The Lamplighter

**JUNE 2015**

**Cohansey Baptist Church**

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Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! I trust that this message finds you well and in great spirits. May was a wonderful month here at Cohansey Baptist Church, as we continued to serve God together in joy and gladness. The Cohansey softball team has gotten off to a great start with a record of, 4-2. Thank you to brothers Bruce and Alan Sloan for making this goal a reality. I encourage you to come out for a game this summer, held on Tuesday nights. As we welcome the month of June, please be reminded of Vacation Bible School which will be held June 22-26, at the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist Church. We are looking forward to a great time in the Lord for all of the children who attend.

I for one am ecstatic that summer has arrived! Even though my allergies don’t cut me any slack and I sneeze almost as much as I breathe, I am thoroughly grateful that the sun and warmth have arrived for an extended stay. Every person has his or her favorite season, some enjoy fall when the leaves paint the landscape a kaleidoscope of many colors, some enjoy winter as the ice and snow form a fresh winter wonderland each and every time, some relish the days when spring arrives and awakens us from the frost of winter, while some can’t wait for the heat and days filled with ocean breezes and late night ice cream.

Isn’t it amazing that God provides and allows for such great diversity and that within the diversity lies an element of having been touched by God? This summer, remember the poignant words of James, “Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.”(James 1:17) Behold the majesty of the firefly and stand in awe of the dark nights which are illuminated by their lights. Praise God for the opportunity to experience such new and amazing blessings.

I trust that this message blesses you and if I can be of any service, please let me know!

Your Brother in Christ,

Reverend Dr. Alexander G. Houston

Pastor



Remember the next newsletter articles, announcements; pictures, etc. are due**, June 15, 2015**. You can put them in the Newsletter mailbox, email them to me or call me. My email address is: nohowmom@comcast.net and my phone number is 856-455–2574. Thank you!

Thank you to all of those who faithfully give of their time and assemble the newsletter each month.

 **New Book Study has begun!**

We meet at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.

***I Am a Church Member*** seeks to remedy the outbreak of inactive or barely committed church members. It addresses--without apology--what is expected of those who join a body of believers. When a person's attitude is consistently biblical and healthy, matters of giving, serving, and so forth will fall into place more naturally and Rainer's practical work unpacks what that should look like.

If you or someone you know would like to sign-up for special music during the summer months, please see the sign-up sheet on the narthex bulletin board.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

VBS will be held, **June 22-26 at the Shiloh Seventh Day**. If you are interested in helping please see **Andrea Levick.** This year they require helpers to have a background check Andrea has the paperwork and it is at no cost to you.

**ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE**

The committee is looking for anyone who has old or new photos they would like to share for the anniversary celebration. Please out your name on the back so they can be returned. Place them in the church office mailbox.

**schedule for all faiths co-ed softball games – every Tuesday at 6:30.**

june 2nd vs barnsboro methodist @ upper pittsgrove school field

june 9th vs bridgeton first wesleyan @ stow creek park

june 16th vs olivet methodist @ stow creek park

june 23rd vs west park methodist @ stow creek park

june 30th vs ranch hope @ ranch hope

july 7th vs clayton first baptist @ delsea high school

july 14th vs victory assembly of god @ stow creek park

july 21st vs olivet methodist @ parvin State park Field #1





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**Special Dates**

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|  Flag Day, *June 14, 2015*  Father’s Day, *June 21, 2015*  First day of summer, *June 21, 2015*  |
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**Please keep these people in prayer That God may manifest His healing in them and He will be praised.**

 R.C. Holt Rose Gaggini Timothy Ross Carol Shimp Evelyn Armstrong Kelly Hilbert Heather Wolbert Babe McDermott Rachel Segal

**Please pray for the city of Bridgeton.**

**Please pray for Susan Perry as she prepares to enter the mission field.**

**Please pray for the well-being of our country and our leaders. May God grant them wisdom as they deal with the situations around the world and here at home.**

