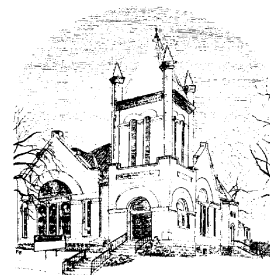


The UP Beat



The United Presbyterian Church of Claysville

With Christ as our guide, we honor the past and embrace the present, while building our future.

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What Does It Mean to Be Free?

We Americans love to talk about freedom: freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom to live without our government encroaching on our privacy. We cherish these freedoms, and rightly so. On July 4th we celebrate our nation's independence which marked our liberation as a nation and, in turn, ensured individual freedoms to each of us.

The freedom we celebrate as Americans is largely freedom *from* something, namely, from government abuses and government intrusion. But our freedom as Christians is different. It is freedom *for* something, or rather for Someone. Our freedom in Christ does mean that we are freed from sin – its hold on us is broken – but that freedom is possible only because it is freedom to bind ourselves to God.

This understanding of freedom appears in the book of Exodus, the greatest story of freedom in Scripture. The Israelites were slaves in Egypt, bound to serve Pharaoh. So God sent Moses to free them. But when Moses appeared before the Egyptian king he did not just say, "Let my people go." He continued his prophetic word from God by saying, "that they may serve *me*" (Exod 5:1; 6:2-8). The Ten Commandments appear as a tangible sign of this newfound freedom, freedom *from* Pharaoh and freedom *for* God.

The reality is that each of us serves some master. As Bob Dylan said so profoundly, no matter who you are "you gotta serve somebody." There is no such thing as absolute freedom. The question is, will we serve a master that drags us down into sinfulness, selfishness, and self-destruction, or will we serve a master who loves us and want to guide us into life, love, and peace. Our freedom for Christ leads us to be the people God intended us to be. So, as Independence Day approaches, celebrate our freedom to serve God through Jesus Christ. Study his word, pray for his guidance. Our service to him leads us to the ultimate freedom.

In Christ,
Jerome

July Worship Schedule:

2	Psalm 13	Romans 6:12-23	"Do Not Yield to Sin"
9	Song of Solomon 2:8-13	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30	"Take My Yoke Upon You"
16	Pulpit Exchange: Page Creach preaches		
23	Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24	Romans 8:12-25	"Being Known"
30	Psalm 128	Romans 8:26-39	"Everything for Good?"

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU GOES OUT TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR
EXTRA EFFORT TO THE MINISTRY OF OUR CHURCH:**

- ~ to our **June Worship Assistants:**
- ~ to all **greeters** and **nursery care providers** during June,
- ~ to the **Events Committee & Choirs** for hosting Coffee Hour in June,
- ~ to **Katie Stewart** for maintaining our Facebook Page and web-site!
- ~ to **all who donated items to the McGuffey Food Pantry,**
- ~ to **Joyce Zajac** for delivering all of your donations to the Food Pantry,
- ~ to all of our links in the prayer chain: **Carolyn Hixenbaugh, Ada Margaret Hutchison, Betty McAdoo, John & Jean McCullough, Anna Palmer, and Karen Reitnauer,**
- ~ to **Rodney Clutter & Don Hickman** for delivering our recycling to the paper retriever,
- ~ to **Janice Keeling, Joyce Minter, and Bob & Cheryl Cumer** for being tellers each Sunday morning,
- ~ to **Janice Keeling** for making arrangements for our floral tributes,
- ~ to **Janice Keeling and Joyce Minter** for preparing Communion,
- ~ to **June Butler** for faithfully arranging for our weekly Greeters,
- ~ to **everyone who helped with the Rummage Sale,**
- ~ to **everyone who helped with Vacation Bible School,**
- ~ to all those, seen and unseen, who work diligently to further God's work in and through our church!

THANK YOU!

Feed my lambs... Tend my sheep...

Opportunities for you to do God's work in your world.

