

THE PARK BENCH



Greetings in the name of the Lord,

Ahhhh....Summertime! Sunshine, vacations, leisure. Cookouts with friends....I can smell the burgers on the grill. Awesome kids home from school for the WHOLE summer, Mom! ☺

I want to take this opportunity to again recognize and congratulate our graduates. But I want to especially focus on those who have been charged with shepherding the spiritual development of our youth over the years. In seminary, I witnessed a phenomenon that I found to be extremely common, yet unfortunately, is generally given little attention by Church leaders and decision makers. When Youth Specialist Professors came to talk about cultural engagement regarding kids in the Church, the level of classroom engagement was always unbelievably elevated. *Especially when they offered practical tools to meet those ends* Those professors who presented material on 'how to engage young people in a post Christian era' were peppered with questions faster than they could answer them and their session were ALWAYS the most crowded. Why? I believe the contemporary Church often fails when it comes to serving their youth because of fear.... AND....it is also VERY hard work! *"How can we relate to them?" "All they want to do is goof off" ... "Put down that cell phone while I teach the Bible, young man!"*

Yet the same church struggles to understand why it often sends its graduates out into a world where they abandon their commitment to the church. We often excuse it by calling it a 'normal' phase. But it is also normal to get lost at sea in a thunderstorm if the instrument panel is purposely shut off. And rehabilitating the damage (that perhaps didn't have to happen in the first place) exacts a spiritual, emotional and sometimes even physical toll to repair and restore.

Each Sunday, Pastors preach to a relatively willing flock, who, for the most part, at least sits patiently and respectfully because they are willing and they chose to be there. But usually for NO money and a tenth of the respect the youth leader gets to study for, and prepare a message as well.... Except he/she is expected to *chase down* the part of the flock that is; continuously running away, is clothed in emotional camouflage, is ADHD, and can't or won't sit still, and generally either; doesn't want to be inside the sheep pen, doesn't see a point in sheep pens, or doesn't believe that sheep pens exist. The Church of Christ knows this of course, but often sidesteps it for more 'important' things.

Truth be told, NOTHING is a higher privilege than persistently working to see a kid transformed by the gospel. Kids will never see the gospel more clearly or unambiguously than through the way their parents, mentors and youth leaders navigate the gospel in the real world in front of them. "Follow our leader" says the apostle Paul. Kids are watching very closely. *How do we treat each other at home? In the church? At the ball field? What are our habits? Do we give of our time, talents and treasures? And what are attitudes when no one is watching? What is the melody of our home and church? Harmony or dissonance?* This is WORK that requires a heart tendered with humility that has heard the Master's voice of mercy in our own lives. It is the work of a youth leader. Parents are obligated to do it, teachers get paid to do it, but youth leaders are PRIVILEGED to do it out of obedience to Christ and love for Kids!

To all of you who have ever served in the capacity of loving young people in the church with a servant's heart, THANK YOU!!!! We Love you! We appreciate you! May your fold increase and may the Lord bless you and your family beyond measure for your love and diligence in raising the next generation of humble servants in Christ's Church...to Him be the Glory!

Summer blessings!
Pastor George

Worship Service Greeters for June

4th - Linda & Rick Raraigh

11th - Jason Dauer & Jordon Frazier

18th - Carol Jean Keefer

25th - Tom Beatty

Summer



**WORSHIP
TIME**

9:30 a.m.

Cheyenne Maxwell, 14, lettered in swimming with the Cornell Swim Team for the 2017 season. Their team came in 8th out of 16 teams for the finals. Cheyenne is the daughter of Shelley Lee, granddaughter of Ralph and Jill Whipple and great-granddaughter of Gloria Meinert. She will be a freshman at Cornell High School in the fall when she will receive her letterman jacket..



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Special dates

- Pentecost, June 4, 2017
- Trinity Sunday, June 11, 2017
- Flag Day, June 14, 2017
- Father's Day, June 18, 2017
- First day of summer, June 20, 2017

Annual Church-wide Weiner Roast

Monday, June 12 Eat at 6:00 p.m.

Meal provided by the Guiding Lights
(hot dogs, salads, potatoes)

Each family attending is asked to bring
a favorite pie or dessert.

This has traditionally been the highest
attended event of the church year.

See you on Monday, June 12th !



- 1 Jason Dauer
- 2 Hank Cochran
- 3 Ellen McKenna
- 4 Randy Dauer
- 6 Colin McGinnis
- 7 Keith English
- 8 Lynn Cress
- 11 Eddie McGinnis
- 12 Alex Lopez
- 14 SANDY & GORDON BONHAM (53 years)
- 16 Sandy Hughey
- 16 BILL and ELEANOR MOONEY
- 19 Taylor Mauro (his 12th !)
- 20 Abby Hofstetter (her 15th !)
- 23 Shelby Cress
- 26 MATT and CARI STEWART
- 28 Bill Smith
- 28 RALPH and JILL WHIPPLE
- 29 Rianna Liebenguth
- 29 Austin Gildernew (his 17th!)
- 30 REV. PAUL & DEE AIELLO (46 years)

