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**Community Church**

**A United Methodist Congregation**

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**Worship Services**

- **Saturday Evenings – 6:00 p.m.- Contemporary Worship Service**
- **Sunday Mornings – 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.**
- **Sunday School – 9:45 a.m.**

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## STAYING FOCUSED...

*Immeasurably More... A word from Pastor Rich*

So today we've been cleaning out the attic. I feel like I've slipped into Dr. Seuss' *Whoville*, with all kinds of boxes and bags, whack-doodles and sniffets, bam-boozles and crankets and a whole lot of 'what-is-its.' It's an arduous chore; squeezing over-stuffed boxes down a too-small, pseudo staircase, through a closet, and down two more flights of stairs to the garage. We were making pretty good time until we began to look *inside* the boxes. Have you ever done that? Marsha sat on the floor to consolidate. And as she opened up each box, memories came pouring out. What we found among the whack-doodles and 'what-is-its' made us stop. There was a note from Marsha on our first anniversary seventeen years ago. I smiled and kept carrying. Then I heard her voice, "McKenna, look at this!" Marsha held out a picture for McKenna to see. "That's the house I moved into when I was your age." Marsha's daddy is a pastor, and she moved to a new parsonage when she was thirteen, also.

What we discovered was that each box was like a treasure chest, holding pieces of our past like captive moments of time. And it was so fun reliving how a Butler boy could meet and marry a South Georgia girl. But those boxes held more than our past. They held hope for our future. Inside each box were items leading us into the next chapters of our lives. How wonderful to be reminded from where we've come, but how exciting to be pointed into the future God has planned for us!

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### A Word from Pastor John...

Dear Community  
Church family,

I want to make a special appeal for you to plan to attend worship on July 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup>. I know it is the holiday weekend but it is also the first worship services for our new associate pastor, Rev. Dr. Rich Phipps.

Rich will be preaching at each service for the first three weekends in July. I hope you will make every effort to come and experience his preaching as well as meet Rich and his family.

Only July 10/11, after each worship service, there will be a "dessert time" planned to coincide with our 2<sup>nd</sup> Weekend "Feast". This will be another great opportunity to get acquainted with Rich, Marsha, McKenna, Abby and Matthew.

Thanks in advance for the warm welcome I know you will extend to the Phipps family.

Grace & Peace,  
Pastor John

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That's what we're looking forward to with you. Our hope is to unpack life with you; to learn and live and love together. To break bread, sip sweet tea, and swap stories about our lives. But we're looking forward to so much more. We'll work side by side to catch God's vision for this church. We'll listen to His Holy Spirit and join together to keep in step with Him.

And when we do, our church and our lives will resonate with this truth Paul wrote:

*Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine,  
according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church  
and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!* **Ephesians 3:20**

Did you catch that? Did you hear how awesome our God is? He is able to do *immeasurably* more than all we ask or imagine! And all for His glory. That excites me! Community UMC has a treasured past. But God is holding before us hope for an even brighter future. He has so much He wants to do in and through this body of believers that we can live into together.

We are humbled by the hard work already done to welcome us into Community. Thank you for the commitment of time and monies to provide us with a beautiful home and a place to serve. On behalf of Marsha, McKenna, Abby, and Matthew, it is our joy to join you in God's work!

ALL for JESUS!

Rich



**Welcome  
Our New Pastor  
and Family**

**JUNE/JULY**

Sundays	9:30 a.m.	Disciple 3
	9:30 a.m.	KC <sup>3</sup> rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Women’s Emmaus Group (Son Catchers)
	8:30 p.m.	AA’s Open meeting
Tuesdays	7:00 p.m.	Men’s Study
Wednesdays	7:00 p.m.	Stephen Minister Training
Thursdays	9:00 a.m.	Busy Hands Sewing Group
	11:00 a.m.	Stroke Support Group
	6:00 p.m.	20 Something Bible Study (begins June 10)
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Worship (grades 7-12)
1st & 3rd Wednesdays	7:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministers Supervision

