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Pastor's Pen

Dear church friends and family,

This is it. These are my last few weeks with you all. And while I am excited for my future and yours, I must say that I will miss you all dearly. Thank you for supporting me. Thank you for encouraging me. Thank you for helping me to grow as a person and a pastor.

Thank you most of all for saying yes to following Jesus. The greatest joy for any pastor is to see their congregation say yes to God. Thank you for saying yes to doing the mission of Jesus here. That mission, in my own words, is to build Christ centered relationships between our God, each other, and our neighbors. Thank you for saying yes to that.

But you are not done with following Jesus. You are not done with his mission for us. Even though I am leaving, God's work in you, through you, and with you will continue. Before Jesus left his disciples he told them this: "Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father." (John 14:12)

While I am not worthy to be compared to Jesus, even though I am leaving you, that does not mean our church will fade. As Jesus said, greater works and deeper relationships are ahead for you. You will do greater works than what you and I have done together. And through Jesus you will do great things and form the most loving of relationships.

Stay focused on the mission God has given you and you will thrive! Focus on the mission and Christ as more important than our disagreements. Yes talk about those disagreements, but always remember the purpose for which God has called us together- forming Christ centered relationships between God and one another. Remember you must go out and form new relationships as well. Keep your eyes on that purpose and I know you will thrive. And stay united in love for God and one another. I can't wait to hear about all you do for Jesus in the future.

With love,

Pastor Graham

Lectionary

02—June

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20)
Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18 (UMH 854)
2 Corinthians 4:5-12
Mark 2:23-3:6

09—June

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 8:4-20 (11:14-15)
Psalms 138 (UMH 853)
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
Mark 3:20-35

16—June

4th Sunday after Pentecost

Father's Day

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13
Psalms 20 or Psalms 72 (UMH 795)
2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (11-13) 14-17
Mark 4:26-34

23—June

5th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23) 32-49
Psalms 9:9-20 (UMH 744)
2 Corinthians 6:1-13
Mark 4:35-41

30—June

6th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27
Psalms 130 (UMH 848)
2 Corinthians 8:7-15
Mark 5:21-43

Valley Interfaith Council Prayer List

Please pray for the following in your daily devotions.

Kayla Baucum, Edee Boyer, Kaylee Barbush, June Blamey, Joanne Mumie, Irene and Robert Burger Family, Pastor Tom Cvammen, Arty Deis, Ron Eckrote, Mike Fellin, Pat Ferrari, Jennifer Flores, Food Pantry Families, Barbara Gavel, Irene Healey, Ron Hofmann, Theresa Howley, Kelly Family, Mary and Robert Kisansky, Rose Luethy, Mark and Theresa Marinock, Cristina and David Matthey, Kim Murphy, Carl Roberts, Danny Sampson, Carol Siewell, Maureen Susa, Valerie Sutton, Jacqueline Walker, Marie Waschko, all cancer and COVID patients, our military personnel, as well as leaders of our country, the Russia/Ukraine situation, families of addicts, War in Isreal/Gaza, Mary Nora Wallace, Melody, a 9 year old, Jay Wetzel, Edie Larsen, Madelyn Lawson, Fred Polmounter, Larry Generose, Kyle, Don Zufall, Edie Larsen, Madelyn Lawson, Mary Nora Wallace, Jim Fisher, Henry Parks, Amy Kock Bergstrom, Tarone Veglia, Gretchen Brightaupt, Diane Griffith, Karen Smith and Tim Harter.

Please pray daily for your church, its leaders and staff, Pastor Graham Truscott, the Red Bird Mission Clinic, the Red Bird Mission School, the Salvation Army, United Children's Homes, Hazleton Enlarged Ministry, Heartwood Center, Emmaus Road Travelers and Drivers and the Hazleton/Valley Mission Connection.

