



## CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS FROM JUNE, 2023

**OLD BUSINESS:** - 2 office chairs have been bought.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. **Worship and Music** – Service is good. Sharing the peace again.
2. **Parish Education**- 30 children attending Bible School this week, June 12-16, 2023. Bible school will be held at the church on Friday, June 16, 2023, and the children will have a program at 11:00a.m.
3. **Stewardship and Evangelism** - August 19, 2023, Community Day at the Gratz Park.
4. **Social Ministry** – A freezer was donated by the Millersburg Moose. In need of pasta, pasta sauce and instant mashed potatoes for the food bank.
5. **Youth** – Will soon be preparing for the Church Wide Youth Gathering that will be held in 2024 in New Orleans.
6. **Church Property** – Light bulbs need changed in the basement.
7. **Budget and Finance** - None.
8. **Fellowship** –Tupperware orders will soon begin for the month of July. More information will be provided.
9. **Mutual Ministry** – NONE.

**New Business** – Discussion held regarding the terms of Church Council Members. Rally Day will be held on September 10, 2023. Motion to change the September council meeting to September 14, 2023 made by Pastor Lindsey, seconded by Darlene Novinger. Approved.

**The Pastor's Time** – Pastor Lindsey thanked the Council for the new chairs. Lena Schwartz has passed away. Funeral will be held on Wednesday, June 21, 2023.

**Open Discussion** – Bill Reed asked if anyone in the church office would be willing to take over the church website and facebook page. Discussion was held. Pastor Lindsey will talk with Timothy Ferster about taking over the website and facebook page. Susan Krause asked about the status of the removal of the flagstone. Lynn Schadle will contact the individual that was interested in the flagstone.

### **2023 GIVING**

\$61,934.68

### **2023 EXPENSES**

\$70,051.94

**Difference between YTD Giving & YTD Expenses \$-8,117.26**  
{For General Operating Fund}

### **CHRISTMAS IN JULY**

We will again be celebrating Christmas in July and collecting toys and monetary gifts to donate to the Upper Dauphin Human Services in Lykens. So when you're out doing your shopping and see that toy on sale or clearance pick it up and bring it to church to donate it to a worthy cause & help keep the CHRIST in CHRISTMAS. 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 donations.



## “VOICE OF SIMEON” RADIO MINISTRY SPONSORS

### JULY 2023

**July 2** – Buffington/Reed Funeral Home

**July 9** – Willing Workers

**July 16**– Bellevue Bees

**July 23** – Deppen’s Farm

**July 30** –

### AUGUST 2023

**August 6** – Buffington/Reed Funeral Home

**August 13** – Willing Workers

**August 20** – James A. Reed Funeral Home

**August 27** – 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 and Thank You.

### ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE FOOD BANK

Instant mashed potatoes, pasta, & spaghetti sauce.

### DAILY DEVOTIONALS

The Daily Devotionals for July-September, 2023 are available in the narthex.

Pick yours up or have someone get them for you.

### BOYER’S MARKET

Please remember to use your keychain tags when shopping at Boyer’s Market. Show it to the cashier when checking out. Simeon receives a 1% rebate on purchases. Keychain tags are available in the narthex if you do not have one. Thank You.



MORE BIBLE SCHOOL PICTURES WILL BE IN THE SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

## SERVING IN JULY, AUGUST, & SEPTEMBER

JULY 2, 2023  
6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST w/  
HOLY COMMUNION

GREETER: Doris Flynn  
READER: Cameron Smeltz  
USHER: John Novinger  
GLASSES: Doris Flynn                      ALTAR: Lynn Schadle

JULY 9, 2023  
7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST

GREETER: Matt Ferster  
READER: Lynn Schadle

JULY 16, 2023  
8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST

GREETER: John Novinger  
READER: Jean Perkins

JULY 23, 2023  
9<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST

GREETER: Leah Schade  
READER: Sharon Erdman

JULY 30, 2023  
10<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST

GREETER: Virginia Moore  
READER: Doris Flynn

AUGUST 6, 2023  
11<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST w/  
HOLY COMMUNION

GREETER: Cameron Smeltz  
READER: Samantha Boyer  
USHER: Mike Hartman  
GLASSES: Jean Perkins                      ALTAR: Sharon Erdman

