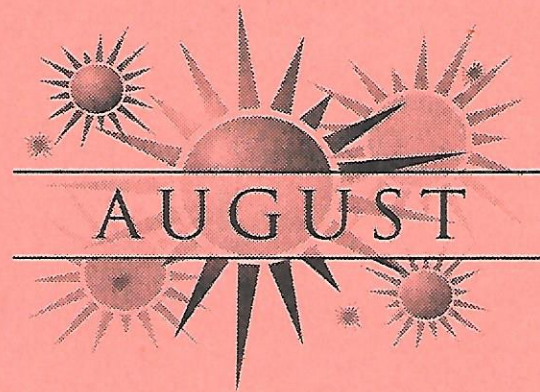


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2017

HILLTOPPER

July and August, 2017

Wow!! Can you believe it's July already!

The summer is going by so fast. We just finished up our annual Vacation Bible School. As you know this year's theme was Lego's. We had a great turn out of 16 children, plus the third and the fourth night we had some extra visitors. The children all had a wonderful time with all the activities, and loved the Lego's they got to keep. I would really like to Thank everyone who came to help us run a great VBS! We couldn't have done it without you! Looking forward to planning another great time for next year. I hope you enjoy the rest of the summer. Oh, and the children will be performing their songs from VBS at the Blessing of the Backpacks, we hope to see you there!

Thank you,
Heather

Pastor:
Rev. Joseph Hedden

Retired Licensed
Minister:
William C. Dulany

Music Director:
Linda L. Dulany

Secretaries:
Janise Steele
Julie Keibler

Christian Ed. Coord.:
Heather Clark

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HILLS CHURCH

Consistory Elders and Deacons

Elders:

Randy Steele
Amanda Steele
Bill Dulany
Linda Dulany
Carolyn Graham
Cathy Hanks
Shirley Veahman

Deacons:

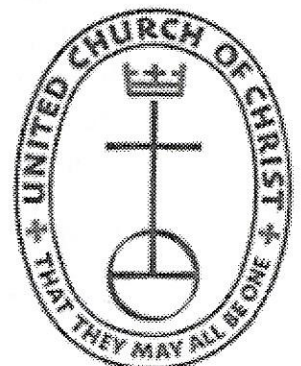
Cheryl Chizmar
David Chizmar
Alex Graham
Cheryl Ignatius
Michelle Matvey
Donna Woghtler

Snyder Fund:

Alex Graham
Jerry Moore
Sandy Sinan
Dan Swank

Trustees:

Alex Graham
Roy Murdick
Randy Steele



THE WORD

We live in interesting times in the United States. Technology 'makes' us more connected than we have ever been. Commercials like to remind us that through the internet, we can see our grandchildren thousands of miles away on our computer or smartphone. Satellites shoot messages into space. People can witness events on live television as they unfold—no more waiting for tomorrow's newspaper headlines to find the Pirates score. Online shopping enables you to order and receive packages in a couple of days—years ago, those same transactions took months!

Yet, do we really feel connected? I don't think so. At least I don't. I 'know' a lot of people on facebook but with how many of them have I had a deep conversation over dinner? In some ways, connection through technology is an illusion. I feel connected with my school aged nieces because I regularly see what my sister and her husband post on facebook. But, do I know the names of my nieces' best friends at school? (They live in Chicago.) Is it really a connection if I see pictures of them at the zoo in real time? I would propose to you it's not. We have substituted the appearance of connection for real relationships. And we know that it does not 'feel' right.

Perhaps this is our call to ministry as Hill's Church in 2017. Churches need to call people to connection, starting with ourselves. Paul tells us that we are part of the Body of Christ—that means, by definition, connection (Romans 12). Even though we are all different parts of the Body we all have a role to play and it cannot be done alone! Our roles are vitally interconnected. In the same way, that one lost puzzle piece is worthless without the rest of the pieces, so do we suffer if we are isolated.

