

THE PARK BENCH

Hello church family ! I would like to begin by saying thank you. Thank you so much for choosing us and allowing us to come and serve you all. I am so excited to begin this new season with you all. I know that it takes time but my hope is that we will get the opportunity to meet with each one of you and get to know each other better.

As we move forward in the days to come, I want to give you a guide. A way to be in the world we live in today. In John chapter 13 beginning in verse 31, Jesus is having a deep conversation with the disciples. They had been together for a while and Jesus continues to pour out his heart for them. He tells them that he is leaving and they can't come with, and then he says something profound. 34 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." What follows this statement blows my mind. Peter missed the whole thing and says wait where are you going? He was so focused on the fact that Jesus was leaving that he missed something important. Jesus said he had a new command and then repeats it three times. Anything worth repeating is worth remembering right? Jesus said that others will see our relationship to him by the way we treat others. This means that we need to evaluate ourselves and let love be our guide in all that we do. This is not to shame ourselves but to make sure we are seeing things accurately.

My hope and encouragement to you is to bathe all that you do and say and think in love. In the days to come, when things look hard and daunting, let love for one another be what leaves you. Let words and actions that build others up be what defines your every move. I am honored and humbled to serve in a place that I can truly say does this on the regular. I have experienced this heart at Franklin Park already. Please don't change it. It is Jesus shining through you!

Pastor Beau

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Update ; FROM CHURCH COUNCIL

During the summer, Church Council purchased a new electric piano to enhance our worship service. We hope you are enjoying the beautiful sounds and we thank Erik for his talents and dedication to our services. The piano was purchased using memorial monies from the following people:



Martha Harris

Joy Beatty

Bill and Carolyn Smith

Mary Neely

Marcia Barnhart

George Green

Dorothy McKinney

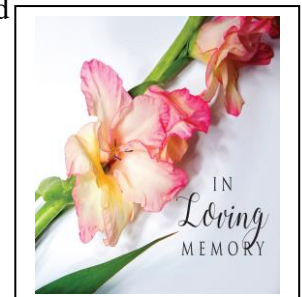
Thelma Eberhardt

Ann Dobson

Lois Gobrecht

Herb Davison

In memory of June Elder : Louise Cunningham and her family have purchased booklets to be given to each family here at Franklin Park remembering her mom, a much loved Bible teacher and friend to us. The first booklet is here “Knowing Your Bible” and over the next few months new books will be made available. A memorial label is in each book so as you read it you can see June and remember how she LOVED her Bible and KNEW her Bible well as shown by the life she lived. Please take one for each family and share with your family and friends.



We have a few lots available in our cemetery. They can be purchased for \$200.00 or pay a yearly maintenance fee. \$7.50 per lot. They must be paid in full to use the lot. **Anyone interested to contact Nancy McNaughton by calling 412-721-9647.**

Our regular Sunday worship service time will return on **Sunday, September 12 with a 10:30 a.m. service.** Details for Sunday School startup will be forthcoming as we monitor the safety issues.

Facebook Prayer Group -

One of the greatest challenges in any organization whether it be a small local church or a Fortune 500 company is communication. Communication is important to me and while I have my own struggles, I want to do my best at increasing the communication on all levels. With that said, you have probably heard about the new prayer chain group on Facebook. Let me reassure you that it is NOT there to replace what we already have. It is simply a way to increase the level of communication around praying for one another. It is a private, hidden group. Which means that you can not find it on your own, it is by invite only. Your prayers are safe there and confidential within our group. I ask that you not share anything from that group without direct permission. Honor and lift one another up to our Lord Jesus through this tool. Thank you for all that you do and all your prayers for one another.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday Sept. 5
worship service 9:30 a.m.

Communion

Monday – Sept. 6
Labor Day

Wed. - Sept. 8
Dance classes resume in the gym 5 p.m.
Sir Pizza Fund Raiser Day 11 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Friday Sept. 10
Dance in the gym & social room p.m.

Sat. – Sept. 11
Dance classes in the gym all day

Sunday - Sept. 12
worship service **10:30 a.m.**
Grandparents Day

Monday - Sept. 13
Church Council mtg 7 p.m.

Wed. – Sept. 15
Dance class in the gym 5 p.m.

Friday - Sept. 17
Dance in the gym & social room p.m.

Saturday - Sept. 18
Dance classes in the gym all day

Sunday -Sept. 19
worship service 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday – Sept. 22
Dance class in the gym 5 p.m.

Friday – Sept. 24
Dance in the gym & social room p.m.

Sat. – Sept. 25
Dance classes in the gym all day

Sunday - Sept. 26
Sunday worship service 10:30 a.m.

Wed. – Sept. 29
Dance class in the gym 5 p.m.

