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PASTOR JERRY'S MESSAGE



"You are my servant, I have chosen you and not cast you off"; I do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God;; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand." Isaiah 41:9b-10

Greetings and peace to you all!

Recently I was listening to a sermon based on a reading from the book of Acts. The homiletician suggested that normally people understand the book of Acts to be the "acts of Christ's earliest disciples." Yet the homiletician believes that the book of Acts is truly about the acts of the Holy Spirit working through the disciples!

Think about the profound shift this might offer us when we read the stories of human triumph, human struggle, human victory in the Bible! Suddenly when the little shepherd boy David faces off against Goliath we would fully appreciate the fact that God is working through David. When the teenage girl Mary is confronted by an angel announcing that soon she will be pregnant with the Messiah, it is the Spirit working through Mary that shares with us that "her soul is magnified." To understand that the Spirit working through faithful people throughout the history of the world should radically alter our thoughts and opinions on "who can do what and who can be amazing in the world!"

It is with this understanding that I am humbled by all of you! I see you sharing these incredible acts of generosity with others. Everything from sending out "thinking of you cards," to offering prayers, to sharing meals, in some cases to driving a sister or brother in Christ over 200 miles to visit a doctor. I see you sharing your financial treasures with others freely and lovingly offering assistance with everything from food to medical equipment. I see you "dropping" what you are doing at a moment's notice to attend to the need of someone who you know. In all these times and places

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God's Spirit is working through the disciples of the 21st century.

Within our community I have been amazed at how God is working through all of you. Two years ago, we had a vision of the UPG. We didn't (and in many ways still don't) know where we are heading as a newly formed community of faith. Yet God's Spirit has been working amazingly through our willingness to take this pilgrimage together. Look at the abundance of offerings shared each month with local food pantries to see the abundance of God's Spirit within our community. Look at the number social justice issues we have taken on; the Bethlehem Emergency Shelter, Mary's Shelter, Truth for Justice, wreaths across America to name a few. Our congregational leadership has unified into having ONE congregational council meeting each month as a UPG. In the days ahead, leaders of our new community of faith will be heading to an ELCA conference designed to promote and flourish our shared vision and ministry. God's Spirit is working through the United Proclamation of the Gospel in Bethlehem.

Within our greater church community, the ELCA, very bold statements of faith have come forward in public proclamation from our recent assembly. A social statement on sexism and racial injustice has been approved. A resolution calling on the ELCA to be a "sanctuary church body" for immigrants was approved. In the work of this community a voice was lifted in the wilderness proclaiming our simple declaration that, in fact, we are first and foremost children of God and our motives and actions should always be consistent with this identity!

In this time and this place we may be one of the few places in this world that freely, openly and boldly proclaims as Bishop Elizabeth Eaton said "The Spirit has grabbed us! It is not necessary that we all speak the same language. It is not necessary that we all be the same color. It is not nec-

essary that we all have the same ability or disability. It is not necessary that we all be straight or gay. The only thing required of us is to be who we are because the Spirit uses who we are (to proclaim that Jesus is Lord and the kingdom of God has come near!" Editor's addition)

May the work of God's Spirit which has blown our windows and doors open with a sense of renewed vision and mission continue to abundantly form and fashion us into the image of God's kingdom right here in this place!

Peace and blessings

PASTOR JERRY

Proposed resolution to the ELCA churchwide Assembly

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod memorialize the 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly to adopt a similar resolution for the whole Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Background Christians have offered sanctuary for two thousand years, continuing an ancient biblical practice in which cities and houses of worship provided refuge and asylum for people fleeing injustice. Beginning in the 1980s, the Sanctuary Movement was a faith-based initiative to protect Central American refugees fleeing civil war and seeking safety in the U.S. Today, the New Sanctuary Movement is a revived effort to protect undocumented migrants from needless jailing procedures and deportation, and addresses the dire situation within the Department of Health and Human Services that has resulted in the stripping of services to refugees and unaccompanied children. In contrast with the historic Sanctuary Movement, many of the migrants protected under sanctuary have lived in the U.S. for an extended period. While there is no uniform or legally accepted definition of sanctuary, its overall purpose is to protect people from immigration laws that lead to the

