

**NEW Sunday School class for High School students.** . . . *Generation Change* is a Bible Study designed to lead teens to a better understanding of their true value in Christ, learn how to make the most of what God has given them, and develop the skills they need to live out a life of Biblical stewardship. **Marcia Miller** and **Leland Kellar** will co-lead/facilitate the class in Room 113 (lower level). Student workbooks supplement the class, and a variety of creative hands-on activities are included. This class will teach you how to set goals, save money, get scholarships and grants, create a resume and many more practical applications for your life. This is a new and exciting class, so check it out!

Plan on joining us *today* from **11:30 AM - 2:30 PM** at **Warrendale Park** (same park as last year) for our annual **CCUPC Picnic**. We will begin serving food at noon. The Church will supply the hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks, and place settings. Everyone is asked to bring a side dish or salad. Desserts will be provided. There will be games for all ages (bring your baseball/softball equipment, basketballs and tennis racquets).

Join our **NewComers Class** that will begin *next Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>* at **9:00 AM** (during Sunday School) in the Pastor's Study. You will learn more about the Presbyterian Church, our own congregation, and what it means to grow as a disciple of Christ. If you are interested in attending, please write "NC" on the registration pad as it is passed to you this morning, or call the church office at 724-776-5310.

**Faith, Service, and Fun!** CCUPC is partnering with **American Heritage Girls** (AHG), the nation's premier character development organization for young women that embraces Christian values and encourages family involvement. AHG is a Christ-centered troop for girls ages 5-18 years old dedicated to building women of integrity. Do you know of a young lady who would like to be involved in our troop? Are you an adult who would like to help nurture this troop along? Our first troop meeting of the year is **Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>** at **6:00 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact Julie Kerr at 724-612-6797 or [juliettekerr@mac.com](mailto:juliettekerr@mac.com) to learn more. Come join us!

Students in 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to our **Downtown Scavenger Hunt** on **September 25<sup>th</sup>**! We'll leave the church at 1:00 PM, travel downtown to First Presbyterian Church, to enjoy snacks and hanging out with other area youth. We'll then head out into the city to solve clues and take pictures of the "weirder" side of Pittsburgh. Wear comfortable walking shoes and dress for the weather. Bring your phone with a camera, if you have one. They will provide snacks and we will likely stop for ice cream on the way home. There is no cost for the event, but please bring some spending money for the ice cream stop. We will return around 6:00 PM (depending on if we stop! We'll call parents on the way home.) Sign up by next week so that we have enough drivers. We will need parents to drive for this event. Please let Dena know if you can help out.

1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome to join **Children's Choir** this season! Rehearsals will begin on **Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>** from 6:15 - 6:55 PM in our sanctuary. We plan to sing on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and again during the holiday season. See Kris Hattman or Mindy Cable if you have any questions.

**THIS WEEK AT CCUPC**

<u>Day/Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>
<b>TODAY</b>	<b>9/11</b>	
	<i>Pray for Guatemala</i>	
9:00 am	- Sunday School	Both Levels
10:00 am	- Worship	Sanctuary
11:00 am	- No Coffee Social	
11:30 am	- Church Picnic at Warrendale Park	
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>9/12</b>	
7:00 pm	- Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>9/13</b>	
8:30 am	- Men's Breakfast/Bible Study	Conference Rm.
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>9/14</b>	
7:00 pm	- Adult Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>9/15</b>	
7:00 pm	- Property/Maintenance Meeting	Conference Rm.
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>9/18</b>	
	<i>Pray for Guinea</i>	
9:00 am	- Sunday School	Both Levels
	- NewComer's Class	Pastor's Study
10:00 am	- Worship	Sanctuary
11:00 am	- Coffee Social	Greeting Area
	- Villages A & G	
11:15 am	- Session Meeting	Conference Rm.
	- Deacons Meeting	TBA

**A LOOK AHEAD AT OUR SCHEDULE:**

- The **Men's Breakfast/Bible Study** group will begin *this* Tuesday at 8:30 AM. They will be meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month.
- The **NewComers Class** will begin *next* Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. They will meet in the Pastor's Study from 9:00 - 9:45 AM (during Sunday School).
- The Deacons are sponsoring a **Blood Drive** on September 25<sup>th</sup>.
- **Food Bank Sunday** will also be on September 25<sup>th</sup>. The *Items of the Month* are toothpaste, floss, toothbrushes, and mouthwash.

