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*“We respond to God’s abundant grace by being hearers, proclaimers and doers of the Word.”*

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THE MESSENGER

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## MISSION SUPPORT CORNER – submitted by Lyne Aurand

Summer is here and, life takes on a different rhythm. Warm weather and more hours of sunlight invigorate us. Travel excursions and time off from school and work offer us chances to explore, and spend time with family and friends. All around us is the beauty of summer. The colorful flowers are blooming, the crops are growing, and the grass and trees are a lush green. The sun’s rays warm our hearts and souls.

*“Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come; the cooing of doves is heard in our land.”* Song of Songs 2:12

It is a time to praise God for this summer season to refresh our lives, to refresh and renew our spirits, and to seek out ways to give more generously of our strengths and financial resources.

Summer is a great reflection time. Take this time to reflect on and celebrate what was, what is now happening and what will be. The congregation has entered into the second half of the year. Think about church committees and groups you help serve. What goals were set to achieve? What has been accomplished so far? What are your strengths? Where would you like to grow? **What might God be asking you to enter into in the fall?** Be restored. Be refreshed. Be renewed--by the God who loves you for who you are.

*“... be rich in helping others,...be extravagantly generous....”* 1 Timothy 6:17-19

*“Do all the good you can,  
By all the means you can,  
In all the ways you can,  
In all the places you can,  
At all the times you can,  
To all the people you can.  
As long as ever you can.”* John Wesley

**The July 18 Council meeting was cancelled because a number of people were out of town. Council will meet on Wednesday, August 15 at 7:00 pm.**

**WORSHIP: Saturday 5:30 pm & Sunday 8:15 & 10:45 am**  
**ADULT Sunday School from 9:30-10:30 am**

**AUGUST 4 & 5 – PENTECOST 11 &**  
**SUMMER SERMON SERIES ON THE ST. JAMES WINDOWS**

*Our weekly summer sermon series based on our beautiful stained glass windows continue highlighting window #2 in which we see God's provision of a bountiful earth. Green shoots grow, flowers bloom, a lamb grazes, food and beauty abound. Readings: Genesis 1:20-25 and Isaiah 40:6-11; First Sunday Fellowship at 9:15 am; hosted by Art & Design and Evangelism Committees. FOOD ITEMS collected at all services benefit SCCAP Food Pantry; under the auspices of Social Ministry (NO GLASS ITEMS).*

**AUGUST 11 & 12 – PENTECOST 12 &**  
**SUMMER SERMON SERIES ON THE ST. JAMES WINDOWS**

*Window #4 is highlighted this weekend. We recognize God's Greatest Gift, God's son Jesus Christ. His light brightens the world. The anchor of faith holds the Christian family together. Readings: Hebrews 6:13-20a and 1 John 1:5-9.*

**AUGUST 18 & 19 – PENTECOST 13 &**  
**SUMMER SERMON SERIES ON THE ST. JAMES WINDOWS**

*In window #5 we see how God sustains the people through God's Son with loaves and fishes. Jesus feeds the multitude. With the cross He breaks, once and for all, the power of death. Readings: Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26 and Matthew 14:31-21.*

**AUGUST 25 & 26 – PENTECOST 14 &**  
**FINAL SUMMER SERMON SERIES ON THE ST. JAMES WINDOWS**

*Our final window shows God's continuing care. The vine and grapes provide for the meal of Holy Communion. Much like the grapes nourishing the birds in flight, God continually feeds us. Readings: Job 38:1-11, 36-41 and 1 Corinthians 10:16-17. Prayers for Healing at the conclusion of each liturgy*

**National Youth Gathering &  
Workcamp Thank You Breakfast**  
**Sunday, August 26, 9:45 am**

Youth who attended Workcamp and the National Youth Gathering are invited to cook breakfast and share photos and stories from their trips, so that we can thank those who have supported us in these missions! We will cook during the 8:15 am service and then *serve breakfast to everyone* during Sunday School, **starting at 9:45 am in the dining room.**



# PARISH RECORDS

## DEATHS

June 20, 2018 Colton L. Hughes  
June 28, 2018 Eugene F. Sanders  
July 5, 2018 R. Joan Kuhn  
July 7, 2018 Ray C. Hubbard  
July 11, 2018 Kenneth Kuykendall  
July 12, 2018 John I. Donmoyer, Sr.

