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From the Pastor:

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One of the driving forces in all of life is food. It is a basic instinct that all animals have, humans have refined it to incredible degrees. There are people that are identified as “foodies”. Food is marketed to us. One of the first things my niece (now 22 years old) recognized was “the Golden Arches”. My sister would be driving and from the back of the car would hear her making sounds that she wanted what they had, and wanted it now. My sister became acutely aware of just how many of those places there are.

God recognizes our need for food, after all we are His creation. In the midst of The Lord’s Prayer we pray, “give us this day our daily bread.” We can think of the Israelites in the wilderness and God’s daily provision of manna. Is asking God to provide for our meals what that line in the prayer is really about? If so, it is difficult for it to be much of a meaningful prayer for us. Ordinarily we have no difficulty in having “our daily bread”. Truth is if there is any difficulty it is that we struggle with having too much of “our daily bread.” Tim Keller points out that

Martin Luther focuses on the societal aspect. The prayer is “our daily bread” not “my daily bread.” The prayer is for all to get their daily bread which requires “a thriving economy, good employment, and a just society.” Luther paraphrases the line to “give us all people of our land-daily bread.”

How do we do this in our congregation? The high profile ministry is Dinner By the River, where we have been providing a full meal for everyone in attendance 50 Thursdays a year for 10 years. For everyone who has participated in this ministry, I am certain that God is saying, “Well done good and faithful servant.

We have a few members who participate in our community food distribution program. Our deacons coordinate meals to members and friends in the church when there are times that a meal would be helpful. Our deacons also head up our receptions on a variety of occasions.

We now have a monthly potluck that many are enjoying. The Wednesday Morning Youth Breakfasts, that was started years ago by Jana Grant Snyder, is a

thriving phenomenon. An average of 40 6-12 graders coming to church at 6:30 on a Wednesday morning is amazing.

What all these activities have in common beyond the food component, is that each one of them is motivated by our recognizing God’s provision in our lives and seeking to show God love and goodness to others in hospitality, generosity, and kindness.

Next time we say, “Give us this day our daily bread” I encourage you to give a little more thought to what we are saying, and how we see it being lived out in our lives and in the lives of those around us.

BTW, the Dinner by the River is always looking for more people to be involved.

Jim



June Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 - Matt McTammany, Nicole Jarrett
- 2 - David Robinson
- 3 - Lauren Halteman, Hunter Grimes
- 4 - Brad Zimmerman
- 5 - Paul Simington, David Jones
- 6 - Liz Wise
- 7 - Malcolm Arter Jr., Cindy Jones
- 8 - Bill Bruce, Carrie Reber
- 9 - Jack Mignot, Carol Thomas, Joseph Santorine,
- 10 - Donna Ward, Heather Creighton, Emily Bernard
- 11 - Jim Michael, Rusty Graber
- 12 - Will Sigl, Eric Gilger
- 14 - Gene Heid, Courtney Newcomb
- 15 - Lisa Bernard
- 17 - Bea Heid, Rick Gathman
- 18 - George Koons, Linda Shaffer
- 20 - Chelsea Stanton
- 22 - Colin Papson
- 24: -Jessica Heid
- 25 - Sarah Friedberg



- 1 - Bob & Christena Harder celebrating their 24th
- 5 - Mike & Elizabeth Underkoffler celebrating their 11th
- 7 - Rick & Lisa Stancavage celebrating their 2nd
- 8 - Jim & Marilyn Zaiser celebrating their 58th
- 9 - Bob & Judy Lebda celebrating their 47th
- 12 - Bob & Dede Gronlund celebrating their 50th
- 12 - Joseph & Karen Gallagher celebrating their 33rd
- 16 - Dave & Libby Robinson celebrating their 36th
- 17 - Tom & Avis Hans celebrating their 38th
- 17 - Dave & Ruth McCord celebrating their 37th
- 20 - Bruce & Alison Van Patter celebrating their 34th
- 20 - Tim & Chrissy Reinhart celebrating their 34th
- 20 - Mark & Amie Reif celebrating their 28th
- 21 - Mark & Liz Speake celebrating their 29th
- 22 - Joseph & Caroline Campagna celebrating their 46th
- 23 - Patrick & Heidi DeCosmo celebrating their 14th
- 24 - Brad & Jennifer Wakeman celebrating their 20th
- 25 - Victor & Sally Vogel celebrating their 38th
- 26 - James & Ally Weaver celebrating their 5th
- 29 - Mike & Amy Matukaitis celebrating their 19th

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Join us June 12th (immediately following the worship service from 10:30 - 12, for the annual Strawberry Festival.

