



June
2021

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Clinton United
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Church

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastoral Care Emergency: In case of need of pastoral care, please contact the church office at 724-695-7993

Finance Meeting

We will be having a Finance Team meeting on June, 15th at 7PM.

Session Meeting

We have a Session Meeting scheduled for June, 17th at 7PM.

Sunday Worship and Online resources

Service begins at 10:00 am every

Sunday. We have updated our Covid -19 policies in accordance with the new CDC guidelines. Masks are optional if you are fully vaccinated. We ask that non- vaccinated people still continue to wear masks. We will still be following social distancing guidelines for seating.

We do understand that not everyone feels comfortable attending or is able to do so safely at this time. The health and safety of our congregation and the most vulnerable among us, is our first priority. If you are feeling ill or have been exposed to someone that has tested positive for covid-19, please stay home and seek medical attention. There are several ways that you can remotely worship with us.

- We will be streaming live audio of our service on our website every Sunday starting at 10:00am. The link to listen to our service is [live worship service](#).
- You may also listen to this recording at your convenience under the worship archived section of our website [Recording of worship](#)

[services](#). You may also visit our [YouTube](#) page.

- Every week Pastor Karen sends out a weekly letter to the congregation via email. This letter can also be found every Friday on her page on our website. [Pastor Karen's page](#)
- We have copies of the Upper Room daily bible devotional on the table in the Narthex. If you are unable to get a copy in person or prefer to read a copy on your computer, cell phone or tablet, it can be found here. [Digital Upper Room](#)



Sanctuary Flowers

Did you know that you can make a donation for fresh flowers to be in the sanctuary on Sunday morning, in Honor or Memory of

a loved one or special occasion? There is a signup sheet, along with forms in the narthex for anyone that would like to celebrate that special someone. Please signup for whichever Sunday you would like and enclose a form along with your payment. Payments can be dropped off in the office or in the offertory. Please list flowers on your giving envelope or in the memo line of your check. A \$50 seasonal arrangement of the florists choice will automatically be ordered unless you pick something more specific.

Special Dates in June 2021

- June 14th, 2021 Flag day
- June 20th, 2021 Father's Day
- June 20th, 2021 First Day of Summer



WAMA Food Pantry

(Warehouse behind RiteAid)

**105 West Allegheny Rd
Imperial, PA 15126**

We appreciate any help the churches can give us as we are now back to our normal schedule for the 2021 year.

June's Distributions

Tuesday, June 11 th	9:00 to 12:00pm.
Wednesday, June 12 th	4:30 to 6:30pm.
Tuesday, June 25 th	9:00 to 12:00pm.
Wednesday, June 26 th	4:30 to 6:30pm.

Please call the Food Pantry number 724-695-1305 to let our FP Coordinators: Tim Opfermann and Linda Stoner know if you would like to help.

Thank you for all your past help and we look forward to working with you in 2021.
Judith Bolind, volunteer

Also, in addition, the Food Pantry would welcome any attendees who might need our services or if they know of anyone else in need, please refer them to us.

A note from Rev. Dr. Karen F. Younger

I recently saw an article that created a great deal of anxiety in me. It was entitled "If You Are 35, You Have 500 Days to Live." Subtract the time you will spend sleeping, working, and tending to personal matters such as hygiene, odd chores, eating, and traveling, if you live to the average age, you have 500 days of leisure left. I thought, yikes! How many days do I have! At the end of every new year I think, where did that year go? And that obnoxious song by the Steve Miller Band plays in my head. "Time keeps on slipping, slipping into the future." I feel that way sometimes. Time is slipping through my fingers. I can't be another year older. My daughters can't possibly be 18 and 21.

But other times, we want it to speed up. We say things like, "I can't wait until my in-laws leave." "I'm so excited for Christmas." "I'm counting down the days to vacation."

Not enough time? Too much time! Time is our friend. Time is our enemy. Sometimes we say "Life's too short." Other times we say, "How long, O Lord, how long?" The curious thing is that we aren't too happy with the meantime.

