



September/October 2019

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Pastor's Corner

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard.”

Matthew 20:1 (NIV)

As we start another busy Fall with all the activities that we find ourselves engaged in, I found myself reflecting on “*The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard*,” and how it goes against everything we have been taught about how to run a business and get things done. In the marketplace, the longer we work, the more we are paid. Work hard and get ahead, is the motto of the upwardly mobile. However, Jesus is not speaking here of economics, but of the kingdom of God. In this kingdom of love there is no pressure to get ahead, and from this parable I have found a life-changing truth that I trust I may someday fully learn. It concerns disconnecting what we do from what we are worth. This is a hard lesson for some of us to learn. It certainly was for the workers in the vineyard who could not understand why they, who had sweated in the hot sun all day, were “worth” to the landowner only as much as those who had worked just a few hours.

The point is, in the eyes of God what we do never earns us more of God’s love or attention. As Jesus put it in Luke 17:10, “*So you also, when you have done all that is commanded you, should say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.’*” This is not a putdown, but a statement of truth: All we can do for God is do what we are told to do in scripture. The medieval notion of “doing more than duty requires” was an error. We see this point in scripture, remember how in the Old Testament when God sent Israel manna in the wilderness; those who overworked to amass a week’s worth, and those who gathered a day’s supply, could both consume the manna only for that day. Any surplus rotted during the night.

God’s love for each of us is infinite, measured only by the cost of Calvary! Look to the cross to realize just how much you are worth to God. A relationship with the Son of God, kept lively and fresh, establishes our sense of self-worth, as we slowly learn how much God loves and cares for us. Our sins and failures are forgiven by God’s immeasurable grace. Our feeblest efforts to find God are met time and again by God’s Holy Spirit, coming to us in people, in circumstances, and in the Person of Jesus Christ found in scripture. So, how does God see our good works? At their best they are expressions of our love for God, a small return for the innumerable good things God has done for us and for those we love.

In John 6:28 the crowd that was following Jesus asked, “What must we do, to be doing the work of God?” Jesus’ answer falls strange on our modern ears, “*This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom God has sent.*” Jesus places himself as the center of our striving. This is doubtless the hardest lesson for God’s people to learn, that our performance does not affect how much God loves us. Indeed, God loves “failures” as much as successes!

Buddy 😊

Special Called Congregational Meeting

There will be a Special Called Congregational Meeting on Sunday, September 15th immediately following the 11 am Worship Service to present changes to the Church By-Laws for their first reading.

All church members should plan on staying for this short but important meeting.



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2019 NWPC Day Camp Staff

We want to thank all of the below listed individuals for all the things they did to make our 2019 Day Camp a success this year. We had between 40 and 45 children each day, divided amongst three classes, so we had a good balance for successful teaching and a good time with no incidents was had all week. Listed here are most of the workers who helped; I am sure we have missed someone along the way.

PRE-K & K

Gloria Lindell
Nancy Bullock

GRADES 1 & 2

Marian Hartman
Sandy Gilman

GRADES 3-6

Lynn Bricker
Kayla Smith

MUSIC

Celia Gross
Hayden Turner

CRAFTS

Donna Caito
Charlene Swanson
Ava Swanson Th/F
Jaylene Swanson Th/F

SNACKS

Sandy Ransom

Judy McElhatten
Lois Marshall

REGISTRATION

Kathy Whittemore (M-W)
Maureen Gonano (Th-F)
Marguerite Dalrymple
Marcia McKown (T-F)
Celia Gross

PLAYGROUND

Ken Bakewell
Natasha Ferry

LUNCH

Lois Marshall
Lois Gettings

SOUND BOOTH

Hayden Turner

OTHER HELPERS

Madelyn Nordstrom

SIGN OUT

Chris McClellan

RECREATION

Ruth Morrison (T-F)
Anne Ward (M)
Natasha Ferry

CAMP DIRECTOR & YOUTH LEADER

Anne Ward

ALL AROUND GOOD GUY HELPER, RIGHT HAND MAN, and PROBLEM SOLVER

Buddy Ward

* Youth helpers are in italics.





