## The Simeon Spirit

#### SIMEON UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH



#### **July-August 2022**

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#### **Being Willing to Walk the Walk**

In our gospel lesson for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, we find Jesus on the move. Luke specifically points out, "(Jesus) set his face to go to Jerusalem." This is an important note. Previously, Jesus in his Galilean ministry seem to go from town to town in a somewhat random fashion. Now Jesus' mission had moved into its final phase, which was to Jerusalem and the cross.

On his way, he encounters three would be followers. Jesus rejects all three. It is not their well-meaning intentions which are the problem, but Jesus challenges their commitment. Basically, he is saying, 'understand that if you what to follow me you must be prepared to commit all you have to give.'

How deep is our commitment to the cause for Christ? Are we willing to set our faces towards Jerusalem?

In 1947, evangelist Bob Pierce held a series of preaching events with Youth for Christ in China. He got the opportunity to preach to thousands of Chinese citizens, and thousands became followers of Jesus through his messages. One of his preaching services was at a small school for girls run by a Dutch missionary named Tena Holkeboer. Many of the girls prayed to become Jesus followers at this chapel service, and Bob Pierce challenged them to go home and tell their families about their new commitment to Jesus.

The next day, Pierce stopped by the school to speak to Tena Holkeboer. She was holding a sobbing girl in her arms. From the child's injuries, it was obvious she had been beaten. Holkeboer told Pierce that this little girl who they called White Jade had prayed to follow Jesus at the previous days' chapel service. And when she returned home and told her father, he had beaten her with a cane and thrown her out of the house.

Bob Pierce was stunned! He said, "... you're going to take care of her, aren't you?"

Tena replied, "I'm caring for as many children as I can. The question isn't what I'm going to do. The question is what are you going to do?" And she handed White Jade to Bob Pierce.

Bob emptied all the cash out of his pockets and promised to send more to cover the costs of caring for this abandoned child. But when he returned to the States, he couldn't get over her courage, and what her love for Jesus had cost her. Over the next three years as Bob Pierce traveled the poorest parts of the world on preaching missions, he was also collecting the support to begin a new mission organization. Today, World Vision is a "global Christian humanitarian organization" that provides food, education, health care and disaster relief to millions of people around the world. Bob Pierce's experience with White Jade and Tena Holkeboer helped inspire

the founding of World Vision. And White Jade was the first child to receive sponsorship through World Vision.

Remember Tena Holkeboer's challenge to Bob Pierce: "The question isn't what I'm going to do. The question is what are *you* going to do?" Jesus calls us to walk the path of courage with him. Are you ready?

Recently you have seen several articles from Barbara Klinger in the newsletter. Among other things, Barbara has committed herself to learning more about God in his own words through Holy Scripture. It has been a delight for me to read her works. You are never too smart to learn something, and Barbara has been teaching me. I know it has inspired me to be more diligent in my own studies. I also would like to start a bible study soon. I hope many of you will be encouraged to be committed to studying God's word again.

By the way, give Barbara your gratitude for taking the time to share her gift of knowledge to the rest of us students of scripture.

Yours in Christ,

### Pastor Greg

#### **CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS FROM JUNE 2022**

- 1. Worship and Music None.
- 2. Parish Education- Bible school is going well. Great turnout and great help.
- 3.**Stewardship and Evangelism -** Bicentennial Will be a family fun day. Working on getting a mobile petting zoo.
- 4. **Social Ministry** More families this month attended the food bank.
- 5. <u>Youth</u> 2 Youth and Pastor Greg are going to camp July 24-27, 2022. Researching white water rafting.
- 6. <u>Church Property</u> –Steeple Lights are working again. Will be fixing the entrance where the new door was installed leading down to the kitchen. Checking on expansion tanks. Will be siliconing the bricks his year. Need to research getting the hole fixed where the bats come in the church sometime in the future.
- 7. <u>Budget and Finance</u> Had a meeting with the Insurance Company on June 16, 2022. No need to make any changes.
- 8. <u>Fellowship</u> Held Brunch/lunch fellowship on June 12, 2022. Knoebel's picnic will be in Pavilion P on August 14, 2022.
- 9. Mutual Ministry None.

Old Business: Radio issue is still the same.

<u>New Business</u> – Another Solar Farm meeting will be held by the Gratz Borough at the Gratz Authority Municipal Building on Thursday, June 23, 2022, at 6:00pm.

<u>The Pastor's Time</u> – Holding chapel at Polk Retirement Center.