June Birthdays

02-June	Brandon Bicking
03-June	Logan Wetzel
08-June	Beverly Kraft
09-June	Dianne French
09 June	Louise Boyle
13-June	Betty Duffy
15-June	Matthew Cara
20-June	Bethany Gogola
24-June	Dr. Robert Washick
24-June	Jessica Morgan
25-June	Scott Luchi
25-June	Rev. Joseph Healey
25-June	Rebecca Gabos
29-June	Jeremy Bicking
29-June	Vanessa Cara
30-June	Noah Ancharski

June Anniversaries

01- June	Rev. Joe & Irene Healey
04-June	Charlie & Karen Lingenfelter
07-June	Bruce & Beverly Hilliard
08-June	Steve & Tamara Huey
08-June	Fred & Heather Groce
09-June	Gerry & Nancy Cromley
10-June	Craig & Keelyn Radzwich
19-June	Joe & Bonnie Racho
28-June	Charles & Rosemary Mandrick
29-June	Tom & Jane Burns
29-June	Michael & Sharon Farver



July Birthdays

01-Jul	Caroline Schuetz
01-Jul	Alison Schuetz
03-Jul	Robert Yost
04 Jul	Les Shupp
05-Jul	Beverly Selby
07 Jul	Teagan Hughes
08-Jul	Sean Healey
08-Jul	Margaret Flores
10-Jul	Joann Burger
11-Jul	Portia Ervin
13-Jul	Brittany DeBalko
15-Jul	Alex Klein
16-Jul	Brent Radzwich
16-Jul	Craig Radzwich
22-Jul	Christopher Shaffer
25-Jul	Jane Burns
29-Jul	Nancy Stark

July Anniversaries

02-July	Rich and Billie Shaffer
03-July	Matt and Vanessa Cara
22 July	Les and Sally Shupp

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

JOIN US FOR A CELEBRATION!

We will celebrate Pastor Graham and all the men of our church.

June 9th right after Worship Service.

Lunch, strawberry short cake and a few surprises!

General and Annual Conference Updates

Hi everybody. Recently we had our General Conference, which as many of you have heard, changed the UMC's rules that apply to LGBTQ folks in ministry. There were other changes as well. Additionally, we recently had our Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference, which every year passes legislation for Eastern Pennsylvania UMC churches as well. I want to tell you all what happened at both conferences and give you a summary. It's a bit too much to put in the newsletter, so be on the lookout in this next week or so for information from both of those conferences!

May the peace of God be with you all!

Pastor Graham

Secret Sisters

Our next dinner will be on June 20th, Cuz-N-Joe's at 6:00 PM.

Please let Paula Piacenti know if you will be able to make it or not.

The Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday, June 11th at 4:00 PM.

Those involved with the Heartwood Center will meet on Thursday, June 13th at 6:30 pm.

CHURCH MISSIONS:

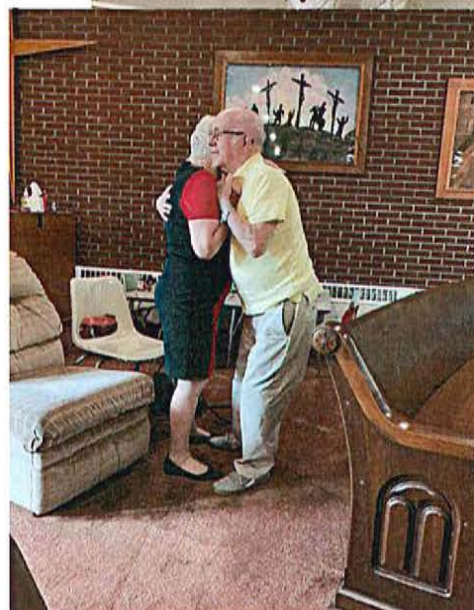
It has been some time since we had any sort of concert at our church. The task of organizing this venture was taken on by members of the Secret Sisters. For those of you that missed it, it was a nice gathering of folks from numerous churches that enjoyed the music, the fellowship, and the refreshments.

We prepared for 90 people but only 50 people showed, so as a result we had food left over. Immediately after everyone was gone, we packed up the sandwiches and the vegetable tray and took it to the Boy's Home in West Hazleton. The youth were all smiles as they carried the food into the building.