Many of us live preoccupied, controlled, and pressured by time. We talk about lateness, being early, needing extra time, saving time, and killing time. We say things like, "I'm sorry to cut this short, but I just realized what time it is." Or, "I'd love to be a part of it because it is

important to me. If there ever is time, I'll consider it."

When we talk of time like this we are talking about time according to the time of the clock or calendar. The endless, inevitable march of the seconds, minutes, hours, and days, weeks, months, and years. What the Greeks of Jesus' day called *chronos*.

But in the Bible time is almost never spoken of in this way. The Bible almost exclusively concerns itself with *kairos* time. *Kairos* is event centered, time defining moments. *Kairos* time has to do with the content of a certain moment or event. I remember the first time I held my daughters in my arms as newborns. I remember the look in their eyes, the smell of their skin, the touch of their tiny fingers clasped around mine. I remember that time as if it were just a moment ago. But do I remember the minute, the second that it happened? No. Yet, I do remember the time. Time in this sense is not chronological; it involves the content of the moment. This is *kairos* time. It connects this world with the eternal.

God's time, *kairos* time, can be a fraction of a moment. It can happen in a flash, or it can take much longer. *Kairos* time can occur when we are in pain. *Kairos* time can occur during the good times, when everything is going well for us. So, short or long, fasting or feasting, good times or bad, in all of these situations, God can make them into *kairos* time.

I wonder what time it is in your life. Maybe you are new to the Christian faith. Maybe you are worried about the future—worried about your job, your marriage, your finances. Maybe you're trying to raise good kids and be a good parent. Maybe you're scared you're screwing it all up. Maybe you are overwhelmed with life's obligations. Maybe you are in a struggling relationship. Maybe someone reading this needs to say, "I'm sorry," or "I forgive you." Maybe you're filled with joy and are excited for the next step on your life's journey. Are you rejoicing? Are you hopeful? Are you grieving? Are you lonely? The list is endless.

I don't know what time it is in your life, but I do know this: each one of us has been given extraordinary potential to make a difference in God's Time. The question is are we going to recognize the moment? Are we going to see *kairos* moments in our *chronos* time?

God created us for much more than efficiently spending six or seven hundred thousand hours of *chronos* time and calling that a life. Life is not measured in length but in depth—in *kairos*. So I invite you over the summer months, especially as you spend time with friends and family, to be constantly on the lookout for *kairos*.

Grace and peace,

Karen

Upcoming Events

Nursery

Sunday, June 6th will be our last day for Nursery/ Childcare. We graciously thank all of our volunteers that help keep this program running and look forward to seeing you all again after summer. Pastor Younger will continue to teach and engage our children, with the Children's time every Sunday.



Graduation Sunday will be celebrated on **Sunday, June 13th 2021**, during worship. This is a special time for recognizing our graduates and

their accomplishments. Please plan to share this time with them.



DEACONS

Following to Lead | Leading to Serve

The Deacon's will meet on **Sunday, June 6th**, directly after church for our regular meeting. As the world opens up again, little by little we hope to resume some of our regular activities. Please keep us in your prayers as there are many needs in our church and community that need God's care and understanding. Our food Pantry donations for June are canned vegetables and pepper.



CLINTON GOLF LEAGUE

We have started our Golf season back in full swing! Come and join us on Friday evenings. **We tee off at 5Pm** at the Ponderosa Gold lands in Hookstown.



Now that we are singing again it is wonderful to hear all your wonderful voices. There will still remain 2 choir members all summer to help lead us all through each hymn. Remember, each hymn is a prayer to God, so lift your voices full and strong.

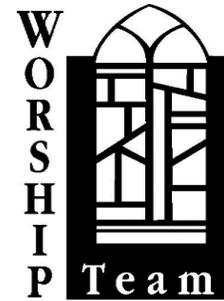


Bowling League

You may think this is sort of early but we are hoping to start our bowling league back up this coming fall. We always struggle to have enough bowlers to fill our teams, so now might be a good time for you to think about this wonderful fall and winter activity. Please let Yum Groom or Cindy Macek know if you are interested in joining us on Wednesday evenings at Center lanes at 6:30PM



Our next Days for Girls events will be at Valley Presbyterian **on Wednesday June 2nd, 6PM-8PM** and **Sunday June 13th from 1PM-4PM**. Our plan is to do some sewing and pack kits that will be going to Mexico.



