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“KEEP YOUR GOD GIVEN PEACE”

NIV **Psalm 34:11** Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD. ¹² Whoever of you loves life and desires to see many good days, ¹³ keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking lies. ¹⁴ Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

The long and lasting effects of war can paralyze any nation and its people. War robs landowners of what is rightfully theirs by taking and maintaining control of land resources, possessions, and political systems. War creates orphans and bereaved family members. War leads men to be inhumane with one another by leading to torture and rape. In war, armies are not restrained and do not care about lasting effects. And so, are the lasting effects of strife, what we would call arguing or fighting. Living in an atmosphere of arguing paralyzes one's soul. It robs the mind of what rightfully belongs to it. It can maintain a control of your psyche. An atmosphere of fighting can make family members orphan one another. Words are said, in an atmosphere of strife that can cause post-traumatic stress disorder. Let us not be mistaken, conflict can be healthy and is necessary for deep and loving relationships. But, living in an atmosphere with a person or persons who intend to steal your peace is what we are discussing today.

God's people do not search out fighting and bickering they pursue a peaceful life. Now please, we do not want to ignore that there are times when peace is disturbed and God's people have to deal with it and get their peace back. God's people follow a path to peace and not search out fighting and bickering in their lives or the lives of the church.

The question we need to answer this today is, how do we keep peace in our lives?

1. Gain a desire to see good days. Verse 11: In other words, don't be a person who looks to get into arguments or live in strife. Good days are peaceful days. Days when the sun goes down and you are not angry with anyone or anything. Good must be desired. Your determination to have a good day keeps you away from the strife's of others and keeps peace in your life.

2. Watch your mouth. Verse: 13 Do not be a person who starts or spreads scandal or rumor. Your mouth will get you in trouble if you talk around people who love to spread scandal or rumor. Do not hang or fellowship with people who start or spread evil rumors. These are people who cannot keep a confidence. I have learned that when you speak it is liable to be heard again in a different context with a different voice and with someone else's perception. Watch your mouth and you will keep your God given peace.

3. Stop doing what is evil. Beloved, when deciding to live a life of peace, what will help a great deal is to stop doing what is wrong and start doing what is right. One of the enemies of peace is unethical living. If you lie a lot, you will not have peace because lies come back to not just bite, but gouge a piece of flesh from your life. It is an enemy to tranquility.

In Psalm 34, David had just escaped King Abimelech who was going to kill him. David suffered one of the most fearful times of his life. In war there is no peace, but after war or after his escape, David wanted peace to last. David was determined to keep what God gave him. David not only understood war and strife through Abimelech, but experienced war and strife through Saul, through his own wife, through his own children, and through his own people. It is for this reason David shares with his people that there will be times of strife and war that will break the tranquil nature of peace. Do not search out fighting and bickering pursue a peaceful life. Once you get peace you have to do all you can to keep it. Keep your God given peace. There are many enemies of peace. Keep your God given peace. Strife is an enemy of peace. Keep your God given peace. Folk can be an enemy to your peace. Keep your God given peace. Foolishness can be an enemy to your peace. Keep your God given peace. Mental stress caused by outside circumstances can be an enemy to your peace. Keep your God given peace!

GREETERS, NURSERY & ACOLYTE'S

If the date assigned you conflicts with your schedule, **PLEASE TRADE with someone else on the list and let the church office know of this change.**

GREETERS should be at the door at 10:10 AM and the bell should be rung 10 times at 10:15 and again at 10:30 AM. Please hand out the morning bulletin. Before worship – open doors into the sanctuary and close when the service begins. They should also get the collection plates before the service begins and find two people to help take up collection. The collection plates are on the first pew in the back section of the church (in the black cloth bag).