McGuffey Food Pantry—donate money or food items to the pantry at any time, but place your donations in the shopping cart on the 2nd Sunday of every month. The following items are of particular need:

Spaghetti sauce
Peanut butter

Cereal
Jelly

The Mail Box



To the UP Church and Yard Sale Committee,

Thank you so much for the donation given to the Rack Pack Team. We have been working hard again this year and were able to give a nice donation to the American Cancer Society. The Relay for Life Team was small, but, strong. Thanks again to all that made this possible.

Love and prayers,

Debbie Fanning, Team Captain

“We are Happy... Alive... and built to survive!”

Remember In Prayer

Alan Clutter (brother of Rodney)
Tabby Cumer (daughter-in-law of Bob & Cheryl)
Eliana George (daughter of Dr. Lindsey)
Gerald Hickman (brother of Don)
Kosa Kol Church
Bonnie Matson (friend of Denise Rafter)

The Family of Carol Ann Mounts
Gene & Denise Rafter
Gary Whiteman
All of our Veterans
All those unemployed
All those serving in the military

This list is compiled from the Sunday prayer requests, and does not necessarily indicate illness.

Prayer Chain

Family members should call the church office at 724-663-7632 with names and situations in need of immediate prayer. The secretary will then notify the first link in the chain. Thank you!

Pastoral Care

Anyone in need of Pastoral Care or visitation should call the church office during regular hours Tuesday through Friday 9:00am until Noon, or leave a message. If you prefer not to leave a message, or in an after hours or weekend emergency situation, call Rev. Creach 412-266-1842 or 412-837-2524.



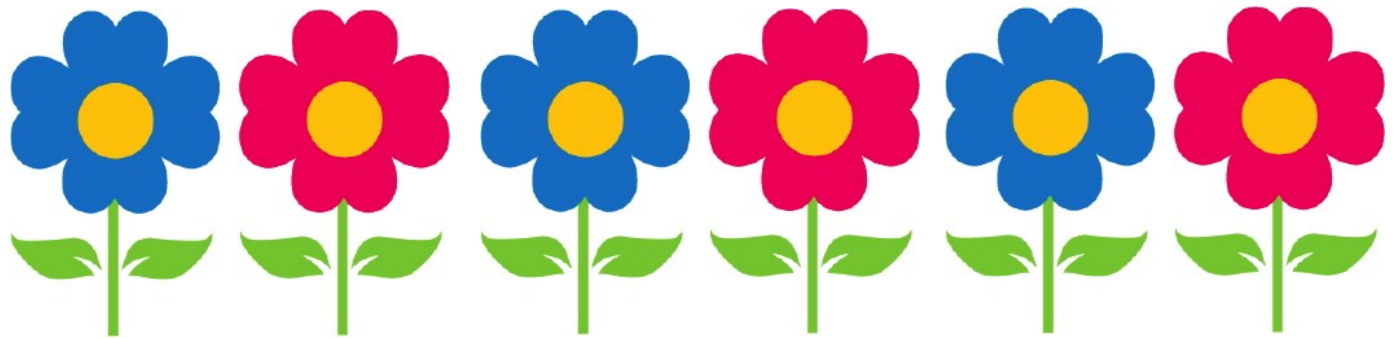
We rejoice in the baptism of Caroline Elizabeth Zajac,
daughter of Nathan & Nicole Zajac on June 25, 2017.

