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The Post Newsletter - Pastor Tim Klein

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A Message from the Pastor

I absolutely love this time of year, dear friends. These are the days of much sunlight and many flowers blooming and jackets being put away. But I also love this time of year because we are reminded each spring that Jesus defeated death for us and His tomb remains empty to this day. And not only this, but Jesus is now exalted to God the Father's right hand. Jesus reigns as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. And as the Lord's Prayer reminds us, God's Kingdom continues to advance on this earth until Christ Himself returns from heaven to fully establish His Kingdom throughout the earth.

The very first verse of the Book of Acts reads as follows: **In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach...**

Friends, in Acts 1:9 Jesus ascends back to heaven. So how is Jesus continuing to do and to teach? He did this through His apostles and other early followers, but the amazing thing is that He continues to do and to teach through you and through me. We are part of Christ's plan to reveal God to the world. What a humbling truth to consider.

I am excited, sisters and brothers, how we are seeking to be intentional in reaching out to others in the Name of Jesus. We do this through praying for our communities. We do this through outreaches. We do this though inviting people to connect to God. Jesus told His followers, **"You are the salt of the earth....You are the light of the world."**

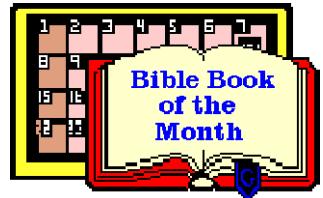
I believe that Christ has brought/is bringing us through this time of which Covid has been a real challenge. We have stayed strong and united through this challenging time. As we stand on the other side of Easter and as we celebrate the birthday of Christ's Church on Pentecost, let us renew our commitment to be intentional about bringing Christ with us as we go into the world. The fields are ripe for harvest. He does the harvesting; we are simply to be salt and light. As you read this newsletter, please see that there are several opportunities to grow as Christians and to be salt and light for Christ. Let us go forth in His Name and in His strength.

In Christ with you,
Pastor Tim



May Bible Book of the Month - Numbers

Dear Sisters and Brothers, I pray that you are spiritually nourished each month through this ministry of focusing time in God's Word. For the month of May, our highlighted book of the month will be the **Book of Numbers**. In this book we journey with the people of Israel through their long wanderings in the wilderness before entering the Promised Land. Like the Israelites, I trust that all of us have gone through challenging 'wilderness' type times in our lives as well. One example for many of us would likely be all that has transpired over the last year or so.



But may this book encourage us that God desires to bless every season of our lives. While some seasons are more challenging than others, every season that we keep our eyes on Christ and seek to faithfully live as His disciples in this world will be a season of growth in Jesus. And in the end, growing in Jesus is all that really matters.

May our Triune God meet you right where you are at and may He bless you as you sit at His feet through the Book of Numbers (See Numbers 6:24-26).

June's Bible Book of the Month will be Deuteronomy.

July's Bible Books of the Month will be 1 & 2 Thessalonians.

Sermon Series

Pastor Tim is continuing with his Jonah sermon series through May 16.

Beginning May 23 the sermon series will focus on Acts.



May 9 (Mother's Day) – Pastor John Estes will be providing the message and Blain Bargo will lead the service.

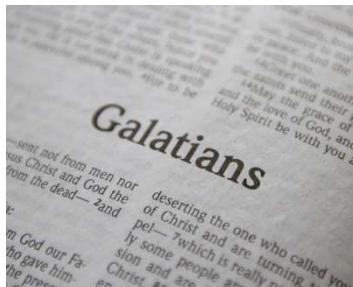
May 23 – Sadly, due to Covid-19, the Renaissance Choir was not able to perform for us December 6 during worship; they are now rescheduled to be with us in sharing their musical talents, Sunday, May 23, which is also Pentecost Sunday.

June 27 – Zachary Vincent will be leading worship. Zach is a long-time friend of Pastor Tim. He is a children's director/pastor at Grace Fellowship Church in Shrewsbury, PA. The Klein family is also blessed to have him as Leah's godfather.

If you are unable to attend worship, Pastor Tim's message notes are emailed and posted on the churches Website (www.cgumdillsburg.org). Also, Pastor Tim's video sermon is posted every week on Facebook and the Website. Be sure to "like" our posts and "share". You'll help spread the good news of Jesus Christ!

Send next newsletter articles to Deb Racer at omcgumc@gmail.com

Bible Study



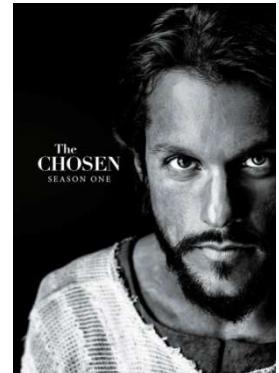
We just finished a Bible Study on the book of Revelation. And we will now have a 3-4 week bible study on the book of Galatians. We will meet Thursday mornings from 10:30AM-11:30AM beginning **May 6**. We have 9-10 people participating either in-person or by Zoom. So glad you can join in the conversation each week. If you weren't able to join our bible study group before, consider joining us May 6!