**Please pray for those Christians who are being persecuted by ISIS groups in the Middle East.**

**Shut-Ins:** Janet Bonaldo Ashley Guntow Ruth Levick Doris Newkirk Helen Rammel

**Nursing Homes:** Irene Vetro Margaret McAllister

**Battling Cancer:**  Gloria Branca Lisa Haffner Emily Horton Debbie Marks Lake Jeff Mortimer Marion Nickopolous Louise Orsini Ron Rouver Mike Scavelli Brenda Snyder Aaron Silver, Jr. Jayme Bickings

**Special Concerns:** Dave Borrelli Courtney Etherton Ed Peterson Dennis Gaggini Bill Felmey

**In the Service:** Mike Dunkelberger Kyle Mihalecz Nicky Mihalecz Brian Schrier Doug Shimp Russell Shinn Shauna Sloan Andrew Tobin Lance Shestakoff Jay Perticari

**College Students:**  Amaryllis DeJesus Katelin Elwell Steve Frantz Mindy Williams Samuel Tobin Megan Girock Megan Smith Melissa Smith

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| **Staying Spiritually Fit** |
| Prayer is like exercise: Neither is an end in itself. Just as exercise is intended to make us physically fit by strengthening our muscles so we can manage more activity, engaging in prayer leads to more prayer. The harder one works at exercise, the greater the results. But if we give up the routine, the results won’t hold. The same goes for prayer. Writes Rev. Kate Braestrup in *Beginner’s Grace* (Atria Books), “There will be no moment — in this life, anyway — when I will be able to say, ‘That’s it! I’ve prayed, and the prayers have paid off: I’m a fully conscious, totally grateful, and unstintingly generous person. I can just start stuffing myself as soon as the plate hits the table.” Rather, she notes, “The more you give, the more you will be able to give; the more you receive, the more you will be willing to receive; and the more you pray, the more you can … pray.”  |



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| **Recipe of the Month:**Mango Lemonade: Fresh sweet mango mixed into tart lemonade – the perfect beverage for summer!**Ingredients:**3 cups water, divided1/3 cup sugar2 mangos, peeled & pureed1cup freshly squeezed lemon juice**Directions:**1. In a small microwavable bowl combine 1 cup of water and the sugar. Heat on high for 1 minute – until the sugar is dissolved. Let cool.
2. In a large pitcher, combine the sugar mixture, remaining water, lemon juice and mango puree. Stir until well mixed. Serve over ice and garnish with fresh mint sprigs and lemon slice. Makes about 4 servings.

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| **The Greater Gift** |
| A rich man waited at the river front for an ocean liner to depart. An acquaintance who joined him said, “You seem pleased about something.” “Yes,” said the rich man, “I’m quite proud today. You see that vessel at anchor? I donated $10,000 worth of hospital equipment that’s heading for a hospital in China. I came to see the vessel off.” “That’s very generous,” replied the friend. “You know, I also have a gift on that ship. Aboard is my only daughter, who’s dedicating her life as a missionary to China.” Stunned, the wealthy man turned to his friend and exclaimed, “My dear brother, when I think of what this sacrifice means to you, I feel as though I’ve given nothing!” —John Roach Straton, adapted  |

**What is a Dad?**A dad is someone who wants tocatch you before you fallbut instead picks you up, brushes you off,and lets you try again.A dad is someone who wants tokeep you from making mistakesbut instead lets you find your own way,even though his heart breaks in silence when you get hurt.A dad is someone who holds you when you cry,scolds you when you break the rules,shines with pride when you succeed,and has faith in you even when you fail.—UnknownFor use in printed publications, Right-Click on the filename below to download and choose "Save Target As" or "Save Link As" |

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**Memory Verse:**

**The rich and poor meet together:**



**the Lord is the maker of them all.**

**~Proverbs 22:2**

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**Jokes:**

Q. Why did the one handed man cross the road?
A. To get to the second hand shop!

Q. Why does a giraffe eat so little?
A. Because they can make a little go a long way.

Q. What's an insect's favorite sport?
A. Cricket.

**Puzzle:**



**Bible Quiz:**

Which of the following is an accurate husband-wife match from Scripture?

