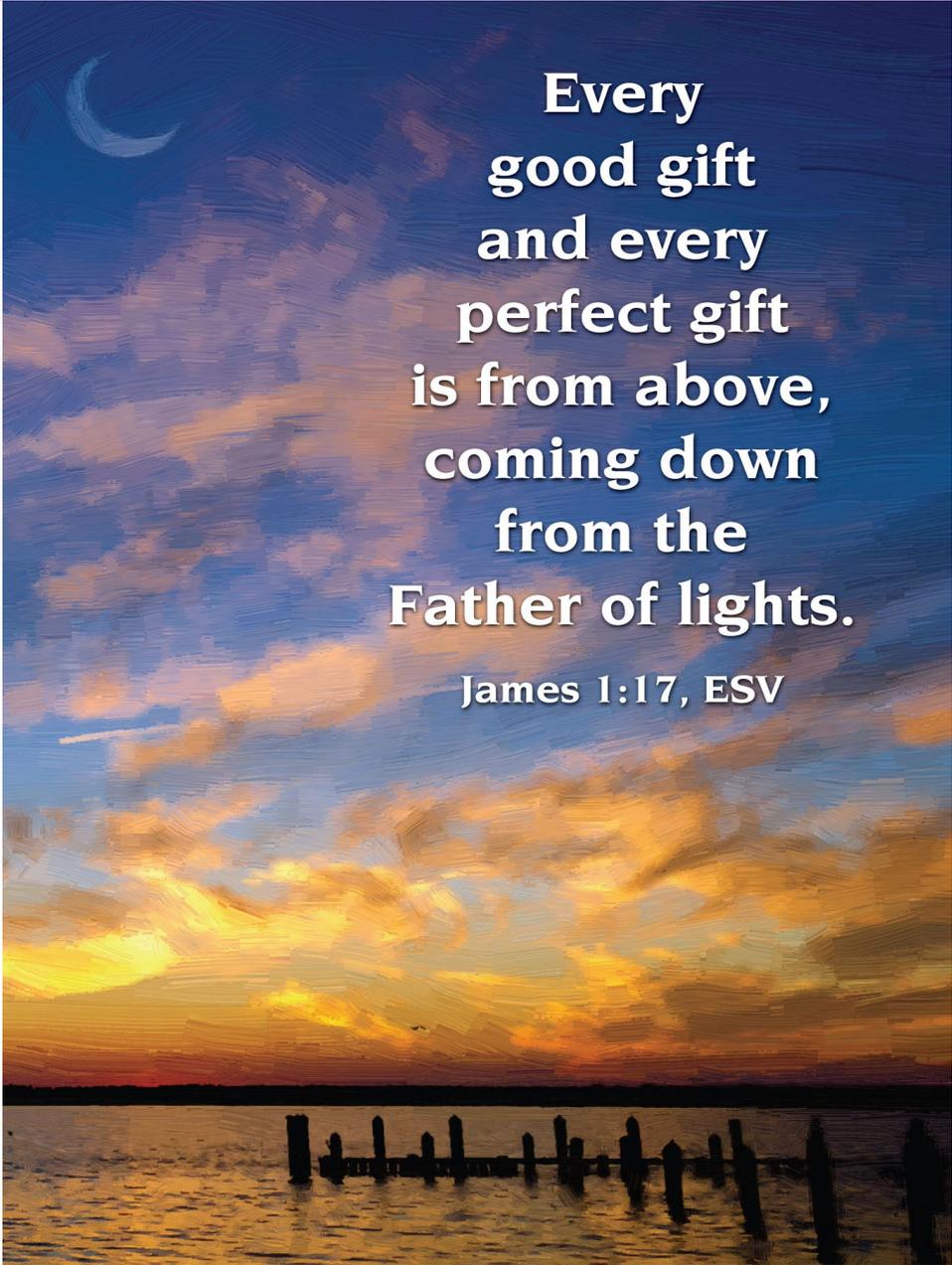


The Good News Courier

Christ Church UMC Jacobus

July/August 2017

A painting of a sunset or sunrise over a body of water. The sky is filled with vibrant orange, yellow, and blue clouds. A crescent moon is visible in the upper left corner. In the foreground, several dark wooden posts or pilings are visible in the water.