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deportation of undocumented people who are part of our communities and may have U.S. citizen children. Part of what it means to provide sanctuary to immigrants seeking protection is having lawyers handling their cases. If they are hosted in a congregation, it is a temporary measure. The ways in which sanctuary is provided varies by congregation, but it can include providing a physical shelter, inviting and welcoming all to worship regardless of immigration status, providing services to migrants such as “Know Your Rights” presentations, and assisting all regardless of immigration status. Moreover, actively advocating for migrants and for a fair and just immigration system is part of sanctuary. In 2016, the Churchwide Assembly adopted the Strategy to Accompany Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities (AMMPARO). AMMPARO invites congregations to become “Welcoming Congregations,” which means they commit to spiritually and physically accompanying migrants in their communities, pray for migrant children and families, and advocate for a just and humane immigration system. ELCA sanctuary congregations that host and support immigrants seeking protection do these same activities and have joined AMMPARO. While these activities are completely legal, other activities such as knowingly concealing, harboring or shielding (or attempting to conceal, harbor or shield) an undocumented immigrant from detection by the authorities are not. Likewise, knowingly transporting or moving (or attempting to transport or move) an undocumented immigrant from one place to another, where the transportation helps the immigrant remain in the United States unlawfully, is illegal. Each congregation has its own theological reasons for taking part in the New Sanctuary Movement, but the call of our faith is universally seen as a way to protect human dignity in a system that not only seems to disrupt family reunification processes but also leans toward unjust immigration enforcement, detention and investigations. Through the AMMPARO strategy, the ELCA already affirms the spirit of the sanctuary movement by encouraging congregations

to serve and support the protection of migrants in their communities. Within AMMPARO, there are already self-determined ELCA sanctuary synods and sanctuary congregations that define and practice sanctuary differently. The ELCA sanctuary synods are Oregon, Sierra Pacific, Southwest California, New England and Metropolitan New York. All of these sanctuary synods, as well as many ELCA sanctuary congregations, already connect with the AMMPARO movement. As a denomination, through AMMPARO, the churchwide organization provides educational and practical resources and information for congregations as they consider their role in providing sanctuary and joining their local sanctuary movement. As AMMPARO, staff have encouraged welcoming congregations to connect to their local sanctuary movement or other organizations that serve migrant communities. The ELCA Church Council action taken in November 2017 [CC17.11.33w] supported the spirit of the sanctuary movement and requested the churchwide organization to provide guidance and information. In this memorial, the ELCA is being called to take specifically defined actions through its congregations, synods and churchwide expressions. These are concrete ways the ELCA can support migrants and refugees in our communities. None of the recommended actions by the Memorials Committee breaks U.S. law in any form and all contribute to the protection of vulnerable people in our midst.

Recommended for Assembly Action To receive with gratitude the memorial from the Metropolitan New York Synod concerning sanctuary; To reaffirm the long-term and growing commitment of this church to migrants and refugees and to the policy questions involved, as exemplified most recently in the comprehensive strategy Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities (AMMPARO);

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To recognize that the ELCA in congregations, synods and the churchwide organization are already taking the actions requested by this memorial; and To request that appropriate staff on the AMMPARO team and the Domestic Mission, Global Mission, and Mission Advancement units review the existing strategies and practices by the five current sanctuary synods and develop a plan for additional tools that provide for education and discernment around sanctuary.



Dear members of the UPG,

Many of us have heard of "random acts of kindness." I had occasion to witness such a kind act from a generous stranger during a recent visit to my aunt in Florida. We were at dinner and, in the middle of our meal, a waiter came over to my aunt and explained that a person at a nearby table wished to pay for her meal. She was quite dumbfounded, as we all were, that the offer came from a perfect stranger.

My aunt asked the waiter to invite the gentleman to come to our table so she could thank him. He told us that once a month he chooses someone randomly and pays for their dinner – no strings attached – just a very kind, generous act. My aunt repeatedly remarked about how this man's generosity had touched her and how she had difficulty knowing why it had happened - truly a surprising, God-sighting moment.

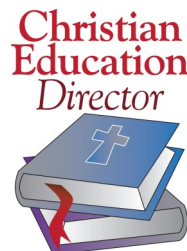
My aunt's experience reminds me of the way Jesus is our God-sighting, surprising us with his birth, showing us how to live, and going to the cross for our salvation – no strings attached – the ultimate act of a loving Saviour. We do nothing to "earn" God's favor – complete forgiveness, unconditional love, and everlasting life are God's promised gifts to each of us. Our lives are so blessed by these surprising, undeserved, generous gifts!

How can we express our gratitude for this abundance of God's generosity? We can offer our presence in worship to praise and thank God through our songs and prayers. We can live our lives in love and service toward others as Christ taught us. We can be empowered by the Holy Spirit to do God's Work with Our Hands. In a world that desperately needs a sign of God's love, forgiveness and compassion, be someone's God-sighting – no strings attached.

