



The Post Newsletter - Pastor Tim Klein

Sept/Oct 2023

A RESOURCE FOR THE CHESTNUT GROVE GLOBAL METHODIST CONGREGATION

A Message from The Pastor

King Solomon wrote in **Proverbs 3:5-6**, “**Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight.**”

For the last couple of years, one way that the Lord has made our path straight at Chestnut Grove Church is by giving us a clear, biblically sound, and memorable vision. This vision is **to be a light on a hill sharing the love of Jesus Christ**. But as great as this vision is, it needs action steps in order for us to strive to make this vision more and more of a reality.

An idea sprang up during a recent Sunday School meeting which was that the action steps fit very well with the acronym of SON. The SON stands for Service, Outreach, and Nurture. Our Outreach Team liked this idea and then our Leadership Team decided to officially adopt this for our church.

I am excited to now share with you that our full vision statement is now “To be a light on a hill sharing the love of Jesus Christ, by following Jesus (The SON) through Service, Outreach, and Nurture.” **Service** refers to offering one’s time, talents, and treasure to bless others in our church community. There are many needs to be met within a church in order for it to thrive. One big area of need is more help with Sunday School for children and youth. There are lessons that are all prepared for the leaders, but we need people to step up to serve. It could be as little as once a month as an assistant teacher, for example. But the more that we as a congregation are willing to serve, the more ministries we can offer.

Outreach is pretty self-explanatory in many ways. But essentially, the church is called to be that light on a hill for the world. We reach out through various events, but also through invitations for others to come to worship or church events. We also reach out by sharing Jesus with others and by seeking to live Christianly in everything we do.

Finally, the **Nurture** is critically important as well. Nurture is all about growing and maturing as Christians. Friends, we are to always pursue growing in our love and knowledge of Jesus Christ. I know that for me, even though I graduated from seminary in 2019, I have taken a handful of courses after

graduation simply to keep growing as a follower of Christ. The truth is that the more you are nurtured and grow in your walk with the Lord, the more that you want to keep growing.

Certainly, there are ways we can pursue being nurtured in our faith here at Chestnut Grove. This includes our men's group ministry (2nd Sunday from 8:45-9:45), women's group (monthly outings), new adult Sunday School class (begins Sept. 10th in Fellowship Hall), Thursday morning Bible Study (10:00-11:00 in Fellowship Hall), Book Study Group (at the Dillsburg Library), our Bible Book of the Month, children's Sunday School, Wesleyan Small Group (coming this fall – time and day TBD). Additionally, we also are in the process of partnering with the AWKNG School of Theology. Currently, there are 15 Bible-focused courses available through AWKNG. I have taken 3 thus far and plan to take them all in time. I will be promoting these courses that are self-paced (you have a year to complete a course) and can be done in the comfort of your home. The current courses include the following:

Questions Aloud: Introduction to the Unseen Realm; Questions Aloud: Basic Apologetics; History of the Bible; What is the Gospel?; Unseen Realm 101; Unseen Realm 102; Contemporary Post-Modern Apologetics 201 (Old Testament); Contemporary Post-Modern Apologetics 202 (New Testament) The Attributes of God; The Apocalypse of Jesus Christ: The Significance of the Book of Revelation in the First Century and Today; The Dead Sea Scrolls and the New Testament; Jewish and Greco-Roman Background of the New Testament; The Doctrine of Salvation; Two Powers in Judaism in Second Temple Texts, and The Divine Christ.

Please feel free to ask me about the courses that I have taken and any additionally questions. These courses range in cost from \$49 to \$399. Also, our Chestnut Grove's partnership with AWKNG School of Theology will profit Chestnut Grove a % for any course taken. The courses are designed for ANYONE who is seeking to grow and be nurtured in God's Word. The website is as follows:

