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Dear church friends and family,

As a kid I remember my parents repeating a phrase over and over again during our summer vacation breaks from school. "What are you doing inside? Go outside and play, it's summer!" Because of my parents' insistence I often did spend less of the summer playing video games or watching TV and spent much more time outside, enjoying God's creation and the company of friends and family.

Now it's summer again. The weather is warm and muggy, even as I write this. And while many years separate hearing my parents say that familiar phrase, I think it does still apply today. "Go outside! It's summer." Expect now it is not my parents saying this to me as a child, but God saying this to the church. "Go outside! It's summer"

During these warm and welcoming summer months God invites us to go beyond the walls of our church, the walls of our home, the walls of our comfort zone to show people the love of God. And, if you can, to have some fun while doing it.

Jesus did something similar in the Gospel of Luke. Luke 10:1-3a, 8-9 (CEB) After these things, the Lord commissioned seventy-two others and sent them on ahead in pairs to every city and place he was about to go. **2** He said to them, "The harvest is bigger than you can imagine, but there are few workers. Therefore, plead with the Lord of the harvest to send out workers for his harvest. **3** Go! **8** Whenever you enter a city and its people welcome you, eat what they set before you. **9** Heal the sick who are there, and say to them, 'God's kingdom has come upon you.'

Jesus once sent out his disciples to go and tell other people "the kingdom of God has come to you." Jesus was saying "It's the perfect season. Go! Tell other people God's love for them."

In these summer months we are invited to do the same. God invites to get outside, and show people some love this summer. In church I have been asking recently, "what passion or fire or gladness is God putting in you?" Have you discovered a passion for something? Has God lit any fire in you? Following that fire may be the way that God is calling you to "go outside." Go outside your daily routine and embrace the call God is giving you.

"Go outside" can also be quite literal. That can mean seeing an old friend, acquaintance, or coworker and sitting down for a meal. That can mean going outside our church or your home, and meeting your neighbors. Maybe bring them cookies. That can mean working with who need a little extra love, like the homeless, foster children, or the homebound. That can mean, getting out of your comfort zone and trying something new. Trying something new to love somebody, or simply trying something new that is fun. Getting out of your comfort zone can help encourage others to do the same. If you can, get out of the house. If you can't, make some calls and send some letters, and "go outside" that way. It can mean inviting people to the church picnic, summer pool nights, and family movie nights in the park.

However you do it, God is saying this summer "go outside!" So how are you going to go outside?

In the love of Jesus, with a fire in my heart,
Pastor Graham



The United Methodist Church

Bishop John Schol
Serving
Eastern Pennsylvania
& Greater New Jersey

June 30, 2022

You will know them by their fruit...every good tree bears good fruit. -Matthew 7:16-17

Dear Friends in Christ,

The EPA leadership thanks everyone for a blessed and fruitful Annual Conference session. The lay and clergy members worked together to review, amend, and pass important legislation. The planning teams helped the entire conference session go well. Thank you.

At the bottom of this email, you will find the results of the Annual Conference evaluation. Prior to the evaluation, I want to share with you what we affirmed, the commitments we made and the next steps for our life and ministry together.

EPA has an important history within United Methodism and a bright future as we work and serve together. I see the United Methodists of EPA deepening and growing their faith in God, and strengthening congregations to engage with people in their communities to make new disciples of Jesus Christ and to address important community needs. I see us working together to end the sin of racism and unifying people for mission and ministry in EPA and around the world. God has a bright future for EPA.

Prior to, during and since Annual Conference we have been taking steps to strengthen our purpose: *Recruit and develop transformative leaders who lead to make passionate disciples and grow vital congregations for the transformation of the world.*

During the Annual Conference session, you heard about four important goals.