## BAPTISM

June 30, 2018 Gregory Alan Hines

## FIRST COMMUNION

July 8, 2018 Andon Wolfe, Blake & Ashya Taylor Lady

## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

July 8, 2018 Katherine W. Beckman

## WEDDINGS

August 4, 2018 Matthew Van Art & Benoît Nedelec  
August 4, 2018 Caitlin Rudisill & Joseph Eliopoulos

## 50+ WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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|-----------------|----------------------------------|----------|
| August 5, 1966  | Martin T. & Anne W. Young        | 52 years |
| August 21, 1965 | Terry G. & Jane E. Fox           | 53 years |
| August 22, 1948 | Edward H. & T. Ruth Carbaugh     | 70 years |
| August 23, 1946 | Julius & Charlotte L. Swope      | 72 years |
| August 25, 1963 | Kenneth E. & Gloria A. Unger     | 55 years |
| August 26, 1951 | Martin L. & Catherine S. Crabill | 67 years |

## *Come sing in the Summer Choir!*

Join us Sunday mornings at **10:20 am** in the Music Room for a brief rehearsal; then we'll sing at the 10:45 am worship service. This is a great time for all ages to sing together!

## **HISTORIC CHURCH TOURS (EAST) CONTINUE AT ST. JAMES WEDNESDAYS: AUGUST 1, 15, 29**

*Tours start at 6:00 pm, but groups will arrive at St. James **around 7:15 pm**, as we are last on the EAST route. Please consider purchasing a ticket at Gettysburg Presbyterian Church for one of these dates. And, thank you to all those who participate in the story highlighting St. James and how the Civil War impacted Gettysburg!*



This ministry works for change in public policy based on experiences in programs and projects across the country. It works through public and political channels on behalf of the following values: peacemaking, care for the creation, concern for people living in poverty, hunger and health issues, hospitality to strangers. In Harrisburg where state laws and policies are determined, current legislation, and budgets are reviewed. Issue Briefs are available from the Harrisburg Office on topics such as Medicaid work requirements, environmental issues, etc. For more information about this ministry of the ELCA, please go to our website, click on **Outreach**, then **Community Outreach**, then **LAMPa** or simply click on this link: <https://www.lutheranadvocacy.org/>. LAMPa's Mission Statement: *In response to God's love in Jesus Christ, we advocate for wise and just public policies in Pennsylvania that promote the common good.*

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30-10:30 AM

**FAITH & FELLOWSHIP CLASS** meets in room 209, on the top floor of the church, at the southern end of the hallway. Gary Shaffer is the teacher. From 9:30-10:00 am, the class enjoys fellowship and a light breakfast (provided by class members). At 10:00 am, the class discusses topics selected from the *Wired Word*, which Gary emails to class members to preview the topic. Members often participate in service and social events, too. Please join us!

**EXPLORING FAITH** meets in room 300, on the top floor of the church, at the northern end of the hallway. They are reading Hallelujah Anyway: Rediscovering Mercy, by Anne Lamott. She explores where to find meaning in life by "*facing a great big mess, especially the great big mess of ourselves.*" It's up to each of us to recognize the presence and importance of mercy everywhere and to use it to forge a deeper understanding of ourselves and more honest connections with each other.

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** meets in room 303, on the top floor of the church. Summer Series: ***Acknowledging God*** (lessons stand alone, so join us as often as you are able).

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|---------|---|------------------------|--------------------|
| Aug. 5  | "God's Justice"   | (Romans 2:1-12)        | Jerry Christianson |
| Aug. 12 | "Global Economic Justice"   | (2 Corinthians 8:7-15) | Will Lane          |
| Aug. 19 | "Loving and Just Behavior"  | (Romans 12:9-21)       | Jerry Christianson |
| Aug. 26 | 9:45 AM YOUTH THANK YOU BREAKFAST FOR EVERYONE IN THE DINING ROOM |                        |                    |

**ADULT DISCUSSION CLASS** meets in room 200, at the northern end of the main hallway. Each Sunday we enjoy timely presentations and discussions; Judy Leslie, contact person. Come & see!

