

REDEEMING TIMES

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Dear Members and Friends

The summer months are upon us. The kids are out of school, picnics are planned, vacations are enjoyed.

On our church calendar we have events such as camps, daily vacation bible school, summer communion, Sunday School, and worship. I want to use this letter to suggest another activity.....reading.

We are privileged to live at a time when good Christian books are abundant. We grow in our faith by discovering new ideas or gaining new insights into God's Word and then learning how to make the new ideas relevant to our lives. The Christian books available today gives us new insights and also given us ideas on making God's Word part of our lives

As I sit in my study, I look over my library and see books that have tremendously inspired and/or taught me. I want to recommend some of these books to you:

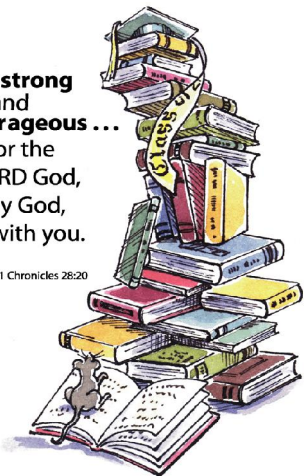
Basic Christianity by John Stott. This book better than any other I've read, puts the essential basics of faith into an understandable language.

How to Give Away Your Faith by Paul Little, A book which guides in sharing our faith with others.

A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23 by Phillip Keller. A great study of this favorite Psalm applies to our lives.

Be strong
and
courageous ...
for the
LORD God,
my God,
is with you.

1 Chronicles 28:20



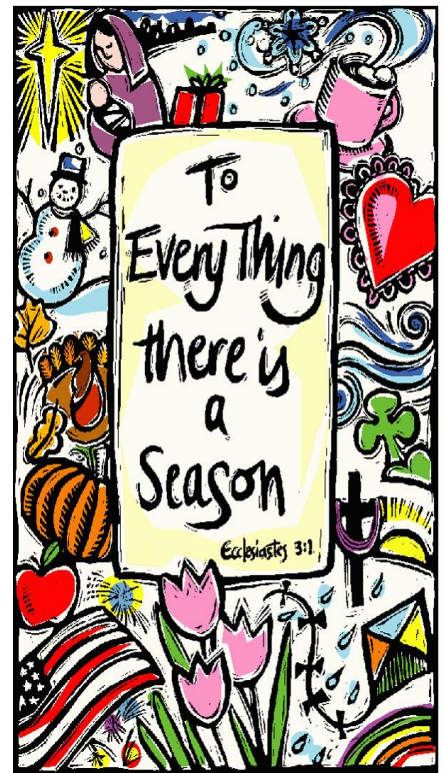
The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis. A fun book that teaches the struggle between good and evil in each of us.

The list could go on and on. If you would like to borrow these books or any other books from my library, please feel free to borrow them. I only ask that you let me know you have them so I can keep track of my books.

Have a fun summer! Have a faith growing summer.

In Christ,

Doug Runyan



BIRTHDAYS FOR JULY

Carrie Jones-----1
 Ethan Harris-----4
 Brandon Harris-----4
 Mary Beckman-----5
 Tim Pogozelec-----5
 Tracy Duffy-----6
 Nathan Book-----7
 Maverick Whiting-----8
 Jackson Riachy-----8
 Amber Morse-----8
 Scott Phillips-----9
 Jane Eppinger-----11
 Grace Ripley-----11
 Matthew Miller-----12
 Chuck Orth-----15
 Esther Williams-----16
 Gail Phillips-----17
 Sharon Book-----18
 Jessica Halt-----19
 Isaac Duffy-----19
 Samantha Shugars-----21
 Aryn Boyer-----21
 Alyson Boyer-----21
 Larry Twigg-----21
 Janet Twigg-----22
 Albert Belgie-----24
 Natalie Carr-----26
 Diane Bell-----26
 Art Spence-----27
 Billy Ray Moore-----27
 Jacob Moore-----27
 Samuel Moore-----27
 Nicholas Moore-----27
 Shelea McCarthy-----29
 Donna Ridenour-----31

