

Today is Food Bank Sunday. We are collecting non-perishable food items and paper products for the residents of VOICE (Victim Outreach Intervention Center). The *Items of the Month* are canned fruits and vegetables. All items should be un-opened and non-perishable (not requiring refrigeration or freezing, and no produce). Supporting local people who are struggling is just one way that CCUPC is trying to make a difference and to spread the love of God. If you forgot your donation, please drop it off at the church office Monday - Wednesday from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

A Connections THANK YOU! This is the last month for our Connections program during this school year and on behalf of the students and ministry team, we would like to send out a big THANK YOU to everyone who has supported our **Connections Students**. All who are enrolled in the Connections program certainly appreciate the prayer support, cards and care packages. This wouldn't be possible without the continued support of such an awesome congregation! THANK YOU!!!

Vacation Bible School is just around the corner - **June 18th - 22nd**! Registration for the **"Rolling River Rampage"** opens to the public on Tuesday. VBS is a tremendous outreach to our preschool families and our community, and we have gotten quite a reputation for having a fun and well run program. Because of this reputation, we often run out of space quickly. You may register online by visiting www.ccupc.org and clicking the VBS box. Also, please consider helping with VBS this year. We will need people willing to plan for the various rotations (Science, Games and Snacks) and we also need group leaders who will be responsible for leading the children from place to place. If you are able to help, please sign up on the bulletin board with your name, phone number, and email. Pastor Dena will be in touch with you to see where you can best serve.

American Heritage Girl Mascara Wand Drive. . . . the AHG troop that meets at our church is collecting used mascara wands, but not so they can do their make up! The girls will be collecting the wands, cleaning them up, and then sending them to a wildlife rescue for use in helping to care for baby animals brought in for rescue or care. The wands are the perfect size and shape to remove dirt, larva, and other yucky stuff from delicate fur without hurting the animals. Drop your used wands in the box on the mission table. Questions can be addressed to Julie Kerr. How great an opportunity we have to up-cycle and support the girls of our troop!

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 and in your bulletin!

Are you Spring Cleaning?? The trailer is here for all of your usable and sellable flea market items and is open every Sunday!! 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 large bulky items should be placed to the left when you enter the trailer. We are **NOT** accepting any televisions, computer monitors, exercise equipment, or large appliances. Clothing, books, CD's and DVD's still go to the table at the lower lobby entrance. Feel free to call Dara Marner (724-316-3475), Jo Goddard (724-776-5987), or Kelly Stebor (724-831-1107) with any questions.

THIS WEEK AT CCUPC

Sunday	4/29	Food Bank <i>Pray for Portugal</i>	
	9:00 am	Sunday School	Both Levels
	10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
	11:00 am	Coffee Social	Greeting Area
		Village R	
		NO Youth Groups	
Monday	5/1		
	7:00 pm	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Wednesday	5/2		
	6:15 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sunday	5/6	American Heritage Girls Day <i>Pray for Qatar</i>	
	9:00 am	Sunday School	Both Levels
	10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
	11:00 am	Coffee Social	Greeting Area
		Village A	
	11:10 am	Deacon's Meeting	Conference Rm.
		Session meeting with Confirmands	Rm. 110
		NO Youth Groups	

A LOOK AHEAD AT OUR UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

- The **Confirmation Class** will meet with the Session next Sunday, May 6th after worship to go over their Statements of Faith.
- The **Men's Breakfast/Bible Study** will meet Tuesday, May 8th at 8:30 AM.
- We will celebrate **Communion** on Pentecost Sunday, May 20th. This is also **Confirmation Sunday** and we will be receiving **New Members**. This will also be the **last day of Sunday School**.
- **Graduation Sunday** will be June 3rd. If you have or know of a graduate in our church family, please contact the church office.
- **Registration for Vacation Bible School** will begin on Tuesday!! The dates for VBS are June 18th - 22nd!!! This year's theme is: **"Rolling River Rampage"**! Sign up as soon as possible as we fill up fast!!

The **Chancel Flower Sign-up** is located on the nametag table in the Greeting Area. The cost of the flowers is \$30 for either the two chancel vases or the basket. You can donate the flowers in memory of a loved one, or in celebration of a special day. Sign up now so that you can get that special date!

Visitors...Please Help!

If you are a **visitor** worshipping with us today, we'd like to ask you to do us a big favor. Help us discover which of our advertising dollars are doing the most good by telling us how you found our church. When the register pad is passed to you, please fill out not only your contact information, but also check the appropriate box that tells us how you heard of us. It will be a big help.



Cranberry Community
United Presbyterian Church



April 29, 2018

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

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"I will declare Your name to my people; in the assembly I will praise You. For He has not despised or scorned the suffering of the afflicted one; He has not hidden His face from him but has listened to his cry for help."

Psalm 22:22, 24

The Welcome and Announcements

(Please sign the register pad, passing it down the row, then back to center aisle.)

The Prelude

Children's Choir

"For Everything a Season"

"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.)