Please make sure your family picks up their **nametag's** this morning from the nametag table in the Greeting Area. For children, we have advanced all classes to their new ages or grade levels. Please note any corrections on the nametag correction form. Thanks!

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**United Presbyterian Church**



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**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP**  
**A WEEKLY CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION**

**IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

*"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people . . . that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth."*  
 1 Timothy 2:1, 2b-4

The Welcome and Announcements  
 American Heritage Girls Announcement Julie Kerr  
 (Please sign the register pad, passing it down the row, then back to center aisle.)

The Prelude Ayden Wood  
**"He Will Carry You"**

*"Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him." Psalm 37:7*

(If you have a prayer request, please fill out a green prayer card and pass it to the center aisle as they will be collected during the first hymn and included during the prayer time)

The Call to Worship

**WE WORSHIP IN PRAISE**

\*A Hymn of Praise **"I've Got Peace Like a River"**

*I've got peace like a river  
 I've got peace like a river  
 I've got peace like a river in my soul!  
 I've got peace like a river  
 I've got peace like a river  
 I've got peace like a river in my soul!*

*I've got love like an ocean  
 I've got love like an ocean  
 I've got love like an ocean in my soul!  
 I've got love like an ocean  
 I've got love like an ocean  
 I've got love like an ocean in my soul!*

*I've got joy like a fountain  
 I've got joy like a fountain  
 I've got joy like a fountain in my soul!  
 I've got joy like a fountain  
 I've got joy like a fountain  
 I've got joy like a fountain in my soul!*

## WE WORSHIP IN PRAYER

\*The Call to Confession

\*The Unison Prayer of Confession

**You call us to fullness of life, O Christ, and set before us the way of discipleship. But we acknowledge that we often drift away to other priorities, following our desires and succumbing to the attractions of a life lived free of Your commandments. Forgive us, we pray, when we long for the easy path. We want to follow You while satisfying culture and family at the same time. Forgive our divided hearts, and anchor us firmly to Your side in pursuit of Your kingdom. Give us the clear vision and courage of heart that we need to intentionally fashion our lives based on Your call to pick up our cross and follow You. Amen.**

\*The Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Glorifying God **“We Will Glorify”**

***We will glorify the King of kings, we will glorify the Lamb.  
We will glorify the Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.***

The Joys, Concerns, and Prayers of God’s People

The Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## WE WORSHIP IN GIVING

Our Invitation to Give

The Offertory

The Otto family

**“Do Lord”**

\*Praising God #556 **“Praise God From Whom All Blessings”**

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

\*The Prayer of Dedication

## WE WORSHIP IN PROCLAMATION

\*The Greeting *(Please share words of peace, encouragement, and hope)*

The Children’s Lesson and Prayer

*(The children may come forward)*

*(The children 3 years old - Kindergarten may now leave for TLC)*

*(KFC will begin next Sunday)*

The Scripture Lesson

Luke 13:1-5

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The Sermon

Pastor James M. Moran

**“WHEN TOWERS FALL. . .”**

## GOING IN GOD’S NAME

The Closing Hymn #330 **“When Peace Like a River Attendeth”**

\*The Benediction

The Postlude

**“Be Still, My Soul (Finlandia)”**

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

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***Please keep these family members and friends in your prayers:***

Bob (uncle of Jon & Lydia Horvath), Geneva Cable (mother of Mindy Cable), Joe Ciaramella (father of Pastor Dena & Brooks Roy), Karen Raman’s doctors (John & Marcy Hammann), Frank Jr. (son of Bob & Gail Pierce’s friend), the Jennings family (friends of the Watkins family), Ryan King (nephew of Cindy Miller), Barry Lavery (brother-in-law of Dale & Diane Jacobs), Kim Long (friend of Nancy Hodges & CCUPC), Doug Marner (husband of Dara Marner), Jim Miller (CCUPC member), Maryann Martin (mother-in-law of Carol Martin), Lee Moorhouse (husband of Linda Moorhouse), Harriet Murray (wife of Bill Murray), Keith Purnel (co-worker of Carol Martin), Karen Raman (CCUPC member), Ryan & Kristin (friends of the Watkins family), Tim (son of Shirl Lonie), and Dave & Linda Watkins (parents of Abbey & Katie Watkins).

