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Dear church friends and family,

When you are stressed out, who do you turn to? When things are overwhelming, who do you go to? I remember a time when I was entirely too stressed out and too busy. I was preparing to send in my papers for commissioning (the step before ordination). It was over 100 pages of dense theology, and it had to be perfect. I was told even a few spelling errors could lead to rejection. Boy, I was stressed! So I ended up calling my mother and we had a chat for a bit. She helped me to calm down. She encouraged me, saying that my work was enough, that God was with me, it was time to trust God's work and submit the papers.

As we round out another month of summer, and as valley day approaches, I am reminded of how busy so many of us are. Sometimes overwhelmingly so. Some of us are stressed too, stretching the limits of our faith. Summer feels like it is the time of vacation; the time to take it easy. But we know reality is often not so kind.

In this time of business and stress, I am reminded of a scripture that comforts me. Matthew 14 tells the story of the disciples on the stormy waters of the Sea of Galilee. The disciples were facing a stormy sea, like many of us are now. Even when they saw Jesus, they were still afraid. But this is what Jesus said to them, and to you (Matthew 14:27-31 CEB): Just then Jesus spoke to them, "Be encouraged! It's me. Don't be afraid." 28 Peter replied, "Lord, if it's you, order me to come to you on the water." 29 And Jesus said, "Come." Then Peter got out of the boat and was walking on the water toward Jesus. 30 But when Peter saw the strong wind, he became frightened. As he began to sink, he shouted, "Lord, rescue me!" 31 Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him, saying, "You man of weak faith! Why did you begin to have doubts?"

In this time, if you are struggling, I think Jesus is saying to you "Be encouraged, don't be afraid." Christ is out on the choppy waters with us. He invites us to step on the stormy sea with him, saying "come." Peter trusted that Jesus would be with him on the storm sea. When he trusted God, Jesus helped him stay above the waves and stood there with him. When Peter began to doubt and sank below the waves, Jesus caught him as well. Today God invites you to trust that God will be with you in stormy seas and shaky ground. Whether you are already feeling like you are on shaky ground, or God is calling you to do something that is hard, that might be a little out of your comfort zone, God is there with you in those stormy waters.

And if you feel like you are sinking. If you are doubting and your faith is wavering, then I have no doubt that like Peter, God will catch you. I know many of us in the church are feeling overwhelmed lately. And I hope your faith in God and the presence of Christ has kept you above water. But for many who are overwhelmed, who are starting to sink, Jesus is reaching out his hand to you now.

I want to give you all this word of encouragement in these busy, stressful, and overwhelming times. When you are facing too much, trust in God, and let Jesus keep you above the waves. Pray, and talk to somebody about it, because God often speaks through God's people here on earth.

May the peace of God be with you in these busy times,
Pastor Graham

Lectionary

August 07

9th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

Psalms 50:1-8, 22-23 (UMH 783)

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Luke 12:32-40

August 28

12th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 2:4-13

Psalms 81:1, 10-16 (UMH 803)

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Luke 14:1, 7-14

August 14

10th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalms 80:1-2, 8-19 (UMH 801)

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Luke 12:49-56

August 21

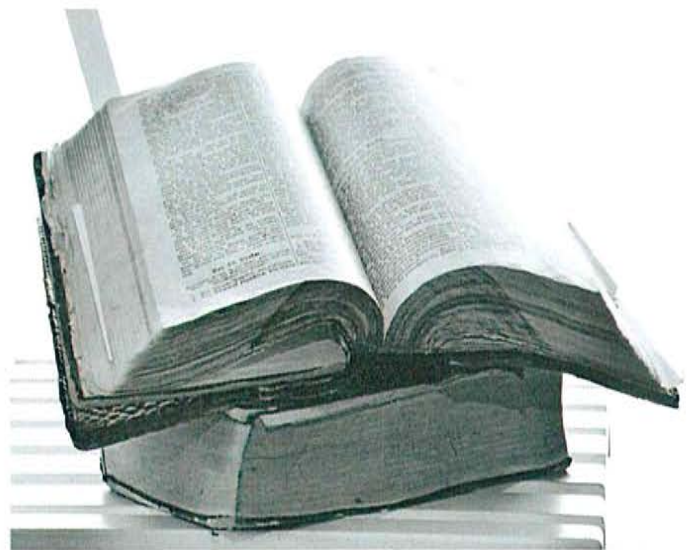
11th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalms 71:1-6 (UMH 794)

Hebrews 12:18-29

Luke 13:10-17



Valley Interfaith Council Prayer List

Please pray for the following in your daily devotions.