**JUNE**

Tuesday	June 1	12:00 p.m.	Super Seniors
Wednesday	June 2	7:00 p.m.	Trustees meeting
Tuesday	June 8	7:00 p.m.	Worship Team meeting
Wednesday	June 9	7:30 p.m.	Taizé Prayer Service
Monday	June 14	9:00 a.m.	Vacation Bible School
Tuesday	June 15	9:00 a.m.	Vacation Bible School
Wednesday	June 16	9:00 a.m.	Vacation Bible School
Thursday	June 17	9:00 a.m.	Vacation Bible School
Friday	June 18	9:00 a.m.	Vacation Bible School
Monday	June 21	7:00 p.m.	Staff Parish Relation Committee
Wednesday	June 23	7:00 p.m.	Church Council meeting
Monday	June 28	7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee meeting
Tuesday	June 29	7:00 p.m.	Summer Reading Program

**JULY**

Tuesday	July 6	12:00 p.m.	Super Seniors
Wednesday	July 7	7:00 p.m.	Trustees meeting
Wednesday	July 14	7:30 p.m.	Taizé Prayer Service
Monday	July 26	7:00 p.m.	Staff Parish Relations Committee
Tuesday	July 27	7:00 p.m.	Summer Reading Program
Wednesday	July 28	7:00 p.m.	Church Council meeting
Saturday	July 31		Car Cruise

**Practice Hospitality – Receive Joy**

Summer is moving season. College students are coming home and graduating seniors are moving away. Perhaps where you live people are moving in your neighborhood. And as you likely have already met or will soon, our church family has been blessed with a move to receive a new associate pastor and his family this summer.

As I think about all the moving, I am reminded of the simple verse from Romans 12:13 “Practice hospitality.” I am so encouraged by this verse and its command to “practice.” In this long list of instructions about loving God’s people, Paul tells us all to “practice.” I like this because the way I read it, he assumes that we are not yet perfect in hospitality, and so we need to practice to become better.

I’ve been thinking on this word “practice” as I run Vivian to dance practice, listen to Trent practice his French horn and I practice being a good wife and mom. None of us is all that great at what we are practicing. There’s potential there and with some good instruction and examples being set, we are getting better; becoming more confident, more purposeful, and more effective. It is comforting to think that we can practice to become better at hospitality as well.

Yesterday, my dear Tad was outside working in the yard when the neighbor was out with his grandchildren. The young kids kept asking their Grandpa could they go in the woods and play on his old climbing structure. The structure is no longer really safe because it hasn’t been used for several years since the man’s children are all grown up. Eventually, Tad overheard the discussion and invited the young preschoolers to play on our children’s yard structures. It was a simple act, but it produced great pleasure for the kids, the neighbor and Tad.

I share this story with permission from Tad because as he reflected last night and relayed this anecdote to me, it produced in him unexplainable joy. The joy of this story for me comes from having known Tad for many years. You see when we first met, Tad was a bit shy. He was often intimidated (his word) to open up to people he did not know well. Recognizing the need to grow in this way, he has intentionally “practiced” becoming more hospitable for years. Yesterday his practice produced true God joy.

Isn’t God neat? The more you practice, the more confident you are, the more purposeful you are, the more effective you are and the more joyful you become. How will you practice hospitality this summer?

Practice, Practice, Practice ...

H – Help someone in need

O – Offer what you have

S – Share from your experience

P – Prepare a meal

I – Initiate conversation

T – Take time to listen

A – Allow for differences

L – Lift up another in prayer

I – Invite someone to church

T – Trust that God will honor your efforts

Y – Yield to the Holy Spirit guiding and nudging you to practice hospitality

## JUNE SCHEDULE

### **ACOLYTES** - *Contact Michelle Yakubisin - 724-744-3312*

June 6	8:30	Adam Power & Michael Yakubisin	11:00	Alyssa Higgins & Kacy Williams
June 13	8:30	Meara Rundle & Darrian Sepe	11:00	Jared Phillips & Grant Phillips
June 20	8:30	Luke Fabac & Nathaniel Mischen	11:00	Nick Pasek & Zachary Tusay
June 27	8:30	Justin Moser & Meara Rundle	11:00	Jared Wright & Trent Some

