



The Messenger of Shenberger's Chapel UMC



July/August 09 Edition

New Bridgeville, PA

Sunday School- 9:15am

Worship-10:30am

*Worshipping at the

New Bridgeville Firehall

Pastor Patricia Bollinger

www.shenbergerschapel.org

Parish office

246-2428

Pastor's study

244-2974

Welcome, from Shenberger's Chapel Church. Come, share and be a part of a living Christ centered Family.
Please come and join us!

*Pleasant words are as a honeycomb,
sweet to the soul, and health to the bones. Proverbs 16:24*

"Let us, then, feel very sure that we can come before God's throne where there is grace." Hebrews 4:16.

Greetings to all!

As I prepare this week for vacation I have mixed emotions. On the one hand, I am excited to be with my children and grandchildren and on the other, I am sorry not to be with you. I know that when I come back, I am only here a day and then I go off to school again for a month. This is a very difficult time of the year for Danny and me because we are used to having one another around all the time. I am usually pretty busy at school, but I know that Danny can get lonely sometimes. Of course, he now has Hannah and she keeps him busy! (If only she could talk!!)

Anyway, I wish you health and safety this summer and I know that we have a bright future because of Jesus Christ! Let us bask in the Son and continue to spread the Good News as we continue to make a difference in this place we call New Bridgeville.

In Christ's love,
Pastor Pat

Pastoral Needs- If you have a need, please contact the office at 246-2428 or Bruce Miller at 927-9451. Pastor Al Horst is covering for me.

Next Teachers Meeting is Friday, Sept 11th at 7:00 at Leah's home



Community Outreach:

Did you know: That we offered snow cones to the children at the Home Run Derby on Sunday, June 7th, we used 6 bags of ice that is about 150 snow cones!! Hopefully we touched one child or parent with the love of Jesus. A special Thank you to Alan Miller who brought the machine up to the ball field and Susie Miller who got the delicious syrup! and to Sue Miller for the cups and spoons. A Big Thank you to Wendy Smith, Kristi Harrison, Jason and Erica Tyson and Jade, Jayla, and Jordon for helping serve the cones, and to Jason thank you for using your muscles to make to ice.

SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPER NEEDED: We are Looking for someone to help out with our Youth Sunday School Class, to cover for Pat and Tiff when they are not here, what a great opportunity to get to know our fabulous youth. Please contact Leah Geesey or Kristin Sweigard if interested.

A special Thank you to Susie Miller and Hilda Arnold for being so faithful and playing so beautifully every Sunday Morning for SS opening, you may not know this but many Sundays they are both put on the spot for choosing a song to play (Leah being the guilty one most Sundays), Please take time to Thank them for their talents and love of music.

Spiritual Gifts class

Jean Miller will be leading Alan's class in the Gifts of Spirits Class starting July 26-Aug 30th! Please plan to attend; you never know what God has planned for you!

Bible study attending Living Waters

On Wednesday August 5, 2009 the Wednesday Morning Bible Study group will be attending the 12:30PM showing of "Abraham and Sarah" at Living Waters Theater in Lancaster. If you would like to join the group for this outing, please contact Jean Miller by Sunday July 12th.

The Disciple Team had a meeting on May 29th
– Please ask your teachers about the PAPER AIRPLANES they made!!



GREETERS
JULY

LITURGIST

USHERS

ACOLYTE

5th. Ed & Mary
Coeyman

Brandi Miller

Michael Kinley
Wes Booth

Jasper

12th. Oscar Resline

Donna Ludwig

Michael Kinley
Wes Booth

Summer

19th. Terrence & Chloe

Karen Booth

Bruce Miller
Andrea Miller

Hayden

26th. Jean Miller

Kim Kauffman

Bruce Miller
Andrea Miller

Dustin

AUGUST

2nd. Gloria Hoover

Amy Miller

Kim Kinley
Anissa Keeseey

Anders

9th. Joan Crumbling

Cass Gaus

Kim Kinley
Anissa Keeseey

Jasper

16th. Hilda Arnold

Alisha Miller

Steve Sweigard
Jean Miller

Hayden

23rd. Wes Booth

Joann Crumbling

Steve Sweigard
Jean Miller

Summer

30th. Bob Kashner

Susie Miller

Patrick Sipe
Oscar Resline

Will

Follow the Lay Leader to.....FAITHFULNESS

By Jean Miller, Lay Leader

Mother Teresa once said, “Be faithful in the small things, because it is in them that your strength lies.” Believers have a desire for and get great pleasure from being faithful. But faithfulness is neither easy nor natural; and in today’s world it is very rare. Being faithful to your beliefs is possible, with the help of the Holy Spirit. Faithfulness is required by anyone who wants to live a healthy, balanced life.