1. Grow the number of vital congregations from 25% to 35%. Vital congregations are growing in making new disciples (through professions of faith) and engaging disciples in worship, participation in small groups, hands-on mission and giving to mission. We will work together to reach this goal by the end of 2023; and we will be led by Evelyn Kent Clark, Dean of the Cabinet, and Dawn Taylor-Storm, Director of Connectional Ministries.
2. Develop a transformational leadership development strategy that will work with and train 90 lay and 90 clergy leaders in the areas of vision, innovation, core leadership competencies, emotional intelligence, and developing and achieving strategies and plans. We plan to begin with the first wave of leaders in early 2023 and it will be led by Steve Morton, Leadership Development Manager

3. Work together to end the sin of racism in the church and in our communities. During the Annual Conference session, we passed the Pathways to Wholeness Plan ([You may find the plan by clicking here.](#)). One of the cornerstones of the plan was a more fair and equitable shared ministries apportionment. The conference overwhelmingly passed a new formula for congregations serving in low-income communities. The following are the next areas for review and action, as voted on or committed to in the 2022 Annual Conference session.

- Addressing lower salaries for clergy of color: Evelyn Kent Clark, Dean of the Cabinet, and David Koch, former Lay Leader, will prepare a report with action plans for the 2023 Annual Conference session.
- Equitable general church apportionments and billings for congregations in low-income communities: James Brown, EPA Treasurer, and Irene Dickinson, EPA Council on Finance Chairperson, will prepare a report with action plans for the 2023 Annual Conference session.
- New sources of grants for churches of color to increase their financial capacity for mission and ministry: Dawn Taylor-Storm, Director of Connectional Ministries, and Myra Maxwell, Co-Chairperson of the Urban Commission, will develop a strategy by December 31, 2022.
- Appoint members to the Economic Justice Team: Bishop Schol and David Piltz, Co-Chairperson of the Committee on Leadership, will recommend members by September 30, 2022.

4. Grow EPA giving from an 87% apportioned giving rate to a 90% giving rate. Strengthening congregational stewardship and giving is key to sustaining the mission of congregations. James Brown, EPA Treasurer, will lead this effort.

Additional actions by the Annual Conference and follow up.

5. Pathways Roll Out: As we emerge from the pandemic the Annual Conference approved a series of pathways to help congregations discern what God has next for their future ([You can find the plan by clicking here.](#)). Steve Morton, Leadership Development Manager, and Bill Thompson, Conference Lay Leader, will provide information on how to participate in the different Pathways by September 1, 2022.

6. An Information Session about disaffiliation will be held August 1, at 6:30 p.m. Jo Fielding, Director of Administrative Services, and Bishop Schol, will lead the session. More information will follow.

7. Courageous Conversations: There are many matters that seem to divide people and the church. Often, we do not understand or hear one another's concerns and experiences. A series of conversations will be organized this fall throughout EPA to listen and learn about one another's experiences, concerns and hopes. Dawn Taylor-Storm, Director of Connectional Ministries, and Tim Anderman, presenter of the Annual Conference resolution, will lead the series.

These seven actions over the next year should deepen our purpose and grow leadership, disciples and congregations. They will help us to discern God's future for us, to grow our sustainability as congregations, and to unify us for mission and ministry as we help EPA better serve the church and the world.

You are important to our fruitfulness in each of these areas. Please pray for our leadership and our work and ministry at every level. Share these seven actions with your congregation to involve them in these ministries. Let us work together to make EPA even more fruitful in recruiting and developing transformative leaders, making passionate disciples, growing vital congregations and transforming the world.

Keep the faith!
John

2022 Annual Conference Evaluation (Question - Percent Agree)

1. The themes and agenda were shared and explained so that members connected the purpose of Annual Conference with EPA's mission. - 96.60%
2. The purpose and objectives of Annual Conference were clearly outlined at the event and in the promotional materials. - 96.60%
3. I felt this session of Annual Conference achieved its objectives. - 91.70%
4. The mission of EPA was shared and described so that the group connected with the greater mission of the church. - 94.70%
5. The promotional materials prior to Annual Conference were clear, informative, and done with excellence. - 90.90%
6. The instructional materials during the event were clear, informative, and done with excellence. - 91.70%
7. The materials and presentations were culturally sensitive to the diversity of the settings and people at Annual Conference. - 91.20%
8. Annual Conference included important and new information for my leadership and/or ministry. - 86.50%
9. The worship at Annual Conference was inspiring, spiritually enriching, and appropriate. - 93.90%
10. Overall, the leadership listened, were well prepared and engaged participants in development and learning. - 90.10%
11. The Episcopal address was well prepared, provided information that will help me in my setting and delivered the content in a way that assisted my learning and ability to lead/serve. - 95.10%
12. Legislation was well prepared, provided information that will help me in my setting and delivered the content in a way that assisted my ability to lead/serve. - 87.10%
13. Registration prior to Annual Conference was easy to navigate and clear. - 96.60%