Summer worship is here! Now **Sunday's June - August, church service will begin at 10 AM**. This summer we will also have guests organist/pianist. One of our guest organists is Melody Sharp. She is an

accomplished musician and also teaches organ and piano. One of her students will also play a couple of Sundays for us. Her name is Rylie Stopperich. The worship and music team are very excited for you to hear them play our favorite hymns.

On **June 13** we will honor our 2021 high school graduates during the church service. I also heard they are handing out ice cream bars after. Cool! Don't forget Father's Day as well, on June 20. We indeed need to honor our Fathers who do so much for their families and take care of their church family as well. God is good all the time! See you in church!

Worship and Music Team.



Deacon's Giving Campaign

We would like to thank everyone that donated to the Deacon's giving campaign in the month of May. Every month the Deacon's focus on a

different need. For the month of **June**, the Deacon's campaign is focusing on **Canned Vegetables and Pepper**. There is a box located in the back of the sanctuary for your donations.



Covid Vaccine clinic

Clinton United Presbyterian Church will be hosting a Vaccination clinic on **June 27th and July 18th from 11:00am – 1:00pm**. We will have the Pfizer Covid vaccine for ages 12+ available. The vaccine clinic will bill your insurance for the Covid vaccine. If you do not have insurance the vaccine will be provided free of charge.

You must register online at

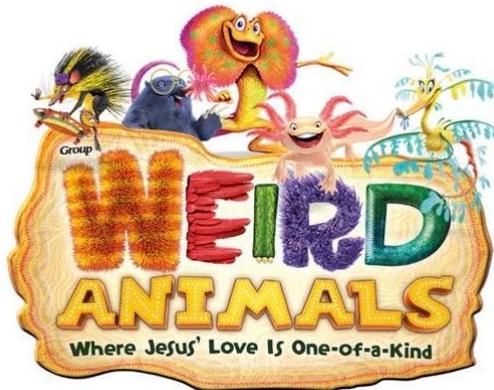
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by June 18th

Other vaccines available will be Shingles, Pneumonia, TDAP, Hepatitis, meningitis,

and HPV. (You must meet certain age requirements.)

Please contact Jenn Rosmman or the information sheet in the Narthex for more details.



We are very excited to announce that this year's Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be in-person the week of **July 26th - 30th!**

Everyone in our community is welcome to bring their elementary school aged children to participate in our weeklong VBS. We will be singing, playing games, and learning about the love of Jesus.

The day **begins at 9:00 am and ends at 12:00 noon**. This is a free event that brings children together to celebrate Jesus' love in a fun and exciting way. We hope to see lots of happy faces ready to have some fun and rejoice in the love of Jesus!

Church Needs

The church is asking if anyone would have a 17" flat screen computer monitor with an HDMI connection and stand that they could donate to the church. Please contact Dale Huemmrch at 724-457-7194. Thanks!



With Thanks

Thank you to Bill and Brenda Metz and Janoski's for donating the Geraniums that are planted in the front of the church.

Our Sunday School season has officially come to an end. We graciously thank all of our Sunday School teachers! They spend endless hours preparing lessons, waking up early every Sunday morning and ensuring that our children learn and grow spiritually. We look forward to seeing everyone back in class again after summer!

On behalf of myself, our Pastor, Session, Finance Team and the entire congregation; I would like to thank both our Treasurer Sophie Guzma, and Laura Burns for stepping back into their former roles so that I can take Maternity Leave. Jim and I would like to thank everyone for all of their encouragement, support, and prayers during my pregnancy. We are beyond excited to be able to share the next chapter of our lives with all of you.

The Murin's



Celebrating OUR GRADUATES

This year, Clinton UP Church will recognize six high school graduates on Sunday, June 13, 2021. Please plan to attend the 10 a.m. worship service that day to help these young adults celebrate their outstanding accomplishments and look toward their exciting futures.