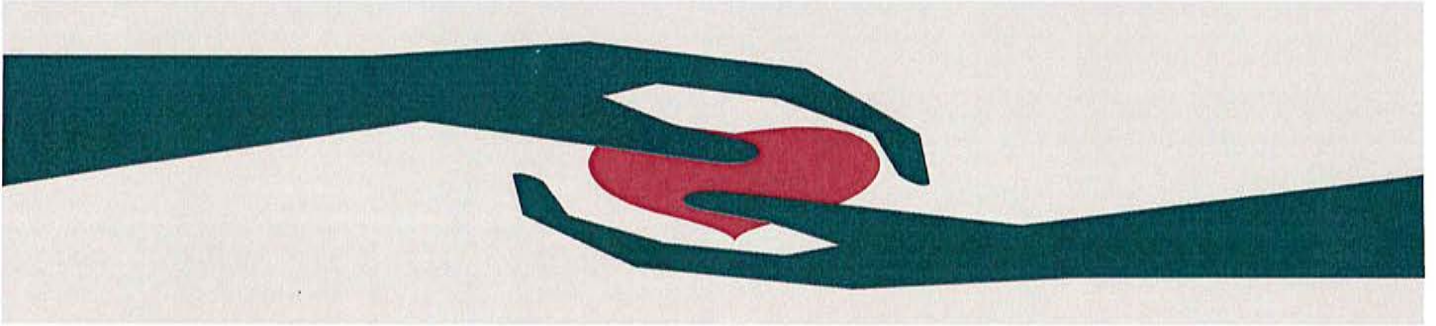
The cookies and iced tea were left at the church for future coffee hours.

Thank you to all who participated in making this happen.

Hopefully, we can get together as a family and schedule another venture.



Heartwood Center, we will be serving lunch and hosting a brief Bible Study at the center on **June 23rd around noon**. We could use some more help! Please consider getting involved with this wonderful ministry. If you would like to see what it's all about, join us! There is also a sign-up sheet in the Social Hall for food donations, which are greatly appreciated.



Please help fill our shelves back up!

Valley Food Pantry needs cereal, chili, and jelly. Summer is here and kids will be home from school, anything extra would be helpful.

Pastor Graham's Ordination Watch Party



Community Events:

Saint John Bosco Church, 573 State Route 93, Sugarloaf, will host the **Hazleton Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra** in concert on **Sunday, June 2nd at 2:00 PM**. The concert will be held in the church and will feature music from Broadway shows, both past and present. Free admission: donations appreciated.

Patch Town Days: Eckley Mainers Village, **Saturday, June 15th and Sunday, June 16th**. Logan Buglio and David Cunfer will play the antique pipe organ. 12:00-4:00 pm. Both days.



A BIT OF HISTORY

**Article was written by Debbie Cara
Date unknown**

The congregation of Conyngham United Methodist Church, Main Street, Conyngham, Reverend Martin Morgan, Pastor, will hold the dedication of its new sanctuary on Sunday, December 5th. The service will be held at 10:00 am during the regular church service. The District Superintendent will be there, and the Choirs will hold a special music program. Open house will be held from 2:00 until 4:00 for the public.

The new church features the Carillon Chime Recordings, which are played twice a day, everyday, between the hours of 12 and 6. Many items from the old church have been reused. The pews, the lighting fixtures and the stained glass are among the items that are being reused.

The old sanctuary was torn down last November because the foundation and structure were found to be unsafe.

The first Methodist class was formed in this building. Charles Bowman was the first leader of the class and a Mr. Witherstine, assistant leader.

This original structure was built in 1866 at a cost of \$2,500. A new section was added onto the church in 1890. The membership at this time was 116 members. In 1958, a new building was constructed for the Sunday School classes and the church kitchen. The current church has a membership of 245 members. The church celebrated its 100th Anniversary in 1969.