14. The technology used during the event assisted learning and was appropriate. - 90.60%

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Lectionary

03—July

4th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Kings 5:1-14

Psalms 30 (UMH 762)

Galatians 6:(1-6) 7-16

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

31—July

8th Sunday after Pentecost

Hosea 11:1-11

Psalms 107:1-9, 43 (UMH 830)

Colossians 3:1-11

Luke 12:13-21

10—July

5th Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 7:7-17

Psalms 82 (UMH 804)

Colossians 1:1-14

Luke 10:25-37

17—July

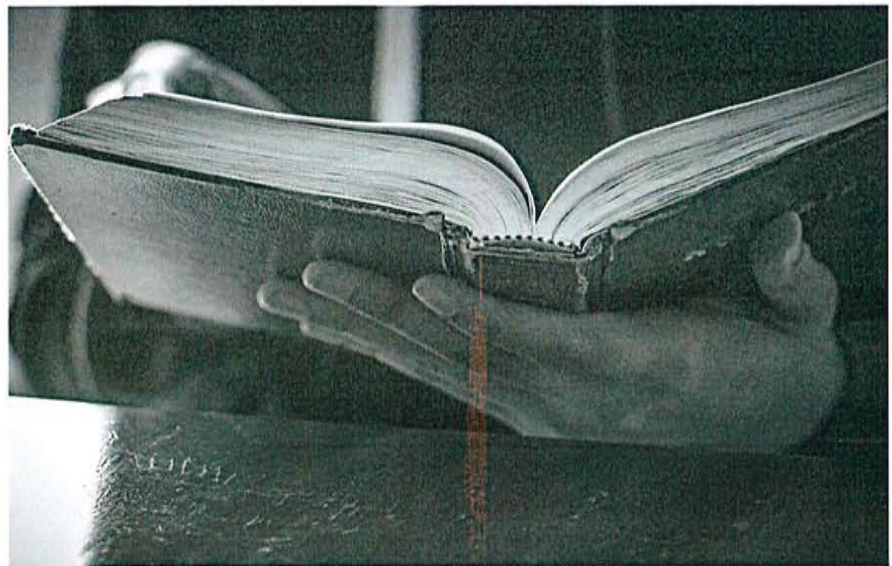
6th Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 8:1-12

Psalms 52 or Psalms 82 (UMH 808)

Colossians 1:15-28

Luke 10:38-42



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 Mathey, 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.

July Birthdays

01-Jul	Caroline Schuetz
01-Jul	Alison Schuetz
03-Jul	Robert Yost
04 Jul	Les Shupp
05-Jul	Beverly Selby
07 Jul	Teagan Hughes
08-Jul	Sean Healey
08-Jul	Margaret Flores
10-Jul	Joann Burger
11-Jul	Portia Ervin
11-Jul	Barry Hawk
13-Jul	Brittany DeBalko
15-Jul	Alex Klein
16-Jul	Brent Radzwich
16-Jul	Craig Radzwich
22-Jul	Christopher Shaffer
25-Jul	Jane Burns
29-Jul	Nancy Stark

July Anniversaries

02-July	Rich and Billie Shaffer
03-July	Matt and Vanessa Cara
22 July	Les and Sally Shupp



