

# THE BELL TOWER



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Greetings Church Family!

I was sitting on my porch the other day working on a sermon, and a beautiful butterfly landed on the top of my laptop and stared at me. I was intrigued by that butterfly, just as it seemed to be with me. I love butterflies. Rev. Tara, who is one of my best friends, HATES them. They absolutely terrify her. As I sat there admiring that butterfly, I couldn't help but think how that scenario would've gone if it had landed on Tara's laptop. She may be writing something like this: Oh my God! I was minding my own business sitting on the porch writing my sermon, and this crazy butterfly started flapping its nasty wings and buzzing around my head and it landed on my laptop. I swear it tried to kill me! Perspective, right?

As I thought about that butterfly, and butterflies in general, I was reminded of the process of metamorphosis, and how a little caterpillar that crawls around turns into a beautiful butterfly that has the freedom to fly. What a great metaphor for the Christian life, especially as we've been talking lately about the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives. I've been going through a lot of changes lately, especially as I have been asking the Holy Spirit to help me get out of my comfort zone in new ways. It's terrifying and exhilarating at the same time. As I have been praying for God to enlarge my territory (read *The Prayer of Jabez*) He has most certainly done that! In July I will be taking 2 weeks of study leave to travel to Maringa, Brazil with Rev. Jen Haddox from First Presbyterian Church in Waynesburg, to speak at a Women's Conference. ECO is trying to establish a partnership with the Independent Presbyterian Church there, and Jen and I have been invited to speak at a conference for women pastors, of which they have over 100. I think ECO could learn a few things from them in that area!

This is *way* out of my comfort zone in so many ways. First, speaking at a women's conference. Second, speaking at a women's conference in another country. Third, speaking at a women's conference in another country that doesn't speak English. Yikes! Yes, I am still terrified, but I also know that I've been praying for God to stretch me in new ways. I know that God will be with me and use me in ways I never thought possible. So, my challenge to all of you is to ask God to enlarge your territory so that you can experience the process of transition from someone stuck in a cocoon to someone who can fly. God has wonderful things in store for each one of us, but we have to be brave enough to ask for the blessings.

*"Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and he will establish your plans."*

*Proverbs 16:3*

Rev. Tina



## **UPDATES ON CHURCH ACTIVITIES**

### **NEW SIGN INSTALLED**

If you have not looked at the outside of the church lately, you have missed the new electronic sign. The old sign was purchased by a Church in Canonsburg for \$700.

Thanks to Dennis Jancart and Kelly Ward the new sign was installed with the help of Gary Ward, Gary Jancart, Greg Chlwala, Austin and Ryan Michael, Shawn Phillips, and Jacob Jancart. The sign will be really appreciated in the winter because it runs off a computer instead of frozen fingers.

Building and Grounds also trimmed the red maple between the church and manse, built a ramp for a very thankful Shirley Jenkins, and Kelly dug a ditch to keep the water off the deck.

## **CHURCH FAMILY NEWS**



Alan and Heather Baker welcomed their new son, William Paul, on June 4 at 10:09 P.M. Mom, dad, and big brother, Jordan, are all doing well as are proud grandparents, Ken and Gwen McCloud.

### **OUR GRADUATING SENIORS**

The following graduating seniors from high school who attended our church and were given Bibles:

Justin Killen-Tri State Christian Academy  
Anthony Spano-Weir High  
Dom Phillips-Weir High  
Shawn Phillips-Weir High  
Taylor McFarland-Wheeling Park High

Also recognized were  
Tyler Boyer-PA Cyber School  
Ellie Harrison-Trinity High  
Sierra Phillips-Weir High

Others recognized for degrees:

Hannah Bendick-Heritage Valley-Nursing  
Will Visnic-Allegheny College  
Addie McDonald-WVU  
Hannah Copenhaver-WVU  
Lucretia Shumate-Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (MS)  
Cindy Cowan-University of Maryland School of Pharmacy-(MS)

Congratulations to all of our seniors, and we pray that the next chapter of their lives fulfills all of their dreams.

