

## **The Pastor's Pen** **Congregation Invited** **to June 3 & June 12** **Discipleship Plan Work**

*By Pastor Fisher*

Lay Leadership has been working on the Discipleship Plan since the January and February congregational meetings, and presented its draft to Administrative Board on Monday, April 28. With some input from the Board, we present the latest draft of the plan for your review later in this newsletter. The Ad Board invites the entire congregation to meet again on **Monday, June 3 and Wednesday, June 12** to give final feedback and creative input to the Plan. Please read it over in advance and come prepared to offer constructive revisions. The whole congregation is invited to both sessions, which will include a soup and Subway sandwiches meal on June 3 and Put-luck supper on June 12. Both nights work will begin with supper at 5:45 and working sessions from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Ad Board will review this work and hopes to approve a final plan at its June 24 meeting.

The purpose of this year-long work is for our church to become more effective at fulfilling our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ. We want to see people connected more deeply to God and to one another, growing as disciples of Jesus and empowered to be in ministry to the world. Please keep this matter in your earnest prayers as we seek to follow the leading and inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

*Yours in Christ, Pastor Fisher*



## **Worship & Preaching Schedule** **May – June 2019**

*All May Sundays Worship: 8 and 10:45AM*

*All June Sundays: Worship at 9:00 AM*

*Saturday Worship at 6 pm*

**Events and Themes**

**Theme: 1 Corinthians**

*Dr. Fisher preaching unless otherwise noted*

- May 5 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter  
"1 Cor. 12: The Gifts of the Holy Spirit"  
w/ Holy Communion
- May 12 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter & Mother's Day  
"1 Cor. 13: The Greatest of These is Love"  
Mother's Day Recognition
- May 19 – Pentecost Sunday  
"Call and Calling – 2 Peter 1:1-11"



## **Summer Worship Schedule Change**

**New Summer Worship Time:**  
**Beginning Sunday, June 2**  
**One Combined Service at 9:00 AM**



Based on the results of the Easter worship survey, Administrative Board voted on May 12 to change our Summer worship schedule to a **single combined worship service at 9:00 AM, from Sunday, June 2 thru Labor Day, Sept. 1.**

The vote was unanimous following consideration of the survey. Out of 78 survey respondents, 64% were in favor of a single combined worship service. The board voted to have traditional and contemporary elements at the combined service. It will be good to worship together this summer.

*Guest Preacher: Rev. Luis Centeno of*  
*Barnabas Transformation Ministry*  
*Donut Party Last Day of Sunday School*

- May 26 – Memorial Day Weekend Sunday  
"1 Cor. 14: Order in Worship"  
*Mission Trip Presentation by Jillian Moyer*  
*Graduate Recognition Sunday*
  - June 2 – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – 9 AM Worship  
"1 Cor. 15: Death in Adam, Life in Christ"  
w/ Holy Communion  
*Small Group Leaders Meeting after Church*
  - June 9 – The Day of Pentecost  
"1 Cor. 15: The Mystery of the Resurrection"  
*Emmaus Walk Alumni Meeting after Church*
  - June 13-15 EPA Annual Conference in Oaks, PA
  - June 16 – Trinity Sunday & Father's Day  
*Special Musical Program by WITNESS*  
*Father's Day Recognition, Youth Missions*
  - June 23 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Pentecost  
"1 Cor. 16: Faithful Generosity"
  - June 30 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Pentecost  
"1 Cor. 16: Christianity is about Relationships"
- Our Communion Offerings**
- May 5: *Jessica Noll's ministry with YWAM*





## 2019 Summer Vocational Intern

We are pleased to announce that **Katie Klamfoth** has been approved by the SPRC and the EPA Annual Conference Board of Ordained Ministry to be our Summer 2019 vocational intern. Interns do 400 hours of work for the church in a variety of ministry settings and get to experience and help in a broad spectrum of the church's life and ministry during the summer.

Katie is the daughter of Julie Saunders and the late Kelly Klamfoth. She is a sophomore at Keystone College studying hospitality business management with a minor in event planning and is president of the Hospitality Club. We will officially consecrate Katie for her summer internship on Sunday, May 19. If you are a ministry chair or team leader and would like Katie to help in your ministry this summer, please contact the church office to let us know. Please also keep Katie in your prayers as she serves our church as this year's vocational intern.



## Missions Update: from the ministry of Rev. Luis Centeno of Barnabas Transformation Ministry, Philadelphia, PA

Rev. Luis Centeno of Barnabas Transformation Ministry in Philadelphia is one of the missionaries our church supports. Rev. Centeno writes the following about a mission trip his ministry is organizing. "Our mission trip this year will be to Cali, Columbia from July 3rd to the 17th. There will be thirteen graduates from our mission school that will be going with us. We will be partnering with a church who have a couple of members in this violent and drug infested community who have suffered loss of family members during a mudslide. We will be renovating the building which was damaged, and the roof collapsed so we need to rebuild it. This building is used for feeding the children of the community, and for teaching and training them in different arts. We will need around \$2600.00 to \$3000.00 to begin the restoration. Pray for our safety and provision."