OUR 2017 GRADUATES

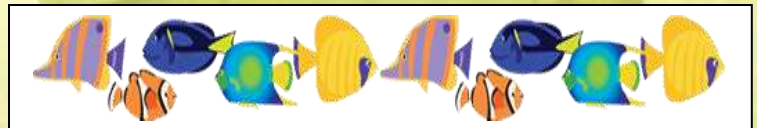
*STEVEN CUNNINGHAM
 JASON DAUER
 KATELYN DAUER
 JORDAN FRAZIER
 HEATHER OTT
 PASTOR GEORGE PALOMBO
 CAYLAH STINE
 MARISSA WHIPPLE*



*JUNE 11, 2017
 Recognition at our Worship Service*

New Church Directory Information

Photographers are scheduled to be here on Friday, June 23 and Saturday, June 24 to take family pictures for the new directory. If you have not made your appointment PLEASE get in contact with Nancy McNaughton (412.367.3475) or go to the link on the top of our webpage at (franklinparkchurch.org) to make your appointment there. Let's make this a 100% participation event !



Mission Trip Participants

**Your commitment deposit of \$40.00 per person
 OR \$80.00 for 2 people in a family
 going on the trip in July is due to Ellen McKenna now.**

Saturday, June 10 a trip to Grafton is planned to see the project and get some perspective on what needs to be done. Anyone interested in going along please talk to Bill Smith or Ralph Whipple. You do not need to be going on the trip to view the site on June 10th.

- ^ **Kaitlyn Francis**, great-granddaughter of John and Millie Flinchum, will turn 16 in early June. After a sweet 16 party she will undergo surgery for cancer in her lung. Kaitlyn has been dealing with cancer in her life for 8 years. Please pray for her family, friends and doctors as they love and treat Kaitlyn through this latest challenge in her young life. Kaitlyn recently received national Honor Society recognition even with all the school she has missed during treatments.
- ^ **Sandy and Gordon Bonham** request prayer for their son **Michael Bonham** who returned to the hospital 3 days after leaving a nursing facility due to an infection not under control for several months. It may require some lifestyle changes. We need prayer as to how to help him.
- ^ **Jeremy Styron** is being treated for a virus and will be having a bone marrow transplant probably in July after this infection clears.
- ^ **Prayer for all** the policeman and first responders who are in danger as they are out there doing their job. Especially Shawn McNaughton who is a member of this church family and works in Cecil Township.
- ❖ **Answered Prayer and Praise for : Bodie James Doria** was born to Anthony and Kristen Doria on Saturday, May 20 weighing 7 pounds 5 ounces and 20 inches in length. He joins big brother, Luca, 20 months. Very proud grandparents are Tom and Jane Myers. Bodie joins lots of boy cousins, aunts, uncles and a great aunt, Lois Exton. Congratulations to this family ! **Lois Exton** is now back at her home following rehab and treatment after suffering a fall. **Jamie and Gustavo Lopez** welcomed **Aliyana Grace** on Saturday, April 22 2017. She weighed 4 pounds 10 ounces and joins big brothers Nico and Alex. Congratulations to the Lopez family !
- ❖ **Continued Concern For:** Rev. Robert Cunningham, Sean Miller, Jeremy Styron, Mary Glassburn, Katie Jones, Tim McCrory, Landon Noulett, Dylan McKinney, Ryan, 16 years old, (awaiting a heart transplant), Edith Yockel, Christians around the world who are being persecuted.
- ❖ **Those With Cancer:** Bill Smith, Lance Cunningham, Bill McGahee, Sue Snyder, Matt O'Leary, Robert Stinebiser, Horatia Hammerschmitt.
- ❖ **Missionaries :** **Becky and Larry Stanton** (Hungary); **Peter and Sarah McCurdy** (Dominican Republic / Cuba); **Carol Sydnor** (Nepal); **Nora and Pieter Kalkman** (Prague, Czech Republic), **Brian and Lynette Smith & their boys** (Haiti). **Valerie and Aaron Osterbrock** (East Malaysia) **Ted Parks**.
- ❖ **In Service of Our Country :** **Major Doug Bauer**, his wife Hope and children, Walker & Mackenzie who are in Guam. Major Douglas Bauer, PO Box 4494, Yigo, Guam 96929.

Gene Worst Concordia of Franklin Park 1600 Georgetown Dr. Sewickley, PA. 15143	Dorothy McKinney Creek Meadows Personal Care 1630 Ellwood City Road Zelienople, PA. 16063	Albert (Buck) Bucklew Chicora Medical Center 160 Medical Center Road Chicora. PA. 16025-2612	Peggy Bucklew Chicora Medical Center 160 Medical Center Road Chicora, PA. 16025-2612
Janet Tehois Broadmore Senior Living 3275 Washington Pike Apt. 221 Bridgeville, PA. 15017 412-559-2813	George Green Cranberry Place 5 St. Francis Way Room 122 Cranberry Township, PA. 16066		Mrs. Shirley Wright Passavant Retirement Community Trillium House Room 215 Zelienople, PA. 16063 Telephone 724-452-5400
Homebound - Jane Nagel & Dale, Jr. and Eleanor Mooney 4015 Wick Place		Gloria Meinert 2915 Salisbury Court	Jean Downing Bill 221

** Just a note – **Kaitlyn Francis** continues treatment for reoccurrence of cancer in her young life. Kaitlyn is the great-granddaughter of Millie and John Flinchum; daughter of Brittany and Jason Frances, granddaughter of Dawn Lilly, great-granddaughter of the late Doris English and great-great-granddaughter of Dorothy McKinney, 102 years old and a member of our congregation.

