



The Good News

Dear Sharon Faithful,

Blessed summer! We just wrapped up Vacation Bible School here at Sharon and I'm still debating who left more blessed, the children who came, sang, danced, ran, played, built, created, explored and acted out God's "Miraculous Mission" or the adults who had the privilege to be with them? I want to share with you just one of the ways I saw God present at VBS, impacting the lives of children, and teaching all of us about discipleship.

There was a little boy in our group of three and four year olds, who was new to Sharon's VBS. When he arrived, he was, of course, nervous about leaving his mother. So, mom stayed for the entirety of the first night and travelled to all of the stations with our group. The next day, it took several goodbye kisses, but the little boy eventually let his mom leave and was soon in the mix of activities at VBS. By the third day, mom was the one who lingered at the door a while as the little boy eagerly joined his group. And finally on the fourth day, drop off was a little easier for all parties.

Then something amazing happened in the middle of the fourth day. During our craft time, the little boy finished his craft, then put his head on the table, said, "I'm going to take a little rest" and fell fast asleep. While this may seem unremarkable on the surface—a child is tired and takes a rest—I thought to myself, how amazing is it that he felt safe enough, comfortable enough, and peaceful enough to rest! In the midst of a room full of three and four year olds chattering and doing their craft, in a place that was not familiar to him and surrounded by people who were all new friends, he took a little rest.

What incredible trust! What incredible faith! What incredible adaptability! I recalled Jesus teaching his disciples in Matthew 18 that unless we change and become like little children, we will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Perhaps it would be better said, we will never even understand the kingdom of heaven, if we cannot humble ourselves and embrace what God has put before us with the open heart and open mind of a child... dance when it is time to dance and rest when it is time to rest.

For God is always trying to reach and teach us, guide us and show us the way. And it takes an open and child-like heart to put aside our fears, trust the Lord, and be truly present with God in all that we do. I

was so grateful that one of our little ones who was growing and playing in God's love during VBS, had such peace in his little heart and trust in his little soul that he could calmly "take a little rest" when he needed it and not worry about anything else.

I pray that all of God's people at Sharon church are likewise able to rest in God's careful hands. As we travel through a season of change and new life at Sharon, and manage all of the unexpected things that arise in our private lives, may we embrace our child-like spirits, trust the goodness and love that God has put before us... and rest in the Lord. Amen! Pastor Becky



Summer Schedule
Sunday Worship
10:00 am
Children's Church
10:00 am Rm 103
Nursery 106

Fall Hours
will resume
September 8th





It's Summertime!!!

What a fun time of year!

Our Children's Ministry has been busy! We had Children's Sunday in May and it was wonderful seeing all our kiddos participate in the Worship Service. We honored our teachers for their faithfulness serving at SCPC and we gave Bibles to five of our children moving up in Sunday School. It was a special time celebrating our children and the dedicated teachers who are committed in raising up the next generation to know Christ.

We also had a Service Project in May. We took a trip to McDonald's for lunch after church and then planted flowers, weeded, and helped spruce up one of Sharon's member's yard. The children were GREAT helpers and had lots of fun too! It was so nice to see our kids serving others in our church community!

We truly have a special group of children here at SCPC! These kids are not only smart, but have the biggest hearts! I am so proud of them! Please continue to keep the Children's Ministry in prayer as we are raising up Warriors for Christ. Also, if you are interested in serving in the Children's Ministry or on the Christian Formation Committee, please let me know, we are always looking for new people with creative ideas and a heart for kids!

Blessings,

Ms. Tami





VBS

Vocational Bible School

VBS 2019 was OUT OF THIS WORLD!

This year's theme was "Miraculous Missions" and the Key Theme was Jesus Saves the World! The children learned that God made them, God keeps His word, Jesus came for me, Jesus saves me, and Jesus is coming for me. We had a wonderful time! We had an AWESOME group of kids too!!

I want to THANK all of you who helped make VBS successful this year!

VBS takes a lot of work to plan, organize, and facilitate. Thank you all who prayed, made cookies, donated items, and who came to serve during VBS! We could not have done this without all the countless volunteers who helped out!

Thank you Group Leaders, Station Leaders, Floaters, Nursery Volunteers and everyone else who faithfully showed up to serve these kids! Thanks for your energy, enthusiasm, love, joy and heart for VBS!

YOU ARE APPRECIATED!!



Love and Blessings,
Ms. Tami

Personnel Committee Update – Worship Leader Search

If you are reading this article, I am sure the first thing you are saying to yourself is, I thought the Personnel Committee was looking for a new Music Director not a Worship Leader.