### **LITURGISTS** - *Contact Judy Newport - 724-744-4995*

June 6	8:30	Sandy Wessel	11:00	Carol Decker
June 13	8:30	Karin Coiner	11:00	Tammy Fleming
June 20	8:30	Allison Reynolds	11:00	Drew Patrick
June 27	8:30	Donna Auckerman	11:00	Jay Newport

### **SUNDAY GREETERS** - *Contact Sandy Wessel 724-744-3754*

June 6	8:30	Fran Atherton & Joe Dube and Carla & Mike Fabac
	11:00	Shirleen & Larry Johnston
June 13	8:30	Connie & Mark Close and Betty Byerly
	11:00	Ralph Powell Family
June 20	8:30	Linda & Daniel Brentzel and Rob Liermann
	11:00	Kelly & Matt Clever and Verdale Ciocca
June 27	8:30	Marnie & Tony Kaminski and Gail & Ray Follador
	11:00	Judy & Jay Newport and James Veitch & Madeline Rainey

### **SUNDAY KIDS KINGDOM** - *Contact Bettina DiMatteo 724-861-9387*

June 6	8:30	Michelle Watson & Christy Keenan	11:00	Melinda Gilmore
June 13	8:30	Jackie/Harry Hoover & Kara Forsyth	11:00	Rich Hollerman & Glenn or Jill Huffman
June 20	8:30	Jamie Grace and Brian Coiner	11:00	Lisa Rager & Amy Pleins
June 27	8:30	Erin Kerstetter	11:00	Tiffanie Rupp & Jennifer Burmeister

### **SATURDAY GREETERS** - *Contact Sandy Wessel 724-744-3754*

June 5	Nicole & Michael Cole and Karen & David Smith
June 12	Thelma Kurz
June 19	Donna & Earl Anger and Tonia & Shawn Meenihan
June 26	Ed Washburn

*See page 17 for July schedule*

## Stephen Ministry Moment

### **The Story of Stephen Ministry**

Stephen Ministry - where did it all begin? It dates back to 1974 when Kenneth C. Haugk, a pastor and clinical psychologist, was pastor of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in St. Louis, Missouri. Fresh out of seminary, his strengths and heart were in caregiving ministry, and he was looking forward to making a positive impact on his congregation and community by providing pastoral care to all those experiencing divorce, grief, hospitalization, discouragement, and other life difficulties.

Very quickly, though, he found that the needs for care by far exceeded that which he alone could provide. He faced one of a pastor's greatest frustrations: seeing people slipping through the cracks because their urgent needs were going unmet. In November of 1974, he discussed the situation with two seminary friends over a cup of coffee. The conversation turned to Ephesians 4 and "equipping the saints for the work of ministry." Haugk realized that God didn't intend for pastors to monopolize ministry. Rather, God gave all his people gifts for ministry and one of his roles as pastor was to equip others to use their gifts in ministry.

Haugk returned to St. Stephen's with a plan. In the coming months he recruited nine lay people who had the gifts and heart to do caring ministry. He then used his combined backgrounds in theology and psychology to develop a training program in Christian caregiving. By March 1975 the nine were commissioned as "Stephen Ministers" Their first care receivers included a widower, a blind person, a young woman with cancer, a truck driver forced to retire early, and an inactive member struggling with faith issues.

The impact was immediate. People began receiving the focused Christian care they needed. Fewer people were slipping through the cracks, and Haugk found he had more time to perform his other pastoral duties. The Stephen Ministers were surprised by the spiritual growth they encountered as they saw God working through them to bring love and healing to others.

The story would have ended there, had not two of the Stephen Ministers cornered Haugk on a hot May morning after worship services. "This is good stuff," they said to him. "We're not going to let you go until you promise to bring this ministry to other churches!"

In November 1975 Haugk and his wife, Joan, founded the not-for-profit Stephen Ministries organization and began bringing Stephen Ministry to other congregations. It spread like wildfire. Community Church is one of more than 10,000 congregations from more than 150 Christian denominations that now have Stephen Ministry. More than half a million people have been trained as Stephen Ministers, a number that grows by tens of thousands each year. More than a million people across the United States, Canada, and the world have been touched by God's love through a Stephen Minister. And that is the mark of God's doing, because finally the story of Stephen Ministry is a million stories and more of caring ministry.