All proceeds benefit the Summer Youth Mission Trip to Schenectady NY.

Homemade cakes (pound cake, brownies, shortcake and angel food), luscious strawberries, ice cream, whipped cream and beverages!



Lazy Faith

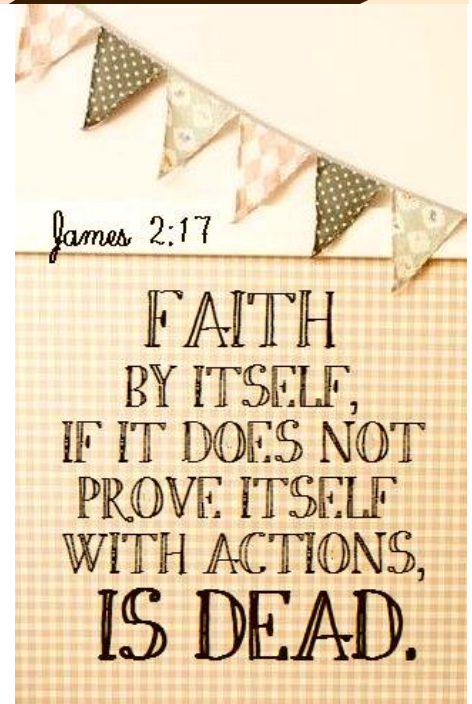
In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers and sisters, to keep away from every believer who is idle and disruptive and does not live according to the teaching you received from us. ... We were not idle when we were with you... On the contrary, we worked night and day ... so that we would not be a burden to any of you. We did this ... in order to offer ourselves as a model for you to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat"

[Portions of 2 Thess. 3:6-10].

The Thessalonian Church, harassed by outside persecution and rattled by false claims about the imminence of Christ's coming, also suffered from internal dissidents who were, in common terms, "not pulling their share of the load." Paul, Silas, and Timothy had tried to

set an example for that church in an earlier visit by modeling hard physical and spiritual work. Paul also points the Thessalonians to the model of Christ himself, saying in an earlier verse, "May the Lord direct your hearts into God's love and Christ's perseverance" [3:5].

But Paul is not simply saying, "Pick up a shovel or lose your place at the table!" The Greek word for idleness, *ataktos*, suggests that the source of the idleness in Thessalonica may have been a "lazy faith," resulting in irresponsible, rebellious *spiritual* behavior. A "faith" not willing to confront crisis through the hard spiritual work of scriptural searching, prayer, and interpersonal engagement. James, the younger brother of Jesus, says this of such faith: "... faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead" [James 2:17].



As our church deals with its own external and internal pressures, Paul's words to the struggling Thessalonians are poignant: "...we constantly pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling, and that by His power He may bring to fruition your every desire for goodness and your every deed prompted by faith" [2 Thess. 1: 11].

Bob Kribbs



Several of our church members are involved with the local Food Bank. They could always use help on distribution days, the first and third Fridays of the month from 1:00-3:30. Call Kathy Storm 570-523-1468 for more information.

Helping in the Community

Churches in the Lewisburg area will be providing "Lunch Bunch" lunches at two low income housing units over the summer for children participating in the lunch and learn experiences sponsored by Bucknell University.

In addition to that, extra bags of food will be packed for families to be distributed through the food bank.

Our youth will be involved with these service projects this summer to help with the

food-insecure in our area. They will be 'runners' for the Food Bank distribution on June 17th, packing for the Lunch Bunch July 6 & 7, and supplemental food bags on July 15.



Dinner By the River

...for He satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things. Psalm 107:9

Jesus said “feed my sheep”. June is *National Hunger Awareness* month. Over eleven years ago an idea on paper was turned into a free meal to the community, “Dinner by the River.” The meal consists of nutritious hot food, good fellowship, and, in recent years, a brief devotion—our effort to nourish not only the body but also the heart and the soul. Our dinner guests average about 80 each Thursday night. We rotate eleven teams of hosts, three of which are from other churches (Shady Grove Mennonite, Beaver Memorial and Sacred Heart Catholic).

Susan Jordan, veteran captain of the Beaver Memorial Church team, sums it up “I love that it feels like a community effort. Our team is made up of friends, neighbors, colleagues, people who come to eat and want to pitch in, girl/boy scouts, BU students, young kids, amazing chefs and people who are hopeless in the kitchen. Everyone works together and has something to give. I don't like the notion of “feeding the needy.” We're all needy in our own way and this meal gives us a chance to come together to fill each other's needs with a smile, a conversation, a warm meal, a cup of hot coffee or a tub of hot soapy dishwater.”

