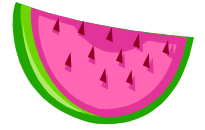


**First United Presbyterian Church
102 North Main Street
Houston, PA 15342**



The Heavenly Herald

Dear Friends,

Summer and vacation season is drawing to a close and the opening of the school year is only a few weeks away (Aug. 27 in CHSD!). I hope you have been enjoying this summer and I hope that you have had time for **recreational** experiences. Please read this word: **re-creational**.

We worship the God who created the heavens and the earth and all that is in them. We thank God for choosing to create us, the human beings who inhabit both the earth and God's Heavenly Kingdom. We worship this God of creation not just because he created in ages past, but because God is Lord of the continuing creation. God is involved with us continually helping us in creating our lives.

We are not static creatures, created once to stay the same forever. We change with age and experience. The world and people around us change constantly so our experiences of the world keep on changing. The constant in our lives is God, present with us from beginning to end. It is God's good gift to us that we are free to make choices about the way we live, about the ways we use our gifts – our talents and spiritual gifts. In Jesus Christ we know forgiveness of our sins and we know we have the freedom to choose new directions. We can become new creations in Christ.

We have a few more weeks of the summer **re-creation** season. Perhaps there are a few things you still want to do before it ends. I hope you will take some time to sit with the Lord and consider with him what comes next in life for you. Pray with him and ask for guidance in what you are to do but, perhaps more importantly, ask what sort of person you should be. The Lord Jesus may help you choose to exercise some new or unused gift of character in the days ahead. When you do start to exercise your Christian freedom in new ways, remember that it takes time and practice to build the spiritual muscle. So don't give up! Keep on consulting with the Lord and rely on his strength until your own new strength has developed.

I am looking forward to meeting all of you - you new creations - when we start our fall schedules in September! Remember, God is with you all, now and forever.

Yours in Christ's Service,
Rev. CJ E Haury



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CD and DVD Exchange

In conjunction with the Chicken Dinners this summer we will be having a CD and DVD Exchange Fundraiser. The next one will be held at the next Chicken Dinner which is on Saturday August 15.

Collect up any unwanted CD's and DVD's that you may have lying around the house and bring them down to the Chicken Dinner. There will be an area set up next to the entrance of the Fellowship Hall during the Chicken Dinner where you can purchase or exchange CD's and DVD's. If you bring in CD's or DVD's to exchange you may do so for a \$2.00 donation to the roof fund. If you do not have any to donate you can still browse the selection and purchase the CD's and DVD's through a \$4.00 donation to the roof fund.



October Book Club

Esther Kusic has 5 copies of the church October book club book selection, titled "When I Lay My Isaac Down" by Carol Kent, that anyone can borrow. Please see her in church, or call her at 724-745-5474.

This true story is about a family facing an unthinkable circumstance, and how they survived with faith. It would be good reading for any of us, not just for the book club. This was a book selection for a small group from Faith Church, and comes highly recommended.

August Book Club

August 29 come and meet Dave Yost, author of "Raccoon Learns a Lesson". Dave is the son of Thurman and Peg Yost.

Dave Yost is an Eagle Scout. He graduated from Burgettstown High School and went to IUP where he received a degree in Physics. After college he entered the Air Force for 4 years where he installed and repaired cryptographic equipment including equipment in the White House. After the Air Force he went to Triangle Tech where he received a degree in Computer Drafting.

Dave has been writing children's stories since he was in Elementary School. He also has two non-fiction books published.

First UP Book Club Meet the Author Day!

On the last Saturday of August, August 29, the First UP Book Club invites parents and grandparents to bring children to "MEET THE AUTHOR" of the children's morality story called, Raccoon Learns a Lesson. Mr. David Yost, son of Peggy and Thurman Yost, has authored a series of twelve children's books. Raccoon Learns a Lesson is the first of Dave Yost's children's book to be published in addition to his previous adult publication.

From 9:00 to 11:00 AM on August 29, Mr. Yost will personally autograph copies of Raccoon Learns a Lesson, which will be on sale for \$7.00. We will have a story reading and related activities for the children. Coffee, juice and cookies will be served.

