



MILL-GREEN MESSENGER

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MAY/JUNE 2017

Love Jesus

Keep His Commandments

Change the World

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Mon. Wed. and Fri. 9-11:30am.

Custodian: Nancy Ruckle



You are warmly invited to join us at one of our services!

Millville Building

Greenwood Building

8:00 AM Contemporary Service

9:15AM Traditional Service

9:15 AM Sunday School for all ages

10:30 AM Traditional Service

6:30-8PM Youth Group

"And let us consider how we may spur one another toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

Hebrews 10:24-26

Pastor's Page

What Does It Mean to Serve Together?

Looking carefully as you walk around the Mill-Green buildings you will see different size posters which share the message, “*Live Like Jesus SERVE One Another*”. The posters have been placed in the churches to remind us of God’s calling upon our lives. They are intended to stimulate the hearts and minds of all who are presently in the church as well as those who will participate in the church in the days and weeks to come. They communicate the message that we are people of humility who desire to be the hands and feet of Jesus in the world.



The word “serve” is defined as follows: First, it can mean to perform duties or services for (another person or an organization), and secondly it can mean to present (food or drink) to someone. As followers of Jesus we are called to emulate His life as found outlined in the pages of scripture. Jesus’ entire life was one of service! He prayed for others, healed the sick, provided sight to the blind, cast out evil spirits, fed the hungry, preached good news to many people, as well as many other acts. Yet Jesus’ most significant act of service to humankind is found in His death on the Cross to pay for the sin of all people. Jesus is the prime example of service to others, and as His church it is imperative that we serve God by serving together as His hands and feet.

Paul tells the church in Ephesus, “*For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do*” (Eph 2:10). God created all people with a desire to reflect His goodness and serve Him by caring for all people. This is not simply a natural act (i.e. food, clothing, shelter), but a spiritual endeavor that shows people the goodness and love of God by being His hands and feet. It is through us that people have their physical needs met as well as the opportunity to hear the good news of the gospel and have their spiritual needs meet as well.

Serving together is God’s call upon our lives. The church is a family that is brought together under the banner of the Cross to make a difference for the kingdom of God. We are called to take time out of our busy lives and schedules and create opportunities for God to use us to help others. We are called to help others see the benefits of His work on the Cross and to embrace Jesus Christ as the way to heaven.

As we walk through the upcoming months let’s live like Jesus and serve one another, and as we do we need to be sure to serve God together. We are all gifted differently and we all are called to share our unique gifts, but we do so as the church of Jesus Christ! What does it mean to serve together? It means we follow the mandates of the Gospel and serve like Jesus served as a faithful body of believers who have lived the Old Testament command, “⁵ *Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength*”. Duet 6:5.



Congratulations to our High School Graduates!



Ariana Bish
Grace Boone
Sydney Dilick
Brock Gordner
Kelly Holdren
Brooke Kremer
Hannah Temple
Shayne Peterman
Daniel Sinegra
Amber Starr

KidsPeace

Foster families have been around since Moses was rescued by the pharaoh's daughter....

Today's children face difficult challenges. Many of them need a home and the support of a family when their birth families can't care for them.

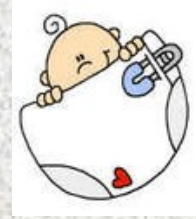
Your family can provide a loving and structured home environment for these youngsters. You can help them adjust to a new home and get them involved in community activities.

Kids Peace FCCP
304 Railroad Street
Danville, Pa 17821



Craft and Vendor Show

Bundles of Blessings Diaper Ministry



Where: Good Shepherd UMC,
101 East 5th Street, Bloomsburg

When: Saturday, May 13, 2017
10:00am-2:00pm

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."
Galatians 6:2



Sunday, May 14, 2017

BIBLE STUDY

The Monday Bible Study at Evers Grove will be finishing the literary study of Revelation very soon. The next book of the Bible to be studied will be announced. We will continue through most of the summer on Monday evenings at 7:00pm at 18 Evers Grove Road. So if you would like to join some very vocal, enthusiastic people in Bible study, contact Julie Shoup at 570-458-0418 or jshoup4@verizon.net. All are welcome!

QUAKER QUILTERS



The QQ have only 2 more Tuesdays this Spring when we will meet and finish projects. We are already looking forward to next September when we reconvene for another exciting year of quilting. If you are curious about quilting or are an accomplished quilter, we would so enjoy having you join us. We meet at 1:00pm on the first and third Tuesday of the month in the Gathering Room at 18 Evers Grove Road. For more info contact Julie Shoup at 570-458-0418 or jshoup4@verizon.net.



