

May/June 2018

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“My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand.”

John 10:27-28 (NIV)

These verses tell us several important things about the love of God. For one thing, the love of God is a personal love. “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them.”

Jesus knows us as individuals. We live in a lonely world. So much that is counted as love is artificial. In many ways we are just a cell phone number, an email address, a link on Facebook or a number on a credit card or on a Social Security card. It is easy to feel that we don't really count for much. But with God we are more than a number—more than a face in a crowd. God loves us with a personal love. Jesus reminded us in Matthew 10:30, that *“even the very hairs of your head are all numbered.”*

The love of God is a giving love. “I give them eternal life and they shall never perish.” The very nature of God is to give. Jesus gave his life for us in the first place. He sustains our lives with God's gifts of warm sunshine and cool breezes, blustery snow and gentle rain, everything we need to get by here on this earth. And when our days are finished on this earth, Christ welcomes us into God's presence completing the free gift of eternal life. Jesus asked in Matthew 7:9-11, *“Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him?”* I recently read a story about a little boy who asked his mother, “Why doesn't God ever get tired and just stop?” His mother thought for a moment and replied, “Because God is love and love never gets tired.” Friends, our God is a giving God!

God's love never quits. Jesus said, *“No one will snatch them out of my hand.”* The Apostle Paul wrote in Romans 8:35, *“Who shall separate us from the love of God?”* And you know something folks, that's Good News. God never stops loving us, NEVER! God goes before us into each new situation we face. God cares about what happens to us. In Psalm 23:5 David wrote, *“He prepares a table before me in the presence of my enemies.”* We can continue to be comforted by Jesus' promise of his protection from every inward and outward danger. So trust him. Bring your cares to him day by day. He knows you, right where you are, and Christ cares for you!

In the Name of Christ,

Buddy 😊


**DON'T
FORGET!**

Summer
Worship
moves to
10:00 am
on Trinity
Sunday,
May 27th

Birthdays

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- May 01 Liam Ferry
02 Caroline Benson
04 Soojye Gustafson
05 Nova Gustafson
06 Marguerite Dalrymple
08 Connie Mahan
08 Bill Ransom
11 Fletcher Blumquist
11 Tristan Brumagin
12 Gary Brumagin
13 Victoria Brecht
14 Jerry Stuart
16 Natasha Ferry
17 Danell Sowers
18 Logan Bullock
18 Cindy LaRusch
22 Mary Putnam
23 Chris McClellan
25 Terry Hockensmith
27 Bob Hampson
29 Denise Cederquist
29 Brian Wood
30 Spencer Dunagan
31 Jennifer Slack

Anniversaries

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- May 02 Charles & Natalie Lucks
03 Buddy & Anne Ward
10 Richard & Denise Cederquist
24 Michael & Vicky Hepford
26 Harold & Jennifer Slack
29 David Snyder & Susan Stout
30 Kenneth & Audrey Bakewell 54

Lay Leaders

- May 06 Lynn Bricker
13 Gloria Lindell
20 Mark Ash
27 Anne Ward

Greeters

- May 06 Jim Reese

- 13 Celia Gross
20 Karen Ashbaugh
27 Judy McElhatten

Sound Booth

- May 06 Nyssa Brumagin
13 Jim Ashbaugh
20 Stephen Ashbaugh
27 Joshua Ward


Nursery Workers

- May 06 Nancy Bullock
13 Missy Turner
20 Nancy Bullock
27 Missy Turner

Youth Nursery Workers

- May 06 Julia Claypoole
13 Natasha Ferry
20 Natasha Ferry
27 Natasha Ferry

Sanctuary Flowers

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- May 06 Marguerite Dalrymple
13 Bill and Celia Gross
20 Dick and Denise Cederquist
27 Lee Jones

Ushers

The Pusateri Family

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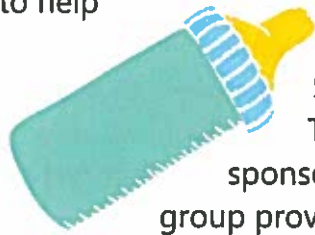
Communion Servers – Pentecost – May 20

Ken Bakewell
Martha Brackemyre
Emily Jones
Maureen Gonano
Darrell Pusateri
Jim Reese

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Pregnancy Support Center Baby Bottle Drive

Each year we along with several other churches in the Warren area have a drive to help



finance the local Pregnancy Support Center. The locally

sponsored and funded group provides Christian centered support for all women who are pregnant and new moms who need help and advice on the complex job of caring for a baby.