<https://awkngschooloftheology.com>

Grace & Peace, Pastor Tim

Recovery Church in Sunbury

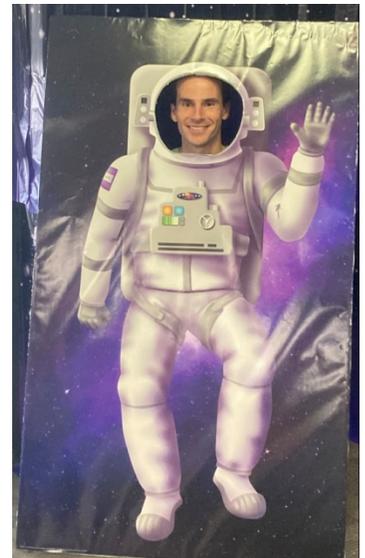
Damien performed one of his songs and gave a brief testimony at the Sunbury Recovery Church on **Friday, July 14** at 6:30PM. Recovery Church Sunbury is a place built by the recovering community for the recovering community. They focus on drug and alcohol addiction. They bridge the gap for those either already in recovery or entering recovery to connect with the local church and to help them establish their faith. They offer weekly recovery church services every Friday starting at 6:30PM. They offer various support groups, as well as a resource center for those looking for recovery services and counsel. They are there to offer hope to broken people who are losing the battle to addiction. Pastor Billy Robel has been part of the Christ Wesleyan Church for twenty years and is really excited to be used by God in leading a recovery church at the Sunbury Campus and cannot wait to see the lives that are changed. The address of the Recovery church is: 238 Walnut Street, Sunbury, PA 17801. Chestnut Grove is exploring what recovery options we could offer here in the future.



Liturgists Needed

Pastor Tim is looking for two or more people to volunteer to be a liturgist Sunday mornings. It is a great opportunity to help lead God's people in worship. Pastor Tim would be more than happy to train you on this. The more who volunteer, the less often you will be scheduled throughout the year. If this is something you can do in 2024, please let Pastor Tim know asap!

Vacation Bible School - July 16-20 - A Huge Success!!



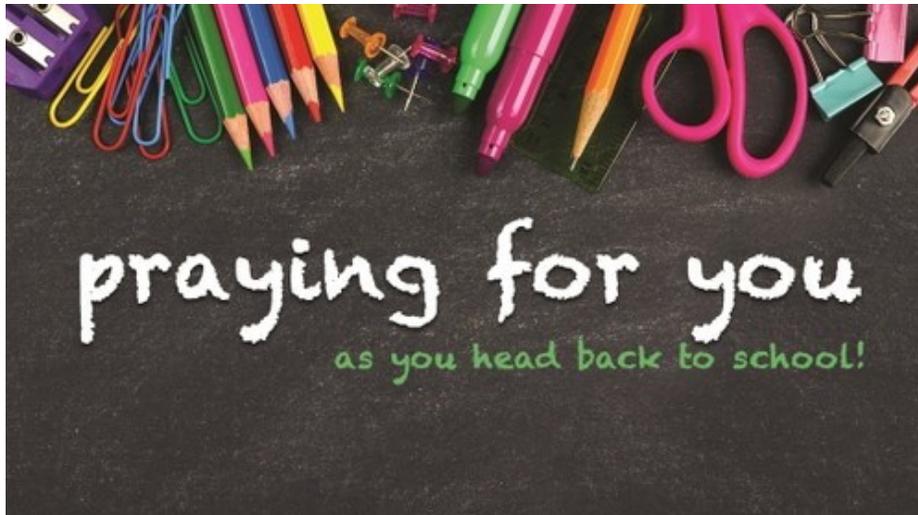
Thank you everyone for making Chestnut Grove's VBS such a great success. Thank you for your adventurous spirit and for equipping our explorers on this quest to Shine Jesus' Light! We appreciate the gifts you offered of your time, talents, service, and most importantly your prayers. We thank God for this opportunity to help children in our community on this mission with God by allowing us **"To be a light on a hill sharing the love of Jesus Christ"**. We enjoyed a great week together with amazing experiments, fun snacks, bible stories, adventures, music, and more!



The photo to the left and a letter of thanks for attending our VBS was emailed to all families of the children who attended this year. We also collected a VBS offering total of \$131.09 that will go towards the "Compassion International" (sponsoring a child) program. Thank you so much for your contributions to this meaningful organization.



Back To School Prayers



Outdoor Worship and Picnic - Sunday, August 27



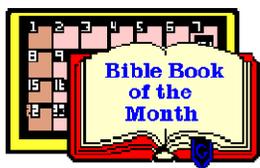
It was a beautiful weather day for our outdoor worship service this year. It was such a blessing to have everybody here for this special service; 41 were in attendance. Thank you, Paul and Randall, for the beautiful music you provided for us; you are very talented individuals and we were so blessed that you took time from your busy schedules to lead us in worship. Thanks also to all who helped with the food preparation and planning of our picnic that day, and to everybody who brought a food item to share with us!