Jesus says in John 15 that we are branches connected to a vine. Grapes torn off the vine die. I encourage you, friends, to go out and make a connection today. It doesn't have to be earth shattering. Introduce yourself to a neighbor. Stop over with a cup of coffee. Start a conversation in line for ice cream. Call up someone you haven't heard from in a while.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Joseph

EMMANUEL REFORMED UCC.
CONSISTORY MEETING
May 10, 2017 7:00 pm

I. OPENING DEVOTION

Bill Dulaney in Pastor Joseph's absence

II. CONGREGATIONAL CARING

Jim Pees and Henry Oslosky in hospital

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

IV. READING AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES - motion to accept, Bill Dulaney; second Cathy Hanks

V. REPORTS

A. Pastor - none

B. Association News - Received recognition certificate from Penn West Conference
acknowledging
contribution

C. Financial Report

1. Treasurer - Mike Bartlett, written report

2. Snyder Fund - per Alex - Amanda reported that the check received earlier is valid.
Funds
were initially frozen for a problem unrelated to our investment.

3. Building Fund - Bill Dulaney, written report. \$6000 transfer from Building Fund to
General
fund needs to be repaid

4. Financial Secretary - Susan Gay, written report

5. Cemetery - Randy Steele, reported 1 cremation burial; grass has been mowed 3 times;
investment counselor will meet to discuss investment options.

D. Trustees

1. Material to repair roof purchased by Randy Steele for \$463; labor was \$40

2. Flapper on downstairs toilet needs replaced, per Randy

E. Worship Committee - June 4 Communion, Amanda Steele and Cathy Hanks to prepare

F. Program Committee - May 19 trip to Pirate's Game

G. Christian Education - Heather Clark, written report

H. Deacons - Randy reminds those taking collection to stay and count the money

I. Elders - ok for Communion

J. Women's Guild - Amanda Steele to audit books; Salad Luncheon discussed

VI. OLD BUSINESS

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Linda Dulaney would like to see monies from fundraisers listed separately on financial reports.

B. Upcoming Flea Market needs someone to be the lead organizer. Amanda Steele will handle contacting vendors.

C. Halloween Party will be combined with Messy Church this fall.

D. Cathy Hanks requested that Shawn's snow plow be stored in the parking area. All agreed.

VIII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT - next Consistory Meeting will be on Wednesday, June 14, 2017 at 7 pm

IX. LORD'S PRAYER - Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Attending: Randy Steele, Amanda Steele, Bill Dulaney, Linda Dulaney, Cathy Hanks, Cheryl Ignatius

Respectfully submitted: Shirley Veahman, Secretary

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Shirley



**The Chancel Choir will
Meet on Mondays
at 7PM.
See you in the Fall!**



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EMMANUEL REFORMED CHURCH NEWSLETTER

**Deadline for the September
Newsletter Articles:
August 23, 2017**

**SAVE POSTAGE AND PICK-UP
YOUR NEWSLETTER
BEFORE CHURCH WORSHIP**

Hymn Sing



Our Hymn Sing will
begin
Sunday, July 2nd



www.hillschurch.wordpress.com



**COVERED DISH
LUNCHEON**
First Sunday of every month
July 2, 2017
August 6, 2017

The luncheon will recognize those
having birthdays and anniversaries
during that month.
Please plan to attend and join fellow members
in celebration and fellowship.

Please bring a covered dish to share.



***Happy 4th of July!!
Office closed Monday,
July 3rd and
Tuesday, July 4th***

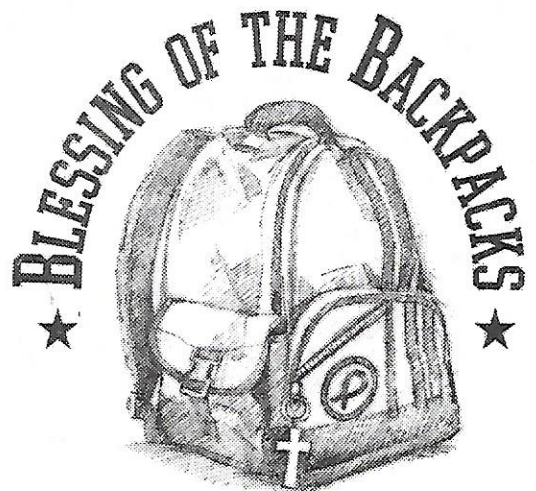


**August 11, 2017
14th Annual Golf and
Spa Event
Chestnut Ridge Golf
Course, Blairsville
See Randy Steele**



Thanks, Choir!

