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**August 2023**

Dear Church Friends and Family,

When I was in seminary, I lived with 4 other people in a house next to campus together. After everybody had gotten home each day, I would always ask each of them a question: how was your day? It seems like a simple question at first, doesn't it? But we were all so busy back then that the answers were always less than simple. After we were all done sharing, usually an hour had passed by. I look back fondly on answering that question with my housemates. Taking the time to answer that question together was how we all stayed connected even though we were all so busy with different things. It was how we abided with one another.

We talk a lot in our Christian journeys about making a difference and having an impact. That is so, so important because God does want to transform us and the world in Jesus' love. But sometimes we don't talk a lot about what and who causes that transformation. Here are Jesus' words on that very subject: <sup>4</sup> Abide in me, and I will abide in you. A branch can't produce fruit by itself, but must abide in the vine. Likewise, you can't produce fruit unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup> I am the vine; you are the branches. If you abide in me and I in you, then you will produce much fruit. Without me, you can't do anything. (Luke 15:4-5).

Abide in me. That is Jesus' invitation to transformation. Abide means to live, but often with a stronger and deeper sense. It means to dwell, to constantly be with or be in the company of Jesus. I almost like to imagine a sponge that is constantly soaking up Jesus. Or you can think of a tree and its branches. The branches abide with the tree. The branches soak up nutrients from the tree trunk and grow. That is the kind of relationship Jesus invites us to have with him. Jesus invites us to soak him up and be filled with him. When we do that, Jesus says we will bear fruit, that relationship with Jesus will impact our lives and the lives of others around us. God's love will transform. As we become closer to Jesus we become more like Jesus.

It's similar to what I had with my housemates back in seminary. We took time each day to fill our lives with each other, if only for an hour. We abided. That practice each day helped us to grow closer to one another. And it brought us joy. Sometimes, it even helped us solve a few problems we were having. It made a difference for all of us. In the same way, if you are looking for Jesus to impact your life, your church's, your neighborhood's, your community's life, then you need to abide. Take time to fill yourself with Jesus.

If you don't know where to start, look to Methodism's three simple rules. 1 Do no harm. 2 Do good. Jesus says those who obey his teachings abide in his love (John 15:9-10). 3. Stay in love with God. What you do to stay in love with friends or family, do that with God. Spend time talking to God. Spend time walking with God, or laughing with God. Take communion and worship to connect with God. Get to know Jesus better and deeper by studying the Bible or talking to others about God. And if you're really stuck, come and talk to me or somebody else at church, and we'll figure it out together. Whatever you do, abide with Jesus. Soak up Jesus, and see how, as Jesus says our joy is made complete in our life changing relationship with Jesus. Amen.

Peace,  
Pastor Graham

# Lectionary

## 06—August

### 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 32:22-31  
Psalms 17:1-7, 15 (UMH 749)  
Romans 9:1-5  
Matthew 14:13-21

## 13—August

### 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28  
Psalms 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b (UMH 828)  
Romans 10:5-15  
Matthew 14:22-23

## 20—August

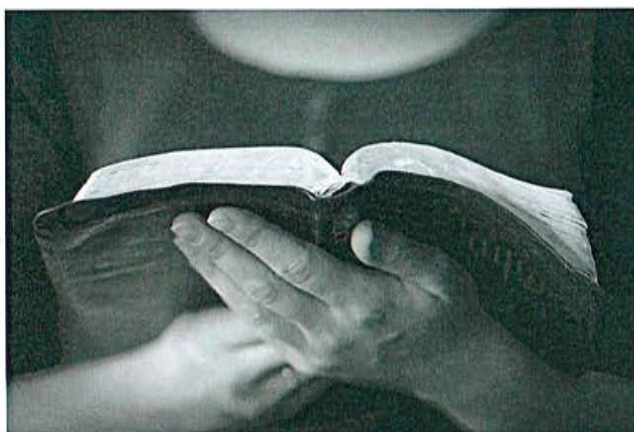
### 12 Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 45:1-15  
Psalms 133 (UMH 850)  
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32  
Matthew 15:(10-20), 21-28

## 27—August

### 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 1:1-8-2:10  
Psalms 124 (UMH 846)  
Romans 12:1-8  
Matthew 16:13-20



## Valley Interfaith Council Prayer List

Please pray for the following in your daily devotions.

Kayla Baucum, Edee Boyer, Kaylee Barbush, Gil Bittenbender, June Blamey, Joanne Mumie, Irene and Robert Burger Family, Pastor Tom Cvammen, Arty Deis, Janette Eckrote, Ron Eckrote, Collette Eskin, Mike Fellin, Jennifer Flores, Food Pantry Families, Barbara Gavel, Irene Healey, Ron Hofmann, Theresa Howley, Glen Kirshner, Mary and Robert Kisansky, Aggie Kisenweather, Rose Luethy, Mark and Theresa Marinock, Cristina and David Matthey, Kim Murphy, Carl Roberts, Danny Sampson, Carol Siewell, Maureen Susa, Valerie Sutton, Marilyn Tedesco, Jacqueline Walker, Marie Waschko, all cancer and COVID patients, our military personnel, as well as leaders of our country, the Russia/Ukraine situation, families of addicts, Clyde Van Horn, Pat Ferrari, Jay Wetzel, Ediw Larsen, Madelyn Lawson, Fred Polmounter, Larry Generose, Mary Lou Legg, Kyle, Don Zufall, Dorothy Stotomeyer and the Kelly Family.

