

The PISGAZETTE

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June & July 2021

"A Stones Throw"

As things seem to return back to the "normal" we knew before the pandemic we now have some time to reflect on the blessings that kept us centered and empowered to get through this past year. I think we would all have to admit that it was the basics, we can so easily take for granted, that got us through this past year. Things like prayer, worship - even online, bible study and friends and family were absolutely essential this past year.

Those essentials seem all the more precious now then ever. It feels so good to be back in worship, Sunday school, bible study and fellowship together. God has been faithful and you as a church family have done an amazing job of staying focused on what really matters.

God has provided even in a year with so many challenges and changes. With Pastor Kate's retirement God has provided three guest preachers who will bring Gods word in inspiring ways.

Deacon Tammy West is assistant to the Bishop as Director of Youth and Family ministries and Director of Leadership and Discipleship. Tammy has a long history with Mt Pisgah and I have been blessed to work with her in different settings, Tammy will be our guest preacher October 9th at our Homecoming worship. Rev. Dr. Robert Allen will be our guest preacher June 6th. He and his wife Nancy have been incredibly involved in ministry together. He has served parishes for 34 years in Georgia and North Carolina. He taught religion for 12 years at Lenoir Rhyne University and worked 8 years at L.R.V. in fundraising efforts. Pastor Robert and Nancy have a son and daughter and three grandsons.

We will also be blessed in pulpit supply by Pastor John Lingle, who preached at our September Homecoming worship, and is a familiar voice at Mt Pisgah.

God truly continues to bless us and it will be exciting to see all that God has in store for us in our future together.

As 1 Corinthians 2:9

"No eye has seen

No ear has heard

No mind has begun to perceive

All that God has in store for those who love Him"

What a great Hope and Promise that with God the best is always yet to come!

Blessings in Him,

Pastor Mike

Here are some things you definitely want to put in your calendar:

Sunday May 23rd God and Country Sunday - we recognize our military and those who put themselves in harms way for us, EMS, police and firefighters

June 6th Pastor Robert Allen guest preacher

Wed June 9th -Sat June 12th youth mission camp

Sun June 13th Graduates recognized, Youth Sunday & New member class

Sun June 20th Fathers Day services (11:30 cook out for Dads and families at church)

Fri June 25th youth overnight

Sat June 26th VBS 10-4:00

July 7th -11th Kure Beach 11-13th Leadership

July 25th Youth Sunday

The Star Event

This August 21st Saturday at 6:30 we will have a large community gathering with food and music to celebrate this post pandemic time. It will be a time of thanksgiving for Gods faithfulness and a time of remembrance of lives lost in this difficult year.

Interesting church sign:

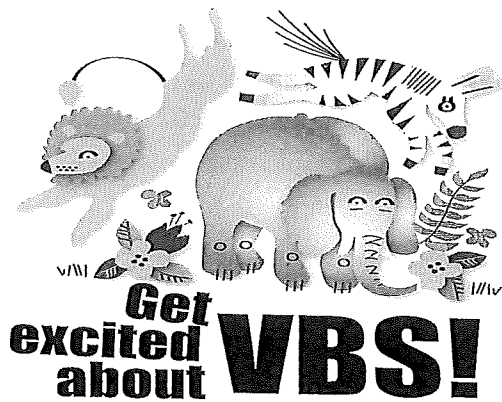
"Let going to Church be the thing that keeps you from doing everything else."



We remember in prayer:
The Sue Heavner & family on the death
Michael Heavner (Husband, Father &
Grandfather)

Mark your Calendars---V.B.S.

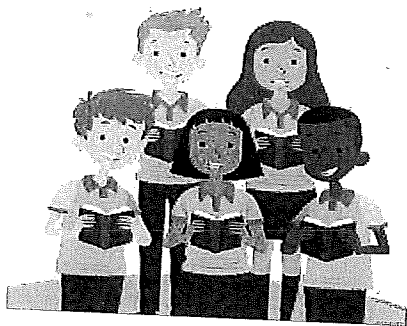
V.B.S. One day, Saturday, June 26th 10-4:00
Join us --for an amazing day
Preschool -5th Grade.