*Adapted from Stephen Ministry Training resources*

***If you have questions about Stephen Ministry, would like to receive training or would benefit from meeting with a Stephen Minister, please contact Elizabeth Somes at 724-744-3413 ext. 204.***

# Congratulations!

## Births

Congratulations on the arrival of Anna Blanche Taylor born to Carolyn & Justin Taylor. Proud grandparents are Hilary & Martha Schramm.

## Baptisms

Congratulations to Carolyn & Justin Taylor on the baptism of Anna Blanche Taylor. Proud grandparents are Hilary & Martha Schramm

## Weddings

Best wishes for a long and happy life together to Matthew and Kelly (Addleman) Clever who were married on May 1, 2010.



*My thanks and praise to God, to Kendra's Kitchen, all those who served, baked desserts, prayed, donated or supported in any way the Keffer benefit dinner. Your generosity is a true blessing.*

*Peace & love, Judy Kamel*



## 2010 GRADUATES

### **PENN TRAFFORD**

Troy Anderson  
Kevin Bednar  
Kathryn Burger  
John Colley  
Stephen Cramer  
Charles Dusetzina  
Ashley Fennel  
Joshua Forringer  
Andrew Gricks  
Marjorie Hufton  
David Johnston

Julie Jurich  
Matthew Kochasic  
Jeremy Levy  
Rebecca Long  
John Pasek  
Luke Petro  
Shelby Riazzi  
Rachel Siefert  
Melanie Simmons  
Matthew Smith  
Michelle Yakubisin

### **UNIVERSITIES**

Sarah Byerly - Westminster  
Matthew Fulton - Penn State  
Katie Schramm - Penn State  
Rossilynn Skena - Penn State

Jessica Bowell - Penn State  
Melissa Hall - Pitt  
Ron Skena - Indiana  
Olivia Williams - Grove City

### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

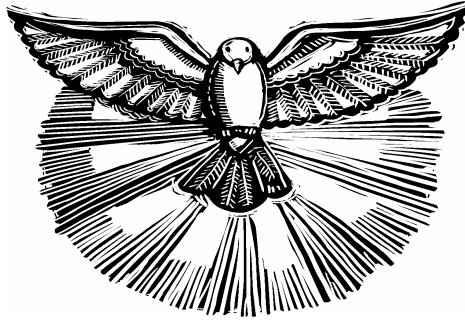
#### Tracy Loughry Scholarship

Marjorie Hufton & Michelle Yakubisin

#### James Patterson Scholarship

Rebecca Long & Jeremy Levy

## Confirmation Class



Kelly Amanda Florek  
 Glenn Stewart Grasha  
 Brett Carter Greenier  
 Jesse James Halloran  
 Rachelle Brianne Keddie  
 Emily Ann Kochasic  
 John Thomas Lang  
 Alex Martin  
 Lauren Elizabeth Myers

Adam Paul Neubauer  
 Michael Andrew Pasek  
 Clay Andrew Patrick  
 Taylor Elizabeth Powell  
 Dominique Elizabeth Rourke  
 Austin Karl Sheffield  
 Bradley David Trevenen  
 Alexandra Helena Wright  
 Marissa Danielle Zollner

## JULY SCHEDULE

### ACOLYTES - Contact Michelle Yakubisin 724-744-3312

July 4	8:30	Shanna Ciongoli & Stephanie Hilderhoff	11:00	Kacy Williams & Lauren Myers
July 11	8:30	Adam Power & Michael Yakubisin	11:00	Aria Markijohn & Sydney Smith
July 18	8:30	Stephanie Hilderhoff & Darrian Sepe	11:00	Alyssa Higgins & Zachary Tusay
July 25	8:30	Luke Fabac & Nathaniel Mischen	11:00	Jared Phillips & Grant Phillips

### LITURGISTS - Contact Judy Newport 724-744-4995

July 4	8:30	Sandy Wessel	11:00	Open
July 11	8:30	Donna Keene	11:00	Jim Patterson
July 18	8:30	Katie Morgan	11:00	Jay Newport
July 25	8:30	Larry Brammell	11:00	Becky Brammell