Yours in Christ,
DEACON LINDA MAULE



ELIZABETH MARKS, passed away JULY 15, 2019, Elizabeth's family members are members of LoC



"WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?"
RALLY DAY 2019
BIBLE STORIES, SONGS, GAMES,
CRAFTS AND FOOD!!
SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

Dear friends,

Welcome to September and the beginning of another awesome program year within the UPG. Before stepping into our fall programming I want to let you know some wonderful ways God worked among us this summer during our VBS program.

This summer 70 children came through our doors and they were led by a staff which included 25 youth members and 14 adult members. They

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were all supported by eight members who provided food and drink for their break time.

We thank Thrivent Financial for two grants which supported the purchasing of supplies for our weekday program and food for our closing dinner which was a new event this summer. We thank **KAREN FAVINGER** and **CAROL QUIRK** for applying for the grants on this program's behalf. We fed over 100 people at our closing dinner and over 30 people with donations at our staff luncheon. 131 people were in attendance at our Saturday evening closing worship.

\$123.00 was given as offering to be applied to the costs of curriculum for VBS. Three baskets full of baby care items were donated for the babies served by the Cay Galgon Life House. A monetary donation was also given for the purchase of the needed baby care items.

Four staff members either completely took off from their work to volunteer at VBS or worked alternate schedules this week. We could not have been as successful without their time and talents!

PASTOR TOM KEENER set up online registration for VBS which made it very easy for families to register for our program. We thank Pastor Keener for taking this step on behalf of the young families who found us in this way.

We thank **MIKE HORWATH** and the property committee who installed two window air conditioning units in our classrooms in time for VBS. The cooled classrooms allowed us to remain in the Christian Education building as we experienced a heat wave during the week of VBS.

We have been blessed by the support of the following people who volunteered to bring God's Word and Love to the children who came to us:

Our Dedicated, Caring and Creative VBS Staff for 2019

PRESCHOOL CLASS – LITTLE DIPPER Teacher: **LISA MANTZ** Assistant: **Delynn Gerhard, Kaylynn Schoenenberger, Molly Williams**

KINDERGARTEN CLASS – BIG DIPPER Teacher – **KAREN FAVINGER**, Assistant: **Francesca Piscitello, Brandon Hoslinger, Kylie Stocker**

1ST/2ND GRADE CLASS – SHOOTING STARS Teacher – **JENNIFER GRUBE**, Assistant – **Hailey Martin, Kristen Fricke (M, T, W), Ryan Grube (Th)**

3RD/4TH/5TH GRADE CLASS – DAZZLING COMETS – Teacher – **MICHELLE HARVEY**, Assistants: **Taylor Baggest, Joshua Weierbach, Margaret Bratteson**

6TH /7TH GRADE CLASS - BRILLIANT METEORS Teacher – **ROSALIE ADDUCIE**, Assistants: **JonAnthony D'Annibale, Emma Lisson**

CRAFTS: LEADERS – KATHY and LARISSA PELLETIERs, Assistants: **Jimmy Bleier and Cadence Wilcox, Ella Baltz**

RECREATION: – Leaders: **CHRISTOPHER KNAUSS, JILLIAN WEIERBACH, and HANNAH BOSCO** Assistants: **Matthew Bleier, Teryan Gerhard, Quinn Jackus**

SNACK: KATHY COFFIN, JEAN FINN, WILL PELLETIERs, **HANNAH NOLAN** and **RILEY WILCOX**

MUSIC: LYNN TERRY, Assistants: **JULIE SLOMA** and **GAVIN EVANS-GARTLEY**

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: TRACY HAAS

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PHOTO BOOTH – TRACY HAAS

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VBS COORDINATOR: LYNN TERRY

VBS LAWN SIGN: Purchased this year by a church friend

VBS SUPPLIES – funded by Thrivent Financial Action Team Grant (**KAREN FAVINGER**)

STAFF OASIS: *Lynn Malok, Karen Schoch, Bette Kovach, Carol Quirk, Kasey Bosco, Elizabeth Elterich, Carol Knauss, Jane Shollenberger*

STAFF LUNCHEON: *Kathy Coffin, Jean Finn and Jon Terry,*

LUNCHEON FOOD DONATIONS: TRACY HAAS, LYNN TERRY and the families of VBS

LIGHT SUPPER AND ICE CREAM PARTY - funded by Thrivent Action Team Grant (Carol Quirk) UPG Sunday School

Each year we bring the life changing knowledge of our Lord and Savior to our Sunday School students and their families. This school year Sunday School will be held on the St. Peter's Campus and the Light of Christ Campus.