Rev. Centeno will be our guest speaker on May 18 and 19, at both Saturday evening and Sunday morning services. We will dedicate the communion offering on June 2 to help fund the mission trip to Columbia, South America. Please consider giving generously to this cause.



## CHURCH PRAYER MINISTRY UPDATES

**Wednesday Prayer Meeting:** Church-wide prayer meeting resumed after Easter. We continue to meet at 6:00 pm for an Hour of Power together. All are welcome! For the week of June 9, prayer meeting will be on Tuesday night, 6:00 pm.

**Prayer Focus for May and June.** 1) Please pray for our Discipleship plan, 2) Pray for our summer Vocational Intern, Katie Klamfoth. 3) Pray for Annual Conference and the election of the 2020 General Conference delegates. 4) Pray for more of the Kingdom of God to come in our midst. 5) Pray for the lost and broken of Schuylkill County for great revival, spiritual awakening and salvation.

**Weekly prayer team ministry continues.** Please sign up in pairs to pray for one hour a day during a single week, for the Kingdom of God to come more fully in our church and our community and beyond. We promote the prayer team ministry on Sunday mornings with the prayer clipboard circulated periodically.

**Do you have a testimony to share with the congregation?** Has the Lord done something special in your life recently? You might have a testimony to share and be a blessing to the congregation. It is exciting to hear what God is doing in our midst! Please let Dr. Fisher know if you want to share.

### Prayer Team Schedule: May-June 2019

May 5-11 Chris & Lisi Fisher

May 12-18 Wanda Langley & Dale Kauterman

May 19-25 Ann Moyer

May 26-June 1

June 2-8

June 9-15 Jim Glunz

June 16-22 Wanda Langley & Dale Kauterman

June 23-29 Liz Wallace

June 30-July 5



## RESULTS OF 2019 WORSHIP SURVEY

On Easter Sunday a worship survey was circulated through the congregation. Below is a summary of the results.

Of the 75 responses received, 64% of them were in favor of having ones combined service during the summer, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

The following hymns have been requested:

Jesus Messiah	The Old Rugged Cross
Onward Christian Soldiers	Good, Good Father
It is I, Lord	God Be with you til We Meet Again
Pass It On	Down to the River to Pray
Blessed Assurance	Well Done
Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross	Here I Am Lord
Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus	And Can It Be
A Mighty Fortress	Love Ran Red
The Family of God	Amazing Grace
Eternal Father, Strong to Save	Amazing Love
Your are My Vision	Resurrection Power
It Is Well With My Soul	Gloria
Eye on the Sparrow	On Bread, One Body
Victory in Jesus	Majesty
Have Thine Own Way Lord	In the Garden
Onward Christian Soldiers	How Great Thou Art

There were a few folks who have a song or testimony that they would like to share with the congregation. If you have something that you would like to share, please let Pastor Fisher know or just send a note via email to the office and we will find a time for you to share in an upcoming worship service.

Worship survey results continued:

What topics would you like to hear teaching and preaching on?

Revelation	God's Promises
Can we loose our salvation?	Prophecy
Proverbs	Biblical Topics vs. Current Events
Love	Trusting
Holiness & Forgiveness	Unanswered Prayers
God's Promises	Christ - like living
Humility	
Patience—Suffering, Why do some get miracles and others do not	
Leviticus 18, 19 & 20	
Faith, Hope & Joy	
End time prophecy	
The continual of faith between church life, songs, school, ets	
Acceptance	
How to invite others to the Christian faith.	

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Hello to everyone,

We wanted to let all of you know that the Youth Group (18 of us; mostly our senior students) will be attending a Mission Trip with YWAM in West Virginia from June 9-13th. Whenever you think of this important event, please be in prayer for us so that all of us will experience the Lord in new and fresh ways, so that we will be a blessing to those that we will minister to, and for those of us who do not know the Lord personally, may this be a time where they will be personally introduced. We are excited and we look forward to what the Lord has in store for all of us.

Much love and blessings, FUMC's Youth Group.

Dear Church Family,

My name is Ann Moyer, and as many of you know, I have been commissioned as your Parish Nurse here at FUMC (also known as Faith Community Nurse). I am very excited about this new role and am very grateful for the support and confidence I have been receiving from leaders of the church and fellow members. Truthfully I was hesitant to accept this position but God made it quite clear to me that this is the path that I am to follow. He reminded me that He got me through nursing school, led me to this church, and provided the tools that I need to succeed, a wonderful mentor included! I ask for your patience as I transition into this position. I am receiving formal training and education for Faith Community Nursing in April and after that time I will be considered full-fledged.