An interesting aspect of the Conyngham United Methodist Church centers around a "Bell" that belongs to the church. The bell is located in the front of the church. The bell was presented in 1893 by Clara Brundage to the United Methodist Church in Conyngham. According to the records, Clara Brundage was 18 years old when the bell was donated; therefore, we may only assume that Dr. F. M. Brundage donated the bell in his daughter's name. Clara Brundage was born January 1, 1876, in Conyngham, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Frank Milton Brundage. Clara's great-grandfather settled in the Sugar-loaf Valley in 1920. The Brundage family lived in a large frame house located at what is now the corner of Butler Avenue and Main Street.

We may only speculate on why the bell was presented to the Conyngham United Methodist Church in 1893 by Clara Brundage; however, all parishioners, past, present, and future, are truly honored for such a presentation.

June Worship Leaders

June 2

Greeter: Rodney Hawk
Head Usher: Nancy Stark
Liturgist: Thomas Wiley
Singer: Carrie Joy Wiley
Children's Message: Kate Flaim
Sound Board: Malcolm Wiley and Joey Dretzel
Acolyte: Eamon Wiley

June 9

Greeter: Rodney Hawk
Head Usher: Nancy Stark
Liturgist: Billie Shaffer
Singer: Denise Wetzell
Children's Message: Carrie Wiley
Sound Board: Wiley Family
Acolyte: Malcolm Wiley

June 16

Greeter: Rodney Hawk
Head Usher: Nancy Stark
Liturgist: Barry Jones
Singer: Rena Bicking
Children's Message: Pastor Graham
Sound Board: Heidi Klein and Joey Dretzel
Acolyte: Hazel DeBalko

June 23

Greeter: Rodney Hawk
Head Usher: Nancy Stark
Liturgist: Osheen Jacobs
Singer: Joe Racho
Children's Message: Billie Shaffer
Sound Board: Nancy Stark and Jay Morgan
Acolyte: Joey Dretzel

June 30

Greeter: Rodney Hawk
Head Usher: Nancy Stark
Liturgist: Malcolm Wiley
Singer: Carrie Joy Wiley
Children's Message: Kate Flaim
Sound Board: Carrie and Malcolm Wiley
Acolyte: Eamon Wiley



Altar Flowers

For the month of JUNE

06/02—John and Debbie Cara have given a donation to the General Fund

06/09—John and Debbie Cara have given a donation to the General Fund

06/16—John and Debbie Cara have given a donation to the General Fund

06/23—John and Debbie Cara have given a donation to the General Fund

06/30—John and Debbie Cara have given a donation to the General Fund

June 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 11:30am Special Charge Conference	3 6:00pm Zumba 6:30pm Trustees Meeting	4 6:30pm Church Council Meeting	5 10:00am Religious Studies 6:30pm Christian Conversations	6 9:30am Prayer Shawl Ministry	7	8
9 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 12:00pm Celebrating the men in our church!	10 6:00pm Zumba	11 4:00pm Finance Committee Meeting	12 10:00am Religious Studies 6:30pm Church Health Team Leadership Meeting	13 10:00am Plastic Mat Ministry 6:30pm Heartwood Center Meeting	14	15
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The Conyngham United Methodist Church

Inspiring People to Love and Serve God

Pastor:	Graham Truscott
Lay Leader:	Kate Flaim
Secretary:	Heidi Klein

Vision Statement

Conyngham United Methodist Church is a Christ centered, warm and caring congregation which welcomes, nurtures, and equips people to follow Jesus Christ. As servants of the Gospel, we value the essentials of Holy Scripture, joyful praise, prayer and worship and developing personal faith in Jesus Christ. We accomplish this through a dynamic musical ministry, exciting youth programs, inspiring young adult and adult programs, fellowship of small groups, outreach to the community, strength through personal support, and the shared ministry of our laity and its pastor. We realize all this by being a church where God's Holy Word is a source of nourishment and strength.

**You are cordially invited to worship with us.
Our Worship Service begins at 10:30 am**

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