Educators from our congregation will talk with parents about ways parents can encourage children in writing and reading. David started writing stories in the third and fourth grade. His mother has kept these first stories

Discovery Canyon 2009

VBS 2009 is still winding down. Still a few things to get returned and books and bills to be turned in. But all in all it's just a happy memory.

44 children were registered this year. All went well. No band aids were required. This is great and the fact that a memo was sent home to please wear sneakers helped a lot.

Lots of thank you's need to go out. John and Karen Jones — made all the CDs for the children so they could have personal copies to help learn the songs. Karen also made all the leaves that went on the trees.

Debbie, the secretary, made lots of copies and forms +++++. Some of which were last minute — oops I forgot — could you — and it was done.

Then there were the folks who stayed after church on the Sunday before and decorated:

John and Tiffany Lesjak
Jessica Young
Leon and Linda Young
Susan Stonebraker
Rev. CJE

Shane, Bobbie, Alex and Luke Koszarsky
Joy and Samantha Bell
Dave and Claire Fee
Rob Smith
Sandy Wallace

The people who actually were here all week and lead or kept track of children:

Registration: Susan Stonebraker, Sandy Wallace and Linda Young

Science Lab: John Lesjak and Shane Koszarsky

Crafts: Cathy Cushey and Cyndi Powell

Video and Music: Stacey Simpson and Jackie Shober

Snacks: Kathy Vogel, Jennifer Neely, Nancy Ward and Nancy Ward's granddaughter

Games: Rob Smith and Rachel White

Bible Study: Rev. CJE, Ben Wallace and Tyler Keenan

Pre-School: Kristie Coppola, Bobbie Koszarsky, Angela D'Alessandro and Jen Gall

Kindergarten: Tiffany Lesjak

First and Second: Tricia Fee

Third and Fourth: Kim Keenan and Jessica Young

Fifth and Sixth: Mark Simpson

A few special guests for the week were Evie the Donkey so the children could see how the people back then got around. Some were brave enough to sit on her and found out it wasn't that much fun.

Joe Wiszczor and the ambulance crews came on Friday. Children got to tour the ambulance and ask all those questions kids need to ask.

Our Mission Project this year was the Arbor Day Foundation so that they can help replace

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News from the Deacons

Scrip (gift card) orders will be sent in monthly. Orders are due the second Sunday of each month.

Upcoming events:

August 4th: Church picnic at Arnold Park from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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some of the trees and bushes lost to floods and fire.

Thanks to all who donated money and prayers — without you all VBS 2009 would not have happened.

Thanks to Keith for cleaning up after us. We didn't make as much a mess as some years but I'm sure we made some.

And a big thanks for the flowers given to me in church Sunday after. They were beautiful and I enjoyed them for a couple of weeks.

Thanks to Cathy Cushey for staying after church on June 28th to help take down all the decorations.

Well that's it till the Pumpkin Festival parade and cookie booth.

Don't forget to mark you calendars: June 21st to 25th for 2010 VBS.

Miss Libby

Cohen & Grigsby Trust Presents A New Musical Comedy "Church Basement Ladies" Featuring M*A*S*H Star William Christopher

**September 26-27
Byham Theater**

Church Basement Ladies is a new musical comedy that follows four women as they prepare food and solve the problems a rural Minnesota church in 1964. From the elderly matriarch of the kitchen to the young bride-to-be learning the proper order of things, we see them handle a record-breaking Christmas dinner, the funeral of a dear friend, an Easter fund raiser, and, of course, a steaming hot July wedding. They stave off potential disaster, share and debate recipes, instruct the young and keep the Pastor on course. With good, clean laughs and memorable characters, Church Basement Ladies is heavenly fun for all!

Saturday, September 26 1:00 & 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, September 27 2:00 & 6:00 p.m.

Regular group rates:
\$35.35 orchestra & mezzanine
\$31.75 orchestra rear and gallery

Single tickets: \$39.00

For tickets for groups of 10 or more call 412 471-6930 or fill out a ticket request at pgharts.org/groupsales and someone will contact you to finalize your order.



SIGNATURE BOX

Balanced nutrition and variety with enough food to feed a family of four for a week.

