



The Carillon

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EVANGELISM MESSAGE

**“God’s goodness (his kingdom) works slowly
But it works surely, influencing all of life.”**

The Journey Continues...

Before I get to this month's article, I want to extend a huge thank you to Snoopy for covering for me last month. I've always enjoyed Snoopy's laid-back personality and skills as a dancer, author, and World War II Flying Ace, but this month I am adding my appreciation for how he comes through in the clutch. So thank you Snoopy for giving me the opportunity to take some much-needed time off! ☺

I really hope Snoopy doesn't go too far because I may need his help again sooner rather than later. You see, I have a list of outside landscaping projects that feels about a mile long, and I don't know where to start or when it will get done. There are shrubs that need removed and shrubs that need a good trimming. Ivy and ground cover plants are growing where I would like to have grass or flower beds. There is a big oak tree in the front yard that would look great with a retaining wall and flowers planted around it. The flower beds around the house need edged, mulched, and I need to plant the annuals. There is a perfect area for a vegetable garden by the back patio, but the location needs prepped and a fence needs put up so Trapper (our well-meaning but highly unaware dog) doesn't damage the vegetables by using the garden space as a shortcut.

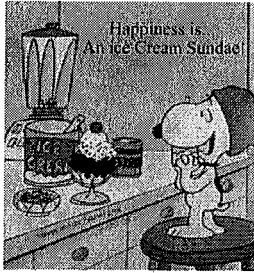
Normally, I find landscaping and yard work to be relaxing. I enjoy visioning, designing and seeing plans come together. Plus, it is rewarding to work with the beauty of God's creation and to watch things grow because I feel closer to God whenever I'm "playing in the dirt." But there is so much work to do that I don't know where to start and I'm feeling overwhelmed.

Feeling overwhelmed is something we all deal with. Whether we feel overwhelmed by our careers, a difficult relationship, the violence and division in our country, the pandemic, a change in our health (or the health of a loved one), or maybe your own to-do list is making you feel overwhelmed. Whatever it may be, we have all experienced heavy burdens at one point or another, especially when lots of things are going on at once. But I recently realized something: trying to fix all of those problems at once is the very thing making me feel overwhelmed. Yes, there is a lot to do, but I really don't need to fix all of the problems in one day. The only thing I need to do (and can do) is take care of things one day at a time. The moment I try to do everything at once is the moment I start to feel overwhelmed.

So this month I am reminded of an important life lesson: Life is a journey, yet we tend to live each day like it is a destination. While there is nothing wrong with having goals and completing tasks, we cannot allow our goals to distract us from focusing on the journey that we have today. The gift of life is a blessing; obsessing over to-do lists and making sure everything is perfect only serves to distract us from what is truly important. Life should be about focusing on the journey of our relationship with God and following where our Savior leads, then we can put our efforts towards our to-do lists and the tasks we need to complete. When we start by putting things in the proper order, the world (and our place in it) becomes a much clearer place.

The Journey Continues...

Pastor Dave



Kathy's June Blog

Ah yes, Snoopy and I have something in common...we love our ice cream sundaes (hold the whipped cream please). Snoopy and I would like to share a new summer series that we will be trying this summer. We'll call it "Saturday night vespers and fellowship".

One thing I've heard repeatedly is how people miss the opportunity for fellowship. While we're not quite ready to get back to socials/dinners in Fellowship Hall, we are ready to break out our sweet tooth at Pine Acres.

Save these dates on your calendars

June 19 – Vespers and Ice Cream Sundaes

July 17 – Vespers and Smores around our new fire pit

August 21 – Vespers and Peaches and Ice Cream

September date to be announced

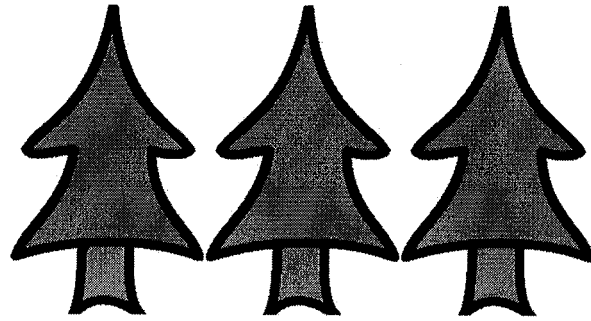
Each night vespers will kick off **at 6:30**. The vesper service will NOT be live streamed as it is a challenge with no internet to live stream from Pine Acres. The service on Saturday night will be similar to the service that following Sunday. The service on Sunday WILL be live streamed.

