

This Summer ...

- **Wednesday, July 11** - First Book Discussion Group
- **Thursday, July 14** - Christmas in July!
- **Sunday, July 15** - Baptisms & First Holy Communion
- **Saturday, August 4** - Annual Beef Roast
- Sunday, 8/12 through Thursday, 8/16 - TENTATIVE VBS dates.



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Guided by God's Word - For 200 Years

Our Vision:

The church on the hill, lighting the way to God's love.

Our Mission:

As a community of faith, **firmly rooted in the love** of God through Jesus Christ, we are called to:

WORSHIP God in praise and thanksgiving
SUPPORT one another in faith and fellowship
INVITE others to receive the joyous new life God offers to all
CARE for the real human needs of our neighbors, both near and far.

"LOVE JESUS and LOVE PEOPLE"

At our 200th Anniversary Banquet Celebration, the Rev. Jim Moss inspired and challenged us with the words above: "Love Jesus and Love People." He first congratulated the congregation for 200 years of ministry, noting that a very small percentage of American congregations are still functioning this long. He then quickly challenged us with these two simple commissions.

If we are going to continue to be effective at what God has called us to be, we are going to need to know Jesus like never before, and to love people in new ways in a fast-changing culture.

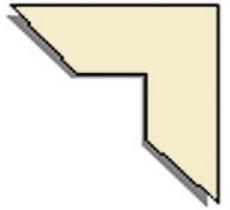
Rev. Moss said, first we need to "know" Jesus if we can truly love him. For how can we love anyone we don't know? The best way to know Jesus is through his words and actions contained in the Scriptures. Even as doing God's word has become harder, Jesus' disciples have abandoned the discipline of the reading and study of the scriptures.

To that end, he challenged us with a very specific task. For 40 days, read a chapter a day from the Gospels of Mark and Luke. After reading each chapter, reflect and pray, listen to what Jesus is saying to you. The greater challenge is for 87 days. Read a chapter a day from all four Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Reflect and pray. Then when the 40 or 87 days are up, start over again.

The only way we can deeply and truly love Jesus is to "know Him." And we will know him better through the Bible. So, here is your summer reading assignment from Jim, from your Pastor, and more importantly, from your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

In my preaching this summer, I will be preaching each Sunday from the Gospels to help us get to know Jesus better. In addition, there are several of

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Val McGinn

Council assignments for July: Helen Dungan and David Sauter.

August: Helen Dungan and George Kreitz

Next council meeting: September at 6:30

A Note from Beth Ross ... Just a note on how and what I have been doing. I work for Home Instead Senior Care, based in Plumsteadville. I go to a Senior's home and I am known as a Caregiver. I keep the Senior company, help with daily chores, cook, run errands, reminisce with them, escort to doctor's appointments, go to lunch, dinner, and the movies, and basically provide all non-medical services. It has been a wonderful, enriching experience, and although part time it has been rewarding in a spiritual way. I will see everyone in church as I can, you are all in my prayers! God Bless, Beth

Pastor's Message continued ...

our fellow members who are passionate about Bible Study, and who will be meeting with me very early in the summer. We will seek to establish several small group Bible Studies at different times, hopefully at least one of which will be convenient to YOU.

We will be inviting YOU to become part of a least one of these groups so that you can "LOVE JESUS" more clearly and follow him more nearly. And, by the way, as we "Love Jesus" who loved all people, we will be able to "Love People" too.

Have a restful summer. Enjoy vacation trips, a slower pace, time with family. But also set aside some time for Bible Reading. I'll be right there in the pages of Scripture with you.

~ Pastor David M. Deal

Prayer Ministry: Joan Mammana has identified London Dalley as a 29 month old girl from Pen Argyl with cancer. This information comes from an article about a fund raiser to help with her medical cost. If anyone has current information on her, please let us know, in the meantime, please keep her and her family in your prayers.

Food: Thanks to everyone who contributed food baskets this past month and to all of you who contributed to our window sill collection. We are going to collect **peanut butter and cereal** for the Easton Food Bank and **personal care items** (e.g. soap, toothpaste, shampoo etc.) for the Upper Bucks Food Bank. The Sacristy (e.g. left) windows are for Easton; the library (e.g. right) windows are for Upper Bucks.