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, Hazleton Enlarged Ministry, Heartwood Center and the Hazleton/Valley Mission

## 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

09/07	Michael Fabrizio
09/10	Gary Skuba
09/11	Jessica Washick
09/13	Halcy Yost
09/14	Heidi Klein
09/16	Billie Shaffer
09/21	Alexandria Lilley
09/22	Sally Rijanka
09/23	Carl Flaim
09/24	Thomas Wiley
09/28	Eamon Wiley
09/29	Robert Kalinchok
09/30	Scott Phillips

## 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



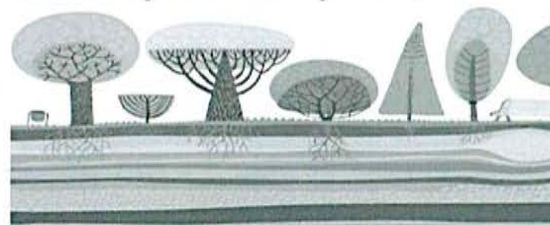
### Plastic Mat Ministry

Once again our Plastic Mat Ministry is in need of clean plastic bags! Please save them and drop them off at the church. They are used to make plastic mats for the homeless.

**Our Annual Worship and Picnic in the Park** will take place, on **August 6<sup>th</sup>**. 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!*

worship in the park



### Luncheon

When: August 16th

Time: 12:30pm

Where: Antonio's Breakfast  
Words

Secret Sister

# POOL PARTY

Join us for a **Pool Party/Outdoor Movie Night** on **Friday, August 11th @ 6:00 pm** and again on **Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

*All are welcome!*

### Church Meetings:

***We have two church meetings coming up to address questions and curiosities of the congregation.***

\*\*The first will be Pastor Graham's full report from Annual Conference. He will share what was voted on, what was approved, how these things will affect us, and other things he saw and experienced at Annual Conference in May. This meeting will be **August 13 at noon**, in the social hall, right after worship. Bring a lunch and the pastor will also provide snacks.

\*\*The second meeting will be to continue to update people about what is going on in the larger United Methodist Denomination. This will be a time to answer any questions or concerns, as well as to talk openly about our feelings regarding what is going on in the denomination. This meeting will be on **Saturday August 26 at 3pm in the social hall.**



# RUMMAGE SALE



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**Thursday, August 24th 9:00 am-3:00 pm**

**Friday, August 25th 9:00 am-3:00 pm**

**Saturday, August 26th 8:00 am-12 noon**

We have something for everyone, clothing,  
household items, toys, etc.



**Christian Conversations**  
will begin again on  
**Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at  
6:30pm.**

This Bible Study focuses on  
responding to current  
events by turning to the Bi-  
ble. All are welcome to join!

#### Heartwood Center News:

Thursday morning hike/nature walks have been put on hold for now, there was a transportation issue. When we figure out our next step, we will be sure to let you know! **Also, we are looking for folks willing to make some food for us to serve once a month. (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month)** We usually serve around 25 people. Main dish, a side or two and a dessert. **For August we are looking for sides and a dessert.** It's a great way to be a part of this wonderful ministry. If you can help with food, please contact Heidi @ 570-233-0273 or church office.



#### CHRISMON CRAFT MAKING!

We have been busy beading, painting, gluing, etc. and learning all about what each symbol means and the history behind it. Come out and join us for our final class On Wednesday, August 23rd. You do not have to be crafty, we have something for everyone!

Just wait till you see the Church Christmas Tree this year!



# BOOK SALE

**BOOK SALE & AUTHOR SIGNING 2023 - October 4-5-6**

All through August and September we will be sorting the books into categories.

**October 4<sup>th</sup>** - Tables will be set up and the paperback & hardcopy books will be categorized by author.

... Other categories also arranged

... Signs already made

**October 5<sup>th</sup>** - Sale hours will be from noon until 5 PM

**October 6<sup>th</sup>** - Sale hours will be from 10 AM until 2 PM

**October 6<sup>th</sup>** - All remain books will be boxed up and removed from building, tables taken down and social hall swept.

Help needed all three days.

