

# Central's CONNECTIONS

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LOVE GOD. SERVE OTHERS. GROW DISCIPLES.

July 16, 2017

WELCOME...we are glad you are here! If you have young children, you are welcome to drop them off at the beginning of the service to our Children's Ministry Program, "Jesus And Me" (J.A.M.). All the rooms are located in the main hallway on the main floor. Infants to 2 years meet in the Nursery; children ages 2-4 years meet in the Barn Room; children ages 5-8 years meet in the Beginner's Room. A check-in and check-out system with name tags is in place.

## Church News and Notes

The flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God and in honor and Loving Memory of:

William Markley, Jr.  
C. Walter & Josephine B. Ellis  
Mary Jane Ellis

Those needing prayer: (\*Discharged from medical facility)

Jerry Berger – Grandview Hospital  
\*John Martin – Einstein Hospital

**Congratulations** to Thomas and Linda A. Cole who will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Jeannette and Frances Witte** send their grateful thanks for all the kind expressions of sympathy and the beautiful altar flowers they received on the passing of their Aunt, Ruth Lentz.

**Thank you** so much for the beautiful bouquet of flowers that were delivered by Sandy and Steve Desirey. The visit was much appreciated and getting to know other members is refreshing and interesting. Thank you all for your support and mission to membership.

**Love in Christ, Lynne Schoppe**

**Congratulations** to Justine and Daniel Colvin on the birth of their daughter, Paisley Mae, on Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup>. Grandparents are Gerry and Barbara Colvin.

### Prayer for Church Life

Please pray for the churches of our **General Conference**. Ask the Holy Spirit to work in the hearts of their pastors, as well as in their congregations, that a love for God's word may develop.

### Prayer for Missions

Please pray for **Craig and Katie Young\*** and their work with **Chapelle de Fuveau Church in Marseille France**. Craig (a former member of Central during his teen years) and his wife, Katie, have been missionaries since 1990. Please pray that they continue to reach the un-churched people through church – planting, leadership training, evangelistic music, Harmony Bible Camp and a retreat center.\*\*

\*\* These individuals and organizations are supported by our Board of Missions.

## Calendar of Events

### Sunday, July 16 Rev. Dr. David McKinley

9:00 a.m. Traditional Service (FH)  
10:10 a.m. Summer Sunday School  
11:15 a.m. Informal Worship Service (FH)  
5:00 p.m. Adult Life Bible Study (LIB/NURS)  
5:00 p.m. Summer Crave (CCC)  
6:30 p.m. Ultimate Frisbee (O/S)

### Monday, July 17

9:30 a.m. WCF Attic Treasures (GRAN)  
7:00 p.m. Work Camp Planning Mtg. (PP)  
Church Council (BLUE)  
Library Executive Committee Mtg. (ACR)

### Tuesday, July 18

9:00 a.m. WCF Clothing (BARN)  
7:00 p.m. WCF Kids Treasures (BARN)  
North Pennsmen (FH)

### Wednesday, July 19

6:00 p.m. Celebration Brass Rehearsal (FH)  
6:30 p.m. WCF Attic Treasures (GRAN)  
7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting (PAV)

### Thursday, July 20

7:15 p.m. Worship Band (FH)

### Friday, July 21

### Saturday, July 22

9:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (AYS)  
4:30 p.m. Packing for Work Camp (O/S KITCHEN)

### Sunday, July 23 Rev. Dr. David McKinley

5:30 a.m. Depart for Work Camp (BEHIND KIT)  
9:00 a.m. Traditional Service (FH)  
10:10 a.m. Summer Sunday School  
11:15 a.m. Informal Worship Service (FH)  
6:30 p.m. Ultimate Frisbee (O/S)

### **IF HELP IS NEEDED ON SUNDAYS...**

If you are in need of help, a Safety Committee member (identified with a brightly colored lanyard and badge) can be found in the Narthex, Fellowship Hall or Narthex Office.

**Beginning TODAY, July 16, 2017**, the 9:00 a.m. Traditional Service, will be held in the Fellowship Hall until Rally Day in September. Renovations will be taking place in the Sanctuary and it will not be in use for services. Please note that the Chapel, too, will be closed, as it will be used for storage during this time. We appreciate your understanding during the construction.

## **VISITOR'S MEET AND GREET**

Visitors, please stop by the Fellowship Hall, near the mailboxes, to meet the Senior Pastor, Rev. Dr. David McKinley. He would love to meet you and answer any questions you may have about our church.

## **SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL**

The Summer Sunday School program has begun!