**2022 GIVING 2022 EXPENSES** \$56.084.14 \$65,421.39

Difference between YTD Giving & YTD Expenses (\$ -9,337.25) {For General Operating Fund}

#### **"VOICE OF SIMEON" RADIO MINISTRY SPONSORS**

#### **July 2022**

July 3 – Buffington/Reed Funeral Home

**July 10** – Willing Workers

**July 17–** 

**July 24** – Deppen's Farms Inc.

July 31- Boardwalk Family Fun Center

#### August 2022

August 7 – Buffington/Reed Funeral Home

August 14 – Willing Workers

August 21 – James A Reed Funeral Home

August 28 – Hoffman's Hatchery

We want to thank our faithful sponsors in continuing to help with this important ministry of our church especially during these trying times. God bless you and be safe.

#### **DAILY DEVOTIONALS**

The Daily Devotionals for July-Sept. 2022 are available in the narthex. Pick yours up or have someone get them for you.

#### **A SPECIAL THANK YOU**

We continue to thank <u>all</u> of our church members who keep sending their offering envelopes through the postal system as well as coming to church in person to worship and donate that way. If you still belong as a member of our church and go elsewhere to services, we still appreciate your offerings, as well as missing your fellowship and presence with us. God be with you.

#### THE 2022 FLOWER & BULLETIN SPONSOR CHARTS

If you would like to sponsor flowers or bulletins but can't make it to the church to mark it down please call the church office at (717)-365-3139 and leave a message if no one answers.

If no one sponsors them the money comes out of the general fund which is not budgeted.

#### **CHRISTMAS IN JULY**

We will be celebrating Christmas in July again. We will be collecting toys and monetary donations for the Upper Dauphin Human Services in Lykens the whole month of July. A box will be in the narthex to put the toys in and a smaller box for monetary donations. The last Sunday in July we will bless the toys.

#### PRAYER LIST AT THIS TIME:

**Prayers requested for:** Sally Hepler, Clair & Vivian Engle, Jean Hess, David Hartman, Jim Neiswender, Isaiah Daniel, Kenneth Mace, Shane Schadle, Steve Dagen, Susan Ferster, Rahn Erdman, Marie Lahr, Christy Warfel

Polk Apartments: Helen Michael, John Kissinger Mt. Carmel Nursing & Rehab: Ruby Leitzel

Nottingham Village Skilled Care Nursing Center: Lila Welker

Premier at Susquehanna Village: Bonnie Miller

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

#### July

Sunday, July 3 - Worship Service/ Holy Communion

**Monday July 4 – INDEPENDENCE DAY** 

Saturday, July 9 - Food Bank Open 9-11am

Sunday, July 10 - Worship Service

Sunday, July 17 - Worship Service

Saturday, July 23 – Community Fun Day 10–4

Sunday, July 24 - Worship Service

Sunday, July 31 - Worship Service/ Christmas Toy Day

**August** 

Sunday, August 7- Worship Service/ Holy Communion

Saturday, August 13- Food Bank Open 9-11am

Sunday, August 14-Worship Service/ Picnic at Knoebel's after worship

Thursday, August 18- Council Meeting 7pm

Friday, August 19- Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, August 21- Worship Service

Sunday, August 28- Worship Service

**September** 

Sunday, Sept. 4- Worship Service/ Holy Communion

Monday, Sept. 5- Labor Day

Saturday, Sept. 10- Food Bank Open 9-11am

Sunday, Sept. 11- Patriot Day / Worship Service

Thursday, Sept. 15- Council Meeting 7pm

Friday, Sept. 16- Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, Sept. 18- Worship Service \*\*\*GRATZ FAIR WEEK SEPT. 18 -24\*\*\*

Thursday, Sept. 22- First Day of Autumn

Sunday, Sept. 25- Worship Service

#### **Our Graduating Senior's**

#### **UDA HIGH SCHOOL**



Andrew Romberger
Land Pro
Full Time Employment



Brock Troutman
Mansfield University
for Fisheries Science

#### SUSQUHANNA UNIVERSITY



Jeffery Klinger Ohio University for his PhD in Chemistry

#### SERVING IN JULY, AUGUST, AND SEPTEMBER

JULY 3, 2022GREETER: John Novinger4th SUNDAY AFTERREADER: Steve WelkerPENTECOST WITHUSHER: Mike Hartman

HOLY COMMUNION GLASSES: Linda Koppenhaver

ALTAR: Dennis Barge

JULY 10, 2022 GREETER: Leah Schade 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER READER: Jenny Sracic PENTECOST

