

Good News

C O N N E L L S V I L L E P R E S B Y T E R I A N C H U R C H

Psalm 1

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

T H E M I N I S T E R ' S M U S I N G S

Rootedness.

It's been on my mind as I prepare a meditation for the CAHS Baccalaureate, as I plant clematis in my garden, and as I examine my own life and response under pressure. I had two clematis I was nursing; I planted them as a bare root mail order plants last spring. The bare root plants take a year or so to establish, so they didn't do very well last year. Only one came up this year, but it was doing great! I had tied it to the trellis and was watching it grow with excitement – waiting to see the beautiful blooms. Then the guy who runs the weed whacker for the lawn service came through. All that gorgeous foliage was wilted within an hour, and the plant was dead. A plant can't live without its roots. The roots supply water, nutrients and stability. I was amazed at how quickly the plant wilted; but it needs a constant stream of water, drawn up from the soil. Without that attachment to the soil, the plant dies. Quickly.

We are no different. If we do not stay rooted in Christ -- through scripture, through prayer, through worship – our spiritual selves start to shrivel. All that is Godly in us withers and dies. Jesus said:

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ... ⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. John 15:1–6 (ESV)

Stay rooted in Christ. Don't let the summer disrupt your prayer, your scripture reading, your worship. If we get detached from Christ, if we sever the roots that fill us with His grace and love, then we will wither and die and be blown away by the winds of this world.

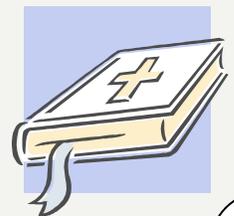
If Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the **Spirit is life** because of righteousness. Romans 8:10

Live rooted in the new life of Christ!

Rev Suzanne

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUMMER 2013 EVENTS

June

Sunday June 2—Worship begins at 10:00 am We're recognizing our graduates!

Wednesday June 5— CAHS Baccalaureate Service 7:30 pm

Sunday June 9—Father's Day Picnic following worship

Sat /Sun June 29,30—10th annual Braddock's Crossing

July

Monday July 8th— Session meeting 7pm at church

End of July—Apple Dumpling Time (Exact start date depends on the harvest!)

August

Saturday August 3rd— Ladies Luncheon, 1:00 pm at Bud Murphy's

Sunday August 4th— Church picnic following worship

Sunday August 25th— Communion



Did you know that you can hear Reverend Suzanne's past sermons on-line? Visit our website to listen at www.connellsvillepresbyterian.org.

Congratulations to our graduating seniors
Connellsville Area Senior High School
Class of 2013

Bobby Groff, Jr.

Dylan Martin

Michael McFadden

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays



- June 2—Polly Dye
- June 3—Sue Husband
- June 18—Karen Hechler
- June 21—Nicole Davis
- June 26—Brenda Fike
- June 29—Johnathan Kelley
- July 2—Avery Christopher
- July 3—Sophia Franks
- July 12—Maggie Onusko
- July 14—Kelsey Conn
- July 18—Patty Miller
- July 23—JoAnn Schmidt

Birthdays

- July 26—Cayden Conn
- July 28—Michael McFadden
- July 29—Brian Hann
- August 2—Neil Zampella
- August 8—Matt Onusko
- August 15—Audrey Crislip
- August 18—Carole Grimm
- August 23—Brandon Conn
- August 27—Sandi Grimaldi
- August 30—Rhiannon Martin

Anniversaries

- June 2—Lori and Dan Rosensteel
- June 7—Polly and David Dye
- June 21—JoAnn and Chuck Schmidt
- July 3—Patty and Jack Crislip
- July 12—Mary Lou and Tom Welch
- July 21—Frank and Becky Banko



YOUTH ACTIVITIES



Faith Finders will begin again
on Wednesday, September 11

Vacation Bible School—June 17-21

CPC's Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be held from **5:15 to 8 pm**, June 17th thru June 21st. All children are invited to join us and learn about God and His love for us. The theme this year is *Building with Jesus* and our mission will be rebuilding in disaster areas.