St Peter's Campus: Sunday School for children ages preschool through 5th grades will be held the half hour following the service approximately 10:00-10:30 a.m. in the UCF Room on level 1 across from the church office. Come join us for bible stories, songs, crafts, prayers and snack! Sunday School will begin on September 15th. Please see **BARBARA TAYLOR** if you are interest-

ed in volunteering in this program. **JORDAN HAWK** leads the Children's Church for **St. Peter's Campus.**

Light of Christ Campus: Our 2019-2020 Sunday School year opens on September 15, 2019 at 9:15 with registration in the narthex of LOC followed by our Rally Day Celebration from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary and fellowship hall. Come learn how much God loves us and how we share His Love with our Neighbors! We are looking forward to making new friends and seeing all of our returning friends. Welcome!!!

On our **Light of Christ Campus** families and the Educational Ministry Committee are asked to provide the food, drinks and supplies for the fellowship time following the Rally Day Celebration. Please see below what things are requested of your child's age group. Please select one item to bring even though you have children in various classes. Thank you!!

- ◆ Families of preschool, through 4th grade classes: baked treats (mini donuts, bagels, muffins, coffee cake, etc)
- ◆ Families of 5th and 6th graders: fruit – (bananas, apples, grapes, strawberries, clementines)
- ◆ Families of 7th and 8th graders: apple juice, ice tea or lemonade.
- ◆ Families of high school students: paper products (cups, small, plates, napkins)
- ◆ Please bring your donations to the kitchen. Thank you.

Sunday School staff will be installed during the worship services on both campuses on September 15, 2019.

We are blessed to have a very talented and dedicated staff of volunteer teachers in our Sunday School.

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- ◇ **Preschool - Kindergarten:** Ann Nonnema-cher and Michelle Harvey
- ◇ **1st and 2nd grades:** Carol Knauss
- ◇ **3rd and 4th grades:** Leslie Snow and Kathy Pelletiers
- ◇ **5th and 6th, grades:** Jerry Clavens and Kasey Bosco
- ◇ **7th through high school:** Tracy Haas
- ◇ **Adult Sunday School:** Rosalie Adducie and Ron Horwath — class is held in the library. All are welcome! First class will be held on Sep-tember 22. Adults are encouraged to attend the Rally Day celebration on September 15.
- ◇ **Singing Sunday Leaders:** Linda Maule and Karen Schoch
- ◇ **S.S. Treasurer:** Carol Knauss
- ◇ **S.S. Coordinator:** Lynn Terry
- ◇ **Substitute teachers:** Karen Favinger, Jen-nifer Grube, Bette Kovach
- ◇ **Children's Church Leaders:** Michelle Har-vey and Becky Righi

UPG FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

A communion class for children will be held on September 29, 2019 from 4:00-5:30 p.m. in the library of the LOC Campus. First Communion will now be celebrated during the services with families on October 6, 2019. Children of any age that is acceptable to their families may receive communion during services of the United Procla-mation of the Gospel. Please be in touch with **Lynn Terry** to register your children for this class by calling the LOC office at 610-691-2321 or emailing lynnjt680@verizon.net.

UPG CARE PACKAGES

Parents of college students and military members on both campuses: please submit your son/ daughter's address to the **Light of Christ** office before November 9, 2019 if you would like them to receive a care package!!! Donations of baked items will be requested closer to time.

UPG CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

Fall Confirmation Classes for our 8th and 9th grade students will be held September 29, Octo-ber 6, 13, 20, 2019 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the li-brary on our LOC Campus. Families of our 10th grade students will receive dates for catechetical classes through an email from Lynn Terry. Please see the calendar below for winter and spring dates for classes and for Youth Night dates. Youth Night dates may be subject to change based upon the availability of our youth.

Looking ahead to the UPG Educational Ministry's Events:

- ⇒ **September 15, 2019** Rally Day on both cam-puses
- ⇒ **September 29, 2019** - First Communion Class: 4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.- LOC library for children
- ⇒ **October 6, 2019** – First Holy Communion during the services
- ⇒ **October 13, 2019** – CROP Walk
- ⇒ **October 27, 2019** – Joint Worship at LOC - Reformation Sunday
- ⇒ **November 9, 2019** - Care Package Assembly 10:00 a.m. LOC Campus -fellowship hall
- ⇒ **November 9, 2019** – Confirmation Dinner for the 10th grade class 6:00 p.m. LOC
- ⇒ **November 10, 2018** – Confirmation Service 11:00 a.m. LOC Campus
- ⇒ **December 7, 2019** – Winter Festival LOC Campus
- ⇒ **January 12, 19, 26, Feb. 2, 2020-** Confirma-tion Class Winter Term
- ⇒ **April 26, May 3, May 17, 2020** Confirma-tion Class Spring Term
- ⇒ **October 18, 2019, January 17, 2020, May 1, 2020** – Youth Nights LOC Campus: 7:00p.m.-11:00p.m.