Bible Study

Our group of 8 – 12 people continues to meet Thursday mornings at 10:00AM in the Fellowship Hall. We are currently studying the topic of **Spiritual Warfare**. We would be glad to have you join in the conversation any or every week.



September - Bible Book of the Month - Hebrews



I would like to remind you that our Bible books of the month are always invitations and not requirements. I simply offer the book of the month as one means by which the Holy Spirit can be used to guide your time in God's written Word.

We are blessed to highlight the letter to the Hebrews as our Bible book of the Month for September this year. Even though the author is not named within the letter, leading to various suggestions from biblical scholars today (i.e. Paul, Barnabas, Philip the Evangelist, Apollos, Priscilla and Aquila), the author would have likely been known to be the earliest recipients of this powerful epistle.

But even though the human author is unclear for us today, the contents of this letter are very significant. The letter to the Hebrews makes it abundantly clear to the Jewish people that the coming of Jesus the Messiah was great news for the Jews. As good and gracious as God's covenants with Israel have been through their long history with God, the New Covenant that Jesus established is far better for them. Jesus' sacrifice is better than the Old Testament sacrifices and does not need to be repeated, like those of the Old Testament (which only temporarily covered sin, but did not remove sin completely).

Moreover, Jesus was raised from the dead and intercedes for those that put their trust in Him (He is an eternal High Priest). Additionally, Jesus is able to cleanse the guilty conscience of those that trust in Him.

By the time of the writing of this letter (which was probably prior to 70 AD, because it appears that sacrifices were still being offered at the Temple in Jerusalem and the Temple was destroyed in 70 AD), many Jewish Christians have been persecuted for their belief in Jesus as the Messiah. This letter succeeds in conveying the truth that there is nothing more Jewish than believing in Jesus as the Messiah. Jewish people are not betraying their ancestry by putting their trust in Jesus as their King and Savior. Instead, Jewish believers in Jesus are completed Jews, as some messianic Jews refer to themselves today.

But the letter to the Hebrews is a great blessing not only to the Jews, but also to everyone that believes in Jesus. It should encourage us in our faith and fill us with gratitude for the great love of Jesus that led Him to do all that He did for us.

May your faith be strengthened as you prayerfully read and meditate on the letter to the Hebrews this month.

October's Bible Books of the Month will be Hosea and Joel. November's Bible Book of the month will be Romans.

Small Group

This group will not be meeting in September, but we hope to have more information on this soon.

Women's Group Rummage Sale



We are having a rummage sale Saturday, **September 9** from 8AM–3PM in the Fellowship Hall. We are looking for donations of things to sell. The proceeds will go towards the disaffiliation loan. We will also be selling soup, hot dogs, and baked goods. Sign-up sheet for donations of food is in the lobby.

Sunday School changes beginning **September 10!**

- **Children/Youth Sunday School** – Our **Kids For Christ** Sunday mornings will be from **9:10-10:00AM**. There are 2 classrooms: Preschool–2nd grade (*Son fish*); and 3rd–6th grade (*Sharks*).
- **Adult Sunday School** (book series discussion) – Blain Bargo will be leading a book series discussion for several weeks titled “**Searching for Heaven on Earth**”. All adults are welcome to attend from **9:10-10:00AM** each Sunday!



Special Service and Reception



Sunday, **September 10**, during our 10:10 worship service, we will be recognizing and blessing Joelle Beck for all she has done for the daycare the past several years as well as praying for Bridget Rini (new Daycare Director), Karen Gutshall (Assistant), and the Learning Center as they begin a new school year. Following the service there will be a reception with cake and drinks. There will be a basket for cards in the back of the sanctuary.

Men's Ministry Group - September 10



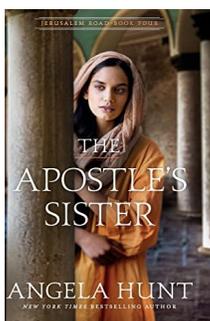
Our next meeting will be from **8:45-9:45AM** in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, **September 10**. The men's group has a very informal and relaxed time of just being together and talking about God and the Bible. No need to bring anything, except a desire to know Jesus better.