NEW Please lock the front doors into the church. Pull to make sure the door is latched, use the small “key” found on the window ledge, insert it into the bar of the door and turn until the bar pops out. The handicap door will remain unlocked until 10 minutes into service (Cassie will take care of this.)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>ACOLYTES</u>
<u>July 5</u>	<u>Martha Dyott and Brian Dyott</u>	<u>Emily Johns</u>
<u>July 12</u>	<u>Vaughn and Margie Wood</u>	<u>Alexandra Maughan</u>
<u>July 19</u>	<u>Tom and Sandy Wingard</u>	<u>Mia Scrips</u>
<u>July 26</u>	<u>Gerry and Donna Howard</u>	<u>Travis Johns</u>
<u>August 2</u>	<u>Cheryl Hankey and Jeff Schrecengost</u>	<u>Makayla Scrips</u>
<u>August 9</u>	<u>Jeff and Marcia Elgin</u>	<u>Jordan Freeman</u>
<u>August 16</u>	<u>Bob and Loretta Coleman</u>	<u>Liam Scrips</u>
<u>August 23</u>	<u>Bonnie Gratzmiller and Shawnee Hohl</u>	<u>Jonah Scrips</u>
<u>August 30</u>	<u>Larry and Linda Prugh</u>	<u>Emily Johns</u>



NURSERY LIST

There will not be nursery care through the summer months.

FLOWERS FOR JULY AND AUGUST

See Joanie Riggle to sign up for flowers.

July 5 and 12 – Jeff Elgin

July 19 and 26 - Loretta Coleman

August 2 – Leandra Saltsman

August 9 and 16 – Gladys Johns

August 23 and 30 – Susan Schrecengost

Linda Prugh – Communion Table

Anyone wishing to sign up for a month of placing the flowers on the chancel before worship service and then putting them away after the service, please see Joanie Riggle. It's very easy and only 4 or 5 times a month.

SESSION AND DEACONS

Please note the change of date and time for the following meetings!

Deacons will now meet the
second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm.

Session will now meet the
second Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm



Communion will be held
August 2, 2020 during worship

Anyone wishing to share their talents
by providing special music for
worship service this summer,
please see Cassie Clowser.



The signup sheet is in the Upper Room.

NEW OFFICE HOURS

The church office will be open

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday
8:00-12:00

JULY 7, 2020

The deacons will meet at 5:30, following the meeting they are planning to work for a couple of hours cleaning up the church property.

The more help they have
the quicker things get done!

If you can help, please contact
Cory Scrips for more information!

DAYTON GLADE RUN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 4 PERSON GOLF SCRAMBLE SEPTEMBER 26, 2020 WHITE OAK GOLF COURSE, DAYTON, PA

Check In Time: 9:00-9:45 am
Tee Time: 10:00

Nonrefundable Registration
No Rain Date
\$200/Foursome
Early Bird Discount: \$200/team (deadline Aug 31, 2020)

Register Today:
Shelia Wadding 814-257-8057
sdwadding@windstream.net

Benefits painting and repairs to the church sanctuary

18 holes – Cart Included
Also Included:
Lunch
Prize Holes and Door Prizes
50/50 Putting Contest
1 Mulligan
Top Team Prizes

If you are not able to participate, please consider
a \$50 Hole Sign Sponsorship





2020 College Graduates

Laney Rochelle Johnston 2020 Graduate West Penn School of Nursing /Clarion University



Laney graduated from West Penn School of Nursing/Clarion University with an Associate's Degree in Nursing /Allied Health

Daughter of: Mike & Krista Johnston

Activities: Nurse Externship at West Penn Hospital on their Medical Short Stay Unit, Summer of 2019 and Volunteering.

Future Plans: Continue my studies for a BSN at Clarion University.

Employment: Recently accepted a position on the Acute Rehab Unit at West Penn Hospital.

Damon Craig 2020 Graduate of Gannon University



Damon graduated from Gannon University with a Doctorate Degree in Physical Therapy specializing in Sports Medicine

Son of: Scott & Ronda Craig

Activities: Gannon Men's Volleyball, Student Assistant Coach of Gannon's Women's Volleyball team.

Future Plans: To serve as a Physical Therapist in a Sports Medicine clinic in Pittsburgh.



2020 College Graduates

Carmen Paige Riggle **2020 Graduate of Indiana University of Pennsylvania**

Carmen graduated from Indiana University of Pennsylvania with a BS Degree in Early Childhood / Special Education

Daughter of: Brett & Joanie Riggle

Activities: Spends a lot of time with friends & family before the COVID-19 virus hit. Loves to fish, bake and craft.