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Sunday School Classes

As of the writing of this newsletter, not all of the teachers for this fall have handed in any sort of synopsis of the class work they are planning for this fall, but we do have some. All classes will form based on demand. Occasionally classes have been formed shortly after the start based on particular interests, so just because you don't see exactly what you are looking for here, doesn't mean it is not going to be done.



- Downstairs Adult Class with Rev. Buddy Ward teaching: "Loving Justice" God is loving and powerful enough to work against some of the strongest forces of hate in the world. We can imitate God's justice by fighting against these same powers in our own lives. Taking a fresh look at this theme throughout Scripture, these twelve studies show how God wants us to love justice too.
- Upstairs Adult Class led by Jim Ashbaugh will work on a 6-week series on prayer by R.C. Sproul.

- High School Class will be led by Anne Ward.
- Children's classes are offered for the very young right on up and are split up so there are just enough for individual attention in each class.

Halloween at the Church

Trunk or Treat – this strange sounding activity has become very popular across the country over the last several years as churches especially try to fill a gap in what is now the very



secular holiday of Halloween. A while back, several incidents caused worry about harmful "treats" being handed out, so parents began curtailing one of the most fun things little kids have to do – dress up and beg for sweets from their neighbors.

Therefore, in order to make a safe environment, churches opened their parking lots and members opened their car trunks and handed out candy there. This provides a safe haven for the little ones, assurance for the parents as well as a chance to interact with other adults from the church while the kids have



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fun, and a chance for the church to serve the community. NWPC as well as several other churches in the Warren area have been doing this for several years now, and it is a big success.

As well as the Trunk or Treat portion of the evening, we have our Halloween Community Event. This occurs between 6:00 and 8:00 PM in the Dave Clark Pavilion. Besides handing out candy, we have free hot dogs, chips, and fresh apple cider. It is always a great way to get to know our neighbors in North Warren and renew old acquaintances.

We will be looking for people who can help with the preparation of the hot dogs, passing out coffee and cider, and just generally having a good time with the folks that stop by. We often serve over 200 people in the evening, and it has consistently been a great time for everyone.

Everyone should plan on coming down, lending a hand if you can, and joining in the fun.

Ladies Bible Study

- Starting July 8, 2019
- 1 CORINTHIANS

- THE CHALLENGES OF LIFE TOGETHER
- New study
- No books to buy.
- Study guides will be provided.

Just come and be ready to participate in discussion as we look at Paul's words to the early church at Corinth. Simply because we all have to live together with people, in Christian contexts and otherwise. Whether the situation involves a close friendship, a roommate, a spouse, a small group, a family, a neighborhood or a congregation, the challenges of life together will inevitably crop up. Church life is not immune to these problems, and Corinth was particularly susceptible. As a result, we can benefit from Paul's advice to that community.



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





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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.

Ladies Luncheon Prayer Group

The Ladies Luncheon Prayer Group starts again on September 12. Lois



Marshall and Roxy VanOrd will be the hostesses. Bring a sandwich. Coffee and dessert will be provided.

This group of women from the church meets the second Thursday of each month for prayer, a meal, and fellowship. All women of the church are invited to attend.

Sound Booth Operators Needed

We have had a good response since our last request for some additional help in the sound booth, but another volunteer or two would bring the team back to full strength. This job requires a two-hour commitment every couple

of 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. We have a manual that



answers most questions, but usually there is another operator at the service that can help if a problem arises.

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.

Information Update?

Do we have your correct information at the church office? If you don’t see your birthday or anniversary when you should, or your address isn’t quite right, then we might have some wrong information. If you have a cell phone or an email address, you may want to let the office know that as well.



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Halloween Candy Needed

We will be needing donations of wrapped candy for the Halloween Community Event sponsored by our church and held at the Dave Clark Pavilion. If you can help provide candy and/or individually wrapped items, (pretzels, etc.) please drop them by the church office. Not now! Mark your calendars for first part of October. Thank you.



College Addresses

If you have someone who is off to college this year, new or otherwise, please let the church office know their address. We will gladly send them a newsletter to help them keep in touch with their home church.

Just a reminder, we have these "kids" addresses posted. They might appreciate knowing that we are thinking of them on occasion with a card. It would help them stay in touch with the church and remind them that "snail mail" actually exists.



Winter Address

Speaking of addresses, if you are going south for the winter, please notify the church office of your temporary address.