Kayla Baucum, Geof Blackner, Edee Boyer, Irene and Robert Burger, Carol Chyko, Marie Colihan, Pastor Tom Cvammen, Arty Deis, Edna Drum, Janette Eckrote, Collette Eskin, Mike Fellin, Jennifer Flores, Food Pantry Families, Barbara Gavel, Irene Healey, Connie Hofmann, Theresa Howley, Mary and Robert Kisansky, Aggie Kisenweather, Rose Luethy, Mark and Theresa Marinock, Christine and David Matthey, Maureen Susa, Valerie Sutton, Frank Tarselli, Marilyn Tedesco, Josh Wagner, Jacqueline Walker, Marie Waschko, Ron Eckrote, Kaylee Barbush, Gil Bittenbender, Glenn Kirschner, June Blamey, Arleen Costello, Evie Weaver, Rob Lockwood, Carl Roberts, all cancer patients, our military, anyone with COVID, and the Ukraine/Russia situation.

Please pray daily for your church, its leaders and staff, Pastor Graham Truscott, the Red Bird Mission Clinic, the Red Bird Mission School, the Salvation Army, United Children's Homes, Rev. Joanne Young of the Hazleton Enlarged Ministry and the Hazleton/Valley Mission Connection. Also, pray for the leaders of our country and military personnel.

August Birthdays

01-Aug	Bruce Hilliard
04-Aug	Sloane Hughes
06-Aug	Thomas Burns
06-Aug	Josh Flaim
10-Aug	Bryce Radzwich
10-Aug	Malcolm Wiley
12-Aug	Darryl Cara
14-Aug	Kathryn Healey
17-Aug	Brennan Malenovitch
18-Aug	Jonathan DeBalko
19-Aug	Richard Piacenti
19-Aug	Eric Legg
23-Aug	Cody Bannon
27-Aug	Sharon Kalinchok
28-Aug	Mia Cundro
28-Aug	Rena Bicking
30-Aug	Tamara Huey
31-Aug	Christine Hilliard

August Anniversaries

08 Aug Robert and Sharon Kalinchok



September Birthdays

09/05	Ingemar Dalstad
09/10	Gary Skuba
09/11	Jessica Washick
09/13	Halzy Yost
09/14	Heidi Klein
09/16	Billie Shaffer
09/21	Alexandria Lilley
09/22	Sally Kijanka
09/23	Carl Flaim
09/24	Thomas Wiley
09/28	Eamon Wiley
09/29	Robert Kalinchok

September Anniversaries

09/06	Dr. Robert and Rita Washick
09/12	Rodney and Jill Hawk
09/30	Jay and Julie Morgan

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

worship in the park



Our Annual **Worship and Picnic in the Park** will take place, on **August 7th**. Worship Service at 10:30 am as usual then potluck lunch afterward, so bring your favorite dish to share with everyone. The Church will provide the paper products.

Join us for fun and fellowship!

Join us for our 2nd pool party on **Thursday, August 4th @ 6:00 pm**. Then on **Friday, August 12th** we are having a **Pool Party @ 6:30 pm**, followed by a movie night. If you are not a CVCO member the church will pay for your admission. Invites friends, neighbors, and new neighbors you may have met at the block party.

**POOL
PARTY**

All are welcome!

BAZAAR PLANNING MEETING

There will be a planning meeting for the Bazaar on **August 8th @ 6:00 pm**. We will need everyone to help out before and after the Bazaar to make it a success. This year we will be in need of craft items for the Craft Sale, so, if possible, start working on your crafts. Also, we need someone willing to take on the Basket Auction for the Bazaar. If this is something you would like to organize, please see Mary Lou. Start working on your baskets for the Auction now.



I look forward to seeing you on the 8th.

Mary Lou



Fall Rummage Sale

Get your fall cleaning done, clean out those closets, basements, and your attics. Donate all your "stuff" to the church for the sale.

Set up will be August 15th, 16th, and 17th.

The dates of the sale will be Thursday, August 18th, Friday, August 19th, and Saturday, August 20th.

Sign-up sheets are in the Social Hall.

Mark your calendars and start cleaning!

If you have any questions, please contact Joann Mumie @ (570) 974-3394.



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*Will sponsor a few family friendly events,
all are welcome to join us!*

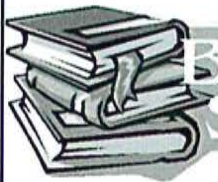
****Pool Party at the CVCO Pool on Thursday,
August 4th at 6:00 pm.**

****Pool Party and Movie (*The Prince of Egypt*)
in the Park on Friday, August 12th starting at
6:30 pm**

****Movie Night in the Park on Saturday,
August 27th at 7:46 pm. Showing (*Zootopia*)!**

****Movie (*Despicable Me*) Night in the Park on
Friday, September 2nd at 7:35 pm.**

Join us for some free summer fun!



Book Sale

SOMETHING NEW AT THE BOOK SALE

Mark your calendars. The Book Sale will be held on Friday and Saturday, October 7th & 8th. Both days will be from 9 AM until 2 PM.