Book Study Group

Chestnut Grove's Book Club will start up again on Monday, **September 11 at 10:15AM**. It was decided to open this up to the community as well and that is why we will begin holding our book club gatherings at the Dillsburg Library.

The book to read prior to September 11 is: **"A Woman of Words"** (By Angela Hunt). Angie Thompson was able to get a few copies of this book for folks if you don't have it or didn't want to purchase it; so, if you would like this book to read for the discussion on September 11, please contact Angie.

Disciple Matthew, a former tax collector, is invited to work with Peter, James, and John in Jerusalem. He dreams of preaching and performing miracles like his fellow apostles, but he finds his dreams postponed because of a request from Yeshua's mother. Well aware of the passing years, Mary asks Matthew to help her record the stories of Yeshua while the eyewitnesses are still alive. Reluctantly, he agrees, though the longer he and Mary work together, the more difficult their task becomes. Not only are they pressured by opposition from friends and foes alike, but Gaius Caesar, better known as Caligula, is



determined to raise a statue of himself in the Holy Temple, even if it means killing every man in Israel. As Matthew works to save his people, Mary encourages him to come to terms with issues from his past. When they finally near the completion of their project, Matthew realizes that the job he reluctantly accepted might be his God-given destiny.

Our **November 13** book discussion will be titled, **"The Apostle's Sister"** (by Angela Hunt). This is another wonderful historical fiction book by Angela Hunt. This time she is telling about Paul's life through the eyes of his sister, Aya.

Work Day - Saturday, September 30

There will be a work day **September 30** to concentrate on the Heavenly Hands Learning Center space down stairs. There will be a "time-to-sign-up" link shared with the congregation for folks to sign up ahead of time so we know how many will be coming. When we know what that link is, we will share that with you so you can also see what projects and maintenance will be addressed that morning. The work day will be from 9:00AM – Noon. To thank everyone for their help, there will be lunch provided at noon.



World Communion Sunday - October 1

- This will be a combined Sunday School led by Pastor Tim Klein. This will focus on Holy Communion (what it is and why it is significant).
- Also, some of the children will lead in the serving of Communion during worship that day, as it is World Communion Sunday. Communion will be through intinction.



Sermon Series Update



I hope you have been blessed as much as I have in taking time to unpack Philippians the last few weeks. I plan to continue this Philippians series through November 19. This epistle of the Apostle Paul is incredibly powerful and filled with excellent instruction for God's church today. I invite your prayers that this series ahead will be very impactful for God's Kingdom.

Fall Festival and Car Show - October 7



There is a lot to be done in planning our 5th annual Fall Festival and 4th Annual Car Show! This year we will hold this event on Saturday, **October 7** from 10:00AM – 2:00PM. There will be a lot of free food and fun for all to enjoy! There will be a chili cook-off this year, so get your



recipes tuned up for this fun competition! There will be hot dogs, chips, drinks, desserts provided for free. There will be a yard sale set up inside the Fellowship Hall. Additionally, we will have kids games, a cake walk, candy scramble, and more fun things to do. If you know somebody who would like to enter their car into the car show, please have them call the church providing their name, phone number, and make/model/year of vehicle they are entering. Pre-registration is preferred. We hope to have a New Hope Ministries table and representative here to answer questions and hand out pamphlets. Please bring some canned goods to our Fall Festival for New Hope Ministries pantry!

All Saints Sunday - November 5

November 5 is All Saints Sunday and you are welcome to bring in a framed photo of your loved one for the service. We will be remembering all who passed away since last All Saints Sunday, Nov. 6, 2022. We remember them in our prayers, and give thanks for their lives. We remember and find strength in their faith and the faith of all the saints both known to us and known only to God.



Kathryn L. Chambers (1-7-2023)

Leslie K. Gerber (5-10-2023)

Congregational Turkey Dinner - November 5



Mark your calendars for our annual turkey dinner which will be held Sunday, **November 5**, after our All Saints Day worship service. Carol Clayton will be setting out a sign-up sheet in the lobby closer to the event. The turkey, filling, and gravy will be provided by the church.