This year will be my 35<sup>th</sup> year as a Registered Nurse. I graduated from St Joseph Hospital School of Nursing in Lancaster PA. My first job was as a medical surgical nurse in Passaic, NJ. The majority of my nursing career was spent as an Emergency Room nurse. When my children were young I worked part time and Per Diem so I was able to work in many different areas including: Same Day Surgery, Operating Room, Recovery Room, Home Health and Interventional Radiology. The past 12 years I spent mostly in Occupational Medicine but back in October I accepted a new part time position in Cardiac Rehab.

The American Nurses Association defines a Faith Community Nurse as an RN who focuses on the intentional care of the spirit as well as the promotion of whole-person health and the prevention or minimization of illness within the context of a faith community.

It is my firm belief that true health is a holistic matter. It encompasses the body, mind, and spirit. When any one of these areas is compromised it can definitely affect the other two. Having Christ in our lives is such a gift. His peace and comfort surpasses that of any other. It is so refreshing to be able to proclaim that fact openly while applying my nursing knowledge and skills!

I am going to try to make myself available between church services most Sundays and will be resuming the monthly blood pressure screening program. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Peace and Blessings,

Ann Moyer, RN





Children & Family  
Ministries



to everyone who helped with the  
Easter Egg Hunt! Your time and  
generosity were greatly appreciated!

Family Fellowship is hosting a Faith & Friends Night at the Reading Phils on Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$25.00 each for anyone over the age of 4. Children 4 and younger are free. Cost includes game at 5:15 PM, all you care to eat buffet from 4-6:30 PM, (Menu features: BBQ Chicken, Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Hot Dogs, Mac & Cheese, Corn, Pasta & Potato Salad, Chips, Smiley Fries, Fruit, Cookies & Pepsi Products) and access to the Tower Health Pool & Deck with character visits throughout the game.

Space is limited, to reserve your seat, please contact the church office today!



### Dates to Remember

May 10<sup>th</sup>  
Sight & Sound  
Trip

May 12<sup>th</sup>  
Mother's Day  
(Regular SS  
class meetings)

May 19<sup>th</sup>  
Last Day of  
Sunday School  
Regular Class  
Meetings

May 26<sup>th</sup>  
Children's  
Message

June 16<sup>th</sup>  
Father's Day

June 29<sup>th</sup>  
Children's  
Message

WEDNESDAYS JULY 17<sup>TH</sup> – AUGUST 14<sup>TH</sup>

# THE AMAZING RACE

6:30 – 8:00 PM \* BUBECK PARK  
ALL AGES WELCOME!  
BRING A FRIEND & JOIN THE FUN!

### *Lord, Help Me to Love My Children Well*

*My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life many years and bring you peace and prosperity. Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man."* [Proverbs 3:1-4](#) (NIV)

Recently, my poor, sweet kids were each trying to navigate life alone ... ranging from an emotional teen outburst to tolerating painful behavior by classmates, and I didn't see it.

Eventually, God let me know what was happening to them. It's so like Him to bring truths about our children to light.

I discovered my kids' lonely, inner struggles in different ways: through a journal we shared, a coincidental conversation with my son's teacher, and a laundry request to remove chewing gum from a costume inflicted by a student in my daughter's play.

According to several studies, loneliness is growing. How ironic that modern technology allows us to be more socially connected than ever while making us relationally disconnected.

Well, the enemy is sneaky. It's so like him to take the phone, a tool of communication, and make it one of isolation.

Loneliness is an emotional response to isolation. It's an anxious feeling about a lack of connection or communication with others. Loneliness and isolation are strategies the enemy uses because God designed us to love and to have relationships.

Jesus made this clear: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself'" ([Matthew 22:36-39](#), NIV).

Love God and love your neighbor. Love is the only way to have a relationship, and relationships are the only way to overcome loneliness. My husband and children are my closest "neighbors," and I want to love them well. I want to teach them to love well.

*The secret to parenting well is to teach my kids to love well.*

If I teach my kids to love well, they will never be alone. Especially in light of these reminders in God's Word:

*"My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life many years and bring you peace and prosperity. Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man"* ([Proverbs 3:1-4](#)).

Can effective parenting be so simple it can be summed up in just three sentences? Yes!

I must teach them that if they keep His commands in their heart, and don't let love and faithfulness ever leave them, then they will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man.

