

**The Trailer is here** for all of your flea market items!! The trailer will be open every Sunday; you can also get access during regular church office hours (Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM) by obtaining the key from the office. Please remember to pack items in boxes. All boxes should be stacked at the far end of the trailer. If you are donating linens please place them in a plastic bag and label them with the size; sheet sets can also be placed in the pillow case but they need labeled with a size. **DO NOT WRAP LINENS WITH PACKING TAPE!** The heat in the trailer ruins them by melting the tape into the linen. Large bulky items should be placed to the left when you enter the trailer. Clothing and books still go to the table at the lower Lobby entrance. If you have questions call Dara Marner (724-538-5644).

The administrative expenses for the Presbyterian Church (USA) are covered by Per Capita funds. The **2017 Per Capita amount is \$43.34 per confirmed member.** Our Session has chosen to designate the total amount of per capita received for the work of Beaver-Butler Presbytery unless you specify otherwise. We will be happy to make available to you the breakdown for Synod and General Assembly if you have the desire to contribute to them. If you have any questions you may talk with Pastor Moran.

**Send a "Pick-Me-Up"!** The **Connections** team hears from our students frequently about how much it means to them to get the encouraging notes from our congregation. They not only read those notes when they receive them, but they keep them around and re-read them when they are feeling particularly down and need a "pick-me-up" during the semester. Why don't you write a note today to our February Students of the Month: (Brendan Linton, Kendall Rusnak, Matt Prigg, Gunnar Hodges and Stephanie VanHorn). You will be blessing them in many ways! Address labels can be found on the Connections bulletin board in the Greeting Area!

#### **'Tweeners Retreat**

Retreats are one of the most fun parts of our youth ministry programs! There is something special about being away, being with friends, and learning about your faith in a different environment. Youth in 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to come away for a night, to have a short retreat, and to experience some of the fun of **Camp Crestfield** on **April 29 - 30<sup>th</sup>**. We will gather at the church on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> around 10:30 AM, and return on Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> around 2:15 PM. Cost is \$75/person. All appropriately aged youth and their friends are welcome. We will need some parents to be willing to drive to and pick us up from Camp Crestfield, and we will also need at least one male leader to be able to participate. Additional leaders of either gender would also be welcome. (If cost is a concern, please talk with Pastor Dena. **DO NOT** let money be the only reason you don't participate!) A sign-up sheet is available on the bulletin board in the Greeting Area. **Please sign up by March 26<sup>th</sup>**.

Back by popular demand, we will once again be going to **Fun Fore All** for an **All-Night Lock-In** on **Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**. Cost is \$25 per person which includes go-karts, batting cages, mini-golf, climbing tower, and non-prize games, as well as a pizza buffet and unlimited soft-drinks (You may bring additional funds for the prize games.) Arrive at the church at 9:30 PM, travel to Fun Fore All around 11:00 PM, and then parents will pick up directly from Fun Fore All at 7:00 AM on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to participate. Friends are more than welcome. **Please sign up and turn in your money by April 30<sup>th</sup>**. (Cash/checks payable to "CCUPC" and

### **THIS WEEK AT CCUPC**

<b>TODAY 2/26</b>	<b>Food Bank Sunday</b> <i>Pray for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea</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 F & H	
5:15 pm	Jr. Youth Group	Lower Level
6:30 pm	Middle/High School Youth Group	Lower Level
<b>MONDAY 2/27</b>		
7:00 pm	Mission Committee Meeting	Conference Rm.
	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
<b>TUESDAY 2/28</b>		
8:30 am	Men's Breakfast/Bible Study	Conference Rm.
<b>WEDNESDAY 3/1</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	
6:15 pm	Kids Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:30 pm	Worship	Sanctuary
<b>THURSDAY 3/2</b>		
7:00 pm	Outreach Committee Meeting	Conference Rm.
	Lenten Study	Sanctuary
<b>SUNDAY 3/5</b>	<b>Communion</b> <i>Pray for the Republic of Korea</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
	Village G	
6:30 pm	Middle/High School Youth Group	Lower Level

#### **A LOOK AHEAD AT OUR SCHEDULE:**

- Today is **Food Bank Sunday!!** The *Items of the Month* are soup, rice, dry beans, and boxed meals (hamburger helper etc.).
- The **Men's Breakfast/Bible Study** group will meet this Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM.
- **Ash Wednesday** worship service is this Wednesday (March 1<sup>st</sup>) at 7:30 PM.
- **Communion** will be served next Sunday (March 5<sup>th</sup>), the First Sunday of Lent.

**DON'T FORGET** that the **Scrip Gift Card Center** is open every Sunday before and after worship in the Greeting Area. You can purchase retail gift cards from the inventory, or place orders for specific cards that can be picked up the following week. Scrip cards allow you to support the mission of our church without spending any additional money. Order forms are available on the nametag table.

