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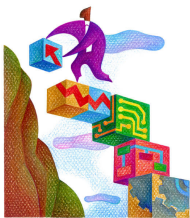
GOD IS STILL SPEAKING

Consistory and Committee Meetings in June



Since February, the HUCC Consistory has been engaged in a discernment process seeking God's direction on how to best organize to accomplish the ministry and mission we sense God has for this church. We believe the next step, in this process, is to meet with the people who are engaged in carrying out the current ministry and mission. Accordingly, the Consistory is inviting members of church committees, ministry teams, boards, and groups to meet with them in the month of June. The Consistory members will be personally contacting people about meeting dates and times.

The goal of these gatherings is to be clear about exactly what ministries are being offered and what missions are currently being undertaken, to identify challenges and potential areas for growth, and to explore options for how we might work together more effectively to fulfill God's calling to us as a community of faith.



As the conversations unfold we will strive to keep people informed and endeavor to expand the number of voices involved in the process. For now, we ask everyone to keep the church in your prayers.



YOUTH MISSION TRIP — JULY 15-24, 2011

DESTINATION: NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

FLOOD RECOVERY — CONSTRUCTION



**TEAM MEMBERS: JENN AND JOE OWSLEY, HALLEY COLE, ERICKA CUEVAS,
BECKY HEBEL, ADAM HORN, JEFFREY KOLAKWSKI, JR.,
HANNAH LANDVATER, QUINN SCHRUM, JAKE QUAIL**



Barbecue Cook-Off/Dinner and Service Sale

Friday, May 27 from 5:30-7:30

This year our mission team is headed to Nashville, Tennessee to assist in the flood recovery efforts there. This is a DELICIOUS way that you can support the cause! Our congregation's finest sampling of barbecue will be available along with some yummy sides and fixings. A sandwich meal will cost \$5 (includes sandwich, coleslaw, applesauce), and a sampler meal will cost \$8 (includes samples of five barbecues of your choice, coleslaw, applesauce). Other drinks, sides, and desserts will be available for purchase.

The dinner will also mark the start of the mission team's service sale. Yard work, housework, babysitting, pet sitting... we've got it all! Come to get the first choice of the many services available.

Does your barbecue have what it takes? All varieties of barbecue are welcome! If you would like to submit an entry in the barbecue cook-off, please complete the form below and return it to the church office no later than Tuesday, May 24. Prizes will be awarded once all the votes have been counted.

Come to compete, or just come to eat!

Name _____ Phone _____

Barbecue title or a brief description of your barbecue:

Please read the following guidelines for the cook-off.

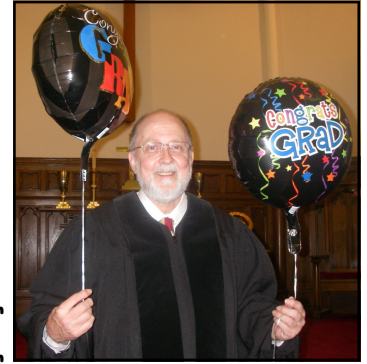
- *Barbecue must be submitted to the kitchen no later than **5:15 on May 27**. Please provide any specific preparation instructions.
- *Barbecue submissions should serve at least **16-20 people**, and should be in a crockpot.
- *Winner will be determined by anonymous voting.
- *Cook-off is open to members of the congregation and the community.

James Nolan — His Journey Continues

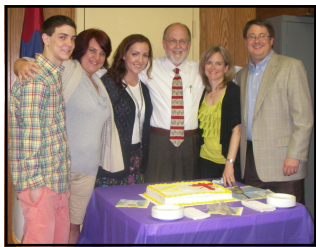
To the HUCC faithful:

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

What a joy it has been to serve and walk with you this past year as I completed my pre-ministry training at Lancaster Theological Seminary. I have learned so much from your generosity of spirit, your positive affirmations, your constructive suggestions, - and, for allowing me to "practice" my sermons on you.



All of you truly made me feel at "home."