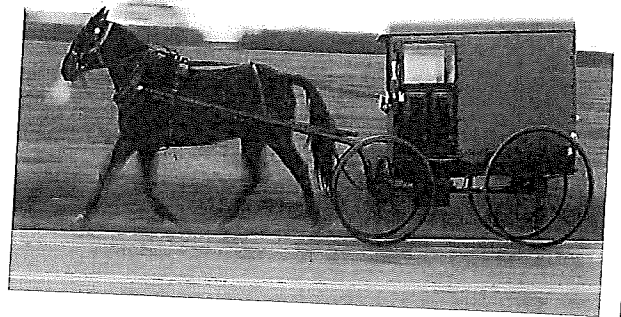
K.I.C.

Sunday to Sing
Father's Day June 20th

V.B.S.--- One Day on
Saturday June 26th 10-4:00



Have a safe and blessed Summer!



Pennsylvania Dutch-Amish Country 5 Days ~
October 5-9, 2021 Meals Included: 4
Continental Breakfasts, 1 Lunch & 2 Dinners

A List of the sites we will see:

- * LURAY CAVERNS • ANTIQUE CAR MUSEUM
- * HERSHEY • CHOCOLATE WORLD • QUEEN ESTHER • AMISH DINNER:
- * AMISH COUNTRY TOUR • AMISH FARMER'S MARKET OR KITCHEN KETTLE VILLAGE • DUTCH APPLE DINNER THEATRE:
- * GETTYSBURG BATTLEFIELD • LUNCH AT DOBBIN HOUSE • GETTYSBURG VISITORS CENTER • EISENHOWER HOME • CYCLORAMA:
- * MONTICELLO • HOME:

GENERAL INFORMATION

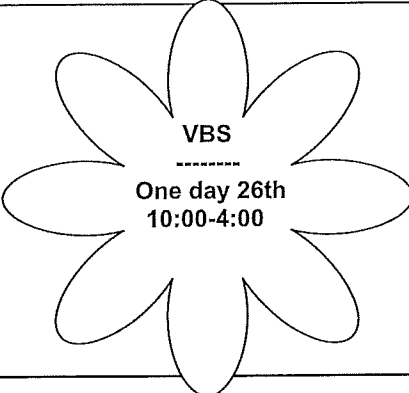
Price Per Person: Double \$925 Triple \$869
Quad \$839 Single \$1139 A deposit of \$200 per person is due with each individual's reservation. Final payment will be due 30 days prior to departure. Cancellation penalties will begin 15 days prior to departure.

Cancellation insurance is available.

Early Booking Discount is available!!

*Credit Card Payments may also be phoned in to Christian Tours, 828-465-3900, Group Sales. ~ Group Leader Mike Burris

June 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>VBS ----- One day 26th 10:00-4:00</p>		1 5:30 F3 8-5:00 Alex Senior Center 7:00 Al Anon 8:00 AA	2	3 5:30 F3 8-5:00 Alex Senior Center 6-8:00 Boyscouts 6:30-7:30 NA	4 1-3:00 Food Pantry 8:00 AA	5
6 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	7 3-5:00 Food Pantry 5:45 Brownie Scouts	8 5:30 F3 8-5:00 Alex Senior Center 7:00 Al Anon 8:00 AA	9	10 5:30 F3 8-5:00 Alex Senior Center 6-8:00 Boyscouts 6:30-7:30 NA	11 1-3:00 Food Pantry 8:00 AA	12
			3:00 Mission Camp Hickory Cove Bible Camp 9-12 return @ 2:00			
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July 2021

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Kure Beach 7-11

**Leadership
Camp 12-13**

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Stewardship Briefs—June 2021

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’ And I said, “Here am I; send me.” –Isaiah 6:8

When were you first aware of God calling you to deeper faith and service? Was it through the voice and wisdom of a beloved elder or through the witness of a treasured ancestor? Steward these stories carefully and pass them on to the generations to come in the name of the Triune God.

Stewards of our elders’ wisdom

In May and June we celebrate both Mothers Day and Fathers Day. God’s people can make the occasions much more substantive than just greeting cards, gifts, and dinners for a few select relatives. Instead, we can lift up the knowledge, wisdom and perspective that we possess from not only the mother and father figures in our own circles, but all the older men and women who have enriched our communities with their lives and experiences.