**Every
good gift
and every
perfect gift
is from above,
coming down
from the
Father of lights.**

James 1:17, ESV

A Wilderness Experience

"Then, as the LORD our God commanded us, we set out... through all that vast and dreadful desert that you have seen..." (Deut. 1:19)

When I was in seminary, we had to go on a cultural emersion trip. The trip was designed for us to emerge into the culture through their history, socially, spiritually, economically and geographical. They gave us the options of the places we could go and I decided to go to the Desert Southwest which was New Mexico.

I can sum up what we were to learn in a statement, New Mexico was inhabited by Native Americans for thousands of years before European exploration. It was colonized by the Spanish in 1598. This led to years of conflict and oppression for the Native Americans. Sound familiar? But one of the things that really caught my eye was the land. It was flat and the roads were straight and it looked like you could drive off the edge. One side of the road there would be snowcapped mountains and on the other would be desert as far as the eye could see.

I cannot imagine as it says in Deuteronomy, "we set out... through all that vast and dreadful desert that you have seen..." The Israelite people would wander in the desert or wilderness for 40 years but it should have only taken 11 days. Why? "Wilderness wandering" refers to the plight of the Israelites due to their disobedience and unbelief.

The Lord delivered His people from Egyptian bondage and they were to take possession of the land God had promised their forefathers, a land "flowing with milk and honey" (Exodus 3:8). Prior to entry, however, they became convinced they could not oust the current inhabitants of the land, even though God told them they could. Their lack of belief in God's word and promises brought forth the forty years of wilderness wandering until the unbelieving generation died off, never stepping foot in the Promised Land.

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But this is not the only wilderness story. All believers in the Lord share a common experience. The Apostle Paul relates how all of our forefathers were under the cloud, and how they all passed through the sea (1 Cor. 10:1-3). Our forefathers had another experience in common. They all spent some time in the wilderness. Abraham, Jacob, Moses, David, Elijah were there. Even Jesus was there. Their examples were meant to guide us as we also pass through the wilderness (1 Cor. 10:11). By "wilderness," we are referring to the times of God's tests and trials in our lives.

In Hebrew, the word for wilderness is midbar. It is surely interesting that the root of midbar has the meaning of "speak" or "word." God speaks to us in the wilderness. God also humbles and proves us in the wilderness (Deut. 8:2). The wilderness period can last days, or years, depending on how quickly we learn its lessons.

Christ Church has been wandering in the wilderness this past 6 months. We are now waiting for permits that are in the hands of our local government and most importantly God's hands. The rumors and strained rhetoric during this time reminds me of the murmuring that also strained the Israelites relationship with God. Making statements is one thing but asking God questions is more important. But we have to make sure we are asking the RIGHT questions. So, just maybe we need to ask God, "What are you trying to tell us that we are not hearing? What word or words are you trying to get through to us? How can we Gods people work in unity to do what he wants for this community?" God wants to bless us. He wants us to experience the land of milk and honey. So together, let's seek God while we wander in the wilderness. He will deliver us for a purpose greater than we ever imagined.

In Christ,
Pastor Bryan





Church Office Hours
Monday through Thursday
8:00 am till 1:00 pm
Closed on Fridays and Holidays

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Closed on Friday

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**Christ Church Jacobus UMC
temporarily worship with**

Pine Grove UMC

2523 Pine Grove Road
York, PA 17403

Sunday Morning

Traditional Worship
Service 9:15 AM
Contemporary Worship
Service 9:30 AM

Letter from the Board,

Thank you to all that participated in the survey. We sent out 140 surveys and received back 87. Seventy nine were included in the results, the other 8 came back after the results were tallied. The board worked with Brian Wood to create the survey and Brian then took the results and did the analysis. The board reviewed what Brian presented and will use this to guide us to determine what the future of CUMC will look like. Copies of the survey will be available through the church secretary or Kris Clark.