JULY 17, 2022 GREETER: Mike Hartman READER: Mike Hartman

**PENTECOST** 

JULY 24, 2022 GREETER: Remington Schlegel

**7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER** READER: John Novinger

PENTECOST

JULY 31, 2022 GREETER: Cameron Smeltz

8th SUNDAY AFTER READER: no reader Christmas Sunday

**PENTECOST** 

AUGUST 7, 2022

9<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST WITH
HOLY COMMUNION

GREETER: Darlene Novinger
READER: Ashley Welker
USHER: Matthew Ferster
GLASSES: Karen Romberger

ALTAR: Doris Flynn

AUGUST 14, 2022 GREETER: Dave Strohecker 10<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER READER: Doris Flynn

**PENTECOST** 

AUGUST 21, 2022 GREETER: Virginia Moore 11<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER READER: Cameron Smeltz

**PENTECOST** 

AUGUST 28, 2022 GREETER: Doris Flynn 12<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER READER: Lynn Schadle

**PENTECOST** 

SEPTEMBER 4, 2022GREETER: Matt Ferster13th SUNDAY AFTERREADER: Sharon Erdman

PENTECOST WITH USHER: Bill Reed

HOLY COMMUNION GLASSES: Anna Coleman ALTAR: John Novinger

SEPTEMBER 11, 2022 GREETER: John Novinger 14<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER READER: Jean Perkins

**PENTECOST** 

**SEPTEMBER 18, 2022** GREETER: Leah Schade **15<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER** READER: Dennis Barge

**PENTECOST** 

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022 GREETER: Mike Hartman READER: Steve Welker

**PENTECOST** 



2022 Marks 200 Years of the Simeon United Lutheran Church Congregation

In celebration,
Simeon United Lutheran Church is partnering with
Gratz Borough Park and Recreation to host

## Community Fun Day

Sat, July 23, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Gratz Borough Park

**ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:** 

#### VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

Team Registrations at 9:30 a.m.





Cornhole

Spikeball

Bucketball

\* \*Visit a Baby Petting Zoo all day \* \*

Provided by Green Horse Farms Sponsored by THE GRATZ BANK



Food and Drinks available throughout the day!



#### My Reading Rambles by Barbara Klinger

Do you know what a Pharisee is? What about a Sadducee? What was the Sanhedrin? They are all mentioned in the Bible, but who were these groups of people?

Merriam-Webster defines a Pharisee as a member of a Jewish sect of the intertestamental period noted for strict observance of rites and ceremonies of the written law and for insistence on the validity of their own oral traditions concerning the law. It defines a Sadducee as a member of a Jewish sect or party of the time of Jesus Christ that denied the resurrection of the dead, the existence of spirits, and the obligation of oral tradition, emphasizing acceptance of the written law alone. The Sanhedrin is defined as the supreme council and tribunal of the Jews during postexilic (of or relating to the period of Jewish history between the end of the exile in Babylon in 538 B.C. and A.D. 1) times headed by a High Priest and having religious, civil, and criminal jurisdiction.

From what I could find in my research, it appears the Pharisees and Sadducees were religious leaders of the Jewish people during Jesus' day and comprised the ruling class of Jews in Israel. That's important because most of the Jewish people during that time believed their religious practices held authority over every part of their lives. Therefore, the Pharisees and Sadducees each held a lot of power and influence over not just the religious lives of the Jewish people, but their finances, their work habits, their family lives, and more. The Sanhedrin, the 70 or so member supreme court of ancient Israel, had members from both the Sadducees and the Pharisees.

Neither the Pharisees nor the Sadducees were priests. They did not take part in the actual running of the temple, the offering of sacrifices, or the administration of other religious duties. Instead, both were considered "experts in the law". Actually, the expertise of the Pharisees and Sadducees went beyond the Scriptures themselves. They were also experts on what it meant to interpret the laws of the Old Testament. As an example, while the Ten Commandments made it clear that God's people should not work on the Sabbath, people began to question what it actually meant to "work." Was it disobeying God's law to buy something on the Sabbath – was that a business transaction and considered work? Was it against God's law to plant a garden on the Sabbath, which could be interpreted as farming?

Given these questions, the Pharisees and Sadducees both made it their business to create hundreds of extra instructions and stipulations based on their interpretations of God's laws. Of course, though, both groups didn't always agree on how the scriptures should be interpreted.

