

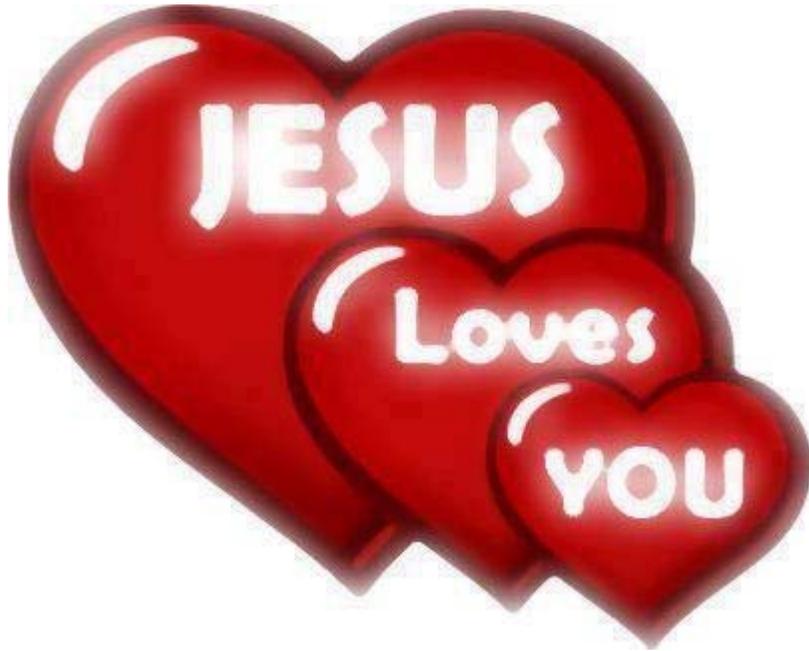
"Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

The Higher Ground

The Parkesburg Baptist Church Newsletter

Volume 32

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*"Give every day the chance to become
the most beautiful of your life."*

- Mark Twain -

Dear friends,

Over the last few weeks, I have begun preaching about our theme for 2019, discovering and living out our calling from God. So how does one go about doing that? It is a question with no cookie-cutter one-size-fits-all answer. I decided I would bring in some experts and posted the following question to a large Facebook pastors' group: "What would you say are the elements of calling? How have you experienced them or how would you advise others in finding their call?" There were several great answers, and I may share more of them in future letters, but I was touched with the words of one pastor's wife about listening to our hearts:



*One of the best ways the Holy Spirit has helped me see the idea of call is to pay attention to the kind of situations that pull at our hearts and where we feel nudged to personally respond. This is how call begins to express itself in our lives. **When we examine the things in our lives we find ourselves repeatedly doing because they bring us joy and increase our connection to God, we will find the Holy Spirit has called us there.***

I love the picture of God "pulling at our hearts" and "nudging us to respond." These are images that resonate with my own experience. A calling from God doesn't need to be a "bolt out of the blue." I remember talking to my pastor about my own sense of God's calling. "It's not like a burning bush," I told him, "it's just this constant pull towards ministry." His response? "That IS your 'burning bush!'"

So if you are wanting to hear God's call, get some quiet time and reflect (I find it helpful to write things down) on experiences in your life that have brought you great joy, or even things that have made you angry or sad. Are there issues or concerns that make you want to yell, "SOMEBODY should do SOMETHING about this!!"? My Senior Pastor in Massachusetts saw a TV special about the suffering of Romanian orphans and he just couldn't get the images out of his mind. The burden he felt led him (and our church) to cooperate with our missionaries in Eastern Europe to complete a project at a camp for Romanian orphans. Maybe the somebody who should do something is you!! And maybe there are other "somebodies" who have a similar concern who would love to join you!