Baby bottles will be distributed starting on Mother's Day, May 13th and will be gathered back up on Father's Day, June 17th. Fill the bottle with spare change from your pockets. This loose change adds up, with so many people doing it. The combined efforts of all of us help many young women in their task of raising healthy babies.

Early Church Service

Beginning on May 27, the Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend, we will be changing to a 10:00 AM start for our Worship Service. We will return to an 11:00 AM start time on September 9, the weekend after Labor Day.

PRAYER CHAIN

If you would like to be included in our email prayer chain please provide your email address to the church office. We have found this to be an



effective method of notifying our prayer warriors of those who are in need of prayer. We are happy to add you so that you can be praying for those in need.

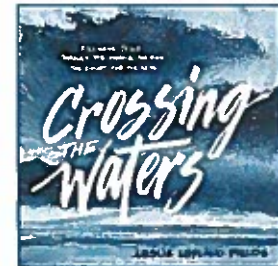
If you or someone you know would like the congregation to be praying for them, simply call or email the church office or Pastor Buddy with your request and we will pass it on.

New Ladies Bible Study to Begin May 14

The new study is entitled "Crossing the Waters" by Leslie Leyland Fields. In it you follow Jesus through the storms, the fish, the doubt, and the seas

- 12 sessions,
- Starts on May 14, 2018
- Through November 12, 2018
- Get ready for the wettest, stormiest, wildest trip through the Gospels you've ever taken!

The gospels are dramatic and incredibly wet, set in a rich maritime culture on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Yet we've missed much of this perspective—until now. Leslie



Leyland Fields. A seasoned Alaskan fisherwoman, leads us across the waters of time and culture out onto the Sea of Galilee, through a rugged season of commercial fishing with her family in Alaska, and through the waters of the New Testament beside the ragtag fishermen-disciples. Her story and her

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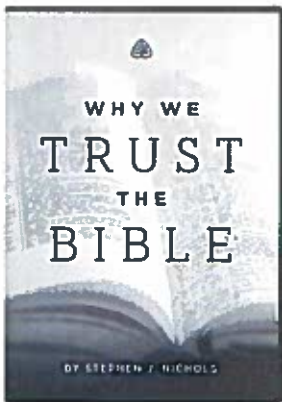
fresh insights will challenge your understanding of Jesus and what it means to "Come, follow me."

Leslie Leyland Fields is an award-winning author of ten books, a national speaker, a popular radio guest, and a commercial fisherwoman for four decades, working with her husband and six children in a salmon-fishing operation on their own island off the coast of Kodiak Island, Alaska.

Books are \$12.00 each, currently there are a limited number of books available, but more can be ordered if needed. Six sessions have video lessons; there is no homework except to read a chapter of the book prior to that session. See Gloria Lindell if you have any questions or would like to participate in the study.

Church Wide Summer Bible Study for Everyone!

God's revelation: where would we be without it? "Why We Trust the Bible" is a video Bible Study by Stephen J. Nichols



from Ligonier Ministries that explains that we would be lost if not for God's Word, trapped in the darkness of sin forever. Rather than forsake us, God sent His Son,

Jesus, revealing and recording His redemptive purposes in an inspired, inerrant, and authoritative source: the Bible. Sufficient for all of life, a crucial

question arises: will we accept its authority?

Starting at 7:15 pm in Fellowship Hall at the church, on May 24th and continuing on the second and fourth Thursdays throughout the summer, everyone, men and women alike, are invited to come and grapple with the topics of how we got the Bible we now have, and what authority the Bible has over our lives.