2023 2nd Mile Missions

Jan, Feb, March – **New Life for Girls** - \$950.00

April, May – **The Chosen** - \$660.00

June, July – **A Compassion Child** - \$1,046.09

Aug, Sept – **Operation Underground Railroad**

Oct, Nov, Dec – **New Hope Ministries**



New Hope Ministries

The Women's Group of Chestnut Grove Church collected and donated 56 pounds of personal hygiene items for New Hope Ministries during the month of July. Thank you all for providing help for the needy!

Thank You Corner

Thank you, Chestnut Grove!

We want to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude for opening your church doors, and

your hearts, to us for sharing the viewing of The Chosen 3. We appreciated your friendship, your Christian Brotherhood, and your Christian Love,

Sincerely, Pearl and Wally Foreman



Dear Pastor Tim and the Leadership Team,

I received your beautiful letter today and thank you for thinking of me. I'm so glad to hear it won't be too long until you can build the new kitchen. I know it will be a great addition and be very useful for all the activities that Chestnut Grove provides not only to the congregation but also to the community. Scott and I are planning a trip to PA in the middle of October. We will attend worship on October 22nd. I am looking forward to seeing all of you then. May God bless each one of you.

Together with Christ, Gerry Holley

Servant Spotlight

Chestnut Grove is so thankful to have so many people who volunteer their time in many areas of our Churches ministry. We'd like to take the opportunity to recognize these people in our newsletters for the remainder of this year and show our appreciation for their service and commitment!

From the months of July and August we would like to recognize the following individuals:

- ❖ **Andy Mowery** - Many of you may not know this, but other than a few donations given towards the Higher Grounds Café, Andy pays for all the coffee, cups, snacks, creamer, etc. that we all enjoy each Sunday in the Cafe! Thank you so much!!
- ❖ **Dee Gerber and Shawna Crone** for putting together a fabulous VBS this year. These ladies (and their helpers) spent many hours and days planning the curriculum, science experiments, opening and closing scripts, not to mention all the creative decorating involved in this year's "Stellar" VBS. Fantastic job ladies!!
- ❖ **Shirley Fetterolf** for organizing the Communion Team each year. Thank you for staying on top of this schedule and having everything in order for communion worship Sunday each month. Shirley's reliable team (who prepares communion, sets up and cleans up after worship) consists of **Jean Zeigler, Patsy Kellison, Shawna Crone, Betty Jane Diven, Dee Gerber, Angie & Tom Chiricos**. Thank you all for your dedication!!



Vision Statement

Our Vision as Chestnut Grove Church is to be a light on a hill sharing the love of Jesus Christ, by following Jesus (The SON) through Service, Outreach, and Nurture.

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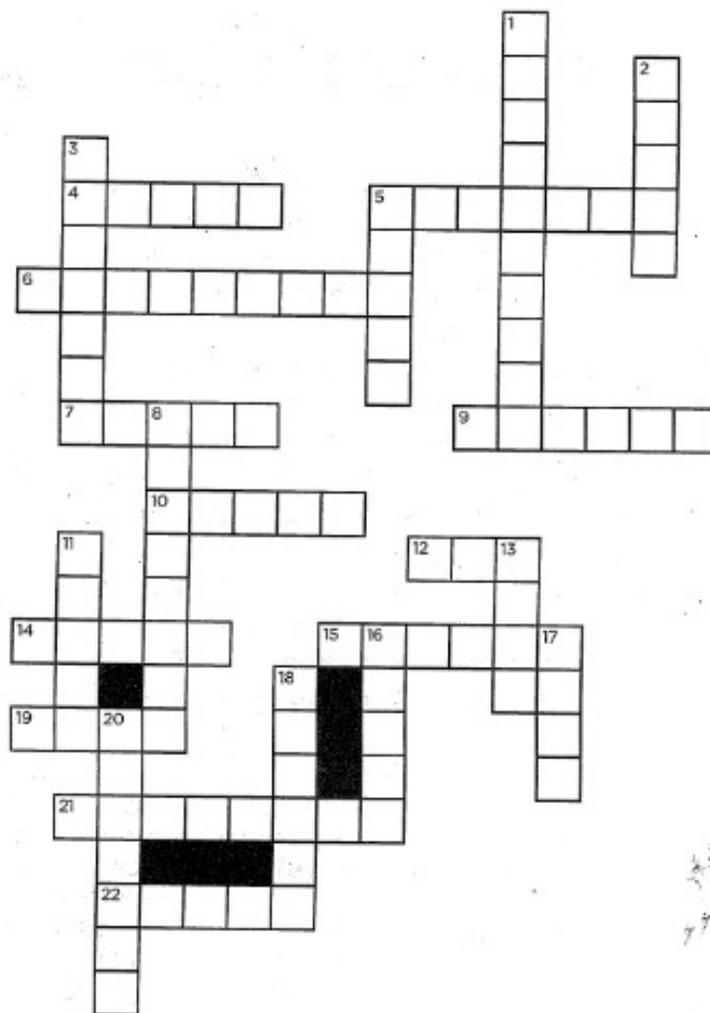
What do you know about the book of Hebrews?

