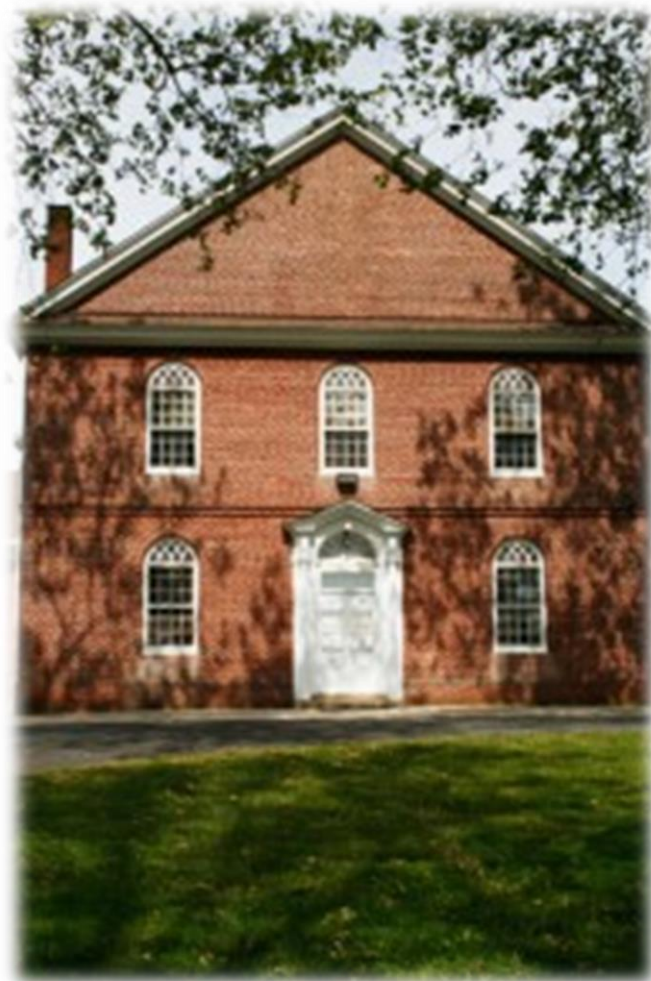


The Lamplighter

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FROM THE PASTOR

Greetings to all! I hope that you are enjoying your summer and that you are discovering God's handiwork wherever you go. The beauty of a sunrise or sunset is hard to beat. You can also find a peace and serenity in the sound of the waves crashing against the rocks or break on the beach. If we open our eyes, ears, minds and hearts it is easy to find God in our midst.

May you enjoy this last month of summer vacation and may it be full of new memories of family times together.

Peace and Blessings,

Reverend Alexander G. Houston
Pastor (nw)

Sanka-what?!

Not Sanka — *sanctification!* From its Latin roots, this term is related to words such as *holy*, *sacred* and *saint*. While classic Sanka coffee commercials boasted it was “instant” and 97 percent caffeine-free, sanctification is commonly defined as a long process of Christian growth — becoming free, we might say, from unhealthy indulgences that compromise our life in Christ.

The trouble is, we struggle all our lives to be “good Christians,” to remain diligent in prayer and service, to wholly trust Jesus, even amid trouble. But we can't be holy by ourselves.

I find helpful a recent explanation I heard from a pastor: Sanctification is learning more and more throughout life how deeply we need Jesus.

Because we can't cultivate our own holiness, we must let the Holy Spirit draw us to the cross of Christ, where God's unfathomable love and forgiveness make us holy, or *sanctify* us.

—Heidi Mann

“If you lack knowledge, go to school. If you lack wisdom, get on your knees! Knowledge is not wisdom. Wisdom is the proper use of knowledge.”

VanceHavner

“I always wondered why somebody doesn't do something. Then I realized I am somebody.”

—LilyTomlin

“Like a welcome summer rain, humor may suddenly cleanse and cool the earth, the air and you.”

—Langston Hughes





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



"An exciting new approach to summer Sunday school!" Takes place instead of Sunday School for the summer.

Join us for a great time with friends, fun activities, and God's Word!

WHO: AGES 4 YEARS THRU 6TH GRADE

WHEN: JUNE 15TH – AUGUST 31ST AT 10:30AM

WHERE: DOWNSTAIRS IN THE EDUCATION BUILDING (LOOK FOR KIDS CLUB SIGNS)



ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

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



Church Anniversary

To help cover the cost of our 325th Anniversary celebration the committee members are doing fundraisers. There are **T-shirts** for sale with logo of the anniversary on them and also **coffee mugs** for \$5.00. They are putting together a **souvenir booklet** to commemorate this special celebration so won't you place an ad, business card, and patron or place someone's name for in honor/memory.

Forms are located on the stand in the narthex. For coffee mugs please see a committee member. Thanks

Sow for yourselves
righteousness
reap the fruit
of unfailing
love ...

Hosea 10:12, NIV





Wish These Friends a
"Happy Birthday!"