- May 24th, 7:15 pm – "Revelation – Where Would We Be Without It?"
- June 14th, 7:15 pm – "The Authority of Scripture, Part 1– The Doctrine of Inspiration"
- June 28th, 7:15 pm – "The Authority of Scripture, Part 2– The Doctrine of Inerrancy"
- July 12th, 7:15 pm – "Why Sixty-Six Books? The Development of the Canon"
- July 26th, 7:15 pm – "Why So Many Interpretations? The Clarity of Scripture & Interpretation"
- August 9th, 7:15 pm – "Scripture for Life – The Sufficiency of Scripture"

Rev. Ward will facilitate the discussion as we reflect on the teaching of Dr. Nichols. All study materials will be provided at no cost, and we will have refreshment. Plan now to attend, and bring a friend.

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Ladies Prayer Luncheon

The Ladies Prayer Luncheon Group will be going to Cable Hollow for the May 10 lunch. They will begin at the club house at 12:30 PM Maureen Gonano is the caller for this month. If you would like to join them, please call Maureen @ 726-2982. All ladies of the church are invited.

Primary Election Day



It is once again the time to go to the polls to choose who will run for the offices we all love to complain about. Believe it or not, each one of those

people we complain about are real, live human beings with families and priorities of their own, which don't always seem to line up with what we think they should be. And that is the rub.

We do have the ability to learn a great deal about the candidates and the issues with a little bit of research. The seldom used primaries in May give the voters the opportunity to put into the running the candidates they think are the least offensive. Come November, that may make a slightly easier choice for some. Below are several possible web sites which may help you in your research.

- State sponsored site with help about voting and elections in general:
<https://www.pa.gov/guides/voting-and-elections/>

- Pennsylvania Democratic Party web site:
<http://www.padems.com/>
- Pennsylvania Republican Party web site: <https://www.pagop.org/>
- Pennsylvania Green Party web site: <https://www.gpofpa.org/>
- *Ballotpedia* is a nonpartisan online political encyclopedia. It covers American federal, state, and local politics, elections, and public policy.
https://ballotpedia.org/Main_Page

There are plenty more and you have to decide which ones are most in line with what you want. Within their own viewpoint, each of them is correct, honest, and looking out for what is best for all. No candidate or party will be perfect; it is up to each of us to make an informed choice.

Good luck!

Biblical Principles in Our Daily Lives

The vast majority of people like to excel at something. Most of us like to do



what we do in a manner that is truly first-class. Whether we are involved in one of the trades, or whether we are

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working in a profession, we like to excel in what we do.

Similarly, in the Christian life, most of us like to demonstrate our love for the Lord in ways that will reflect properly on Him and that will bring honor to Him. As His servants, we take great care that our Christian service is of such quality that what we do for His sake is first-class. Thus, whether we sing a solo in a worship service at church, prepare a meal for someone who is a shut-in, or teach a Bible class, we strive to do what we do for God in the very best way possible.

The Apostle Paul indicates we are also to excel in the grace of giving. "... just as you excel in everything — in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us — see that you also excel in this grace of giving" (2 Cor. 8:7). In other words, just as we might seek to excel in other ways which demonstrate our Christian faith in action, we are also to excel in the grace of giving.

In the context of the verse we just read, Paul commends the Macedonian Christians for giving as much as they were able and more. When we follow their example, we experience "grace giving" in action, not only giving as we are able, but also, giving beyond our ability. This is possible only as we demonstrate the fruit of the Christian life by the power of the Holy Spirit within us. As we step out by faith (which is one of the signs of a Spirit-controlled life), we are able to give in ways which might seem improbable or impossible at first. The Spirit of God thereby motivates us

and compels us to excel in the grace of giving!

One anonymous writer penned these powerful words: "God has a storehouse of blessings. Prayer is the key to that storehouse. But faith both turns the key and unlocks the door."

Say, are you excelling in the grace of giving? If not, why not take God at His Word — by faith — and begin today?