# CHURCH CRIER

## BIBLE SCHOOL TO BEGIN ON JUNE 27

Arise! Shine! Your light has come; the Lord's glory has shown upon you.

Isaiah 60:1 Shine with love, trust, faith, joy and hope.

Discovery on Adventure Island, this year's theme for VBS will be held June 27 through July 1 from 8:45 to Noon.

VBS is open to children age 3 (potty trained) through grade 6. The adventure includes exciting new music, amazing science, creative crafts, fun recreation, yummy snacks and memorable Bible stories that will help children know and share the light God shines in the world.

Teens make up an important part of VBS as they are responsible for getting the kids from activity to activity. If you know a teen who has completed 7th grade, and they would like to help, please call the church and get them signed up to complete the background check.

Come join our new puppet, Beacon, for a fun filled week!

**V**acation  
**B**ible  
**S**chool



## COMMUNITY DAY FUN FOR EVERYONE

Plans are being finalized for our annual Community Day festivities on July 30 from 11:30-4:00. There is something for everyone: face painting, food, music, a bake sale, a silent auction, and baskets.

Items are needed for the silent auction including theme baskets. The bake sale will need all types of baked goods. Please put 2 large or 3 smaller cookies in baggies. (People like to walk around and munch.) Cakes and other large items can be left whole. Bring them to the church on Friday, July 29 or Saturday morning.

Volunteers are needed to man booths, direct people, set up, and clean up. Please call Jeff Trump or the church office if you would like to help.

Isn't it great to have activities again? Let's support it by our presence!

Be not Forgetful  
to Entertain Strangers  
for Thereby some  
Have Entertained  
Angels  
Unawares.  
Hebrews 13:2

## FATHER'S DAY: WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT IT?

Unlike Mother's Day, Father's Day had a hard time getting started. Let's see what you know about its origins.

1. Two states claim the first Father's Day. **A.** New York and California, **B.** Pennsylvania and Virginia or **C.** West Virginia and Washington.
2. How many years after Mother's Day became an official holiday did it take for Father's Day to also become one? **A.** 10, **B.** 52, or **C.** 25.
3. The first Presidential Proclamation was made by what President? **A.** Lyndon B. Johnson, **B.** Dwight D. Eisenhower, or **C.** John F. Kennedy.
4. Father's Day is celebrated on what day of the year in the U.S.? **A.** 2nd Sunday in June, **B.** 3rd Sunday in June, **C.** 4th Sunday in June.
5. What President made Father's Day an official holiday? **A.** Abraham Lincoln, **B.** Harry S. Truman, or **C.** Richard B. Nixon.

Answers: 1-C, 2-B, 3-A, 4-B, 5-C.



## THE RECIPE BOOKS

Back in the Dark Ages when I was young, I was not interested in cooking. My mother always gave me a choice of whether to work in the house or outside. Since I wanted a tan, liked plants, and didn't want anyone one to bother me, I choose outside. So I never learned to cook well.

When I got married, I could cook hamburgers, hot dogs, pork chops, and baked chicken — not a big variety. After several weeks of marriage, my new husband, Rob, asked if I could make something different. That hurt my feelings so I got out a cook book that I got from my shower, and I made a new dish each night until I learned to cook.

I also decided to try the recipes that my two grandmothers gave me. My new shower cookbook gave exact measurements. Easy, easy, easy!!!! Not so with my grandmothers' recipes.

I decided to surprise Rob with homemade bread from my Grandma Hanlin. It had a smidgen of this, a tad of that, not too much flour, and knead until it felt right.

Somehow my smidgen and tads were not like my Grandma's. The bread looked good, but it was so hard that I threw it our for the birds, and they did not eat it.

The pie crust recipe was not quite as bad, but it was not nearly as flakey as hers. I was supposed to chill the crust before I rolled it out. I wanted to get it done so I tried to roll the crust at room temperature. It stuck to the rolling pin, and

I had to start over.

