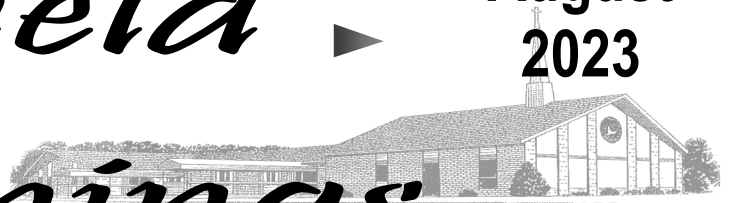


Highfield

Happenings

August
2023



From
the
Pastor

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the Heavenly places, just as He chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before Him in love. He destined us for adoption as His children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of His glorious grace that He has freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.” Ephesians 1:3-6

What an awesome thing it is to think that God already had plans to adopt us as His children when He created the Earth and all that is in it! That is wondrous Love!

All our lives we are surrounded with God's awesome and wondrous love. How important it is to acknowledge this love with our thanks, our praise, and a desire to “see God more clearly, love God more dearly, and follow God more nearly, day by day.”

Life certainly has its ups and downs! We saw this in July with the sharing of God's awesome and wondrous love with the children who came to VBS. Seeing their smiles, listening to their laughter and singing, and watching their eyes light up as they ate some of their favorite foods, played games, and made crafts was a joy for all who were there.

With the warmer weather in July, we worshiped in “God's Cathedral” at Crooked Creek Park with a number of other Lutherans from the Ford City area. We made a joyful noise to the Lord and shared in some wonderful music, fellowship, and food. We look forward to another picnic time....this time at SPH on Saturday, August 12th. Mark your calendars!

In July, we shared God's awesome and wondrous love with the Reichenbaugh and Summerville families as we mourned with them....encouraging them, and ourselves, with the hope and promise of resurrection to eternal life through Christ our Lord.

We do not know what August will bring, but we do know that God will be with us every step of the way. So, my dear brothers and sisters in Christ, enjoy each day. Love each other. Enjoy the produce of your gardens or the farmers' markets. Love and serve the Lord with joy! We are truly surrounded with awesome and wondrous love!

Your Sister in Christ,

The Rev.
Christine A. Bridge Pastor Chris

Pastor
Chris
will be
away
August
17-27.
Pastor
Eric
Damon is
available
for
pastoral
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Vision Statement

Spreading the good news of Jesus Christ by living out our faith in worship, support, and service to all people.

Mission Statement

SPHLC—

Spiritual

People

Helping

Lead others to

Christ

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*Hours are subject to change for holidays,
etc.*

*If you have questions
or concerns, please
discuss them with one
of the members listed
below.*

Leland Brown—President

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Bill McGinnis

Clarence Brown

Gerry LeMay

Nicole Ashbaugh

Judy Grinder

Amy Rossi

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Contributions



GIVING VS. BUDGET FIGURES 2023

NEED \$1,741.13 WEEKLY TO BREAK EVEN

	CURRENT DEPOSIT	NEEDED	OVER / (SHORT)	YTD OVER/(SHORT)	ATTENDANCE In person/online
January	\$7,065.00	\$8,705.65	\$(1,640.65)	\$(1,640.65)	226 / 16
February	\$5,699.00	\$6,964.52	\$(1,265.52)	\$(2,906.17)	196 / 8
March	\$6,850.00	\$6,964.52	\$(114.52)	\$(3,020.69)	176 / 5
April	\$7,444.00	\$8,705.65	\$(1,261.65)	\$(4,282.34)	261 / 15
May	\$6,771.00	\$6,964.52	\$(193.52)	\$(4,475.86)	176 / 14
June	\$5,358.00	\$6,964.52	\$(1,606.52)	\$(6,082.38)	163 / 13

The above totals do not include any designated giving for specific ministries.

They only include the money given to support the 2023 budget.

If you have any questions, please call me ~ *Janine Ballish, Treasurer*

Monetary gifts to Undesignated
Memorials was given in memory of
Alma Pearson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The altar flowers for July were given in loving memory of Jim, Bryan and Greg Ferguson by Judy Ferguson

Address Update—Bonnie Shuster has a new room number. Her address is still the same but please note her new room number as 2515.

Thank you...for all the wonderful cards, thoughts and prayers during my recent surgery. They were greatly appreciated. ~ *Gail Holm*

Calendar of Causes—Each month we will raise up a social ministry supported within our Synod or a local cause. The loose offering collected the first Sunday of the month will go to this cause. Also, envelopes are located in the narthex for you to make a donation at any time during the month.

August's cause is Christopher's Light. Christopher's Light was founded by Karen McKendree in the spring of 2018.