Church Themed Notecards

We offer custom notecards designed by Rick Blumquist, pictured here. They are available for purchase in the church office during regular office hours. You can also purchase them Sunday mornings by request. This is a fundraiser for our church and your support is appreciated. The cost is \$2 per card and envelope OR you can purchase a pack of three for \$5.00. What a great way to send a note to a friend!



Sad Realizations

Nothing cures insomnia like the realization that it's time to get up.

The bad news is: time flies. The good news is: you're the pilot.

Not to brag, but I went into another room and actually remembered why I went in there. It was the bathroom, but still...

Sometimes you win and sometimes you learn.



Youth Stuff

Bulletin Board



Spring Activities

- Stephen Ashbaugh, Fletcher Blumquist, and Cade Poston are playing tennis for WAHS.
- Gracie Wood is playing softball for WAHS.
- Jaylene Swanson, Logan Nelson (rec), Colin Drayer (rec), and Isaac Patchen (rec) are doing track and field for Beaty.
- Thank you to Stephen, Hayden, Jacob, Julia, Rosea, and Jaylene for helping with the kids Easter party and Easter breakfast!



Mission Trip



The mission trip will take place from June 10th—15th if enough youth register.

This year's trip will be to Benton Harbor, Michigan with

YouthWorks Mission Trips and some of the projects include working with local ministries and doing work projects. All ages will be ministered to including children and elderly residents.



Youth currently in 8th grade and older may go as the site is a high school site. The cost per person is \$300, but we are selling RADA and have some funds available. Contact Anne ASAP!



RADA cutlery orders will be taken until May 20th for anyone interested in ordering. Thank you in advance to everyone who will support the sale.

Meeting Info

Recreation Dates

Recreation is on Wednesdays; May 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th from 7:00 until 8:30 p.m. at the Community House. May 30th is the last one until fall. (NO REC beginning in June.)

Youth Group

Regular youth group meeting will be May 6th. We will be going to the Passion Conference at Praise Fellowship on May 20th, leaving at 5:45 p.m. That is the last regular Youth Group activity until fall.

Easter Breakfast Thanks!



Thank you to all who donated food items and money for our Easter Breakfast. It was a great fellowship time and over \$200 was raised for our youth mission fund. A special thanks goes to Nancy Bullock who helped with the food and Ruth Morrison who helped decorate.

May & June Youth Birthdays

Fletcher Blumquist	5/11
Cassidy Marquis (rec)	5/17
Logan Bullock	5/18
Stephen Ashbaugh	6/2
Cade Poston	6/2
Isaac Patchen (rec)	6/11



CONGRATULATIONS...

... to these church members graduating from WAHS in June:



Cade Poston
Fletcher Blumquist

Best wishes for continued success!




Easter 2018



The youth participated in several Easter activities including filling the Easter eggs, making the breakfast casseroles, helping with the community kids' party and egg hunt, and serving the Easter breakfast.

Summer Vacation

2018 Summer Day Camp Opportunity

 North Warren Presbyterian will host its day camp for children from July 30th—August 3rd. There are a limited number of spaces available for teen helpers this year. We will be accepting applications from teens going into 9th grade and older to help. Youth helpers must either be members of the church or active participants in Sunday School or Youth Group. Contact Buddy or Anne Ward if you are interested.

A Cleaner North Warren!

On April 28th four people picked up trash on N. State St. and Jackson Run as part of our annual PennDot trash pick up. Participants were Gloria Lindell, Ruth Morrison, and Buddy & Anne Ward. Thank you!



We will continue to have Penny Sunday offerings for our church's Mission Fund.

Penny Sundays will be May 6th and June 3th. Thank You!