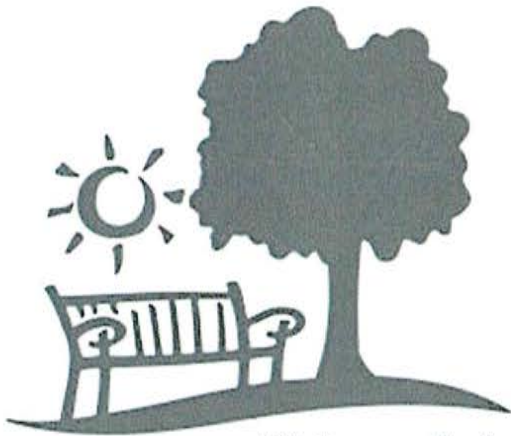
August Birthdays

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
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NEWS FROM THE PEWS



Worship in the Park

Our Annual Worship and Picnic in the Park will take place, on August 7th. More information will be announced soon. Save the date!

Book Sale

We are having a Book Sale! Set up will be Wednesday and Thursday, October 5th and 6th. The sale will be on Friday, October 7th and Saturday, October 8th! Times will be announced soon.

Now is the time to clean off those bookshelves and save them for our upcoming sale. Please help spread the word! **No magazines or records please.**

BOOK SALE

A graphic illustration showing several books of varying heights and thicknesses, with a laptop computer in front of them.

FALL SMALL BUSINESS EVENT

WE WILL ONCE AGAIN HOST A FALL SMALL BUSINESS EVENT ON

OCTOBER 8TH FROM 11:00-5:30.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR FOOD TRUCKS, CRAFTERS, SMALL BUSINESSES, ETC. THIS IS A RAIN OR SHINE EVENT.

PLEASE CONTACT BETHANY GOGOLA, PRUDENCE MUMICH OR HEIDI KLEIN FOR MORE INFORMATION.



Food Pantry

Needs Toothpaste, Shampoo and
Bar Soap.

As always, place your items in the
shopping cart in our Social Hall.

Thank you!!!



Railriders Baseball Game:

We are looking to get a group together to attend a Railriders game on **Friday, July 15th @ 6:35 pm.** We need a group of 10 or more in order to get the discount price of \$11.00 per person. Please let Millini Skuba know if you can join us!
570-401-3833.



Spanish Class:

There is still room in our Spanish class! Meeting every **Thursday @ 6:00 pm.** 2nd grade and up are welcome!

Block Party!

Thank you, to everybody who worked hard to make our block party possible. We had a great time on a hot day. The kids along with Kate Flaim very much enjoyed being in our dunk tank. And lots of people enjoyed getting to dunk Pastor Graham. But just as important, we had lots of good fellowship with our church members, their families, and several of our neighbors. We met neighbors from 11 different families at our block party. This block party was the first step in loving our neighbors (our literal neighbors). That's one of the most important things God asks of us as Christians. To love somebody well, it's important to get to know them. This is only the first step. Together, let us continue to reach out to our neighbors, to develop relationships with them, and through those relationships show them the love of our church community and the transforming love of God!

Summer Fun at the Pool and the Park

This summer we want to get outside and have some fun! We are planning on having some church sponsored nights at the CVCO pool for church pool parties. The first one will be on **Tuesday, July 19th @ 6:00 pm** and the second one on **Thursday, August 4th @ 6:00 pm**. 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.**



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT AT THE PARK

We are also doing movie nights at the park once again this year! The movies will be announced closer to the date of the movie nights (and will be in the August newsletter). We begin with a combined pool and movie night on **Friday August 12**. We start at the pool at 6:30 and the movie begins a little after 8 (at sunset). After that, movie nights in the park are **Friday August 26 at 7:46pm**, and **Friday Sept 2 at 7:35pm**. Friends, family, and neighbors are welcome. Let's invite them all! Spread the news and let's have a good time this summer!

YOU SHALL
LOVE
YOUR NEIGHBOR
AS YOURSELF
MARK 12:31



***SAVE THE DATE—
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2022***

One of the fundraisers for our church is participating in Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Day. We have 250 Shopping Passes, which we will sell for \$5.00 and the church gets to keep that \$5.00. If we sell 250 passes, we will make \$1250.00 for the budget! I know what your thinking—that's not until October, but I can also tell you that many folks look forward to this day all year long!