I hope the first days of the new school year have gone very well for everyone. I can't wait to see you on Rally Day!



Our Child Center has been closed effective June 17, 2019 due to lack of sustainability due to low enrollment. Our building and play yards do not meet the specifications required to hold full time day care here. Today's families are in need of the full time care that we cannot provide on this site. It was not an easy decision and all who have been involved in the mission of our Child Center are deeply saddened by its loss. Your Scholarship donations will go directly to the benefit of children. Our school board will make this decision at our August meeting. There are no other assets to be dispersed. Our Sunday School has always shared the furnishings and toys with the Child Center. The school computer was shared with my work as the Christian Education director and I will continue to use this computer and office. We are currently developing plans to keep our Children's Reading Room actively in use. We ask for your prayers for our families and staff who have suffered a loss with the closing of our preschool. If you have any questions please direct them to any school board member.

Submitted with thanks to God for His enduring love,

LYNN TERRY

Christian Education Director

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SEPTEMBER 8!!! CALLING ALL UPG MEMBERS TO A DAY OF WORSHIP AND SERVICE!!!

Following combined worship at 9:30 AM at **St. Peter's** campus, please gather in assigned places to participate in the following service projects and activities:

- assemble school kits for Lutheran World Relief
- make cards for homebound UPG members
- visit the bake sale and buy!! (proceeds for the Bethlehem Emergency Shelter)
- meet in the parking lot and participate in the car wash (proceeds for the Boys and Girls Club)
- meet in the parking lot to travel to Fountain Hill Cemetery for a cleanup project
- enjoy the Fellowship Luncheon available at 11:30 when you finish your project

At the end of the worship service, our youth will be passing out small packets containing a prayer written by Pastor Jerry and a prayer stone inscribed with the number 908 as a reminder to pray the enclosed prayer (or your own prayer) at either 9:08 AM or 9:08 PM (or both times). Please don't forget to get one. The UPG needs your prayers - ASAP (Always Say A Prayer).

Many thanks to the UPG Thrivent members whose Action Teams made possible this special Day of Service.

Pantry Sunday – September 8 - for clients of Calvary Temple. Please bring: jelly, pancake mix – no egg required, syrup, and coffee.

PROCEEDS FROM SPAGHETTI DINNER

Last spring, many hands planned, prepared and served a delicious spaghetti dinner to benefit a UPG member's needs for prosthetics. The resulting proceeds amounted to \$1,769.00 and will be presented to him at one of our joint worship services. Thank you to all those who made this generosity possible. We are blessed to be a blessing.

FAREWELL AND GODSPEED



On September 15 during worship at Light of Christ, our community of faith will bid Farewell and Godspeed to **GRACE** and **LEROY MAC-**

MURTRIE. The MacMurtries were members of former St. Matthew's congregation for four generations. LeRoy has been a member all his life – 87 years at St. Matthew's and two at Light of Christ. Grace has been a member for 66 years since her marriage to LeRoy in 1953.

Between them, they have served the church in many different volunteer positions as education superintendent, Sunday school teacher, church council, food bank, newsletter collator, sextons, committees and the choir (LeRoy for over 70 years). Grace and LeRoy will be relocating to Camp Hill, PA, to be closer to their children.

Please come to the coffee fellowship after the service and wish the MacMurtries Godspeed.

THRIVENT UPDATE



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Be Wise With Money™

Did you know that Thrivent, a fraternal benefit society, is a membership organiza-

tion of Christians where members are owners? Qualifying members (based on the type of product owned) can apply for \$250 of startup funds twice a year for projects that benefit church or community outreach.

In 2018, 2.2 million members and others participated in Thrivent Action Teams to support causes they care about. Through partnership with Habitat for Humanity, 456 homes were built or repaired. \$296 million in outreach funds were raised and donated by members and supporters to help individuals and communities thrive.

A portion of these outreach funds (supplied by Thrivent) come from Thrivent members' Choice Dollars, each year assigned to individuals who own qualifying Thrivent product. Both campuses of the UPG have been the recipients of these Choice Dollars, a commitment from Thrivent to give back to churches and communities.