- 3 MILLIE & JOHN FLINCHUM
- 4 RICK & SANDY HUGHEY (their 50th)
- 6 DOUG & PAM FRAZIER
- 6 Ryan Cochran (his 14th !)
- 7 Brooke Merriman (her 8th !)
- 8 TOM & NANCY McNAUGHTON
- 10 CHRISTY & CLAY NICHOLS (their 10th !)
- 10 Luca Doria (his 6th !)
- 14 Marlene Merriman
- 20 Sandy Bonham
- 21 Erin Meteny
- 21 Kristen Doria
- 24 Jack Meteny 2014 (his 7th !)
- 25 SCOTT & JENNY MERRIMAN
- 28 Shelby Cunningham Roop
- 29 RON & MARLENE MERRIMAN



Ed and Dorothy Cress

welcomed their 4th great-grandson, **Theo Cress** born on born July 11, 2021 to **Shane and Meghan Cress.**

He weighed 8 lb 2 ounces and was 21.5 inches long.

Grandparents are **Ron and Anne Cress.**

Congratulations to all !



Special dates

- Labor Day, *September 6, 2021*
- Patriot Day, *September 11, 2021*
- National Grandparents Day, *September 12, 2021*
- Hispanic Heritage Month, *Sept. 15–Oct. 15, 2021*
- First day of autumn, *September 22, 2021*

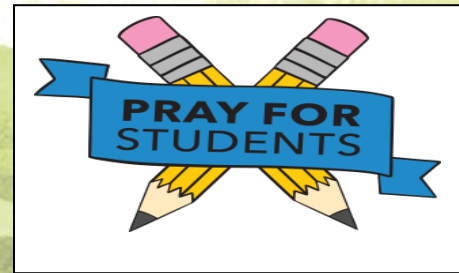
During the month of September we will be receiving the WORLS MISSION OFFERING
“We’ve been SURPRISED by God’s glory” John 1 : 16
 It is a celebration of the ways in which we have seen God enter into the grief and difficulties of our pandemic year, to raise new global servants to provide generous support for facing food scarcity and critical needs. During this time God has surprised us with hope and provision. Special envelopes will be in the pew racks throughout the month.



July 18 – 23, 2021

Our project again this year was in Grafton, WV working with Mark Irvine and his 3 sons. Our housing was provided at the Fairmont State University where we ate our meals, got needed rest and relaxation, shared the days events ending with devotions. Mark has worked to improve his life a great deal as he began as a fast food worker and is now a coal miner. We have assisted Mark and his 3 sons, Andrew, Mark and Dakota to upgrade their home over the last 3 years. Our job was to put siding on the front side of the house. With the help of Dakota we were able to finish the job and also paint the rest of the house. We had 10 people attend this year! We even had some new younger help – Ben Carver and Xander Spurling. They did a GREAT JOB ! We also had a surprise guest. Ruth Cunningham made a super boss for a day ! I am so proud of these 10 volunteers who gave their all that week. It was hot ! We are looking forward to next year already. As always, thank you for your support without which this may not be possible. Also to the individuals who on their own provided support for us.

Randy Dauer Ralph Whipple
 Joe, Cody, Cheyenne Maxwell
 Xander Spurling Jayden Williams
 Ben Carver Kelly Foreman
 Josh Borza



Our College Student Addresses :

Benjamin Cochran (West Virginia University)

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 Apartment 411A
 Morgantown, WV 26505

Austin Gildernew (Michigan State)

261 Milford St
 East Lansing, MI. 48823

Cheyenne Maxwell (Edinboro University)

Highland 1 Room 1104
 Box 1015
 150 Perry Lane
 Edinboro, PA. 16444

Cody Maxwell (Thiel College)

Box 1107 Thiel College
 75 College Avenue
 Greenville, PA. 16125-2186

Tori Stewart (Grove City College)

Carol Jean Keefer's granddaughter

Abby Hofstetter (CCAC) commutes

2512 Nicholson Road Sewickley, PA. 15143

Steven McKenna (Pitt) commutes

422 Deerfield Drive
 Cranberry Township, PA. 16066

- ◎ **Please be in prayer for Wray Fanton** and his niece as they prepare a service for his half sister who passed away unexpectedly.
- ◎ **Remington McCue**, 8 month old son of Madison (Cress) and Cole was hospitalized for RSV and is now home doing well.
- ◎ **Landon Cress, 4 month old son of Colin and Cory**, was in the ICU at Children's Hospital for breathing issues and is now home doing better.
- ◎ **Shirley Wright** is now out of quarantine after two weeks when a patient at her facility was discovered to have Covid.
- ◎ **Students returning to their classroom** will appreciate being kept in your prayers as they begin a new chapter in their education, especially in these times of uncertainty and safety.
- ◎ **Pam Frazier** – continues to receive chemotherapy for several spots of cancer on her liver. Please pray for Pam's safety and comfort as she endures the treatments necessary to restore her health.
- ◎ **Lowin Willoughby, 5**, has begun kindergarten after 12 rounds of chemo for a brain tumor. She is experiencing a challenge of being at school all day but loves it, her teacher and her aide. Lowin is the great-granddaughter of Jean Willoughby.

Continued Concern For: Ruth Cunningham, Steven Cunningham, Keith (rejecting a transplant), Fred Reitano (covid), Bonnie Horner (cancer), Rachel (gall bladder and heart attack) Darlene Dennis, Ken McRoberts, Janet Hofstetter, Marion Wolbert, Erik Kolodziej's Uncle Mike, Mary Fisher, Larry Cusak and his wife Dolores, Charlotte Hamm, Dave Bell, Matthew Valente, The Scott family, Lois Titus, Lauren Slick, Mary Glassburn, Katie Jones, Edith Yockel, Christians around the world who are being persecuted.