AUGUST 13, 2023  
12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST

GREETER: Susan Krause  
READER: Becky Hoover

AUGUST 20, 2023  
13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST

GREETER: Jenny Sracic  
READER: Mike Hartman

AUGUST 27, 2023  
14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST

GREETER: Darlene Novinger  
READER: Jenny Sracic

SEPTEMBER 3, 2023  
15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST w/  
HOLY COMMUNION

GREETER: Anna Coleman  
READER: Dennis Barge  
USHER: Matt Ferster  
GLASSES: Linda Koppenhaver                      ALTAR: John Novinger

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023  
16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST

GREETER: Dave Strohecker  
READER: John Novinger

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023  
17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST

GREETER: Lynn Schadle  
READER: Virginia Moore

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023  
18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST

GREETER: Dennis Barge  
READER: Tracy Bixler

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### JULY

**Sunday, July 2** - Worship Service w/Holy Communion

**Tuesday, July 4 – INDEPENDENCE DAY**

**Saturday, July 8** - Food Bank Open, 9-11 a.m.

**Sunday, July 9** - Worship Service

**Sunday, July 16** - Worship Service

**Sunday, July 23** - Worship Service

**Sunday, July 30** - Worship Service / Christmas in July Sunday w/ blessing of gifts

### AUGUST

**Sunday, August 6** - Worship Service w/Holy Communion

**Saturday, August 12** - Food Bank Open, 9-11 a.m.

**Sunday, August 13** - Worship Service

**Thursday, August 17 - Council Meeting 7 p.m.**

**Friday, August 18 - Newsletter Deadline**

**Saturday, August 19** – Community Day at the Gratz Park

**Sunday, August 20** - Worship Service

**Sunday, August 27** - Worship Service

### SEPTEMBER

**Sunday, September 3** - Worship Service / Holy Communion

**Monday, September 4 – Labor Day**

**Saturday, September 9** - Food Bank Open, 9-11 a.m.

**Sunday, September 10– Rally Day/** Worship Service/ Church Picnic at Gratz Park

**Monday, September 11 – Patriot Day**

**Thursday, September 14 - Council Meeting 7 p.m.**

**Sunday, September 17** - Worship Service

**\*\*\*GRATZ FAIR WEEK SEPT. 17-23\*\*\***

**Friday, September 22 - Newsletter Deadline**

**Saturday, September 23 – First Day of Autumn**

**Sunday, September 24** - Worship Service

## THE FLOWER & BULLETIN

sponsor charts are in the narthex. Please help by sponsoring flowers or bulletins. If no one sponsors them the money comes out of the general fund which is not budgeted.

## PRAYER LIST

**Members-** Janet Rumfelt, Robert Snyder, Carol Koppenhaver, Barb Klinger, Clair & Vivian Engle, Jean Hess, David Hartman, Jim Neiswender, Kenneth Mace

**Polk Apartments-** Helen Michael, John Kissinger, Martha Koppenhaver, *Charles Schoffstall*

**Friends & Family-** *Dorothy Lettich Martin, Steve Dagen, Rahn Erdman, Marie Lahr, Christy Warfel, Jeff Latsha, Cheryl Schaffner, Dianna Leshner, Daniel Ferster, Jim Troutman*

# Chefs Corner

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## Raspberry Salad

2 small boxes raspberry Jell-O  
3oz pkg. softened cream cheese  
4 cups raspberries

3¼ cup hot water  
½ cup chopped pecans  
16oz cool whip

Combine 2 cups of hot water with 1 box of Jell-O, if using frozen raspberries you may use the juice but no more than 2 cups. Add the raspberries pour into a 9x13 inch pan and set aside to set. To the second box of Jell-O add the remaining 1¼ cups hot water. When partially set, mix, and add softened cream cheese. Stir in the cool whip and pecans. Spread over top the first layer and chill.

## Strawberry Pizza

1 tube sugar cookie dough  
1 tsp. vanilla  
1 jar strawberry glaze

1(8oz) pkg. softened cream cheese  
½ cup sugar  
4 cups sliced fresh strawberries

Pat cookie dough onto a jelly roll pan. Bake till done and watch closely so you don't get it to brown. Mix together sugar, vanilla, & cream cheese. Spread over top of cooled cookie dough. Place sliced strawberries on top and then cover with the jar of glaze. Chill and serve.

