The Lamplighter

**MAY 2015**

**Cohansey Baptist Church**

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 Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! I pray that this message finds you well and in great spirits! The month of April at the church was a wonderful experience to partake in. Our celebrations in commemoration of Easter were immensely rich and a blessing to all who were able to attend. Kudos to Mark Willis and the Cohansey Choir for ministering a moving and powerful Cantata this year! Also, many thanks to Jerry Baker and the men of Cohansey who provided a great pancake breakfast on Easter morning. It is always a blessed time to join together and celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The Cohansey softball team is off to a blazing start of 2-0! Bruce Sloan is doing a great job in leading our team each week. Also we have our new 5 week book study, starting on Wednesday, May 20th @ 6:30 pm. Our book is, I Am A Church Member. Also, I wanted to share a few encouraging words with you below:

As we behold the ending of April showers and look forward with great anticipation to May flowers, let us continue to praise God! For as the calendar continues to turn month to month we have the fortunate pleasure to experience the grace of God. “Because of the Lord’s great love, we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.” (Lamentations 3:22-23) It is wonderful to know that the love of God is able to uphold, strengthen, and guide us throughout any situation in our lives. The writer of Lamentations reminds us readers that because of the love of God, a love that is, “...patient, kind...” is a love that can be fully depended on. In this midst of any situation that occurs in our lives, the love of God is one constant that remains. Each and every day, when we rise from our slumber we have the privilege and the blessing to experience the love of God in a new and glorious way. Every day is a day of thanksgiving; take the time to glorify the Lord today! He keeps blessing us over and over.

I trust that this message blesses you and I look forward to seeing you in church soon. If I can ever be of any service to you in the future, please do not hesitate to contact the church office.

Your Brother in Christ,

Reverend Alexander G. Houston

Pastor





Remember the next newsletter articles, announcements; pictures, etc. are due**, May 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.

**Coming Soon a New Book Study!**

We will be starting our 5 week book study on May 20th 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.**

May 5th vs Clayton First baptist - @ Stow Creek park

may 12th vs woodstown presbyterian @ stow creek park

may 19th vs Ranch Hope @ Ranch hope

may 26th vs west park methodist @ stow creek park

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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| 1. Tammy Holt Ford
2. Jordan Guy

 Susan Perry 4 Genevieve Fernandez1. Lisa Fernandez
2. Michaela Hitchner
3. Brian Crispin

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31 Bill King*\*\*\*\*If your name is not on our Birthday List or there needs to be a correction or your name has changed please let me know by calling 856-455-2574 or by email at* *nohowmom@comcast.net**. Thank you\*\*\*\** |
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**Special Dates**

• National Day of Prayer, *May 7, 2015*
• Mother’s Day, *May 10, 2015*
• Ascension of the Lord, *May 14, 2015*
• Armed Forces Day, *May 16, 2015*
• Victoria Day (Canada), *May 18, 2015*
• Pentecost, *May 24, 2015*
• Memorial Day, *May 25, 2015*
• Trinity Sunday, *May 31, 2015*

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| http://download.newsletternewsletter.com/artlinelibrary/v/vi/vine_12475c.gif**The Vine** A vine symbolizes Christ, the foundation of life and nourishment of all people, who, in turn, are like branches. When separate from the vine, we branches can't survive — at least not spiritually. "Apart from me," says Jesus, "you can do nothing" (John 15:5, NIV). But as God the gardener tends this relationship, we branches grow stronger and more mature in Jesus and alongside one another.  |





**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 Cliff Jones, Sr.

**Please pray for the following families who have loved who went home to be with their Lord:**

Please pray for the family of Patti Reeves, Richard Haasch and Emily Grindle whose son and grandson passed away unexpectedly.

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

**Please pray for the city of Baltimore, MD**

**Please pray for the people of Nepal as they recover from an earthquake.**

**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.**

**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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| **A Prayer for Mom** |
| A young boy had been misbehaving, so his mother sent him to his room. Sometime later, he came out and told his mom he’d prayed about the matter. “That’s good,” she replied. “If you ask God for help to not misbehave, he’ll help you.” “Oh, I didn’t pray for help behaving,” said the boy. “I prayed for God to help you put up with me.”  |

