

May/June 2019

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Pastor's Corner

"I will boast about [Jesus], but I will not boast about myself, except about my weaknesses." 2 Corinthians 12:5

When Ben Franklin was the ambassador to France for the newly independent United States of America, his quick wit and well-thought wisdom opened many doors for him and this new country. At one dinner in 1781 where the guest list included the leaders of the day, the French foreign secretary began the dinner with a toast to King Louis: *"To his Majesty, King Louis, the sun, whose shining presence radiates the earth of France."* Not to be outdone, the British ambassador rose with the toast, *"To King George the Third, the moon, whose brilliance lights up the skies of Britain."* With a twinkle in his eye, Franklin slowly rose and said, *"I cannot give you the sun nor the moon, but I give you General George Washington of the United States, the Joshua who made the sun and moon stand still when he commanded."*

What is it about human nature that makes us want to boast? We all do it. When we get together and somebody tells a story, pretty soon we all start playing that little game of one-upmanship. We may not do it very often but we all boast from time to time. Sometimes we even boast when we talk about our faith. Each time we tell our story we may add more amazing details about our walk with the Lord.

The Apostle Paul experienced this with the Church at Corinth. He knew that boasting about spiritual authority does not build up the faith of others. It does not lead others into a relationship with Jesus. Instead it may create hard feelings and it may divide the fellowship.

Paul tells us in the verse above from 2 Corinthians chapter 12, that our attention should be on Jesus and not on our own experiences or on what we do for Jesus or for the work of the church. Paul says in 2 Corinthians 12:9 that the only thing we can boast of is the Grace of God, for apart from the Grace of God we are nothing. Knowing this from a firsthand experience allowed Paul to boast, not of himself, but of God.

So as we move into this time leading up to the celebration of Pentecost on June 9th, let's pray that God will transform our faults, failures, and weaknesses by God's Grace so that we may echo the words of the Apostle Paul, *"I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me . . . for whenever I am weak, then I am strong."*

In my weakness, I'm yours in the name of our all powerful Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Buddy 😊

Coming Events

May & June

5/12 Mother's Day

5/19 9:30 am Sunday
School Awards
(last day of Sunday School)

5/26 10:00 am First
Early Worship Service

6/9 10:00 am Worship
The Day of Pentecost
(with communion)

6/16 Father's Day

Lay Leaders

- May 05 David Snyder
12 Gary Brumagin
19 Kathy Whittemore
26 Susan Stout

Greeters

- May 05 Gloria Lindell
12 Gary Olson
19 Bill Gross
26 Sandy Ransom

Sound Booth

- May 05 Hayden Turner
12 Nyssa Brumagin
19 Gary Brumagin
26 Jim Ashbaugh

Nursery - Adults

- May 05 Anne Ward
12 Susan Stout
19 Nancy Bullock
26 Melissa Turner

Sanctuary Flowers

- May 05 Marguerite Goodwill Dalrymple
12 Bill and Celia Gross
19 Dick and Denise Cederquist
26 Lee Jones

Ushers

Nancy Bullock
Carol Pusateri
Darrell Pusateri

Hospital Visitor

After Church Coffee

- May 05 Bill & Celia Gross
12 New Member Reception

Birthdays

- May 01 Liam Ferry
02 Caroline Benson
04 Soojye Gustafson
05 Nova Gustafson
05 Sophia Thomas
06 Marguerite Dalrymple
08 Micah Campbell
08 Noah Campbell
08 Connie Mahan
08 Bill Ransom
10 Juniper Geer
11 Fletcher Blumquist
11 Tristan Brumagin
12 Gary Brumagin
16 Natasha Ferry
17 Teghan Bednez
17 Danell Sowers
18 Logan Bullock
18 Harper Geer
18 Cindy LaRusch
21 Brodie McElhatten
22 Emma Peterson
22 Mary Putnam
23 Chris McClellan
25 Terry Hockensmith
27 Bob Hampson
29 Denise Cederquist
29 Zoey Spicer
29 Brian Wood
30 Spencer Dunagan
31 Jennifer Slack

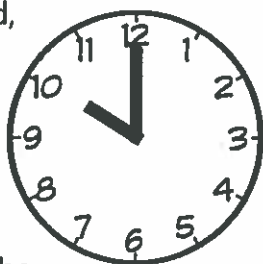
Anniversaries

- May 02 Charles & Natalie Lucks
03 Buddy & Anne Ward
10 Richard & Denise Cederquist
26 Harold & Jennifer Slack
29 David & Susan Stout
30 Kenneth & Audrey Bakewell 55 yrs

May & June 2019 News from the Pews

Early Church Service

Beginning on May 26, the Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend, we will be changing to a 10:00 AM start for our Worship Service. There will be no regularly scheduled Sunday School during the summer hours. We will return to an 11:00 AM start time on September 8, 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.