Mya Clay

Mya is the daughter of Erin and Rob Clay and the granddaughter of Brown and Marsha Beck. At West Allegheny High School, she was involved in the school musicals, volleyball, bell choir, marching band, show choir, and Drama Club. Because of her many talents, she won the Director's Award for Choruses. In the fall, Mya will attend Seton Hill University to major in musical theater.



Hannah Lapin

The Lapin family are long time members of Clinton U.P. Church. Hannah is also the niece of Barb Cook and Adrienne Frazier. She participated in the United States Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) at West Allegheny High School. In the future, Hannah would like to take esthetician training at Empire Beauty School. She enjoys painting, media editing, photography, and cooking.



Skyler Miller

Skyler is the granddaughter of Joe and June Miller. As a West Allegheny High School varsity cheerleader, she was awarded an All-American Cheerleader for four consecutive years and was invited to perform in the Florida Rose Bowl half-time show. Skyler also participated in the varsity dance team, varsity track and field, and was a theatre-lead in both the 2020-21 fall play and spring musical, and

Softball Oakdale 18. At Clinton UP Church, Skyer serves as a Deacon; a missionary to the Florida panhandle to rebuild homes and to West Virginia to volunteer in economically deprived neighborhoods; a volunteer in the community, and the Sunday school teacher for the middle and high school students. Her immediate future plans are to attend Duquesne University, in which she earned a full academic tuition scholarship for the fall to study biochemistry. Later, she hopes to pursue her Ph.D. in clinical psychiatry and become a pediatric psychiatrist. Congratulations to Skyer, who is ending her academic career with highest honors at West Allegheny High school. She is the lone senior to be graduating with an Advanced Placement Capstone, an award earned for taking and scoring high in four AP courses, along with AP Seminar and AP Research coursework.



Lindsay Thomas

Lindsay is the daughter of Mark and Lori Thomas and the granddaughter of Herman and Carol Thomas and Cecil and Arlene Long. She was a member of the National Honor Society for four years at West Allegheny High School. In the fall, she will be attending Waynesburg University to study nursing. Currently, she is employed at Janoski's Farm Market.



Josh Wilson

Josh is the son of Jennifer and Larry Wilson. He was involved in the FFA program at Fort Cherry High School. His future plans include applying for a position

using his welding skills and obtaining his CDL license for which he is taking classes. For fun, Josh enjoys tractor pulls and steam shows.



Lily Younger

Lily is the daughter of the Reverend Dr. Karen F. Younger and the Reverend Dr. William J. Younger. She graduated Cum Laude from Eden Christian Academy in Sewickley, where she was presented an award from the faculty for being "most genuine". This trait will be very helpful to her as she pursues a career in nursing at Eastern University. Lily is an advocate for mission, participating in mission trips, including an Alaskan mission trip that she is taking this summer. Lily enjoys art.

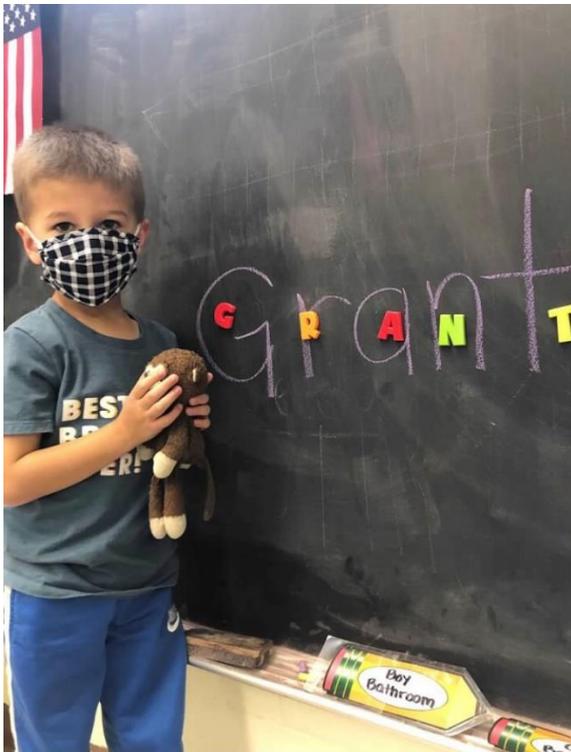


Looking back at May

Cup Preschool

A Year in Review

This past month of May, we wrapped up our first preschool and prekindergarten classes. We were blessed to watch the children grow, learn and discover Jesus.