Can you see where some of the things on your heart line up with the things on God's heart? The Great Commandment ("Love God & love others, Matthew 22:37-39), the Great Commission (God's command that we make disciples of all nations, Matthew 28:16-20), the Great Compassion ("Whatever you have done to the least" Matthew 25:34-40). They all show God's heart for those who are hurting, who are in need in some way (physically, emotionally, spiritually). Where is your heart for those in need?

Frederick Buechner said, "The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet." Ask God to show you that intersection, and be listening for His reply!

Grace & peace,

Notes From the Combined Board Meeting on Jan. 10, 2019 :

PRESENT: Pastor Mary Lewis, Rusty Young, Amanda King, Ellen Brehm,
Laurie Robinson, Rick Woodhouse

ABSENT: Jamie Schempp, Suzanne Graybeal, Chris Markward, Ryan Clarke

Joint Meeting minutes:

Mission Board: Summer Mission trip is scheduled to be in North Carolina from July 21 – 27. The trip cost will be \$ 250.00/person .This fee will include housing and food. The deposit for the Mission trip is due February 17, 2019. The mission board will have a silent basket auction fund raiser at the Annual business meeting on February 3rd. Ask Rosie Woodhouse if you would like to create a basket to help raise money for missions.

Trustee Board: Charlie Palmer reported that a balanced budget for 2019 has been submitted.

Deacon Board: Rick Woodhouse will be organizing the ALICE training sessions. Information forthcoming.

Bylaws committee: Boards are requested to continue with their review of the current bylaws and bring suggestions/ questions to the next board meeting.

Other: Annual Meeting scheduled February 3, 2019. Year end reports are due to Denise by 1/11/19.

Respectfully Submitted,
Laurie Robinson, Diaconate Secretary

SUNDAY NURSERY

9:00 AM—12:00 PM
Cathy Pisch

JUNIOR CHURCH SCHEDULE

Feb. 3	Deanna Blevins	Feb. 10	No Junior Church
Feb. 17	Deanna Blevins	Feb. 24	No Junior Church

PARABLE QUEST

Hey Kids ages 3 to 12, it is time for Parable Quest. Singing, dinner, Bible stories and games can be enjoyed by all. Hope to see you there. Don't forget friends are always welcome! From 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm. Mark your calendars!

2/6/2018

2/20/2018

Any questions? Please call Diane Palmer 610-593-2846 or Tamara Oswald 610-857-3314.

In case of bad weather please call to make sure we are having Parable Quest

BYF SCHEDULE

Sunday,	Feb. 3rd	6 pm Super Bowl Party at The Kings
Sunday,	Feb. 10th	Youth Sunday
Sunday,	Feb. 17th	5-7 pm
Sunday,	Feb. 24th	5-7 pm

PARKESBURG COMMUNITY OUTREACH NEWS

We (PBC) collect food each week for both the Octorara Area Food Cupboard and for our church's own pantry. Please place all donations on the table closest to the alley door or in the basket at the front entrance. If you have questions, see Deanna or Brianna Blevins. We thank you for your continued support for this mission.

Please add the following items to your food cupboard list: paper towels, napkins, feminine products (pads w/wings), toilet paper, tissues, bath soap, laundry soap, body lotion, toothpaste, tooth brushes, mouth wash, trash bags (all sizes), dish liquid. They are currently looking for non-perishable donations of the following: meaty soup, spaghetti sauce, spaghetti noodles, applesauce, canned fruit, canned beans, peanut butter & jelly.

Bible Word Search: Animals of the Bible

All the words listed below are in the puzzle - left, right, up, down or diagonally. Find each word and circle each letter of the words you find. Put the leftover letters in the correct order to form the *mystery answer*. (Answer will be in next months newsletter)

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Hawk, Honey, Horse, Ivory,
Jackal, Leather, Leopard,
Lice, Lion, Locust, Ox,
Peacock, Plague, Predator,
Quail, Raven, Rooster,
Sacrifice, Scorpion, Serpent,
Sheep, Shepherd, Sparrow,
Sponge, Strength, Swarm,
Swine, Turtledove, Whale,
Wolf, Worm

Answer to the January's puzzle:

Understanding

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Each Sunday the service is recorded. If you would like a CD copy of the service, please sign the notepad at the sound board or see Todd Allen. You can also listen to the service on our website.