A. Abram and Ruth
B. Boaz and Ruth
C. Hosea and Ruth
D. Ananias and Ruth

Answer: (See Ruth 4:13.)

**Your gift to IM for urgent needs and for specific mission workers will be DOUBLED through June 15th**

The Lord is calling "International Ministries" to stretch forward to address urgent needs around the world ... and to bring the good news of God’s love to people who deserve to hear it.

One of the most immediate ways you can make a difference is by participating in the Spring 2015 Matching Gift Opportunity, which will support IM ministries that are in the greatest need AND will provide financial support for **any** IM global workers whom you may specify.  Missionaries we currently support are:

Carlos Bonilla & Mayra Giovanetti - Nicaraugua

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Ann & Bruce Borquist - Southeast Asia
Kim Brown - Thailand
Sue Hegarty - Costa Rica
Ed & Miriam Noyes - Democratic Republic of Congo

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Your gift may be directed to the entire work of IM, to IM global workers of your choice, or to both.

You can give *online*: <http://internationalministries.org/drives/27> - *by phone*:  1-800-222-3872, ext. 2323, and specify your donation is for the matching gifts opportunity - or *by mail:*to International Ministries,  PO Box 851  Valley Forge PA 19482 - **BY JUNE 15, 2015**.

**IT'S NOT TOO LATE ....**



You can still give to "**BLANKET+ SUNDAY**".  Monies donated go to Church World Service and provide:

* Blankets, tents, food and other emergency supplies in the wake of a disaster
* Tools and seeds for refugees returning home to replant their fields
* Wells for families living in drought prone areas to provide clean, safe water to drink and to irrigate crops and gardens
* Literacy training and microcredit for women struggling to realize their potential.

Envelopes are in the church pews or see Nancy Baker, Pat Springer, or Diane Smith.



Summer Begins

June 21, 2015

 Hooray!

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| **SUNDAY** | **MONDAY** | **TUESDAY** | **WEDNESDAY** | **THURSDAY** | **FRIDAY** | **SATURDAY** |
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| 79:30 AM Sunday School10:30 AM Worship Service | For use in printed publications, Right-Click on the filename below to download and choose "Save Target As" or "Save Link As"8 | 96:30 PM Trustees7 PM Mission Brd.. | 106:30 PM Book Study | 117 PM Praise Band | 12 | For use in printed publications, Right-Click on the filename below to download and choose "Save Target As" or "Save Link As"13 |
| 14 **Youth Sunday**9:30 AM Adult Sunday Schoolhttp://www.captioneditor.newsletternewsletter.com/CaptionEditor/ProcessedImages/flag9c0_web.jpg?guid=454c599e-3362-4fdd-a781-5729272b4e8510:30 AM Worship  | 15***Lamplighter Articles Due*** | 16 | 176:30 PM Book Study | 187 PM Praise Band | 19For use in printed publications, Right-Click on the filename below to download and choose "Save Target As" or "Save Link As" | 20 |
| 21 **Father’s Day**9:30 AM Adult Sunday School10:30 AM Morning Worship  | 22For use in printed publications, Right-Click on the filename below to download and choose "Save Target As" or "Save Link As" | 237 PM Brd. Of Christian Ed. | 247 PM Bible Study | 257 PM Praise Band7 PM White Cross | 26 | For use in printed publications, Right-Click on the filename below to download and choose "Save Target As" or "Save Link As"27 |
| 28 **Graduation Sunday**9:30 AM Adult Sunday school10:30 Am Worship | 29 | 30 |  |  |  |  |
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**June 2015 Calendar of Activities & Events**