After vespers each evening, we'll have the chance for some fellowship while we satisfy our sweet tooth. Why the Saturday night idea? First, many people shared after our services last summer at Pine Acres, we need to do that more often. Second, we want to give people the opportunity to get some fresh air and let the kids run and us see the friends we have been missing. And finally, we are seeing if a Saturday evening service once a month is something that people that have Sunday conflicts would welcome.

To help us plan each month, there will be a signup sheet in the narthex on the table with the Carillon. If you aren't able to or forget (as I often do) to sign up, an email blast will be sent out each month with the information for that month. Simply respond back to Gayle in the office or feel free to text Pastor Dave or myself and we'll add you to the list.

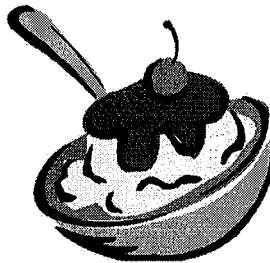
Stay safe and Snoopy and I'll see you in July.

Kathy

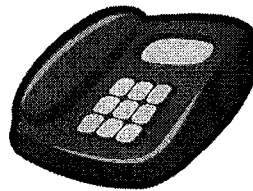


Please join us at Pine Acres for an evening worship service on Saturday, June 19th, at 6:30 pm

Feel free to stay after the service and enjoy some fellowship time as well as an ice cream sundae!



Please call the church office if you plan to attend.



Future dates are set for July 17th and August 21st - mark your calendar!



JUNE 19, 2020 10:00 AM - 12 PM

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- INSTRUCTION PROVIDED BY ZEN CAT CREATIVES STAFF
- NO CHARGE FOR FUN AND LAUGHTER
- WE WILL BE OBSERVING SOCIAL DISTANCING DURING THE ASSEMBLING OF THE TERRARIUMS
- MASKS ARE REQUIRED WHEN MOVING AROUND THE PROPERTY IF NOT SOCIAL DISTANCING

COST IS \$40 PER TICKET PURCHASED PRIOR TO EVENT

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What's happening at St. Mark's

Carillon New Look

As a reminder, if you have information that is for the carillon, please have it to Gayle by Tuesday before the last Sunday of the month. The carillon is available on our website for anyone who has access to the internet. To mail to the entire congregation each month would be approximately \$140, therefore, we are hoping you're taking advantage of it being on the Carillon page of the website.

Food Bank

If you are bringing items for the food bank, please double check the dates on the box/can. The food banks in the area can't accept items if they are out of date.

Volunteers Needed

At our recent Consistory retreat, we began the planning for the future. For us to move forward, we need help from the entire congregation, not a handful. You'll be seeing advertisements for volunteers being needed to do things like Children's Message, Children's Church, the Nursery, etc. We hope to continue our planning of these things over the summer so we can bring them all back to life in September. Please consider being part of these programs as we move forward. We also discussed what the music program will be going forward as well. While we need to put together the appropriate job description and such, this won't happen overnight. Therefore, if you'd like to help with special music, reach out to Kim Shearer or Cindy Johnson.

Cindy Back on the Bench

We welcomed Cindy Johnson back to the organ and piano benches on May 9th. After a brief hiatus while recovering from hip replacement, her fingers found the keys and are thrilled to be back at it. Cindy wanted to send her thanks to Tim and Kathy for covering while she was out.

Kid's Kamp

2021 will be the 31st edition of Kid's Kamp. Please mark July 19th – 22nd on your kid's, grandkid's, niece's, nephew's calendar. This year again will be a modified edition of KK. This year, we will be back to full days of 9-4 Monday – Thursday. There will be NO Wednesday night program or Wednesday night sleepover. In lieu of the Wednesday night program, the kids will be doing a Facebook Live Stream on Thursday at noon. Why Thursday at noon and not Wednesday at noon....um, we need the extra day of practice. For more information, contact Marilyn Reppert or Kathy Follett. By the time you read this, all participants of the last two years should've received an invite in the mail. If you didn't, holler.

New Additions

As I shared in my blog, we are trying a Saturday night vesper service. Based on how well this is received, we will evaluate if making a Saturday night service once a month is something we should be doing once we can no longer be at Pine Acres. Stay tuned on that. Also, we are evaluating if there is interest in doing an evening Bible Study. Currently, having Bible Study on Wednesday mornings works out for those that are retired or just happen to have the day off but leaves out those that work. Stay tuned for more information on that as well.