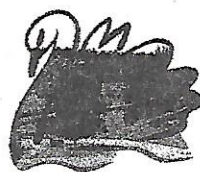
***Thank you to Linda Dulaney
and
the entire Choir for the
beautiful singing!
Enjoy the Summer!***



August 20, 2017

SAVE THE DATE

LIVING WATERS FOURTEENTH ANNUAL



GOLF & SPA EVENT

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 2017

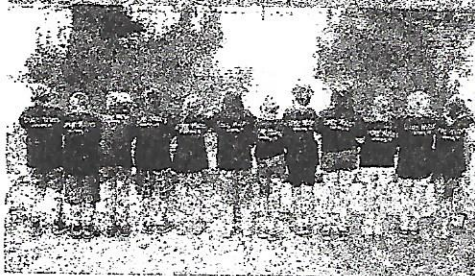
CHESTNUT RIDGE GOLF COURSE • BLAIRSVILLE, PA

Thank you for your support and prayers over the last 13 years! Join us in making our 14th year the best yet!



EARLY REGISTRATION DISCOUNT IF PAID BY JULY 1ST

14TH ANNUAL LIVING WATERS GOLF & SPA CHARITY EVENT FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 2017



Making a Difference - Sponsors Needed!

Living Waters Camp and Conference Center is dedicated to the spiritual growth and renewal of approximately 2,500 children and adults annually. Operating a 150-acre, year-around camp, with overnight accommodations, dining hall, and recreational facilities carries a cost that is only partially covered by camper registration fees.

Every year Living Waters hosts an annual charity event at Chestnut Ridge to support the camp. The Living Waters Golf and Spa Charity Event could not be successful without its SPONSORS! It is where "making a difference" becomes most evident, and where approximately half of the annual pool of funds are raised. Your support is needed!

PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING CAMP LIVING WATERS IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS:

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

REGISTRATION GIFT SPONSOR – includes pin flag, tee sign and full page program ad	\$500 <input type="checkbox"/>
\$10,000 HOLE IN ONE SPONSOR – includes pin flag, tee sign and ½ page program ad	\$250 <input type="checkbox"/>
PIN FLAG SPONSOR – Company name on pin flag, ½ page program ad	\$150 <input type="checkbox"/>
GOLF TEE SIGN SPONSOR – Tee sign, ¼ page program ad	\$100 <input type="checkbox"/>
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FULL PAGE PROGRAM AD	\$100 <input type="checkbox"/>
HALF PAGE PROGRAM AD	\$75 <input type="checkbox"/>
QUARTER PAGE PROGRAM AD	\$50 <input type="checkbox"/>
FOURSOME GOLF PASS WITH OR WITHOUT CART - (donation will be listed in program booklet)	

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT SPONSORSHIPS IS JULY 20, 2017

Please attach this form with donation and make check payable to Living Waters or pay online at www.livingwaterscamp.org. All ads should be in an electronic format, and submitted to lvngwtrs@embargo.com.

For more information, visit our website at www.livingwaterscamp.org or call the camp at 814-733-4212. You can also contact Shari Kelly, Committee Chairperson at 724-396-0442.

Sponsor Information

Company Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Please return this form with sponsorship to 300 Camp Living Water Road, Schellsburg, PA 15550

Fired Up to Pray with Purpose

Look to the Lord and his strength;
seek his face always.
1 Chronicles 16:11



Penn West Conference Women's Retreat
September 16-17, 2017
Living Waters Camp and Conference Center

Please join us for the weekend Saturday and Sunday, or just for the day on Saturday if that is all your time permits.

