

POINTS Newsletter



September

October

2024

FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, SHIPPENSBURG PA

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Pastor Newsletter

It seems like the summer season was once upon us, and I'm getting used to shorts and flip-flops, but now schools are back in session, and we are beginning to plan for the fall. I, for one, have difficulty letting go of the summer months, and so it is that Pat and I will be heading for our long overdue yearly beach vacation following worship on September 8th. Many of you have asked about my studies with ECO. I must say, those studies have been challenging enough to take a pause now and pray in reflection of God's direction. If you are asking what that means, it means ECO has indicated that it is taking on two additional seminary studies. My pause is to discern if that is what I feel God is leading me to do. Without going into more detail, I would be more than happy to discuss your questions in private conversation.

Following our vacation, I ask those of you who feel led to become covenant partners of our church to let me know your intention so that we can discuss the timing of attending a three-week class. Three weeks is not a long time, considering these classes once lasted for six weeks. Once I have a list, we can go from there. I prefer to begin sometime in October so that we can present you to the congregation at our yearly congregational meeting.

With the fall season just around the corner, I have been accepted as a volunteer with Shippensburg University's newly created Chaplaincy program to support University students. There will be a total of five pastors under this program, and we are uncertain as to what this will entail, but I do feel that we can and will make a difference in this community. I will keep everyone updated as time goes on.

Most of you are aware that I also serve on the local Shippensburg ministerium, which also has the direction to make a difference in this community. Recently, I was honored to be asked to be the speaker at the Shippensburg Fair's opening night Vesper's service, in

which I spoke about needing a revival of mission to witness Jesus. Our ministerium took the summer off but now resumes this week, focusing on the Love Our Town initiative. I am so blessed to be part of this initiative as our church has been collecting diapers and baby wipes. Like most communities, many cannot afford life in general. Our homeless shelter is always at full capacity with more than forty children in need of clothing, shelter, nutritious food, and other expenses. My initiative is to be mission-minded within the local community. Many of our local churches are joining hands together to make a difference, and I encourage each one of you to be on board with the mission-driven life. I am committed to this cause and hope to inspire you to join me in this direction. How do we do this? Let's make a difference together.

In the book of Colossians 4:2-6, Paul calls us to live a mission-centered life. "Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone."

I do not believe that we are all called to leave home and go to other nations. God has placed us here on this earth for a purpose, and the mission field is wherever we are placed. Friends, we are placed right here in Shippensburg. I pray that we can make a difference and strategically use our time to witness for Christ. I believe in the potential of each one of you to be a powerful force for good in our community. Be in peace, my friends.

Pastor Gary.

We need you!



We need you!

Operation Christmas Child – Shoebox Packing Party

What: Outreach and Fellowship event for our Church family and friends

When: October 3rd (Thursday) beginning at 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Where: Social Hall. Presbyterian Church Shippensburg

On Oct. 3rd, we are gathering to pack **75 shoeboxes** for God's children all over the world! We will have all the materials to pack the shoeboxes and after a delicious dinner of BBQ (also known as Sloppy Joe's), chips, cookies and brownie, we will fill the shoeboxes

Please invite your friends and show up to be the hands and feet of Jesus in a world that needs His love! All are invited to join us! Come join us in the fun, fellowship and service in His Kingdom!

If you are unable to attend the packing party, please consider making a donation with cash (envelope marked Operation Christmas Child) or write a check to the Presbyterian Church Ship (in the memo line of the check Operation Christmas Child) to help with the cost of postage. We will need to raise \$750 for postage which is \$10.00 per shoebox.





September

- 2 - Pastor Mike Miller
- 3 - Luke Hutchison
- 4 - Keeley Musselman
- 10 - Grant Jackson
- 12 - Jaxson Jones
- 16 - Mike Shenk
- 19 - Tina Coover
Naomi Lancia
- 23 - Kenzie Musselman
- 26 - Benjamin Sloan
- 27 - Micah Chatley
- 29 - Makenzie Coover

Anniversaries

- 26 - Keith & Sue Eyer

Coffee Time Hosts

- 1 - Ben & Mindy Sloan
- 8 & 15 - Dave & Tawnya Secor
- 22 & 29 - Ken & Vicki Shoap



The Church Office will be closed on
Monday, September 2nd.