Pastor Appreciation Soup & Pie

Since we are going to press early and a date has not yet been set for the Pastor Appreciation event (it has been both a luncheon or a dinner), take a look at your October calendar and set aside your Sundays so you will be able to attend this ever popular event, whichever Sunday is chosen. It has usually been immediately following the Worship Service, but regardless, we use it to show Pastor Buddy how much we appreciate him. Typically homemade soup and pies are served, which are well worth the price of admission – well it's free to attend, but let's just say that it's one of the best meals you're going to come across



Youth Stuff

Meeting Info!

Youth Group Meetings for those in grades 7-12 will be every other Sunday evening. Dates and times TBA.



The fall kickoff will be **September 15th** with a bonfire. Info below... We may have a youth group for those in Beaty (grades 5-8) if there is interest.

Recreation with Anne Ward and Ruth Morrison is on Wednesday nights beginning on **Sept. 18th** from 7:00 – 8:30 pm at the Community House for those in 5th grade and older.

Fall Kickoff!

Youth Group Kickoff will be on **Sunday, Sept. 15th** at 6:00 p.m. with a bonfire with s'mores, mountain pies, and fun! **All youth in grades 5 through 12 are invited!** We may have a middle school youth group this year in addition to a high school group.



We'll meet inside if it's raining.



See You at the Pole will take place on **Wed., Sept. 25th** at 7:15 a.m. for youth at the flagpoles of all the middle and senior high schools in Warren County.

Come & pray for your schools & community before you go to homeroom.



NO SCHOOL MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND AND OCTOBER 7TH

Fall Season Sports and Activities

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|----------------------|--------------------|
| Hayden Turner | WAHS cross country |
| Alex Ferry | WAHS boys soccer |
| Jason Bonavita (rec) | WAHS marching band |
| Tyler Nelson (rec) | WAHS marching band |
| Logan Nelson (rec) | WAHS football |
| Jaylene Swanson | WAHS soccer |
| Philip Nickerson | WCYFL |
| Drake Lawson | WCYFL |



THANK YOU NWPC YOUTH who helped with Day Camp!



We could not have done our Day Camp without the help of these youth: Jaylene Swanson, Ava Swanson, Hayden Turner, Natasha Ferry, and Madelyn Nordstrom.



Youth Sunday School

Sunday School begins on Sunday, September 8th at 9:30 a.m. There is a Senior High School class, meeting in the downstairs youth room (grades 8-12) taught by Anne Ward. Ruth Morrison is teaching the middle school class (grades 4-7). All youth are encouraged to come to class!

IGNITE Festival in Meadville Sept. 6th, 7th and 8th—

This is a **FREE** weekend festival for youth and families with some really cool Christian bands and speakers! Some of them are Colton Dixon, Love & the Outcome, and many others! You can attend one day or all three! If there are any youth and/or families interested in going to this, here's the link to the website. <https://www.theignitefestival.com/>

NWPC College Students 2019-20

Olivia Ashbaugh: Penn State University Park
 Aldyn Poston: Penn State Behrend Campus
 Grant Wood: Grove City College
 Stephen Ashbaugh: Case Western University
 Cade Poston: LaRoche College
 Gracie Wood: Jamestown Community College
 Joshua Ward: University of Pittsburgh



Please pray for these young adults and for other recent high school graduates who are in the work force.



For September, Penny Sunday will be the 2nd Sunday! That date is September 8th. The Penny Sunday offering goes toward the church's mission outreach. The October date is October 6th. Thank you for your continued support of this outreach!

Please check the Youth

Bulletin Board

For up to date and important information!
 Also online: www.nwpcchurch.org

Day Camp

Twenty five adults and six youth volunteers along with fifty students participated in our 2019 Day Camp which was held from July 29th—Aug 2nd. The verse of the week was, "Let anyone with ears to hear Listen!" from Luke 8:8 and the lessons were Jesus' parables from the gospels. The week went very well; the weather was beautiful, and we had a wonderful water day in the park on Friday. Many people attended the Hot Dog Picnic on July 28th as well as the Ice Cream Social on August 1st. Thank you to all the volunteers! Thank you for all your prayers even if you couldn't help! We could not have had this wonderful missional outreach to the community without you!