For more information, please
contact Kristina Rugh at
Kristina@yourhlc.com or by
phone 724-961-6145

Penn West Conference Women's Retreat Registration

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Address: _____

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by September 8, along with a
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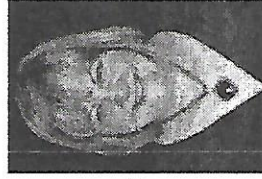
Penn West Conference to:
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Cost: \$95 for Sat/Sun Meals/Program/Lodging*
\$40 Sat Meals/Program
\$120 for Sat/Sun plus Friday night arrival

**Limited capacity in Lodge (24) - first come, first serve.
Cabins also available. Bring your own linens/sleeping bags/towels.*

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About the PWC Women's Retreat Program

The Penn West Conference Women's retreat program has been in place for over 40 years.

It is one weekend a year set aside for the women of the conference to come together in fellowship to learn, laugh, pray, relax, share, and support one another.

The schedule for the weekend is flexible to allow you to design a weekend that will be of most benefit to you. You can attend the resource discussions, take a nature walk, or catch up on your rest...whatever will help you re-charge to go back out into your world as confident Christian women.

Living Water's Camp and Conference Center is located in Schellsburg, Pa, right along Rt. 30.



Tentative Schedule for the Weekend

(You pick what events you would like to attend)

Saturday –

9:30-10:30: Welcome Snacks & Registration

10:30: Get to know you and opening

Worship

11:00: Resource Leader Session 1

Noon – Lunch and Free Time

2:00: Learning Center 1

3:00: Learning Center 2

3:45: Break / Shopping at Camp Store

4:15: Resource Leader Session 2

5:15: Dinner / Free Time / Games

8:00: Snacks and a Movie

(War Room: The Power of Prayer)

Sunday –

8:30: Continental Breakfast

9:00: Resource Leader Session 3

10:15: Learning Center 3

11:00: Closing Worship

11:45: Lunch and Goodbves

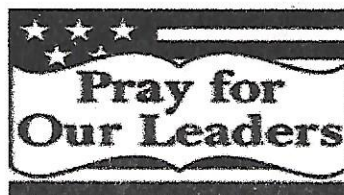
What to bring with you

- Pillow
- Sleeping Bag/Linens
- Soap/Shampoo
- Personal Toiletries
- Towels
- Medicines
- Bible
- Snacks/Drinks
- Games/Cards/Books
- Stadium cushion (to soften the folding chairs 😊)

Other info:

- Public Wi-Fi available at lodge and dining hall
- Lodge and dining hall are air-conditioned

Continue to pray for all the military families and those who have loved ones in the Armed Services serving in difficult situations and deployments.



Daneen Matthews
 Elsie Hockenberry
 Vicki Hill
 Trudy Hill
 Patty Duncan
 Bobby Eberts
 Debbie Jones
 Ellen Jack
 Jim Ebdy
 Catherine Cline
 Nora Cline
 Cheryl Ignatius
 Edith Letham
 Jim Kirkwood
 Leonard Holt
 Donna Cline
 Brandon Humberger
 Bonnie Humberger
 Bonnie Yanko
 Madge Remic
 Cindy Allingham
 William Hoffman
 Peggy McNaughton
 Gary Curl
 Sandy Smail
 Debby Simko
 Donna Carroll
 Lois Grudowski

Litha/Summer Solstice Blessings to you
 May the sun's rays penetrate your crown chakra and fill your whole body with warmth and strength whilst like the sunflower you remain constantly rooted and grounded upon our Mother Earth. *Astarte Moon*



www.astarte-moon.co.uk www.astartemoonblog.com [facebook/astartemoon](https://facebook.com/astartemoon)

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

To order Memorial Flowers, please call Linda Dulaney or Heidi Compton at 724-325-3785. The prices are Altar—\$25.00 Chancel—\$50.00



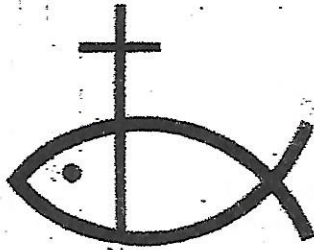
OUR NEWSLETTER PRAYER LIST:
 Please call or email the church office
 If you see a name missing and needs added to our prayer list.