Because these two food banks are in different counties, they access different sources for their needs. Upper Bucks also has refrigeration which Easton does not. So they can and do welcome fresh produce. If you have any extra stuff in your garden, please bring it to church or take it directly to the Lord's Pantry at St John the Baptist Catholic Church in Ottsville. .

Thanks to everyone who donated to Tool Sunday this Father's Day. We will give a total of both the Blanket Sunday and Tool Sunday receipts in the September newsletter. (At this point we have not been given the numbers.)



by Helen Dungan

Our next meeting is Thursday August 23, 2012 at 10:00 in the church kitchen. The program is cleaning the church kitchen. Needless to say **ALL WOMEN and men** are invited to attend. Following our morning's work we are lunching at the Dungan's.

Thanks and Recognitions

- ◆ Let's hear it for the congregation, and especially for Lynn Gaun, for all the hours of hard work to help make this 200th anniversary year a gratifying one. You can show your appreciation to Lynn by offering to help with the Christmas in July event on July 14. Help is needed with preparation, clean-up, baking, set-up, etc. Please call Lynn at 610-749-0217.
- ◆ Thanks to Bob Newcomb and Ken Anderson! Through their efforts, CD's and DVD's of the May 17 Ascension Service and June 3 Anniversary Service are being duplicated. They are not available yet, but will be soon, to those who are homebound and others who were not able to be at these services.
- ◆ Thanks to Tim Lechliter and family for a wonderful anniversary gift to Carolyn Williams and our Music Ministry. A very fine quality electric piano was given by Tim in memory of his grandparents, Harry and Bernie Lechliter. This new instrument accompanied our choir for the first time on June 3rd.

July	1	8	15	22	29
Acolyte	Clayton L.	Alaina Apgar	Jack Pyne	Austin Apgar	Matthew Mueller
Communion Assistants	Clayton L., Helen Dungan & David Sauter		Jack Pyne, Helen Dungan & David Sauter		
Greeter(s)					
Lector	Beth Ross	Val McGinn	Joe Hlavaty	Barbara Naska	Helen Dungan
Counters	Helen Dungan and David Sauter				
Head Usher					
Altar Guild	Miriam Anderson and Dot Peterman				

August	5	12	19	26
Acolyte	Katie Aquino	Clayton L.	Alaina Apgar	Jack Pyne
Communion Assistants	Katie Aquino, Helen Dungan, George Kreitz		Alaina Apgar, Helen Dungan, George Kreitz	
Greeter(s)				
Lector	Linda Sauter	TBA	TBA	TBA
Counters	Helen Dungan and David Sauter			
Head Usher				
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	July Birthdays & Anniversaries		August Birthdays & Anniversaries
3	Lillian Melchior (93rd), Linda Sauter	3	Peter Streletz
4	Becca Anderson	4	Manfred Marschewski
6	Virginia & Ken Hager (49th)	7	Joan Mammana
8	Helen Ballek (85th)	8	Alex Crouse, Paul McGinn
11	Donna Deal and Sarah Deal	10	Elfriede Marschewski
12	Dave Helfrich	14	Madlyn Chasar (91st), Betty Fox (82nd)
21	Serena & Brian Ashmore (22nd)	16	Judy Barron
22	Cleo & Ken Eck (51st)	23	Alexis Causa
23	Jocelyn Frey	27	Tyler Causa
28	Hal Roe	29	Landon Frey
30	Corinne Ashmore	31	Helen Dungan, Lynn Lechlitter Kathy & Ed Haney
31	Adam Phillipps		

Summer Calendar Highlights

Summer Preaching Series, by Pastor Deal, beginning June 17th and continuing through Labor Day weekend. "Love Jesus and Love People" was Rev. Jim Moss's theme at our Anniversary Banquet. Pastor Deal will be using that as an umbrella theme to explore the Gospel Reading each Sunday. Come and worship and find how you can "Love Jesus and Love People."

Summer Worship and Lemonade on the Lawn - Every Sunday until September, worship beginning at 9:30 AM with food and fellowship to follow.

July 14 - Christmas in July - Come mingle with your neighbors and do some early Christmas shopping!

Sunday, July 15 - Baptismal Celebration at 9:30 worship. Four children will be baptized from the Humphries and Antoni families. Four children from the Humphries and Causa families will receive their First Holy Communion.