"He's using the *devotional* we gave him for Father's Day."

Happy Father's Day

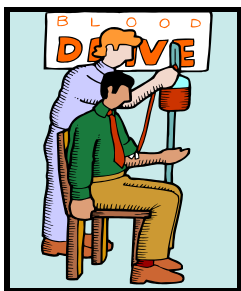
Happy Father's Day



Sunday, June 18, 2017

BLOOD DRIVE

Friday
May 26, 2017
1-6pm



Mill-Green
UMC

PA Dept. of Health Immunization Clinic

Friday, May 19, 2017
Friday, June 16, 2017
9am -12noon

Held at the Millville Building Social Hall for anyone without medical insurance, or if your insurance does not cover the immunization.

Please call ahead for appointment and the immunization you will be needing: Shingles, Flu, HIV, STD's or children's immunizations.

570-275-7092

A Message from the Bishop



Bishop Jeremiah J. Park

“I pray they will be one....They can be one just as we are one...

...they will be made perfectly one....”

(John 17:21-23, CEB)

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ of the Susquehanna Annual Conference,
Grace to you in the name of Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace, Healer of our Brokenness and Hope of the World!
The Judicial Council is meeting this week to address several critical matters that have been forwarded for their decision. As part of their deliberation the Judicial Council will act on a request for a declaratory decision from the South Central Jurisdiction on the Western Jurisdiction’s election of the Rev. Karen Oliveto, a married lesbian, as a Bishop of the United Methodist Church. I realize that, as people of faith with love for Christ and the church, many of us are deeply concerned and anxious about the decision to be made by the Judicial Council. I, too, am deeply concerned and feel the anxiousness of the church.

I urge you to pray for God’s Spirit to hover over the meeting of the Judicial Council. Please pray for the members of the Council and the individuals, families, congregations, and annual conferences that are directly connected to this case, as well as the whole church. Just as God’s Spirit hovered over the waters of creation, so I believe God’s Spirit will continue to breathe life into the church.

As we anticipate the Judicial Council’s ruling I want to remind us of our church polity. Only the General Conference can speak for the church. No matter what decision is offered by the Judicial Council, the 2016 Book of Discipline remains as it is. Each decision will be very specific to one circumstance. Together we are more than any one action or any one decision. Let us not be so quick to act and decide that we fail to allow God’s Holy Spirit to bring light, understanding, healing and hope to God’s beloved Church.

The Council of Bishops has now called for a Special Session of the General Conference of the United Methodist Church to be held February 23-26, 2019 in St. Louis, Missouri. The special session is limited to receiving and acting on a report from the Council of Bishops based on the recommendations of the Commission on A Way Forward. I urge the congregations and clergy of our beloved conference to pray for God’s Spirit to continue to work in and through the Commission. As the General Conference mandated the task of the Commission, our church deserves the best chance for a way forward.

Our prayers for and commitment to the unity of the church must be intensified for such a time as this. Out of my deep gratitude for the genuine, loving spirit and faithfulness of the congregations and clergy of the Susquehanna Conference, I solicit your fervent prayers for this moment and for the leading of God’s Spirit for our beloved church. God has always been faithful in the past, and we have all the confidence that God’s faithfulness will remain steadfast.

Grace and Peace,

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Jeremiah J. Park

Columbia County Volunteers in Medicine Clinic

FREE HEALTH CARE FOR THE UNINSURED

310 East Third Street,
Mifflinville, Pa 18631
570-752-1780



CCVIM Guidelines to qualify for care:

Local residents ages 18-65

A photo ID, proof of income-2 recent paystubs, and copy of taxes

By appointment only: Mon.-Thurs. (mornings, afternoons, or evenings available)

Call for availability of next appointment or with any questions

CCVIM does not see patients for:

Emergency Services, Walk-in Clinic hours, or Narcotics

If you have any type of insurance coverage you cannot be seen at CCVIM



we remember your sacrifice today, Et every day on this memorial day.....

THANK YOU!

Monday, May 29th



Ladies' Brunch

Ladies, you are invited to a brunch on Saturday, May 11th at 11:00am at the Greenwood Building. Come enjoy good food, fun fellowship and a bridal fashion show!