- 1.5 lb. Ribeye Steaks (4 x 6 oz.)
- 3 lb. IQF Split Chicken Breast
- 1 lb. Boneless Center Cut Pork Chops
- 2 lb. Mac & Beef Dinner Entrée
- 1.5 lb. Breaded All White Meat Chicken Nuggets
- 1 lb. 80/20 Lean Ground Beef
- 1 lb. Bake or Fry Fish Sticks (32 sticks)
- 1 lb. Frozen Corn
- 1 lb. Frozen Baby Lima Beans
- 1 ct. Cello-Wrapped Iceberg Lettuce
- 2 lb. Sweet Potatoes
- 15 oz. Pork & Beans
- 1 lb. Rice
- 32 oz. 2% Shelf Stable Milk
- Dozen Eggs
- Dessert

\$30.00

SENIOR & CONVENIENCE MEALS

For Seniors or People on the Go!

Ten perfectly seasoned, nutritionally balanced, fully cooked meals—just heat and serve. Each meal has been developed with the dietary needs of senior citizens in mind, and contains 3 oz. of protein, a starch & two vegetables or fruit.

- Chicken Cacciatore** with Rice, Cauliflower and Vegetable Medley
- Macaroni & Beef** with Noodles, Carrots, Zucchini and Red Peppers
- Chicken & Noodles** with Corn and Brussels Sprouts
- Meat Lasagna** with Green Beans and Cauliflower
- Chili with Beef & Beans**, Corn, Red Peppers and Peas
- Macaroni & Cheese** with Broccoli and Lima Beans
- Boneless Pork Patty** with Roasted Sweet Potato, Sugar Snap Peas, Broccoli & Cauliflower
- Sweet & Sour Chicken** with Rice, Sugar Snap Peas and Carrots
- Spaghetti & Meatballs** with Corn, Peas & Carrots
- Fettuccini Alfredo** with Broccoli/Carrots, Zucchini/Red Peppers and Brussels Sprouts
- Desserts:** 5 Cookies or Cracker Variety, 4 oz. Pear Fruit Cup, 4 oz. Pineapple Fruit Cup, 4 oz. Regular Applesauce, 2.8 oz. Frozen Orange Juice, 2.8 oz. Frozen Apple Juice

\$28.00

FROZEN AND DRY MIX ALLERGEN-FREE FOOD BOX

Processed to eliminate the eight top serious allergens: Peanuts, Soybeans, Milk, Eggs, Fish, Crustacea, Tree Nuts and Gluten (wheat, rye and barley). Great for children and adults!

Allergen Free Frozen Food Products

- 2 lb. Breaded Chicken Drumsticks
- 1 lb. Breaded Chicken Tenders
- 1 lb. Breaded Chicken Nuggets
- 1 lb. Breaded Cube Steak

Battered with water, white rice, brown rice, modified tapioca starch, flax seed, sugar, salt, spices, dehydrated garlic, spice extractives and oleoresin paprika.

Breaded with white rice, brown rice, modified tapioca starch, flax seed, sugar, dextrose, salt, spices, dehydrated garlic, spice extractives and oleoresin paprika. Breading is pre-browned in Canola oil.

Allergen Free Dry Mix Products

- 1 lb. Pancake/Waffle Mix
- 1 lb. Blueberry Muffin Mix
- 1 lb. Pizza Crust/Flat Bread Mix
- 1 lb. Breading Mix
- 8 oz. White Gravy Mix

\$40.00

AUGUST SPECIAL #1

\$23.00

6.5 lb. Assorted Meat Grill Box

- 1.5 lb. Bone-In New York Strip Steaks (2 x 12 oz.)
- 2 lb. Boston Butt Pork Chops (4 x 8 oz.)
- 2 lb. Lean Hamburger Steaks (4 x 8 oz.)
- 1 lb. Italian Sausage with Cheese

AUGUST SPECIAL #2

\$22.00

4.5 lb. Steak Combo

- 2.5 lb. Ribeye Steaks (4 x 10 oz.)
- 2 lb. Sirloin Steak (4 x 8 oz.)