Saturday, August 4 - Annual Beef Roast at the Springtown Rod and Gun Club, starting at 5:30 PM. Once Again, Val McGinn (610-847-6021) and David Sauter (215-512-1851) will coordinate this event. Lots of volunteers are needed for food shopping, food preparation, baking, table preparation, publicity, serving, and clean up. Please call Val and David to offer your time. Tickets and flyers will soon be available.

VBS - Summer, 2012 Because of complications, our joint VBS with St. Peter's in Riegelsville has not been scheduled this summer. But a number of folks are getting together to plan a week of VBS here in August. If you can help teach, lead games, crafts, prepare snacks, sing, etc., please contact Pastor Deal immediately!

Please lift up in prayer the following:

For Healing of those in our Congregation: Bob Erceg, Leo Fox, Johnny Hesser, Michael Kempf, Myron Kressman, Barbara Naska, and Bob Newcomb.

For Those In Service to our Country: Sergeant Jimmy Apgar, Corporal Michael Hesser (Afghanistan), Sergeant Jamie Newcomb (US Army Reserves), LTJG Randall Reichenbach (US Navy, USS Lake Champlain), Specialist Blake Rodd (Afghanistan), and Corporal Nicholas Squartino (USMC).

For Healing of Friends and Family: Jimmy Ashmore, Al Borse, Pat Butler, Ronald Christman, Sr., Ronald Christman Jr., London Dalley, Rev. Harold & Miriam Deal, Charlene Higgins, Bryant Hlavaty, Karen Hlavaty, Pearle Emma Howie, Ronnie Klingbeil, Phyllis Monesmith, Dave Morrell, Glen Newcomb, Bill Schnable, Alex Senft, Lewis Snyder, Alex Ulrey, and Jane Wong.

For those who are Homebound: Judy Barron, Ruth Behm, Madlyn Chasar, Marcella Krager, Jean Haas, Lillian Melchior, Norma Rodenbach, and Silas Rodenbach.

For the Grieving: The families of Clarence Fox, Evelyn Peterman, Naomi Hoover, Virginia Fisher, Gloria Philipps, Gene Gribbin, Alexa Bailey, Clarence Berger, Mildred Seifert, Irene Fox.

Prayers of Joy and Thanksgiving - Please let us know if there are any happy occasions you would like to share with the congregation!

PRAYER

CHURCH 200th ANNIVERSARY UPDATE

Our 200th Anniversary Banquet on June 3rd was a huge success with 110 people attending. Humor mixed with serious contemplation in Reverend Moss's presentation of "Loving God, Loving People" gave us all food for thought. We also shared letters from previous pastors to update everyone as to what they were doing in their lives today. Pastor Scholl shared several humorous stories of his memories while at Durham church. All of the pastors gave their blessings to this congregation and congratulated us, and the work of our ancestors, on reaching our 200th year.

I have received many notes from people who attended expressing the fact that they had a great time. Laughter mixed with old and new friendships made the day complete. The rain and hailstorm just before we started was a complete surprise and some of our guests got soaked but it didn't dampen their spirits and the celebration went on.

From the bottom of my heart I would like to thank several people who helped me to make the day a success. First I want to thank Ann Wong who worked over and above the call of duty when I ran into a problem with my printer. After typing the whole booklet to go to Staples to print 200 copies, my home printer would not work. Ann saved the day by letting me E-mail it to her and she printed it on her printer. She was also instrumental in getting it printed at Staples and even picked it up for me when it was finished. It's a long story but she saved the day even though her workload was full with the special June 3rd worship booklet and also the high school baccalaureate work that she does each year. Thanks Ann again!

Another person that I need to thank is Bob Newcomb who was kind enough to offer to copy many of the pictures that appeared on the memorabilia table at the banquet. Thanks Bob, I am great full and everyone enjoyed your efforts!

A special presentation of an oil painting by Paul McGinn was given to Myron and LeeAnn Trauger, and presented by Joe Hlavaty for all of the donations of food that they give to this church for our soup suppers as well as our annual beef roast. Joe also added a bit of humor to the occasion.

The special service on June 10th to renew marriage vows was also an eventful day. Wedding cake and cool drinks were served after the ceremony. The weather was beautiful and everyone seemed to enjoy the fellowship outside on the lawn.