### SUNDAY GREETERS - Contact Sandy Wessel 724-744-3754

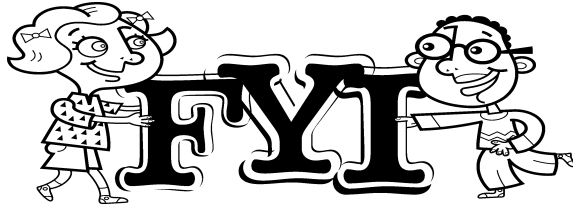
July 4	8:30	Patty & Frank Berkhouse and Bev & Michelle Hall
	11:00	Mary Jane Risbon and Carl Henry
July 11	8:30	Judi & Bill Held and Betty Otto
	11:00	Camilla DeMauro & Linda Shumaker and Kathryn Florek
July 18	8:30	Mary & Bob Nichols and Terry Miller
	11:00	Rich Hauser and Florence Laffoon
July 25	8:30	Susan & Regis Byerly and Kelly Brown
	11:00	Nancy & Melissa Gombos and Lois Jackson

### SUNDAY KIDS KINGDOM - Contact Bettina DiMatteo 724-861-9387

July 4	8:30	Michelle Watson & Christy Keenan	11:00	Melinda Gilmore
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July 18	8:30	Jamie Grace and Brian Coiner	11:00	Lisa Rager & Amy Pleins
July 25	8:30	Erin Kerstetter	11:00	Jennifer Burmeister

### SATURDAY GREETERS - Contact Sandy Wessel 724-744-3754

July 3	Jackie & Paul Donatelli and Nicole & Michael Cole
July 10	Carole & Ken Meier and Pat Karnish
July 17	Becky & Rene Burger and Susan Byerly
July 24	Patricia Colligan
July 31	Diane & Rich Mishler



**Altar Flowers** are available for July 18th, August 22nd September 19th and 26th. If you would like to reserve one of these dates in honor of or in memory of someone, please contact the church office at 724-744-3413. Cost per vase is \$15.00.

**Latrobe Bethany UMC** is putting together a team to do mission work with our West Virginia neighbors. We will leave following worship on Sunday, August 15 and will return either the following Friday evening or early Saturday depending on the work assigned. Red Bird Mission and the Oak Hill United Methodist Church are the partners in Christ working in this area. There are over 120 homes that need repair. If you have a heart for mission and are unable to commit to long-distance travel, perhaps this one is for you. Prayerfully consider this opportunity to witness to the Love of Christ in meaningful ways. The cost is \$150 per person and that is to cover materials to be used in our work. If you have any questions, please contact Diane Yeagers, 724-523-9762, or [dyeagers@comcast.net](mailto:dyeagers@comcast.net). The Bethany UM church has been in this area once before. They have found the people to be receptive and very grateful. Prayerfully consider joining this mission. Thank you.

**Emmaus** - We are aware that some members of our congregation have attended a 3-day weekend as part of Cursillo, Koinonia, Tres Dias, or a Walk to Emmaus not centered in western Pennsylvania. We want to know who you are! Please contact Kathy Shusteric, our CUMC Emmaus Coordinator at 724-864-6949 or by email at [KGShusteric@msn.com](mailto:KGShusteric@msn.com) and let her know which program you attended.

**Summer Reading** - It's that time again! Our book discussion group will meet on Tuesday, June 29, July 27th and August 24th at 7:00pm in the Patterson Parlor. There is no charge to be part of this group. Just read the book and then make plans to come on Tuesday evening to discuss it with other book lovers. The June book is The Help by Kathryn Stockett. For questions about the group or the book, contact Elizabeth Somes at the 724-744-3413 or Lynda Risnear at 724-744-1975. Be on the look out for the July and August titles.

**Noah's Kids** (Before & After School & KinderKare program) will be registering for the 2010-2011 school year on Tuesday, August 3rd from 4:00-7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.



### **Change of Address**

Ryan & Erin Barnot  
101 Aspen Place  
Cortland, OH 44410

### **Remove**

Denise Portser - transfer  
Ralph & Beverly Heasley - transfer

### **WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS**

Gregory and Gina Spanos  
821 Woodward Street  
McKeesport, PA 15132  
(412) 672-2137

## “America the Beautiful”

Katharine Lee Bates (1859-1929) wrote, edited and taught English in her native Massachusetts. Occasionally, she wrote hymns, too.

