



Newsletter

JUNE 2019

**Glorifying God by Making, Maturing, and
Mobilizing Enthusiastic Disciples for Jesus Christ**

PASTOR'S REFLECTION

As I worked on prepping this reflection, I was listening to a press conference from *UMCNext*, a meeting convened to explore what is next for the United Methodist Church in light of General Conference 2019.

I was struck by one word that I kept hearing again and again; hope.

(This reflection is not on this gathering or the future of the UMC, if you want to talk about that please ask.)

Hearing this word sent my mind thinking about Bethany. About the hopes and dreams that I have for this church, you have for this church, God has for this church.

Hope is a positive thing. Hope sees issues but is not ruled by them. Hope acknowledges difficulties and challenges but believes they can be overcome. Hope learns from the past but does not dwell in it.

Hope invites us to join in the work and journey to the future. Hope has a role for all of us to play. It is hard work and requires sacrifice, but it is worth it in the end.

God has a plan and future for us. We are invited to live into that. What do we hope for? Are we willing to put in the work to do it?

JUNE WORSHIP

Sunday June 2, 2019 - "Proclaiming resurrection: Acts 16: 16-34 (Communion)

Sunday June 9, 2019- Unity Quartet – Worship w/ Campbelltown UMC,
Fellowship meal to follow

Sunday June 16, 2019 – John 16:12-15

Sunday June 23, 2019 – Luke 8: 26-39

Sunday June 30, 2019 – Luke 9: 51-62

UNITY QUARTET...

On Sunday June 9, 2019 the Unity Quartet will again lead us in worship. We have invited Campbelltown UMC to join us here that Sunday. There will be a fellowship meal to follow. Please see the sign-up sheet on the information Table in the Gathering Room to let us know what you are bringing.

On that Sunday, consider parking further away (if possible) to allow our guests, Campbelltown UMC, to park in the closer spots.

GENERAL CONFERENCE 2019 UPDATE...

At the end of April, the Judicial Council (the UMC's Supreme Court) met to again consider what the delegates passed at General Conference 2019. After a few days of discussion, parts of the Tradition plan were ruled constitutional while other parts were ruled unconstitutional. This decision reflected the Council's early work on these issues. Another petition, that dealt with churches wanting to leave the denomination was also ruled constitutional.

(For more details check out UMNews.org)

Even with these rulings there is still much uncertainty concerning the future of the church. Churches, Pastors, Annual Conferences, and even one US Jurisdiction has said that it will not follow the traditional plan. While others celebrated the maintaining of biblical values. Groups around the world are exploring a simple (but very complex) question, what is next?

With that many eyes have turned to General Conference 2020 (the regularity scheduled every four-year meeting). Delegates will be elected during this year's annual conferences around the world.

Eastern Pa Annual Conference holds its Annual Conference June 13-16 in Oaks PA. We will elect our delegates to GC2020 and take up petitions related to our response to GC2019. And we will continue to do the other work of the church, making disciples for the transformation of the world. Please be in prayer for this meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

Caring Cupboard Sunday is June 9th. Some of their needs this month are: paper products, diapers, regular coffee, peanut butter, Progresso soups, creamed soups and condiments.

The monies collected for the front door fund are: Individual donations-\$1855.00 and the April sub sale - \$138.25. The Grand Total is \$8194.92.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT...



It's hard to believe how close Bible School is. we are looking for some supplies and thought maybe the congregation would like to help. I will be placing requests in a basket on the Information Table. Come and check out how you may help.

Any questions on Bible School, check out our website or contact Vicki smith at 838-5665.

SODA CAN TABS...

Do you know Bethany collects soda can tabs? There is a large bottle by the doors in the Gathering Room for your tabs. This benefits the Ronald McDonald House.



FLOWER CHART...

June 2 – Open
June 9 – Open
June 16 – Larry & Joan Strait
June 23 – Paul & Karen Leicht
June 30 – Don & Barb Brubaker

The Flower Chart is in the vestibule on the Railroad St. side of the church.
Sign up for your favorite Sunday to sponsor flowers for our church.

WORSHIP LEADERS...

Greeters/Ushers: Richard & Sue Lasher and Lloyd & Lois Grumbein

Acolyte: Cade Barnhouse

Scripture Readers:

June 2: Pastor Stoltzfus
June 9:
June 16: Pastor Stoltzfus
June 23: Ed Kaylor
June 30: Pastor Stoltzfus

Sound System Operators:

June 2: Barry Smith
June 9: Dick Lasher
June 16: Don Brubaker
June 23: Seth Schell
June 30: Barry Smith

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June 1 – Barbara Brubaker	19 – Barbara Minnich
3 – Sandy Pillsbury	20 - Denise Berkheiser
5 – Beverly Dunkle	20 - Beth Sell
9 – Linda Dumbauld	21 – Eli Wisor
11 – Eric Miller	27 – Lisa Mayer
12 – Lily Oleyniczak	27 – Susan Knipe
13 – Durwin Dove	29 – Paula Brandt
13 – Ken Knipe	30 – Karen Leicht
16 – Adam Wimmer	
18 – Joan Strait	



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

June 6 – Lloyd & Lois Grumbein
16 – Christopher & Bethany Oleyniczak
19 – Ken & Susan Knipe



ON THE HORIZON (DATES TO REMEMBER)

July 8-12, 2019- VBS with program on Sunday July 14th
Sunday July 21, 2019- Guest Speaker Carrie Callahan
Sunday August 4, 2019- Outdoor Worship- Annville COB Pavilion

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