To answer that question let me tell you what we have been doing so far.

First the good news is we have substitute organists/pianists booked through the end of August.

The majority of which are organists, so our church will have music this summer.

Initially, because we knew we wanted to evaluate what the music program needed to be to help grow the church, we were looking to hire an interim music person. Unfortunately we had a couple of situations that didn't work out and also there appeared to be little interest in the job market to be an interim. So at that point, since it was close to the summer when the choir doesn't sing and we had substitutes in place, we decided to work on looking for the permanent person.

Two things have happened. First, the personnel committee, over several thoughtful meetings and lots of prayers trying to discern what God wants us to do, have come up with a job description for the permanent part time position of Director of Music Ministry. This job description has been sent to the Pittsburgh and Beaver/Butler Presbyteries, American Guild of Organists, Presbyterian Association of Musicians, music departments of several local colleges and been posted on "Indeed" (New hot internet job site.). To date we have received 6 resumes. Two of which we have interviewed and two more we plan to interview. None of the resumes check all of our boxes, but the ones we have elected to interview bring solid skills to the table. One thing to note, there are not as many organists out there as there used to be.

The second thing, as planned, Pastor Becky has formed a working group to evaluate what we want the music program at Sharon Church to be. The group is comprised of the chairpersons from the Worship Music & Arts and Personnel Committees, both of which are also choir members, and four members from the congregation. The group is not intended to be a decision making body but an advisory group to offer feedback and input into our ongoing worship planning and current hiring process for a Music Director. The group has had two meetings. I must say I have been impressed by not only the passion these people have for Sharon Church but also their thoughtful insights into what we are trying to do with Sharon's music program. I can say there is one thing we all agree on. While we certainly want someone who is musically talented enough to lead our choirs and provide worship music, more importantly we want someone who can engage with the congregation. By that we mean that the person should be willing to collaborate with our Pastor and others to enhance our worship service. We want them to be a part of our church family and participate in the life of the church. Hence you can understand why we are referring to the position as Worship Leader. I know Pastor Becky is our Worship Leader but we want this position to be identified with one who collaborates with Pastor to use their musical gifts to help enhance the worship experience for our congregation. So this is where we are with our search. It has been an arduous process and we are not done yet. But the people involved are determined, with God's guidance, to get the person or persons who are the right fit for Sharon Church. I am proud of each and every one of them.

Please keep us and the church in your prayers as we finish this journey.

God's Blessings,
Dick Shirra
Personnel Committee Chairperson

The 2019 Flowers Calendar is in the Narthex.
 If you are interested in having flowers for the Chancel, please sign up.
 Closer to your chosen time, you will receive a form to complete with
 dedication information. One week prior to your date, return the form
 and a check to the church office. There are dates still available!



Any questions, call Joan Hubler 412-264-1894

Dates still needed: September 22 & 29, November 24, and December 1

Church Directory Updates Needed!

Have you moved? Changed your phone number? Changed your email address?

If so, please let the church office know at secy@sharoncpc.com or

412-264-7400

We would like the most up to date
 information prior to making
 directories for the congregation.

Thank you,

Membership Committee



The **Just for Fun dinner group** meets once a
 month either at someone's home or at a
 restaurant arranged by the host for the
 month. The sketched pictures were done
 by an artist when we were having dinner at
 the 412 Project, a restaurant
 on Brodhead Rd. in Moon.



The group is open to anyone - all
 are welcome! For more
 information contact
 George Hollis at
 724-457-6430 or
geoholl1@verizon.net.

Get To Know Our Sharon Church Family

Dan and Grace Peters joined Sharon Church in 1966, the same year that they moved to Moon Township. Dan is retired from a long career in finance and banking and Grace is a retired Licensed Clinical Social Worker who spent most of her career working with children with special needs and their families.

Grace and Dan met at Grove City College where three core values were etched in their brains and hearts, Faith, Family and Freedom. We both went onto obtain master's degrees from Pitt. We married in 1964 and will celebrate our 55th anniversary in August.



The stories of our growing family and our growing faith at Sharon Church are entwined. Our first child, Karen, was born in 1967 and died from SIDS at 2 months of age. Our faith and Sharon Church helped us to get through this loss. God blessed us with three more children, Eric, Kirk and Kara. Sharon Church was their second home and fulfilled its baptismal vows. They were nurtured through both our Christian Education and strong music programs. They have all continued their faith journeys into adulthood. Kirk is a faithful member of this congregation. We are also blessed with two treasured in-law children, Joy and Tim. Sammy and Freddy, our 12-year-old twin grandsons, light up our lives!! These two boys are the next generation in this story actively living and learning the faith passed down to them through the family.