The program is divided into 4 age groups.

- Nursery (infants – 3 yrs.)
- Children 4 yrs. to 5<sup>th</sup> grade will meet in the Beginner's Room on the main floor.
- Youth from 6<sup>th</sup> grade up to Sr. High will meet at the CCC
- Adult class will meet downstairs in the Plaid Pad.

## **HAPPY DAYS PRESCHOOL NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS**

Happy Days Preschool (located in the Central Schwenkfelder Church) is currently accepting applications for the 2017-2018 school year. You can learn about the program options by visiting their website:

<http://www.centralschwenkfelder.com/ministries/happy-days-preschool>.

Tours can be scheduled by contacting the Registrar, Charlotte Pellechia, at:

happydayspreschool.registrar@gmail.com or call  
610-584-4900 ext. 300.

Thank you for sharing this information with interested family and friends.

## **THE COUNTRY FAIR**

Now that the nice weather is here, it is time to clean out the attic and basement, and empty our closets of all those excess items we have been accumulating! We are accepting donations for the 2017 **COUNTRY FAIR** now! Both the Granary and the Barn are open after both services on all Sundays throughout the summer. You can drop off your items for Clothing Reruns and Children's Clothes & Treasures at the Barn, and your items for Attic Treasures and Books should go to the Granary. Jewelry donations may also be dropped off in the Granary.

Once again, the Fair Auction **CANNOT** accept TV's, electronic equipment and exercise equipment that is more than 5 years old. Also, we **CANNOT** accept upholstered furniture. We are so very grateful for the generosity of our donors, but without these restrictions, we simply receive too much stuff we cannot sell and must pay to have them hauled away. Your help in these matters is always truly appreciated. Thank you and God bless!



## **YOUTH NEWS**

### **GRAVE BIBLE STUDIES**

Join us for our weekly Bible Studies on Sunday evenings from 5:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. in the Central Community Center! All students entering grades 9-12 are welcome! Younger students may talk to Sam Beatrice about joining as well.

### **SUMMER ULTIMATE FRISBEE**

Ultimate Frisbee is here again! Join in the fun on Sunday evenings from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Anyone who wants to play, meet on the lawn near the Church Kitchen!



**August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.**

All students entering 6<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> grades are invited to come to Hershey Park for an all-day trip to enjoy the vast array of dry and wet rides Hershey has to offer! If you plan to do water rides, bring a backpack with your bathing suit and towel. Cost is \$50 + extra money for one meal and includes transportation, admission, a meal ticket and a souvenir beverage container. To reserve your spot, submit a \$25 deposit by TODAY to the church office. Scholarship and payment plans are available.

### **ESCAPE ROOM AND MALL HANGOUT**

**August 26<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**

All students entering 7<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> grade are invited. Students will get to test their escaping skills in one of the Escape Rooms at the Escape Room Mystery in King of Prussia. Afterwards, bring some spending money as we hang out in the mall and act like a bunch of wacky teenagers.

Let Juli Apple know if your child is interested in this, or, if you are an adult and available/interested in helping with this event.



### **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION**

**THANKS** to everyone who took the time to cut out Box Tops for Education. 2300 box top coupons were delivered to the Gotwals School in Norristown. Please continue to look for the words "OFFICIAL COUPON" as well as an expiration date on packages/cans of food and some paper goods.

Place cut out coupons in the box under Bev O'Brien's church mailbox.

## **ATTIC TREASURES**

We have a place called Attic Treasures  
Where people gladly donate things.  
We sort and clean and polish all,  
And see what the next week brings.

We get Christmas plates  
And glassware and silk flowers,  
And to put it all together  
It takes many hours.

We have kitchen and office  
And linens and crafts,  
But most of all  
We have lots of laughs!  
We get boxes and bags  
And all kinds of goodies,  
And every week  
We get a delicious plate of cookies.



But I'm not talking about  
all the items we gather,  
I'm thinking it's all  
The great people that matter.

Some line up for an hour  
To make a donation,  
Looking for bargains  
With high expectation.

We have fantastic women  
From Ladies Aid.  
We have men and kids  
Who never get paid.

We have all kinds of people  
Who give their time gladly,  
So that others might  
Be a little more happy.

Thank you, God  
For Attic Treasures.  
It has and always will be  
Our pleasure. ~ Anonymous



## **ATTIC TREASURES**

Ready to clean out your basement or attic now? Kids leaving for college soon? Don't know what to do with all that *stuff* that has accumulated over the years? Attic Treasures could sure help you out with such a conundrum! So, load up the car with that *stuff* and bring it to Attic Treasures in the Granary. You can drop off that *stuff* Sunday mornings from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Thank you!