On a trip to Colorado, Bates was greatly impressed by amber waves of grain, fruited plains and purple mountain majesties. She believed that God had definitely shed his grace all across this land. A visit to the summit of Pikes Peak inspired Bates to write her most famous poem-hymn, “America the Beautiful.”

Bates also realized that patriotism was an important part of America. She was grateful for heroes “who more than self their country loved and mercy more than life.” She wanted all Americans to realize how God had shed his grace on them and had crowned what was good “with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.”

Bates embodied the spirit of thankfulness to God for all she had experienced and been given.



**LADIES:** Are you looking for a new way of fellowship and a way to join a group of women who challenge the world they live in to support, create and expand the concepts of mission through participation in global ministries of the church? Are you looking for a way to connect with other women in the community or to connect with old friends you haven't seen for a while? If so please plan on attending a meeting of the UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW). Each month from January to May and from September to December meetings are held at the church to do just this. **Among the many projects and missions the ladies of UMW support or are involved with are:** Lenten Lunches and Dinners, World Day of Prayer, This- N- That Sales, Holiday Helping Hands, World Thank Offering, and the Free Clothing Giveaway, and Funeral Lunches.

If your family has experienced the loss of a loved one and would like to have a funeral lunch, please consider letting the UMW help you in this time of need. More details regarding this special ministry can be obtained when you speak with our pastors.

Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month (except for June, July, August) in Fellowship Hall starting at 7 p.m. All women are welcome to come and share this very special type of ministry.

Please watch for notice of our meeting in September as we kick off our fall schedule. Our Fall This -N- That Sale will be in September as well, so start saving your house hold items for donation to the sale.

Blessings and have a safe summer! We look forward to seeing you in September.

## Good Grief Corner

### **“Death of a Spouse”**

#### **Death of a spouse continued**

It is important to find persons who are compassionate and who will walk with you through your grief journey. Reach out to people you can speak openly with about what you miss, what you did together, and the type of person your spouse was. Let yourself be around those who understand and support your religious beliefs. They may be caring friends, or they may be members of a support group who have experienced the death of their spouse.

Avoid people who try to give your grief a “quick fix” by telling you such things as “you’ll get over it”. Instead, your support system should include people who let you grieve your own way - and help you acknowledge your own feelings.

Certainly, memories play an important part in the grieving process. They should not be hidden or suppressed as a way to “get over” a loss. Instead, they should be treasured as a lasting legacy. If your spouse liked gardening, plant roses you know he or she would have liked. (or another flower or blooming bush.) If there was a special event you enjoyed together create a photo album of it. Remember there is much healing in the expression of memories.

Above all, be compassionate with yourself. Recognize what your body and mind are telling you. You may think you should be more in control of the situation. But that may only make the healing more difficult to begin.

Yes, your life has changed, but it’s important to know you can survive. You can become whole again - perhaps in ways never expected - yet always remembering the one you loved.

“Relying on God has to begin all over again every day as if nothing had yet been done.”

~ C.S. Lewis ~

“My flesh and my heart fail; but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

*Psalm 73:26*

## God’s Devotional

THE SMALLEST DEED IS BETTER  
THAN THE GREATEST INTENTION

*“Let us not love (merely) in theory or in speech  
but in deed and in truth - in practice and in sincerity.”  
~ I John 3:18 AMP ~*

A missionary was sailing home on furlough when she heard a cry one night - a cry that is perhaps the most difficult to hear when at sea: “Man overboard”. She arose quickly from her berth, lit the lamp on the bracket in her cabin, and then held the lamp at the window of her cabin in hopes of seeing some sign of life in the murky dark waters outside.

Seeing nothing, she hung the lamp back on the bracket, snuffed it out, and returned to her berth with prayers for the man lost at sea. In the morning, to her surprise she discovered the man had been rescued. Not only that, but she learned it was the flash of her lamp through the porthole that showed those on deck the location of the missing man, who was clinging desperately to a rope still attached to the deck. He was pulled from the cold waters in the nick of time. Such a small deed as shining a lamp at the right time had saved a man’s life.