Future Plans: It's simple...get a job, get married, have kids, live life faithfully and make memories!

Scholarships/Awards: Ruth Cox Claypoole Scholarship, Ready to Succeed Scholarship, & Dean's List (Fall 2016 through Spring 2020).



Hannah Kate Schrecengost **2020 Graduate of Indiana University of Pennsylvania**

Hannah graduated from Indiana University of Pennsylvania with a BS Degree in Early Childhood Education & Special Education

Daughter of: Eric & Susan Schrecengost

Activities: Reading, hanging with family & friends, and participating in many church activities.

Future Plans: To go where God leads me.

Scholarships/Awards: Dean's List every semester (Fall 2016 through Spring 2020), Provost's Scholar 2019, Graduated with Honors.





2020 High School Graduate

Rylee Elysabeth Riggle
2020 Graduate of West Shamokin Jr.-Sr. High School



Daughter of: Brett & Joanie Riggle

Activities: Volleyball (grades 6-12); Softball (grades 2-10); Student Ambassadors (grades 10-12)

Future Plans: Attend Butler Community College & major in Nursing, while playing volleyball for the college and to be the best mommy to my dog!

"This Special Day"

This is a special day in the life of the graduates.
As they embark on the next chapter in their lives we pray
that the same hand that has kept them thus far
will continue to be in their lives.
May Your hand of protection be about them, and may
Your Word continue to be a light unto their path.
Help them to make wise decisions and to always keep
You first in everything that they do.
Amen

*Thank you to Martha Dyott for creating the graduate pages.



We would also like to congratulate the following graduates:

Mark Schrecengost Jr. – Son of Mark and Regina Schrecengost
Grandson of Nancy Schrecengost

Mark graduated from the University of Virginia with a Doctrate of Philosophy in Mathematics.

Aiden Stiffler – Son of John and Kirsten Stiffler
Grandson of Terry and Blythe Johns
Great Grandson of Jean Quinn and Gladys Johns

Aiden graduated from Central Cambria High School, and is planning to attend Penn State University. He will major in Psychology.

Tony Bertolino – Son of Tim and Brandi Bertolino
Grandson of Joe and Betsy Bertolino

Tony graduated from Bertolino Academy (homeschool) and is planning to continue his education at Houghton College, NY. He will major in Sports Recreation and Wellness Management with a minor in Sports Management.

*For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord.
Plans for Hope and a Future.*

Jeremiah 29:11

THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH THE SCHOOL LUNCH DISTRIBUTION!

We want to say a special thank you to Dee Craig for organizing the distribution of the school lunches at our church for the Armstrong School District during the COVID pandemic.

She along with many helpers handed out breakfast and lunch daily.

As families drove around to the back door of the church,
the meals were handed through the window so that they never had to leave their car.

This was a great mission for our church to reach out to the community
making sure children were getting enough food for the day!



Butterfly Hill Preschool

It has finally become “summer vacation” for preschool. It seems like we have been on vacation forever – since March 13. As we try to move in to our 28th year of service to this community, the children and their parents, the plans are being made for the beginning of the 2020-2021 preschool year.

The plan of operation has been revised and approved by the Session of the church. A few things need to be changed for the safety of our families and our preschool staff.



We have opened registrations for the 2020-2021 preschool year. Classes are filling up fast. If you know of any families interested in sending a 2, 3, 4 or 5 year old to preschool, please contact Jeanne or Martha at the church numbers, 724-422-3719 (Jeanne's cell) or 724-801-8447 (Martha's home).

Classes available:

Pre-Kindergarten (Butterflies) – Monday-Wednesday-Friday PM only

3 year old class (Caterpillars) – Tuesday-Thursday PM only

2 year old class (Toddler Time) – Monday-Wednesday AM; Tuesday-Thursday AM,
Tuesday-Thursday, only if needed



“Enjoy the rest of your Summer. Keep healthy and safe!”

“Children coming out of their cocoons and developing as beautiful
Butterflies in a Christian-based preschool.”