New Small Group - *The Chosen*

If you haven't heard, there is a wonderful television series called *The Chosen* that is currently being produced. *The Chosen* is about Jesus and His early followers and I find it to be very faithful to the spirit of God's Word.

I would love to start a new small group that will focus on watching and discussing these episodes together. I do not have a start date planned as of yet, but am thinking of offering this on either Saturday mornings or Sunday afternoons. It would be 13 weeks together to journey through Season 1 of this beautiful show. Additionally, this group would be an awesome opportunity for us to invite others to participate in and help us reach new people with the love and grace of Jesus Christ.

Please contact myself or the church office if you are interested or would like more information.



Narnia Small Group



We are restarting our Narnia small group beginning Monday, **May 10**, at 6:30PM with discussion on the Narnia book *Prince Caspian*. The plan is to meet in the Fellowship Hall where there is plenty of space. If you would prefer to join us by Zoom, that will be available as well. Please let Pastor Tim know, in advance, if you will be joining by Zoom.

New Young Adult Small Group

I am excited to share that steps are being taken for the creation of a new young adult small group here at Chestnut Grove. The years following high school can leave many people feeling disconnected from church communities. My hope is that this new group would help every participant by strengthening their walk with Christ and connection to others that are following Jesus. Please contact the church office for more information. Thanks!



Young Adult Ministry

2021 Directory Changes

Like I said in the last newsletter, it seems impossible to produce a directory without something being incorrect. Or, as soon as a directory comes out there are changes right away. My goal is to let you know of all changes throughout the year so you too can write them in your directory. The changes that I have been made aware of are:

- Kathi Chambers email address needs a “_” (underscore) after the k (k_chambers@comcast.net)
- Carol Mowery’s new email address is: Qpn4@comast.net
- Virginia Thran’s new address is: Green Ridge Village, 55 Manor Lane, Apt 109, Newville, PA 17241; phone number is: 717-776-8518; delete her cell phone number.
- Page 22 – Outreach Team – Add to the list: Shirley Fetterolf and Tammy Strayer.



If your contact information changes, please email omcgumc@gmail.com or call the office 717-432-8243 with your new contact information. Thanks again for your support and cooperation in helping keep this valuable resource tool up-to-date.

Outdoor Movie Night

It was so exciting to finally have our Movie Night equipment arrive at Chestnut Grove April 20!

We used some of the equipment Saturday, April 24 at our free community indoor movie night where we showed *Beauty and the Beast*. Thanks to our Outreach Team and everybody who helped with this community event!

We are having our 1st free outdoor community movie night, Saturday, **May 22** beginning at 8:30PM. Snacks and drinks will be provided. All are welcome to attend. Please spread the word to your co-workers, friends, and neighbors. The movie will be *Toy Story*. The event is rain or shine; however, if there is severe weather, the event will be inside in the sanctuary.



Renaissance Choir

The Dover Renaissance Choir has rescheduled from last December to share their talents with us Sunday, **May 23**, during the worship service. Under the direction of Samantha Roberts, The Renaissance, our select choir at the high school, was started by Mr. Jeffery Snyder in 1975. Since that time they have received many honors and accolades for being a superior ensemble. The group was selected to sing in the White House on two different occasions. Renaissance has also performed in Carnegie Hall three times. NOTE: Due to Covid-19, it is requested (by the choir) that the church members wear either a mask or face shield during this worship. The church will have a supply of shields available that day if you prefer a shield over a mask.

Time with Tim - UTube

I felt the Lord leading me to begin a YouTube channel.



This channel will be called *Time with Tim* and it will be me sharing brief theological and biblical reflections about various things. This is still in the process of starting up, so please keep an eye out for it and pray that the Lord uses it to advance God's Kingdom in and also help connect more people to Chestnut Grove.

Vacation Bible School

The plan is to have VBS this summer! There is a lot to organize and meetings have been going on to make decisions about this. If you would like to be part of the planning, please contact Pastor Tim asap. The theme is: Roar. Stay tuned; but for now VBS will be **July 19-22**. More details to come (see upcoming bulletin announcements).