September Events 2019

Lay Leaders

Sep 01 Susan Stout
08 Gloria Lindell
15 Lynn Bricker
22 Mark Ash
29 Anne Ward

Greeters

Sep 01 Mark Ash
08 Celia Gross
15 Marian Hartman
22 Lois Marshall
29 Nancy Bullock

Sound Booth

Sep 01 Jim Ashbaugh
08 Hayden Turner
15 Jim Ashbaugh
22 Hayden Turner
29 Jim Ashbaugh

Nursery

Sep 01 Sandy Ransom
08 Anne Ward
15 Nancy Bullock
22 Melissa Turner
29 Ruth Morrison

Sanctuary Flowers

Sep 01 Sally Clark
08 Mary Putnam
15 Wayne and Judy Rudolph
22 Billman Family
29 Open

Ushers

Mark Ash
Sheryl Ash
Bill Gross
Celia Gross

Hospital Visitor

JoAnn Stevenson

After Church Coffee

Sep 1 Nancy Bullock
15 Sally Clark and Mary Putnam

Birthdays

Sep 01 Paightyn Gertsch
04 Carson Kiser
05 Zariah Gardiner
05 Roxy VanOrd
07 Denise Bullock
07 Charlene Swanson
09 Carissa Smith
11 Pete Engman
12 Isabela Garcia
13 Barb Cook

14 Lynn Bricker
14 Cory Hockensmith
15 Sandy Billman
15 Natalie Lucks
16 Olivia Ashbaugh
17 Audrey Bakewell
18 Carol Hamilton
19 Casey Johnson
19 Rachael Lucks
20 Mark Ash
23 Riley Zaffino
24 Hobson McKown
25 Sandy Ransom
26 Autumn Claypoole
27 Tricia Poston
28 Tara Hockensmith
29 William Mahan
30 Claire Peterson
30 Grace Peterson

Anniversaries

Sep 03 Richard & Teresa Blumquist
03 Timothy & Ashley Swanson
04 Kim & Kathy Wenzel
08 Robert & Melissa Port
12 James & Cynthia LaRusch
15 Paul & Lynne Goodwill
24 Michael & Emma Jones
24 Timothy & Bonnie Reynolds





October Events 2019

Lay Leaders

- Oct 06 Ruth Morrison
- 13 Gary Brumagin
- 20 Gloria Lindell
- 27 Gary Brumagin

Greeters

- Oct 06 Joe Poston
- 13 Darrell Pusateri
- 20 Donita Redick
- 27 Sandy Ransom

Sound Booth

- Oct 06 Hayden Turner
- 13 Jim Ashbaugh
- 20 Hayden Turner
- 27 Jim Ashbaugh

Nursery

- Oct 06 Susan Stout
- 13 Nancy Bullock
- 20 Melissa Turner
- 27 Sandy Ransom

Sanctuary Flowers

- Oct 06 Open
- 13 Kathy Whittemore
- 20 Marcia McKown
- 27 Gary and Dixie Brumagin

Ushers

- Gloria Lindell
- Maureen Gonano

Hospital Visitor

Sandy Ransom

After Church Coffee

- Oct 13 Carol & Darrell Pusateri
- 27 Nancy Bullock

Communion on October 6

- Nancy Bullock Jim Ashbaugh
- Gary Olson Marian Hartman
- Jim Reese Joe Poston

Birthdays

- Oct 02 Casey Ferry
- 02 Kendra Fuller
- 03 Lorelei Johnson
- 05 Conner Campman
- 05 Nancy Grinnen
- 07 Lukas Cope
- 07 Marcy Engman
- 07 Akaruh Gardiner
- 11 David Zaffino
- 12 Amanda McElhatten
- 12 Anne Ward
- 13 Jordan Bullock
- 15 Marilyn McCoy
- 15 Carly Olsen
- 15 Keziah Port