In retirement, most of our energies have gone into volunteer activities. It has been our joy to serve in various capacities at Sharon Church – Elders, Sunday School teachers, VBS helpers, and Mission and Finance Committee members. Dan is a long-time choir member. Two of our favorite volunteer activities evolve from SCPC mission projects, Family Promise and The Uncommon Grounds Café. Lending our hearts and hands to these organizations has enriched our personal and spiritual growth. We have also enjoyed some community volunteer activities. Both of us have provided educational, social and emotional support to a family who immigrated to Moon from Russia. They call us their “American grandparents”. Dan has spent many years serving on the Board of Directors of Valley Care Association, a group dedicated to serving the needs of senior citizens. Grace takes great pleasure in volunteering for Girls Hope whose mission is to help academically capable and motivated girls who may need help to reach their full potential by providing a value centered, safe family like environment and education through college.

We are so grateful to be part of the Sharon Church family!

BREAKFAST CASSEROLE

8 slices bread, crusts trimmed

1/2 pound cheddar cheese

2 cups milk

A dash of salt & pepper

1 pound sausage

3-4 eggs

1 tsp. dry mustard

Grease a 13 x 9 baking dish & place bread in the dish. Brown the sausage and sprinkle it over the bread. Grate the cheese & sprinkle over the sausage. Beat the eggs with the milk and pour it over the cheese. Chill overnight.

Bake the casserole for 30-35 minutes in a 350 degree oven.

It cuts better if you let it set a few minutes after removing it from the oven.

EASY FRENCH TOAST CASSEROLE

PREP IN 15 MINS - COOK IN 35 MINS - READY IN 8 HRS & 50 MINS

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 (8 ounce) loaf crusty French bread, cut into bite-size pieces, or as needed
- 2 cups milk
- 6 eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 pinch ground cinnamon, or to taste
- 1 Tablespoon brown sugar or as needed

"DELICIOUS AND DECADENT, SIMPLE SPIN ON FRENCH TOAST. GOT THE IDEA FROM A BED AND BREAKFAST IN THE SOUTH. ADD ADDITIONAL INGREDIENTS; WE LIKE BLUEBERRIES AND CREAM CHEESE, CINNAMON APPLES, NUTS, AND DRIED FRUIT!"

DIRECTIONS:

1. Grease a 9x12-inch baking dish.
2. Stir 1 cup brown sugar and butter together in a saucepan over medium-low heat until butter melts and sugar dissolves into butter, 2 to 4 minutes. Pour into prepared baking dish and spread a 1 1/2- to 2-inch layer of bread pieces over the top.
3. Beat milk, eggs, and vanilla extract together in a bowl; pour milk mixture over bread into the baking dish and move bread as necessary to ensure all bread is absorbing liquid. Sprinkle cinnamon over the top. Cover the dish with plastic wrap and refrigerate, 8 hours to overnight.
4. Preheat oven to 450 degrees F (230 degrees C). Remove and discard plastic wrap from baking dish and sprinkle remaining brown sugar over the top of the bread mixture.

Bake in the preheated oven until browned and bubbling, about 30 minutes.

Recipe from Allrecipes.com Submitted by : Heather Bogle

Thanks so much for all the prayers, cards, foods, and fruits given to us during and after Joan's knee replacement. She is "up and running" now! So again, thanks to all!

The Hublers

Vision without action is merely a dream.
Action without vision just passes time.
Vision with action can change the world.
~ Joel A. Baker

The less you respond to drama, the more peaceful your life becomes.
~From 'On Wings of Hope'

Worry is a conversation you have with yourself about things you cannot change.
Prayer is a conversation you have with God about things He can change.
~From Prism Ministries

Members:

- Art Christian
- Katherine Roth
- Joe Sergi
- Cratsley Family
- Henry family
- Zwergel family
- Jane Schuliger
- Abby Zalucky
- Judy Yeck
- Clara Anne Schmidt
- June Campbell
- Family of Grace Bowden
- Shane Corcoran
- Jerry Campbell and Family
- Pat Hersh
- Gordon Hurlburt
- Carol Gordon & Family

Family & Friends

- Ray Messersmith (Vikki Lukac)
- Jack Prostko & Family
- Jim Cecille (Carol Musgrave)
- Cori & her Family (Jan)
- Joan (Deb Williams)
- Lee Ann Perko & Family (Cindy Zwergel)
- Ann (Lorna Phillips)