I will especially treasure your gift of a black Geneva preaching robe; it fits perfectly! I was touched by the many cards and testimonies of affirmation I received at the reception, and was ever so grateful that my children were there to see their "Old Man" in his native habitat.

My deepest appreciation also to the members of my lay committee - Thelma, Donna, Bob and Becky - for giving of their time and hearts to keep me centered and focused. And, of course, I can never repay my mentor and "colleague," Claude Dencler, for the gift of his time, wisdom, and insight into pastoral ministry. Hopefully, some day I will be able to "pass it on" to another aspiring pastor.

So now this improbable journey continues. We serve a surprising God, who is forever calling us to dig a little deeper, reach a little farther, and take risks in his Son's name. If my story offers anything, it is the message that it truly is never too late to become the person God has chosen you to be.

Until we meet again - hopefully soon at my ordination ceremony here at HUCC - may our awesome God bless you and keep you in the shelter of his grace.

Amen and amen.






CONGREGATIONAL HEALTH MINISTRY

SUMMER SAFETY

Who among us cannot identify with Paul when he laments, “*I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do (Romans 7:19)*”? In the summertime, it is easy to just “go with the flow” when we picnic or vacation. It is at those times when we let down our guard that accidents happen. According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, more than 3.7 million consumers have made unplanned trips to their hospitals’ emergency departments . . . in just one summer.



We often hear safety tips and warnings in regard to swimming, biking, hiking, picnicking, etc., and it can be easy to tune them out, thinking, “Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. I’ve heard this before! I’m careful!” So . . . I’d like to devote this month’s article to safety issues you may not have heard before! For much more comprehensive listings, check out the websites of the *American Academy of Pediatrics*, and the *U.S. Consumer Safety Commission*.

- ➔ If the outside temperature is 85° or higher, discard all food that has been sitting out for an hour. If the temperature is under 85°, throw it away after 2 hours.
- ➔ Never bring charcoal grills indoors [garage]. Burning charcoal produces deadly carbon monoxide. 
- ➔ If your plans include camping, and you want to heat the inside of your tent or pop-up, use only those portable heaters equipped with oxygen depletion sensors (ODS). Heaters also produce carbon monoxide (CO). One which is equipped with an ODS will automatically shut off if oxygen levels begin to fall in the enclosure. Certain camping lanterns can also cause CO poisoning.
- ➔ Create three safety layers around your swimming pool — a fence, an alarm, and an eagle-eyed adult!
- ➔ So-called, “safe” fireworks, such as sparklers can reach temperatures above 1000°, burning users and/or bystanders. 
- ➔ “Children who are not licensed to drive a car should not be allowed to operate off-road vehicles. [They] are particularly dangerous for children younger than 16 years who may have immature judgment and less developed motor (muscle) skills.” (www.aap.org)
- ➔ A cushion of at least 9” of wood chips should be distributed under playground equipment to serve as a shock absorber for falls.
- ➔ The *American Academy of Pediatrics* recommends, “communities continue to develop skateboard parks, which are more likely to be monitored for safety than ramps and jumps constructed by kids at home.” 

Finally, I cringe whenever I drive by a home that has a trampoline in the yard! In fact AAP **does not** recommend the use of home trampolines. Children and adults are sustaining injuries, which range from sprains and strains to broken necks, head, and spinal cord injuries. Kids 15 and under account for two-thirds of all trampoline injuries, and almost 75% of all injuries involved more than one person being on the equipment at one time. According to the University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children's Hospital even adult supervision is not always adequate. Spotters need to be big enough to protect the jumper if he/she gets too close to the edge. Though it can be a lot of fun, perhaps this is a piece of equipment better left to professional gymnasts.



Debbie Best, RN, BSW, MHA

Thank you to our "guest writer" this month. Debbie is a faith community nurse in the Lancaster area.

Have a blessed and safe summer!



Grace Laubach, R.N.M.A. and Ruth Bernitsky, R.N.
Health Ministry Coordinators

Seeking Hospitality Ministers

Have you been hearing God's "still small voice" whispering to you? Has God been challenging you to consider a new and different ministry? Perhaps God is nudging you toward a ministry of hospitality.