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| Aug. 5  | "Breaking Down Barriers to Peace with Iran (2)" led by Sandra Mackie         |  |  |
| Aug. 12 | "View and Discuss Mark Twain's Journey to Jerusalem (1)" led by Lois Allwein |  |  |
| Aug. 19 | "View and Discuss Mark Twain's Journey to Jerusalem (2)" led by Lois Allwein |  |  |
| Aug. 26 | 9:45 AM YOUTH THANK YOU BREAKFAST FOR EVERYONE IN THE DINING ROOM            |  |  |



### **Sunday School teachers for the 2018-19 school year!**

We need energetic individuals to teach the Word of God to our young learners. If you are interested in helping with this important ministry, and like working with preschool and elementary aged children, **please let me know**. We need **two teachers per class**, on a rotating Sunday schedule. Thank you! **Lisa Poole**,  
*Spiritual Gifts Coordinator*, 717-334-2012 ext. 203 or [lpool@stjamesgettysburg.org](mailto:lpool@stjamesgettysburg.org)

**RALLY DAY will be held on Sunday, September 9 from 9:30-10:30 am.**  
*(This will be the start of Sunday School for our youth, so mark your calendars now!)*

**SOUP KITCHEN NOTE** – For the next two months, we would like to **provide fresh vegetables** instead of frozen vegetables on the day that St. James serves at the Soup Kitchen. Please call Greta Englund at 717-470-5298 if you have extra vegetables.

## *Caregivers Needed for Funeral Receptions*

Funeral and Memorial Services held at St. James are quite often followed by a meal and fellowship. This free ministry is available because of faithful members who are willing to give of their time and resources. St. James presently has three groups of Caregivers who volunteer as servers (set up, serve, clean up) and providers (make or purchase needed food items). **If you would like to have your name added to a fourth team, please contact our church office. We also need two people willing to serve as Co-Chairs and are still looking for someone to co-chair an existing group.**

Thank you to all who are already a part of this ministry, but especially our Co-Chairs who serve faithfully on a rotating basis: **Peggy Green** (Group 1); **Kay MacDowell & Chris Waybright** (Group 2); **Cindy Scott & Anne Young** (Group 3)!!

### **SAVE THE DATES**

**Sunday, September 9, 9:30 am Rally Day  
& 1:00 pm God's work. Our hands.**

**Sunday, September 23, 4:00 pm Troubadours' Concert**

**Sunday, September 30 Fall Festival at Vosslers' Farm**

### **“GOD ON THE GROUND” PRAISE FEST**

On **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**, St. James is partnering with ten other churches in the community to sponsor “**God on the Ground**” Praise Fest from **3:30-6:30 pm** at the **Gettysburg Rec Park Amphitheater**. This **FREE** event will include four different Christian bands, children's activities, hamburgers, hot dogs and more. There will be messages in English and Spanish and also opportunities for sharing prayer requests.



This is the fifth year this event has been held, as St. James continues to help lead a community initiative for churches and congregations to work together in bringing a greater presence of the Gospel's Good News beyond the walls of our churches. **Bring a chair or a blanket and join us for some or part of this community event of fellowship and fun!** We need volunteers who are willing to be greeters, help with providing desserts, and help with children's activities, crafts and face painting. If you are willing to volunteer, please talk to Pr. Mike, Pr. Andrew or Mary Stevenson. Thanks! *(In case of rain, this event will be in the Sterner Building at the Gettysburg Rec Park.)*

# YOUTH NEWS

*A huge thank you to all who supported our trip to Houston last month—financially, prayerfully, and with great leadership. We had a blast growing together in our faith and learning about the city of Houston! Also, thank you to our adult leaders for both Houston and Workcamp in NY!!*



## **Wednesday, August 8 - Family Service Day at Amazing Heart Farm**

We will meet at church at **9:00 am** and head out to volunteer at Amazing Heart Farm in Orrtanna. We will come back to St. James for a pizza lunch! Please let Youth Minister Jess Smith know if you and/or your family are interested in joining us—*all ages are welcome!*

## **Saturday, August 18 - K-5 Lock-In**

**ALL K-5 YOUTH ARE INVITED TO A LOCK-IN AT ST. JAMES!** Please plan to be dropped off (or parents are welcome to stay!) at **6:00 pm** for a pizza dinner, games, a movie on the big screens in the worship area, and a sleepover at the church! On Sunday morning, we will eat breakfast and then attend the 8:15 am worship service together. Please email Jess if you are going to attend ([youth@stjamesgettysburg.org](mailto:youth@stjamesgettysburg.org)) OR if you are an older youth or adult that would like to volunteer as a leader!!

