

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 the TLC ministry for those who are 3 years old through Kindergarten where children may go after the Children's Lesson. The KFC program will begin again in September. 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!

Join us *today* for our **Annual Church Picnic** at Warrendale Park starting at 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM. As always it will be lots of fun with good food and great company. Please bring a side dish or a salad to share. Hot dogs, hamburgers, desserts and beverages will be provided.

As the weather cools down and leaves begin to change, our thoughts turn to fall. This year we will be celebrating with **fellowship and a hayride** for all ages at **Yeck's Farm**. On **Sunday, October 28th**, plan to stay after worship and warm up at the Chili Cook Off down in Fellowship Hall, and then we will head to the farm where we will enjoy a fire to roast s'mores, be able to play in a hay tunnel and corn maze, and do other fun fall things. Cost is \$5.00/youth and adults age 12+, and \$3.00 for children age 3-11. Those who are 2 and under are free. If you would like to participate in this event, please sign up on the bulletin board in the greeting area, and place a check for the appropriate amount in the offering plate with "Yeck's Farm" in the memo line. Please be sure to sign up and pay for your spot by October 14th.

For the 3rd-12th graders, on **Sunday, September 30th** we will join in with friends from around the **Presbytery for a Photo Scavenger hunt** in downtown Pittsburgh. We will leave at CCUPC at 1:15 PM, head into the city, and from there we'll head out on foot with a list of clues and things to photograph. 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 in advance** so we can be sure to have enough space in cars. Deadline to sign up: **September 23rd**. Either email, text, or sign up on the bulletin board at church. (We will need to ensure we have adequate drivers and adult supervision to participate in this event, so please do not delay signing up. If we do not have sufficient interest we will cancel.)

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! Check them out today!!

THIS WEEK AT CCUPC

Sunday	9/9	<i>Pray for Saint Pierre & Miquelon</i>	
	9:00 am	Sunday School	Both Levels
	10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
	11:00 am	<u>NO</u> Coffee Social	
	11:30 am	Church Picnic @ Warrendale Park	
Monday	9/10		
	7:00 pm	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Tuesday	9/11		
	8:30 am	Men's Breakfast/Bible Study	Conference Rm.
Wednesday	9/12		
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Thursday	9/13		
	11:30 am	Ladies Lunch & Learn	Greeting Area
Sunday	9/16	<i>Pray for Saint Vincent</i>	
	9:00 am	Sunday School	Both Levels
	10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
	11:00 am	Coffee Social	Greeting Area
		Villages G & H	
	11:10 am	Joint Session & Deacon Meeting	Greeting Area

A LOOK AHEAD AT OUR UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

- Today we began our program year with the start of **Sunday School**. Don't forget that the **Annual Church Picnic** is at Warrendale Park beginning at 11:30 AM. Please bring a side dish or a salad to share. Hot dogs, hamburgers, desserts and beverages will be provided.
- The **Men's Breakfast/Bible Study** will start back up this Tuesday, September 11th at 8:30 AM.
- The **Ladies Lunch & Learn** will meet this Thursday, September 13th at 11:30 AM.
- The **Session** and **Deacons** will have their **joint meeting** next Sunday, September 16th following worship.
- We will celebrate **World Communion** on Sunday, October 7th.
- There will be a **Spina Bifida Soup Lunch** on Sunday, October 21st directly following worship.
- The **Chili Cook-Off** is scheduled for Sunday, October 28th.

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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP A WEEKLY CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be shaken but endures forever. As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds His people both now and forevermore." Psalm 125:1-2

The Welcome and Announcements

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

The Prelude

"Enter His Courts with Praise!"

"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 Hymn ***"I Will Enter His Gates"*** (use screens)

WE WORSHIP IN PRAYER

*The Call to Confession

*The Unison Prayer of Confession

Lord God, we confess that all of us sin and fall short of Your expectations for us. We are idle when we should be active. We listen to gossip more than we listen to the Gospel. When called to serve we have excuses rather than excitement. We hesitate rather than hasten to do what You ask. You have placed us here and in this time; help us to be mindful of how precious each moment is and be quick to fill our days with deeds of discipleship in response to Your will. We pray in Jesus' name asking You to lead us in His way. 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 Ayden Wood
“Jesus, Name Above All Names”

‘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.)*

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 (page 719)
Isaiah 43:16-21

The Sermon Pastor James M. Moran
“IN THE WILDERNESS”

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

‘The Closing Hymn #60 (use screens)

“Take the Name of Jesus with You”

‘The Benediction

The Postlude
“Blessed be the Name”

‘Please stand as you are able.