The Board has accepted scholarship applications for 3, with a possible 4th applicant. The decision on the amount to be awarded will be made at the next board meeting.

Building project update...Currently in the hands of York Township to issue the permits. We are obtaining a permit to close the alley during construction.

Upcoming... We will be including in the bulletin on a monthly basis, the prior month's income and expenses including shares of ministry.

Shares of Ministry have been the subject of discussion for some time now. Your board had a discussion about this at our last meeting and the following has been agreed upon...

Information from the book of Discipline was read and the importance of paying these was presented. It is our obligation as church leaders to make this a priority. Scripture from Malachi 3: 8-12 was read.

It was stated that we are missing out on God's blessings by not committing to our obligation of paying these ministries.

The motion was made and agreed upon to pay \$10,000.00 of the shares of ministry which will bring us up to date. At the next meeting we will discuss ways of moving forward to continue paying on the Shares.

With expenses being decreased and increased giving (excluding building fund) we were able to pay our Shares of Ministry. Keep in mind that we still have a long road ahead and major decisions to make concerning the building and the direction of God's leading. Please keep praying for your board and all new things to come.

Your sister in Christ,
Kris Clark

UPCOMING EVENTS



July 4th Blast at Jacobus Park
Baked goods will be sold and our
New Life Crafts for Missions
welcome your donations.

Yard Sale:

July 7 & 8 from 9:00 AM– 4:00 PM
Lakeview Park
18 Water Street
Jacobus, PA 17407

We will have Vegetable soup, subs, hot dogs,
and steak sandwiches along with wide variety of soda.



Corn Roast

August 12, 2017
Lakeview Park
18 Water Street
Jacobus, PA 17407

We will have Corn, Pork barbecue as part of the menu.



New Life Crafts for Missions

We have been working diligently on new crafts for our upcoming summer and fall shows. Check us out at the July 4th Blast at Jacobus Park. In addition to some July 4th merchandise, we will have bath soaps, scrubs and bombs for sell, plus a free craft for the children to make and take – their very own “Prayer Rock.”

Mark these upcoming Events on your calendar and support us as you are able. A reminder that all proceeds from our craft shows go to Missions support.

- (Tuesday) July 4th Blast at Jacobus Park – Baked goods will also be sold and we welcome your donations.
- (Monday) September 4 – Street Fair in Jacobus
- October 5, 6 & 7 – Church Bazaar at Lakeview Park
- (Saturday) November 11 – Aldersgate United Methodist Church Craft Show

- (Saturday) November 18 – Christmastime in Loganville

We will not be meeting during the month of July, but will start up again in August with craft nights on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday evenings at 6:00 PM. We meet at Christ UMC in the lower level Sunday School classrooms.

Meeting dates for August and September are:

- **August 8 and 22**
- **September 12 and 26**

All are welcome to join us as we create “new life” out of old, recycled materials – just as Christ gave us “new life” through His life, death and resurrection. “Not to us, Oh Lord, not to us, but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness.” – Psalm 115:1

This fall we will begin to participate with the weekend food backpack program for the

Loganville Elementary school students.

Below is a list of things we can provide for those in need:

cereal, small cans of spaghetti o's, crackers,
fruit snacks, protein bars/cereal bars, chips,
pretzels, goldfish, veggie straws,
noodles, microwave popcorn, rice,
macaroni and cheese, fruit pouches,
tuna, chicken salad, small cans of vegetables or fruit,
raisins, small cans of spaghetti sauce,
small plastic containers of peanut butter,
mayo, jelly, etc..

