



THE CALLER

May 2024

"The Stone Church with a Warm Heart"

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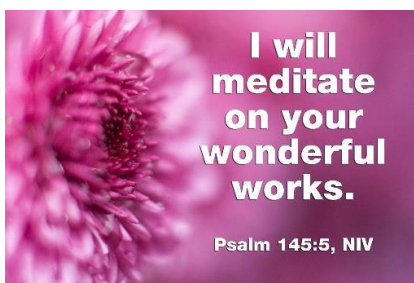
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Sunday Morning Schedule

Informal Service 8:00 A.M.
Contemporary Service 10:15 A.M.
Traditional Service 10:30 A.M.

Office Hours

Monday - Friday
9:00 A.M. — 12:00 P.M.



From the Pastor....

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

(Colossians 2:6-7)

The glory of God is continually revealed each and every day. All of creation cries out praise and glory to God. This is especially evident during this time of year as the buds on the trees and flowers begin to bloom. As I write this note, I am outside on my patio and taking in the sights of the lawn that surrounds the house. Learning how to treat the lawn and helping it gain and sustain health has been a challenge for us. Just last year the land was barren and went through a drought immediately after being seeded. I remember last summer when the rain finally came as I saw the rain wash away the grass seed and the birds eat the seeds. We did our best last summer and fall to take care of it so it might be able to sustain weather and grow to be healthy. Now it is spring when new life has sprung and growth has begun. Just recently, the grass was mostly brown with a little bit of green in it and there are a lot of weeds scattered throughout the lawn. We hired a landscaper to help us get our lawn in a healthy condition. The landscaper told us to have hope that the lawn will become healthy and will look decent, but this will take time.

There has been a great transformation over the past couple weeks. The grass has gone from brown to green and has grown and looks pretty healthy. There are still spots in the lawn where grass has not grown. The weeds have been treated and the treatment seems to be working. We are in the beginning stages of creating a healthy lawn. There has been progress. This is going to be a process and this will take time.

As I look at the lawn and the transformation that it has been undergoing, even if very minimal, I ponder our faith. Our faith is a spiritual journey. Truth be told, there are times when we feel parched and when we feel like the lawn described above. There will be times when we feel like we are in the desert. There are times when we feel uncertain and uprooted. But, our faith is a spiritual journey. Sometimes, we need to go through dry and difficult times to be aware how God is truly at work in our lives to bring about good and the awareness of God. We must be diligent to grow in faith and to ensure we are being grounded and rooted in the faith. We do this through coming to worship each Sunday to worship God together, as the people of God, and to support one another as we intercede on the behalf of others in prayer. We stay rooted in the faith when we take time to read Scripture, devotions, and pray. We are able to continue to grow in faith as we study the Word of God together through small groups and through serving in ministry. Each and every

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May Mission of the Month

Gretna Glen, submitted by Marty Garner

The year 2023 was a blessing to Gretna Glen. Thirty-two school groups were served with 2,937 teachers, chaperones and students exploring nature on Gretna Glen's 200 acres. Many day and overnight groups spent time at Gretna Glen throughout the year.

The Gretna Gritty is always a successful fundraiser for Gretna Glen. In 2023, funds from this yearly event enabled them to pay off the mortgage they carried since 2005 from various building projects.

Summer camp continues to break records with



1,293 camper registrations last summer from 367 families. Cornwall UMC collects "noisy" offerings the 2nd Sunday of each month to provide scholarships for the children of our church who attend Gretna Glen.

The Carrie Lodge/Health Center is the next improvement project at Gretna Glen. They are still seeking volunteers, supplies and donations for this much-needed building project.

It is a blessing to offer our donations to such a fine mission in our own backyard!



Mother's Day Takeout Dinner to Benefit Mission Trip to WV

You don't have to cook on Mother's Day OR hope your family can get a restaurant reservation. You can get a delicious, made from scratch dinner with dessert to take out right after church and simply reheat it! All proceeds support this year's Mission Trip to WV!! Complete the order form you will find in the bulletin. Pick up immediately following church on May 12; advance orders only until we are sold out.