BIRTHDAYS



FOR JULY



Attention ladies: *Our sister church (Westfield Presbyterian Church) has invited us to a picnic at their church on July 19th at noon. The program is to learn about the Equine Assisted Activities Program as Cindy McCullough and Sheri Kneep talk about this therapeutic program. There is nothing to bring except a lawn chair and your appetite.*

Anyone desiring to be part of the **new** Worship Team please meet Tuesday, July 12th at 6:30P.M. at the church



BIRTHDAYS FOR AUGUST

Wilson Carlisle-----4
 Eric Anderson-----4
 Theodore Chrobak-----5
 Mary Stoughton-----5
 Erma Gorley-----7
 Jessica Bochy-----7
 Paden McCarthy-----8
 Emma Duffy-----8
 Gisela Dieter-----10
 Jon Reynolds Jr.-----11
 Melvin Kauffman-----13
 Terri Emery-----13
 Tammy Anderson-----13
 Mary Miller-----14
 Ciarra McAllen-----14
 Ursula Pence-----15
 Sandy Courson-----16
 Shirley Goist-----16
 Mary Hartzell-----16
 Lena Showman-----19
 Renee Burrows-----19
 Meadow Whiting-----21
 Marjorie Divens-----22
 Dorothy Jones-----22
 Dallas Travers-----22
 Justin Bell-----22
 Julie Dean-----23
 Mitchell Whiting-----25
 Taylor Bochy-----25
 Kelly Fox-----26
 Jake Smith-----27
 Helen Ruby-----29
 Jim Matthews-----31



BIRTHDAYS FOR AUGUST



The Rebekah circle will be meeting at the home of Glenda Fulkman on July 18th for a picnic supper.

The Lydia Circle will meet at the home of Jean Chrobak on July 18th for a picnic supper.



Please remember in prayer the people who are hospitalized, receiving treatments, recuperating at home and those who have ask for prayer.

- Nancy Templeton-----Horizon Hospital, Farrell
- Shirley Cramer-----Home
- Chuck Ruby-----Avalon Nursing Home
- Jo Ruby-----Home
- George & Marie Snyder-----Home
- Bob & Jean Rishel-----Shenango Home
- (Bob 315) Jean (240)
- Denny Eppinger-----Home
- Dot Jones-----Silver Oaks
- Ron Root-----Receiving treatments
- Don Jones-----St John's-----Mars
- Bill Harshbarger-----Home
- Ralph Keller-----St. Elizabeth,
- Gene Bicehouse-----Sharon Hospital.

SYMPATHY

We as a congregation extend our sincere sympathy to the Runyan family at the death of Kim's mother, Betty Rubins this past month. Betty lived in Williamsville, NY and visited our church many times

Have you seen the new beautiful stained glass windows? Thank you to Martha Boyer and family for this wonderful gift given in memory and in honor of Jim and Martha.



OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE

The worship Committee is planning an outdoor worship service on August 21st.

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The next Communion Service is July 31st.

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A BEAUTIFUL MESSAGE

What a beautiful day I had when I came back from therapy to find a BIG stack of Get Well cards. They were all from the Kindergarten VBS class. They were cute and very thoughtful. I enjoyed reading each and every one over and over where the band-aids were. I love each one. I won't forget the love and well wishes from each child. God Bless All of You Thank you so much.

*Mr. Gene Bicehouse
Delivered by Shirley Janoski*

THANK YOU

Thank You for all your prayers, cards and visits to our Father. Also our sincere thanks and appreciation for all the visits to our mother in the nursing home in our place while we were focusing on our father in his critical state. Our church family and friends mean the world to us. Once again a big thanks. God bless you all.



The Don and Dot Jones family

*Don's address is: Don Jones
St. John's Lutheran Care Center
500 Wittenburg Way Room 260
Mars, PA 16046*

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Thank you to all who remembered our family with cards, calls and expressions of sympathy at the death of my brother, John Miller. Your thoughtfulness touched our hearts.

