * Betty Gilmore * Bill Hall * Bridgett Allison
* Mildred Chapman * Tom Grosch * Isaiah Rudolph *
Wesley Woods Staff * David Cledgett * Jim Perry * Collin
Hanes (Karen Klaiber's son) * Ruth Brandt (Judy
Sturdevant's sister) * Linda Eschrich * Kevin Housler *
Charlie Blakenship * Pastor Rod Smith * Ellen Hulings *
Beverly Magnuson * Jim Vail * Dave Hickey * Richard
Besecker * Baby Brielle Paronish * Jodi Perry * Linda
Hedlund * Katie Schlopy * Adrea Stitt * Kathy Cledgett *

Brooke Thompson * Gail Cook * Al Stefani * John (JR) Forsyth * Rietter William Lynde (6 mo. old infant) * Judy Punk * Wendy Fuller * Laura Crosby * Kathy Niklas * Virginia Rook * Tom Rook * Margie Rimkus * Ed Zarnick * Jack Cappello * Kerry Thompson * Alex Tingley * Karin & Randy Schatz * Sue Zampogna * Nita Peterson * Unspoken * Dennis Sturdevant * Lori Avenali's nephew, Brandon * Joan Walker & children

CHURCH and COMMUNITY PRAYER REQUESTS:

Those that are homebound and in nursing care facilities:

LUTHERAN HOME: David Banks, John Bloomquist, George Chatmon, Elaine Gillotti, Lee Holmes, Barbara Jones, Marion Larson, Joyce Ross, Margie Salvamoser, Candy Schreiber, Bobi Smith, and Vivian Wolfgang

GOLDEN LIVING HEALTH CARE CENTER, WARREN, PA: Darla Peterson

SENA KEAN MANOR, SMETHPORT, PA: Edythe Gerhart

WITH DAUGHTER IN CAMBRIDGE SPRINGS: Jane Lenox

AT HOME: Madeline Anderson, Carol Bell, Glenda Grosch, Judy Lockwood, and Rheta Tilburg

WITH DAUGHTER IN NEW YORK STATE: Betty and Bill Gilmore

- **Volunteers and Helpers for church ministries.**
- **For Civil Unrest in our Nation and throughout the world.**
- **Missions and Ministry in Haiti.**
- **Helpers and Volunteers in all other areas of the Church.**
- **Church Finances and Good Stewardship.**
- **Poverty, Hunger and Unemployment Issues.**
- **The area homelessness issue.**

MEMORIAL GIFTS GIVEN

June 15th to August 1st. (Memorials go to the General Fund unless otherwise noted)



Doris Cledgett

Judy Haight, Ruth Heeter

Ronald Doty

Tom and Maryanne Johnston

Lois Mays

Kathy Niklas

Monroe Nelson

Don and Coleen Lundeen, Danette Sarvey, Mary Thompson, Ray and Polly Phillips

Lawrence Nicklas

Jack and Linda Hedlund

Donald Schreiber

Kane Vets Home Assoc., Inc.

Lynn Scott

Judy Haight, Don and Coleen Lundeen, Marty and Jan Reynolds, Mary Thompson

Bonnie Skok

Wayne and Ann Chapman

WESLEY PRESCHOOL

The Preschool will be starting up again on September 3rd. Preschool classes for 3-4 year old students (must be 3 by August 2019) is from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Pre-K classes for 4-5 year old students (must be 4 by August of 2019) is from 12:15 PM – 2:45 PM on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

For further information please contact Lenore Spaich at 366-2159 (cell). For applications contact Lenore or the church office.

TOPS GIFT CARDS

I know most of us have an occasion to shop at Tops Market. How about purchasing Tops gift cards to use to shop with? These are sold in \$25 increments and the preschool receives a percentage of this purchase back. You are going to spend the money anyway why not let it support this important community ministry. It's a way to give without really costing you anything.

OLMSTED EVENTS

Sept. 8-10	Persons with Disabilities Retreat
Sept. 29- Oct. 1	Fall Women's Retreat
Oct. 4 – 6	Beginner's Fly-fishing Retreat
Nov. 10 – 12	Rest & Renewal Retreat
Nov. 15 – 17	Youth Ministry Training
Dec. 1 and 8	Christmas Open House

OUR NEWSLETTER IS CHANGING!



As some of you know, Kane First has a website that has been up and running for some time now. Debbie Woodford is in charge of making sure important information, calendar updates, pictures, etc. are posted for all to view. This site is for informative purposes to keep all of you that have access to a computer and to the website, up to date on what is happening at Kane First. It also serves as an important tool in reaching people outside the church who may view the website.

It was brought to our attention by one of our parishioners that the possibility of putting the church newsletter on this site would be very advantageous because it would reach far beyond our mailing list. It would cut the cost of the bulk mailing of these newsletters or mailing through the regular mail which costs a little over \$1.00 per newsletter and put the information out to you much faster. The address to enter into our site is: kanefirstum.org.

Now we know that there are some that do not have a computer or even access to one. We also know some prefer to receive it by email or to pick up a copy at the church. **We developed a survey which has been distributed during church services asking everyone to let us know how they would like to**

receive the newsletter. There is one being included in this newsletter as well. Please review the choices and let us know how you would like to get this information. If you don't want to fill it out and mail it then call or email the church and give us your information. We would like to have all the survey information in by September 15th so we can work on implementing the new procedures for the October newsletter distribution. The survey also gives you a chance to provide your personal contact information so we can make sure what we have is correct and are better able to contact you if needed. Thanks for taking the time to weigh in on this.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Living In A Digital World – This is the second in the series, “Protecting our children and community”. On September 24th at 6:30 PM in Bartlett Hall, Tonia Hartzell and Megan Inghram will be doing a presentation about the internet and social media and how these formats are used to lure, dupe or coerce or children into very dangerous situations

Carved Pumpkin Walk 2019 – On October 10th there will be pumpkins to be carved at the church that will be displayed in the park for the event. Our church will also have a booth set up selling items as a fund raiser. This did very well last year despite some inclement weather. We will be looking for carvers, bakers and donations of fall items and baked goods to sell and persons to help in many ways. Watch for sign-up sheets and more information to come. The walk is held in Evergreen Park October 11th from 5-9 PM and October 12th from 1-3 PM and 5-9 PM.

Rocky Ridge Apple Festival - The weekend of October 19th Donna Nelson will be at the Rocky Ridge festival selling more baked goodies as a fund raiser for the church. There is much baking and preparation involved with this so helpers would be greatly appreciated. They usually bake each day for 4 days before the event. More details to come.

Survey and Servants Needed