**The \$5 Shopping Pass buys a full day of:
25% off Discount Shopping Pass
Fabulous Register to Win Prizes**

The passes will be available after church and there are some in the church office. Please take some passes and ask your friends to purchase one. Some have purchased passes and handed them out to beautician, the neighbor who watches your house while you're away, the waitress who treats you nice, etc.

Approximately 53 organizations signed up for this project, so the secret is to get our passes out as soon as possible. Tell your people to paper clip to their calendar for the month of October, so they don't loose the pass.

There is a sign up sheet to sell coupons at Boscov's in the Social Hall. Please consider helping for a few hours if you can.

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.



JULY FLOWERS



July 3-Beverly Shelby and Kelly will give a donation to Building Fund in memory of Bob Mace.

July 10-Mr. and Mrs. Richard Shaffer will give a donation to Building Fund in honor of their 45th Wedding Anniversary.

July 17-Robert and Nancy Stark will give a donation to the General Fund in memory of their parents.

July 24-Mary Lou Legg will give a donation to the Boiler Fund in memory of Loved Ones.

July 31-John and Debbie Cara have given a donation to the General Fund.



2022 RAV4 Hybrid
Owners Manual,
Etc.

LOST AND FOUND

These items are in the church office. Please contact Heidi.

Prescription Glasses



Vacation Bible School: Christ Lutheran Church will host Vacation Bible School, August 1-5, 9AM-12PM, for children 4 through finished 4th grade. The theme this year is From Generation to Generation. See enclosed information

St. John's Lutheran Church will also have Vacation Bible School, August 1-5, 9AM-12PM. Adventure Island is this year's theme. Call 570-788-2685 to register or see enclosed information.

Summertime Craft Show: Drums Lioness Lion Club will host a Craft Show at Faith UCC Church on **Saturday, July 23rd from 9 am to 2 pm.** Crafters/Vendors, Tricky Trays, Homemade Breakfast and Lunch items. Bake Sale, Kids Activities and more!



Dear Family,

At Discovery on Adventure Island VBS, your students will enjoy an interactive, energizing, Bible-based good time on their quest for God's great light. They will become Explorers and discover how God's light shines on us and how we can reflect that light as we live each day.

After a high-energy Opening Assembly time, the Explorers make their way to the Bible Story Station. Interactive Bible lessons reveal Pathfinders to equip your Explorers for an active life with God. Your Explorers will also discover our Signal Verse (Bible memory verse), which will remain with them in their faith long after VBS.

The students will expand on what they've discovered by making their own art projects at the Craft Station, singing new songs at the Music Station, exploring the wonders of God's creation at the Science Station, playing games at the Recreation Station, and enjoying tasty treats at the Snack Station. Along the way, the Explorers will hear about our mission project and as their respond to a call for action!

Join us as we discovery God's great light at Adventure Island!

Join us at St. John's Lutheran Church for Vacation Bible School

on August 1st through August 5th

from 9 am to Noon

To register or to find out more about Discovery on Adventure Island VBS, call the church office at 570.788.2685

or visit the church website at www.sjlutheran.org

Sincerely,
Your Discovery on Adventure Island Team

July 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 10:30am Worship Service	4 6:00pm Zumba Class	5 6:00pm Zumba Class 6:30pm Church Council Meeting	6	7 6:00pm Spanish Class	8	9
10 10:30am Worship Service	11 6:00pm Zumba Class	12 5:30pm Trustees Meeting 6:00pm Zumba Class	13 6:30pm Christian Conversations	14 9:30am Plastic Mat Ministry 6:00pm Spanish Class	15	16
17 10:30am Worship Service	18 6:00pm Zumba Class	19 6:00pm Pool Party at CVC Pool 6:00pm Zumba Class	20	21 6:00pm Spanish Class	22	23
24 10:30am Worship Service	25 6:00pm Zumba Class	26 6:00pm Zumba Class	27 6:30pm Christian Conversations	28 9:30am Plastic Mat Ministry 6:00pm Spanish Class	29	30
31 10:30am Worship Service						