THIS YEAR WE ARE ADDING SOMETHING EXCITING.

At this point, we have a commitment from DENISE KAMINSKY, author of CHILDREN'S BOOKS. Mrs. Kaminsky is from State College and has agreed to be on site to sell and sign books that she has written about the Nittany Lion. All of the books are easy read and nicely illustrated. This is the time to buy a book for a special child.

In addition, we are hoping to get a local author to be here. Many of us are not aware but there are numerous authors in our area with published books. It is exciting for us to be able to support them in their endeavors. Our plan is to set them up in the Narthex and then folks can proceed into the social hall where they will be able to buy hardcovers for \$1 and paperbacks for fifty cents. (There may be some exceptions because some books have a value.)

We will be setting up for the sale on Tuesday and Wednesday. There will be sign-up sheets in the social hall in September. We will be accepting donations of books 2 weeks prior to the event.

If you have any questions, see Billie or Beverly.

*****Volunteers are needed to help with the Nursery.**

Please contact Brittany or the Church office.

Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Discount Coupons

Purchase your Boscov's coupon now to receive a discount off your purchases on October 19th.

Please consider taking some to sell to your friends, buy them as gifts.

The coupon is good for 25% off most goods but there are some exceptions.

See Paula Piacenti or Heidi in the church office for the \$5.00 coupon that is good at all Boscov's stores. We need folks to sell passes at Boscov's, there is a sign-up sheet in the social hall with times.



FOOD PANTRY NEWS

Just a friendly reminder, the pantry cannot give out expired items. **We are in need of bar soap.** Items can be placed in the shopping cart in the Social Hall



Our TAG Group needs a leader! We are hoping someone steps up to the plate to lead the great group of teens. If this is something you think you would enjoy, please talk to Pastor Graham.

You can now make contributions to our church through a mobile app!

To get started, download **Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement** for free from the App Store or Google Play. Simply search for "**Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement**" to quickly find and download the app today. Find our church by searching for Conyngham. Then you can easily make donations directly from your smartphone using your debit/credit card or checking/savings account. We hope you enjoy this new way to contribute to our ministry and thank you for your continued support.



AUGUST FLOWERS

Aug 07-Worship Committee will have flowers for Worship in the Park.

Aug 14-The Cara Family will give a donation to the General Fund.

Aug 21-The Cara Family will give a donation to the General Fund.

Aug 28-Pamela Croughn will have flowers in memory of her sister, Debi Hunter.



July 29, 2022

Dear Members of CUMC and Missions Committee,

Thank you for your continued support, your generous gift of \$177.42 will help us feed healthy food, (and cookies), this summer to the children and their families. You are a blessing to so many people!

Very appreciatively,

Your Valley Food Pantry Volunteers

United Charities, Inc./United Children's Home
107 Madison Avenue
West Hazleton, PA 18202
Phone (570) 455-1529 FAX (570) 455-0772

July 25, 2022

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Attn: Pastor Graham

Dear Pastor Graham and Parishioners:

Please accept our deepest thanks and appreciation for your generous monetary donation to United Charities. Your generosity is so deeply appreciated and truly demonstrates your commitment to the community and the agency.

Thank you again. Your thoughtfulness and kindness will always be remembered.

Sincerely,
Jill Zapotocky, BS
Executive Director

JZ/jc

Donation: \$177.42



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For with God nothing shall be impossible. Luke 1:37