Prayer for all the 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 a police officer in Cecil Township.

Those With Cancer: Tom Duffola, Mary Ann Yoder.

Continue to keep in prayer - The Kriever family, The family of Sue Snyder, Bill Smith's family and friends, the Ott family, Shirley Wright's family.



**Our
Shut-ins and Skilled Care
Residents**

Mrs. Lois Exton
Paramount Senior Living at
Cranberry
500 Seven Fields Blvd,
Seven Fields, PA 16046

Mr. Earl Neely
319 Browns Mill Road
Evans City, PA. 16033 - 7735

Janet Eberhardt
Concordia of Franklin Park
1600 Georgetown Drive
Sewickley, PA. 15143

Mrs. Eleanor Mooney
221 Chickasaw Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA. 15237 - 4706

Mrs. Shirley Wright
105 Burgess Drive
Trillium House Room 215
Zelienople, PA. 16063

Mrs. Janet Tehois
Transitions Healthcare Facility
90 Humbert Lane Apt. 104
Washington, PA 15301

Mrs. Gloria Meinert
2915 Salisbury Court
Wexford, PA. 15090 – 9672

Mrs. Jean Downing



Tanner
6th grade

Dakota
11th grade

Wyatt
10th grade

Landon
8th grade



Laura

Pastor Beau



Congregational Care Corner

From Elizabeth, Congregational Care Pastor :

Have you ever told a little white lie? You are going to love this, especially all of the ladies who bake for church events.

Alice Grayson was to bake a cake for the Baptist Church Ladies' Group in Tuscaloosa, but forgot to do it until the last minute.

She remembered it the morning of the bake sale and after rummaging through cabinets, found an angel food cake mix and quickly made it while drying her hair, dressing, and helping her son pack up for Scout camp.

When she took the cake from the oven, the center had dropped flat and the cake was horribly disfigured and she exclaimed, "Oh dear, there's not time to bake another cake!"

This cake was important to Alice because she did so want to fit in at her new church, and in her new community of friends. So, being inventive, she looked around the house for something to build up the center of the cake.

She found it in the bathroom - a roll of toilet paper. She plunked it in and then covered it with icing. Not only did the finished product look beautiful, it looked perfect.

And, before she left the house to drop the cake by the church and head for work, Alice woke her daughter and gave her some money and specific instructions to be at the bake sale the moment it opened at 9:30 and to buy the cake and bring it home.

When the daughter arrived at the sale, she found the attractive, perfect cake had already been sold.

Amanda grabbed her cell phone & called her mom. Alice was horrified - she was beside herself! Everyone would know! What would they think? She would be ostracized, talked about, and ridiculed! All night, Alice lay awake in bed thinking about people pointing fingers at her and talking about her behind her back.

The next day, Alice promised herself she would try not to think about the cake and would attend the fancy luncheon & bridal shower at the home of a fellow church member and try to have a good time. She did not really want to attend because the hostess was a snob who more than once had looked down her nose at the fact that Alice was a single parent and not from the founding families of Tuscaloosa, but having already RSVP'd, she couldn't think of a believable excuse to stay home.

The meal was elegant, the company was definitely upper crust old south and to Alice's horror, the cake in question was presented for dessert!

Alice felt the blood drain from her body when she saw the cake!

She started out of her chair to tell the hostess all about it, but before she could get to her feet, the Mayor's wife said, "What a beautiful cake!"

Alice still stunned, sat back in her chair when she heard the hostess (who was a prominent church member) say, "Thank you, I baked it myself."

Alice smiled and thought to herself, "God is good."

Elizabeth, congregational Care 412-630-0187

*** If you would be willing to give rides to our members in need to doctors appointments etc.*

please contact me for more information.

"Do It Anyway"

People are often unreasonable, irrational, and self centered.
 Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish,
 ulterior motives.
 Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful
 friends and some genuine enemies.
 Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and sincere people may deceive you.
 Be honest and sincere anyway.

What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight.
 Create anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous.
 Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, will often be forgotten.
 Do good anyway.

Give the best you have, and it will never be enough.
 Give your best anyway.

In the final analysis, it is between you and God.
 It was never between you and them anyway. *~Mother Teresa*

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

Frank Frischkorn has been our regional pastor for 27 years. He will be resigning that position as of December 31, 2021 because he believes the Lord is calling him to a new chapter in his life. Please be in prayer for him and his family as they make this transition and for the staff and members of the ABCOPAD Board as they move forward and look for the new Executive minister in their future. (Letter is posted on our bulletin board in the narthex.)

We continue to recycle aluminum cans as a fund raiser for our mission group. The blue barrel enclosure is beside the dumpster around the back of the church for your donations.

PLEASE do not put trash in these barrels.

ONLY ALUMINUM !

Thank you !

Looking ahead to when Sunday School can begin we are asking for someone who is willing to teach our **Middle and High School age students** to contact Pastor Beau or Sandy McGinnis.