## Taco Pie

1 pkg. refrigerated crescent rolls  
1 lb. ground beef  
1 pkg. taco seasoning  
1 cup chopped tomato  
1 jar of salsa

1 cup sour cream  
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese  
1 cup chopped onion  
½ head shredded lettuce  
bag of corn chips

In a 9-inch greased pie pan press crescent rolls in bottom to make a crust to fit. In a skillet, brown ground beef and onion until done and add taco seasoning; drain. Cover pie crust with crushed corn chips (about 1 cup). Spoon meat over corn chips. Spread sour cream over meat. Top with cheese and more crushed corn chips. Bake at 350\* for 30-35 minutes. Serve topped with tomatoes, lettuce, and salsa.

## Pork Chop Dinner

4 large potatoes  
1 can cream of mushroom soup  
¼ can milk  
½ cup diced onion  
1 can drained French cut green beans

4 slices American cheese  
4 pork chops  
garlic salt  
salt & pepper to taste

Reserve 4Tbps. Soup. Combine remaining soup and milk. Add slice potatoes, onion, salt, & pepper to soup mix. Pour into a 9x9 greased dish. Place cheese slices on top and cover with the beans. Place pork chops on top of beans, sprinkle with garlic salt and cover with reserved soup. Cover & bake at 325\* for 1 hour & 30 minutes or till chops are done. Uncover the last 30 minutes.

# Music Notes



## The Star-Spangled Banner

O say, can you see, by the dawn's ear - ly light,

what so proud - ly we hailed at the twi - light's last gleam - ing,

whose broad stripes and bright stars through the per - il - ous fight,

o'er the ram - parts we watched, were so gal - lant - ly stream - ing?

Toward the morning of September 14, 1814, when it became clear that American forces had withstood the 25-hour bombardment, Francis Scott Key penned another hymn, scribbling it on the back of an envelope. The first stanza we all know, but have you ever sung the last stanza of “The Star-Spangled Banner”?

*Blest with victory and peace, may the heaven-rescued land  
Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation!  
Then conquer we must when our cause it is just.  
And this be our motto: “In God is our trust.”  
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.*

After sunrise, the British released Francis, and back in Baltimore he wrote out this hymn in fuller form and showed it to his brother-in-law who promptly gave it to a printer who ran off handbills for distribution on the streets. One copy landed in the hands of an unknown musician who adapted it to the tune “To Anacreon in Heaven.” So was born the patriotic hymn that was to become our national anthem.

## The Star-Spangled Banner 1814

It was a deadly September attack on America. Casualties on our own shores. The nation's capital targeted. The White House in danger. Terror. Heroes.

One hero was Francis, a Georgetown attorney heavily involved in national politics. An evangelical Christian, Francis taught Bible classes and witnessed boldly, once telling a friend in Congress, “Christ alone can save you from the sentence of condemnation.”

He also wrote hymns like this one:

*Lord, with glowing heart I'd praise Thee,/For  
the bliss Thy love bestows,/For the pardoning  
grace that saves me,/And the peace that from it  
flows;/Help, O God, my weak endeavor;/This  
dull soul to rapture raise; thou must light the  
flame, or never Can my love be warmed to  
praise.*

But nothing prepared Francis for the hostage-recovery mission he undertook at the request of the President of the United States. He was seeking the release of a prominent physician, Dr. Beanes, who had been taken captive. During that assignment he was detained by enemy troops and forced to watch a brutal assault on the eastern seaboard.

**Taken from the book “Then Sings My Soul” By Robert J. Morgan**

# Chefs Corner



## Sour Cream Coffee Cake

½ cup butter  
1 cup sugar  
1 cup sour cream  
1 tsp. vanilla

2 cups sifted flour  
1 tsp. baking soda  
1 egg

### Topping

1 cup flour  
½ cup sugar  
½ cup butter

Cream butter, sugar, & egg together, add dry ingredients to creamed mixture, alternating with sour cream and vanilla. Using a pastry blender to combine topping. Add topping and bake in a greased & floured 15½ x 10½ x 1 inch pan at 350\* for 20 minutes. Remove from oven and let cool. Drizzle with powdered sugar topping.