The wisdom of the past has helped people of every age to navigate the challenges of their times. Many communities in the world honor, respect, and value as “elders” their oldest members. Ours is a time of unprecedented change – both in the sweep of change and in the speed at which things are changing. Our older members can give us perspective and patience and wisdom. Here are some ideas: • Engage elders about issues facing you, your congregation and community. Listen deeply. Take notes. • Enter into their thought world: How do they frame issues? What are their underlying assumptions? What sources help inform and inspire them? • Compare their approaches to seeing the world and navigating challenges with your own. What is helpful? What can assist you? Learning from our elder mother and father figures may be the best way to not only honor them, but also help us find our own way in life.

(Excerpted from material provided by Rob Blezard Copyright © 2021, Rev. Robert Blezard. Pastor Blezard serves as pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, MD, and works as content editor for www.stewardshipoflife.org.)

Updates: Beyond our Walls—I am pleased to report that we have been able to provide the funding for a free “appreciation meal” through Lutheran Services Carolinas (LSC) to every employee at both Trinity Ridge and Trinity Village, for their efforts during the pandemic. Thank you! Additional funds gathered through June will support LSC’s “Be the Light” campaign. Be generous!

Giving updates: As of the end of April our giving for this fiscal year is still running behind the budget, but because of the pandemic, our expenses have been less. As noted last month, with the return to in person worship offering levels hopefully will improve. If you are not able to attend, please mail your offerings to the church office or use Tithe.ly for on line donations. Thanks to all who continue to work together to support our ministry here, across our Synod, and ELCA-wide ministries.

Bill Oelkers, Stewardship Chair

The Good Samaritan Food Pantry



The Food Pantry is open on:
Monday 3:00-5:00 PM
Friday's 1:00-3:00 PM



July 17th Alexa Watts & Matt Meyers (4:00)

Year 2022

June 11th Trisha Sigmon & Dalton Johnson

G.L.O.W.

Glorify God, Spread Love, Overwhelm with Joy and Witness to Others Our mission is to make and distribute care packages to those battling cancer in hopes of bringing joy and spreading God's Love. How do I nominate an individual for a care package? Know someone in need of a care package and/or prayer shawl? Fill out a card with the requested information and place in the G.L.O.W. box located in the Narthex. Care Package/Prayer Shawl requests will be picked up from the box each Sunday. Someone from our ministry will be in contact about your request. Want to help? Any donations towards our ministry is greatly appreciated. See Laura Barnes or Olivia Stillwell.



Men's Bible Study

Men's & Women's Bible Study Banquet –
May 25th @ 6:00 PM.



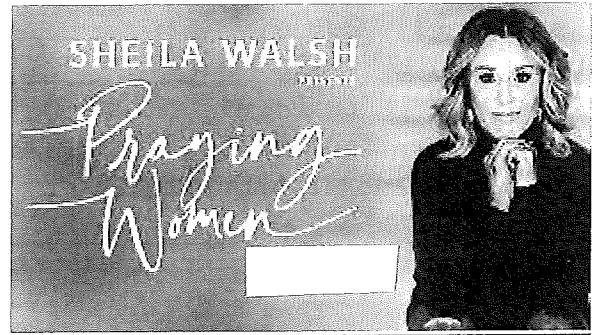
Women's Bible Study

Bible Study offered this summer Starting
Wednesday June 2 @ 9:00 AM and 6:15 PM

Join us for a new Bible Study by Shelia Walsh
(This Summer)
The Study is "Praying Women"

9:00 AM on Wednesday(s) Join us in the
Celebration Hall---Social Distancing observed.

The Bible study Books will be available.
Book \$10.00 Donation



How to pray when you don't know what to say.
Prayer is one of the most powerful life
changing things we will ever do.

Summers are busy so come when you can as
we have a roundtable discussion on prayer.
Let's dive in together and rise up stronger.
When God's daughters fall on their knees to
pray, the battle is not over, it is just the
beginning.

Your sister in Christ. Yvonne Osborne

Child care will be available.

Please remember to check your mailbox at
church for a copy of budget.

Congregational Meeting Sunday May 23rd

Between services 9:00 to vote on proposed
budget and council nominees.