

The Federated Messenger

May 2018

The Power of Praying Together

by Pastor Ed Huntley

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In our study of the great prayers of the Bible, I've noticed that most of them were offered to the Lord in the presence of other people. Jehoshaphat and Hezekiah prayed in the temple with those who were assembled there; all of David's prayers were written for public worship; and Jesus prayed His great prayer for His disciples with eleven of them listening. While there are exceptions like Jesus, who often prayed alone all night, most of the examples of great prayer in the Bible take place in groups of believers.

Why is that so? Why does the Bible encourage us to pray together? I believe it's because there is great power in praying together. When God's people unite in prayer, great things happen!

Just ask the apostles in Jerusalem! Their leaders, Peter and John, were threatened with severe punishment if they continued to speak about Jesus. But they all joined together in prayer asking for “great boldness,” and after they prayed, “the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.” (Acts 4:31) United prayer made them bold witnesses for Christ.

Just ask the early Christians! When Peter was arrested and put in prison, “the church was earnestly praying to God for him.” (Acts 12:5) As they prayed together, an angel of God broke the chains off of Peter and threw open the prison doors, and Peter walked out unharmed. A similar miracle happened to Paul and Silas in Acts 16. United prayer opens prison doors.

Stories like these continue throughout Scripture and the history of the Church. When God's people unite in prayer, there is great power, because God Himself is present. Jesus told His disciples, “If two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.” (Matthew 18:19-20)

So I urge all of us to unite together in prayer this week, on **Tuesday in our Sanctuary at 7:00 PM for a Prayer Concert**, and on **Thursday in Albion at 6:00 PM for the National Day of Prayer**. Let us unite together in prayer, so that the power of the Lord will make great things happen in the Church and in our nation!



Meanwhile, Back at the Ranch...

By Anna Beall

Hopefully, by the time you read this the weather will have a warmer feel to it and the song birds won't have to sing through the falling snow! It seems like it has been a long, hard, winter!

So many things go on in our lives that we don't understand but we do know that God is sovereign and in control. He has a purpose for everything that happens to us.

When the bunkhouse burned, it broke our hearts and yet God spared us any injuries to the woods, to other buildings, and most of all to people. It would take a book to sight on the situations where God provided in miraculous ways. It's been wonderful reconnecting with past campers and staff through their donations and letters of how God worked in their lives when attending WLD Ranch.

Maybe the Lord has touched your life in a special way while attending an event at WLD Ranch. Maybe this has even prompted you to give your time, finances, or prayers for the ministry. For this we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Now it is time to look forward and plan for the future. The past, present, and future activities all center around Jesus and what He did on the cross for us. We share this truth each day by how we live our lives and what we say.

If you know any children that need their lives touched by the Lord, reach out to them and provide a way. It might be a ride to camp, telling their parents about WLD Ranch, or providing money toward a scholarship. Do what God is laying on your heart and give the best gift to a child today.

WLD RANCH OPEN HOUSE

MAY 6, 1-5 PM

Bring your friends and family to enjoy an afternoon of family fun in WLD Ranch style! Ride a horse, try your skill at archery and tomahawks, enjoy a hayride, tour our facility, learn the amazing game of Octoball. Register in the Longhorn Lodge upon arrival for a schedule, a map, and a coupon for a free snack!

Springfield Senior Center

Happy Anniversary!

Tuesday, May 8 ~ Devotions will be presented by Pastor Ed Huntley. Dan Schall will return to entertain us with his beautiful music!

Tuesday, May 22 ~ Devotions will be presented by Pastor Reverend Jerry Davis. Debbie DeAngelo, holistic health coach and Director of Corporate Health Services at UPMC Hamot will speak to us about living well. If you want to feel well, then you have to live well. Debbie will review tips for improving digestion, clean eating and reducing exposure to environmental toxins.



The meetings begin at **9:45 AM** but come at **9:30 AM** to join in with the senior ringers and singers! A home-cooked meal will be served at Noon. Good fellowship, blood pressure readings, exercises, lunch all for \$3.

55 ALIVE Driving Course will be held in the Federated Church Family Center Tuesday, May 15th, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.



Senior's Trips

TRAVEL WITH THE SENIORS... What a great gift for Mother's Day!