2021 Teller Schedule		
Date	Head Teller	Assistant Teller
5/2/2021	Wendy Bargo	Betty Jane Diven
5/9/2021	Sue Mowery	Lorraine Hanson
5/16/2021	Tammy Strayer	Carolyn Myers
5/23/2021	Wendy Bargo	Betty Jane Diven
5/30/2021	Sue Mowery	Carolyn Myers
6/6/2021	Tammy Strayer	Betty Jane Diven
6/13/2021	Wendy Bargo	Carolyn Myers
6/20/2021	Sue Mowery	Lorraine Hanson
6/27/2021	Tammy Strayer	Carolyn Myers

2021 Liturgist Schedule	
Date	Liturgist
5/2/2021	Pastor Tim
5/9/2021	Blain Bargo
5/16/2021	Kyra Gerber
5/23/2021	Laurie Bush
5/30/2021	Blain Bargo
6/6/2021	Candace Gerber
6/13/2021	Blain Bargo
6/20/2021	Steph Reynolds
6/27/2021	Blain Bargo

2021 Soundboard/Powerpoint		
Date	Soundboard	Powerpoint
5/2/2021	Blain Bargo	Sue Mowery
5/9/2021		Candace Gerber
5/16/2021	Blain Bargo	Candace Gerber
5/23/2021	Blain Bargo	Sue Mowery
5/30/2021	Candace Gerber	Sue Mowery
6/6/2021		Blain Bargo
6/13/2021	Candace Gerber	Sue Mowery
6/20/2021	Blain Bargo	Candace Gerber
6/27/2021	Candace Gerber	Sue Mowery

2021 Cleaning Schedule	
Date (Sat.)	Volunteers
5/1/2021	N/A
5/8/2021	Tammy Strayer
5/15/2021	N/A
5/22/2021	Patsy Kellison
5/29/2021	N/A
6/5/2021	Carol Clayton
6/12/2021	N/A
6/19/2021	William Minnich
6/26/2021	N/A

2021 2nd MILE MISSIONS

If anybody has a suggestion for our 2nd mile missions giving for July, Aug, & Sept, please let the office know; the leadership team is open to ideas.

Jan, Feb, March – New Life for Girls - \$955.00

April, May, June – Operation Underground Railroad

July, Aug, Sept -

Oct, Nov, Dec – New Hope Ministries



Operation Underground Railroad - Approximately 80,000 children go missing in America each year. Many of them become exploited and abused. Operation Underground Railroad is an organization that is dedicated to fighting human trafficking and rescuing victims and reintegrating them into normal life. There is an upcoming film, called

The Sound of Freedom, that has been made but is not yet available, which is about this organization.

Helpful Links: <https://ourrescue.org>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7oZE2nod4i0>

Samaritan Fund:

Chestnut Grove UM Church is starting up the Samaritan Fund again. If you would like to give towards this fund, please mark your payment accordingly. This fund is designated for blessing folks in need in our community.

Upcoming Meetings/Worship/Events:

Thursday	5/6	10:30AM	Bible Study
Sunday	5/9		Mother's Day/John Estes Message
Monday	5/10	6:30PM	Narnia Small Group
Thursday	5/13	10:30AM	Bible Study
Sunday	5/16	During Worship	Farryn Henn Dedication
Monday	5/17	6:00PM	School Board Meeting
Thursday	5/20	10:30AM	Bible Study
Saturday	5/22	8:30PM	Outdoor Movie Night
Sunday	5/23	During Worship	Renaissance Choir/Pentecost
Wednesday	5/26	6:00PM	Leadership Team Meeting
Thursday	5/27	10:30AM	Bible Study
Monday	6/14	6:30PM	Narnia Small Group
Fri/Sat.	6/18-19		Virtual Annual Conference (Pastor Tim & Blain are representing CGUMC)
Sunday	6/20		Father's Day
M-Thurs	7/19-22	TBD	VBS: Theme is Roar



Prayer Chain

To share a prayer need with the email prayer chain, contact Pastor Tim at 717-600-6139 or tklein@susumc.org

Contact Information

Church Office phone: 717-432-8243
 Pastor Tim's email: tklein@susumc.org
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COVID-19 Compliant Reminders

- All children must stay with their parents at all times.
- Restrooms are limited to 1 person at a time unless you're family.
- Masks are optional when seated.
Recommended when walking around inside the building.
- To the best of your ability, you must social distance at all times especially entering the exiting the building.
- Hand Sanitizer will be provided.
- Communion – sealed elements provided.
- Each person must decide for themselves if they are comfortable returning to in-building worship.
- Respect others right to social distancing in the parking lot.
- If you use a hymnal during worship, do not return it to the rack, but leave it on the seat.
- We will sing.
- Offering plates will be up front in sanctuary during worship.
- Please stay home if you are sick.

Subject to change...the leaders of the church will be in touch when there are changes to this list.



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