My Grandma Thompson made a great Lady Baltimore cake. It was a white cake of many layers filled with white gooey icing, covered with the same icing and coconut. How hard could that be?

I got out the ingredients and started the baking adventure. The recipe said to separate the yokes from the whites. Easier said than done. The yokes went on the floor! It's a good thing I did not need them.

The recipe said to cream the sugar. I had to look in my new cook book to find out how to do that. Then I had to beat the egg whites but not let them get stiff. Out came the other cook book.



I then had to add a lean 1/4 of a teaspoon of cream of tarter. I had gotten several sets of measuring spoons, and they all looked to be the same size. None looked lean.

The cake was edible, but it was not pretty like Grandma's. I stuck to the new cookbook and finally learned to cook.

Sadly both Grandmothers' recipes were lost in one of our military moves. I wonder if I could make any of them today?

Barb LaPosta

Spring/Summer 2022

# COMMUNITY EVENT SCHEDULE



GATHERING  
PLACE  
COFFEE SHOP



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## LUNCH ON THE DECK

Winter Soups were very successful, and they have given way to Lunch on the Deck. About 30 people can last week for hamburgers and hot dogs on the grill plus salads, side dishes, and dessert. It's the best lunch deal in town.

Bring your spouse, partner, or friend and come out and enjoy the food, the people, and the atmosphere. There is a sign up sheet if you would like to donate food or money.

Lunch is always FREE, but donations of food and money are helpful to continue this vital ministry in service to our community.

## Author Lunch Speakers

**Annette Dashofy, "Fatal Reunion"**

Wed. June 15th at Noon.

**Peter Hays**

Wed. July 13 at Noon.

**Mary Sutton (Liz Miliron)**

Wed. August 10 at Noon

## Music on the Deck

Summer Sundays at 6pm

**Robert Dale** as Elvis | June 26

**River City Praise** | July 3

**Matt & Beth Hybarger** | July 10

**Chrisagis Brothers** | July 17

**Vicky Andreis** Singer-Songwriter | July 24

**Eastern Sky Country Duo** | August 21

**The Padgett's** Southern Gospel | August 28



## **MEET OUR NEW DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION & TECHNOLOGY**

The Covid-19 pandemic has affected each one of us both positively and negatively. One thing the pandemic has done is show how we can use technology to our advantage. In March of 2021, the Church was forced to move virtually due to an increase in Covid-19 cases. As we started to realize that we weren't going back to "normal" the church had to take a look at its options.

That's where I came along. I am so excited to be full-time here at Paris Presbyterian Church. Technology has always been my passion. If I had the opportunity to make something work that someone else couldn't, I jumped for it. I started in the tech booth when I was in 7th Grade. Since then I have seen how the booth has grown throughout the years but even more so throughout the past 12 months.

The booth started as a place to house a sound system that no one would operate, and a computer that would project the lyrics on the wall. The booth has now turned into a full production team of 4 people. We still have the person who puts lyrics on the wall so that those worshipping in person and online can sing along with the music. We also learned how important it was to have someone run the sound system to make active adjustments to what was happening. That person now also has to make sure not only in-person sounds good but also the live stream. Speaking of the live stream, that's a two-man job. To see things well, we have to have a camera operator who chooses between the three wall-mounted cameras and uses a joystick to show what is happening in the sanctuary. Then you have the producer to bring everything together. The producer chooses between the cameras and then adds lyrics and pictures when necessary. The producer is also in charge of watching the live chat for comments and prayer requests.