## Hamburger Casserole

1½ lb. hamburger (browned)  
1 pkg. egg noodles (cooked & drained)  
1 can peas (drained)  
1 can of sliced mushrooms  
2 cups shredded cheddar cheese

1 can cream of mushroom soup  
1 can cream of chicken soup  
2 cups sour cream  
salt & pepper to taste  
½ cup milk

Mix together the hamburger, noodles, soups, milk, sour cream, salt & pepper. Pour half into a 9x13inch baking dish, top with mushrooms and peas. Pour rest of mixture on top. Top with cheese and bake at 350\* for about 30-40 minutes or till bubbly and hot.

## Vegetable Lasagna

1½ jars of alfredo sauce  
lasagna noodles cooked  
1(16oz) ricotta cheese

4 cups mozzarella cheese  
6 cups chopped broccoli, cauliflower, & carrots  
2 eggs

In a 9x13 inch baking dish pour ¼ jar of alfredo in the bottom and spread around. Mix together the ricotta cheese and eggs. Next place a layer of noodles, 1/3 of the ricotta mixture 2 cups of the veg. mix and 1 cup of mozzarella cheese and ¼ jar of sauce. Repeat 2 more times topping with a layer of noodles, the rest of the sauce, and the last of the cheese. Bake at 350\* for about 40-45 minutes or till hot and bubbly.

## Cherry Delight

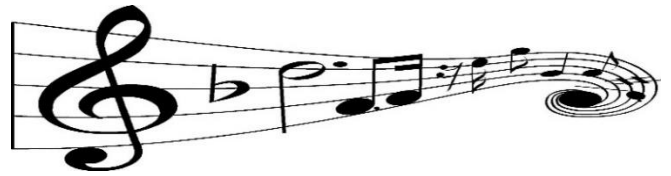
1 graham cracker crust  
8oz. cool whip  
1 can cherry pie filling

1 cup powdered sugar  
1 pkg. cream cheese

Beat cream cheese and powdered sugar till nice and creamy. Fold in cool whip. Pour into crust and chill for about 2 hours. Before serving top with pie filling.



# Music Notes



## What a Friend We Have in Jesus

1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?  
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer.

Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, oh, what need - less pain we bear,  
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?  
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.

all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a sol - ace there.

Ira Sankey later wrote:

*Until a short time before his death it was not known that he had a poetic gift. A neighbor, sitting up with him in his illness, happened upon a manuscript copy of "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." Reading it with great delight and questioning Mr. Scriven about it, he said that he had composed for his mother, to comfort her in a time of special sorrow, not intending that anyone else should see it. Some time later, when another Port Hope neighbor asked him if it was true he composed the hymn, his reply was. "The Lord and I did it between us."*

On October 10, 1896, Joseph became critically ill. In his delirium, he rose from his bed and staggered outdoors where he fell into a small creek and drowned at age 66. His grave was arranged so that his feet were opposite those of his lost love, Eliza Catherine Roche, that at the resurrection they might arise facing one another.

## What a Friend We Have in Jesus

1855

Joseph Scriven watched in shock as the body of his fiancée was pulled from the lake. Their wedding had been planned for the next day. Reeling from the tragedy, he made up his mind to immigrate to America. Packing up his belongings in Dublin, Ireland, he sailed for Canada, leaving his mother behind. He was 25 years old.

Ten years later, in 1855, he received word that his mother was facing a crisis. Joseph wrote this poem and sent it to her. Mrs. Scriven evidently gave a copy to a friend who had it published anonymously, and quickly became a popular hymn, though no one knew who had written it.

Meanwhile, Joseph fell in love again. But tragedy struck a second time when his bride, Eliza Catherine Roche, contracted tuberculosis and died in 1860 before their wedding could take place.

To escape his sorrow, Joseph poured himself into ministry, doing charity work for the Plymouth Brethren and preaching among the Baptists. He lived a simple, obscure life in Port Hope, Canada, cutting firewood for widows, giving away his clothes and money to those in need. He was described as "a man of short stature, with iron-gray hair, close-cropped beard, and light blue eyes that sparkled when he talked."