Christopher's Light is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit located in both Apollo, PA and Saltsburg, PA. Their mission is to help the children in our area by providing free clothing, school supplies and educational support. All donations received are used strictly for our local children across Westmoreland, Armstrong, and Indiana counties.

They have been so fortunate to be able to provide clothing, backpacks, and more to children with the efforts of volunteers and the support of our local communities.

Organ Repair Fundraiser—Quilt Raffle—check out the beautiful quilt being displayed in the narthex made by Pearl Held (a Dresses & Britches attendee). To help offset the cost of the organ repairs (\$2,650.00), we will be raffling off this quilt at the Fall Festival. You can purchase raffle tickets now through Saturday, September 30. 1 ticket for \$5, 3 tickets for \$10. Good luck! And thank you Pearl Held for the donation.

***In Sympathy**—We express our deepest sympathy to the family of Eugene Summerville who died on Saturday, July 15. "I am the resurrection and the life," says our Lord. "Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." (John 11:25-26, NRSV).*

Dear Church Friends—Thank you so so much for awarding me the Kaufman/Baker Scholarship this year. I am so grateful for every opportunity the Lord has given me and will continue to try my best in my current studies/adventures.

Knowing I have so much love and support from everyone keeps me going even on the toughest days. I think of you all often and am so blessed to be part of such a beautiful, supportive community. God bless ~ *Sophia Shannon* P.S. Toby, Ellie, Paisley, Peanut and Daisy are all doing great!

Helping Hands...will be collecting hygiene products and socks for students at Kiski Area High School and Intermediate School who are in need. Corp. Charity Hollis from the Allegheny Twp. Police Dept. will handle the distribution as needed. A box will be placed in the Narthex for collection. Thank you for any contribution you can make for this cause. Any questions can be directed to Mary Jane Ramer.

Church Night Out—Our next outing will be on Wednesday, August 9, 6:00 pm @ Villa Ballanca. Please sign up in the narthex.

Joint Picnic @ SPH—Saturday, August 12
4:00-7:00 pm

w/Hebron, First (Leechburg), First, (Apollo), Forks-Zion and Bethesda (Lower Burrell)
Cash donations being accepted to help offset the cost. Volunteers are needed—sign up in the narthex.

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"Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit; wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad."
— Miles Kington

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Don't forget to include our confined members in your prayers. Names, addresses, and birthdays are listed below.

Lou, Jean & Linda Bozzarelli (July 9, February 27, October 2)
112 Oregon Avenue
Vandergrift, PA 15690

LaRue Ciuca
1147 Crawford Avenue
Vandergrift, PA 15690

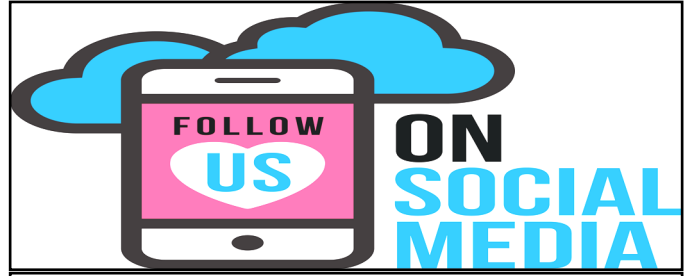
Martha Abarbanell (May 31)
1166 Pleasant View Drive
Vandergrift, PA 15690

Alice Moses (July 10)
Concordia Lutheran Ministries
615 North Pike Road
Room #208A
Cabot, PA 16023

Kathye Schaeffer (December 29)
Quality Life Services
151 Goodview Drive
Room #318
Apollo, PA 15613

Jim Reichenbaugh (February 11)
1320 Ridge Road
Vandergrift, PA 15690

Bonnie Shuster (June 19)
c/o Lund Care Center
Room 2515
134 Marwood Road
Cabot, PA 16023



Besides in person, you can join us for a live stream on Sunday mornings at 8:30 am on:



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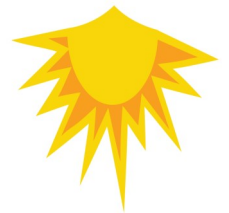
The following items serve as "little guideposts on the footpath to peace," according to author and pastor Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933):



- to be glad of life, because it gives you the chance to love and to work and to play and to look up at the stars;
- to be satisfied with your possessions but not content with yourself until you have made the best of them;
- to despise nothing in the world except falsehood and meanness, and to fear nothing except cowardice;
- to covet nothing of your neighbor's except [their] kindness of heart and gentleness of manners;
- to think seldom of your enemies, often of your friends and every day of Christ;
 - to spend as much time as you can with body and with spirit in God's out-of-doors.

Join us for worship
Sunday Mornings
9:00 am in person and online (Facebook & Zoom)
For a summer picnic
Saturday, August 12, 4:00-7:00pm

All are welcome to join us



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