If you know how scary it can be to walk into an unfamiliar place, come face to face with people you don't know, encounter new and different patterns of behavior, you might have the perfect gifts to help enhance the **Hospitality Ministry Team** at HUCC. If you love people and want to make sure that everyone receives God's extravagant welcome when they arrive at the church building, you might have the new ideas that the **Hospitality Ministry Team** is waiting to hear.

We have a fine ministry team, at HUCC that seeks to make guests to our worship service feel welcomed and comfortable. We're believe that God is, even now, calling more people to be actively involved in this ministry, making it even better. If God is nudging you, contact Donna Dencler (566-0513 or dencler@msn.com) with question or to answer God's call. The next meeting of the **Hospitality Ministry Team** is on **May 23 at 7 PM**.





Changing Lives...Imagine What's Possible

Penn Central Conference 49th Annual Meeting

June 10-12, 2011

Susquehanna University, Selingsgrove

REGISTRATION PLANS

PACKAGE PLAN -Use this plan to participate in the ENTIRE meeting. (includes meals, lodging (double room) and registration fee.)

BY APRIL 27 (\$165)

APRIL 28-MAY 23(\$180)

Single room option: \$20 additional

SPECIAL SELECTION PLAN -Use this plan to select what meal and lodging options you need.

Registration Fee (must be paid by all attendees)

BY APRIL 27 (\$50)

APRIL 28-MAY 23(\$65)

There is a ONE DAY fee for Retired Clergy or visitors of \$25. *Delegates and active clergy are not eligible for this fee.*

MEALS Dinner - \$12 each
Breakfast - \$6 each
Lunch - \$9 each

LODGING Double room - \$36 per night (single room \$46 per night.)

Prefer to stay off campus? see the Area Lodging page on our website.

CHILDREN'S FEES

Meal Plan (includes all meals for ages 3-10) - \$25

Child Care is provided Friday evening for ages 2+ after opening worship until 9:30pm. On Saturday, Susquehanna University's childcare center provides care for infants-9 years old from 8am-4:30pm and 6pm-9:30pm. (infant through age 9) - \$25 per child not to exceed \$75 per family.

There is no charge for lodging for children when they sleep in their parents' room using a portable crib or sleeping bag.

MORE INFO

NEW!
activities
for 5th-8th
grade kids

Children in grades 5th—8th

Grade will be participating in the annual meeting and will have activities designed with them in mind including mission /service activities, games and much more! Activities are scheduled

for Friday evening after opening worship and Saturday morning and afternoon. There is no charge for these activities but they must be registered.

Youth One dorm is designated the youth dorm. All youth are assigned rooms in this dorm. Adults from the Conference Youth Ministry Team act as advisors and chaperones. In addition to the main agenda, youth have various activities throughout the weekend that allow them to have fun, fellowship and educational opportunities with each other.

Conference Choir The conference choir will sing during Saturday evening's worship. There will be a rehearsal Saturday afternoon of annual meeting. If you want to participate, please check yes during on-line registration.

- Advance Reservations are requested for ALL PARTICIPANTS. (full or part-time, delegate or visitor)
- Lodging cannot be guaranteed for registrations received after deadline. Refunds for cancellation will be given if requested before May 27, 2011.
- Reports will be mailed to those registered by the early deadline of April 27, 2011. Others will receive theirs upon check-in.

ORDER YOUR 2011 ANNUAL MEETING T-SHIRT WHEN REGISTERING & PICK IT UP WHEN YOU ARRIVE!

TO REGISTER FOR ANNUAL MEETING GO TO www.pccucc.org Click on annual meeting and follow registration instructions. Churches may register their entire delegation at one time. Pay either by credit card (Mastercard or Visa) or by sending a check to the conference office following registrations.

If you do not have web-access or are unable to complete the registration process on-line, please contact the conference office at 717-652-1560.



PENN CENTRAL CONFERENCE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST DAY AT THE HARRISBURG SENATORS

The Harrisburg Senators would like to invite your church family to a night of fun and fellowship on Saturday, July 30, 2011, at Metro Bank Park.