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## Little Hands Nursery School News

We had another GREAT year of preschool! Here are the highlights from each month:

We started things off in September as “chefs” at the Food Truck Party! 12 children in the Monday/Wednesday 3-year old class and 12 children in the Tuesday/Thursday 4-year old class donned their chef hats and aprons as we got on a “roll” with God! In each class, we whipped up a daily serving of “our daily bread” as we learned that God provides all our needs! It was an awesome beginning, and we’re still singing the theme song!

In October, our first topic was fire prevention and safety. We also learned about the number to dial in an emergency. Then we talked about leaves, apples, pumpkins, and all things autumn. The month ended with our Halloween parties and a fun parade of costumes around the sanctuary!

After talking about the Solar System and our 5 Senses, November was a month for giving thanks! As is our tradition, throughout the month, we talked about sharing what we have to help others, and the children brought in money to drop in our “Giving Bank”. This year we again gave our money to the Gratz Food Bank, our biggest donation ever!! We finished the month with our annual Thanksgiving Feast done “Little Hands” style!

Christmas and Jesus’ birthday were the topics of conversation in December! And, Santa HIMSELF even made an appearance at our end of year Christmas parties! It was a fantastic first half of our school year!

January was all about Winter and Snow! We had a parachute blizzard, had an indoor snowball fight, made indoor snowmen....we even played on glaciers! It was a month of frozen fun!!

In February, our classroom thawed-out with talk of love and friendship! We also talked about keeping our teeth healthy (tell those cavity bugs to “get out ‘a town”) and loose teeth. The “Tooth Fairy” paid us a visit too!

March was a CRAZY month with “The Cat in the Hat” and those pesky Leprechauns making clandestine visits to our classroom and tearing the place apart! We also had “Pet Week” and some critters came in to visit us! Just when you thought it couldn’t get any better, the month ended with one of our favorite activities-the “Pajama Party”! We had a ROARING good time all month long!

Along with talking of spring, keeping God’s world beautiful and recycling, April’s big topic was the Easter story, and the new life Jesus brings. Our preschoolers LOVE to hear and help tell the story of Jesus’ death and resurrection! And I think the halls are still ringing with the words of our favorite song, “Jesus Lives”!!

In May, our last month of school, we had a lot of fun activities including a visit from the Gratz Fair Queen; “Chutes and Bubbles” day; a “Mystery” Play date; Beach Day; and a day at the Gratz Park on the last days of school. For the first time in 3 years, we were able to have our Moving-Up Program and Graduation Program indoors in the sanctuary! It was nice to get back to “normal” and the parents always enjoy seeing their children perform!

It has been another FANTASTIC school year and we are blessed with wonderful children and amazing families!! We look forward to more fun and learning opportunities as I begin my 20<sup>th</sup> year at Little Hands!! It all started when I told Pastor Ridge, “I’ll give it a try.....”!

Wishing you all a wonderful summer!!

Miss Laurie and Miss Vicki

# OUR GRADUATING SENIOR'S High School



Cale Welker  
Penn Tech



Isaac Hepler  
Penn Tech



Tyler Murray  
Messiah College



Remington Schlegel  
Thaddeus Stevens



Alexander Hepler  
Lebanon Valley College



Sadie Sitlinger  
Penn State



Sarah Smeltz  
Hacc Classes

# OUR GRADUATING SENIOR'S College



## Brock Edward Welker

Brock Welker graduated on May 5th from Penn State with a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering with a minor in Off Road Machines. He was part of the Penn State Pullers tractor club, and competed in Peoria, Ill. in the beginning of June, where his team placed 11th. Brock is now working for Big B Manufacturing.

## Reagan Little

Reagan Little graduated with a bachelor of science degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders from Lebanon Valley College on May 13th. She graduated summa cum laude and with Phi Alpha Epsilon honors. She is continuing her education at Lebanon Valley College to pursue her Master's degree in Speech-Language Pathology. During her time at LVC, she participated in a variety of service opportunities, including two service trips. In addition, she co-created and led Girls Are..., a social group for middle school-aged girls that teaches empowerment and confidence. In the upcoming year, she will have a medical placement at Lehigh Valley Hospital in Pottsville and a school placement at Tri-Valley School District. After receiving her Master's degree, she hopes to find employment at a school district working with elementary-aged students.