- 1 Amy Silver
- 2 Kaleb Pyfer
- 3 Kevin Stanfa
- 4 Cassandra Maltese

- 7 Rachael Marino
- 8 Richard Maltese
- 9 Richard Peticari
- 11 Janet Mayhew
Dale Newkirk

- 12 Anne Felmev
Andrew Guth

- 13 Erin Levick

- 14 Daniel Dilks, Jr.
- 16 Donald Hitchner
Kay Weber

- 18 Frank Stanfa
Polly Davenport

- 20 Johnson Hurff
Shay Jones
David Johnson
Ray W. McDermott
Alan Sloan
Grace E. Marino

- 21 Bill Williams, Jr.

- 23 Charlene Etherton
- 24 Scott Bonham
Thomas Laquitar

- 29 Andrew Baker
- 30 Gary VanMeter, Sr.
Andrew Tobin
- 31 Evelyn Armstrong

Skinned Knees



Leaders aspire to look like small boys in August. If you raise children or grandchildren, you know that by the end of August, they've been running around all summer in their shorts, sneakers and T-shirts. You also know that their knees and their

elbows are always skinned, their shins always black and blue and that they have the marks of the summer's fracas on their faces. A 6-year-old boy at the end of August is my picture of a leader.

I got that picture from David Hubbard, president of Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena. Many years ago he told me that leaders need to learn not to inflict pain but to bear pain. It seems to me that if you're bearing pain properly as a leader, whether you're a preacher, a college professor, a parent or a teacher, you ought to have the marks of the struggle. One ought to have bruised shins and skinned knees.

—Max DePree, *Leadership Jazz*





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
John Hubschmidt	Jay Peticari

Please pray for the city of Bridgeton.

Please pray for Susan Perry during her travels as she shares God's love with others.

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
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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
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Ed Peterson
Bill Felmev
Jim Lister

Dennis Gaggini
Rachel Siegal
Cliff Jones, Sr.

In the Service:

Mike Dunkelberger	Kyle Mihalecz
Nicky Mihalecz	Brian Schrier
Doug Shimp	Russell Shinn
Shauna Sloan	Andrew Tobin
Lance Shestakoff	Jay Peticari

College Students:

Amaryllis DeJesus	Katelin Elwell
Mindy Williams	Megan Girock
Megan Smith	Melissa Smith
Andrew Guth	

Prayer — It's in Our Genes

I don't think prayer is merely a sociological phenomenon. I don't think it's something we do just to fit into a community or when we've exhausted all other options. I think it's hardwired into our spiritual DNA. God is the inevitability of humanity's search for true meaning.

—Jared Brock, *A Year of Living Prayerfully*

A Prayer for the Persecuted

Dear Lord, we pray for our Christian brothers and sisters who live where trouble is brewing. Many suffer persecution in lands far and near. They face violence and harassment, hunger, kidnapping, oppressive laws and efforts to destroy their belief in you. Let them feel your mighty hand of love and protection as they go about their daily tasks. Let each person find strength, courage and wisdom in you. When troubles surround them, may they dwell on your sacrifice and guidance.

Give comfort to those grieving the loss or suffering of loved ones. Generously meet daily needs for shelter and food. Provide a safe worship place for those whose churches have been destroyed. Provide safe passage to those who must leave families, communities and country for new surroundings.

Thank you for allowing your children to be the remnant you hold dear. We pray these things in Christ, our persecuted but victorious Savior. Amen.

—MaryAnn Sundby



Recipe of the Month:

Fresh Peach Pound Cake

Ingredients:

1 cup real butter, softened (2 sticks)
 granulated sugar
 eggs
 almond extract
 vanilla
 all-purpose flour
 baking soda
 salt
 sour cream
 3 cups diced fresh or frozen peaches (approx. 6–8 fresh peaches)
 3–4 Tbl. butter, softened
 ¼ cup granulated sugar



Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
 In a 9" — 10" nonstick Bundt pan, butter the pan well with the 3–4 Tbl. covering all areas.

Dust with the ¼ cup sugar, turning the pan to coat well.

In a large bowl, cream the softened butter (not melted) and sugar until light and fluffy.

Add the eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition.

Beat in the almond and vanilla extracts.
 In a separate bowl combine the flour, baking soda and salt and mix. Add this dry mixture to batter alternately with sour cream; beating well after each addition.

Fold in the peaches, careful not to break them up, but to leave them in chunks.

Pour the peach batter into the prepared Bundt pan.

Bake for 60–70 minutes, or until the toothpick comes out almost clean. Cooking time will depend on oven.

Cool for 15 minutes before removing from the pan to a serving plate. It helps to loosen the edges with a table knife gently no to damage the cake sides.

When the cake is completely cooled, dust with confectioner's sugar if desired.

Expectant Waiting

When we shoot an arrow, we look to the fall of it; when we send a ship to sea, we look for the return of it; and when we sow seed, we look for a harvest; and so, when we sow our prayers into God's bosom, shall we not look for an answer? ... A sincere Christian will pray and wait and strengthen his heart with promises out of the word, and never leave till God give him a gracious answer.

—Richard Sibbes

2 cups
 6 large
 1/2 tsp.
 2 tsp.
 3 cups
 1/4 tsp.
 1/2 tsp.
 1/2 cup

What is a Teacher?