The Sadducees and Pharisees were in constant conflict with each other, not only over numerous details of ritual and the Law but most importantly over the content and extent of God's revelation to the Jewish people. The Sadducees refused to go beyond the written Torah (first five books of the Bible) and thus, unlike the Pharisees, denied the immortality of the soul, bodily resurrection after death, and the existence of angelic spirits.

The Sadducees were more elitist and aristocratic than the Pharisees. They tended to be wealthy and to hold more powerful positions. The Pharisees were more representative of the common working class and had the respect of the masses. The Sadducees' source of power was a temple in Jerusalem; the Pharisees controlled the synagogues. The Sadducees were friendlier with Rome and more accommodating to the Roman laws than the Pharisees were. The Pharisees often resisted influence of changing culture, but the Sadducees welcomed it.

In Acts 23:6, the apostle Paul used the theological differences between the Pharisees and the Sadducees to escape their clutches. Paul had been arrested in Jerusalem and was making his defense before the Sanhedrin. He knew he would not get a fair hearing and knowing that the court was made up in part of Sadducees and part Pharisees, Paul made it known that he was a second-generation Pharisee on trial for believing in the resurrection of Jesus and called out, "My brothers, I am a Pharisee, descended from Pharisees. I stand on trial because of the hope of the resurrection of the dead." Paul's mention of the resurrection caused a dispute between the Pharisees and the Sadducees, dividing the assembly and causing quite an uproar (Acts 23:9). The Roman commander who saw the dispute unfolding, feared for Paul's life and sent in troops to rescue Paul from the violence (Acts 23:10).

The Britannica website says that the Sanhedrin ceased to exist at Jerusalem after the disastrous rebellion against Rome in AD 66-70. However, a Sanhedrin was assembled at Jabneh (an ancient city of modern-day Israel), and later in other localities in Palestine, that is considered by some scholars to be the continuation of the Jerusalem council-court. Composed of leading scholars, it functioned as the supreme religious, legislative, and educational body of Palestinian Jews; it also had a political leader of the Jews. This Sanhedrin ceased around in AD 425.

Another result of the destruction of Jerusalem, was the that the Sadducees as a group ceased to exist, but the Pharisees' legacy lived on. The Pharisees were responsible for the compilation of the Mishnah, an important document with reference to the continuation of Judaism beyond the destruction of the temple. In this way the Pharisees laid the groundwork for modern-day Rabbinic Judaism.

I hope this helps you as it has me to understand who these groups talked about in the Bible were, and it provides some comprehension of the issues that created the confrontations they had with Jesus, Paul, and other individuals written about.



#### **AUGUST FELLOWSHIP - August 14th**

Our annual picnic will be held at Knoebel's Grove. Please bring your family and friends for a day of fun. We'll play BINGO so if you plan to play bring a wrapped \$5 prize.

#### **RUMMAGE/SOUP REPORT**

The Fellowship Committee held this fundraiser in mid-May. Thanks to all the volunteers, Tracy Bixler, Sharon Erdman, Jason Dively, Edna Ferster, Matthew Ferster, Brenda Flynn, Peggy & Raymond Hartman, Crystal Keys, Sandra Matter, Virginia Moore, Darlene and John Novinger, Jean Perkins, and Dennis & Susan Krause for making this event such a huge success. The profit we made was \$1844.77. The funds will be used to purchase new comfortable chairs for the church basement. Together we make a difference!

Watch for future events involving the community. As usual, volunteers are always welcome.

#### JUNE FELLOWSHIP- June 12th

We met after church for a breakfast for lunch (brunch) meal. We celebrated Pastor Lindsey's ordination anniversary of 15 years. Just look at the way he's eyeing up that cake.





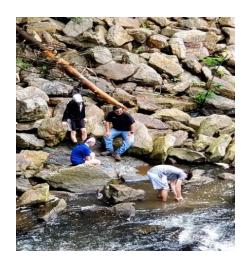
#### YOUTH HAPPENINGS

The Youth group accompanied by their advisors and other church members visited Sweet Arrow Lake for a day's adventure. Looks like they all had fun.



The Youth Group advisors are Jean Perkins, Jennie Witmer and Sharon and Mike Hartman. They are working on other adventures in the near future so if you'd like to join the group, please contact one of the advisors. They would be happy to have you!