By: Susan Merrill



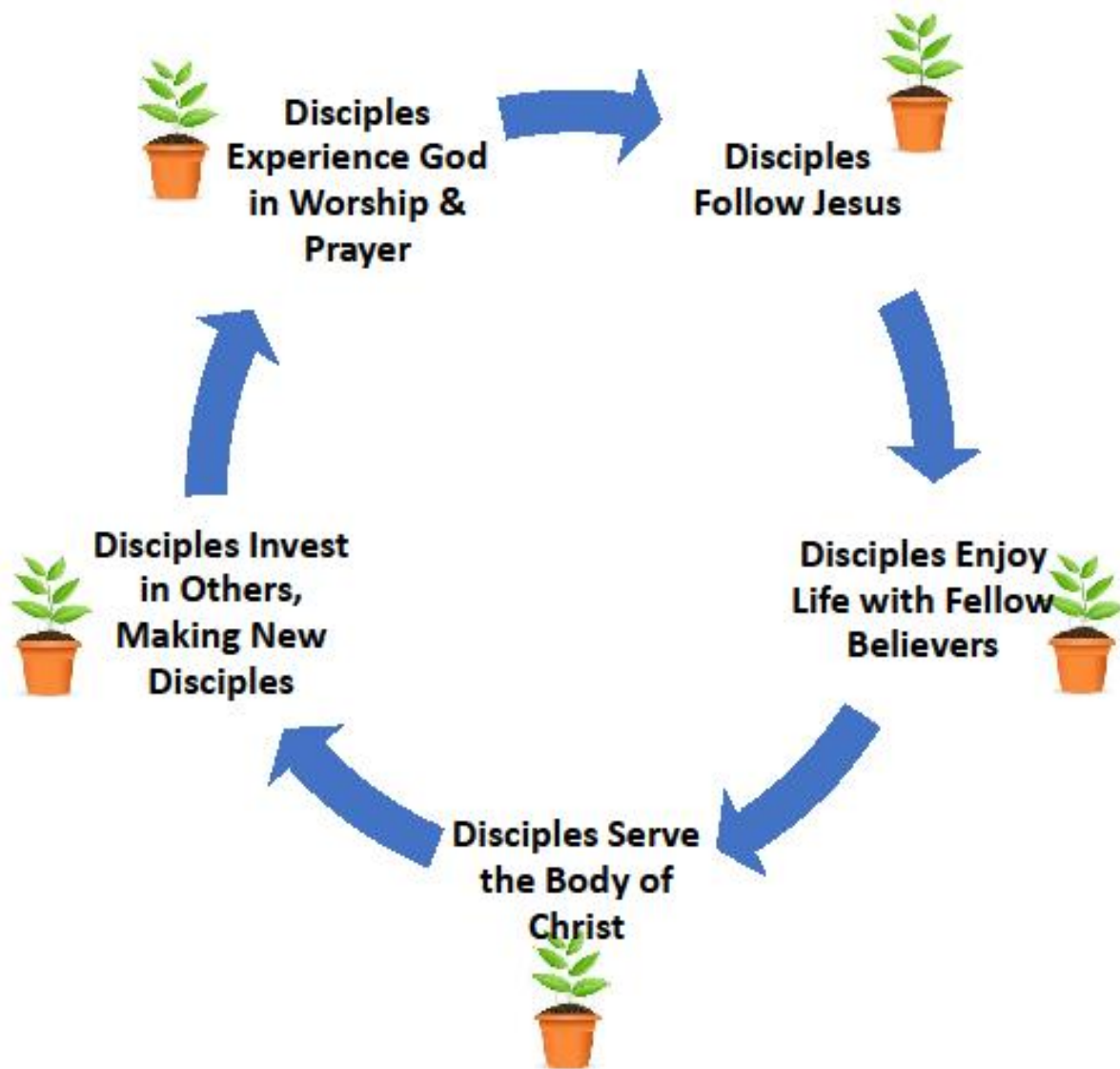
**DRAFT DISCIPLESHIP PLAN FOR JUNE 3, 2019**

***Our Mission is to make Disciples of Jesus Christ***

***Disciples Love God, Love One Another and Share God's love with the World***

**I> A VISUAL OVERVIEW OF OUR DISCIPLESHIP PROCESS**

***Growing disciples of Christ through the following five simple steps***





## **II> HOW WE WILL DO DISCIPLESHIP (*with measurable components*):**

- A. Disciples experience God through worship & prayer.** As Jesus' disciples we seek to experience God regularly through corporate worship and prayer at:
  - a. Saturday and Sunday Spirit-Filled Worship Services
  - b. Wednesday Corporate Prayer and Ministry Night
  - c. Weekly Prayer Partners and the Prayer Chain ministry
  
- B. Disciples follow Jesus.** As disciples, we seek to grow a personal relationship with Jesus by spending time with Him daily, learning his teachings and putting them into practice. Following him, we expect to become like him.
  - a. Through daily personal devotions
  - b. Through a Discipleship Training Program with classes on Christian essentials for all ages
  - c. Through other opportunities for study and practice
  