*Cleveland, May 4 – Natural History Museum, Balaton Restaurant (Hungarian), Mitchell's Ice Cream and more (waiting list only) Departing **PROMPTLY** at 8:00 AM
*Conneaut, OH, June 21 – JT's Bagels (breakfast), Conneaut Library (13 stained glass windows), Barn Quilt tour, White Turkey Drive-In, Heavenly Creamery & more. Meals on own. Cost \$15
*Presque Isle, July 19 – Presque Isle Lighthouse, box lunch, Lady Kate (14 mile 90 minute boat tour ventures onto the open waters of Lake Erie), Sara's on own for snack or ice cream. \$40, by June 26
Questions/reservations call Nancy Crabtree, 922-3249 or Federated Church Office, 922-3655

Prayer Retreat with Jonathan Graf Saturday, May 5

Make sure you set aside this day to learn from Jonathan Graf about prayer. Jonathan is the publisher of Prayer Connect magazine and author of seven books on the subject of prayer. He is a gifted motivator and will be speaking on the keys to an effective prayer life.



- ❖ **DATE & TIME:** Saturday, May 5th, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- ❖ **PLACE:** Camp Fitch (North Springfield)
- ❖ **COST:** \$10.00

Congratulations to the following who were baptized on Resurrection Sunday!

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| Cheyenne Barker | Joel Pettis |
| Brenna Devine | Reagan Pettis |
| Joseph Fiala | Sam Sontheimer |
| Addison Pettis | Missy Sturdivant |
| Delaney Pettis | Nicholas Ward |
| Ethan Pettis | |



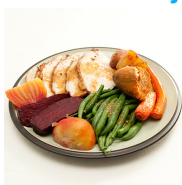
A Simulcast with Priscilla Shirer will be held in the Church Dining Room Saturday, May 19th

from 9 AM to 3 PM. Lunch is included. The cost is \$25.00.

The annual **Women's Care Center 5K Run/Walk** will be held on **Saturday, May 12th** at Presque Isle Beach 7. Join the Fed Flyers team and/or make a donation. Registration info is available in the Welcome Center or contact Wendy Payne at 814-434-4454 or online at www.wccerie.org.



The 28th Annual Love INC Banquet will be held on **May 12 at 6 PM** in the Family Center.

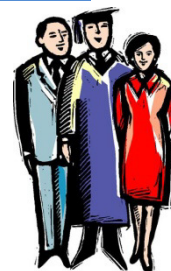


Please come and enjoy a meal and hear about what Love INC does for our community. Pie donations are needed. **Contact Michael and Arlene Kantola (814-622-0261)** to make a reservation for the dinner or to donate a pie.



ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE SENIORS!

A list of students graduating from high school and college will be published in the JUNE Messenger along with a list of Open House information. If you would like your name included on the list and the date, time, and location of your Open House published, please submit the information to the church office no later than May 15. You are also welcome to post information on the Family News bulletin board in the hall by the church offices. *(Even if you do not want an Open House listed in the Messenger, please give us your name so you can be added to the list of graduates).* **ALSO...**



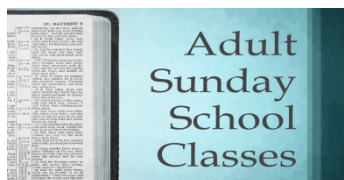
COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE!

The Lord has blessed the church with a scholarship fund. Requirements and forms for the 2018/2019 school year are available from the church office and the Welcome Center and must be completed and returned to the church office by June 3 in order to qualify. If you have any questions, contact the church office at 922-3655.

MOTHER'S DAY CARNATIONS *Support PEOPLE FOR LIFE*

Mother's Day carnations provided by People for Life will be available after services on Mother's Day (May 13). Help celebrate Mother's Day by selecting some beautiful carnations for that special mom in your life. **Your donation of \$1 per carnation will help support pro-life educational programs and activities right here in northwestern Pennsylvania.**