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| http://www.captioneditor.newsletternewsletter.com/CaptionEditor/ProcessedImages/pieces_2447c0_web.jpg?guid=fe684fe8-b225-41ba-b037-747d068441c6Recipe of the Month:Crunchy Asian Ramen Noodle Salad -- made with fresher ingredients, and ready to go in 10 minutes! | gimmesomeoven.comCrunchy Asian Ramen Noodle Salad Ingredients 1 (16-ounce) bag coleslaw mix2 (3-ounce) packages of ramen noodles, crumbled (you will not use the seasoning packet)1 cup shelled and cooked edamame1 avocado, peeled, pitted and diced1 mango, peeled, pitted, and julienned (or diced)1/2 cup thinly-sliced almonds (optional)1/2 cup thinly-sliced green onions (scallions)Asian honey vinaigrette (see ingredients below)Asian Honey Vinaigrette2/3 cup vegetable oil (or any cooking oil)1/3 cup honey (or agave, to make this vegan)1/3 cup rice wine vinegar2 teaspoons soy sauce1/4 teaspoon sesame oilpinch of salt and black pepperWhisk all ingredients together until combined.Directions: (Optional first step: Heat oven to 425 degrees. Spread the crumbled ramen noodles and sliced almonds out on a baking sheet, and stir a bit to combine. Bake for about 5 minutes, or until the almonds and noodles are slightly toasted and golden. Remove baking sheet, and give the mixture a good stir to toss. Then return it to the oven and toast for an additional 3 minutes. Keep a very close eye on the mixture so that it does not burn. Remove and set aside.)Add ingredients (including the vinaigrette) together in a large bowl, and toss until combined.Serve immediately, or cover and refrigerate for up to 3 days. (This salad is much better eaten the first day, as the noodles lose their "crunch" the longer it sits, and the avocado may brown a bit. Still, it's perfectly edible and enjoyable even after a few days!)  |
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**Memory Verse:**

**Let brotherly love continue.**

~Hebrews 13:1

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**Jokes:**

Q. Did you hear about the man who plugged his electric blanket into the toaster?
A. He kept popping out of bed all night!

Q. What makes songs but never sings?
A. Notes

Q. Why did the turtle cross the street?
A. To get to the Shell station..

Q. Why did the mattress go the doctor?
A. It had spring fever.

Q. Which bet can't be won?
A. Alphabet.

**Puzzle:**



**Bible quiz:**

According to Acts 2, on Pentecost some people accused the disciples of being drunk. Why?

A. Because they were still asleep at 9 in the morning.
B. Because all the wine was gone.
C. Because they were all speaking in foreign languages.
D. All of the above.

Answer: (See Acts 2:4, 13.)



**Baby Bottle Boomerang for**

**Cornerstone Women's Resource Center**

Once again Cohansey Baptist will participate in this annual fundraiser to benefit our local Pregnancy Center.  Cornerstone WRC upholds the sanctity of human life in every aspect, sharing the Gospel in both work and deed.  Students and youth groups are hearing about the value of their lives through our **GET REAL Relationship Education** program. Women are finding forgiveness and healing from past abortions in our **Pregnancy Loss Recovery** program. Teens and young women facing unplanned pregnancies are provided limited **Medical Services** (including pregnancy testing and 1st trimester ultrasounds). Support and friendship is given to these young women and their families through educational information and material assistance in the **Earn as You Learn** program.

These funds will help Cornerstone continue the ministry of seeing lives changed and saved.  "Wee Witness" Baby Bottles are available in the sanctuary beginning on "Mother's Day" to be filled with loose change or any amount you can spare. They can be returned anytime through June 21st which is "Father's Day".

*Every good and perfect gift comes from above.  James 1:17*

*American Baptist Churches and International Ministries*

*Partner with Baptists and Others in Nepal*

*to Bring Vital Relief in the Aftermath of the Earthquake*

**The Urgent Need**

With each new day, the count of those killed or injured rises, as rescue and relief efforts continue in the aftermath of the massive 7.8 magnitude earthquake that struck Nepal on Saturday, April 25, 2015. Although initial reports estimated injuries and loss of life in the hundreds, by Wednesday, April 28, Nepal’s National Emergency Operation Center announced that the official death toll had exceeded 5,000 and that some 10,000 have been found injured, and those numbers are expected to rise as rescue workers reach remote villages. An estimated 450,000 have been internally displaced by the quake and 8 million—over a quarter of the nation’s people—have been affected.

**As a first response to this disaster, $25,000 in emergency relief funds from One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) have been released to trusted partners of American Baptist International Ministries (IM) in Nepal. Additional relief aid is urgently needed.**

This initial grant of $25,000 will support domestic Nepali Christian service organizations and on-the-ground relief efforts. The Nepal Baptist Church Council (NBCC), an IM partner for more than 20 years, will receive $10,000 to provide food, water, shelter and medical attention for the victims. Human Development and Community Services (HDCS), IM’s partner in Nepal for 11 years, will receive $10,000 to help its two hospitals care for the injured. The United Mission to Nepal (UMN), an IM partner for over 30 years, will receive $5,000 for its initial relief efforts.

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| **SUNDAY** | **MONDAY** | **TUESDAY** | **WEDNESDAY** | **THURSDAY** | **FRIDAY** | **SATURDAY** |
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| 3***Communion***9:30 AM Adult Sunday School10:30 AM Worship | 47 PM Choir rehearsal  | 59 AM Prayer Group7 PM Music Comm. | 610:30 AM Manor Service7 PM Bible Study | 7For use in printed publications, Right-Click on the filename below to download and choose "Save Target As" or "Save Link As"7 PM Praise Band | 8**Annual Business Mtg.** | 9 |
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**May 2015 Calendar of Activities & Events**