October

- 1 - Macguire Miller
- 5 - Carol Carmack
- 6 - Bennett Jackson
- 7 - Lori Stark
- 16 - Mabel Hoover
- 18 - Zoe Wewer
- 26 - Marty Carmack
- 29 - Max Wewer

Anniversaries

- 15 - Bill & Lory Naugle



There will be a Service of Holy Communion on Sunday, September 8th and Sunday, October 6th, 10:30a.m.



The next newsletter POINTS Deadline will be 9:00a.m. Monday, October 28th. For the months of November and December.



KATIE'S PLACE PRESENTS THE 2024

Better Together Festival

LOCAL AGENCIES AND RESOURCES

FEATURING

Free
Entry

FREE FOOD, ENTERTAINMENT,
KIDS ZONE, DOOR PRIZES AND MORE!

September 27, 2024 | 5-8 PM

Rain date: October 4

KATIE'S PLACE

130 S. Penn St., Shippensburg, PA 17257

Event will take place in Katie's Place parking lot.
Parking @ the Messiah Methodist Church.



Christian Education

Sunday

Sunday, September 8th



We will be
presenting Bibles to our
children, during the
Worship Service at 10:30a.m.



Thank You to our church family for all your prayers, cards, and kind words in the passing of my mother Gwen. A special Thank You to Pastor Gary for his visit to Mom and his support for our family, and to the Women's Bible Study group for the beautiful Peace Lily in memory of Mom. Blessings, Pam & Bob



Change of Address



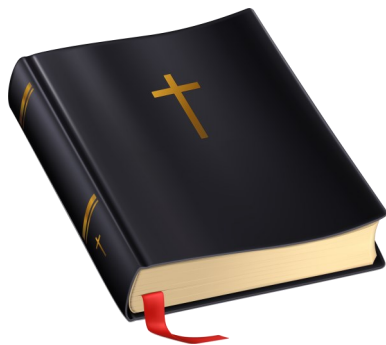
Pastor Gary will be leaving for vacation following the Worship Service on Sunday, September 8th and will be on vacation

**Monday, September 9th -
Sunday September 22nd.**

The guest preacher for both Sundays, September 15th & 22nd will be Pastor Bob Cook.

Margy Furry will be moving to Shippensburg on September 21st.
Her new address will be:

**730 Fireside Drive
Shippensburg, PA
17257**



Women's Small Group Study

**Tuesday, September 3rd
at 7:00p.m. in Galbreath**

**Our lesson from the Prayers of
Jesus will be "A Friend in High
Places"**

SINGLE MOTHERS SUPPORT GROUP

Thursdays 6:30 PM

September 5th - October 3rd

21 N. PRINCE ST.,
SHIPPENSBURG PA

A free, five-week group for single mothers to come together to build community and support one another.



Free childcare available for children 7-12, contact us
at growingedges@ship.edu to learn more

AGE 7-12
YEARS

SEPTEMBER 5-OCTOBER 3

BACK TO SCHOOL COUNSELING GROUP

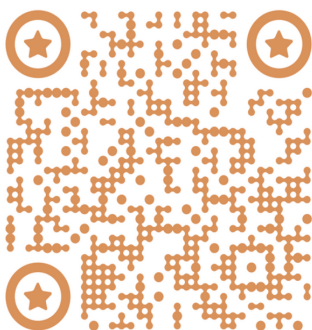
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THURSDAYS 6:30 PM

21 N. PRINCE ST.,
SHIPPENSBURG PA

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MUSIC, MOVEMENT,
ARTS & CRAFTS
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Khara Timsina