Activities include worship, lessons, crafts and outdoor recreation. A free hot dinner for children under 18 will be provided at 5:15 pm. Parents should bring their children at 5pm, so we can get name tags before dinner. Friday night is a picnic for parents and children, beginning at 6:00.

Online registration is now open. We ask that parents register their children via our website, in order that we may have a good count of how many children to expect. For more information, and online registration go to www.connellsvillepresbyterian.org.



Summer Sunday Schedule

Sunday School—9:00 am

Worship—10:00 am

Remember: Worship begins at 10:00am on June 2nd and continues at that time throughout the summer

UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL THE CRISLIP FAMILY

Jack, Patty and Elle are a staple in our Sunday worship service. We enjoy seeing Elle go up front for our Children's Chat. Jack and Patty have taken on the teen group in our Wednesday night Faith Finders. This family is really involved in the life of our church.

Jack works for the Department of Environmental Protection. His has a civil service job and he is currently a Supervisor in the department dealing with waste water disposal issues. His office is in Pittsburgh, but he is in charge of 10 counties so he is on the road a great deal. Anytime there are new land developments like home construction or mall construction, proper disposal of waste waters must be studied and handled. Jack has been on the job for 32 and 1/2 years.



Jack is a Penn State graduate. That must be interesting in a family of WVU graduates! Beside his involvement with Faith Finders, Jack also helps out with recreation during Bible School, helps with Apple Dumplings, children's games, and any other time help is needed to move tables and chairs here and there. He is a big Pittsburgh Penguins fan, loves to fish, hunt, and exercise and coaches soccer. Jack stays busy.

Patty Miller Crislip is also involved with environmental issues. She is currently the Executive Director of the Jacob Creek Watershed Association. Her office is in the Scottdale Borough Building where she is involved in everything from "soup to nuts" with watershed improvement projects. Environmental education and outreach are stressed. The importance of protecting Jacob Creek which feeds into the Youghiogheny is vital to her program.

Along with her involvement with Faith Finders, Patty is now serving her first term on Session and is part of the Good News Newsletter team. Patty also served on our last Pulpit Committee. She also helps with Apple Dumplings. Another busy person. She also is a WVU graduate.

Elle Rose has been a part of our church since she was a baby. We have seen her grow into a lovely young lady. Elle is in the second grade at Bullskin Elementary where she is in the Impact Program. Her classroom teacher is Mrs. Soberdash. She is an outdoor girl involved in soccer, fishing, gymnastics at the Y.M.C.A. and swimming at Aunt Nancy's. She is also in training to do Apple Dumplings. A lot of her outside activities are done in the company of her father. A picture of the two of them fishing was seen in the Courier. Elle is part of the Wednesday night Faith Finders.

We are grateful for families involved in the life of our church.

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APPLE DUMPLING TIME 2013



It is only June, but August will creep up very quickly and catch us before we know it. August has come to mean “Apple Dumpling Time” at the Connellsville Presbyterian Church. Apple Dumplings have been very good financially for our church this past 25 to 30 years. As a former history teacher, I should be ashamed that I cannot pinpoint the exact year when we became involved in producing apple dumplings for the entire community. The best dating comes from children who were involved originally, and then consider their current age. So that 's how we get 25-30 years. But no matter how long it has been, Connellsville waits impatiently for our prize apple treats each year. St Rita's has Italian food, and St John's has Polish and Slovakian foods, and we have Apple Dumplings

We always need workers. We work 2 shifts on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. On Mondays we work evenings only, and on Friday, we work mornings only. There is need for all kind of helpers. The jobs include: unloading supplies into the church, peeling apples, coring apples, making dough, rolling out dough, making the dumplings, washing the dishes, cleaning the kitchen, getting supplies organized for the makers and bakers of the dumplings, baking the dumplings, answering the phone, serving the public, etc. You get the idea, there are many jobs to be done. But how else could we make thousands of dollars needed for church expenses!

Please set aside some time in August to help with this important project. Our faithful few get older each year, and we welcome “new blood” so that this project will continue into the future. You will be welcomed and appreciated. HOPE TO SEE YOU IN AUGUST!