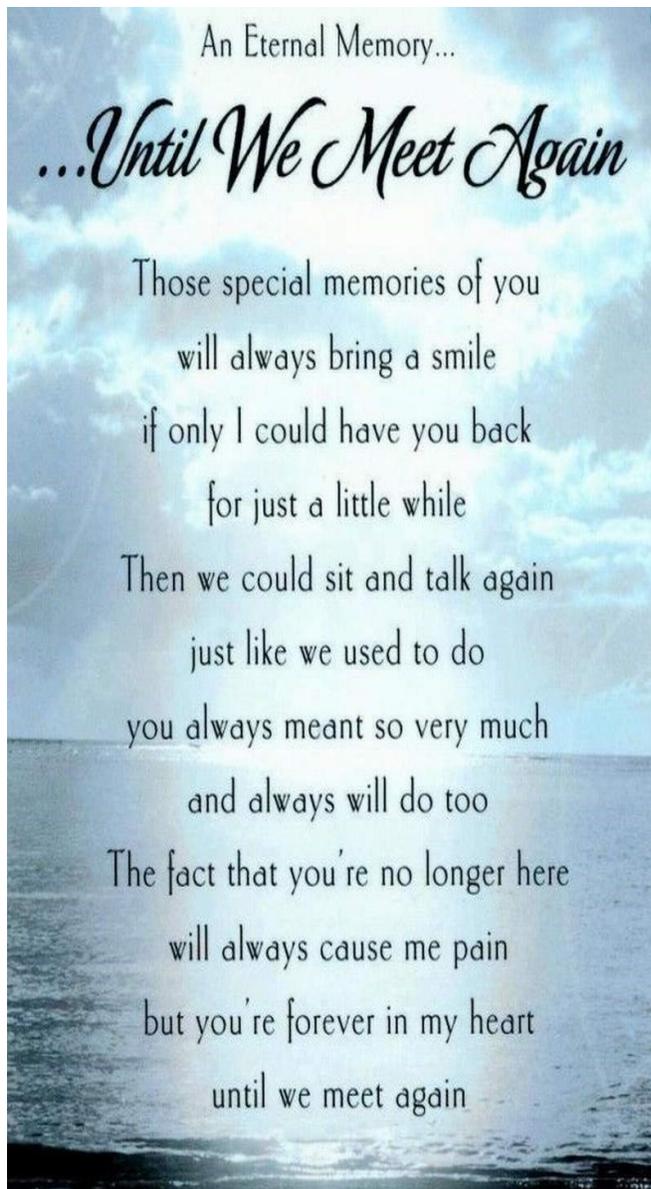
Since having these 4 positions, we noticed an increase in communication needs between each position. Because of this, we decided to enclose the booth to limit the sound coming from the booth. My dad, Bill Michael, and I set out on finding the solution. We found some old sliding glass doors that we thought would make a great front glass for the booth so we used those and some plexiglass to create what is there today.

Although the main priority in my job is the production of our online worship experience, many things have to get done throughout the week as the Director of Information and Technology. Some of my weekly tasks include writing and sending the connection guide, making CDs and DVDs for shut-ins, updating the website and Facebook page, attending meetings, reporting live stream statistics, and even more. A couple of my goals each week is to spend at least one hour training someone on something and continually upgrading things around the church.

I have been amazed by how big our online platform has gotten. So far this year we have had over two thousand views on YouTube. Those views have come from all over the world including places like Nevada, Virginia, Malawi, Port Villa, and Sweden. It is awesome to see these individuals interact with the church and even see some that are closer to us show up for events and worship.

It is so much fun to work with each volunteer to make this happen. I have enjoyed my first two months here at PPC, and I am excited for what the future holds for me.