Flowers

Anyone who wishes to donate flowers in honor or memory of a loved one may do so by signing up on the sheet located on the main bulletin board. **The price is \$20 and should be paid to Janice Keeling, who is the coordinator.**



In Memoriam
to the Church Triumphant
Carol Ann Claffey Mounts
February 21, 1929 ~ June 5, 2017



"Let the earth bring forth grass, and yield plants bearing seed,
and trees bearing fruit." Genesis 1:11



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*Have a Great
Summer!*



JULY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

LITURGISTS:

2nd – Genna Steele
9th – Joyce Zajac
16th – Cheryl Cumer
23rd— Nancy Racunas
30th— Dave Campsey

GREETERS:

2nd – Jon & Patti Mounts
9th – Dave & Mary Campsey
16th – The Mike Hixenbaugh Family
23rd— JD Hertig & Family
30th— JD Hertig & Family

NURSERY CARE:

2nd – Volunteers
9th – Sheri Hixenbaugh
16th – Genna Steele
23rd— Marlene Nolin
30th—Nancy Brownlee

NO COFFEE HOUR JULY OR AUGUST

Rummage Sale

Thank you to all who participated in the Yard Sale as workers, donators, and/or buyers! It was a huge success, raising \$1,928.95. And if you missed out and still have some “treasures” around your house, another sale is being planned for the Fall! So keep bringing items in to the lower level of the Social Hall!



HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAY TO:	
Darci Hickman	2
Sharon Nolin	2
Kirsten Ann King	5
Darcie Day Mossman	6
Marlene Nolin	6
Mark Welsh	20
Ellison Miles Zajac	21
Jeff Weiss	25
Annamarie Saltis	26
Embry Carman	30
Katie Mounts	30
Shorey Day Taylor	30
Amber Nicole Brownlee	31

Support the Pine Springs Camp Staff!

Once again, we have a staff member to pray for and support by sending notes of encouragement. Cards may be sent through August 7th. Our staffer is:

Elaina Koerber
% Pine Springs Camp
PO Box 186, 371 Pine Springs Camp Rd.
Jennerstown, PA 15547

CLAYSVILLE UP FINANCIAL UPDATE

Beginning Checkbook Bal.	Collections/Receipts	Expenses	Ending Bal.
Budget	\$ 6,366.00	\$ 7,000.38	
Non Budget	\$ 4,425.54	\$ 686.14	
TOTALS	\$ 33,172.26	\$ 7,686.52	\$36,277.28

These figures are for April 2017



AUGUST WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

LITURGISTS:

6th—John McCullough
13th – Nancy Brownlee
20th– Ada Margaret Hutchison
27th— Doug Nolin

GREETERS:

6th – John & Jean McCullough
13th – Neil & Nancy Brownlee
20th – Rodney Clutter & Chuck Edgar
27th— Doug & Marlene Nolin

NURSERY CARE:

6th – Cheryl Cumer
13th – Nicole Zajac
20th – Kelly Dunkle
27th —Marlene Nolin

COFFEE HOUR HOST:

September – Events Committee –Church Picnic
October – Sunday School Classes

**SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
IS AUGUST 20!**

HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAY TO:	
Krista McNeil	6
Rick Fanning	7
Kenna Hixenbaugh	8
Janice Keeling	9
Billy Hanning	11
Peggy Hickman	12
Nicholas Shannon	13
Jason Steele	13
Luke Weiss	16
Zane Michael Krizay	21
Julie Shriver	21
Randall Post	22
Elizabeth Brownlee	23
David F. Campsey	24
Sydney Holdsworth	27
Johnna McCullough	27
Andrew Jacob McIntyre	27
Jackson Scott Carman	27
Gracie Saltis	28
Early September Birthdays	
John Landock	2
Laura McNeil	3
Adair Creach	5
Kelly Dunkle	6
Makenzie Weaver	7

Washington Hospital Teen Outreach Back Pack Drive

Please have your back pack/school supply donations to the church by August 6th so that they may be distributed before the start of school. Thank you!



Vacation Bible School

VBS was a great success again this year. The theme for this year was Maker Fun Factory. The kids all had a great time, and learned that God always loves them!

Thanks to everyone who helped in any way: scenery, teaching, leading, snacks, games, & crafts.

The offering this year went to support Elianna George & Family.

Please watch your bulletins for information regarding the date, time and place of the Book Club gatherings!