Our next event, which is an outreach to the community, is scheduled for July 14th entitled "Christmas in July". Mark your calendars and at least plan on attending even if you can not help out. Much help is needed to make this event a success. I will be posting a list shortly in the narthex of jobs that are needed to be filled. If you can help in any way, please either sign up or give me a call at 610-749-0217. Thanks!

Lynn Gaun

200th Anniversary chairperson

Summer Bible Discussion Group

For those of you who accept the 40 day challenge to read the Bible books of Mark and Luke, we are having a Wednesday evening discussion of the previous week's readings at the Dungans' (2967 Gallows Hill Road), starting at 7:00 PM.

We will be talking about what we read that week; and sharing anything that touched, troubled, challenged or confused us. *Consider this a book discussion group, with The Bible being the book being discussed.* We'll have some Bible commentaries to refer to if we need to, but this is not a class.

This schedule starts us reading rather than meeting on the fourth of July! Please come when you can.

July 11 – Mark 1-7

July 18 – Mark 8-14

July 25 – Mark 15 - Luke 5

Aug. 1 – Luke 6-12

Aug. 8 – Luke 13-19

Aug. 15 – Luke 20-24

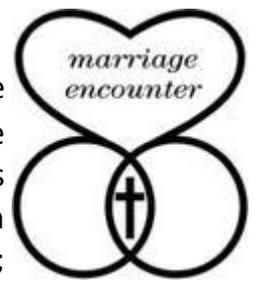


- ♦ Take a **BREAK** from the **HEAT**
 - ♦ Get your **CHRISTMAS SHOPPING** started early
- ♦ Catch up with your Neighbors
- ♦ Get some **DELICIOUS** baked goods without turning on the **OVEN**

Saturday, July 14 - at the
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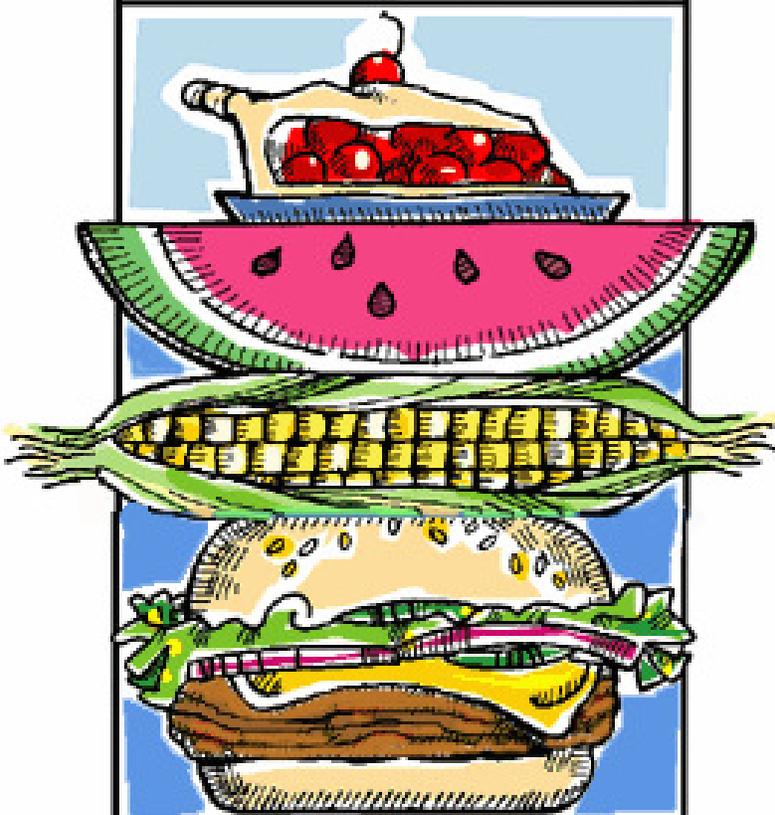
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ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES: Fall is the perfect time to fall in love with your spouse all over again! That is what couples overwhelmingly report is the result of attending a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend. The fall Weekends are: September 14-16 at the beautiful Olmsted Mansion and Retreat Center which is located in the Allegheny National Forest, 20 minutes southeast of Warren PA; and October 19-21 in the Poconos at the Mountain Laurel Inn in White Haven -- 2 hours north of Philadelphia. Weekends run from Friday at 8 PM to Sunday at 5 PM and are designed to enrich ALL MARRIAGES.