- C. Disciples enjoy life with fellow believers.** Since relationship is at the heart of our faith, we envision every member will be in some type of small group where relationships in Christ are being built, group members are loved & discipleship is taking place. We envision regular opportunities for all members to come together for fellowship and mutual encouragement.
  - a. Through regular small group participation
  - b. By providing a Discipleship Council to help support and grow Small Group Ministry
  - c. Through regular Church-wide fellowship events, meals & fun activities
  
- D. Disciples serve the Body of Christ.** We believe the Church is *the People*, the family of God. As each family member contributes for the good of a family, every member is to serve the family of God as they grow in faith, regularly sharing their natural and spiritual gifts and talents for the common good of the Body of Christ.
  - a. Disciples help take care of the various ministry needs of the Body
  - b. Each member is involved in some committee, ministry team and/or service role
  
- E. Disciples invest in others inside and outside the church, making new disciples.** As disciples, we are committed to share God's love with the world by investing in others inside and outside the Church. We are committed to intentionally making new disciples:
  - a. By offering entry points for new disciples, including hospitality to visitors and by making our small groups welcoming to visitors and to new members.
  - b. By individual participation in outreach ministry (visitation, mission teams, etc.)
  - c. By each small group designing & implementing its own mission to invest in others inside or outside the church
  - d. By offering periodic Church-wide evangelism efforts like the Alpha Course

### **III> SOME NOTES ON OUR DISCIPLESHIP PROCESS:**

#### **1. Disciples experience God through worship & prayer.**

##### **a. Saturday and Sunday Spirit- Filled worship Services**

- i. Including Scripture based instruction in sound doctrine, and the use of the gifts of the Holy Spirit for building up the Body of Christ
- ii. "New wine for new wineskins": We will offer worship in culturally and generationally relevant styles

##### **b. Wednesday Corporate Prayer and Ministry Night**

- i. We will continue to develop the personal and corporate prayer life of the church
- ii. We will continue to develop Spiritual warfare & Intercession ministry

##### **c. Weekly Prayer Partners and the Prayer Chain ministry**

#### **2. Disciples Follow Jesus.**

##### **a. Through daily personal devotions**

- i. We regularly encourage each member to learn the teachings of Jesus Christ & grow in Christ-like character; to work on personal Christian growth through practicing the presence of God, faithful Scripture study, prayer, spiritual reading, confession, participation in Holy Communion & other spiritual practices, learning and practicing our Lord's teachings, participation in the Emmaus Walk.

##### **b. Through a Discipleship Training Program with classes on Christian essentials for all ages**

- i. Discipleship classes that are given in sequence and rotate: I.e., the Alpha Course, Introduction to the Spiritual Disciplines, Personal Foundations for Christian Maturity, Church History, Spiritual Gifts, Spiritual Warfare, Outreach and Evangelism Principles, Defending the Faith

##### **c. Through other opportunities for study and practice**

- i. Such as Sunday school offerings, Evening Bible Studies and other topical or book focused small groups

#### **3. Disciples enjoy life with fellow believers.**

##### **a. Through regular small group participation**

- i. Christ-centered relationship development in Small Groups: We envision everyone participating in a small group, which is our primary community connection and spiritual development method.
- ii. Our small group ministry will be intentionally designed to be welcoming to new members and to multiply to create new groups.
- iii. We will offer an annual all-church small group campaign
- iv. We will create special purpose & theme small groups to meet specific needs

##### **b. By providing a Discipleship Council to help support and grow Small Group Ministry**

- i. We will create a Discipleship Council to support and steer the Life Group Ministry. The Council will be responsible for leadership training. *See below for details.*
- ii. We will offer a smorgasbord of small group types overseen by the Discipleship Council which all help along the way of discipleship.
- c. **Through regular Church-wide fellowship events, meals & fun activities**
  - i. The Fellowship Committee will organize these church-wide events.

#### **4. Disciples serve the Body of Christ.**

- a. **Disciples help take care of the various ministry needs of the Body**
  - i. We serve by faithful participation through our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness
  - ii. We will have an annual all-member service assessment, with opportunities to change roles and try new things.
- b. **Each member is involved in some committee, ministry team or service role**
  - iii. Such as preaching, teaching, singing or helping lead worship, leading a small group, helping care for the building, focus in a specialized ministry, helping in visitation or Stephen Ministry head usher, greeter, liturgist, media booth volunteer, communion steward, etc.