So what is the difference between faith and faithfulness? Faith is what God gives you and faithfulness is how you respond. You can respond to this God-given faith in one of three ways: ignore it; accept it and do nothing; or accept it and act on it. Faith is up to God, faithfulness is up to you!

It’s been shown that God will test your faithfulness. He wants to know if you are loyal and dependable. When you pass his test and prove to be faithful in the little things, he’ll entrust you with something bigger. We know from the Bible that Moses led sheep before he led people; David was first a servant to the king before he was appointed as king; and Paul was tested with many trials (shipwrecks, an infirmity, etc) before he was trusted to build churches.

God wants you to enjoy his faithfulness for yourself, so he included it as a spiritual fruit. God will share his faithfulness to strength you to become a reliable spouse, parent, neighbor, friend, employee or citizen. This gift of faithfulness will enrich your marriage, work, financial matters, and other commitments. In other words, he will make it possible for you to be faithful in all of the relationships and commitments in your life.

But most importantly, those who persist with faithful habits toward God (in prayer, devotions, worship, tithing, witnessing, etc) are likely to be recruited by God for a larger role in his kingdom. Only God knows what responsibility he may be testing and proving you for. God is eager to work wonders through you, but first he must know that he can count on you. So right now, today, make a commitment to do the little things faithfully, and then be prepared!

During January you followed the leader to JOY.

During February you followed the leader to LOVE.

During March you followed the leader to PEACE.

During April you followed the leader to PATIENCE.

During May you followed the leader to KINDNESS.

During June you followed the leader to GOODNESS

This month I invite you to follow the leader to FAITHFULNESS.

Cute Story... about Shirley & Marcy

A mom was concerned about her kindergarten son walking to school. He didn't want his mother to walk with him. She wanted to give him the feeling that he had some independence but yet know that he was safe.

So she had an idea of how to handle it. She asked a neighbor if she would please follow him to school in the mornings, staying at a distance, so he probably wouldn't notice her.

She said that since she was up early with her toddler anyway, it would be a good way for them to get some exercise as well, so she agreed.

The next school day, the neighbor and her little girl set out following behind Timmy as he walked to school with another neighbor girl he knew. She did this for the whole week.

As the two walked and chatted, kicking stones and twigs, Timmy's little friend noticed the same lady was following them as she seemed to do every day all week. Finally she said to Timmy, 'Have you noticed that lady following us to school all week?

Do you know her?'

Timmy nonchalantly replied,

'Yeah, I know who she is.'

The little girl said, 'Well, who is she?'

'That's just Shirley Goodnest,' Timmy replied, 'and her daughter Marcy.'

'Shirley Goodnest? Who the heck is she and why is she following us? '

'Well,' Timmy explained, 'every night my Mom makes me say the 23rd Psalm with my prayers, 'cuz she worries about me so much.

And in the Psalm, it says, 'Shirley Goodnest and Marcy shall follow me all the days of my life', so I guess I'll just have to get used to it!'

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift His countenance upon you, and give you peace.

May Shirley Goodnest and Marcy be with you today and always.

Welcome back!

We welcome sisters, Wendy Smith and Kristi Harrison back to the worshipping fellowship at Shenberger's.

Wendy works as an accountant for Apple Automotive and has two sons, Jed and Jonathan. She enjoys reading anything and everything. The best thing she likes about being back is being around the people again. Wendy's mother Barb was instrumental in encouraging her to reconnect with her church family. Her new position at Shenberger's is money counter.

Kristi works as an Intake Secretary for the D.A's office. She is the one who enters a person's information into the court system upon arrest. We really don't want to see her at her work place. Kristi has one son, Kasey, who is currently living in Dover and working at Wal-mart. She enjoys reading and has been doing a lot of walking as she recovers from Gastric Bypass Surgery. Both she and Wendy had the operation for health reasons. Kristi's mom, sister and a Christian friend were influential in encouraging her to return to Chapel. Kristi has enjoyed hooking up with old friends and especially likes the worship songs and music. She has a wonderful testimony of how God touched her in a special way after her return and is willing to share it with anyone who asks. We look forward to hearing her sing sometime soon.