## **Sunday, August 26 - National Youth Gathering & Workcamp Thank You Breakfast**

Youth who attended the National Youth Gathering and Workcamp are invited to cook breakfast and share photos and stories from their trips, to thank those at St. James who have supported us in these missions! We will cook during the 8:15 am service and serve breakfast during Sunday School, **starting at 9:45 am in the dining room for everyone!**

## **Wednesday, August 29 - First Youth Breakfast of the school year**

All middle and high school youth are invited to join us at the Youth House (121 York St.) at **6:45 am** for prayer, pancakes, and fellowship before school. At 7:10 am we all depart for school—if it's nice the middle schoolers will walk together, and high schoolers will grab a ride from adult volunteers! See you then and bring a friend or two!

| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday                                | Friday  | Saturday   |
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|   |   |  | <b>1</b><br>9:30 am St. James Early Learning Center Chapel<br>10:30 am Prayer Shawl<br>6:00 pm Historic Church Tour (EAST)   | <b>2</b><br>6:00 pm Christian Education | <b>3</b>  | <b>4 Pentecost 11</b><br><i>Food Donations</i><br>5:30 pm Communion  |
| <b>5 Pentecost 11</b><br><i>Food Donations Weekend</i><br>8:15 am Communion<br>9:15 am Fellowship<br>9:30 am Sunday School for adults only<br>10:20 am Summer Choir<br>10:45 am Communion                                     | <b>6</b><br>8:00 am Congregational Renewal Task Force<br>6:30 pm Property | <b>7</b><br>1:30 pm Staff Meeting <b>(OFFICE CLOSED)</b><br>7:00 pm Child Care Gov.<br>7:00 pm Evangelism<br>7:30 pm Worship & Music | <b>8</b><br>6:45 am MS/HS Breakfast<br>8:30 am Executive<br>9:00 am Family Service Day ( <i>Amazing Heart Farm</i> )<br>9:30 am SJELC Chapel<br>10:30 am Prayer Shawl  | <b>9</b>                                | <b>10</b>                                       | <b>11 Pentecost 12</b><br>5:30 pm Communion  |
| <b>12 Pentecost 12</b><br>8:15 am Communion<br>9:30 am Sunday School for adults only<br>10:20 am Summer Choir<br>10:45 am Communion   | <b>13</b><br>5:00 pm God on the Ground Planning<br>7:00 pm Personnel      | <b>14</b><br>1:30 pm Staff Meeting <b>(OFFICE CLOSED)</b><br>7:00 pm Mission Fund  | <b>15</b><br>9:30 am SJELC Chapel<br>10:00 am Stephen Ministers<br>10:30 am Prayer Shawl<br>12:00 pm Grief Ministry ( <i>Dunlap's</i> )<br>6:00 pm Historic Church Tour (EAST)<br>7:00 pm COUNCIL<br><br><i>The Messenger</i><br><b>DEADLINE</b> | <b>16</b>                               | <b>17</b>                                       | <b>18 Pentecost 13</b><br>5:30 pm Communion<br><br><br>6:00 pm K-5 Lock-In |
| <b>19 Pentecost 13</b><br>8:15 am Communion<br>9:30 am Sunday School for adults only<br>10:20 am Summer Choir<br>10:45 am Communion   | <b>20</b>   | <b>21</b><br>1:30 pm Staff Meeting <b>(OFFICE CLOSED)</b><br>7:00 pm Library<br>7:15 pm Social Ministry                              | <b>22</b><br>9:00 am Messenger Volunteers & Messenger mailed<br>9:30 am SJELC Chapel<br>10:30 am Prayer Shawl  | <b>23</b>                               | <b>24</b><br>9:30 am Contemplative Prayer Group | <b>25 Pentecost 14</b><br>5:30 pm Communion & Prayers for Healing  |
| <b>26 Pentecost 14</b><br>8:15 am Communion & Prayers for Healing<br>9:30 am Sunday School for adults only<br>9:45 am Congregational THANK YOU Breakfast<br>10:20 am Summer Choir<br>10:45 am Communion & Prayers for Healing | <b>27</b><br>1:30 pm Archives   | <b>28</b><br>1:30 pm Staff Meeting <b>(OFFICE CLOSED)</b><br>6:00 pm World Outreach<br>7:30 pm Art & Design                          | <b>29</b><br>6:45 am Middle & High School Breakfast<br>10:30 am Prayer Shawl<br>6:00 pm Historic Church Tour (EAST)  | <b>30</b>                               | <b>31</b>                                       | <b>September 1</b><br><br><b>Pentecost 15</b><br><i>Food Donations</i><br>5:30 pm Communion  |

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**BY WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15!**

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