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Please keep these family members and friends in your prayers:

Elinor Dixon (Debbie Rossi), Drew (the Stewart family), Dick & Lillian Grundler, Karen Horvath (Lydia Horvath), Joseph Justus (Linda & Dave Schuman), Ryan King (Cindy Miller), Jim Miller (CCUPC member), Harriet Murray (Bill Murray), Debbe Picerno (Mindy Cable), Steven Popson (Peggy Wetzel), Karen Raman (CCUPC member), David Rubinosky (CCUPC member), Lois Saleone (Peggy Wetzel), Donny Santucci (Judy Weber), Lori Sayre (Carl & Pat Cawley), Cheryl Storrs (CCUPC member), Joan Taylor (the Taylor family), Tim (Shirl & Roy Lonie), Don & Marilyn Watkins (the Watkins family), and Joe Weber (Judy Weber).

Mindy Cable shares her THANKSGIVING for her great-niece, Laurina Fisher, who turned one year old last Sunday (9/2). So thankful for this precious girl!

Are you new to our church and considering membership? The next **“New Comers Class”** is scheduled to begin next Sunday, September 16th. The class meets on Sunday mornings for 8 weeks during the Sunday School hour from 9:00 - 9:45 AM in the Pastor's Office. Throughout the class, you'll learn more about our congregation, our reformed theology and denominational governance, and what it means to grow as a disciple of Christ. The last 2 classes will actually be visits to our adult Sunday School classes. We encourage attendance at all sessions, but know that personal circumstances may force you to miss a session or two. If you plan to attend the class, please RSVP to the church office at 724-776-5310. We hope to get to know you better.

If you like to sing, you're not too late to join the **CCUPC Choir!** Rehearsals are from 7:00 - 8 PM in our sanctuary. We'll sing about twice a month for morning worship. See Mindy, our director of music following worship if you have any questions. Kids Choir will begin in October for grades 1-5. See Kris Hattman if you have any questions. Sign-up sheets for choirs, worship team, and soloists will be coming soon. Let's make a joyful noise to the Lord!

Nursery news.....have you ever run late for church and realized you forgot your diaper bag? Well, our new Nursery Coordinator, Christina Taylor, has asked for your help. She would like to have available in the infant/toddler nursery diapers and wipes for anyone to use. So this is where you come in!! Please donate a pack of diapers and/or wipes for our nursery. Thank you!!

The **CONNECTIONS** program has begun!! Parents, please remind your college students to fill-out and send back the information form to the church office. If you have any questions, contact either Linda Watkins or David Okuda.

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!

I WAS JUST THINKING. . . by Pastor Jim

Popular Christian author Philip Yancey grew up in a strict, fundamentalist church in the southern United States. As a young boy Yancey tended to view God as “a scowling Supercop, searching for anyone who might be having a good time - in order to squash them.” Yancey jokes today about being “in recovery” from a toxic church. One book he wrote in response to his background is titled, The Jesus I Never Knew in which he decided to put his preconceptions aside and take a long look at the Jesus described in the Gospels.

In his words: “The Jesus I got to know in writing this book is very different from the Jesus I learned about in Sunday School.” He adds that we often have an image of Jesus that comes straight out of Hollywood films. We picture Jesus reciting his lines evenly and without emotion. We see him striding authoritatively through the flustered crowds. He already knows what to say in every situation and says it in measured tones with appropriate accompanying meaningful looks. Yancey calls this image “The Prozac Jesus”. What he uncovers is a Jesus who is brilliant, creative, challenging, fearless, compassionate, unpredictable, and ultimately satisfying.

According to Yancey, “No one who meets Jesus ever stays the same. In the end I found the process of writing this book to be a great act of faith-strengthening. Jesus has rocked my own preconceptions and has made me ask hard questions about why those of us who bear his name don't do a better job of following him.”

In many ways my own quest has yielded a similar result in my understanding of the person and work of Christ. Old views about sternness and judgment, while certainly a part of the work of our Savior, have been eclipsed by more mature and incisive understandings of profound love, grace and mercy, offering a window into the heart of the Father.

I invite you to pursue your own search and inquiry into the life and ministry of the Nazarene. You will be disturbed, challenged and made uneasy. But, if your experience proves to be anything like mine you will also be blessed, uplifted and encouraged!

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