JULY BIRTHDAYS

Kim Anderson – 5th
Bob Schall – 6th
Betsy Rearick – 7th
Ariana Guerrieri – 7th
Breanna Coleman – 8th
Chris Gubitose – 9th
Brittany Reed – 9th
Cassie Stull- 10th
Charlie Stitt- 10th
Ben Lukehart- 10th
Mason Shipley- 11th
Landon Zelenski – 12th
Savannah Xiong -12h
Kevin Hankey – 15th
Logan Shipley – 16th
Arlene Wingard – 19th
Linda Prugh – 20th
Valerie Silvis – 20th
Twila Wassum – 21st
Mike Flickinger – 22nd
Cassie Clowser – 23rd
Adalyn Quinn – 24th
Tony Bertolino – 25th
Aliza Xiong – 26th
Jack Prugh 26th
Maxwell Prugh – 26h
Alex Smail – 28th
Sheila Brumbaugh – 29th
Andy Bertolino – 29th
Charlie Bertolino – 31st

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Ryan & Beth Smith – 4th, 2015
Brian & Krystal Schall – 13th, 2007
Blair & Lois Brown – 17th, 1976
Nathan & Jennifer Johns – 17th, 2004
Jeff & Marcia Elgin – 19th, 1974
Delone & Arlene Wingard – 22nd, 1953
Kevin & Sarah Hankey – 22nd, 2006
Gerry & Donna Howard – 23rd, 1977
John & Dee Craig – 26th, 1969
Bill & Kim Krebs – 29th, 1995

**BLESSED IS THE NATION WHOSE
GOD IS THE LORD.**

Psalm 33:12



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Josh Rodgers – 1st
Jo Foster – 2nd
Alexa Plavi – 2nd
Helen Bowser – 3rd
Chris Perry – 4^h
Pam Gaff – 5th
Joe Scrips – 5th
Emma Woznick – 6th
Phyllis Popp – 7th
Susan Schrecengst – 7th
Tammy McClarren- 7th
Sally Fink – 7th
Adam Dyott – 7th
Andy Patz – 8th
Melvin (Buster) Rodgers – 10th
Mason Lukehart - 10th
Tom Popp – 11th
Courtney Orr – 12th
Kiera Meyer – 12th
Buddy Schall – 13th
Bob Stitt -14th
John Craig – 14th
Karen Olsen – 18th
Emily Shaffer – 20th
Ellen Speer – 20th
Brittany Coleman – 21st
Don Rupert – 22nd
Larissa Brown – 22nd
Aria Woznik – 22nd
Nancy Schrecegost – 23rd
Reed Alan Shaffer – 23rd
Danielle Kunkle – 24th
Jaden Klonowski – 25th
Hannah Schrecengost - 28th
Jeff Prugh – 29th
Paxton Spencer- 30th
Roy Cessna – 31st
Jill Ramer – 31st

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Adam & Sara Lasser – 2nd, 2008
Joe & Betsy Bertolino – 9th, 1969
John & Julie Quinn – 9th, 2014
Pat & Sue Dickman – 10th, 1973
Richard & Laurie Pritt – 13th, 1988
Greg & Kate Olsen – 16th, 2008
Ryan & Sarah Scrips – 19th, 2006
Jamey & Sheila Brumbaugh–28th, 1987



July 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 
5 10:30 -Worship Service Outside Social following worship service	6	7 Deacons 5:30 Meeting and church property clean up	8	9 Session Meeting 6:30	10	11
12 10:30 -Worship Service 3:00 – Installation Service for Rev. Dr. De La Cruz	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 10:30 -Worship Service Hunger Offering	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 10:30 -Worship Service	27	28	29	30	31	

***Please note the day and time changes in the session and deacons meetings.**

August 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Allen/Saltsman Wedding
2 10:30 -Worship Service Communion	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 10:30 -Worship Service	10	11	12	13 Joint Session and Deacon Meeting at the Manse 6:30	14	15
16 10:30 -Worship Service Hunger Offering	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 10:30 -Worship Service	24	25	26	27 Christian Ed meeting 6:00	28	29
30 10:30 -Worship Service	31					