The one thing we know is this is an opportunity for us to figure out what worked well, what didn't work and what we need to change moving forward. But as I shared earlier, for us to do all of that, we need every person to help. It doesn't matter if you are 15 or 85, your input of what the future holds is important.

Mission 2021

The mission team will again be staying in Lebanon this year. We are looking for work with some of our friends and neighbors in the community such as Lebanon Rescue Mission, Coleman's Park and some others. While we reach out to those to research those plans, we also will reach out to the congregation to see if there is anything we can help with there. I would not recommend you reach out to us for any project that requires pressure treated lumber....that is very limited in availability this year. If you have a project/need, reach out to Kathy to see if your need fits our skillset.

Kathy

THIS MONTH'S SENIOR CORNER OUTREACH

**ROBERT TRAUTMAN, CORSON HALL #110 1 BOYD STREET, PO BOX
125, CORNWALL, PA 17016**

**KEN & CHARLOTTE WENGERT, BRADLEY HALL #109, 1 BOYD STREET, PO
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**PLEASE REACH OUT AND EITHER CALL OR SEND A NOTE TO LET THEM
KNOW WE ARE THINKING ABOUT THEM.**

Kids Corner



Spring Word Search

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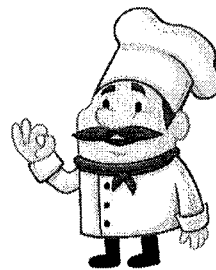
Spring	Rain
March	Flowers
April	Windy
May	Bloom

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Cooking Corner

Taco Pasta Salad

- 8 oz. Rotini or Campanelle Pasta
- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1 packet taco seasoning
- ½ c. chopped green pepper
- ½ c. chopped onion
- 1 c. grated cheddar or taco cheese
- 1 pt. cherry tomatoes-halved
- ½ head lettuce shredded
- ½ c. French dressing

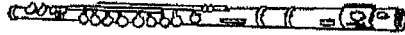


***Cook pasta according to directions, drain and cool. Brown meat, drain fat, add taco seasoning and cool. Combine pasta, green pepper, onion, cheese, tomato, lettuce and salt & pepper to taste. Mix well and chill. Just before serving, stir in seasoned ground beef, French dressing and toss lightly. Tip: Add more French dressing if it seems too dry. You can also double the ingredients for picnics or larger gatherings.

2021 GRADUATES

1. Cory Houser, grandson of Carol & Larry Houser is graduating from Bainbridge HS and will be attending Western Washington University. Parents are Michael and Shari Houser of Bainbridge Island, Washington State.
2. Laura Kohler and Amy Fisher, step-granddaughter and daughter-in-law of Jay and Susan Fisher; graduated from WorWic Community College, Salisbury MD on May 13, 2021. Good job ladies. Amy is the wife of Justin Fisher. They were married on Saturday, May 15, 2021 in Ocean City, MD.
3. Jordan Cynthia Bowman, granddaughter of Cindy Johnson graduated Magna Cum Laude from Marshall University on May 1, 2021 with a B.S. degree in Biology. In the fall, Jordan will continue her studies at Marshall University Graduate School of Forensic Science.
4. Blaine Hummel is graduating from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy at the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia with his Doctor of Pharmacy Degree. He is the son of Marjorie & Douglas Hummel and grandson of Charles & Blanche Hummel.
5. Ryan Daub is graduating from ELCO HS. He will be attending Penn State University majoring in Turf Grass Science. Ryan is the son of Michael & Heather Daub and grandson of Carol Ruffner.

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I appreciate & want to thank
the folks from St. Mark's for
their concern, prayers, cards
and phone calls all for
expressing their concern to me.

I am much better after going
the rounds. It amazes me
the tests available to find
out why something happened
and how to correct it.

Thanks so much to all
of you,
Birk

June 2021 PRAYER CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 Holly, Carey, Abigail & Heather Egger	7 Jay Eisenhauer	8 Carolyn Emerich	9 John Fernsler	10 Harry Fisher	11 Jay & Susan Fisher	12 Kathy Follett Edmondson
13 Ron & Deborah Follett	14 Fay Fox & Heidi Fox	15 Nancy Freed	16 Juanita Fuhrman	17 Melissa, Luther, Tony & Rebecca Furman	18 Lee & Diane Gensler	19 Gladys Gettle
20 Ginny & Greg Gruber Father's Day	21 Keith Gruber	22 Mary Anne Gutwalt	23 Betty Hackman	24 Sandra Hanley	25 George Heckard	26 Jeannette Heim
27 John & Carole Hoffman	28 Robert Hoffman	29 Larry & Carol Houser	30 Gloria Howard			