#### **5. Disciples invest in others inside and outside the church, making new disciples.**

- a. **By offering entry points for new disciples, including hospitality to visitors and by making our small groups welcoming to visitors and to new members.**
  - i. We will appoint a head usher at each worship service who is responsible to help visitors feel welcome.
  - ii. We will create a hospitality team to visit visitors on behalf of the church.
- b. **By individual participation in outreach ministry (visitation, mission teams, etc.)**
  - i. We will train each member to invest in others for Christ using their unique gifts and personality.
  - ii. By inviting those we serve in outreach to come alongside and join in helping us serve
- c. **By each small group designing & implementing its own mission to invest in others inside or outside the church**
  - i. We encourage each small group to develop its own group ways to invest in others either inside or outside the church
- d. **By offering periodic Church-wide evangelism efforts like the Alpha Course**
  - i. We invite others to follow Jesus with us, creating regular opportunities to disciple new believers, such as the Alpha Course, seeker-sensitive small groups, planned outreaches, etc.



#### IV> Recommendation for a simplified administrative structure for Discipleship

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Current Committees</li><li>    1. Lay Leadership</li><li>    2. Finance and Stewardship</li><li>    3. SPRC</li><li>    4. Trustees</li><li>    5. Worship</li><li>    6. Prayer</li><li>    7. Fellowship</li><li>    8. Christian Education</li><li>    9. Youth Council</li><li>    10. Young Adult Fellowship</li><li>    11. Health and Welfare</li><li>    12. Stephen Ministries</li><li>    13. Missions &amp; Evangelism</li><li>    14. Communications, Media &amp; Tech</li></ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>2. A New Simplified Committee Structure</li><li>    1. Lay Leadership</li><li>    2. Finance &amp; Stewardship</li><li>    3. SPRC</li><li>    4. Trustees</li><li>    5. Worship &amp; Prayer</li><li>    6. Fellowship</li><li>    7. <i>Discipleship Council</i></li><li>    8. <i>Helps Ministry</i></li><li>    9. <i>Intergenerational Ministries</i></li><li>    10. <i>Communications &amp; Technology</i></li></ol> |
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#### V> A DISCIPLESHIP COUNCIL will help support and grow our Discipleship Ministry

1. Purpose: To support the development of discipleship at FUMC through small groups
2. Membership – at least 7 persons, consisting of 6 members, one of whom shall be the chair, a staff curriculum coordinator, plus the Lay Leader and the pastor(s), ex officio with voice and vote. Each member shall be a leader or member of a small group.
3. Meetings: Meets quarterly to give big-picture oversight to the Small Group ministry
  - a. Provides monthly support/supervision to small group leaders
4. Responsibilities:
  - a. Provides administrative oversight of small group ministry
  - b. Oversee the development of a Discipleship Training School which teaches the essentials of Christianity for all ages
  - c. Long term thinking/planning team responsible to vision & pray for discipleship ministry
  - d. Designs small groups for discipleship, openness, new members, and multiplication
  - e. Responsible to provide support for small groups and small group leaders
  - f. Responsible for leadership training and periodic recruitment of new leaders
  - g. Researches and advises on curriculum and content for small groups
  - h. Oversees annual church-wide small group campaign
  - i. Coordinates communications & advertising for small group ministry
  - j. Maintains the Small Group Communications Center
  - k. Works on developing a shepherding connection for all members
  - l. Responsible to do regular assessment of groups for discipleship growth & effectiveness
  - m. Goal to empower each small group to develop its own mission to invest in others
  - n. Designs a process for visitors to be plugged into small groups
  - o. Creates special opportunities to disciple new believers & create new groups
  - p. The Council will determine other responsibilities as needed

## VI> What would the other new committees be responsible for?

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Helps Ministries<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. Missions and Social Concerns</li><li>ii. Health &amp; Welfare</li><li>iii. Parish Nurse</li><li>iv. Stephen Ministry</li><li>v. The Vineyard</li><li>vi. The Community Lunch</li><li>vii. Benevolences and ministry to the poor</li><li>viii. Ecumenical ministry &amp; Community relations</li><li>ix. Meals Ministry</li></ol></li></ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>2. Intergenerational Ministries<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. Family life and Children's Ministry</li><li>ii. Youth Council<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <i>High School ministry</i></li><li>2. <i>Middle School Ministry</i></li></ol></li><li>iii. Young Adult Fellowship</li></ol></li><li>3. Communications &amp; Technology<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. Media</li><li>ii. Website</li><li>iii. Social Media and Advertising</li></ol></li></ol> |
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## VII> Simplifying the Schedule of Meetings

- a. New Administrative Schedule organized for 10 key ministry committees
- b. We recommend a standard quarterly meeting cycle (4x per year/ every 3 months)
- c. Worship and Small Group schedule.
  1. Sundays
    - a. Morning Worship and Small Groups
    - b. Evening Worship
    - c. Youth Ministry – age ranges and times to be determined
  2. Wednesdays ministry night
    - a. Prayer meeting, Music Groups, Children's Ministry, Small Groups
  3. Saturday evening Worship

## VIII> Evaluating our ministries by our New Discipleship Plan

- a. After the Discipleship Plan is adopted, all ministries of the church should be evaluated by asking whether each supports our model of discipleship, can be adapted to support it, or does not support the plan and should be retired. Over time, all ministries should continue to be evaluated and periodically measured for effectiveness by the standards of the Plan.
- b. The purpose of this evaluative work is to help us use our time and resources most efficiently to accomplish our mission.