Harrisburg Senators vs Binghamton Mets



Gametime: 7:00pm

Gates open at 5:30.



The first 1,000 kids through the gate will receive a Harrisburg Senators jersey and all kids will have the chance to run the bases after the game!

Tickets for the event are \$9.00.

\$1.50 from each ticket sold will be donated to the 4 Our Churches Capital Campaign!



Sign your church up today!

Please contact Jessica Kauffman at 717-231-4444 ext 114 or jkauffman@senatorsbaseball.com for more information!

CARING FRIENDS ON-CALL SCHEDULE

May 1-May 7	Fern Heckman
May 8-May 14	Carole Hoover
May 15-May 21	Joyce Wolf
May 22-May 28	Grace Laubach
May 29-June 4	June Trocik
June 5-June 11	Ruth Bernitsky
June 12-June 18	Carol Hebel
June 19-June 25	Fern Heckman
June 26-July 2	Carole Hoover



School will soon be out and many of us will be going on vacation or just taking time to relax and enjoy a slower pace. Whatever you have planned may it be a safe and happy summer for each of you.



OLIVE AND PAUL WAGNER SCHOLARSHIP

Deadline: May 22

The Olive and Paul Wagner Scholarship applications are available in the church office. Any member who is a college student considering attending school next year, or a high school senior may apply for a scholarship. Completed applications must have all required information and be submitted by May 22.

BIRTHDAYS

JUNE

JULY

- 1 June Trocik
Dorothy Harpel
- 2 Linda Grubb
- 5 Christopher Heisey
Lauren Horn
- 6 Randy Alleman
Clare Rhoads
- 8 Grace Laubach
- 10 Ronald Hartwell
Tyler Newell
- 11 Alexis Moore
- 12 Elizabeth Flocken
- 14 Rebecca Landvater
- 18 Joseph Isaac Owsley
- 19 Fay Rhoads
Sarah Parmer
- 20 Lori Schmoyer
Rebecca Hebel
Bryan Florence
- 21 Lynnette Musser
- 26 Jim Landvater, Jr.
- 27 Adam Horn
- 29 Olivia Owens
Briana Matthews
Ralph Miller

- 1 Gary Rinesmith
- 3 Susan Nagle
- 4 Dane Fahnstock
- 5 Katie Goodrich
- 6 Carol Hebel
- 7 Ray Zeiters
- 8 Dave Heckman, Jr.
Kaycee Deibler
- 10 Esther Moore
- 12 Carol Lyter
- 14 Mark Fisher
- 16 Morgan Moore
Brett Ash
- 17 Rachel Schmoyer
- 19 Patrick Gruber
- 21 Marissa Gruber
- 22 Kehley Jo Cimino
- 23 Nancy Vogelsong
Kjell Bjorge
Rachel Book
- 24 Debra Lingle
- 25 Madeline King
Caroline Williard
Natalie Williard
- 26 Carl Seibert
- 27 Chad Kolaric
- 28 Janice Anderson
- 31 Robyn Rhoads



Summer Camping Season

Spring is here and soon Summer will come! It's time to make plans for your summer camping experience. Check out the various camps being offered at Hartman Center this year — there's sure at least one event that would be of interest. Make your plans now! Brochures are available on the bulletin board in the kitchenette.