Digital Newsletter: If you currently do not receive this newsletter via email and wish to do so, please contact the church office and provide your email address or email info@parkesburgbaptist.org

Octorara Area Food Cupboard

In addition to food donations, the OAFIC also supplies toiletries to families in need. Currently they are looking for :

toothpaste; tooth brushes; shampoos, deodorants,
bath soap, toilet paper, tissues and bandaids.

They have none of these items in stock. Please help if possible. Thank you

YOUTH SUNDAY - Feb. 10th

Our annual Youth Sunday is fast approaching and we cannot wait to see what the youth have in store for us. Our youth will be taking part in all aspects of the service. We hope you will come and worship with us at 10:30 am on Feb. 10th.



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS

The next Men's Fellowship meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 13th at 9 am and will meet at the Dutchway Restaurant.

They had 11 in attendance at the January meeting.

We are all ways looking for new people to come out and join them in fellowship.



We have Sunday school classes for everyone in the entire family. Come check one out! Our Sunday school classes and teachers are

Nursery (birth - 3 years old) - Cathy Pisch

Pre-K (age 4) - 2nd Grade - Michelle Myles

3rd - 6th Grade - Megan Clarke

7th - 12th Grade - Dustin & Amanda King

Adult Class - "Life Lessons from Galatians" - George & Rusty Young

If you would like to suggest a topic for an adult class please see Ginny Schempp or Debbie Desmond. We are always looking for new ideas or topics and anyone willing to teach or volunteer.

PARKESBURG BAPTIST PRAYER REQUESTS

SPECIAL REQUESTS

Curtis Aberts, Jim Rogers & Rob Vann
Ruthann Passarelli
John Rode, Fred Weller & Willy Lally
Peter Rubincam

REQUESTERS

Barry & Doris Aberts
Jeanie Barnett
Bobbi Cross
Helena Fulmer

**TLC FRIENDS: Clint English, Verna Hanscom, Dorothy Major,
Catherine Rice, Norman & Loretta Robinson, Vivian Spotts and Lynn Vanderhoof**

**MILITARY PERSONNEL: Cpt. Matthew Fesak, Sgt. 1stC Christopher Gage,
Troy McBride, Joe Moore, Maj. Todd Moulder, SRA Andrew O’Hop,
Lt. Col., Bryan O’Neill, Erick Potter, Nathan Singer, GySgt. Matthew Wertz**



**MILITARY PERSONNEL FOR THE
MONTH**

**Erick Potter
1720 Longbow Court
Clarksville, TN 37042**

PARKEsburg BAPTIST SUMMER 2019 MISSION TRIP

Where: Lumberton, New Bern, or Wallace, North Carolina (7.5 hours away)

Work: We will be working with Baptists on Mission this year in the areas of NC that were greatly affected by Hurricane Florence. In addition to helping with the rebuilding effort, we most likely will have the opportunity to work with the local kids at a Vacation Bible School or Day Camp.

Housing: Volunteer house

Food: Provided by organization

Transportation: Rental Vans

Cost: \$250 (vans, gas, work supplies, food, housing)

When: Sun. July 21 – Sat. July 27, 2019

Who: Open to anyone who has completed 6th grade and older; friends are always welcome!

Sign Up & Deposit: Team members must sign up by Feb. 17 by giving a \$100 nonrefundable deposit to Dustin or Amanda King

Questions: Contact Dustin King (302-416-2029) or Amanda King (484-576-3602)

Website: baptistsonmission.org (check out Disaster Relief drop down menu)

Fundraisers:

Chocolate Covered Pretzel Sale - \$10 for one pound.

*Orders due by Jan. 27. Making them on Feb. 2-9. Pick up Feb. 9.