Across

4. Old Testament man who did not see death.
5. By faith this city's walls fell.
6. Entertain these, who might be angels.
7. Jesus said, "Radiance of God's ____"
9. Believers are told "Do not harden your ____"
10. God's Word is sharper than a two-edged ____
12. Jesus was sacrificed "once for ____"
14. Melchizedek was king of this.
15. Jesus is the believers' high ____
19. Times a year the priest entered the Most Holy Place.
21. People are destined to die and face this.
22. Abraham lived in these in the Promised Land.

Down

1. Approach the throne of grace with this.
2. He was an Old Testament high priest.
3. We should not give up "____ together."
5. We should fix "our eyes on ____"
8. What the old covenant had become.
11. The Hebrews were called "slow to ____"
13. "In these ____ days he has spoken to us by his Son."
16. Jesus is seated at the ____ hand of God.
17. The author did not have this to tell about Gideon and others.
18. Jesus is "superior to ____"
20. People of faith long for a better ____



Answer Key on page 11



September

- 5 – Dennis Bush
- 19 – Candace Gerber
- 25 – Deborah Bell

October

- 2 - Leota Negley
- 3 – Bruce Trostle
- 15 – Paul Hoffman
- 15 – Jonathan Angell
- 22 – Kara Klein
- 25 – Charlie Darr
- 26 – Keith Albert

November

- 12 – Sue Mowery
- 18 – Tom Chiricos
- 18 – Shawna Crone
- 21 – Shirley Fetterolf
- 21 – Shirley Jones
- 30 – Angie Chiricos

2023 Children's/Youth Sunday School Teachers (September – October)

Date	K-2 nd Grade (Sonfish)	3-6 Grade (Sharks)
9/3/2023	No Sunday School	
9/10/2023	Kara Klein	Tammy Strayer
9/17/2023	Tammy Strayer	Kara Klein
9/24/2023	Carol Clayton	Dee Gerber
10/1/2023	Pastor Tim – Combined classes	
10/8/2023	Dee Gerber	Carol Clayton
10/15/2023	Kara Klein	Tammy Strayer
10/22/2023	Tammy Strayer	Kara Klein
10/29/2023	Carol Clayton	Dee Gerber

2023 Communion List

Date	Name
September	Shirley Fetterolf Jean Zeigler
October	Patsy Kellison Shawna Crone
November	Betty Jane Diven Dee Gerber
December	Angie & Tom Chiricos

2023 Teller Schedule

Date	Head Teller	Assistant Teller
9/3/2023	Tammy Strayer	Carol Mowery
9/10/2023	Wendy Bargo	Angie Thompson
9/17/2023	Tammy Strayer	Carolyn Myers
9/24/2023	Wendy Bargo	Betty Jane Diven
10/1/2023	Tammy Strayer	Carol Mowery
10/8/2023	Wendy Bargo	Angie Thompson
10/15/2023	Tammy Strayer	Carolyn Myers
10/22/2023	Wendy Bargo	Betty Jane Diven
10/29/2023	Tammy Strayer	Carol Mowery
11/5/2023	Wendy Bargo	Angie Thompson

2023 Liturgist Schedule

Date	Liturgist
9/3/2023	Kyra Gerber
9/10/2023	Candace Gerber
9/17/2023	Steph Reynolds
9/24/2023	Keith Albert
10/1/2023	Blain Bargo
10/8/2023	Dee Gerber
10/15/2023	Kyra Gerber
10/22/2023	Steph Reynolds
10/29/2023	Keith Albert
11/5/2023	Blain Bargo