Hospital Update

In the Hospital:

Madge Remic @ William Penn Care Facility
 Donna Cline @ William Penn Apartments
 Ellen Jack @ Monroeville Rehab. & Wellness Center
 Barbara Karp @ Brookvale Memory Care
 Dorothy Daw @ Kane Regional
 Edith Letham @ Redstone
 Catherine Cline @ William Penn Apartments

Home From The Hospital: Dan Swank



If you know of someone in need of prayers, please contact Linda Dulaney to initiate the Prayer Chain (724-325-3785).



THE PRAYER CHAIN is in need of some volunteers. If anyone is interested in being part of this chain please contact Linda Dulaney or call the church office (724)327-3050. Your name can be added at anytime.



The Choir is collecting used greeting cards for St. Jude. A box is located near the organ in the sanctuary.

Linda Dulaney is collecting Box Tops for Education and Campbell's labels. A box is located near the organ in the sanctuary.

Volunteers are needed:
Meals on Wheels
Murrysville Christian Concern
Salvation Army
Check: www.Murrysvillegov.org

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VOLUNTEERS ARE THE BEST!!!
WITH GRATITUDE AND THANKS!!

*Thank you to Pastor Joseph and all my friends for visiting me in the hospital.
Thank you to everybody for your cards and prayers. A very special thank you
to my Secret Pal for the gift of Chicken Noodle soup. It was delicious!
Love, Doe*

*Thank you to all who helped in any way with the Homecoming events this year.
Thanks also to the families that brought something to share for the meal.
A fun time was had by all!!!*



PENN WEST CONFERENCE GLOBAL MISSIONS

PARTNERSHIP SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 17, 2017



The PWC Global Missions Team invites you, and your congregations, to join us in celebrating our partnership with the Northwest Luzon Conference in worship on September 17, 2017.

Worship resources and ideas will be distributed to all via the PWC E-Newsletter in late August 2017. For those who like to plan ahead, below are some links and suggestions to assist you in your planning.

Worship Ideas / Suggestions:

- Take up a noisy coin collection to benefit the SHEEP Fund.
- Create & include a bulletin insert with information about the United Church of Christ in the Philippines, and the Northwest Luzon conference.
- Share prayer concerns specific to the UCCP.
- Sing a song out of the UCCP hymnal.
- Use the UCCP Statement of Faith (can be found on their website) during the worship service.
- Host a coffee hour following the service and serve traditional Filipino foods.
- Have children (and adults!) make pictures and write messages to our partners. Take a picture, and post them in the PWC & NWLC joint Facebook group. Better yet, record videos of welcome and share those!

Websites:

- General page for the United Church of Christ in the Philippines – www.uccpchurch.com
- UCC Global Ministries website – www.globalministries.org



Worship Resources:

- Link to UCCP Sunday School lessons, liturgical resources, etc.: UCCP Today's Gospels – <https://uccpchurch.com/services/todays-gospel/>
- UCC Global Ministries Worship Resources – http://www.globalministries.org/worship_resources

Facebook Groups & Pages of interest:

- PWC & NWLC Partners – <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1866746850316967/edit/>
- North Luzon Jurisdiction UCCP – <https://www.facebook.com/northluzonjurisdictionuccp/>
- UCCP-Nwlc Organizations – <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100016622284301>
- UCCP Nwlc – https://www.facebook.com/uccp.nwlc.7?ref=br_rs
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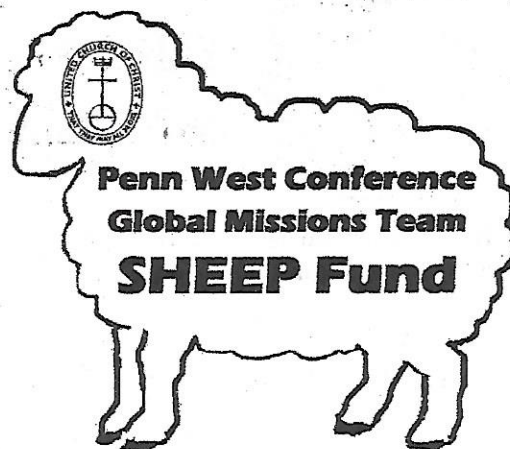
Online Publications:

- Writing on the Wall (WOW is the official Publication of the Northern Luzon Forum for Church and Society in Partnership with the Regional Ecumenical Council in the Cordillera (RECCORD) – <https://www.scribd.com/document/336060039/WOW-2016-Vol-XVI-No-2>

WHAT IS THE SHEEP FUND?

"But whoever has the world's goods, and sees his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him? Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in need and truth."

1 John 3:17-18

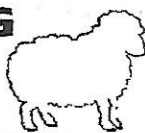


The **SHEEP Fund** is the next step in enhancing the Penn West Conference's partnership, and sharing our blessings with our partners in the Northwest Luzon Conference of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines. Administered through the PWC, and the national setting of the UCC, this fund will be devoted to providing educational assistance to the children and seminarians of the NWLC.

Just a few US dollars will help assist the NWLC in providing Sunday school, summer bible camps, and scholarships for pastors to attend seminary and/or obtain further training. These are just a few examples. It is our hope that the **SHEEP Fund** will provide critical assistance to our NWLC partners, and help us in the PWC to further God's work in this world.

SHEEP Fund

**SUSTAINING
HOPE with
EDUCATIONAL
EXPENSES in the
PHILIPPINES**



WILL THE SHEEP FUND REALLY MATTER?

The average cost of tuition for a Masters in Divinity at Silliman University in the Philippines with room, board and associated fees is \$5,815.00 per year. The average yearly salary in the Philippines is \$2,484, and that's on the high end (pastors make much less)! The SHEEP Fund will make a huge impact!

YOU MENTIONED HELPING CHILDREN?

SHEEP Fund dollars will also make a HUGE impact with religious programs for children at the local NWLC level. Sunday schools,

summer Bible camps and local youth groups will all benefit from these donations. Scholarships will open a whole new world for these children that they only dream about now!

HOW CAN I HELP?

Donations can be sent directly to the "SHEEP Fund," c/o Penn West Conference, 312 South Maple Avenue, Suite PWC, Greensburg, PA 15601. Online donations can also be made at www.pennwest.org. Whether donating via check, or online, please clearly indicate that your donation is for the **SHEEP Fund**!



Many times we are called upon from churches and organizations for suggestions of projects and donations to St. Paul's for our residents. We have put together a list and hope it will help you out with some ideas for projects and donations.

First of all, our residents love to play Bingo and we are always in need of Bingo prizes. Some suggestions for the residents at The Villas are:

- Wheel chair bags – walker bags (pattern available upon request)
- Snack packages (cookies, crackers, chips, etc.), small candles,
- Bingo Wands, Bingo chips with the magnetized outer edge,
- New Bingo cards (the flat ones, not the kind that you pull the tab),
- Kleenex, men's handkerchiefs, Tissues with lotion, small tubes sunblock,
- Greeting cards – note cards – stationary – pens – 4 x 6 photo albums,
- Regular large print books, puzzle books (crossword/word search),
- 100 piece or less jigsaw puzzles, handmade items, slippers,
- Miniature dolls – figurines, hand games, cosmetic bags –
- Costume jewelry, hand lotion, air ferns, stuffed animals

Suggestions for the Heritage and the Ridgewood are:

- Paper towels – toilet paper – Kleenex – toothpastes – mouthwashes
- Candy – snacks – Crunch-A-Munch, chips – cookies – crackers
- Laundry soap – fabric softener sheets
- Greeting cards – note cards – pens – 4 x 6 photo albums
- Puzzle books (word search, crosswords – some large print) 500 piece puzzles,
- Postage Stamps – hand lotion – emery boards – nail polish – air fresheners

We have volunteers from the Colony that set up an area for a model train's display. These gentlemen are asking for donations of train parts and tracks. They are specific on the types they need. The parts needed are HO gauge trains and accessories and O gauge parts and accessories. Please check out the attic, garage and basement for these items. They will give a great deal of pleasure to our residents helping to get this project accomplished.