It isn’t the size of the deed you do that counts. It’s the fact that you do it for good and not for evil, and with a trust that

God can take every deed we perform and use it for His purposes, in our lives and in the lives of others.

## God’s Daily Answer

Jesus said, “Come to me,  
all you who labor and are heavy laden,  
and I will give you rest.”  
*Matthew 11:28*

How was your week? Exhausting!  
You come home after a long week and begin the home projects that are always waiting. If you take time to rest, you may even feel a little guilty, as if you are wasting precious time or being lazy. Perish the thought!

God has actually mandated that one day of your week be set aside for rest. It will be medicine to your active mind and body. But, rest shouldn’t be relegated only to that day. It’s also wise to take a few minutes in the course of every day to pause and take a breather.

Your Creator rested on the seventh day of creation. If Almighty God took time to rest, shouldn’t you?

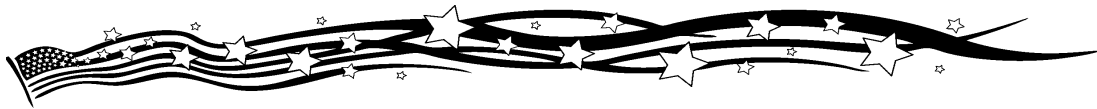
*“What is without periods of rest  
will not endure.”  
- OVID -*



# CREATED BY GOD



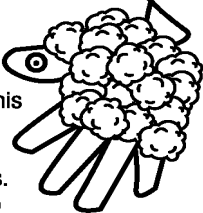
“Created by God” is an excellent study on human sexuality for students in fifth through seventh grades and their parents. Rev. Dr. James H. Ritchie, Jr. will be here at Community UMC to offer leadership with this popular study on November 11-14<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to sign up for your family. Registration is held at 30 students. We have small group leaders from our congregation, men and women who know the students and are available if you have questions regarding the program. Please contact Mike Fabac, Lanita Myers, Patsy Ciampa. Mark your calendar for November 11-14<sup>th</sup>. That’s a Thursday evening, concluding on Sunday evening. Give your kids the benefit of a Christian perspective on this gift of being created male and female.



Larry/Diane Simmons have a limited inventory of shirts embroidered with the Disciple logo (chart below). They are all 100% cotton in pure white or cheerful cherry red, long sleeved oxford shirts or polo, in men and women’s sizes. We will sell them at the next 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday/Sunday weekend, in the MMR, while supplies last for \$10 each!!! They’re great! The money will go for missions.

How many	Size	Sex	Style	Color
1	Lg	M	Polo	Red
6	Med	M	Polo	Red
3	Sm	M	Polo	Red
6	2X	M	Polo	White
9	Sm	M	Polo	White
3	XL	M	Oxford shirt	Red
7	Med	M	Oxford shirt	Red
3	Med	M	Oxford shirt	White
11	XXL	F	Oxford shirt	White
7	XL	F	Oxford shirt	White
7	XL	F	Oxford shirt	Red
1	XXL	F	Oxford shirt	Red

## Lamb Mission Bank



God can do great things with our gifts. This craft reminds us that every little coin counts. When your lamb is full, empty out the coins and give them to a charity or church mission program.

**What you need:**

- Knit glove (black or white)
- 1-foot-long piece of thin ribbon, any color
- Stapler
- Craft glue or hot glue gun
- Fiberfill or cotton balls
- 2 googly eyes

**What you do:**

1. Staple one end of the ribbon to the inside of each side of the glove’s opening to make a hanger.
2. For the lamb’s body, cover the palm and half of the thumb with glue. Stick the fiberfill or cotton balls onto the glue.
3. Glue a googly eye to each side of the mitten’s thumb. (The other fingers will be the legs.)
4. Hang the lamb where you’ll see it often. Whenever you have extra change, drop it into your lamb bag.

## Just for KIDS

### Give to those in need

John the Baptist spoke to a crowd, telling them they should be fruitful. When the crowd asked how they could be fruitful, John the Baptist responded with some specific ideas.

Unscramble John the Baptist’s reply from Luke 3:11 (NIV), and write the words in the blanks below.

**★ WORD BANK ★**

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Answer: “The man with two tunics should share with him who has none, and the one who has food should do the same.” (Luke 3:11, NIV)