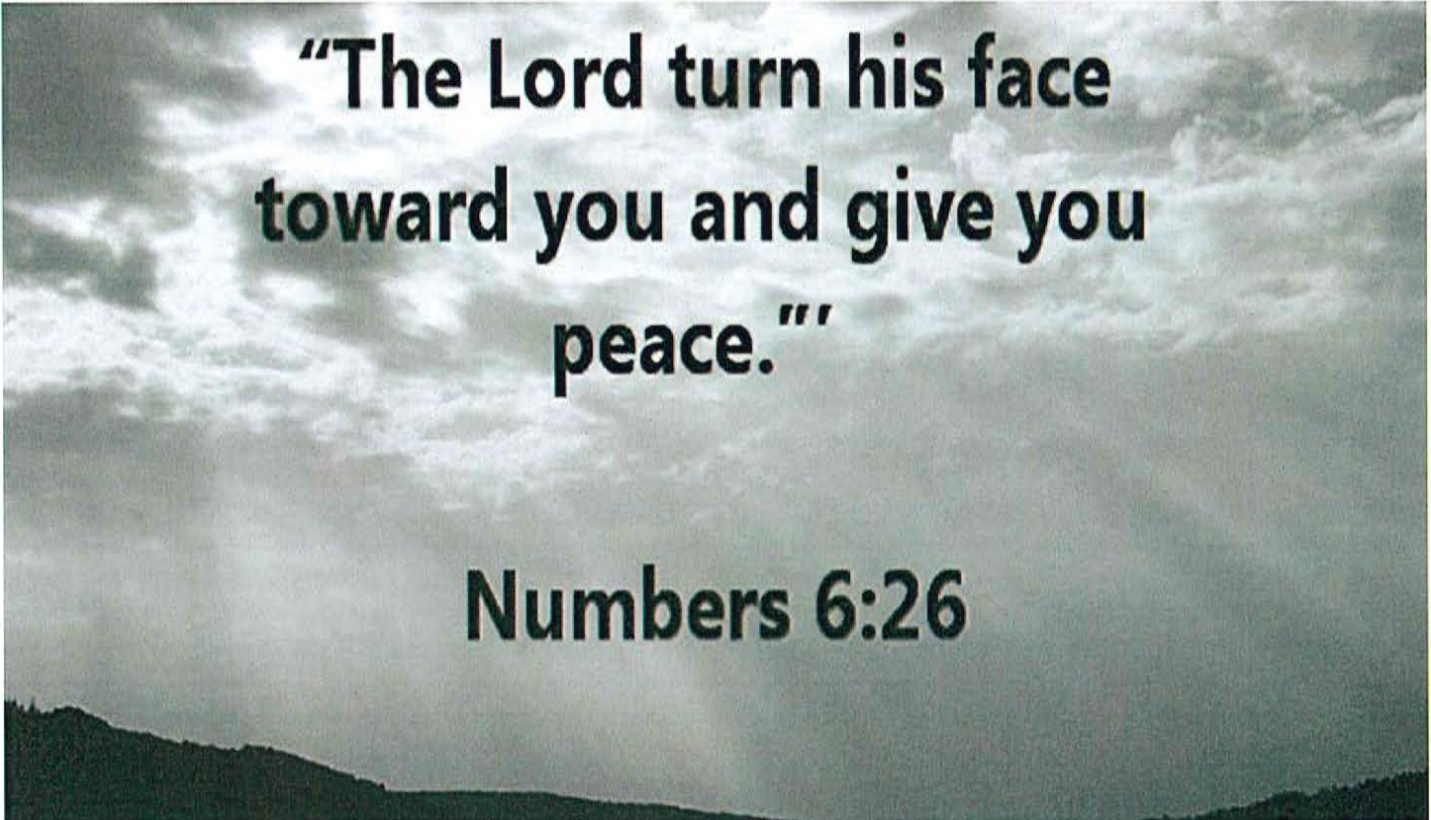
Conyngham Valley Historical Society Proudly Presents:

"The Two Of Us"

Sunday, August 14th

In a concert at the Gazebo

The concert will begin at 6 PM and is free and open to the public. The Gazebo is located on the grounds of the Conyngham Borough Building, 215 Main Street, Conyngham, Bring your blankets and chairs for an evening of great music. A "free-will" collection will be taken to help defray the costs.



**"The Lord turn his face
toward you and give you
peace."**

Numbers 6:26

August 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6:00pm Zumba Class	2 6:00pm Zumba Class 6:30pm Church Council Meeting	3	4 6:00pm Spanish Class 6:00pm Pool Party at CVCO Pool	5	6
7 10:30am Worship and Picnic in the Park	8 6:00pm Zumba Class 6:00pm Bazaar Planning Meeting	9 5:30pm Trustees Meeting 6:00pm Zumba Class	10 6:30pm Christian Conversations	11 9:30am Plastic Mat Ministry 6:00pm Spanish Class	12 6:30pm Pool Party and Movie Night	13
14 10:30am Worship Service	15 Set Up for Rummage Sale 6:00pm Zumba Class	16 Set Up for Rummage Sale 6:00pm Zumba Class	17 Set Up for Rummage Sale	18 9:00am Rummage Sale 6:00pm Spanish Class	19 9:00am Rummage Sale	20 8:00am Rummage Sale
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The Conyngham United Methodist Church

Inspiring People to Love and Serve God

Pastor

Lay Leader

Sunday School Superintendent:

Administrative Assistant

Graham Truscott

Kate Flaim

Sunday School Worship Team

Heidi Klein

Vision Statement

Conyngham United Methodist Church is a Christ centered, warm and caring congregation which welcomes, nurtures, and equips people to follow Jesus Christ. As servants of the Gospel, we value the essentials of Holy Scripture, joyful praise, prayer and worship and developing personal faith in Jesus Christ. We accomplish this through a dynamic musical ministry, exciting youth programs, inspiring young adult and adult programs, fellowship of small groups, outreach to the community, strength through personal support, and the shared ministry of our laity and its pastor. We realize all this by being a church where God's Holy Word is a source of nourishment and strength.

You are cordially invited to worship with us.

Sunday School for all ages begins at 9:15 am

Our Worship Service begins at 10:30 am.

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