Austin Michael



## IN MEMORIUM

**Our church family offers our deepest sympathy to the families:**

**Cyrena Neeley, Dick McKitrich,  
Joe "Higgy" Higginbotham,  
Leonard Hooper, Denise Wilson,  
John Troffo, Jr.**

## ORCHIDS AND ONIONS

**ORCHIDS:** To everyone who helped with the sign.

**ORCHID:** To Kelly Ward and Dennis Jancart for building Shirley Jenkins' ramp.

**ORCHIDS:** To Greg Chwala, Lauren Scapaletto, and Barbara LaPosta for planting flowers in front of the deck.

**ORCHIDS:** To this year's Elders. Six of them are doing what used to be done by twelve.

**ORCHIDS:** To all of our volunteers. Each and everyone of them is a great asset to our church.

**ORCHIDS:** To all dads. They come in lots of colors and sizes, but they are great.

**ORCHIDS:** To everyone who is on a committee and is helping that committee.

**ORCHIDS:** To all who came to the Having Fun With God classes. Being a Christian is fun!

**ONIONS:** To anyone who has not gone out of their way to help someone else.

**ORCHIDS:** To all who stop and appreciate the beauty of our country. Happy Birthday USA.

**ORCHIDS:** To everyone who had a good hardy laugh today!

**ORCHIDS:** To Austin and Bill Michael for enclosing the tech area.





## PINE SPRINGS CHURCH CAMP STILL HAS OPENINGS

Pine Springs has started its 2022 summer season. There are still openings in some of the camps. If you (moms and grandmas) or your child are looking for a way to spend time outdoors, spend time in God's Word, challenge yourselves, meet new friends, and have a great week, check it out at [pinesprings.org](http://pinesprings.org).

If you have any questions or want to hear how exciting it is, ask Karen Cowan, Arianna or Aliyah Steineman, and Jess and Alex Fowler.



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## STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING

Recently interested members met to plan the future path of our church. There were many great ideas on worship and technology, on changing our church to meet the future, on how to engage people on-line, on how to include children in church services and activities, and on recruiting and retaining more vol-

## ANNUAL CORN ROAST ON AUGUST 14

Get ready for all of the corn and hot dogs that you can eat. The annual Corn Roast will feature corn, hot dogs, tomatoes, watermelon, and any dessert that attendees bring.

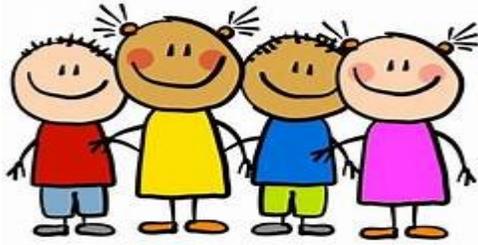
Along with food will be Blue Grass with songs and sing-along traditional melodies. The Corn Roast is August 14 from 5:00 –8:00 P.M., and it is free. (Donations accepted.) Bring family and friends and enjoy a great night of food and music.



## FUNERAL DINNERS TO CONTINUE

Greg Chawala, Sharon Kemp, and Willie Balt have stepped up to jointly chair the funeral dinners. After the pandemic, and Shirley Jenkins no longer in charge because of illness, it looked as if the dinners would not continue.

With the help of other volunteers, families can now contact the church and arrange for the dinner. Families pay for the meat and sheet cake. The rest comes from money donations from our congregation. Anyone who wants to donate can give money at the dinner or in the weekly offering.



## HOW DO YOU SPEAK ENGLISH?

One day I was at a shopping center, and I heard 4 bullies picking on a kid about 10 years old. They were teasing him in a mean way about his accent. He appeared to be Hispanic (from Mexico or a South American country), and his native language was Spanish. He did speak with an accent, but he spoke English very clearly.

The older kids continued and used derogatory (mean) words against him. I could tell the younger boy's feelings were hurt, so I asked the kids what other language they spoke. They weren't very happy that I was questioning them. They all reluctantly said they just spoke English.

I told them I took Latin in high school, French in college, and German through the military. I said I could not speak any of them nearly as well as this young man could. I was impressed with how well he spoke.

The bullies left and gave me angry looks. The young kid thanked me, and he introduced his mom when she saw me talking to him. She thanked me and told the story of how they escaped their home country and came to the United States. She said she loved the US, but she could not understand why people made fun of them.

When we don't like ourselves or feel confident in who we are, we like to make others feel less than us. It makes us feel that we have power, but by being a bully, we really make ourselves look smaller. Bullies don't make friends, they make followers. People or kids who don't feel good about themselves either become the followers

Thumper (the rabbit) in Bambi said, "If you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all." He was a smart rabbit.