The Call to Worship

WE WORSHIP IN PRAISE

*A Song of Praise

"You are the Lord"

(please refer to screens)

WE WORSHIP IN PRAYER

*The Call to Confession

*The Unison Prayer of Confession

Lord God, we crowd our lives with so much activity, that it is hard to find time for You. We become so focused on ourselves, we can overlook those around us who are searching for hope. We fill our spiritual emptiness with junk, rather than feasting on Your Word. In Your abundant mercy, forgive us. Open our eyes that we may see Your new covenant written in plain sight on our hearts. Open our hearts, that we may honor you in serving the broken of the world. Open our love, so we may pour it out as abundantly and graciously as Your love is given to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, in whose name we pray. 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.*

WE WORSHIP IN WATER

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

Adult Choir

“You are the Lord of Me”

‘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 Special Music

Children’s Choir

“Pass it On”

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

The Children’s Lesson and Prayer *(The children may come forward.)*

Children 3 years old - Kindergarten may now leave for TLC out the back doors of the Sanctuary with Miss Gynni.)

Children in 1st - 3rd grades may now leave for KFC out the back doors of the Sanctuary.)

The Scripture Lesson

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John 15:1-8

The Sermon

Pastor James M. Moran

“PRUNING, SUCKER SHOOTS, AND FRUIT”

GOING IN GOD’S NAME

‘The Closing Song **“This is My Father’s World”**

**This is my Father’s world,
And to my listening ears
All nature sings and round me rings
The music of the spheres.**

**This is my Father’s world,
The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white,
Declare their Maker’s praise.**

This is my Father’s world:

I rest me in the thought

Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;

His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father’s world,

O let me ne’r forget

That though the wrong seems oft so strong,

God is the Ruler yet.

This is my Father’s world:

Why should my heart be sad?

The Lord is King, let the heavens ring:

God reigns, let the earth be glad.

[Instrumental interlude]

This is my Father’s world:

He shines in all that’s fair;

In the rustling grass I hear Him pass,

He speaks to me ev’rywhere.

In the rustling grass I hear Him pass,

He speaks to me ev’rywhere.

*The Benediction

The Postlude

“Forest Green Melody”

**Please stand as you are able.*

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The flower vases are given by Cheryl and Mel Semenko, to the glory of God, and in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary on May 4th.

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Please keep these family members and friends in your prayers:

Alycia Alexander (Rick & Diane Alexander), Charlotte Dickie (Lorry Cowan), Elinor Dixon (Debbie Rossi), Danny Farquhar (Walt & Barb Smith), Dick & Lillian Grundler, Bob Hill (the Hezlep family), Joseph Justus (Linda & Dave Schuman), Ryan King (Cindy Miller), the Markivich family, Jim Miller (CCUPC member), Barbara Muntan (Lorry Cowan), Harriet Murray (Bill Murray), Steven Popson (Peggy Wetzel), Cecil & Phyllis Pugh (Gary & Kim Pugh), Karen Raman (CCUPC member), David & Vera Rubinosky, Lois Saleone (Peggy Wetzel), and Tim (Shirl & Roy Lonie).

The SYMPATHY of our congregation is extended to Alex and Charlotte Markivich and family on the recent passing of Alex’s grandmother, Bertha Markivich.

Glenn Geisel shares his THANKS to the 7 church members and the Boy Scouts and their parents of Troop 402 who came to help with the Spring Clean-Up last Saturday (4/21).

I WAS JUST THINKING . . .

United Methodist minister, Rosemary Brown, tells a story about a little girl in her church named Mickey. Mickey is four years old. She is a precious, adorable, out-going little girl who loves to sing.

One Sunday morning, Mickey ran down to the front of the sanctuary just before the start of the morning worship service and with great excitement, she said: “Miss Rosemary Brown, can I sing a song this morning?” Not wanting to say “no” or to be a stumbling-block to this vivacious little girl, Rosemary said: “Of course you can.” Then, Rosemary announced to the congregation that four-year-old Mickey would sing the call to worship to start the service.

Rosemary Brown picked up Mickey and stood Mickey on the front pew. She turned her around to face the now expectant and smiling group of people in church that day. And Mickey sang:

“Jesus wuvs me dis I know for da Bible tells me so. Yes, Jesus wuvs me.” And then, Mickey threw her hands straight up in the air (like she had just scored a touchdown) and with a triumphant voice she said: “And, dat's dat!”

And then Mickey sat down.

(Rosemary Brown, Protestant Hour Sermon, “The Apple of My Eye,” p.3)

Mickey was right on target, was she not? What more do we need to know? Jesus loves us and that's that. When we are frightened or confused or lonely; when we have to make a hard decision or face a tough challenge; when we feel rejected or cast aside by someone; when we lose a loved one or face our own death, what more do we need to know? Jesus loves us and that's that!

Bless Your Hearts,
Pastor Jim

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DID YOU KNOW.... that we have a staffed infant and toddler nursery available for you to use during worship? Children through age 2 are welcome to come and play. There is also a curtained off corner in the nursery for those who may need some privacy which can be used for nursing or for soothing your child. Additionally, we have ministries for those who are 3 years old through those who are finishing 3rd grade (TLC & KFC) where children may go after the Children’s Lesson. Older children can find worksheets and coloring pages on a table in the sanctuary near the side entrance. Any of our ushers or nursery workers will be glad to show you how to locate our nursery or children’s ministries and supplies. We love having so many growing families in church!

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