Bake Sale – various pies and whoopee pies for sale.

*Orders due by April 22. Making May 8-10. Pick up May 10.

“My command is this: Love one another as I have loved you.”

~John 15:12~



February's Birthday Corner

Feb. 2nd	Susan Daily Eva Watson
Feb. 3rd	Heidi Wertz
Feb. 7th	Michael Damiani Hannah Kulp Dorothy Major
Feb. 8th	Judi Scott
Feb. 9th	Laurie Robinson Rick Turner, Jr.
Feb. 11th	Brian Welsh
Feb. 13th	Jane Oas
Feb. 15th	Amanda King
Feb. 16th	Robert Swisher
Feb. 19th	Jeremy Mulvaney Elmer Pluck
Feb. 20th	Mia Davis
Feb. 21st	Joe Damiani
Feb. 23rd	Mackenzie Hickman Kaitlyn Mulvaney
Feb. 27th	Kevin Bless
Feb. 28th	Philip Laus Chasidy Shultz

The Parkesburg Baptist Church would like to wish everyone a very Happy Birthday!

Important Dates & Times

Feb. 3rd	11:30 am	Annual Business Meeting with potluck lunch preceding
Feb. 10th	10:30 am	Youth Sunday with meal
Feb. 12th	12:30 pm 7:00 pm	Faith Circle Hope Circle
Feb. 13th	9:00 am	Men's Fellowship Breakfast at Dutchway
Feb. 14th	7:00 pm	Deacon, Mission & Trustee meetings
Feb. 19th	5:00 pm	PBC Night at The Point

Happy Anniversary

To the following couples:

Directory Updates:

Please make the following changes to your directory:

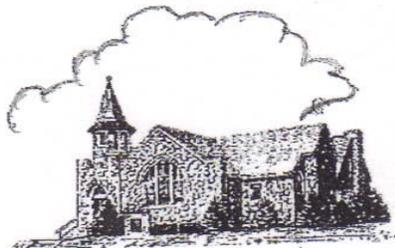
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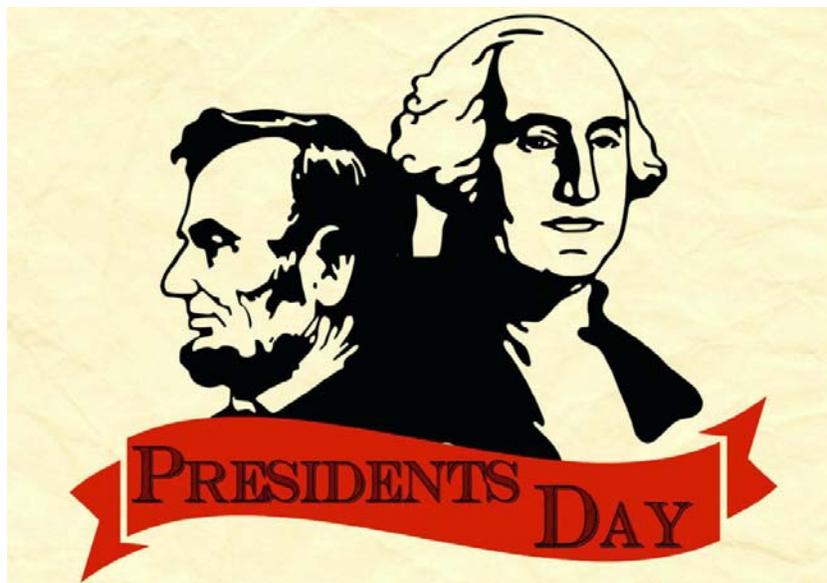


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President's Day - February 18th

The Mission of the Parkesburg Baptist Church is to accept and treat everyone as Jesus would; bring people to a personal relationship with Him; and disciple all believers to be Christ's witnesses to the world.

A cheerful heart is good medicine,
But a crushed spirit dries up the bones.

Proverbs 17:22, NIV