The Zaisers, Jim and Marilyn, have also served since the onset of the DBR program. They not only serve from the kitchen when their team is scheduled, but they and their team also deliver 6-10 meals weekly to shut-in members and friends. Each Thursday evening they appear at the kitchen door, green bags in hand, to receive their take-out meals, which they deliver, along with a few minutes of conversation, to grateful recipients. Speaking of the guests

who travel to the church for dinner, Marilyn Zaiser finds it humorous that each week a few guests call ahead for the menu but inevitably show up for the food regardless of what is being served.

Don and Glenn Dobbs, relative newcomers, are enthusiastic about serving at “Dinner by the River.” “I truly enjoy interacting with our guests,” Glenn says. “It is special when we have a family come in with children. When there are children and folks who are walking with canes, we are able to assist them with their plates and help them settle back in at their tables. The guests are most appreciative and are so good about telling us they like the meal.”

Ed Dame has served at DBR in a different capacity. He has accompanied Boy Scouts to the dinner, to serve as helpers. He says, “I like seeing how enthusiastic the young scouts are to help out. They are eager to get drinks and pass out food. Often they are shy at first, but by the end of the meal they are comfortable and having a great time.” Ed's son Morgan adds, “It makes me feel happy” when serving at DBR. He especially likes to pass out cake.

College students like Kaylyn Watts and Bethany Dittmar recall their DBR days with affection. “It is nice to know that people who are less fortunate or need company can come get a warm meal,” comments Kaylyn. Beth Shutt, a new adult team member, likes knowing she has helped make someone “a little happier and healthier.”

There's no doubt that “Dinner by the River” is a special event for our guests. One Thursday afternoon a team member, checking out at Walmart, heard the cashier say that she was looking forward to a nice dinner out that evening. When asked where she

was planning to dine, the cashier answered, “the Presbyterian Church.” If you would like to share in the satisfaction felt by providing this weekly meal, you can join this program, regardless of your age or level of experience. You may join as an individual or as a family. Food preparation, table-setting, drinks and appetizers, food serving, guest assistance with plates, dishwashing, cleanup, and conversational interaction with the guests are some of the opportunities for service.

“Dinner by the River” continues to be a wonderful opportunity for members and friends of our church to put their faith into action by serving a needy and often lonely group of guests. The best evidence of the program's success are the “snapshots” glimpsed each Thursday evening: the smiles and thank-you's as guests walk through the line; the early arrivals playing cards and enjoying the appetizers; the animated conversation at the tables; the ease of conversation between guests and hosts; and the late departures lingering over a third or fourth cup of coffee.

In the book of Matthew, Jesus explains how, upon His return, He will separate the sheep from the goats. The sheep will receive God's blessing because when he was hungry, they fed him. The righteous listeners then ask him, “When did we see you hungry and feed you?” Jesus answers, “Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.” What a privilege it is to witness to the people of our Valley through “Dinner by the River.” Call Mary Kay Torretti (DBR coordinator) for more information or to sign up (570-523-8034)

JAM News

In May, in Sunday School and Big Idea, we finished examining the impact of Jesus's ministry. We spent time discussing how God wants us to tell others about Jesus and stand up for Him. In JAM, we finished our study of the Lord's Prayer. We also enjoyed an end of the year shindig with a mini field trip to Sweet Frog and Hufnagle park.

VBS is almost here!!! Spread the word to your neighbors, friends and family about how fun and awesome our VBS will be!!!! We will be exploring how Jesus is the light of the world with the theme CAVEQUEST. This year, every child who preregisters by June 1 will receive a free t-shirt. VBS will take place June 13 -17 from 9 AM to noon for kids preschool-grade 6. Please consider attaching a free will offering of \$10/child to help offset VBS costs. If you are a youth or adult who wants to help and still hasn't contacted Rhiannon, email rhid-ame@gmail.com or call her at [570.971.2218](tel:570.971.2218). This amazing week will be a ton of fun for kids from our church and community! Can't help during the week? Rhiannon has compiled a "wish" list of supplies, which will be posted outside the Christian Ed wing by Sunday June 5. If you don't have time or energy to track down supplies, you may consider "sponsoring" a child for a \$10 donation...with your help, our VBS will be a great success!!!! Contact Rhiannon if you can help and/or place your donations in Christian Ed Hallway.