Directory Update

We will continue to update our church directory through the month of July. If your picture is not in the directory or if you have address or phone number changes please contact Gloria Kashner at 9171) 373-6008 or bkashner@netzero.net

Reminder: We may no longer have a food closet but we are continuing to collect food to help those who are struggling during these tough time. Our donations are currently being taken to St. Paul's for distribution. Look for the gray bin under the missions table and remember to check the expiration dates before donating items. There is an immediate need for canned peas, corn, pork and beans and peanut butter.

***We are also collecting Barry's cash register receipts (remember to have them initialed) and Campbells soup labels.

Prayer Notes

Pray at all times and on every occasion in the power of the Holy Spirit. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all Christians everywhere. And pray for me, too. Ask God to give me the right words as I boldly explain God's secret plan that the good News is for Gentiles, too. I am in chains now for preaching this message as God's ambassador. But pray that I will keep on speaking boldly for him as I should. *Ephesians 6:18-19*

The Apostle Paul experienced incredible hardships in his ministry and yet his prayers were not for deliverance from those things but rather for strength to endure and boldness to proclaim fearlessly the Good News of Jesus Christ. He knew he needed the prayers of the church body.

Our prayer focus for the month of July is on Pastor Pat and Dan.

Let us be persistent in praying for Pastor Pat and Dan. Pray God will give them the right words as they boldly explain the Good News. Pray they will have many opportunities to speak his message. And pray that they will keep on speaking as boldly for him as they should.

Pray, Pray, Pray!

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Combined Monthly newsletter for July/August

We have added both monthly calendars to the newsletter, both are subject to change. A new August calendar will be printed later if there are a lot of changes on the August calendar. As always check your church bulletin for updates.

Newsletter articles are due August 15th (or before Please). See Zoe or email stubbornchild@comcast.net

Coming Thursdays This Fall

Making Children Mind Without Losing Yours

How to Bring Out the Best in Your Kids By Doing What is Best for Them

Join us for this six-week D.V.D. study beginning Sept 3rd.

Lessons include

Week1- **Daring to Be a Courageous Parent** – Developing the Courage to Do what is best for your kids!

Week 2- **Why Kids Misbehave**- Understanding Kids and Why They Do What They Do!

Week 3- **Becoming the parent God Wants You to Be**- Maintaining Authority without Being a Authoritarian!

Week 4- **Nine Ways to become your Teenager's Best Friend** -How to Gain Your Teenager's Love and Respect and Keep it Forever!

Week 5- **The ABC'S of Self- Image**- Helping Kids Feel Good about Themselves for All the Right Reasons!

Week 6- **When to let the Little Buzzards Tumble**- turning Everyday hassles into Everyday Successes!

See Donna Ludwig to Sign-up



Can I tithe more than ten percent?

Yes, indeed! Malachi 3:8 speaks of "tithes and offerings". A tithe is ten-percent and an offering goes beyond that. There is an old Cliché that says if you need something give some of it away. Therefore, if you need money, give money tithes and offerings. If you need time, give some of your time to a church or other organization; join Meals on Wheels, big Brothers or some similar organization.

Tithing is not and never has been an ending place. It is a beginning place.

A tithe is not a debt we owe, but a seed we sow!

Mark Victor Hansen
The Miracle of Tithing

LIVING WATER

Come to me, Oh Holy Spirit
As cleansing water You wash my soul
Come to me, oh Holy Spirit
Only through You am I made whole

Through you Spirit, I realize
You have brought me to this calming place
With Your water I was baptized
And You filled me with Your loving grace

Through Your water I remain
Filled with wonder of cleansed mind and heart
Descending upon me as the rain
Showering me with the gracious love You impart

Through You I take my breath
Your living water sustains me and shows the way
Through You I can face my death
Without fears or sorrows I await that glorious day

You cleanse my soul and heart fulfilling them with Your grace
You are my Creator, Living Water, Giver of life, Serenity, Breath
Filling me with love, Holy Spirit, forgiver of sin without a trace
With me throughout life, You will be with me beyond death.

Karen Booth 5/26/09