Take A Break Caregiver Conference Budget Goal 2019						
2019-2020 fund raising	Sponsors	Sponsors Contributing	Vendors	Towards goal	Budget dollars	
					6000	Blue Funds Raised
					5750	Boscovs 100
					5500	Friendly's 225 325
					5250	
					5000	Green Sponsors Paid
					4750	3 sponsors 820 820
					4500	
					4250	Yellow Sponsors committed?
					4000	Mid Penn 1500
					3750	Council of Churches 500 2000
					3500	
					3250	Pink Vendors paid
					3000	3 vendors 250 250
					2750	
					2500	
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					1750	
					1500	
					1250	
					1000	
					750	
	325				500	
		820			250	
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Blue + Green + Yellow + Pink = Purple						
Funds received that put us over budget will be set aside for 2020.						
Speakers for 2019 are volunteer. Going forward we may need to pay for speakers.						



## Take a Break

### Caregiver Conference

November 7, 2019

10 am to 3 pm

get information and ticket

[schuylkillcaregiver.com](http://schuylkillcaregiver.com)

## Are you coming?

Caregivers get a day of respite with lunch, fellowship, and education.

Find caregiving products and services.

**Who should attend?**

Persons caring hands-on or from a distance, hiring, training, managing, worrying...

All ages, male and female

Schuylkill and surrounding counties

Sponsor and vendor information [contact@schuylkillcaregiver.com](mailto:contact@schuylkillcaregiver.com)

**MORE**





**Next fundraiser is Sunday June 23, 2019 at Hoss's Restaurant.**

**Let's all skip coffee and go have lunch!**

**You will need an invitation to present with your check in order for us to receive credit for your purchases.**

**One invitation = one check**

**Here's How It Works:**

- The Hoss's team will help you identify a day on which your fundraiser will take place.
- Hoss's will provide your organization with invitations for you to distribute to supporters, including them to dine at Hoss's on your fundraising day.
- On that day, our servers will collect the invitations and tally the guest checks from your supporters.
- At the end of the night, if the total pre-tax amount is at least \$300, Hoss's will send your organization a check for 20% of the total.
- If the total pre-tax amount is at least \$1,000, Hoss's will send your organization a check for 25% of the total.

**Best of All:**

- You sell nothing
- It's easy to manage
- Hoss's provides the invitations
- One invitation is good for the entire check
- Please contact the manager at a location near you for more details.

**If you are bringing friends or family, they will need their own invitation unless they are on your check. Only purchases using the invitation count towards the event.**

**You can have 20 orders on your check, and all will count if you have the invitation to present when you pay the check.**

**➡ We will distribute the invitations on Father's Day, June 16 and again on June 23.**

**Come join us for Lunch or dinner. No specific hours – event runs all day.**



Below is a drawing by David McDonald. David likes to draw pictures of cathedrals.



DAVID McDONALD

## Spring into Action

Spring has sprung and the temperature is rising. Time for all of us to spring out of our chairs and get moving! Physical activity is important for our overall health and well-being. Physical activity is anything that makes you move your body and burn calories. The American Heart Association recommends at least 30 minutes of moderate exercise at least 5 days a week for a total of 150 minutes a week. Aerobic exercises such as walking, jogging, swimming or biking are great activities in the warmer weather. The simplest and easiest is walking. It is easy, enjoyable and free! Find a buddy and start a regular routine. If your schedule doesn't allow for a 30 minute session you can divide your time into two or three 10 to 15 minute intervals per day. Perhaps you would enjoy the chair exercises offered at our church Tuesday and Thursday mornings. There are also several gyms available in our surrounding community.

There are many benefits associated with regular exercise: lowered body weight, improved blood pressure, improved muscle strength, circulation and heart function. There are also the added psychological benefits of stress relief, enhanced sense of well-being and a sense of accomplishment. Find an activity you enjoy and get started.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit Who lives within you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own. You were bought with a price. So then, honor God and bring glory to Him in your body.

## Calling all Golfers and Non-golfers

### Golf Scramble | Sunday, June 9

Green Acres (Off Route 183, Shartlesville)

461A S Northkill Rd, Bernville, PA 19506

Tee times start at 1:30 pm

Cost is \$25/golfer

Now is the time to try golf with our patient and 'experienced' golfers. You don't even need clubs!