Your entrée choices are Beef Stroganoff, Hot Chicken Salad with potato chips, cheddar, and sliced almonds, Apple Cranberry Pork Tenderloin or White Lasagna Florentine (vegetarian option), all served with a homemade buttermilk biscuit and green beans. Dessert choices: Black Joe Cake with peanut butter icing, Carrot Cake with cream cheese icing, Rhubarb Cake with cream cheese glaze, and German Spice Cake with caramel, pecan, and coconut icing. The price for each entrée plus a dessert is \$20. There will be a limited number of orders accepted, so don't wait to submit your order form with payment – which you can put in the offering plate OR give to Kathy Snavelly or Tanya Voris. Forms are available in the Sunday bulletin, from the church office, or if you receive The Caller by email the form is included as an attachment.

If you would like to maximize what we're able to raise from this dinner, visit the display in the Welcome Center and you can donate to help underwrite meal costs. Questions? Call Tanya at 717.813.8500.



Groceries Give Back Gift Cards

Don't forget we still have Sheetz cards available. We're down to seven (7) \$100 cards! Please think about a Sheetz card when you are traveling this summer. Please stop by the church office Monday through Friday from 9:00 - 12:00 to purchase these last few cards. Thank you for supporting this program.



Special thank you to everyone who filled Easter eggs for our egg hunt! Despite having to postpone it because of rain, we had another successful CUMC Easter Egg Hunt with each kid leaving with a bag FULL of goodies!

**GET READY FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!!
SCUBA! Diving into friendship with GOD!!**



Vacation Bible School will be held every Wednesday in July from 6:30 P.M. to dusk **AT SOUTH HILLS PARK!!**
OUR FIRST EVER VBS COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENT!

We will need a ton of help to get this event off the ground! Please join us for a planning meeting following the Unity Service on May 19 in room 60 for more information!



Youth Group

May Schedule

- May 3-5** - Retreat at Cleona Camp Meeting Grove. Drop off at 7 P.M. Pick up at CUMC on the 5th at noon.
- May 5** - No Youth Sunday School; Youth Group (normal time)
- May 12** - Happy Mother's Day! Youth Sunday School; No Youth Group
- May 19** - Youth/Graduation Sunday. Worship Team report at 8:30 A.M. Everyone else report at 9:05 A.M. Service starts at 10:30 A.M. No Youth Sunday School; Youth Group Graduation Party 5:30 P.M. - 8 P.M. for teens and their families
- May 26** - Youth Sunday School; No Youth Group. Happy Memorial Day Weekend!

Times (unless listed otherwise):

Sunday School 9 - 10 A.M.
Youth Group 6 - 8 P.M.

Need to contact Jon?

email: js200@cairn.edu
cell phone: 717-202-7789



Gretna Glen camp brochures are now available in the 1st floor elevator foyer.

We are happy to announce that we are again able to provide scholarships to our children and youth for summer camp.

Scholarships are for **half the cost** of camp up to \$225. (e.g., if camp cost is \$500, scholarship will be \$225; camp cost, \$350, scholarship will be \$175).

Make sure you get a camp catalogue and register for camp early!

After registering, please submit a copy of your Statement of Account (available from the camp website) so that the church can pay its portion.



Youth Sunday/Unity Service

Sunday, May 19
10:30 A.M.

Sunday, May 19 at 10:30 A.M. will be a Unity Service for Youth Sunday. This will be the ONLY service on that day. The youth will be participating in all parts of the worship service. During this service we will also recognize our graduates. Come out and see all the wonderful things that our youth can do!