Blackburn Center

AGAINST DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Items Needed throughout the Year
for the Emergency Shelter for Battered Women
and Former Residents

Kitchen

Baking pans – 9" x 13", aluminum
Can openers (hand-held)
Coffee (regular)
Coffee creamer
Cooking oil
Dish drainers
Dishes – service for 4
Dishpans
Dishwasher detergent
Drink boxes

Flatware

Food items: any canned food,
other non-perishables, etc.*

Clear plastic storage boxes with lids

Tall kitchen garbage bags
Packaged snacks for lunches

Paper products: paper towels

Paper towel holders

Skillets

Small appliances: coffee maker, can
opener, knife sharpener, toaster, mixer

Spices and condiments

Zip-lock bags (gallon size)

Bathroom

Bath mats

Paper products: toilet paper

Plungers

Shower curtains and rings

Soap dispensers

Toilet brushes

Bath Towels - durable

Wastebaskets

Bedroom

Alarm clocks

Bed pillows

Bed-in-a-bag sets

Nightgowns: women's one-size fits all

Pajamas: women's one-size-fits-most &
extra-large sizes, teen boys. We do not
need children's pajamas at this time.

Sleep shirts – large & extra-large

Slippers with gripper soles

Wastebaskets

Personal Care

Hotel-size items are no longer needed.

Miscellaneous

Baby monitors

Baby wipes

Bottled water

Brooms

Buckets

Canvas storage cubes –

10 1/2"W x 9"H x 7"D

Diapers – Sizes 3, 4, 5, & 6

Extension cords

Flashlights

Gasoline cards (GetGo & Sheets)

Gift cards (Walmart or Target)

Hair dryers

Laundry detergent

Mops

Nasal aspirators

Outdoor garbage bags

Phone cards

Pull-up diapers – larger sizes

Sweat suits: all adult sizes

Telephones

Tool kits

Umbrellas

Underpants: women's & teen boy
sizes

*Food items we especially need include: all
kinds of soups, condiments (mayonnaise,
mustard and catsup), jelly, cake and brownie
mixes, canned tuna, canned chicken and other
meats, canned or bottled juices.

A donation of items from the needs list throughout the year helps Blackburn Center sustain the shelter program, and helps to maintain the support groups the agency provides for women and children. In addition, some of these items are made available to women – and their children – who are establishing their own homes and need support with basic household items.

Please put the items that are in ***bold italics*** at the top of your shopping list, and help Blackburn Center manage donations by bringing new items. If you have used items to donate, the agency can provide a list of thrift shops in the area that make items available to Blackburn Center shelter residents at no cost to them.

For more information about donation opportunities, contact:

Blackburn Center Against Domestic & Sexual Violence

P.O. Box 398, Greensburg, PA 15601

724-837-9540

www.blackburncenter.org

If you know of someone who needs Blackburn Center's services,
call the 24/7 Hotline: 724-836-1122 or 1-888-832-2272.

The Recipe Corner



Cheyrl Chizmar

Buffalo Chicken Dip

1-8 oz. package cream cheese, softened

1/2 cup ranch dressing

2 cans of chicken

1/2 cup hot sauce

Mix together till well blended. Heat at 350 till bubbling 20-30 mins.

Can be done in slow cooker or microwave.

Serve with crackers or chips

The Story of the Fourth of July

The Declaration of Independence

We celebrate American Independence Day on the Fourth of July every year. We think of July 4, 1776, as a day that represents the Declaration of Independence and the birth of the United States of America as an independent nation.

But July 4, 1776 wasn't the day that the Continental Congress decided to declare independence (they did that on July 2, 1776).

It wasn't the day we started the American Revolution either (that had happened back in April 1775).