## **SUMMERTIME...**

### **AND THE LIVING IS BUSY.**

We know you are cleaning out those closets. Bet you have a pile of lovely attire that needs a new home. Let us help you! Clothing Reruns is open for donations and we love gently used pieces to pass on to others. We will be working Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. and Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. Please remember we cannot accept Men's or Women's undergarments or bathing suits. Many thanks for your contributions and more thanks for all those willing helpers who adorn our boutique as we prepare for this important Mission goal and our community outreach – God truly blesses us in many ways.

Given below are the  
**Bakery & Country Market**  
**Country Fair Needs**  
(Well...polite requests! 😊)

## **Calling All Canners!**



With fruits and vegetables a growin...what a great time to make some jelly, jam, pickles, salsa, etc.  
Your "homemade with love" goodies are always big sellers!  
(...and the Country Market **greatly** appreciates your delicious, & colorful contributions!) So can on!!!



## **Cookie Corner**

YES!!!...The Cookie Corner will make its 2<sup>nd</sup> year appearance at the Country Fair!  
Plenty of time to experiment & pick out your favorite cookie recipes! Yum! 😊

## **Crafts & Handmade Items**

Anything handcrafted and  
made with love!



AND...We could also REALLY (and we mean REALLY!) use someone to help with collecting and organizing the handmade items.

PLEASE call or email if interested and would like more information!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Lori Schmitz 215-855-5106 l.a.schmitz@comcast.net

## **BETHEL BIBLE PROGRAM**

Reading and Studying the OLD TESTAMENT

Beginning Thursday, September 7, 2017, the Old Testament phase of the Bethel Bible Program will begin it's 44<sup>th</sup> year. We will meet Thursday nights from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. for 20+ weeks (Sept. 2017 – May 2018), in the Bethel room of Central Schwenkfelder Church. Dates will be decided by the class members. Each lesson has a picture with concepts noted, with several pages of reading as well as assignments of scripture. By the end of the 20+ weeks you will have read the Old Testament and learned 20 themes, with their many concepts found in the Old Testament. The emphasis throughout the sessions are your concerns dealing with these concepts and the readings in the program and the Old testament. FOR THOSE who have previously taken the course, IT HAS CHANGED with new pictures and detailed study guides. Please register with me, the office, or by signing up in the Narthex. For questions, please call me, Allen Koehler at 610-584-5379 or e-mail: [tennislob31@comcast.net](mailto:tennislob31@comcast.net).

## ***How Can You Love God, Serve Others and Grow Disciples?***

Dear Central friends,

Our church provides numerous opportunities to demonstrate our mission statement, “Love God-Serve Others-Grow Disciples”. Two opportunities for us to meet this challenge are the **Country Fair** and the **Global Aid Network food-packaging project**. Both of these events require a commitment from our members to reach out to serve our local community and the world, as well as bring us together to fellowship and grow as a body of believers. They help us show our love for God and others and allow us to be disciples to those around us

Another opportunity to “Love God-Serve Others-Grow Disciples” comes each November as we help host homeless families through **Keystone Opportunity Center’s Inter-Faith Hospitality Network (IFHN)**. The families we help often are unemployed or have job insecurity and most have no support from extended families. In difficult economic times, it’s easy to imagine that people can’t afford housing.

### **Many volunteers are needed during the month of November:**

- to provide and serve a dinner meal.
- to sleep overnight in our comfortable Hospitality House.
- to provide transportation to and from the day center in Souderton.
- to supervise young children for a few Monday evenings while the adults receive counseling.

**Sign-up sheets with more than 100 slots will go up in the main church hallway by October 1.**

All the information you’ll need is included on the sheets. Please take some time during the next few months to consider how YOU can help with this outreach to our own local community. Please sign up early for the dates you know you can do – don’t wait till only a few spots remain! If you already know where and when you’d like to serve, let Trish Simpson know right now! If you have questions or concerns about anything, please contact Trish ([pjsimpson616@gmail.com](mailto:pjsimpson616@gmail.com), 610-584-1141).

And speaking of coordinators, a co-coordinator is needed to work with Trish on the overall program and also someone to coordinate overnights. Contact Trish if you can help out.

God calls us to step out of our comfort zones and reach out to those around us, to be missionaries for him in a cold and often uncaring world. All we need to provide are a few hours of our time, a compassionate heart and willing hands.