- George Jones (Judy Yeck)
- Shannon (Judy Yeck)
- Jennifer (Barb Cain)
- Connie (Pam Wieland)
- Carol (Sandy Hershberger)
- Dave (Eonta)
- Elizabeth (Cindy Zwergel)
- Marty (Wade & Elaine Hoffman)
- Dolores (Hamshers)
- Miller Family (Judy Yeck)

THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED SERVICES

- Donnie & Brett Gordon (brothers of Holly Henry)
- Christopher Boyer (Prostkos' son-in-law)
- Walker Loeffler (Meanors' grandson)
- Nick Thompson (Thompsons' grandson)



Do you know someone in need of medical supplies?
Please call Joe Sharkey
412-264-8847



From Your Generosity Committee

Summer time gets busy with vacations, picnics and parties. Many times we forget our church is still open and serving us as we always expect it to. Please, even though we get busy, remember to support our church during these busy summer months.

God Bless all of you and have a wonderful and safe summer.

Did You Know?

Did you know that there are many ways to volunteer at Sharon Church?

- 1) You can count the offering on Sunday mornings. There are teams of four who serve about every six weeks. It takes less than 30 minutes after worship. Contact Mark Killmeyer
- 2) You can donate to the West Hills Community Food Bank.
Place non-perishables in the container in the narthex.
- 3) You can help operate the screens during worship. Contact Kathy Hamsher

Property & Maintenance

A recent and very welcome addition to our church property was the purchase and installation of several air conditioning units in the basement children's rooms and Fellowship Hall. This helped to make our Vacation Bible School experience much more comfortable for the many participants and helpers.

Over the course of the summer we will also be making some much-needed improvements that may be a bit less noticeable. We will begin upgrading the security of the locks in the YCC, and making improvements to the YCC gutters and drainage system.

Finally, we'd like to take on some long overdue painting projects on our doors and windows, most notably in the Narthex/Portico area.

Any help here would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you to those who have been helping to take care of the various flower beds around the church: Debbie Williams, Susanne Udvari, Brenda Donegan, Danielle Baker, Gladys Johnston, Rob Hamsher, Sara Lintner, and Bob Lentz.

Missions in the Church

Pocket Change was collected May 19th, 2019 and during VBS this year for Deep Springs International (DSI) and their sponsored families in Haiti.



This year we were able to send a check for \$920.14 to continue to provide safe water to

those families helped by Deep Springs!

Thank you Sharon CPC for your love and support of not just our immediate neighbors but all of God's People!

Ephesians 2:10, "FOR WE ARE GOD'S WORKMANSHIP, CREATED IN CHRIST JESUS TO DO GOOD WORKS, WHICH GOD PREPARED IN ADVANCE FOR US TO DO."



Soles for Soles was a HUGE success!!!

We packed 26 boxes with 182 pairs of shoes!

The Generosity of this Church goes far beyond our doors.

We may be small but when we come together we are Mighty!

There are many ways to contribute to the church. You don't have to be on a committee to have ideas, suggestions, or volunteer. Talk to an Elder, a Deacon, or Becky

Ongoing Mission Opportunities

Feeding Dinner at the Men's Shelter:

We have 2 dates left!

June 4th– Preparation went well and the Men's Group delivered and served.

Thank you to all that participated!

Looking to get involved?

We still have upcoming dates!

August 6th & October 11th are still

available to any group who would like to get involved or work as a team with another group to provide Ministry from our church!



Next date: August 28th

Volunteer roles:

Afternoon van driver: 1 volunteer, approximately 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm

Dinner hosts: 2 - 3 volunteers, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

If you can cook, someone else can serve! There are ways to be involved no matter your time availability! Make it a group effort.

Evening hosts: 1 - 2 Volunteers, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

After dinner you play with children, help with homework, chat with adults, or simply watch a movie.

Overnight host(s): 1 - 2 Volunteers, 9:00 pm - 6:30 am

The overnight host is the go-to person in case of an emergency.

Morning van driver: 1 volunteer, approximately 5:00 am to 7:00 am

Everyone that has helped with Family Promise is more than willing to act as a mentor if you'd like to participate, but are apprehensive about your first time.

The Membership Committee will be
sponsoring the
annual church picnic on

Sunday, August 11, 2019

Look for the sign-up sheet in the Narthex
Contact Deb Prostko 412-269-1908 to
Volunteer or if you have any questions.



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