Throughout the year, the children learned the alphabet, numbers, letters and shapes. We used beads, paint, pipe cleaners, and gummy bears to create a fun way to learn.



We had virtual visits from the librarian each month and were blessed with books to take home and keep.



Ms. Leah made a visit with the school bus to introduce the children to transportation and to learn the rules to riding the bus.





We made volcanoes, planted flowers, and hatched chicks in the effort to discover the love of science. It has been a full, fun year!



I'd like to leave you with a conversation two of my preschoolers had the other day: Preschooler A - "My pappy doesn't know Jesus." Preschooler B- "That's okay, you do! And you can tell your pap all about him!"

And that is why we are doing what we are doing. Thank you all for your love and support this school year. It has truly been a blessing!



Ludwig Update

Colonialism and Us

Our sending church has been doing a lot of work on what it means to be the church in the current social reality with a history of white privilege and power benefits. Through many meetings and workshops, it's been stretching us to think about how the residue of colonialism is still present in our work whether we intend it to be or not. This hits home quickly when we think about the different status and way we're perceived walking down the street in the Sahel, versus doing the same in the US. And looking at the much larger difference that African-American colleagues experience from the privilege and safety of being identified as a US citizen here, versus the danger or push-back they have to deal with because of the color of their skin walking down a US city street.

A lot of the discussions hit on themes that have been brought to the forefront in the last decade by mission themed books like *When Helping Hurts*, and *Toxic Charity*. But there are also sharper questions like, is it even right to have white people going to African countries because of the way that we're automatically received, despite our efforts at working as equals and partners? I'm not sure what our organization is going to be able to do with these questions, but the essence of this struggle is a very important thing for all of us to keep re-evaluating. What is the best way to do the good that we are

trying to do? What are the barriers to this good that we are a part of intentionally or un-intentionally?



Talking to siblings at a recently opened student hosting center

Colonialism intersects with lots of things from empire building to capitalism and monetizing people. This also intersects with a conversation we've been having among some other co-workers looking at partnership on a deep level. One of our good friends argues that we shouldn't use the language of partnership in the church, because it's got too much of a transactional, business sense to it. Would it be more true to who we are to refer to churches that we have a mutually encouraging relationship with as simply brothers and sisters? That would make them sibling churches instead of partner churches. Maybe it would help us look at each other less as projects and more as people whom we're bound to through good and bad.

-- El Padre

Colonialism and Us II

Stewardship of trees brings so much benefit for the future, hence our trainings on reducing firewood. But often our concept of stewardship becomes saving for the future, which in some cultures can be in conflict with the stewardship of giving in the present. I'm still wrestling with the discussion in our organization about how the work we do is still heavy with the residue of colonialism whether we intend it or not. The accusation that we're not free from colonialism has been a bit offensive for many of the people in our position who have been living for lots of years in other countries working with church partners. It's easy for us to feel and point to how our organization has been operating in a constantly evolving way, which has been very intentional to try not to repeat the same hurtful relationship patterns of the past. From that vantage point, it seems like we're falling into a common pitfall for organizations that are seeking to "get in step with the times." Generalizations and simplifications of the past leads to disparaging it and picking a new plan that promises to operate with vastly different principles. Until that plan too leads to an organization that stops listening to the un-powerful voices and anyone who doesn't assimilate to the same way of thinking. Hopefully, the abundance of listening sessions we're a part of now will really have an influence on the future vision.