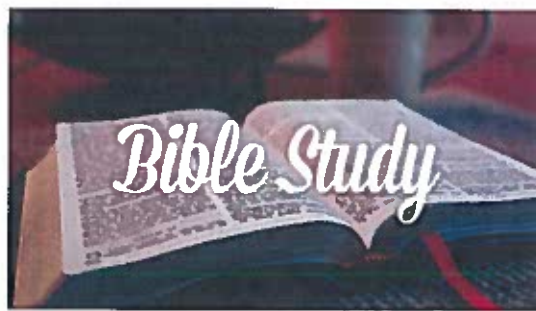


If you or someone you know would like the congregation to be praying for them, simply call or email the church office or Pastor Buddy with your request and we will pass it on.

Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study is working through a 12 session series on "Meeting God" by J. I. Packer. Packer was one of the

inspirations for Chip Ingram's study on "The Real God." Come and join the men of the church at 7:15 PM to travel together from the church or go straight to Perkins in Warren and meet at 7:30 PM as we continue our study of who God really is! The next study time is May 9. They will not meet on May 23.



Ladies Bible Study

Many of us ache for relationship with God, yet feel distant and disconnected from him. As if he's more of an idea we believe in our head than a person we relate to.

Why do we feel this gap between God and us? Could it be that a lot of what we think about God is wrong? Not all wrong, but wrong enough to mess up how we relate to him? What if our "God" is really a projection of our own identity, ideas, and desires? And what if the real God is different, but far better than we could ever imagine?

This book and study is a simple but profound guide to what God says about himself. In his signature conversational style, author John Mark Comer takes the reader line by line through Exodus 34, versus 6-8 – what some scholars argue is

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the most quoted in the Bible, by the Bible.

It turns out, who God is just might surprise you – and change everything.

The Ladies Bible Study has been working on a study of this Book, God Has A Name by John Mark Comer.

Books are \$11.00 each and are available from Gloria Lindell. The study is available to all interested ladies.

Next meeting is May 13 with no meeting on May 27. June meetings will be on the 10th and 24th.

Ladies Prayer Luncheon Group

The Ladies Prayer Luncheon Group will meet on Thursday May 9 at 12:30 PM at New Beginnings in Sugar Grove. Anne Ward is the contact for May. You can call her at 726-2415 for more information. If you would like to car pool, meet at the church at 12:00.

The ladies will meet again on June 13 at 12:30 in the Dave Clark Pavilion for their final luncheon of the season. Mary Putnam is the contact for June. You should bring a covered dish to share.

All ladies of the church are invited to attend either session.

July's Ushers

Just as we had in the month of April, we have not scheduled ushers for the month of July. We do not have enough volunteers anymore without using people more than three times in some

instances, and we do not use anyone more than three times to usher since it is a month-long commitment.

The people who volunteered in April were ones who were already scheduled to serve for three times already during the year, at least. This really is not a difficult job to do, so please consider volunteering to take one or more of the Sundays in July to fill in to usher for the church.

If you are willing to usher in July, please contact the office.

Sound Booth Operators Needed

With graduations, both high school and work force, we will be requiring some additional help in the sound booth again. This easy job requires a commitment every several weeks, depending on how many people are on the list of volunteers.

You will receive training. Computer



operating skills are required, but there is no need to be above average

or any sort of "computer guru" to do this job. There is a manual that answers most questions, but usually there is another operator at the service that can help if a problem arises.

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Most congregants now use the Power Point presentation for the scripture readings and the illustrations that Pastor Buddy uses has become an integral part of his sermons, much like the outlines he provides.

Another point to consider is that this is not just for the males. We have always



had at least one female on our team at nearly all times. Actually, some of our best operators

have been female, so do not let that be a deterrent to you.

Scheduling is done on a strictly rotating basis, but it is always easy to swap with one of the other operators. The group is usually very good attenders to church and is always willing to step in whenever needed.

Please see Pastor Buddy if you are interested in this unique opportunity to service God's church in a way that will undoubtedly help you use tech better in your life.

Guest Speaker

On June 2 with Pastor Buddy and his family traveling, we will have the opportunity to hear the Reverend

Doctor David Oyler deliver the message during our Sunday Morning Worship Service starting at 10:00 AM. We do not get the opportunity to hear Dr. Oyler speak often and this is one of those rare opportunities that we do get, so mark your calendars to make a special effort to attend church this day. His broad perspective always sheds new light on our faith walk in this modern world.