There will be a picnic dinner served afterwards at the golf course pavilion complete with full review of holes won, balls lost and stories of fantastic shots. Please, join us. Sign-up sheets are posted in fellowship hall and the narthex. For more information, contact Lenny J. Yenilaitus at 570.385.4818 or at [lgy1497@verizon.net](mailto:lgy1497@verizon.net).



Thursday Evening Bible Study will begin a study of 1 Corinthians beginning Thursday, May 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the Comfort Room. After opening in prayer, the format is to read a few verses and discuss. We finish promptly at 8 pm. All are invited.





MAY, JUNE 2019

**May 14<sup>th</sup>**- Join us in greeting Leah Zerbe, Pine Grove at our regular meeting at 1 pm in the Café. She will be presenting information on climate change and the Citizens Climate Lobby chapter being started in our area. There are 18 such chapters in PA so far. The group believes that the extreme precipitation events and flooding can be a result of climate change. Our group will be joined by the Salem UMW group.

**June 11<sup>th</sup>**- 1 pm – we will be traveling to Seton Manor, Orwigsburg to meet with their recreation director and learn about activities that they do to help Alzheimer's' patients. We will also investigate the use of Fidget blankets. All ladies are welcome.

**Register now for Mission u – July 19, 20<sup>th</sup>** at the Inn at Reading. Friday starts at 10 am with various pre-conference activities and speakers. The classes are: What About our Money – a Faith Response, Women United for Change- A look at 150 years of UMW and its predecessor groups and Practicing Resurrection – a Look at several stories from the gospel of Mark. The youth and children will also be studying the book of Mark- Meeting Jesus through the Eyes of Mark. Flyers may be found on the bulletin boards down at Fellowship Hall. There are First Time Scholarships available – ask Jean Twardzik for more information. Registration deadline is June 4<sup>th</sup>.

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### **Paid family and medical leave offers stability to families and supports United Methodist Women's call for a living wage for all**

*by Ellen Bravo and Wendy Chun-Hoon*

*United Methodist Women member Lita Santiago holds a sign for a fair living wage at the state capitol in Columbus, Ohio.*

Adriana in Chicago fought hard for a \$15/hr minimum wage. But when her baby was born, her hourly wage fell to \$0 an hour. With no paid leave, she had to return to work within two weeks.

Anne in Minneapolis had a good-paying factory job, except she didn't have sick time to care for her kids. As a mother of seven, she missed work to care for sick children just six times over the course of a year, but it was enough for her to be fired.

#### **What can we do?**

- Attend United Methodist Women's Mission u events, where attendees will learn more about the issue as part of the study What About Our Money?
- Sign up to be connected to the Living Wage for All campaign at [unitedmethodistwomen.org/action](http://unitedmethodistwomen.org/action), and visit the Family Values @ Work website at [familyvaluesatwork.org](http://familyvaluesatwork.org).

#### **The Purpose of United Methodist Women**

The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.



### JOURNEY OF HOPE

Have you:

Lost a loved one? Lost a job? Lost your independence? Had an unsettling diagnosis?

Are you having trouble dealing with your loss?

Journey of Hope, a Christian small group, has helped many people in the past and would like to help you. Come and enjoy the support and encouragement of others like you.

In the past we have met at 11 AM for about an hour, two Tuesdays a month. If there is enough interest we will begin meeting at the end of May.

Please contact Nancy Kraft, 570-385-4431, or the church office, to register by May 20.



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June 16th

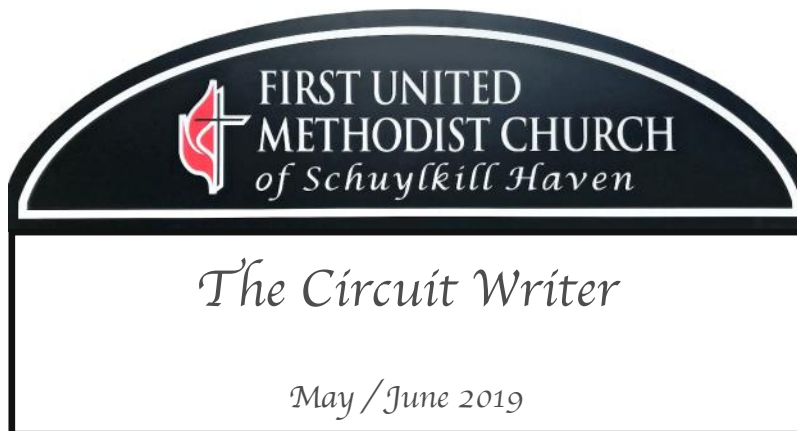
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*Sunday Services at 8:00 A.M. & 10:45 A.M.*

*Summer Worship Service beginning June 2, 2019 9:00 A.m. Worship, no Sunday School*

*Sunday School at 9:20 A.M.*

*Saturday Evenings at 6:00 P.M.*

Our Vision: Welcoming, Empowering, Reaching Out

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