"At Survival Camp, I learned how to make an iPod from mud and twigs!"

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"At summer camp, we learned how to make WiFi smoke signals!"



"I've been to Science Camp, French Camp, Cub Camp, Scout Camp, the trek, Football Camp, Youth Conference and EFY. I can't wait for school to start so I can finally get some rest!"

# Summer



## DOWN THE GARDEN PATH

Recently, I got tired of weeding and decided to weed whack the small patch of pesty weeds that I had not done. I got out the weed whacker, but I did not follow safety rules. I did not put on boots or long pants. Instead I had on capris and slip on shoes.

I leaned the weed whacker against a bush, and it began to fall. I grabbed it, and in doing so, I turned it on. I was off balance, and I could not let go. I fought with the weed whacker, and it won! The good news is I do not have any weeds on my right ankle or anywhere around it. I do have red lines and cuts. Our son-in-law said if I painted my leg above the lines blue and added some stars, I would look like a flag.

I can laugh now, but it hurt all night long. The safety rules are for a reason—we get hurt if we do not follow them. Sometimes short cuts lead to pain and even tragedies. All the time that I thought I was saving by not dressing right was used up bandaging and losing sleep. Next time I will follow the rules!!!!

According to *Mother Earth News*, people can make their own salves and ointments, and they work quite well.

The basic salve recipe is made with beeswax and oil. For sore muscles, you can add cayenne pepper and winter green. For arthritis relief add nettles, cayenne, witch hazel, and turmeric. If you want a topical ointment for minor abrasions or bug bites use comfrey, yarrow, chickweed, and plantain.

If you want to know more read *The Artisan Herbalist* by Bevin Cohen.

The problem with gardens is that we wait all year for plants to bloom, and a storm blows all the blossoms away. Case in point, the peonies were beautiful this year, until a storm left them bowing their heads of blossoms and looking very sad.

One way to extend the flowering season is to buy reblooming bushes or plants such as azaleas or iris. The blossoms are not as heavy the second time around, but they are pretty and add extra color to the garden.

If you are at a plant nursery, take a look at the new variety of the same old plants. For instance, coneflowers come in a pallet of colors. There used to be just a few types of tomatoes available, but now it is like buying cereal because there are so many to choose from. Some of the new ones are resistant to diseases and bugs, however, don't forget to try heirloom varieties if you want taste.

If you are tired of the deer making bee line to your yard for a snack, try some deer resistant flowers that are toxic or the deer just don't like. It is easy to use poisonous sprays to get rid of the deer, but using native plants or ones they avoid is easier and better for the environment.

Deer do not like milk weed, red-hot poker, windflowers, all poppies, monkshood, larkspur, astilbe, bee balm, hellebore (Lenten rose), yarrow, butterfly weed, hardy ageratum, spike blazing star, Joe-Pye weed, false indigo, penstemon, and anise hyssop. These plants also attract bees and butterflies. Don't fight with the deer, plant what they don't like so they will leave your property alone.

If you got an amaryllis for Christmas, place it outside in its pot where it will get lots of light. Water and fertilize with your other house plants. In the fall, quit watering, put in a cool dark place. Six weeks before you want it to bloom give it water and place in a well lit window.

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**JUNE:**

**19-Father's Day  
26-Concert-Robert Dale (Elvis)-6 P.M.  
27 to July 1-VBS-8:45-Noon**

**July:**

**03-Concert-River City Praise 6 P.M.  
04-Independence Day  
10-Concert-Matt & Beth Hybarger-6 P.M.  
13-Author-Peter Hays (Noon)  
17-Concert-Chrisagis Brothers-6 P.M.  
24-Concert-Vicky Andreis-6 P.M.  
30-Community Day-11:30 A.M.—4 P.M.**

**AUGUST:**

**10-Author: Mary Sutton (Liz Miliron)  
(Noon)  
14-Corn Roast & Blue Grass  
21-Concert-Eastern Sky  
28-Concert-Padgett's**