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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Traditional Service
10:30am
Casual Service
8:15am
Church School
9:30am

MONDAY 7:00pm
Circle of Grace (1st Mon)
Nurture (2nd Mon) Jan., Mar.,
May, July, Sept., Nov.
Outreach (2nd Mon) Feb., Apr.,
June, Aug., Oct., Dec.
Trustees (3rd Mon)
AD Council (4th Mon)

TUESDAY
Crafts 10:00am
Ruth Circle 1:00pm (1st Tue)
Women's Prayer group 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY
Choir Practice - No practice in
July or August

Pastor's Desk

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20

Welcoming a new member of the family of Christ is a privilege and blessing. In the United Methodist Church, all are welcome to receive baptism, regardless of age. I was baptized when I was seven months old. My Dad tells the story that one of my pretty little booties wouldn't stay on and I smiled so much at the pastor that he had trouble keeping his place in the service. I treasure that story since I don't remember that important moment for myself. It was a blessing as an adult to get to know the pastor who baptized me and an even greater blessing to have him lay a hand upon me at my ordination. Certainly my parents had no idea at the time how God's grace would grow in my life. Many times in my life since, and in many ways, I have had the opportunity to reaffirm this grace offered at my baptism.

It is a firm and longstanding belief that a person is only baptized once in a lifetime. Even if we don't remember that moment, God does. We may need to repeatedly ask for God's blessing but that's simply our need for assurance, not a lack of God's grace. However, sometimes in a person's life there comes a time when God's love is felt so deeply that he or she wants to reaffirm the joy of their baptism. It is an amazing joy to have disciples of Jesus who have so much love in their hearts for Christ that they need an extra special way to express their thanks. We have a ritual for this "remembrance of baptism" in our Book of Worship. There are other ways to remember with thanksgiving the gift of God's loving grace. Pastor Adam Hamilton of United Methodist Church of the Resurrection hands out little tags to be hung in the shower so that everytime the water flows over them they repeat a prayer of thanks. Our church will be celebrating a remembrance of baptism service by immersion on August 28 at 2:00pm at the home of Carl and Arlene Flohr. (Anyone who wants to participate MUST speak with Pastor Suzanne before hand.)

Praise God for each and every disciple of Christ! Praise God for God's loving grace!

~Pastor Suzanne

**A DEVOTIONAL WRITTEN FROM THE PEN
OF LAY LEADER, HARRY BLACK FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST**

Please read: Psalm 34 (Verse 7) An angel of the Lord surrounds those that call upon his name and keeps them from harm. Praise God!

Miracles do happen and angels do protect his children. When 22 people can get out of a bus that flips over with only minor injuries, God's hand and his grace protected them. Verse 4, I sought the Lord and he answered my prayers and delivered us from all our fears. There were prayers offered that day and God heard their cries. A great, big, wonderful God and his steadfast love endures forever.

Miracles do happen and angels protect God's children and in a testimony of my life, I was involved in an accident in almost the same spot where the bus overturned. I was in a small truck and it overturned and slid 500' on its side on the interstate. The driver and I came out of it with scratched elbows and no other injuries. The driver said an angel of God was surely with us. The sad part of the story is that he didn't know the Lord and is deceased and I don't know this day if he is in the kingdom of God. I praise the Lord each day for keeping me in his care this day and every day. Miracles do happen for God loves his children. I was inspired by my incident and wrote some poetry.

Poetry by Harry Black

When traveling down life's hi-way
many problems and things may come your way.
When in life you feel low and depressed
this is Satan putting you to the test.
But we have a loving Savior who keeps us in his hands.
He truly, truly loves you and really understands.
Why not turn to Jesus and don't delay
for he needs you to serve him faithfully each day.
The Lord will take care of you wherever you may be
so try and do his will if you want to live happily.
This writing is for each and every one of you
for Jesus is the Savior and not for just a few.
He loves me and you and no matter what we have to go through.
So put your trust, and faith, and hope in him
for he will put his tender arms around you and carry you through.
Trials and tribulations may come your way,
but with the wonderful Lord they won't be here to stay.
Hallelujah

May God put his loving arms around you and keep you from harm. Amen

In Christian Love,
Harry Black
Lay leader

2011 Liturgist schedule:

September

04	Belva Foreman	264-6370
11	Robert Mooshian	263-6829
18	Heidi Hawbaker	264-1444
25	John Osen	263-4546

October

02	Ellen Davis	264-0195
09	Bill Sappington	261-9135
16	Carol Osen	263-4546
23	Vicki Wagner	729-7270
30	Alice Baer	385-0453

November

06	Vicki Wagner	729-7270
13	John Thierwechter	264-7415
20	Jane Armstrong	264-5668
27	Clarence Trump	352-9560

December

04	Bill Sappington	264-1926
11	Roxanna Bolyard	263-5519
18	Harry Black	264-9294
24 (C. Eve)	Cindy Edwards	263-6232
25	John Davis	264-0195

If you are unable to be liturgist on the Sunday that you are scheduled, please find a replacement or exchange with another person on the schedule. **Please notify the church office with any changes.**

If you have a pastoral need, want to meet with the Pastor, or know of someone is in need of a visit, please contact Pastor Suzanne directly. With HIPAA regulations, it is often difficult for pastors to get information from hospitals or nursing homes. Pastor Suzanne can be reached at 263-9071 (parsonage) or 677-8453 (home in Buchanan Valley), by email at selliott@susumc.org or at the office at 263-2364. All three of the phone numbers have voice mail where you can leave a message. If you have an urgent need, please call both of the home numbers to receive the most prompt response.