Starting now you may bring your items

There will be a box at Pine Grove to place your items.
Should you have any questions, you can call Paula at 428-2381.
Thanks again for caring and giving so much!!



Missions

Many thanks to all of you that helped and donated items for our yard sale May 26 & 27. I still am amazing especially of all of the food that was sold- those apple dumplings were so delicious! The soups, chili, subs, steak sandwiches, BBQ, and desserts were so tasty! If you didn't come, you missed a lot of fun! We will be giving you another chance for the next yard sale July 7 & 8. If you have more things to donate, try and squeeze them up on the band stand or call me, Paula, at 428-2381. Pine Grove gave us all their leftovers from their yard sale. Many thanks again to them for their generosity. The total we earned on the yard sale was \$3,059. We need your help again for the yard sale on July 7 & 8. The park is rented on July 9th so I will need lots of help to bag everything up on July 8th.

Thanks again!
Paula



JULY

1 Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey McWilliams
6 Mr. and Mrs. Frank Curry
9 Mr. and Mrs. Larry Roberts
10 Mr. and Mrs. Michael Ziegler
16 Mr. and Mrs. Lynwood Smith
17 Mr. and Mrs. Dean Gladfelter
20 Mr. and Mrs. Keith Boyer
24 Mr. and Mrs. Gene Snyder
27 Mr. and Mrs. Brian McKenzie
30 Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Geiselman
Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Henshaw
31 Mr. and Mrs. John Riley

AUGUST

1 Mr. and Mrs. Michael Arndt
3 Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Shearer
8 Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cunningham
15 Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Grimm
20 Mr. and Mrs. David Wright
23 Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Hake
25 Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fry
27 Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Auker
28 Mr. and Mrs. Terry Heidler
31 Mr. and Mrs. David Matthie

Birthdays

July

- 1 Paula Shearer
- 4 Lucille Schackert
- 6 Ella Floyd
Bryan Miller
Martha Shaffer
Emily Smith
- 10 Justin Ream
- 11 Owen Snyder
Wyatt Snyder
- 13 Percy Stump
- 14 Shawn Colbert
Harold Johnson
Dawn Oberdick
- 19 Neil Whisler
- 22 Donna Snyder
- 23 Terry Heidler
Kay Miller
- 28 Cayden Auker
- 29 Russell Shearer
- 31 Brandon Hewitt

August

- 1 Connie Grimm
- 2 Anna Wagner
- 3 Eric Henshaw
Lance McGuire
- 4 Cody Floyd
- 6 Jessica Floyd
William Routson
- 7 Danielle Matthie
- 9 Robin Brunner
- 10 Nancy Darr
Eric Hostler
Cindy Mann
- 11 Debbie McGuire
- 13 Schreall Nace
- 15 Nathan Ehrhart
- 16 Gladys McWilliams
Cooper Snyder
- 17 Richelle Plitt
- 18 Carolyn Koons
- 19 Claire Dougherty
- 20 Jacklyn Henshaw
- 21 David Warfel
Reginald Shearer
- 22 Robert Darr
- 23 Owen Hostler
Megan Ostinowsky
- 24 Harper Allison
- 26 Rodney Hake
Brandyn New
Whitney Wagner
- 30 James Ostinowsky
Lucas Flick
- 31 Robert Viands

Visitation List

Sam & Loretta Crane
6788 Seneca Ridge Drive
York, PA 17403-9478

Margaret Ferree
39 York Road
Jacobus, PA 17404

Ginny McWilliams
The Village at Sprenkle
1801 Folkemer Circle
York, PA 17404

Gladys McWilliams
18 Park Street
Jacobus, PA 17407

Myrtle Myers
4 North Pleasant Avenue
Jacobus, PA 17407

Betty Snyder
Manor Care, Dallastown
100 West Queen Street
Dallastown, PA 17313

Percy Stump
238 Pine View Lane
York, PA 17403



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