And it wasn't the day Thomas Jefferson wrote the first draft of the Declaration of Independence (that was in June 1776). Or the date on which the Declaration was delivered to Great Britain (that didn't happen until November 1776). Or the date it was signed (that was August 2, 1776).

So what did happen on July 4, 1776?

The Continental Congress approved the final wording of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. They'd been working on it for a couple of days after the draft was submitted on July 2nd and finally agreed on all of the edits and changes.

July 4, 1776, became the date that was included on the Declaration of Independence, and the fancy handwritten copy that was signed in August (the copy now displayed at the National Archives in Washington, D.C.) It's also the date that was printed on the Dunlap Broad sides, the original printed copies of the Declaration that were circulated throughout the new nation. So when people thought of the Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776 was the date they remembered.

In contrast, we celebrate Constitution Day on September 17th of each year, the anniversary of the date the Constitution was signed, not the anniversary of the date it was approved. If we'd followed this same approach for the Declaration of Independence we'd be celebrating Independence Day on August 2nd of each year, the day the Declaration of Independence was signed!

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- 4. Ethan Lightner
- 6. Donna Cline
- 8. Winnie Foley
- 9. Charles M. Cline
- 12. Preston Hill
- 13. Kim Keibler
- 14. Kevin Bartlett
Lorraine Little
- 15. Bob Holt
- 20. Vicki Hill
Jerod Moore
- 21. Cheyrl Chizmar
- 23. Philip Reiche
- 24. Lannetta McCall
- 25. Robert Eberts
- 27. Shirley Veahman

GREETERS:

- JULY 2 Alex and Carolyn Graham
- JULY 9 Patty Eberts and Katie Slafka
- JULY 16 Verda Breznik and Donna Carroll
- JULY 23 Russ and Beverly Balest
- JULY 30 Eric and Bethany Carroll

LAY READERS:

- JULY 2 Bella Baughman
- JULY 9 Eric Carroll
- JULY 16 Logan Clark
- JULY 23 Bill Dulaney
- JULY 30 Miriam Hedden

DEACONS:

- JULY 2 Donna Woehler, Cheryl Ignatius,
Alex Graham and Dave Chizmar
- JULY 9 Cheryl Ignatius, Alex Graham,
Dave Chizmar and Cheyrl Chizmar
- JULY 16 Alex Graham, Dave Chizmar,
Cheyrl Chizmar and Donna Woehler
- JULY 23 Dave Chizmar, Cheyrl Chizmar,
Donna Woehler and Cheryl Ignatius
- JULY 30 Cheyrl Chizmar, Donna Woehler,
Cheryl Ignatius and Alex Graham



COMMUNION SCHEDULE

August 6
September 10, October 1,
November 5 and
December 24 @ 7PM

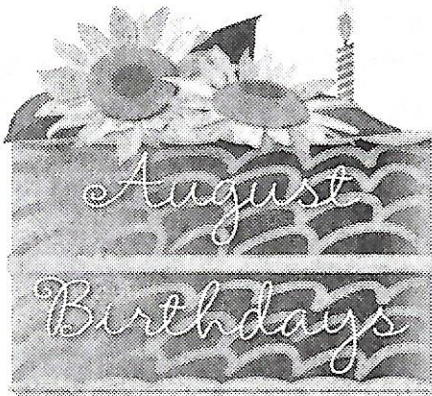
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Colette Marie Clark
David Chizmar
14. Patricia Voytek
15. Karen Ferri
17. Heidi Compton
18. Gary Cline
Alexis Graham
21. Bonnie Humberger
23. Diana Clawson
Helen Klingensmith
29. Barb Baughman
Clinton Carmichael

GREETERS:

- AUG. 6 Christine Chesky & Cynthia Ciaramitaro
AUG. 13 Cathy Hanks and Miriam Hedden
AUG. 20 Casey and Shawn Hanks
AUG. 27 Donna and Bill Woehler

LAY READERS:

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AUG. 13 Philip Reiche
AUG. 20 Amanda Steele
AUG. 27 Randy Steele

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November 5 and
December 24 @ 7PM

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