## August Worship Leaders

### August 6

Greeter: Rodney Hawk  
Head Usher: The DeBalko Family  
Liturgist: Barry Jones  
Singer: Carrie Joy Wiley  
Children's Message: Carrie Joy Wiley  
Sound Board: Wiley Family  
Acolyte: Malcolm Wiley

### August 13

Greeter: Rodney Hawk  
Head Usher: The DeBalko Family  
Liturgist: Tammy McCauley  
Singer: Denise Wetzell  
Children's Message: Billie Shaffer  
Sound Board: Wiley Family  
Acolyte: Hazel DeBalko

### August 20

Greeter: Rodney Hawk  
Head Usher: The DeBalko Family  
Liturgist: Jean Luchi  
Singer: Joe Racho  
Children's Message: Kate Flaim  
Sound Board: Wiley Family  
Acolyte: Freddy Jacob

### August 27

Greeter: Rodney Hawk  
Head Usher: The DeBalko Family  
Liturgist: Eamon Wiley  
Singer: Carrie Joy Wiley  
Children's Message: Chris Gogola  
Sound Board: Wiley Family  
Acolyte: Eamon Wiley

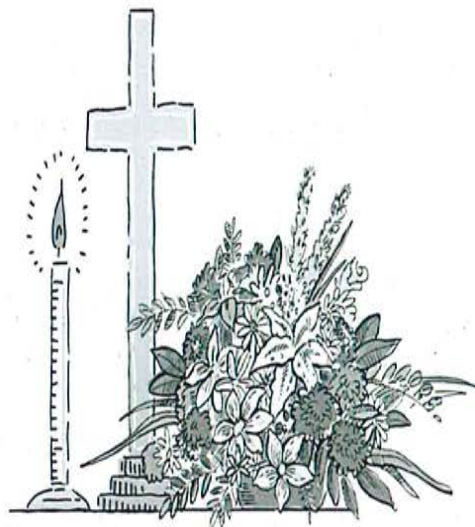
## August Altar Flowers

08/06—Worship Committee will provide flowers for Worship in the park.

08/13—John and Debbie Cara have given a donation to the General Fund.

08/20—John and Debbie Cara have given a donation to the General Fund.

08/27—Pamela Croughn will have flowers in memory of her sister, Debi Hunter.



## Altar Flowers

# Thank You

July 1, 2023

Dear Members of CUMC and the Mission Committee,  
On behalf of the valley pantry, thank you for your continual support of our families in need. This summer with children home from school, your donation of \$144.60 will help greatly. Have a safe and relaxing summer!

Blessings,  
Your Valley Food Pantry Volunteers

To Conyngham UMC;

Thank you for your continued generous support. God's love is shown thru your generosity.

Donna Birchess  
HEM Director  
Received on 06/23/23 \$144.60 check #1641

**THANK YOU**



**Immanuel Christian School** is looking for **host families** for international students looking to attend Immanuel Christian School. Students may come from different area around the world. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Susan Selby at (425)-372-6041.

**Christmas Is In The Air:** It is not too early to be thinking about a Christmas Bus Trip. Saint John Bosco Parish is sponsoring our annual trip to American Music Theater in Lancaster for the 2023 Christmas Show, "The First Noel". Witness the magic and splendor of their holiday celebration. Enjoy also the marvelous vocal talent from across the country. It is scheduled for Friday, November 10, 2023, at 3:00 PM. A smorgasbord lunch will be served prior to the show at Shady Maple. Cost of the trip is \$110. Full payment is due to secure your reservation. Bus fills up quickly. For reservations call Marie at (570) 455-3874.

**Ruf Cutz Classic Rock Band** Hosted by the Conyngham Valley Historical Society on **August 20th at 6:00 PM.** At the gazabo on Main Street next to the Borough Building. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy a great night of classic rock from the 60's and 70's.



# August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 10:30am Worship and Picnic in the Park	7 6:00pm Zumba Class	8 5:30pm Trustees Meeting 6:00pm Zumba Class 6:30pm Church Council Meeting	9 6:30pm Christian Conversations	10 9:30am Plastic Mat Ministry	11 6:00pm Pool Party and Outdoor Movie Night	12
13 10:30am Worship Service 12:00pm Church Conference Update Meeting	14 6:00pm Zumba Class	15 6:00pm Zumba Class	16 12:30pm Secret Sisters to Antonio's Breakfast World	17 9:30am Prayer Shawl Ministry	18 6:00pm Pool Party and Outdoor Movie Night	19
20 10:30am Worship Service 11:30am Set up tables and racks for Rummage Sale	21 9:00am Set up for Rummage Sale 6:00pm Zumba Class	22 9:00am Set up for Rummage Sale 6:00pm Zumba Class	23 9:00am Set up for Rummage Sale 6:00pm Christmas Night 6:30pm Christian Conversations	24 9:00am Rummage Sale 9:30am Plastic Mat Ministry	25 9:00am Rummage Sale	26 9:00am Rummage Sale 3:00pm Church Meeting/Update
27 10:30am Worship Service 12:00pm Heartwood Center	28 6:00pm Zumba Class	29 6:00pm Zumba Class	30	31		

# The Conyngham United Methodist Church

## Inspiring People to Love and Serve God

Pastor

Graham Truscott

Lay Leader

Kate Flaim

Sunday School Superintendent:

Sunday School Worship Team

Administrative Assistant

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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