MILL-GREEN UMC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017

75 S. State Street, Millville



Monday-Friday
June 19th-23rd



6:00-8:00PM
Ages 4-Completing 6th Grade
No pre-registration required

KIDS FOR CHRIST CLOSING PROGRAM



First Place Bible Verse Winners from left to right: Lea Beishline, Elise Beishline, Elizabeth Lyons, Olivia Kile, Emma Venditti, Caitlyn Ludwig, Haylee Parker, Parker Clark, Leighton Bangs, Jayden Ebersole



Second Place Bible Verse Winners from left to right: Landree Wood, Sierra Barton, Michael Reese, Rylie Hall, Natalie Stanley, Chris Lyons, Sadie Whispell



“Created by God, Built for a Purpose”



“The Banquet Invitation”



Theme Song "Everywhere I Go"



Some of us had fun.....



"The Carpenter's Visit"



Mill-Green's 2017 Honduras Mission Team

1. Ryan Craig
2. Dawn Hornberger
3. Cindy Lyons
4. Greg Lyons
5. Shonny Miller
6. Haley Reichner
7. Lisa Rutherford
8. Brooke Kremer
9. Sandra Lewis
10. Debbie Michael
11. Steve Michael

Keep the team in your prayers!

Cost of trip \$1950.....Please pray about helping some individuals with support.

HONDURAS 2017 TEAM 3117A

Trip Cost: \$1950.00



Payment schedule:

- ◆ \$200.00 was due April 17th non-refundable commitment to the trip
- ◆ \$1,137.00 due June 12th
- ◆ \$613.00 due July 2nd

Make checks out to **Servant Outreach** and write "team 3117A" on memo line

Send to: Debbie Michael
711 Fair St.
PO Box 215
Mifflinville, Pa 18631

Any questions call: 570-759-8893 (home)
Steve's Cell: 570-204-5954
Debbie's Cell: 570-441-3098

Honduras Items Needed:

No Expired Meds

- Children's Vitamins (No gummy vitamins)
- Adult Vitamins
- Prenatal Vitamins
- Infant Vitamins
- Adult Tylenol 500 mg
- Ibuprofen 200mg
- Loratadine 10mg
- Antacid Tablets (Tums)
- Naproxen
- Cough Drops
- Toothbrushes
- Travel size Toothpaste
- Lice Killing Shampoo (8oz. Bottles)
- Children's Hair Pretties
- Small Matchbox Size Cars
- Children's Stickers, Pencils, Sharpeners, **(colorful)**

Cash or Check for other needed supplies: Bibles, eyeglasses purchased from New Vision Ministries, and prescription drugs

Checks payable to "Servant Outreach"

Most important need...your prayers!

Preparations are underway for this year's mission trip to Honduras...

Trip dates: July 29th -August 5th. 2017

We will be leaving our home in Mifflinville Friday evening July 28th to travel to the airport, and return early Sunday morning August 6th.....

Valid passport and up to date tetanus shot required.

PLEASE PRAY about serving JESUS with us this year in Honduras.....Any questions please feel free to ask us either at church or by phone. We are very willing to answer any questions you might have.

JUST FOR YOU KIDS!



Make this craft to display a bit of springtime year-round!

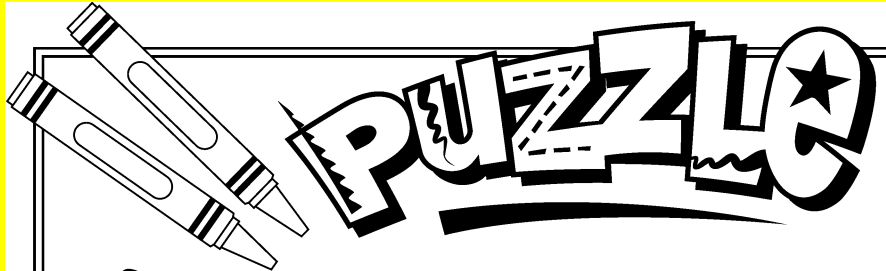
What you need:

- An old shirt
- Tempura paint (brown, dark pink, light pink and white)
- Paintbrush
- Light blue or white construction paper
- A paper plate
- Q-tips
- Paper towels



What you do:

1. Roll up one sleeve and paint your arm and the palm of your hand brown.
2. Lengthwise on the paper, carefully place your painted arm and hand, with fingers spread apart. (This is the tree trunk and branches.)
3. Place the other paint colors on the plate.
4. Using Q-tips, place dots of paint (blossoms!) all over the branches.
5. When dry, display your tree – or give it as a Mother's Day gift.