The Sunday School awards day will be Sunday, May 20th. Breakfast will be provided at 9:30 a.m. during the Sunday School time.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<i>Penny Sunday 3</i> 9:30 AM Prayer Meeting 10:00 AM Worship After Church Coffee	4 5:45 PM Worship Team	5	6	7 6:00 PM Deacons	8	9
10 9:30 AM Prayer Meeting 10:00 AM Worship	11 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study 5:45 PM Worship Team	12 6:00 PM Christian Education	13	14 12:30 PM Ladies Prayer Luncheon 7:15 PM Church Wide Summer Bible Study for Everyone	15	16
17 9:30 AM Prayer Meeting 10:00 AM Worship After Church Coffee 6:00 PM Session	18 5:45 PM Worship Team	19	20	21 Sharing Place	22	23
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June 2018

Birthdays

June	02	Stephen Ashbaugh
	02	Pat Gardiner
	02	Cade Poston
	08	Kristie Reynolds
	09	Denny McClellan
	12	Richard Cederquist
	12	Bonnie Reynolds
	13	Douglas Megill
	15	Philip Nickerson
	16	Michael Swartz
	18	Martha Brackemyre
	19	Russell Johnson
	19	Fred Rulander
	19	Thomas Swartz
	20	Grady Decker
	21	Lovena Rulander
	21	Harold Slack
	22	Maureen Gonano
	25	Marcia McKown
	25	Tim Swanson
	27	Rudy Rudolph
	29	Celia Gross
	29	Jeff Scott

Anniversaries



June	04	Joseph & Heather Nelson	
	05	Joseph & Tricia Poston	
	06	Kevin & Sarah (Dyke) Ford	
	08	Wayne Rudolph and Judy Grosch-Rudolph	
	12	Brett & Amanda McElhatten	
	19	Douglas & Laura Megill	42
	19	Mark & Sara Nickerson	
	22	David & Andrea Larsen	
	25	Brooks & Ivy Whilton	
	27	Gerald & Sandra Gilman	48
	29	Shawn & Emily Jones	
	30	Frederick & Lovena Rulander	67

Lay Leaders

June	03	Gary Brumagin
	10	Ruth Morrison
	17	Bill Gross
	24	Lynn Bricker

Greeters

June	03	Jim Ashbaugh
	10	Martha Brackemyre
	17	Nancy Bullock
	24	Lynn Collins

Sound Booth

June	03	Hayden Turner
	10	Gary Brumagin
	17	Nyssa Brumagin
	24	Jim Ashbaugh

Sanctuary Flowers

June	03	Jerry and Ellen Nelson
	10	Mary Sue and David See
	17	Pat King
	24	Denny and Chris McClellan

Ushers

Anne Ward
Joshua Ward

Hospital Visitor

Mary Putnam




Coffee Hosts

Jun	03	Bill & Sandy Ransom
	17	Sally Clark and Mary Putnam



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Technically Retired

Your humble secretary turns 65 years old in just a few more days as of this writing. This means that I am of actual retirement age, not just this "semi-retired" that I've been for the last three years. This means that I need to research what retirement means. Here are some of the things I've learned.

RETIREMENT Q&A

Question: When is a retiree's bedtime?

Answer: Three hours after he falls asleep in his chair.

Question: What's the biggest gripe of retirees?

Answer: There is not enough time to get everything done.

Question: Why don't retirees mind being called Seniors?

Answer: The term comes with a 10 percent discount.

Question: Among retirees what is considered formal attire?

Answer: Tied shoes.

Question: What is the common term for someone who enjoys work and refuses to retire?

Answer: NUTS!

Question: Why are retirees so slow to clean out the basement, attic or garage?

Answer: They know that as soon as they do, one of their adult kids will want to store stuff there.

Question: What do retirees call a long lunch?

Answer: Normal.

Question: What is the best way to describe retirement?

Answers: The Never-Ending Coffee Break.

Question: What's the biggest advantage of going back to school as a retiree?

Answer: If you cut classes, no one calls your parents.

Hmmm, this sounds pretty good. Not a whole lot different than what I've been doing anyway. Of course, I'm going to continue doing this secretary gig for a while longer; it's actually a fun job. Unless the mistakes catch up with me!

Once my better half is retired though, who knows? God's big ol' world is waiting to be explored. Life is good when you remember God's blessings!