Ethisphere Institute named Thrivent one of the "Worlds Most Ethical Companies" (2012-2019) and Thrivent has an A++ Superior rating from AMBest.

Thrivent helps members protect their families and be wise with money. In 2018, \$2.4 billion of insurance benefits were paid to help members protect their families with life insurance and annuities. Thrivent's financial representatives guided calls from 1.3 million members to be wise with money.

If you are interested in finding out how you can join Thrivent's commitment to guide you to be wise with money so you can live a more content, confident and generous life and help support the UPG with Thrivent's "give back," please contact either church office (LoC – 610-691-2321 or St. Peter's 610-867-0519) for more information.

THE EASTON-BETHLEHEM MISSION DISTRICT INGATHERING IS DECEMBER 4TH.



*Christmas
Ingathering*

*Please begin to contribute soap
and washcloths; our UPG com-
mitment is 175 of each item.*

New Name for Northeast Ministries

Northeast Ministries has notified the campuses of the UPG that they have exciting news of a name change and new logo. This neighborhood organization will now be known as Northeast Community Center to better reflect their commitment to

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be more inclusive.

Their programs and mission will remain the same – "to assist the residents of the Marvine-Pembroke community and surrounding neighborhoods of northeast Bethlehem with basic needs and empower them to attain their highest potential." The Northeast Community Center is grateful for the ongoing advocacy of the UPG in support of their mission.

FALL MUSIC MINISTRY

Senior choir rehearsals will begin on Wednesday evening, September 11th, at 7:30 PM in the choir rooms of both campuses. Please join us; singing with the choir has huge benefits as you will read in the paragraphs that follow.

A U.S. study of 166 older adults revealed that those who joined a choir were in better health, used less medication, were less lonely and had fewer falls after a year than a similar group of non-singers. Singing has beneficial results on breathing and emotional health.

GREAT HEALTH BENEFIT!

Here are additional benefits derived from singing in a choir. (1) No need to spend extravagant amounts of money for massage therapy. Studies have shown that music can decrease levels of the stress hormone cortisol to relieve anxiety just as well as a massage. (2) When you participate in music, your brain releases dopamine, even better than ingesting extra calories by eating a chocolate bar. (3) Participating in music can help promote the body's production of an antibody that attacks viruses and bacteria, better than taking a pill. (4)

Singing with other choir members can bring you joy causing your blood vessels to expand to improve your cardiovascular health almost as good as using a treadmill.

EVEN MORE HEALTH BENEFITS!!

And, last but not least, the biggest plus for singing in the choir is the growth of your own faith journey as you read and interpret meaningful texts that praise and thank God for all of God's blessings.

THE BEST BENEFIT OF ALL!!!

CHIME CHOIR REHEARSALS will begin on Sunday morning, **SEPTEMBER 29TH** at **9:30 AM** in the sanctuary of Light of Christ.

JOIN THE CHOIR

As Psalm 105 exclaims: "Sing to him. Sing praise to him. Tell about all of the wonderful things he has done." Come and sing in the choir. It is a great way to proclaim God's word. Choir rehearsals at **St. Peter's** begin on Wednesday, September 18 at 7:30 pm in the choir room. We also rehearse on Sunday mornings at 8:15 before Worship. Our first choir Sunday will be September 22. We welcome all singers to join us.

UPG WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



The fall season of the UPG Women's Bible study will begin on Tuesday, September 3, from 9:30 to 11:00 am, meeting on the St. Peter's campus. Come to the door off the parking lot and ring

the **CHURCH** doorbell, and you will be let into the building. The Bible study is held in the Social Room on the left. The coffee will be ready and the teapot hot, or bring your own. There will be some snacks as well. The study comes from

Gather, the Women of the ELCA magazine. Copies of Gather are available for all who attend. There is no homework and you can come when you can, even if you can't always attend; come when you can. The other gathering will be on Tuesday, September 17. The group meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays each month throughout the year.

The theme of the Bible study for September/October/November is: Poetry of the Old Testament. The author, Pr. Anna Madsen will guide the women through the poetry from Job, Psalms, and Lamentations. The ancient writers will help us find God in the midst of times of deep emotions~joy, anger, celebration, depression, misunderstanding, and contentment, finding hope and grace along the journey of a faith life. These are very human emotions that God through Jesus has experienced as we do. It is ok to get angry at God, or realize the words we said in love, were totally misunderstood by someone we care about. How can God be found when angry or depressed? Be assured, God is always there and the Scriptures will help those gathered understand where God is and how to find God in the midst of powerful emotions.