Doris and art Spence

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*Dear Church Family,
A big THANK YOU for the beautiful flowers to honor my mom. She loved flowers and the arrangement was lovely. I truly appreciate the outpouring of love I have received from you all. Your cards and prayers have been a sustaining comfort to me. Much love*

Kim Runyan

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Thanks to those who prayed for and asked about my Father, Walt, while he was hospitalized with pneumonia. He is home now, recuperating. He also send his "Thanks".

Toni

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This month we want to thank the volunteers who helped clean and organize the fellowship hall and new kitchen. It was especially difficult because the dishes that were placed in the cabinets had to be washed in large pots in the fellowship hall. Thank you to:

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| <i>Glenda Fulkman</i> | <i>Nancy Cummings</i> |
| <i>Mary Beckman</i> | <i>Kim Runyan</i> |
| <i>Brenda Hostetler</i> | <i>June Smith</i> |
| <i>Lori Smith</i> | <i>Jane Eppinger</i> |
| <i>Evelyn Exley</i> | <i>Shirley Janoski</i> |
| <i>Lisa Craig</i> | <i>Kelly Craig</i> |
| <i>Geniene Jones</i> | <i>Carrie Jones</i> |
| <i>Gary Greene</i> | <i>Don "Sam" Jones</i> |

Also thank you to Toni Reynolds for cleaning up

each week after the workmen on Saturdays.

Youth News

I have to start with VBS first because it was an amazing week truly blessed by God. Our theme this year was "Son Rock Kids Camp". We started off our week with 57 kids and continued with anywhere from 57 - 60 kids. The church was set up like we were camping. There were tents in each classroom (this is where the kids had their lessons), a picnic area for snacks in the fellowship hall, and an entire camp in the sanctuary with a "fire". Trees and forests were throughout the church and you could even here the birds chirping during snack time. I believe God's presence was felt and that the kids had a week of fun, but more importantly, had a week of learning about Christ's love.



We finished the week on Friday with a short program so the kids could share a time of memory verses and singing. We then had a time of lunch and fellowship followed by swimming at my house.

I cannot begin to thank everyone who helped. Even if you were only able to be here one or two days, please know that it was needed and appreciated! From something as simple as taking pictures to teaching a class, THANK YOU!!! A special thank you goes out to Dawn Harris and Gisela Dieter. The planning for VBS came at a time when my father-in-law was critically ill. This week couldn't have happened without all of the volunteers but especially wouldn't have happened without you two! I praise God for ALL of you!



Jr./Sr. High Youth

As usual, June was filled with graduation parties. We would like to congratulate all our seniors: Taylor Allison, Dakota Boyer, Curtis Bretz, Ariana Carr, Kristi Jones, Megan Rudzik, and Samantha Shugars. May God bless each one of you as you enter a new phase of your life. Take him with you wherever you may go.



On June 18, 4 of us went to the Y-Zone for an event sponsored by Lawrence County Youth Ministries. It really is a shame we didn't have a better turn-out because it was an awesome night!!!! We were given an amazing message and entertained by the World's Strongest Redneck, Listened to Third From First, heard former Steeler Tunch Ilkin, and Flame also led in worship.

On June 29th, 11 kids and 4 adults tried out Pastor Doug's new yacht!!! We all had a great time and of course made our usual DQ stop.



On July 6, we will be taking our annual bike to Moraine State Park. We will bike, swim, and stop at Mr. C's funspot on the way home for Water Wars, putt-putt, and of course, more ice cream!!!!

The Kennywood trip is scheduled for Monday, July 18th. Details are pending because I have many people checking their credit unions for the cheapest ticket prices. I'm guesstimating that the tickets will cost between \$25-\$30 and this will include fuel for the bus. As always, families are encouraged to join us for the discounted price. I will get more information to you all as soon as it's available, but mark your calender now.



We will also try to get another boating day scheduled.

I hope you are all enjoying your summer and keeping Christ involved in all that you do!!!

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Shout for joy to the
LORD, all the earth ...
come before him with
joyful songs.

Psalm 100:1-2