#### **Pizza Party And Games**









#### **DAY OF PENTECOST – June 5, 2022**

As part of the on going celebrations honoring the bicentennial of the founding of Simeon's United Lutheran Church congregation, a special visitor attended services on Pentecost with a special



gift. When the current edifice was constructed in 1831-1832, the town's founder, Simon Gratz, visited from Philadelphia and presented the new congregation with a pulpit Bible, printed in German. This Bible, printed in 1828 in Philadelphia, is currently housed in the Gratz Historical Society but was brought out for the special occasion and displayed to the current congregation. Mr. Gratz, portrayed by John Hoffman of Gratz, greeted the congregation and

made the special presentation in his native English. Receiving the gift on behalf of the congregation

was Pastor Gregory Lindsey. As was the case almost two centuries ago, the Pastor skillfully translated Mr. Gratz's greeting into German for the congregation to "understand!"





We also had two youth affirm their baptism through confirmation, Dakota James Boyer and Ethan Emerson Roe. We rejoice with them on this important time in their lives.

## Chefs Corner

#### **Zucchini Brownies**

2 cups shredded zucchini
2 cups flour
3 tsp. vanilla

½ tsp. salt
1½ cup sugar
1½ tsp. baking soda

½ cup oil

4 tbsp. cocoa

Preheat oven to 350\*. Mix all together and pour into a 9x13-inch pan which has been greased and floured. Bake for 25-30 minutes.



2 tbsp. butter <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup flour

1 egg <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup boiling water

Dash of salt *Filling:* 

2 cups finely chopped chicken 2 tbsp. chopped pimento \(^{1}\delta\) cup finely chopped celery \(^{1}\delta\) tsp salt \(^{1}\delta\) tsp pepper

Melt butter in the boiling water. Add flour and salt, stirring vigorously. Cook and stir until mixture forms a ball that doesn't separate. Remove from heat and cool slightly. Add egg and beat vigorously until smooth. Drop dough onto greased baking sheet using 1 level teaspoon of dough for each puff. Bake at 400\* for20 minutes. Remove from pan, cool, and split. Makes1-1½ dozen. For filling; mix all ingredients together and put into cooled puff shell. May substitute tuna, ham, or beef for chicken.

½ cup nuts(optional)

#### Crunchy Ham Casserole

1(7oz.) pkg. elbow macaroni 1(10oz.) pkg. frozen broccoli cooked & drained

1½ cups cubed cooked ham 1 cup grated cheese

1(10oz.) can cream of chicken soup 1(3oz.) can French onions

½ cup sour cream ½ cup milk

Prepare macaroni according to package directions. Combine macaroni and ham in 3-quart casserole. Blend soup, sour cream, and milk. Pour half over macaroni and ham. Arrange broccoli spears on top of casserole. Pour remaining sauce over and sprinkle with cheese. Bake at 350\* for 20 minutes. Top with French onions and bake for 5 minutes longer.



# Music Notes & FIFTHER



### America The Beautiful 1893

In 1892, the United States observed the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus.

As part of the celebration, the city of Chicago sponsored a World's Fair, which carried over to the next year. It was in the early summer of 1893, that a group of professors from Wellesley College visited the Exposition on their way to teach summer school in Colorado. The women later compared the wonders of the man-made Fair with the glory of God's handiwork in the Rockies.

At the close of school, the teachers decided to visit Pike's Peak, elevation 14,000 feet. One of them, Katherine Lee Bates, later wrote, "We hired a prairie wagon. Near the top we had to leave the wagon and go the rest of the way on mules. I was very tired. But when I saw the view, I felt great joy. All the wonder of America seemed displayed there, with sea-like expanse...."

"It was then and there, as I was looking out over the sea-like expanse of fertile country spreading away so far under those ample skies, that the opening lines of the hymn floated into my mind. When we left Colorado Springs the four stanzas were penciled in my notebook.... The Wellesley work soon absorbed time and attention again, the notebook was laid aside, and I do not remembering paying heed to these verses until the second summer following, when I copied them out

and sent them to The Congregationalist, where they first appeared in print July 4, 1895. The hymn attracted an unexpected amount of attention.... In 1904, I rewrote it, trying to make the phraseology more simple and direct."

The new version first appeared in the Boston Evening Transcript, November 19, 1904.

There are two stories about the melody, MATERNA, which was written by Samuel A. Ward, originally for a hymn entitled, "O Mother Dear, Jerusalem." Ward's son-in-law said that the tune was composed in memory of Ward's oldest daughter. One of the employees at Ward's music store in Newark insisted that he composed the tune in 1882 while crossing New York harbor after spending the day at Coney Island. The notes that came to him so quickly he jotted them on the cuff of his shirt. Perhaps both stories are true.