What is a teacher, if not a mirror in which we perceive the divine image hidden in the soul? What is a teacher, if not a sower of seed and a cultivator of young gardens? What is a teacher, if not a shaper of souls and a guide who gently shows the right path for the journey? What is a teacher, if not the most hopeful of dreamers, who plants and nurtures and sees the bright destiny and harvest of the work even when the student cannot? What is a teacher, if not a shepherd watching over the flock and leading it to abundant pastures?

Dreamers and sharers of dreams, sowers of seed and guides who chart the way, mirrors of goodness and shepherds of grace — it is for these teachers and this ministry that we give abundant thanks to God.

—Author unknown



JUST FOR KIDS



Memory Verse:

Praise ye Him, all His angels:



praise ye Him, all His hosts.

~Psalm 148:2

Jokes:

Q. Why can't you borrow money from a leprechaun?
A. Because they are always a little short!

Q. What has 6 legs, 4 eyes, 4 ears, 2 noses, 2 mouths and 2 heads?
A. A man sitting on a horse.

Q. How do you make varnish disappear?
A. Take away the R!

Q. How do you get 6 donkeys into a fire engine?
A. Two in the front, two in the back and two on the top going, "He-haw, he-haw!"

Puzzle:

Summer's gifts

Summer brings longer days, warmer nights and – for many people – time spent near water. Complete this puzzle to find out who's behind all those summertime joys.

Directions: Read Jeremiah 31:35 (NIV) below. Draw a around words describing God's actions. Draw an around words that describe day. Underline words that describe evening. Draw ~~~ under words that describe the ocean.

He who appoints the sun to shine by day,
who decrees the moon and stars to shine by night,
who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar ...

Directions: Circle the capital letters. Then write them from left to right on the lines below to reveal God's name in this Bible verse.

i T W H s p j E k e m a b L f g O h b c R d
e D q r s t c e a t o n a h f z z v u A w y L
a v n M q z l s k y z G u w H h m o T k j k Y



Answer: The LORD Almighty

Bible Quiz:

Before Job's great misfortune, how many animals did he own?

- A. 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 yoke of oxen and 500 donkeys
- B. 70 sheep, 30 camels, 50 yoke of oxen and 50 donkeys
- C. 2,000 oxen and 4,000 camels
- D. 250 sheep and 250 goats

Answer: (See Job 1:3.)





INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES

The newly formed United States was in the second year of its second war with Great Britain when International Ministries (IM) was organized in 1814. Upon hearing this news, churches throughout the nation must have asked, "Will it last?"

The evidence is in the data. Thanks to the efforts of more than eight generations of staff and supporters, we have sent and assisted over 4,000 missionaries. We now serve in 70 countries working side-by-side with more than 250 partnering organizations. In 2013–2014, IM entered its third century of mission, sustained by God and convinced that the Holy Spirit is calling us to stretch forward in new efforts to meet human need while helping people experience the fullness of God's love through faith in Jesus.

In 2013–2014, we established partnerships in Egypt and Armenia and renewed our partnership with Poland. We appointed 14 missionaries to serve globally and in Thailand, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Dominican Republic, Hungary and Japan. And we endorsed four additional people to prepare for work in France and Lebanon and regionally in Africa.

Honoring donor intent is a core value for IM and has been our official policy since 1820. We have continued to preserve and carefully manage endowed gifts given to IM. Our permanent fund, established in 1823, generates and releases resources for mission far exceeding the value of the initial gifts, applying those resources as the givers have requested.

At the 2014 International Partners Consultation, our partners told us:

"Know how grateful we are for your excellent work in our region." –Central and South America

"Our mission is not complete! It is still fundamental to the nature of God to take his Word and his love where it is not known. We need a new generation of missionaries. Press on!" –Africa

"IM gives freedom and is not controlling. You never dominate or manipulate us." –East Asia

"We believe that what IM is doing all over the world is impacting many of your partners in a mighty way. We encourage IM to continue to grow and send more missionaries to many different parts of the world for the advancement of God's kingdom." –Southeast Asia

"Do not leave us isolated. We need your presence in our midst." –Caribbean

Sincerely, Reid S. Trulson Executive Director



2014 marked the 200th anniversary of the appointment of our first international missionaries, Ann and Adoniram Judson. We enjoyed huge celebrations and looking back was inspiring. But looking forward is also important.

The apostle Paul wrote, Brethren, I count not myself yet to have laid hold: but one thing I do, forgetting the things which are behind, and stretching forward to the things which are before, I press on toward the goal unto the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 3:13-14)

The biblical call for us, like the apostle Paul, is to stretch forward in faith. In part, this stretching forward is visible in the work of our missionaries, staff, volunteers, partners and board. But this stretching forward is also expressed in our planning initiative, **Responding to the Call**. Thank you for stretching forward with us in this process.

May God continue to bless this work as we press on together towards the goal of our high calling in Christ Jesus.

Sincerely, Reginald Mills President, Board of Directors

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THEREFORE AND MAKE
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MATTHEW 28:19, NRSV



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Calendar of Activities & Events