The time together includes the study time, some singing, caring conversations, and prayers. There is always a chair around the table waiting just for you. If you have any questions or concerns, check in with **ELIZABETH ELTERICH**.

BLANKET MAKING HELPS AROUND THE WORLD



The simple act of sewing together two pieces of fabric with some batting in between makes a gift that people around the world treasure receiving in times of natural disaster, fleeing war, abuse, human trafficking, illness, or other life

disasters or challenges.

Blanket making will happen on the 3rd Tuesday each month, so September 17, at 11:15 am in the Social Room on the **St. Peter's** campus. Skills needed are very basic: ironing, pinning the blankets together, and tying floss knots to keep the layers together. Some tasks can be done at home, cutting 21" squares of fabric or sewing the squares together on your own sewing machine. YOU can do some part of that process, and help others working on blankets.

Last fall, 12 blankets were delivered to the Church World Distribution Center in New Windsor, Maryland. Some of those blankets were given out in India and Iran to those in need of warmth, comfort, and the reassurance that someone cares about their distress~God's Work~Our Hands, caring for our sisters and brothers around the world. Be in touch with **ELIZABETH ELTERICH** or **LOUISE FIELDING** if you have questions or want to be a part of this UPG ministry.

ALL CRAFTERS OF ALL VARIETIES!!



Crafters Group

Is there something "crafty" you like to do to relax and spend your free time? On the 3rd Monday each month on the St. Peter's campus, folks come to share their craft ideas and supplies. September 16th, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm, bring your craft supplies and ideas to the UCF room on Level 1. Come to the parking lot or Vine St. CE building door, ring the CHURCH doorbell and you will be let into the building.

It is some quiet time apart from the noise and busyness of the world where some conversation is shared, but quiet is experienced as well. You can do any project you are doing for yourself or

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someone else. Ideas, patterns, and supplies are shared. You could also learn a new craft or get a new idea from the group.

There is a good table/chairs and the couches available depending on what your craft needs for working space. So, consider an evening out at St. Peter's and bring along your craft and ideas.

SAVE THESE DATE!



NEW BETHANY MINISTRY'S SOUPER DAY

~Tuesday, October 15, at Noon at the Blue on Easton Ave. Tickets will be available soon. Watch for details in "Till We Meet Again" in the coming weeks. ALL ticket money goes directly to NBM's Meal Center. Blue donates the

soup/salad/beverages lunch and their staff time, so all proceeds help feed God's needy children. It would be wonderful to fill a UPG table of 8 or more!



COMMUNITY ADVENT BREAKFAST ~

Saturday, **DECEMBER 7** from 8:30 to 10 am at Moravian Village on Wood St.

Tickets will be available in November. The morning includes a hot, served breakfast, Advent/Christmas music, the Bethlehem Trombone choir, Broughal Middle School chorus, and the traditional beeswax candle lighting ceremony.

In The Mailbag



Dear Friends of Northeast Ministry,

Thank you so much for your generous donation of food to our Food Pantry! The Food Pantry continues to be one of our most vital services offered to the residents of Marvine-Pembroke, serving 237 families doing

the month of May. We are so grateful for your continuous support. Thank you for believing in our mission and the residents of Marvine-Pembroke.

Sincerely,
Grace Young

Beverly and I want to thank our UPG family for all their cards and prayers we've received following my recent surgery and recuperation. I look forward to seeing you soon and the opportunity to thank you personally.

Matt Pizel

Dear Members of the United Proclamation of the Christ,

Thank you for your generous donations from your 2019 Baby Bottle Campaign in the amount of \$2,008.95 to the Cay Galgon Life House, formerly Mary's Shelter Cay Galgon Center.

The Cay Galgon Life House relies on the kindness and generosity of people like you, and others throughout our local community. Through our transition, Cal Galgon Life House is evolving, revamping, and improving every aspect of the organization. By Fall of 2019, the Cay Galgon Life House plans to expand services and offer extensive counselling to include our clients from both residential and non-residential programs, and we will continue our collaboration with agencies in and around the Lehigh Valley.

We remain steadfast in our mission to provide support, nurture and empower, leading to a life of self-reliance. While caring for women in need, Cay Galgon Life House prepares mothers with newborns for independent living and a vision for the future.

We hope you will continue to support our mission and share in the exciting progress as the Cay Galgon Life House continues to make changes one life at a time!