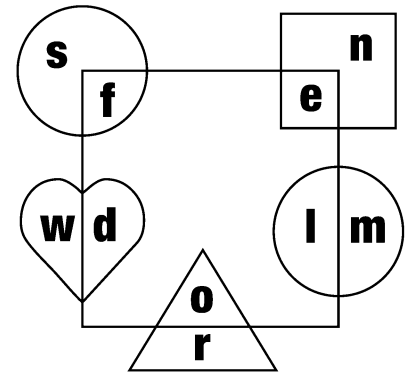


GOD CARES FOR YOU!

Jesus tells his followers not to worry about their daily needs. What example does he give of God's care for his creation?

Directions:

To complete Luke 12:27 (NIV), match the shapes under each blank with the letter shapes shown to the right.



“Consider how the wild

grow. They do not labor or spin.

Yet I tell you, not even

in all his splendor was

like one of these.” Luke 12:27, NIV

Answer: “Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these.” Luke 12:27, NIV



BIRTHDAYS AND *ANNIVERSARIES



MAY

- 1 Lois Bangs, Isaac Laubach, Alicia Mowery,
Colleen Temple, *Jim & Lori Earnest
- 2 Katie (Burns) Kehoe, Carol Nickles
- 3 Charlene Derr
- 4 Alissa Brown, Hope Clark, Joe Fleck, Lori Parker
- 5 Steve Smith
- 6 Corb Harding, Rachel Verstraeten
- 7 Ashley Maietta, *Bob & Sue Burns
- 8 Ricky Donald
- 9 Stephanie Haney, *Denny & Joyce Hack
- 10 Ruth Ann Henrie, *Steve & Debbie Michael
- 11 Jim Earnest, Kaen White
- 12 Allie Haney
- 13 Parker Clark, *Matt & Jen Kessler
- 14 Brianna Kolk
- 15 Donna Davis, Libby Haney, Keith Maklary
Kelli Moyer, *Mike & Barb Leighow
- 16 Alissa Ringer, Tammy Kessler
- 17 Barb Evans, Kristen Hess, *Stephen & Keri Gaito
- 18 Rose Matthew
- 19 Kathy Else
- 20 Lisa Boone, Cheryl Kessler, *Terry & Cindy Lyons
- 21 Brenda Wilcox
- 22 Joe Andreacci, Dylan Boone
- 23 Virginia Whittington,
*Murray Holdren & Priscilla Dunn
- 25 *Seth and Elise Watts
- 26 Cameron Gaito, Dan Reed
- 27 Kathy Arner, Klohe Faatz, *Jeremy & Lynn Hess
- 28 *Bill & Leslie Berger, *Jason & Kathleen Bangs
- 29 Sam Harding, Janine Verstraeten-Hall
- 30 *Steve & Katie Kehoe

JUNE

- 1 Lynda Crawford
- 2 Janet Bloom, Drew Gordner
- 3 Dick Bower, Dan Sinegra, Elizabeth Wolff,
- 4 Stephanie Andreacci, Lynette Hock, Bryce Ortman,
*Bob & Janet Watts
- 5 Elizabeth Chappell
- 6 Persephone Brito
- 7 *Janet & Fred McSwain, *Nate & Jenny Johnson
- 8 Kevin Renner, Mark Shultz
- 10 Dave Kolk, Jared Solomon
- 11 Chad Holdren, Jacob Masters
- 12 Allison Diehl, Emma Kakaley, Abigail Lesho,
*Ron & Ann Zeisloft
- 13 *Jim & Kerri Peterman
- 14 *Richard & Linda Hamilton, *Justin & Sarah
Strozyk
- 15 Derl Derr, *Jim & Kathy Arner
- 16 Jeremy Arner, Janet Grecsek, Maria Valles
- 17 Shirley Brito
- 18 Zach Laubach, Seth Smith
- 19 Sue Myers, Louise Strozyk, Lois Wolff,
Corey Whitmoyer
- 20 Sue Kindt, Amy Musselman, *Brandon & Andrea
Ortman, *Terry & Cindy Rider
- 22 Tristan Brito
- 23 Sue Steiner
- 24 Ryan Craig, Linda Hamilton
- 25 Eric Mordan, Joshua Swartz, *Corey & Jessica
Whitmoyer
- 26 Jennifer Myers, Brent Reed, Barbara VanHorn,
*Chad & Tara Holdren
- 27 Jared Bangs, Bradyn Zeisloft, Edith Kessler
- 28 Dan Sevinson, *Jim & Dawn Eves
- 29 Bev Harding, *Matt & Kylee DeLong, Averi Rine
- 30 Jaylen Reichner