Women's Care Center of Warren 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, now called the Women's Care 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 12 and will be gathered back up on Father's Day, June 16. Fill the bottle with spare change from your pockets. This loose change adds up. The combined efforts of all of us help many young women with their task of raising healthy babies.

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Church Themed Notecards

We offer custom note cards 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!



Scouting Courts of Honor

Our sanctuary and Fellowship Hall will be the sites of two Eagle Scout Courts of Honor over the next two months. On May 5, Hunter Smith will receive his honor and then, on June 22 Jacob



Bullock will receive his. These Courts of Honor present these young

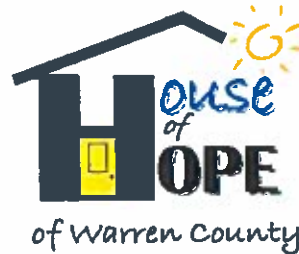
men with their Eagle rank awards, the highest rank which a Scout can attain. We in North Warren Presbyterian are pleased to be able to help celebrate with these young men on their achievement.

Shoe Drive

Would you ever think that your old shoes could help transform lives that have been ravaged by addiction? Well,

they can and here's how. House of Hope is participating in a fundraiser where there is nothing to buy or sell...all they need is your support and your old shoes.

We are collecting gently worn, used and new shoes, sandals, and boots. Start in your family's closets and gather pairs



of shoes that are too small, out of style, or out of season. Ask your neighbors, friends, and/or

co-workers to do the same. Then, simply bring them to church and put them in the collection box marked "House of Hope."

Your shoe donations will not only help support the programs here at House of Hope and in the Warren County Prison, they will be used to set up micro-financing enterprises in developing nations like Ghana, Haiti, and Bolivia. Individuals in these impoverished areas will have an opportunity to earn an income to support their families. It's a win-win for everyone.



June Events 2019

Lay Leaders

Jun 02 Gloria Lindell
09 Lynn Bricker
16 Mark Ash
23 Anne Ward
30 Ruth Morrison

Greeters

Jun 02 Teresa Blumquist
09 Christina McClellan
16 Jim Reese
23 Celia Gross
30 Marian Hartman

Sound Booth

Jun 02 Stephen Ashbaugh
09 Joshua Ward
16 Hayden Turner
23 Gary Brumagin
30 Nyssa Brumagin

Sanctuary Flowers

Jun 02 Ellen Nelson
09 Mary Sue and David See
16 Open
23 Denny and Chris McClellan
30 Judy McElhatten

Ushers

Gloria Lindell
David Snyder
Susan Stout

Hospital Visitor

Mary Putnam

After Church Coffee

Jun 23 Kathy Whittemore

Communion on Pentecost

Jim Reese	Gary Olson
Celia Gross	Teresa Blumquist
Nancy Bullock	Christina McClellan

No Nursery Scheduled for June

Birthdays

Jun 02 Stephen Ashbaugh
02 Cade Poston
08 Kristie Reynolds
09 Denny McClellan
09 Paisley Robertson
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

Jun 04 Joseph & Heather Nelson
05 Joseph & Tricia Poston
06 Kevin & Sarah (Dyke) Ford
08 Wayne & Judy Grosch-Rudolph
12 Brett & Amanda McElhatten
19 Douglas & Laura Megill 43 yrs
19 Mark & Sara Nickerson
22 David & Andrea Larsen
25 Brooks & Ivy Whilton
27 Gerald & Sandra Gilman 49 yrs
29 Shawn & Emily Jones
30 Frederick & Lovena Rulander 68 yrs



Youth Stuff

Bulletin Board



Spring Activities

- Stephen Ashbaugh is playing tennis for WAHS.
- Gracie Wood is playing softball for WAHS.
- Jaylene Swanson and Logan Nelson (rec) are doing field events for WAHS.

Congratulations to our newest church members who were confirmed and joined on Palm Sunday: Hayden Turner, Jaylene Swanson, Avalynn Swanson, Valerie Curtis!



Meeting Info

May & June Recreation Dates

Recreation is on Wednesdays; May 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th from 7:00 until 8:30 p.m. at the Community House. Last rec is June 5th.

The Sunday School awards day will be Sunday, May 19th. A light breakfast will be provided at 9:30 a.m. during the Sunday School



Easter Breakfast Thanks!



Thank you to all who donated food items and money for our Easter Breakfast. It was a great fellowship time and \$87 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.

CONGRATULATIONS...



... to these church members graduating from WAHS this spring *and* having summer birthdays!

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| Stephen Ashbaugh | June 2nd |
| Jacob Bullock | July 4th |
| Gracie Wood | August 29th |



Congratulations also to Jacob for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout!

A Cleaner North Warren!



On April 27th eight people picked up trash on a chilly morning on N. State St. and Jackson Run as part of our annual PennDot trash pick up.