Executive Director & Co-Founder
Bhutanese Community
Association of Pittsburg



Amer Al Fayadh

Founder
Communication Essentials, LLC

Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2024
10am -11:30am via zoom

RSVP at
healthyfranklincounty.org



SEPTEMBER 2024



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>This calendar has the times and locations of the free community meals offered in shippensburg</p>		<p>All Meals are Grabngo, drive-thru style unless stated otherwise</p>				
<p>1 In need of clothing, food, or basic necessities? Call Circle of Love at 717-372-1112 or check their Facebook for details</p>	<p>2 <u>NO COMMUNITY MEAL</u> HAPPY LABOR DAY!</p>	<p>3 SPO/Diaper Bank 130 S PENN ST 3:30 PM TO 6PM Grace Place 21 N Prince St 10 a.m. Christ United Methodist 47 E King St 6:15 p.m.*Sit down*</p>	<p>4 Oasis of Love 303 S Washington St 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>5 Oasis of Love Baked Items 303 S Washington St 10:30 to 11 a.m. Prince St Brethren 20 N Prince St 5:30 P.M.</p>	<p>6 <u>NO COMMUNITY MEAL</u></p>	<p>7 Christ United Methodist Sit Down Breakfast 47 E King St 9:30 A.M. <i>Dine in only</i></p>
<p>8 Hound Packs is for any child living in the SASD. Weekend food bags with 7 meals are distributed on Thursdays. Visit the website listed below for more info.</p>	<p>9 St. Andrews Episcopal Church 206 E Burd St 5pm-6pm</p>	<p>10 SPO 130 S Penn St 3:30 pm to 6 pm Grace Place 21 N Prince St 10 a.m. Messiah United Methodist 30 S Penn St 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>11 Oasis of Love 303 S Washington St 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Newburg First Church of God (Dine in only) 260 Newburg Rd 5:30 to 6:30</p>	<p>12 Oasis of Love Baked Items 303 S Washington St 10:30 to 11 a.m. Covenant Brethren 253 E Garfield St 5:30 P.M. TO 6:30 P.M.</p>	<p>13 <u>NO COMMUNITY MEAL</u></p>	<p>14 Christ United Methodist Sit Down Breakfast 47 E King St 9:30 A.M. <i>Dine in only</i></p>
<p>15 Senior Center meals & meals on wheels 717-300-3563</p>	<p>16 Grace United Church 121 E Orange St. 5pm <i>Dine in only</i></p>	<p>17 SPO & Sr Boxes 130 S Penn St 3:30pm to 6pm Grace Place 21 N Prince St 10 a.m. <u>NO COMMUNITY MEAL</u></p>	<p>18 Oasis of Love 303 S Washington St 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Newburg First Church of God (Dine in only) 260 Newburg Rd 5:30 to 6:30</p>	<p>19 Oasis of Love Baked Items 303 S Washington St 10:30 to 11 a.m. <u>NO COMMUNITY MEAL</u></p>	<p>20 <u>NO COMMUNITY MEAL</u></p>	<p>21 Christ United Methodist Sit Down Breakfast 47 E King St 9:30 A.M. <i>Dine in only</i></p>
<p>22 Is your church interested in hosting a community meal? Contact Jami at coordinator-scrcc@shipresources.org</p>	<p>23 St. Andrews Episcopal Church 206 E Burd St 5pm-6pm</p>	<p>24 SPO & Sr Boxes 130 S Penn St 3:30pm to 6pm Grace Place 21 N Prince St 10 a.m. Messiah United Methodist 30 S Penn St 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>25 Oasis of Love 303 S Washington St 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Newburg First Church of God (Dine in only) 260 Newburg Rd 5:30 to 6:30</p>	<p>26 Middle Spring Presbyterian 135 Middle Spring Rd 5p.m. to 6 p.m. Oasis of Love Baked Items 303 S Washington St 10:30 to 11 a.m.</p>	<p>27 <u>NO COMMUNITY MEAL</u></p>	<p>28 EVERY SAT: FOOD BOXES BY APPT OASIS OF LOVE 303 S WASHINGTON ST</p>
<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>					

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September Meetings and Events

2 - Church Office Closed

3 - Women's Bible Study: 7:00p.m.

8 - Service of Holy Communion and Bible Presentations

9-22 - Pastor Gary on Vacation

27 - Better Together Festival - 5:00p.m. (Katie's Place)

October Meetings and Events

3 - Operation Christmas Child Packing Party - 5:00p.m. (Social Hall)

6 - Service of Holy Communion: 10:30a.m.

11 - Wednesday Prayer Service: 7:00p.m.

14 - Church Office Closed

17 - Session Meeting: 7:00p.m. (Galbreath)

28 - POINTS Deadline: 9:00a.m.