- 16 John Cook
- 19 Sally Clark

- 19 Ashlee Laurie
- 19 Dominick Little

- 19 Aldyn Poston

- 20 Chris Case

- 21 Haley Campman

- 22 Michael Fiscus

- 22 Cole Johnson

- 27 Lynn Collins

- 27 Maria Slack

- 29 Jim Swartz

- 30 Kris Soderberg

Anniversaries

- Oct 05 Ronald & Cathy Davies

- 06 David & Tammy Swartz

- 10 James & Karen Ashbaugh

- 13 David & Danell Sowers

- 16 Cale & Audrey Ash

- 20 Gary & Dixie Brumagin

- 22 James & Cynthia Fiscus




- 23 Robert & Sandra Goodwill

- 28 James & Ruth Morrison



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 6:00 PM Deacons	4	5
Penny Sunday 6 9:15 AM Prayer Meeting 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship World Communion Sunday	7 	8 6:00 PM Christian Ed	9	10 12:30 PM Ladies Prayer Luncheon Group 7:30 PM Men's Bible Study	11	12
13 9:15 AM Prayer Meeting 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship After Church Coffee	14 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study	15	16	17	18	19
20 9:15 AM Prayer Meeting 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 6:00 PM Session Meeting	21	22	23	24 Sharing Place 7:30 PM Men's Bible Study	25	26
27 9:15 AM Prayer Meeting 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship After Church Coffee	28 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study	29	30	31 HALLOWEEN 6:00 PM Event in the Park and Trunk or Treat 		

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 AM Prayer Meeting 10:00 AM Worship After Church Coffee	2 Labor Day	3	4	5 6:00 PM Deacons	6	7
Penny Sunday 8 9:15 AM Prayer Meeting 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship <i>Regular Schedule.</i>	9 6:00 PM Community House	10 6:00 PM Christian Ed	11	12 12:30 PM Ladies Prayer Luncheon Group	13	14
15 9:15 AM Prayer Meeting 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship After Church Coffee 6:00 PM Session Meeting	16 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study	17	18	19	20	21 10:00 AM Presbytery - Warren
22 9:15 AM Prayer Meeting 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	23 First day of Autumn		See You at the Pole 	26	27	28
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2020 General Volunteer Sheet

What you are is God's gift to you; what you do with yourself is your gift to God. We are now seeking volunteers to fill the schedules of our church. Please prayerfully consider your contribution. Each of us needs to play a part in the functioning of our church. Your help is needed. Please serve.

Please indicate the number of times you are willing to serve.

Lay Leader	Once___	Twice___	As needed___
Usher	One Month___	Two Months___	As needed___
Adult Nursery Worker*	Once___	Twice___	As needed___
Youth Nursery Worker	Once___	Twice___	As needed___
After Church Coffee	Once___	Twice___	As needed___

*State law now requires that adult nursery workers obtain background clearances. Please provide copies for our files. If you have not already gotten yours, we will be happy to help you with that procedure at no cost to you.

If you have a special month or date you would like, please use the signup sheet on the table outside the church office.

Please let us know of any dates you are NOT available as well.

NAME_____

PHONE_____

EMAIL_____

Please place in collection plate or leave at church office.

Thank you

Worship Committee

Schedule Reminder

We will return to our regular schedule for activities on September 8. We have reminded you of this in other places, but it never hurts to remind you again. Almost invariably, we find someone who has forgotten the change whenever we change the schedule; so with any luck, the repetition will help someone not miss worship. At least in the fall, they just show up early and have to wait for an hour – in the spring they show up $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way through the service!

Prayer Meeting	9:15 AM
Sunday School	9:30 AM
Worship Service	11:00 AM



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Fall Schedule Starts Up Again

Here it is, almost autumn once again. It's time for cooler weather, sweaters, hoodies, pumpkin spice everything, and "regular" activities starting up again. If you think about it, it's probably a good idea to start attending some of those regular activities. For example, Worship Service will begin again at 11:00 AM on September 8, with Sunday School returning to its regular 9:30 AM time slot the same morning. Classes this fall include Adults Downstairs or Adults Upstairs. There are also classes for High School, Middle School, and Elementary ages as well as Nursery and Kindergarten.

Also, don't forget about "Trunk of Treat" held in conjunction with the Conewango Township "Trick-or-Treat" event. We are anticipating October 31 this year, but the township has not yet declared anything official. Regardless, a great time is had by church members while we meet with the community for some old-fashioned neighborly fun and friendship.

See inside for more information on these events as well as other happenings around the church and community.