Sincerely,
Christine Duddy
Director of Operations

Holy Trinity, Dingmans Ferry Summer Youth Program: "Make Love Your Aim"



As soon as the public school year ends, youth ministry at Holy Trinity cranks up. The summer is full of faith formation and fun activities including group building, camping, lock-ins, and Vacation Bible Camp. The summer starts with a High Adventure Trip to the Adirondack Mountains. Seventeen high school youth and eight advisors spend a week camping, developing leadership skills, white water kayaking, and water skiing.



The second week includes three days of a Counselor In Training event for 30 middle school and high school youth. These young people are trained to work as teachers, helpers, and recreation staff for the Vacation Bible Camp. Some of the training is done by High Adventure Youth, as well as the pastor and staff.

The third week is filled with Vacation Bible Camp; and it includes an evening mid-week event with a giant BBQ, sing-a-long, and campfire for youth and families. The remainder of the summer has weekly youth activities for Grades 3-12. This year the theme was "Make Love Your Aim."



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Date	August 31, Sept 1 Joint worship LoC 9:30	September 7, 8 Joint worship St. Peter's 9:30	Sept. 14, 15 St. P 8:45 LOC 11AM	Sept. 21, 22 St. P 8:45 LOC 11AM	Sept. 28, 29 St. P 8:45 LOC 11AM
Assisting Minister	5PM Rosalie Adducie 9:30 Lynn Terry	5PM Rosalie Adducie 9:30 Tony Villani	5PM Rosalie Adducie 8:45 Joe Bleier 11 Rosalie Adducie	5PM Rosalie Adducie 8:45 Matthew Bleier 11 Sandra Butch	5PM Rosalie Adducie 8:45 Susan DeAngelis 11 Mary Mann
Communion Assistant	9:30 Steve Harper, Evan Hawk, Mike Horwath, Sandy Horwath, Cindy Kemp	9:30 Nancy Kostas, Shirley Kulp, Michel Lloyd, Mary Mann, Donna Musselman	8:45 Lynn Rawhouser 11 Hannah Nolan, Pat Ousley, Helga Rimonneau, Jon Terry, Lynn Terry	8:45 Joe Bleier 11 Catherine Ziel, Cliff Bengston, Kasey, Chris, Hannah Bosco	8:45 Tony Villani 11 Sandra Butch, Joan Erb, Karen Favinger, Louise Fielding, Stacy Gerhard
Lector	5P Lois Zigmund 9:30 Mary Mann	5P Lou Dravec 9:30 Marilyn Musgnung	5P Kathy Gerhard 8:45Stephanie McGregor 11 Cliff Ousley	5P Delynn Gerhard 8:45 Donna Musselman 11 Pat Ousley	5P Barbara Keener 8:45 Lynn Rawhouser 11 Lynn Terry
Acolyte/ Crucifer	9:30 Rosalie Adducie	9:30 Jimmy Bleier	8:45 Shirley Kulp 11 Hannah Bosco	8:45 Michel Lloyd 11 Joan Erb	8:45 Douglas Bleier 11 Melissa Harvey
Baker	9:30 Cindy Kemp	9:30 Susan DeAngelis	8:45 Elizabeth Elterich 11 Julie Bosco	8:45 Cindy Kemp 11 Hannah Bosco	8:45 Shirley Kulp 11 Louise Fielding
Ushers	9:30 Bosco Family	9:30 Tony DeAngelis Jr., Gerry Cutsler, Dolores Kennedy, Joan Helman	8:45 Bruce Billard, Rich Hawk, Evan Hawk, Donna Musselman 11 To Be Published (TBP)	8:45 Tony Villani, Mary Bender, Tracy Heberling, Josh Gullotta 11 TBP	8:45 Tom/Na Sarver, James Ritchie, Cindy Kemp 11 TBP
Greeters	9:30 Cliff/Pat Ousley	9:30 Jack/Pat Reichel, Lois Ritchie	8:45 Tom/Na Sarver, Sue Swavely 11 Helga Rimmonneau	8:45 Dan & Jackie Groff, Gerry Cutsler 11 Jon Terry	8:45 Tracy Heberling, Joan Helman 11 Lois Zigmund
Altar Guild (LoC)	Sue Schellenberg, Catherine Ziel	Sue Schellenberg, Catherine Ziel	Sue Schellenberg, Catherine Ziel	Sue Schellenberg, Catherine Ziel	Sue Schellenberg, Catherine Ziel
Flower Delivery (LoC)	Bette Kovach, Donna Mackaravitz	Marilyn Musgnung, Cliff Ousley	Pat Ousley Bosco Family	Karen Favinger Buzz Heidecker	Lorraine Kalamar Bette Kovach
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