Please keep in prayer our members who are homebound, in nursing care facilities or in prison:

- Green Ridge Village:** Lois Fisler.
- Home:** Gene Armel, Alice Foreman, Denzil & Sara Marks, Elizabeth Shively, Clarence Neil.
- Manor Care:** Betty & Hugh Woods, Bob Ryder.
- Menno Haven:** Dottie Daniels, Rose Needy.
- Penn Hall:** Alverta Foreback, Orpha Querry.
- SCF Mahanoy:** Andy Scatena.
- Shook Home:** Clarence & Jean Gipe



Supper Clubs

Next month's newsletter will have the supper club groups for fall starting in September. Those persons who chose to take the summer off will be included. Anyone wishing to join please let me know.

Call Doris Mickey at 352-8321.

The Seneca Nation of Indians
 Tribal Advocate Program
 262 Broad St., P.O. Box 231
 Salamanca, NY 14779
 June 28, 2011
 We received a donation from Ray and Alice Baer from Park Avenue United Methodist Church. Thank you so much for everything that was sent our way. We really appreciate it.

Pauline Milks

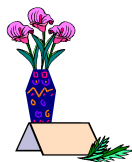
July 2011
 Heifer International gratefully recognizes Park Avenue United Methodist Church for your contribution of healthy animals and training in their care to help struggling families overcome a life of hunger and poverty.

Pierre A. Ferran
 Chief Executive Officer



Happy Birthday!

- 1 – Levi Hawbaker
- 3 – Earl Burns
- 4 – Luis Arpi
Lisa Hepfer
- 5 – Carolyn Dann
Laurie Elliott
- 9 – Amber McNew
Barbara Warne
Clarence Trump
- 13 – Hunter Snyder-Jones
Tressa Thomson
- 14 – Becca Arpi
Kevin VanAsdalan
- 15 – Kathryn Miner
- 17 – John Barnes
- 21 – Bill Sappington
- 22 – Ben Mickey
- 26 – Steve Harris
Lowell Mower
- 28 – Rick Elliott
- 29 – Rob Barnett
- 31 – Curt Campbell



Happy Anniversary !

- 4 – Rob & Chris Barnett
- 9 – Dennis & Susan Mickley
- 12 – Lewis & Edna Geiman
- 23 – Phil & Lisa Hepfer
- 31 – Don & Darlene Clippinger

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR AUGUST

USHERS

- Head Usher: John Thierwechter
- Ushers: Carl Flohr, Tim Higbee
Skip Trump, Lowell Mower

LITURGISTS

- 7th Cindy Edwards
- 14th Harry Black
- 21st Arlene Flohr
- 28th Ann Barnes

GREETERS

Kitchen Class

ACOLYTES

- 7th Laurie Elliott
- 14th Meghan Davis
- 21st Kaitlyn Hawbaker
- 28th Laurie Elliott

NURSERY

- 7th Isabelle Armstrong
- 14th Ellen Davis
- 21st Cindy Edwards
- 28th Siobian Cotton

WAYSIDE PULPIT

Joyce Fisher

FLOWER DELIVERY

Richard & Marian Sprankle

Some of the UMW are going to the Neighborhood Center in Harrisburg for a mission project. The date is **Saturday, August 13 from 9:00am-1:00pm**. We are not sure what the project will be but hope to know in a few weeks. If anyone is interested in going see Cindy Edwards or Chris Barnett.

Find us on Facebook at "Park Avenue UMC". Hit the "Like" button to receive information and inspiration from your church.



There will be a potluck breakfast for the UMW on Saturday, August 20th at 9:00am. Everyone bring their favorite dish!

Park Avenue will be participating in the Wilson College Activities Fair on Monday, August 29 from 10am-2pm. We will have a table set up with information about our church for the students to see as well as a little "take along treat". Anyone who wants to come keep Pastor Suzanne company and help promote our church is welcome.



**Free Dinner Schedule and Menu
August 27th menu**

- Meatloaf
- Baked potato
- Green beans & bread
- ice cream

Above is the date and menu for the August dinner. There will be a sign up sheet for volunteer help posted on the bulletin board. If you would like to donate any food or money, see Pastor Suzanne or Cindy Edwards. Thanks for everyone's donations and help so far with our meals.



Trustee Wish List

- * Power wash the parsonage
- * Restain the deck
- * Landscaping for the parsonage - needs weed & feed
- * Shelves are needed for the kitchen
- * Office needs an air conditioner

The wish list has shrunk!! Many thanks to those who have taken on a project. If you have the time and skill and wish to help, please see Pastor Suzanne or Roxanna Bolyard.

- There will be no Circle of Grace meeting the first Monday of August.
- There are no Fellowship Hours in July or August. Join us again for lunch and fellowship in Sept.

Website

Our website is up and running! Adults – your picture may appear on our website to promote our ministries. Please notify the church office if you DO NOT want your picture to appear on the website.

Parents – We will need a photo release signed before we will use your child's picture on our website.
See Pastor Suzanne



You are invited to join a celebration of baptismal renewal by immersion on Sunday, August 28 at 2:00 at 25 Sheffield Drive (home of Carl and Arlene Flohr). The worship service will include scripture, prayer, and reaffirmation of faith in Jesus Christ followed by immersion in a swimming pool. Light refreshments will follow. Anyone wanting to participate **must** speak with Pastor Suzanne before hand.