EQUIPPING DISCIPLES IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

- ◆ **Sanctuary Class** – A verse-by-verse study of the book of Proverbs, led by Jerry Hills in the Family Center.
- ◆ **Good News Class** – Family Center, Room 6 & 7, is currently studying the book of Ruth with Seth Huntley and Sam Ring leading.
- ◆ **Kingdom Bound Class** – Led by Andy Ward, studying “His Story, Christ’s Last Week” in Room 12, Family Center.
- ◆ **Celebration Class** – All are invited to this class in the church dining room currently studying the life and teachings of Jesus.
- ◆ **Newcomers Class** – This class led by Paul Burgess in Room 31 in the church, is studying “The Miracles of Jesus”.
- ◆ **Faith Chapel Ladies Class** – This class is studying the book of Revelation with Nancy Wuenschel leading.
- ◆ **Ladies Class** – studying “Thriving in Babylon” in Room 10 on the ground floor of the church, team taught by Chris Naylor and Libby Anderson.
- ◆ **Men’s Class** – Studying I & II Timothy, led by Pastor Rick, Bob Pettis, and John Sargent, Family Center Rooms 10 & 11.
- ◆ **College/Young Adult Class 18-24 years** – Rooms 8 & 9 of the Family Center, exploring what the Bible says about topics relative to life, led by Mike and Cheryl Anderson and Brennan and Dorothy Plucknett.
- ◆ **The ACTS Class** which meets in the Family Center coat room is studying the Biblical relevance in our society of A. W. Tozer’s book “Man – The Dwelling Place of God. Jeff Wuenschel is the facilitator.
- ◆ **Moms & Daughters of the King** – come to be refreshed, encouraged and challenged in the journey of motherhood. This class meets in the “Family Room”, upstairs of the sanctuary, behind the balcony.

- ◆ **Parenting Class** – (Through May 13) Being a parent is hard, so let’s learn together. We will be watching “It Starts at Home”, a six-week series from RightNow Media with plenty of time for discussion.
- ◆ **Prayer Class** – Pastor Rick will lead this class beginning May 6th for six weeks. This class will meet in the Prayer Room and is limited to 10 people. Sign up in the Welcome Center.



May Childcare Schedule

Nursery 8:30 AM

May 6	P. Machacek, B. Hopkins
May 13	J. Merritt, C. Merritt
May 20	C. Repoff, TBA
May 27	D. Snyder, T. Snyder

Nursery 10:00 AM

May 6	A. Hayes, S. Cook
May 13	B. Blum, K. Ring
May 20	B. Hulley, M. Hulley
May 27	S. Johnson, S. Stuyvesant

Nursery 11:15 AM

May 6	P. Adams, E. Bright
May 13	G. Kenyon, E. Corbett
May 20	M. Barlow, TBA
May 27	TBA

Toddler 8:30 AM

May 6	M. Egli, C. Harpst
May 13	C. Durfee, E. Durfee
May 20	T. Pratt, M. Pratt
May 27	TBA

Toddler 10:00 AM

May 6	A. Glover
May 13	A. Glover, L. Burgess
May 20	D. Snyder, T. Snyder
May 27	A. Glover

Toddler 11:15 AM

May 6	D. Rogers, TBA
May 13	J. Huntley, C. Huntley
May 20	B. Crosby, J. Cox
May 27	V. Sontheimer, K. Wurst



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
		1 7 PM Concert of Prayer, Sanctuary	2 10 AM Golden Circle NO Prayer Meeting 7 PM JOURNEY	3 6:00 PM National Day of Prayer, Albion	4	5 8:30 AM—1:30 PM Prayer Retreat
6 8:30 & 11:15 AM Worship 10 AM Sunday School 1-5 PM WLD Ranch Open House	7 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study 7 PM FOCAS	8 9:45 AM Senior Center 6:30 PM Elders & Deacons Meeting	9 10 AM Golden Circle 7 PM Prayer Meeting & JOURNEY	10	11 10 AM Tabitha Team	12 6 PM Love Inc Banquet, Family Center
13 8:30 & 11:15 AM Worship 10 AM Sunday School	14 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study	15 6-8 PM Ladies Coffee House, Welcome Center	16 10 AM Golden Circle 7 PM Prayer Meeting & JOURNEY	17	18	19 9 AM to 3 PM Women's Simulcast
20 8:30 & 11:15 AM Worship 10 AM Sunday School FAMILY FEED for Alaska Missions Trip	21 1 PM Mobile Food Pantry 6:30 PM Women's Study 7 PM FOCAS	22 9:45 AM Senior Center 	23 10 AM Golden Circle 7 PM Prayer Meeting & JOURNEY	24	25	26 Father & Son Backpacking Trip
27 8:30 & 11:15 AM Worship 10 AM Sunday School	28  MEMORIAL DAY	29	30 10 AM Golden Circle 7 PM Prayer	31		