Participants were Lynn & Brian Olsen, Gloria Lindell, Marcia McKown, Barb Hoehn, Nancy Bullock 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 5th and June 2nd. Thank You!



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. Thanks to Jaylene and Ava Swanson, Hayden Turner, and Natasha Ferry!



2019 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.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
Penny Sunday 2 10:00 AM Worship with Rev. Dr. David Oyler 6:00 PM WAHS Baccalaureate	3	4	5 7:00 PM Last Youth Rec	6 6:00 PM Deacons	7 Last Day of School	8
					Commencement	
9 9:30 AM Prayer Meeting 10:00 AM Worship with the Lord's Supper	10 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study 7:00 PM Qadosh Bells	11 6:00 PM Christian Ed	12	13 12:30 PM Ladies Luncheon 7:30 PM Men's Bible Study	14	15
Father's Day 16 9:30 AM Prayer Meeting 10:00 AM Worship 6:00 PM Session	17	18	19	20	21	22 2:00 PM Court of Honor
23 9:30 AM Prayer Meeting 10:00 AM Worship After Church Coffee	24 10:00 AM No Ladies Bible Study	25 3:00 PM Presbytery in Oil City	26	27 7:30 PM Men's Bible Study	28	29
30 9:30 AM Prayer Meeting 10:00 AM Worship						

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Other Reminders

Web Site

Don't forget to check out our web site at <https://www.nwpchurch.org/>.

Besides

featuring recent events in the

church, you will find

recent sermons that you

can listen to for those that you

- Missed due to church absence
- Didn't quite get a finer point
- Simply would like to rehear.

These sermons do not require any special software and will simply play right in the web site.

Under the Facilities page, you will find the schedules and forms needed to reserve the Community House and the Dave Clark Pavilion. These are up-to-the-minute calendars, so

You will also find current and recent newsletters as well as the up-to-the minute calendar for the church, and you can check on the Volunteer List as well as the Coffee Hour, Flower Schedule, and Sound Booth Lists. Besides those, you will find a full directory of all of the folks associated with the church.

You will need to contact the church office to get the password to some of these behind the protected area lists, but once you have them, you will be filled with joy.

PA Primary Election

Once again, it is time to go to the polls to select candidates to represent



our political parties in the fall elections. Primary day is May 21 this year.

We do have the ability to learn a great deal about the candidates and the issues if we do some research. The often overlooked primaries in May give the voters the opportunity to put into the election the candidates they think are the best qualified.

Below are several possible web sites that 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 others and you have to decide which ones are most in line with what you want. No candidate or party will be perfect; it is up to each of us to make an informed choice.

Good luck!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7:00 PM Nat'l Day of Prayer Service @ Faith Fellowship 7:00 PM Youth Rec	2 12:00 PM Nat'l Day of Prayer Observance @ Courthouse 6:00 PM Deacons	3	4
<i>Penny Sunday 5</i> 9:15 AM Prayer Meeting 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 2:00 PM Court of Honor	6 6:00 PM Community House 7:00 PM Qadosh Bells	7 7:00 PM Finance Comm	8 7:00 PM Youth Rec	9 12:30 PM Ladies Prayer Luncheon 7:30 PM Men's Bible Study	10	11
<i>Mother's Day 12</i> 9:15 AM Prayer Meeting 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	13 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study 7:00 PM Qadosh Bells	14 6:00 PM Christian Ed	15 7:00 PM Youth Rec 7:00 PM Finance Comm	16 Sharing Place	17	18
19 9:15 AM Prayer Meeting 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Congregational Meeting After Church Coffee 6:00 PM Session	20 7:00 PM Qadosh Bells	21 PA Primary Election Day	22 7:00 PM Youth Rec	23 No Men's Bible Study	24	25
26 10:00 AM Worship 	27 10:00 AM No Ladies Bible Study No School 	28	29 7:00 PM Youth Rec	30	31	

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Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday

It's Still a Bit Early, But...

Yes, it's a bit early to think about Day Camp, but for those of us who are involved, planning is happening at full speed. The end of July comes up far too quickly when you are dealing with all the little details that make up a large multiple day event like Day Camp. Planning is integral to success, but there is another necessary component to success.

We need you to help us make our Day Camp experience a success for the children who come. Some of these children get no exposure to the Gospel other than what they hear at Day Camp; others get little. The numbers of children we reach that do not attend our church vastly outnumber the children who do attend our church, making this outreach to our community even more important.

Consider now how you might be able to help, whether teaching, working in the kitchen, doing crafts, leading recreation, wrangling the "herds," or just being here to help. You don't need to make a whole day or whole week commitment - whatever you can give is appreciated, not just by the church, but, more importantly, by the children as well.