There is a \$45 per couple registration fee, plus toward the end of the weekend you will be given an opportunity to make a confidential contribution of whatever amount you wish toward continuation of the program. Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are included. Weekends are filling rapidly, so to register simply go to the website: www.GodLovesMarriage.org and sign up using your credit card; or for questions, or if you would like a brochure with registration form mailed to you, contact Pennsylvania Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at 724-325-3166 or email: fischamber@comcast.net.

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Church of Durham



ANNUAL
BEEF ROAST

Saturday, August 4

5:30 PM

At the

**SPRINGTOWN ROD and
GUN CLUB**

ALL YOU CAN EAT

Roast Beef

Homemade Pickled Cabbage

Sweet Corn

Applesauce

Desserts

*Best food & fellowship in
Bucks County!*

News from the Parish Nurse ... **STROKE**

The month of July has been designated as **National Stroke Awareness Month**. Stroke is the fourth leading cause of death in America and a leading cause of adult disabilities. Up to 80% of strokes are preventable. They can be prevented through early medical intervention. A stroke or a “brain attack” occurs when a clot blocks an artery or a blood vessel ruptures or leaks blood, interrupting oxygenated blood flow to an area of the brain. When either of these things happens, brain cells begin to die and brain damage occurs.

When brain cells die during a stroke, abilities controlled by that area of the brain are lost. Those abilities July include speech, movement and memory. How a person is affected depends on where the stroke occurs in the brain and the amount of damage. For example, a person who has had a “small” stroke July experience only minor problems such as weakness of an arm or leg. Larger strokes July produce paralysis on one side and/or the loss of speech. Some people recover completely from strokes, but more than 2/3 of survivors experience some disability.

The following risk factors can be changed, treated or controlled: *High Blood Pressure (Hypertension), *Heart (Atrial Fibrillation) and Blood Vessel Diseases, *High Cholesterol, *Diabetes, *Sickle Cell Disease, *Smoking, Obesity, *Physical Inactivity. Our age, a family history of strokes, gender, and race are factors that we cannot change. Getting medical attention and administering “clot busting” drugs within a three hour window of the symptoms, is critical for a better outcome.

Common stroke myths:

Myth – Stroke is unpreventable. Reality – Stroke is largely preventable

Myth – Stroke cannot be treated. Reality – Stroke requires emergency treatment within 3 hours of onset of symptoms.

Myth – Stroke only affects the elderly. Reality – Stroke can happen to anyone.

Myth – Stroke happens to the heart. Reality – Stroke is a brain “attack”.

Myth – Stroke recovery only happens for a few months following a stroke. Reality – Recovery continues throughout life.

ACT FAST if you suspect a stroke: **Fast** is the acronym to assess a person for symptoms of a stroke.

Face – Ask the person to smile. Does one side of the face droop?

Arms – Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?

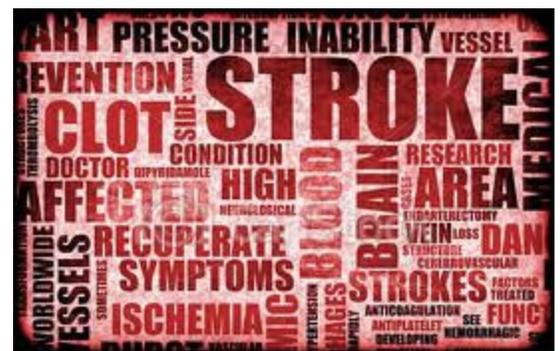
Speech – Ask the person to repeat a simple phrase. Is their speech slurred or strange?

Time – If any of these symptoms occur, call 9-1-1 immediately.

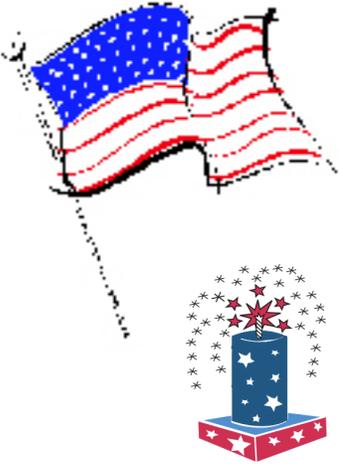
Capital Institute for Neuroscience. “Understanding different types of strokes”. The Intelligencer - July 13, 2012.

www.stroke.org

God Bless You,
Mary Hurley, RN



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