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Congratulations to this family !



Jamie and Gustavo Lopez welcomed a new little baby girl on Saturday, April 22, 2017. She weighed 4 pounds 10 ounces and joins big brothers Nico and Alex.

Congratulations to the Lopez family !



THE GRACE OF GOD

A man was met at the gates of heaven by St. Peter, who said, "It will take 1,000 points for you to be admitted. The way you lived your life will determine your points."

The man said, "Unless I was sick, I attended worship every Sunday and sang in the choir."

"That's 50 points," said St. Peter. "What else?"

"I gave liberally to the church," the man said.

"Twenty-five points," replied St. Peter. "Anything else?"

Realizing he had only 75 points, the man began to get desperate. "I taught Sunday school for several years."

"That's great work for God, but it's worth only 25 points," noted St. Peter.

The man became frantic. "You know," he said, "at this rate the only way I'll get into heaven is by the grace of God!"

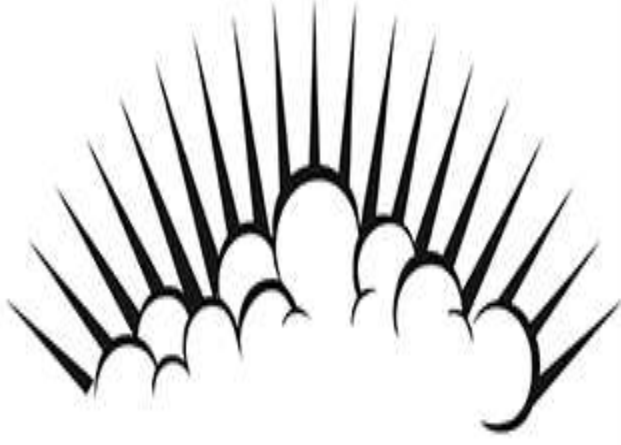
Peter smiled as he said, "That's worth 900 points! Come on in!"



Our heavenly Father

Father's Day is the perfect time to remember God, our heavenly Father. What does the psalmist say about him?

Directions: Complete Psalm 89:26 by placing the correct vowels in the blanks.



"H_ w_ll c_ll __t t_ m_,
'Y__ _r_ m_ F_th_r, m_
G_d, th_ R_ck m_ S_v__r."

Ps_lm 89:26, N_V

Answer: "He will call out to me, 'You are my Father, my God, the Rock my Savior.'" Psalm 89:26, NIV

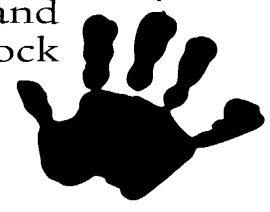
HELD IN YOUR



Make this heartwarming handprint gift to give your dad or another special man on Father's Day.

What you need:

- Tempura paint (any two colors besides white)
- A paper plate
- Two paintbrushes
- Your dad's hand
- White cardstock
- Paper towels
- A pen



What you do:

1. Place paint on the paper plate.
2. Paint your dad's palm and the insides of his fingers with one color of paint. Set his hand in the center of the cardstock and press down. Let dry.
3. Paint your palm and fingers with the other color. Place your hand in the center of your dad's. Let dry.
4. Write a loving message to your dad on the blank sections of the cardstock.
5. Give your dad the gift — and a hug!

Our church at Blueberry Park Festival

Come join us at Franklin Park's Festival in the Park Saturday June 24th from 4-6pm .
We are looking for volunteers to help at our church's booth. If you are available please sign up to help out .This is a great opportunity to get our name out to the community.

Any questions please see one of the Mission Team members:

Marcy, Christy, Emilie, Ralph, Randy and Rick Raraigh.

We are also looking to borrow a **portable outdoor canopy** to use at the festival .
It needs to be about 10x10 size. Let Marcy know if you have one we can borrow.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is coming up this month !

Amanda Palombo, coordinator

Sunday, June 25 through Thursday, June 29 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Maker Fun Factory “Created by GOD Built for a Purpose”



Forms are on the table in the back of the sanctuary or you can go to the link on the top of our webpage [franklinparkchurch.org] to register your children ages 2 through those who will be entering the fifth grade. You can also call the church office at 724.935.3950.

\$20.00 per child for the week.

Volunteers are still needed. Please contact Amanda 724.601.3111

VBS snack donations : If you signed up to donate snack supplies for this year's VBS , please have them to the church by Sunday June 18th . You can place them in the basket in the back of the sanctuary or give them to Marcy Hofstetter. Any questions please see Marcy. Thank you.