Consider inviting friends and families to our other camps!!! Children entering grades 2-8 are welcome to join us August 15-19 for Press On-an Olympic themed Kids' Cantata. This week will give you the opportunity to act, sing, work on sets and props, learn movements and all about the fruits of the spirit. The culmination of this great week of fun will be when we share our project in worship on Sunday August 21st at 10 AM. We are pumped to announce the addition of a sports camp in July- join us for Mega Sports Camp July 18-22 from 9 AM- Noon, students will get the opportunity to work with coaches in one of the four areas: dance, cheer-leading, soccer and basketball.

-Rhiannon Dame



Last Day of JAM pics







“I am the VINE;
 you are the BRANCHES.
 If a man REMAINS IN ME
 & I IN HIM,
 HE WILL BEAR MUCH FRUIT;
 apart from me
 you can do nothing.”
 John 15:5



First Presby Youth Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
		Girl Talk 2:30-4pm REFUGE 7-8:30p	FUEL 7-8:30pm			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Sunday School 8:30am	SPLASH 12:30 - 2:30pm	REFUGE 7-8:30p	FUEL 7-8:30pm			Strawberry Festival Prep
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Sunday School 8:30am Strawberry Festival Fundraiser Mission Trip Commissioning	VBS WEEK 9-12 SPLASH 12:30 - 2:30pm Mission Trip Mtg. 7pm	VBS WEEK 9-12 REFUGE 7-8:30p	VBS WEEK 9-12 FUEL 7-8:30pm	VBS WEEK 9-12	VBS WEEK 9-12 Service Project at the Food Bank 1-3:30pm	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Sunday School 8:30am	SPLASH 12:30 - 2:30pm	REFUGE 7-8:30p	FUEL 7-8:30pm			Mission Trip Packing
26	27	28	29	30	July 1	July 2
Mission Trip	Mission Trip	Mission Trip	Mission Trip	Mission Trip	Mission Trip	Mission Trip Ends

JUNE CHURCH CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		2:30-4 Girl Talk 7:00 Refuge	1 5-7 Potluck Wednes. 6:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Fuel	2 6:00 DBR 7:30 NA	3 7:00 NA	4 7:00 NA
5 8:30 Youth Sunday Schl 9:30 Worship 2:00 NA	6	7	8	9 6:00 DBR 7:30 NA	10	11 12 Strawberry Festi- val Prep 7:00 NA
12 8:30 Youth Sunday Schl 9:30 Worship 10:45 Strawberry Festival	13 VBS 9-12 12:30 SPLASH 7:00 Summer Mission Trip meeting	14 VBS 9-12 7:00 Refuge 7:00 NA	15 VBS 9-12 7:00 Fuel	16 VBS 9-12 6:00 DBR 7:30 NA	17 VBS 9-12 7:00 NA	18 7:00 NA
19 Father's Day	20 12:30 SPLASH 7:00 Session, Trus- tees and Deacons	21 7:00 Refuge 7:00 NA	22 7:00 Fuel	23 6:00 DBR 7:30 NA	24 7:00 NA	25 6:00 SMT packing van 7:00 NA
26 6:00 SMT leaves 9:30 Worship	27	28 7:00 NA	29	30 6:00 DBR 7:30 NA	July 1 7:00 NA	July 2 SMT returns 7:00 NA



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June Volunteers

Pulpit Assistant:

Ushers: David Shrom, David Campbell, Oren Oberlin, Bill Snyder, Rob, Kyle and Derek Guissanie, Brent Papson

Nursery	Greeters	Lemonade
5 Jusko	Lepley	Children's Ministry
12 Taylor, Papson	Graber	<i>Strawberry Festival</i>
19 Reif,	Campbell, Gaver	Summer Mission Trip
26 R. Dame, G.Dobbs	Samuelson	Congregational Life

DBR Teams and (Devotional Leader): 2 - Miller (Kribbs) 9 - Keiser/Bruckhart (B. Troxell) 16 - Storm (King) 23 - Sacred Heart (Guissanie) 30 - Bruce/Ishii/Ringkamp (Shaffer)

Strawberry Festival Committee: April & Dave Shrom, Mark & Kathy Davies, Aaron & Molly Roussell, Ken & Jeannie Lepley, Tom & Ann Miller, Rusty & Karen Graber, Carol Crago, Jeanette Campbell, Mike & Amy Matukaitis, Karen Ishii

I am the
bread of life.
Whoever comes to Me
will never go hungry,
and whoever believes in me
will never be thirsty.
John 6 vs. 35