Mike and Jo Goddard share their THANKSGIVING for all of the prayers, cards, and calls. Mum is in a better place and pain-free.

Jessica Braden-Rogers shares her PRAISE as her parents celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary last Sunday (9/4).

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The Deacons are sponsoring a **Replenishment Blood Drive** on **Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>** from **8:30 AM to 1:30 PM** with the Central Blood Bank. Many of our CCUPC members have benefited from donations during the course of an illness. Your gift of hope and healing will bless numerous patients. To schedule your life saving appointment, please visit [centralbloodbank.org](http://centralbloodbank.org) and search for group code G0010186, or sign up in the Greeting Area. Your donation is truly a blessing to those who are in need!

**Christmas in September!!** This year has been hard on many of our friends and neighbors. As a result, we have run low on gift cards that our staff/the office can disperse to people in need. When you’re at the Scrip table, please consider picking up an extra card for Walmart, Giant Eagle, or Target to help us get through the next few months. Just place the card in a pew envelope and label it “mission” or let the person at the scrip table know and they will make sure it gets into the office.

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## I WAS JUST THINKING . .

Bill Bouknight, in one of his sermons writes: “Tragedy can strike so quickly and capriciously. While going about our everyday lives, in a moment, in the blink of an eye, the world can be changed. As a nation we have been living with the awful reality since 9-11. Thousands killed for no reason by complete strangers, who assumed, somehow in their mind, they were doing some good for this world. Think about the recent spate of shootings and the effects of these acts on families and communities. Then there are natural disasters: tsunamis, earthquakes, floods, tornadoes . . . If you have avoided tragedy at this point in your life, thank God that you have been spared, but consider yourself lucky as well. Recognize it is only a matter of time.

“For we all ask this question at one time or another in one form or another: why did God allow that to happen? Most of us know that God does not cause tragedy. The Bible states clearly that God does not willingly afflict or grieve His children (Lamentations 3:33). The greater problem for most believers is this: Why does God allow such awful things to happen?”

“Jesus’ disciples asked our Lord this thorny question 2000 years ago. They met a man one day who had been born blind. In the first century, most people believed that all suffering was the result of sin. So the disciples asked Jesus, ‘Who sinned in this case, this blind man or his parents?’

“There was even one school of thought that believed that a person could sin prior to birth, while still in the mother’s womb. Imagine that! ‘Tell us, Jesus,’ they begged, ‘why was this man born blind?’ Jesus did not respond with a neat, simple answer to the problem of human suffering. And I am not going to serve you a simplistic batch of biblical stew that will cause you to declare, ‘Aha, finally I have solved the mystery of evil and suffering in this world.’

“I am suspicious of anyone who talks too glibly about this age-old mystery. I recall a humbling episode from a British movie entitled, *Whistle in the Wind*. A group of kids had experienced the death of their pet kitten. They had prayed fervently that the cat would get well, but instead it died. They couldn’t understand this. So, they went in search of the local vicar or pastor. They found him in a teashop, taking a morning break, enjoying his tea and newspaper. They asked him, ‘Why did God let our cat die?’ The good pastor was not delighted to be interrupted with the matter of a deceased cat. But out of duty he laid aside his paper and launched into a long, complex, theological response to this question. The children stood and listened intently. When he finished he wished them well and went back to his newspaper. The children walked away somewhat bewildered. One little boy, holding his older sister’s hand, looked up at her and said, ‘He doesn’t know, does he?’ How perceptive children can be. Never in this world will we understand all the mystery surrounding suffering. But with God’s help we can gain some helpful insights.”

Bless Your Hearts,

Pastor Jim

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*The chancel vases are given by Mindy Cable to the glory of God, and in honor of our military, our policemen, our firemen, and others who serve and protect us on this 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9/11.*