2011 SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE						
Early Bird Registration Price - before April 30/Regular Registration Price - after April 30						
DATES	EVENT NAME	DIRECTORS	#	COST		GRADE AREA
				Before 4/30	After 4/30	
WEEK 1 June 19-25	Swimming	TBA	1101	\$340 / 360	6-8	A
	Jr. High Sports	Chuck Eisenhart	1201	\$340 / 360	7-9	B
	Night Owl	TBA	1301	\$340 / 360	4-6	P-I
	Picture This	TBA	1401	\$340 / 360	7-10	P-II
	CIT (Counselor In Training)	Betsy Bruaw	1501	\$340 / 360	9-12	SH
	Getting Started (6/19-22)	Monica Ouellette	1601	\$190 / 200	2-4	ML
	Grand (6/22-25)	Ruth Laudermilch	1701	\$190 / 200	K-Ad	ML
WEEK 2 June 26- July 2	Young Pioneer	Cindy Shirk	1102	\$340 / 360	2-4	A
	CSI Milroy	Chris Rankin	1202	\$340 / 360	6-8	B
	Hoops Camp	Jim Hanawalt	1302	\$340 / 360	4-6	P-I
	Jr. High	Kaitlyn Huggins	1402	\$340 / 360	7-9	P-II
	Rebuild Work Camp (6/25-7/2)	Rick Stuempfle	1502	\$430 / 450	9-Ad	SH
	Green Grand (6/26-29)	Gail/Phil Landers	1602	\$190 / 200	K-Ad	ML
	Family (6/29-7/2)	Kristine/Tim Butz	1702	\$190 / 200	K-Ad	ML
WEEK 3 July 3-9 EXTREME WEEK!	Extreme Seeking for the Holy	TBA	1103	\$340 / 360	9-Y.A.	A
	Extreme Endurance	Crothers/Snyder	1203	\$340 / 360	6-9	B
	Extreme Holiday Fun	Stacy Hoffman	1303	\$340 / 360	4-6	P-I
	Extreme Ropes	George Robertson	1403	\$360 / 380	10-Y.A.	P-II
	Grand (7/3-6)	Uble/Nan Frost	1503	\$190 / 200	K-Ad	ML
	Parent/Child (7/6-9)	Mindy Dowsett	1603	\$190 / 200	K-Ad	ML
WEEK 4 July 10-16	CAPS (Creative Arts)	Marge Border	1104	\$360 / 380	6-9	A
	Secret Adventure	C. Beck/D. Fair	1204	\$340 / 360	9-12	B
	Pioneer Adventure	Johnnie Lengel	1304	\$340 / 360	4-6	P-I
	Sharing the Gift (Heifer) 7/10-17	Fred/Kara Young	1404	\$430 / 450	8-11	SH
	Family (7/10-13)	Deb/Peter Frailey	1504	\$190 / 200	K-Ad	ML
	Parent/Child (7/13-16)	Patty Dodds	1604	\$190 / 200	K-Ad	ML
WEEK 5 July 17-23	Senior High	Ron Oelrich	1105	\$340 / 360	9-12	A
	Water World	TBA	1205	\$340 / 360	6-9	B
	Pioneer Adventure	Carol Price	1305	\$340 / 360	4-6	P-II
	Outpost	TBA	1405	\$340 / 360	7-9	P-III
	Getting Started (7/17-20)	Carol Price	1505	\$190 / 200	1-3	ML
	Grand (7/20-23)	Mike/Libby Loser	1605	\$190 / 200	K-Ad	ML
WEEK 6 July 24-30	MAD (Music & Drama)	Nuppenon/Graeff	1106	\$360 / 380	8-12	A/SH
	Soccer	T/A Downing	1206	\$340 / 360	6-9	B
	Mud, Bugs and God	Rachel Hackenberg	1306	\$340 / 360	3-6	P-I
	Volleyball	TBA	1406	\$340 / 360	7-10	P-II
	Grand (7/27-30)	Jim Hughes	1506	\$190 / 200	K-Ad	ML
WEEK 7 July 31- Aug. 6	Golf	Don Wetzel	1107	\$360 / 380	7-11	A
	Amazin' (G)Race	Don/Kelly Mason	1207	\$340 / 360	7-9	B
	Pioneer Adventure	Dave Gingrich	1307	\$340 / 360	4-6	P-I
	Young Pioneer	TBA	1407	\$340 / 360	2-3	P-II
	Outpost	Jeff Kardisco	1507	\$340 / 360	8-11	P-III
	Body & Soul	D'heedene/Kowalik	1607	\$340 / 360	10-Ad	SH
	Camp of the Heart (8/3-6)	Kara Druckenmiller	1707	\$190 / 200	4-Ad	ML