2023 Soundboard/Powerpoint

Date	Soundboard	Powerpoint
9/3/2023	Blain Bargo	Sue Mowery
9/10/2023	Dee Gerber	Bryan Crone
9/17/2023	Bryan Crone	Sue Mowery
9/24/2023	Blain Bargo	Dee Gerber
10/1/2023	Dee Gerber	Bryan Crone
10/8/2023	Bryan Crone	Sue Mowery
10/15/2023	Blain Bargo	Dee Gerber
10/22/2023	Dee Gerber	Bryan Crone
10/29/2023	Bryan Crone	Sue Mowery
11/5/2023	Dee Gerber	Bryan Crone

2023 Cleaning Schedule

Date (Sat.)	Volunteers
9/9/2023	Brian & Dee Gerber
9/23/2023	Tammy Strayer
10/7/2023	Bill Minnich & Patsy Kellison
10/21/2023	Carol Clayton & Patty Rittle
11/4/2023	Steph Reynolds
11/18/2023	Brian & Dee Gerber
12/2/2023	Tammy Strayer
12/16/2023	Bill Minnich & Patsy Kellison
12/30/2023	Carol Clayton & Patty Rittle

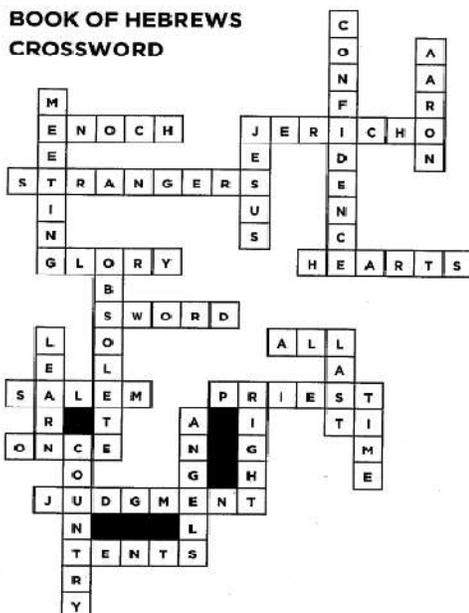
Upcoming Meetings/Events/Worship

Sunday	9/3	9:30AM
Wednesday	9/6	6:30PM
Thursday	9/7	10:00AM
Saturday	9/9	8:00AM-3:00PM
Sunday	9/10	8:45-9:45AM
Sunday	9/10	9:10-10:00AM
Sunday	9/10	10:10AM
Monday	9/11	10:15-11:30AM
Monday	9/11	6:30PM
Wednesday	9/13	6:30PM
Thursday	9/14	10:00AM
Sunday	9/17	After Worship
Wednesday	9/20	6:15PM
Thursday	9/21	10:00AM
Sunday	9/24	10:10AM
Thursday	9/28	10:00AM
Saturday	9/30	9AM-Noon
Sunday	10/1	10:10AM
Thursday	10/5	10:00AM
Saturday	10/7	10:00AM-2:00PM
Sunday	10/8	8:45-9:45AM
Thursday	10/12	10:00AM
Thursday	10/19	10:00AM
Thursday	10/26	10:00AM
Sunday	10/29	10:10AM

No Sunday School – Holiday Break
 Nominations Team Meeting
 Bible Study
 Rummage Sale-Women’s Group
 Men’s Group
 Sunday School Kickoff (Children and Adults)
 Bless and Recognize Daycare during worship
 Book Study Group at Dillsburg Library
 Women’s Group Meeting
 Leadership Team Meeting
 Bible Study
 Outreach Team Meeting
 HH School Board Meeting
 Bible Study
 Communion
 Bible Study
 Work Day (Church & Daycare)
 World Communion Sunday
 Bible Study
 Fall Festival/Car Show
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Prayer Chain - To share a prayer need with the email prayer chain, contact Pastor Tim at 717-600-6139 or tkleinpastor@gmail.org

Contact Information

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 Heavenly Hands Daycare phone: 717-432-2082
 Heavenly Hands Early Learning Center email: heavenlyhands5@verizon.net



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