Whatever the result of our organization's re-envisioning process, and the critiques that come out of it, it's still true that doing nothing is not an option for those who are called to a purpose. If you try to do

DAYS FOR GIRLS

anything, there's always the possibility that someone will try to tear it apart from some angle. The challenge is always to distill down as much as possible the answer to the question: what are the things we should be sharing, which are gospel teachings we should follow as a corrective to any culture (including our own)? While at the same time we also need to be deeply discerning the things that are simply our own cultural way, even if they seem innately the most helpful things to share from our perspective.



That's not to say that any learning that is deeply enmeshed in one culture can't help people in another. But it can help us keep straight how directly the application can reasonably be from one culture to another. And that should help keep us focused on the most important things. Maybe it can keep us humble too for dialog about the things that are more related to our cultural biases.

-- El Padre

Days for Girls Update

The Days for Girls Team has finished working on the Chad Humanitarian Relief Project. We packed and have ready to ship 2,400 kits that the Pittsburgh area committed to Days for Girls National. Karie at Third Presbyterian is waiting for a pickup date.

We have also packed 3,000 kits for Nicaragua following the devastation there from hurricanes in late 2020. These are ready to go and we are waiting for Global Links to give us the go ahead to deliver to their site in Greentree.

We are also waiting to hear when Extreme Love, an organization that deals with human trafficking prevention, rescue and after care. They have asked us for kits, and we are waiting for them to get the go ahead to be able to travel to Mexico once again for delivery.

We are currently working to have components ready for our next request for complete kits.

If you would like to help and contribute to this project donations, can be sent to WAMA (West Allegheny Ministerial Association) with Days for Girls noted on the memo line.

They can be sent to:
WAMA, P.O.
Box 39, Imperial,
Pa 15126

Another way to contribute is by purchasing supplies to complete kits. Visit our Facebook page "Days for Girls Oakdale PA team" as we also have a supply list for you to order items that are needed.

Our next meeting dates are:
Wednesday June 2, 6:00-8:30
Sunday June 13, 1:00-4:00

All meetings are at Valley Presbyterian Church in Imperial.

If you are interested in joining us, contact Pastor Jim, Liz Borovich, lizborovich@yahoo.com or Debbie Heinz, dheinz@verizon.net Days for Girls is not only for those that sew. There are many components to a kit and many functions to complete them. We need people to wash fabric, iron, cut fabric with templates, fold underwear and washcloths, match fabrics for assembly, setting snaps, pack complete kits, etc.

If you want to be involved, we will find a position for you.

Church Directory

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Administrative Asst. – Rachelle Murin
Choir Director—Cindy Macek,
Treasurer – Sophie Guzma,
Church Sexton—Rachel Ayers

Session

Clerk of Session - Amanda Wade
Judy Huemmrich, Joe Miller -2021
Amanda Wade, Carol Elek – 2022
Linda Briggs, Leah Clydesdale - 2023

Deacons

Sandi Cogis, Judy Heck – 2021
Cindy Macek, Randy Hazel, Skyler Miller – 2022
Beverly Hilpert, Bill Marburger - 2023

Trustees

Rich McConnell – 2021,
Dennis Macek---2023
James Murin Jr. ---2024, Scott Hilpert ---2025

Auditors

Lorrie Leonard---2021
Linda Wade ---2023

Sunday School

Superintendent—Rachel Ayers
Asst. Superintendent—Brenda Lamb
Cradle Roll—Amber Hilpert

Cemetery Board

Dennis Macek-2021,
Rick Lamb-2022, Zach Metz—2023
Kevin Campbell ---2024 Dale Huemmrich---2025

Nominating Team

Judy Huemmrich, Sandi Cogis, Rachel Ayers

Finance Team

Mark Elek, Lynne Hamil, Thomas McCullough,
Rachelle Speary-Murin, Jennifer Rossman

Safety Team

Joe Miller, Mark McConnell,
Heather Campbell & Rick Lamb

Community Involvement

The Deacon's Giving Campaign: if you know someone that needs a visit or a meal taken to them, we can help with that, please contact Cindy Macek. Our job is to serve our congregation and community in helpful ways.

*Through the month of June, we will be collecting **Canned Vegetables and Pepper.** Items can be placed in the container in the back of the sanctuary.*

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