

Today

"...First comes love, then comes marriage..." Remember that childhood rhyme?

A fulfilling marriage takes commitment, love and patience. The Apostle Paul gives us timeless advice on marriage in I Corinthians 7. Pastor David will use this text to speak on "Having a Mutually Rewarding Marriage".

Also, today is the Kick-off to a new Sunday School year. The children will be dismissed after the message to go to their Sunday School Assembly.

6:00 p.m. Introduction to the Cleansing Stream Seminar

This week

September 8-13

MONDAY

6:45 p.m. Beth Moore Study

7:00 p.m. Elder's Meeting

TUESDAY

8:00 a.m. Koffee & Konversation, Hellertown Diner

7:00 p.m. Church Council

WEDNESDAY

6:30 p.m. Good News Club & Youth Group

7:00 p.m. Basics of Faith

THURSDAY

9:30 a.m. Echo Hill County Store Trip, Park 'n Ride, H'town

7:30 p.m. Worship Team Practice, Sanctuary

SATURDAY

11:00 a.m. Senior Youth, Lake Nockamixon Lunch & Hike

This Week's Four Streams Bible Reading Plan

September 7 1 Thes. 1-3, Isaiah 7-8, Psalm 56, Proverbs 2

September 8 1 Thessalonians 4-5, Isaiah 9-10, Psalm 57

September 9 2 Thessalonians 1-3, Isaiah 11-12, Psalm 58

September 10 1 Timothy 1-3, Isaiah 13-14

September 11 1 Timothy 4-6, Isaiah 15-16, Psalm 59

September 12 2 Timothy 1-2, Isaiah 17-18, Psalm 60, Prov. 3

September 13 2 Timothy 3-4, Philemon, Isaiah 19-21, Psalm 61

Announcements

We have a **Staffed Nursery** to care for your children through age three. In addition, there is a **Cry Room** at the rear of the sanctuary to attend to the needs of infants.

We have **Hearing Assist Units** available for those who may have difficulty hearing the service. Please speak to the person in the sound room to receive your unit for the morning.

We have **Sunday School** for all ages. Please refer to the back of your bulletin to see where each class will be meeting. Adults have two options, the David C. Cook Uniform Lesson taught by Joel Mohler and Sue Reed in the Chapel, and a book study, "*Love and Respect*" by Dr. Emerson Eggerichs, taught by the Marriage Retreat Committee in the Sanctuary.

Next Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m., we are having a **Talent Show at SCMC!** If you would like to share your talent, sign up on the sign-up sheet in the foyer today.

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner on Saturday evening, October 4, at 6 p.m.?! Sign up on the sheet provided in the foyer to indicate that you are wishing to participate and whether you would like to be a Host or Guest.

This year's **Church Retreat**, October 24-26, will be "A Praying Life: Learning to Pray in a Distracting World". The speaker will be Lyle Caswell. Many of us are quietly defeated in our private prayer lives. We've tried praying, but it just doesn't seem to work. So we feel a combination of frustration and guilt. In this retreat, we will learn step-by-step how to begin a private life of prayer in fellowship with our heavenly Father. This seminar is not for victorious Christians, but Christians who often find themselves defeated in the trenches. It deals with such practical questions as..."How do you stay focused when you are distracted with so much to do?", "How do you pray longer than five minutes?", "How do you pray when your own life is messed up?", "How do you ask when you've tried it before and it doesn't work?". Due to the fact that the speaker needs to fly home Saturday afternoon, his portion of the retreat will be Friday evening and Saturday morning. Please note that the Friday evening session will begin at 7:00 pm. Please sign up on the sheet provided in the foyer if you plan to attend.

Ministry Opportunities and Events

The **Fall Men's Retreat** is September 26-28. It will be held at Bergey's cabin in Tunkhannock. The speaker will be Dan Krug from Spruce Lake Retreat Center. The topic is "Vital Signs." The cost will be \$50 for the weekend; \$35 for those who want to just come up for Saturday. Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer if you would like to attend.

On September 21, SCMC will participate in the **National Back-to-Church Sunday**. Why the need for such an event? Some people have taken advantage of the summer school schedule and warmer weather: they need to get back into the routine of worshipping together on Sundays. Some people have left the church over different preferences or styles of worship: they need to be welcomed back to a healing community of faith. Some people have discounted a church experience as only a place for weddings and funerals: they need to be invited back for a better look at church life. Still others want nothing to do with church: they simply need to be invited to "Come and See". Pray now for whom you will invite.

Pastor David has again responded to a call to minister in India, February 2015. He would be like to take a small group of individuals to help minister to and be blessed by the widows and orphans. Speak to Pastor David for more information.

Serving Others

TODAY

Nursery

Val Newcomer

Nick Mace

Greeters

Rose Szabo

Worship Team

Dan Reed

Ushers

Greg Feenstra

Nick Mace

Aaron Kochsmeier

Ed Morber

Bobby Kempf

Children's Message

Tara Willard

NEXT WEEK: (Sept. 14)

Jenn Matcke

Jasmyne Cox

Mary Ann Transue

Sandy Faust

Scott Richards

Lee Walters

John Cressman

Randy Willard

Neal Kempf

Kelly Schoch

Attendance and Giving

OFFERING ON AUGUST 31	\$4,645.75
OFFERING YEAR-TO-DATE	\$173,183
BUDGET YEAR-TO-DATE	\$205,005; shortage, \$31,822

Birthdays and Anniversaries

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Gail Nolf - September 7 Betty Kemmerer - September 13
Lee Walters - September 12

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:

Eric & Kelly Schoch - Sept. 8 Ron & Sandy Faust - Sept. 9
Mark & Nancy Walters - Sept. 8 Brian & Diane Cassel - Sept. 13

Information

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Sunday School Information

2-YEAR OLDS

Led by Tara Willard
Helper, Kim Matthews
Upstairs Nursery

3- AND 4-YEAR OLDS

Led by Becky Hutchinson
Helper, Shirley Liedig
Room B6

KINDERGARTEN & GRADE 1

Led by Rachel Feenstra
Helper, Sheryl Richards
Room LL1

GRADES 2-4

Led by Amy Frace
Helper, Mary Lou Shimko
Room LL2

GRADES 5-8

Led by Anita McSloy
Room LL4

SENIOR YOUTH

Led by Sandy Faust
and Jen Matcke
Youth Room

ADULT CLASS

David Cook Uniform Lesson
Led by Joel Mohler & Sue Reed
Chapel

ADULT CLASS

"*Love and Respect*" by Dr. Emerson Eggerichs
Led by Marriage Retreat Committee
Sanctuary



***“Having a Mutually
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1 Corinthians 7

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