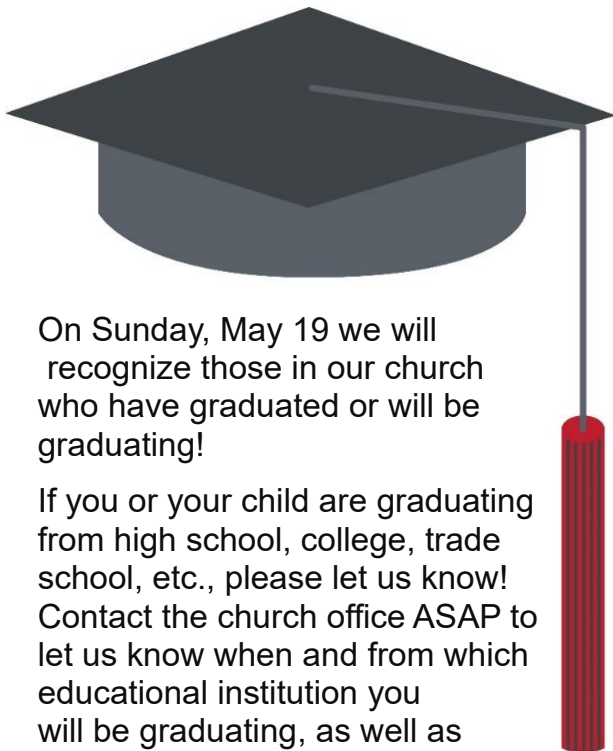
Young Adults: Knoebel's Grove

We'll be heading up to Elysburg to enjoy a day at Knoebel's Grove on Saturday, May 11. We'll leave from the church at 11 A.M. Bring cash for ride tickets. Contact Kathy Snavelly at 717-507-2667 (call or text) to let her know you'll be joining the fun!! We'll be packing a picnic lunch, so you can also tell Kathy what you're bringing to share.



School Prayer Walk

Lebanon County School Prayer Walks will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2024. The Cornwall UMC Praying Hands group will gather at Cornwall Elementary School at 9:30 A.M. to walk and pray for the teachers, students and staff. Everyone is invited to join us! In case of inclement weather, we will meet at the church.



On Sunday, May 19 we will recognize those in our church who have graduated or will be graduating!

If you or your child are graduating from high school, college, trade school, etc., please let us know! Contact the church office ASAP to let us know when and from which educational institution you will be graduating, as well as your future plans.

Men's Choir

All men are invited to sing in a men's choir for Mother's Day, May 12th. The men will sing in the 10:30 A.M. Traditional Service. You will be able to sit with your families during the service. If you would like to sing, please let Mike Brimmer, 717-679-0504 or Jen Trexler, 717-277-8968, know. We will have short practices after church on Sun., April 28 and Sun., May 5 as well as at 10 A.M. on Sun., May 12.



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Cornwall UMC Christmas in Historic Bethlehem



A unique Christmas excursion! XYZ Fellowship is organizing a chartered bus trip with Lebanon AAA Travel to Historic Bethlehem, PA as a special Christmas activity for our whole church family. Experiencing the history of the town and current holiday traditions will be a unique memory in your holiday celebrations. Plan to join us:

- Thursday, December 5, 2024
- Chartered bus pickup and return to church
- Leaving at 8:30 A.M. return approximately 8:00 P.M.
- Cost \$129.00 per person

Events: Christkindlmarkt, with aisles of handmade works by more than 150 fine artisans, including a

variety of food selections for a quick lunch; board the bus to Main Street Bethlehem with free time to visit the Moravian Museum of Bethlehem, or Central Moravian Putz for the retelling of the story of Christ's birth, visit the shoppes, or have a quick supper; then back to the bus to enjoy the Christmas City back in time for the Bethlehem by Night Tour.

To see all that is available during our visit check out the "Christmas" link on their website: www.historicbethlehem.org

Should you have questions, please contact Martha Miller at 717-599-1883. Brochure and reservation form will be available from Martha. We would love to fill the bus! First come, first served!



Honeybees: Swooning at American Music Theater

The bus will depart with Jim Serafin at the wheel at 1:45 P.M. on Sunday, June 11 to hear the Buckingham and the Lettermen in concert at AMT. Check with Kathy Snively (717-507-2667) if you didn't make a reservation yet to see if we can get additional tickets!



▪ Thank you to the brass players who helped accompany the hymns in the Traditional Service on Easter Sunday. Your playing helped to enhance an already special service.

- Thank you to everyone who helped organize and participate in the Maundy Thursday Service. It was a very memorable and moving experience for many people.
- Thank you to the soup makers, bakers and workers who helped with this year's election day soup and bake sale. A profit of almost \$1,400 went to the church's General Fund. Frozen Ham and Green Bean soup is still available for sale for \$7.50 a quart. Contact Jen in the church office if you would like to buy some.

Adult Education Series to focus on Great Christian Hymn Writers

Following the conclusion on our study of Ecclesiastes, we invite you to join us on Sunday mornings at 9 A.M. for presentations on some of the great hymn writers who have inspired us through the years. Learn about the people who wrote the songs inspiring your faith! We will start on May 26 with Carl Boberg and the hymn "How Great Thou Art"

Watch for more information in the June Caller about which hymns and hymn writers we will be covering in June.



Vacation

Pastor Deanna will be out of the office on May 21 - 23 for Annual Conference. She will be on vacation from Sat., May 25 - June 7. Watch the May bulletins for information about pastoral coverage during these times.