AUGUST SPECIAL #3

\$22.00

10 lb. Assorted Chicken Grill Box

- 5 lb. IQF Boneless Skinless Chicken Breast
- 4 lb. Leg Quarters
- 17 oz. Ready to Cook Combread Dressing

AUGUST SPECIAL #4

\$22.00

Premium Fresh Fruit and Veggie Box

- 3 lb. Fresh Idaho Baking Potatoes
- 2 lb. New Crop Large-Medium Yellow Onions
- 1 head Fresh California Sleeve Romaine Lettuce
- 1 bag Fresh Gourmet Caesar Salad Croutons (5 oz.)
- 1 pint Fresh Vine-Ripened Grape Tomatoes
- 1 head Fresh Green Cabbage
- 1 lb. Sweet Cello-Pack Carrots
- 6 Tree-Ripened Peaches
- 1 lb. Fresh California White Seedless Grapes
- 1 Fresh California Vine-Ripened Honeydew Melon
- 1 Fresh California Vine-Ripened Cantaloupe
- 4 California Valencia Oranges
- 4 California Large Juicy Lemons

Order Date: August 15th, 10:30 AM - Noon
Distribution Day: August 22nd, 8:15 AM - 9:15 AM
www.angelfoodministries.com

Angel Food Ministries Reserves the Right to Substitute Any of the Above Items Due to Availability, Cost and Quality. We Accept Food Stamps (EBT).
 Angel Food Ministries is an equal opportunity provider and employer. Complaints of discrimination should be sent to USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Washington, DC 20250-9410

**LAST DAY TO PLACE ORDERS FOR AUGUST IS AUGUST 15, 2009.
NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Ordering Information:

1. Please bring cash, money order or food stamps. No checks accepted.
2. Distribution date is August 22, 2009 between 8:15 and 9:15 AM unless notified otherwise.
3. Ordering and distribution will be at Meadow Lands United Methodist Church, 535 Pike Street, Meadow Lands PA 15347, (724) 228-3370.
4. A medium box or laundry basket will be needed to carry your order home.
5. Any order not picked up may be considered relinquished and possibly given to a family in need!
6. A receipt or proper ID is required to pick up your order.
7. We are unable to take orders by phone or email. Orders may be mailed to PO Box 745, Meadowlands PA 15347 accompanied by a money order and a SSAE and must be received no later than August 15, 2009.
8. Angel Food Ministries reserves the right to substitute any of the menu items due to availability, cost & quality.

POLICY ON FORGOTTEN BOXES

We understand how things can happen (family emergencies, changing work schedules, miscommunications or just plain forgetting). In any case, we find it necessary to publish a policy.

- We cannot take responsibility for the condition of the food that is left after pick up time has expired. Much of the food is frozen and may thaw or spoil.
- If we cannot reach you, your food will be given away to a needy family.
- We cannot refund your money!

Order Form

Name: _____

Regular Box _____ x \$30 = _____

Address: _____

Senior Box _____ x \$28 = _____

Allergen-Free _____ x \$40 = _____

Phone: _____

Special #1 _____ x \$23 = _____

Email: _____

Special #2 _____ x \$22 = _____

Meadow Lands United Methodist Church
535 Pike St., Meadow Lands PA 15347
(724) 228-3370

Special #3 _____ x \$22 = _____

Pastor Jeff Conn

Special #4 _____ x \$22 = _____

AFM Reps: Tammy Donahue, Hazel Bradshaw
Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 AM

Sunday School for children under 6th grade
during worship service

TOTAL _____

Sunday School with classes for all ages at 10:45
AM to resume after Labor Day

SERVING THE CHURCH IN AUGUST 2009



GREETERS

Deacon Greeters:

- August 2 Jeff Paxton (GV)
 Cherie Kisla (MV)
 Renee Poland (GH)
 Skipper Maxfield (MH)
- August 9 Bethany Carder (GV)
 Dottie Lesnock (MV)
 Rob Smith (GH)
 Skipper Maxfield (MH)
- August 16 Rob Smith (GV)
 Nancy Martinez (MV)
 Margaret Strimel (GH)
 Skipper Maxfield (MH)
- August 23 Lala Patsch (GV)
 Inez Patsch (MV)
 Linda Young (GH)
 Skipper Maxfield (MH)
- August 30 Virginia Rockwell (GV)
 Lynn Smith (MV)
 Cherie Kisla (GH)
 Skipper Maxfield (MH)

Elder Greeters:

- August 2 Cyndi Powell (GH)
 Rev. CjE (GV)
 Gloria Schmalz (MH)
 Adam Johnston (MV)
- August 9 Rev. CjE (GH)
 (GV)
 John Jones (MH)
 Kathie Putorti (MV)
- August 16 John Zanaglio (GH)
 Bill Smith (GV)
 John Jones (MH)
 Rev. CjE (MV)

August 23 John Zanaglio (GH)
 (GV)
 Rev. CjE (MH)
 Adam Johnston (MV)

August 30 Kristie Coppola (GH)
 Rev. CjE (GV)
 Cyndi Powell (MH)
 Kathie Putorti (MV)

Money Counters:

Gloria Schmalz
Thelma Mitchell



Liturgist:

Dan Coppola

Nursery Workers:

No nursery workers scheduled for
June, July and August

Thank You Note

Thanks to the Boy Scout Troop 1378 for joining church volunteers in weeding, dividing and mulching the church gardens!

Volunteers include Cathy Cushey, Nancy Ward, Sandy Wallace, Buddy Jeffers, Dave Checque, Bruce Mitchell and Bernie Mitchell.

AUGUST 2009 CHURCH CALENDAR

Tuesday, August 4	5:30 to 9:00 p.m. Church Picnic at Arnold Park
Sunday, August 9	Communion and Barnabas Awards Presentation Deacons' gift card orders due
Tuesday, August 11	6:30 p.m. Christian Education meeting
Saturday, August 15	4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Grilled Chicken Dinner and CD/DVD Resale and Exchange
Tuesday, August 18	7:00 p.m. Session
Wednesday, August 19	September Newsletter articles due in office 7:30 p.m. Article One concert at Hill Church
Saturday, August 29	9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Book Club — Meet Dave Yost, author of "Raccoon Learns a Lesson"

Thursday, August 6, 13, 20 and 27:

7:00-8:30 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer Group in Family Room

Mondays, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Doug Schmidt 724 747-3821

Tuesdays, 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous, Larry Alling 724 746-3425

Thursdays, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. New AA group, Marsha Lewis 724 916-4302

**Grilled Chicken Dinner
and CD/DVD Exchange**
Saturday, August 15, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

1/4 grilled chicken
potato salad and coleslaw
roll and dessert

\$7.50 eat in or take out



DEADLINE

The deadline for articles for the September 2009 newsletter is **Wednesday, August 19th**. Please leave any articles you may have on the secretary's desk or you may email them to the church. Thank you for your cooperation.



Abby Spinnenweber	1
Joshua Colletti	2
Ryan Jones	3
Sara Lesjak	4
Isabelle Alderson	6
Nicole Martin	6
Devan Zanaglio	9
Diane Adamson	10
Adelyn Schussler	12
Jackie Shober	12
John Myers	13
John Washabaugh	13
Melissa Vogel	13
Timothy Andy	14
Roger Nixon	15
Tim Hillebrand	15
Timothy Stienstraw	16
Brianna Askew	19
James Cullen	22
Catherine Lazorchak	23
Kathy Vogel	25
Bill Speakman, Jr.	26
Jillian McCarty	26
Matt Marshall	28
Beverly Penvose	29
Dawn Zendt	29
Kaitlin Cushey	29



Please Pray for our Shut-ins

Below is a list of our shut-ins. Please pray for them. If you would like to send a card to one of them, please call the church office for their address.

Isabelle Bennett	Lynn Bish
Marjorie Breth	Marie Bradley
Lois Conley	Kathryn Craig
Doris Douglas	Susan Gervasio
Helen Giosta	Carolyn Jeffers
Catherine Lazorchak	Mae McClure
David McMillen	George Ramoth
Frank Sciabica	Lois Strimel
Evelyn Wilson	Dolores Wright
Matt Wylie	

Please also pray for our military personnel.

Derek Blough	Matthew Blough
Joshua Orbich	Jonathan Stager



In Memory

Marie E. (Scott) Bradley
 101 years old
 Mother of Don Scott
 Born September 3, 1907
 Died July 22, 2009

Brayden Joseph Williams
 Infant son of Melinda and Bill Williams
 Born July 16, 2009
 Died July 16, 2009

Thanks be to God who give us the victory
 over death through our Lord Jesus Christ!

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