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

#### **IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

*"Teach me, Lord, the way of Your decrees, that I may follow it to the end. Give me understanding, so that I may keep Your law and obey it with all my heart. Direct me in the path of Your commands, for there I find delight."*  
 Psalm 119:33-35

The Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

**"Winter"** from Vivaldi's **"Four Seasons"**

*"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

**"Everlasting Father"**

*Everlasting Father,  
Ruling now in holiness above.  
Everlasting Father,  
Lord of truth and perfect love.*

#### **Chorus**

*We worship You, we worship You,  
We worship You, our Father.  
We worship You, we worship You,  
We worship You, Almighty God.*

*Everlasting Father,  
All the angels bow before Your throne.  
Everlasting Father,  
All creation worships You alone.*

**Repeat Chorus 2 Times**

## WE WORSHIP IN PRAYER

\*The Call to Confession

\*The Unison Prayer of Confession

**Father, forgive us when we take You for granted. Forgive us for thinking so little of Your holiness that we excuse our behavior with trite and insignificant phrases. Forgive us for not following in the way that Jesus has set before us. Grant us the desire to be diligent in our journey through this life, and a desire to bring honor and praise to Your name. Strengthen us in our resolve to be faithful and fruitful, disciplined and devoted. Accept our prayer as we offer it in the name of Jesus. 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 Choir

**“Forever (with Everlasting God)”**

\*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 out the back doors of the Sanctuary with Miss Gynni)*  
*‘The children who are in 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> grades may now leave for KFC out the back doors of the Sanctuary)*

The Scripture Lesson

Philippians 3:4b-14

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The Sermon

Pastor James M. Moran

**“PERKS OR PURPOSE?”**

## GOING IN GOD’S NAME

\*A Closing Hymn #410    **“What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”**

\*The Benediction

The Postlude

**“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”**

\*Please stand as you are able.

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*The basket of flowers are given by Peggy Wetzel to the glory of God, and in celebration of her and Ray’s 42<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary.*

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

Patti & Mike Best (Becky Ahlgren & Pam Best), Christina Cowan (Lorry Cowan), Lisa Davis (Jeanne Smith), Charlotte Dickie (Lorry Cowan), Donna (Ahlgren family), Marietta Eklund (CCUPC member), family at Children’s Hospital (Otto family), Nick Goetz (Bob & Gail Pierce), Lillian Grundler (Dick Grundler), Ryan King (Cindy Miller), Sue Kirkland (Nancy MacFarlane), Barry Lavery (Dale & Diane Jacobs), Kim Long (Nancy Hodges), Jim Miller (CCUPC member), Harriet Murray (Bill Murray), Noah Otto (Otto family), Karen Raman (CCUPC member), Dave & Carrie Reynolds (Ahlgren, Best, Hezlep families), Roger Singleton (Sherri Kelly), Jon Stahl (Sherri Kelly), Gale Terenzio (CCUPC member), Tim (Shirl Lonie), and Ed & JoAnn Yorns (Sherri Kelly).

Rick and Diane Alexander share their THANKSGIVING for the prayers for their granddaughter, Riley, whose surgery went very well.

Sherri Kelly shares her THANKSGIVING that her son, Jordan, accepted a coaching position with the Seneca Valley LaCrosse team.

CCUPC’s annual 2<sup>nd</sup> Life Prom Dress Sale is in a few weeks! The sale will be held on **Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>** from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Our church is collecting new and gently used formal dresses (and wedding dresses) and accessories through March 24<sup>th</sup>. The dresses will be sold for only \$20 each. Also available during the sale will be shoes, jewelry, wraps and purses each for under \$5. If you would like to donate any items for this sale, please drop them off in the church office Monday - Friday from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. As always, *volunteers are always needed.* Information and sign-up sheets have been posted on the bulletin board in the Greeting Area. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Hodges at 412-780-7239 or [nancyhodges@zoominternet.net](mailto:nancyhodges@zoominternet.net).

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## I WAS JUST THINKING. . . By Pastor Jim

Carl Frederick Buechner is an American writer and theologian. He is an ordained Presbyterian minister and the author of more than thirty published books. His work encompasses different genres, including fiction, autobiography, essays and sermons, and his career has spanned six decades. In one of his works, Buechner recalls one low time in his life when God broke through in an unusual way. “I remember sitting parked by the roadside once,” Buechner writes, “terribly depressed and afraid about my daughter's illness and what was going on in our family.” As he was sitting there thinking about his daughter's illness, he noticed a car that seemed to come from nowhere. His message from God, the word he most needed to see at that moment, was found on the license plate. The license plate “bore on it the one word out of all the words in the dictionary that I needed most to see exactly then,” Buechner wrote. “The word was TRUST.”

Sitting in his car alongside the highway, God's message was revealed on the license plate of a passing car. It is certainly difficult to describe such an experience. “Was the experience something to laugh off as the kind of joke life plays on us every once in a while?” Or was it the word of God? “I am willing to believe that maybe it was something of both,” Buechner wrote, “but for me, it was an epiphany.” The owner of the car turned out to be a trust officer at a local bank. After reading of the incident somewhere, the trust officer paid a personal visit to Buechner one afternoon. He presented Buechner with the license plate which bore the word which he so desperately needed to see that day, TRUST. Buechner placed that license plate on a bookshelf where it serves to remind him of his trust in God. “It is rusty around the edges and a little battered,” he writes, “and it is also as holy a relic as I have ever seen.”

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Why does God permit suffering? If that question is important to you, please join Pastor Moran’s **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** which is meeting in the Conference Room inside the office at 9:00 AM. The class is using video/discussion format led by Dr. Derek Thomas that reflects on the Book of Job. Come and join in!

## LENTEN STUDY SERIES

You are invited to take advantage of a study opportunity using a video series produced by Ligonier Ministries, titled: The Assurance of Salvation. In this series, Dr. R.C. Sproul addresses the importance of living in pursuit of holiness against “easy believism.” He explores the doctrine of assurance as he helps to explain the relationship between the Christian life and the work of Christ Jesus on our behalf, which leads to an assurance of salvation. Join us on Thursdays during Lent at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary.

**Lenten Devotionals** are available by the Spiritual Growth table in the Greeting Area. Take a spiritual journey to Easter by reading a daily devotional during this Lenten Season to help prepare you for the resurrection of Jesus. Envelopes are available for your donation to help with the cost of the booklet and shipping costs.