Chris Ritchie will be preaching both Sundays during Pastor Deanna's vacation.



From the Pastor (cont'd)....

one of us has been given spiritual gifts to use in the church and in the community to build up the kingdom of God. Through prayer, service, witness, worship, and study, we are exterminating the weeds in our lives which distract us and try to uproot and displace us. So, keep rooted in the faith and walk with Jesus.

Keep focused on the goodness of God. Always seek the good and the grace of God. Take time to tend to your soul's nourishment by God. Keep focused on the empty cross as we proclaim, "Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed!" What better news could there be? The mercy and grace of God are both revealed at the cross. Through faith in Christ Jesus, we have been redeemed because of God's great love for us. Therefore, be filled with gratitude and thanksgiving in your heart. Live a life that is pleasing to God. Faith is a journey and a process, but it is so meaningful and worthwhile.

How is it with your soul? How are you tending to it? How are you growing in faith so that you will be able to sustain the winds and the storms when they come as you are being grounded and rooted in the faith? Keep the faith. Turn your eyes upon Jesus. Know that you are loved by God!

Peace and Grace,
Pastor Deanna Geiter



From Finance –

I was going to cover the next section of the previously shown graph but since we have now completed the first quarter of 2024, it is time to give an overall recap. The following figures are for the General Fund budget only and cover the months of January, February, and March. Total income and donation came to \$94,196.74. Total expenses for this same period were \$88,959.42. Of the total donations, envelopes and loose plate offerings were \$88,758.50 which was \$729 more than the budget. This congregation continues to remain faithful in its giving. We are thankful for this faithfulness and give thanks to God for the blessings he has bestowed upon us.

James Brimmer, Finance Chair



May 2024

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
			1 Women's Bible Study 10am	2 Choir 7:30pm	3	4 Fellowship Hall reserved for layout changes. 8am- 2pm Youth Retreat May 3-5
5 Communion Men's Choir practice after church Girl Scouts 3-4:30, 6-7:30pm Youth Group 6pm Men's Group 7pm	6 Women's Bible Study 1:30pm Boy Scouts 7pm	7 Women's Bible Study 7pm Cub Scouts 7pm	8 Women's Bible Study 10am Peach Festival mtg. 7pm	9 LCCM noon meal Choir 7:30pm	10	11
12 Mother's Day 	13 Women's Bible Study 1:30pm Boy Scouts 7pm Investment mtg. 7pm	14 Women's Bible Study 7pm Cub Scouts 7pm	15 Women's Bible Study 10am	16 Trustee mtg. 7pm Choir 7:30pm	17	18
19 Youth Sunday - Unity Service at 10:30am VBS mtg. after worship Girl Scouts 3-4:30, 6-7:30pm Youth Group 5:30pm Men's Group 7pm	20 Women's Bible Study 1:30pm Boy Scouts 7pm	21 Women's Bible Study 7pm Cub Scouts 7pm	22 Women's Bible Study 10am	23 Choir 7:30pm	24	25
26 Chris Ritche, guest speaker Youth Group 6pm Men's Group 7pm	27  MEMORIAL DAY Office Closed	28 Women's Bible Study 7pm Cub Scouts 7pm	29 Women's Bible Study 10am	30 Choir 7:30pm	31	
----- Pastor Deanna on Vacation May 25 - June 7 -----						

Cornwall Manor Blooms & More Festival



Cornwall Manor will be having its Spring Blooms & More Festival this year on May 4th from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and is open to the public. If you have never been to the Blooms and More Festival, this is a perfect time to start. Shop the Festival for arts and crafts, handcrafted wood items, spring flowers and plants, herbs, vegetable plants and certified organic items grown by *Trailside Organic Farm*. Visit the large silent auction including unique items, artist's gallery, themed baskets and gift certificates, and of course, you won't want to miss the homemade fudge, baked goods and lunch provided by Cornwall Manor Dining Services. You can also visit the Manor Shoppe and the Treasure Trove for some wonderful finds. Cornwall Manor will also offer tours of Buckingham Mansion and the Railroad Club will have their trains running at the Mule Barn. All proceeds from this event benefit projects of the Cornwall Manor Society which include programs and services for health center and personal care residents.

Parking is limited and bus transportation will be provided from Sacred Heart Church to Cornwall Manor. If you need more information, please see Tanya Voris in church or contact her at 717-813-8500.



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