

Thursday, May 2, 2024

Our Sunday Worship Services begin at 10:00 a.m. - We will also be "live" streaming!



Psalm 1 1 John 5:1-13

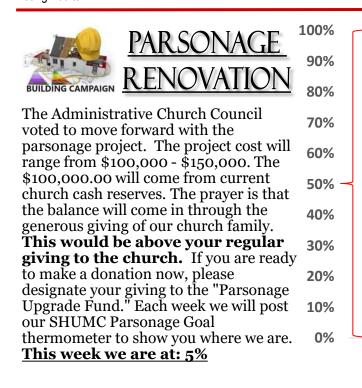
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THE "Y" IN THE ROAD

Robert Frost once wrote a poem entitled *The Road Not Taken*, about walking in the woods and coming to a "Y" in the road. He asked himself "Which way should I go?". You and I get to ask this same question today.

Every day we are faced with many decisions about what to wear, what to eat, what to watch or read, and we make these decisions without much thought or anguish. But when it comes to faith in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, we sometimes struggle knowing the consequences of our decision. Not only do the consequences of that decision make us feel uncomfortable, but conforming to Him, instead of having Him conform to us causes us to stress as well.

The Psalmist and John this week reassure us that choosing Jesus will end in glory and not defeat. Choosing Jesus does not guarantee a life without difficulties, but it does promise a life of love for eternity.





Volunteers Needed!

We are finalizing the plans for the updates and new addition to the Parsonage! In the meantime, there is

plenty to do in preparation of our start date. The basement will need to be cleaned and whitewashed. The main living area will need to be cleaned, walls washed and/or painted. Fans will need dusted and broken blinds taken down. There will be plenty of jobs to complete along the way. Some difficult and/or technical, and some not at all. If you feel a nudge, don't ignore it, please sign up on the volunteer sheet in the narthex to be a part of this awesome endeavor!



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Lawnmowing season is here!

Interested in helping to keep the church and parsonage lawn looking nice to visitors and passerbys? Please see Kim Peters and let her know you'd be interested in helping out.



Dive into friendship with God this summer at Vacation Bible School! Join us July 22-26 from 6:00-8:00 PM for a splashing good time. More details on our website.



Check out the brochures on the table in the narthex for faith-based summer camps. Don't let finances deter you from registering. Financial assistance is available. If you have any questions, please see LeAnne Morton or Sue Fuller.

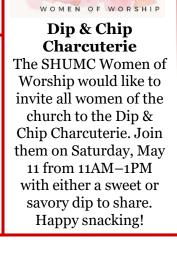
Sunday School Pick U

The Sunday School pick up location has changed due to it being Donut Sunday. Please pick up your children from the Fellowship Hall this week. Thank you!

Women's Retreat at Chautauqua

May 31 – June 2, 2024 Everyone has a story. A testament of their faith journey. No two are alike.

Come hear the faith journey stories of Women of Worship from our own church family. You will be encouraged, find hope and peace and perhaps relate. You may even be inspired to share a bit of your own story (but only if you want to).



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EUMA WALK

Take steps to end homelessness on Saturday, June 1 by participating in EUMA's Highmark Walk at PSU Behrend. Registration is open now.



12th Annual Shoe Drive

June 6-8 | Bayfront Convention Center You can help those in need, simply by gathering and donating your gently worn, used or unwanted new shoes. So clean out your closets and bring your old shoes to the church where we will collect them and donate them during Annual Conference.



UMCOR Flood Buckets

There is a great need for flood buckets! We are asking families, friends or groups (i.e. Bible Studies, small groups) to make one or two buckets up. Items & instructions on next page. Thank you.



Want To Make A Difference?

Saturday, May 11 the Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest Pennsylvania will host the LARGEST one-day food drive in the country. Want to make an impact and volunteer? Find a location near you and sign up now!



Volunteer Opportunity!

On Saturday, May 18 Clark Elementary is hosting a mini triathlon fundraiser for students. Sign ups are available now. If you are someone who likes to cheer and smile, you would be the perfect volunteer! If you have any questions, see LeAnne Morton.



The Refuge Golf Tournament GOLF TIME will be held on Monday, June 17. If you have any questions, talk to Chuck Myers or Gary Faulhaber.







As warmer weather gets closer, it's time to get back on your motorcycle. We are planning some rides this year and would love to have you join us. If you are interested, please contact Dave Poeta (814-450-9590) or Gary Faulhaber (814-881-7308). Everyone's welcome, so invite your friends and let's ride!



Many of us have used medical supplies like walkers, canes and crutches. Often times these items end up lying around our homes unused. Sean Gotham is going to be gathering such items to help those who need these items but are unable to afford them. If you have any medical items like these, please let Sean know and he will begin to inventory them for the church.



The Ella Cochran Food Pantry would love your help in restocking some of their shelf items. From April 21 to May 12 you will find a box in the narthex to put in personal care items, such as: Shampoo, Toothpaste, Soap, Toothbrush, Body Wash, etc.



The Band of Brothers will stop meeting, for the ners summer, after May 14th.



UMCOR CLEANING KIT ASSEMBLY & SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS

(Kit approximate cost: \$75 per bucket)

Cleaning Kit Materials

•One five-gallon round bucket with re-sealable lid (14.35" h x 12.19" w x 12.19" d)

No screw lids

May be used, but must be free from all residual product

Advertisements on the outside acceptable

- •One 32-64 oz. bottle liquid laundry detergent
- •One 16-40 oz. bottle liquid concentrate household cleaner

No spray cleaners

- •One 16-34 oz. bottle dish soap
- •One 4-8 oz. pump spray air freshener (liquid, not gel)
- •One 6-14 oz. pump spray insect repellent (pack of 10-20 wipes also acceptable)
- Pump spray bottles must have protective covers

•One scrub brush

With or without handle

•18 re-useable cleaning wipes

No terrycloth, microfiber or paper towels

- Remove from packaging
- Five scouring pads

No stainless-steel pads with soap in them

- Remove from packaging
- •36-50 clothespins
- •One 50-100 ft. clothesline (cotton or plastic line)
- •24 roll of heavy-duty trash bags (33-45-gallon sizes)Remove from packaging
- Five N95 particulate respirator dust masks (1-3 mm thickness)
 - No surgical masks
- •Two pairs kitchen gloves
 - Durable for multiple uses
 - Remove from packaging
- •One pair work gloves

Cotton with leather palm or all leather

Assembly Directions

•All items must be new with the exception of the bucket and lid which may be recycled but must be clean and free of debris.

•All cleaning agents must be liquid form. No powders are accepted.

•If items have been omitted, label bucket. Please indicate which items are missing.

Important Notes

•Sponges have been removed from the list of supplies due to the challenge of locating the non-cellulose sponges that prevent mildew. Non-cellulose sponges will be added to each bucket upon arrival at the affiliate warehouse.

• Do not include any personal notes, money or additional material in the kits.

•Contents of kits or the containers of kits should not be imprinted with cartoon characters, advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols.

Packing & Shipping Instructions

Please send a single check to the Sager Brown Depot or the affiliate warehouse that will receive your donation of cleaning kits. The check amount should cover the total number of kits times \$3.00 for the cost of sponges and shipping. On the memo line, please indicate that the funds are an additional donation to cover costs associated with relief supply kits.



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