## Chefs Corner

#### Cheerio Snack Mix

1 cup packed brown sugar½ tsp. baking soda½ cup margarine6 cups cheerios¼ cup light corn syrup1 cup salted nuts½ tsp. salt1 cup raisins

Grease 2 (9x13x2 inch) pans or 1 jelly roll pan (15x10x1 inch). Put brown sugar, margarine, corn syrup, and salt in 2-quart sauce pan over medium heat, stirring constantly until bubbly around the edges. Cook uncovered for 2 minutes longer. Remove from heat and stir in baking soda until foamy and light colored. Pour over cereal, peanuts, and raisins in a greased 4-quart bowl. Stir until mixture is coated. Spread evenly in pan(s) and bake at 250\* for 15 minutes. stir and let stand just until cool, about 10 minutes. Loosen with a metal spatula. Let stand until firm, about 30 minutes. Break into bite-sized pieces.

#### **Blueberry Cream Cheese Squares**

1½ cups graham crumbs
2 eggs (beaten)
½ cup powdered sugar
1 stick butter

1 cup sugar 1(21oz.) can blueberry pie filling

1(8oz.) pkg. Cream Cheese at room temp.

Preheat oven to 350\*. Butter a 9x13-inch pan. Mix crumbs, powdered sugar, and butter. Press into the bottom of pan, using a fork. Mix cream cheese, sugar, and eggs. Spread over crust and bake for 20 minutes. Cool completely. Spread blueberry filling over cream cheese mixture. Cover tightly and refrigerate. May use other pie fillings instead if desired.

#### Sweet-N-Sour Meatballs

1 lb. ground beef 2(16oz) cans of cranberry sauce

1 egg 1 cup breadcrumbs

2(8oz.) cans tomato sauce 1 can crushed pineapple

In a large pot mix cranberry sauce and tomato sauce; cook on medium heat. Mix beef, egg, and breadcrumbs in a bowl. Make into golf ball sized meatballs and brown in a frying pan. After meatballs are browned, put them into sauce and add pineapple, cover, and simmer for 30 minutes. May serve over rice if desired.

#### Potato Dish

6 potatoes (washed, unpeeled, & diced) 1 cup butter

1 cup water 1 pkg. dry onion mix

3 cups shredded cheese

Mix water, butter, and onion mix together. Layer potatoes into a greased 9x13-inch baking dish. Pour mixture over potatoes. Bake at 350\* for 45 minutes or till fork tender. Sprinkle cheese over top and bake 10 minutes longer.

# Music Notes & FIFTHER



#### Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus 1858

Dudley Tyng served as his father's assistant at Philadelphia's Church of the Epiphany and was elected its pastor when his father retired in 1854. He was only 29 when he succeeded his father at this large Episcopal Church, and at first it seemed a great fit. But the honeymoon ended when Dudley began vigorously preaching against slavery. Loud complaints rose from the more conservative members, resulting in Dudley's resignation in 1856.

He and his followers organized the Church of the Covenant elsewhere in the city, and his reputation grew. He began noontime Bible studies at the YMCA, and his ministry reached far beyond his own church walls. Dudley had a burden for leading husbands and fathers to Christ, and he helped organize a great rally to reach men.

On Tuesday, March 30, 1858, five thousand men gathered. As Dudley looked over the sea of faces, he felt overwhelmed. "I would rather this right arm were amputated at the trunk than that I should come short of my duty to you in delivering God's message," he told the crowd.

Over a thousand men were converted that day.

Two weeks later Dudley was visiting in the countryside, watching a corn-thrasher in the barn. His hand moved too close to the machine and his

sleeve was snared. His arm was ripped from its socket, the main artery got severed. Four days later his right arm was amputated close to the shoulder. When it appeared he was dying, Dudley told his aged father: "Stand up for Jesus, father, and tell my brethren of the ministry to stand up for Jesus."

Rev. George Duffield of Philadelphia's Temple Presbyterian Church was deeply stirred by Dudley's funeral, and the following Sunday he preached from Ephesians 6:14 about standing firm for Christ. He read a poem he had written, inspired by Dudley's words:

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, / Ye soldiers of the cross; / Lift high His royal Banner, / It must not suffer loss.

The editor of a hymnal heard the poem, found appropriate music, and published it. "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" soon became one of America's favorite hymns, extending Dudley's dying words to millions.