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Kurt Herzberg, Pastor

Worship Hours:

-Traditional Sunday, 8am

-Contemporary 10:30am

Church Office Hours: by Appointment

Mission: Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Vision: To be a memorial to the community that God is mighty.

Strategy: Promoting "Community Groups" that are "Connecting Church to Home."

Faith never knows where it is being led, but it loves and knows the One who is leading.

Oswald Chambers

June

A WORD ON OUR 2023 SUSQUEHANNA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Pastor Kurt Herzberg

Proverbs 26:20: Without wood, a fire goes out; without a gossip, a quarrel dies down.

Gossip always causes alarm. It's the single greatest sin that perverts the unity of the church. A recent area of gossip has been the proceedings of our denomination to navigate the waters of human sexuality. I urge you to investigate this concern in our church in order to be informed. But let me say, it's not a new concern.

General Conference is the meeting of global representatives of the United Methodist Church. It is here that our "Book of Discipline" is upheld and amended. This book outlines our law, doctrine, administration, organizational work, and procedures of the church based on the Bible and the theological teachings of our founder John Wesley. Since the organization of the MC in 1968, there has been talk about how we consider the practice of homosexuality in the church. Through the years, this practice has been more accepted in American society (not necessarily other countries with a UMC presence), and so the discussion impacts the people of our denomination.

In general, the current stance of the UMC as written in the Book of Discipline states that we do not discriminate against persons, and all are welcome to worship and be in membership. This is because all persons are of sacred worth and in need of salvation. The Bible contains all instruction necessary for the forgiveness of sins. (Remember that God is no respecter of persons when it comes to

sin. Sin is sin to God, and all have fallen short of His glory!) But marriage is between a man and a woman. Therefore, while we minister to all, the practice of homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching. Self-avowed practicing homosexuals are not to be certified as pastors in the UMC. Furthermore, clergy may not perform same-sex marriages. At the most recent General Conference, even stronger language, known as the “Traditional Plan”, was ratified to support existing church law in this area.

So, why all the talk now? The approval of the “Traditional Plan” just mentioned; louder LGBT or “liberal” voices in the United States and its churches (Interestingly, worldwide the UMC is growing more conservative.); witnessing the changes within other denominations; the fear by “conservatives” of a change to a more liberal Discipline; questions over scriptural interpretation of what sin and love is; but especially that self-avowed practicing homosexuals have been allowed to be in leadership positions, and same sex ceremonies have been performed in UM churches, with no enforcement of the law of the Book of Discipline. These acts have caused conservatives to organize and choose to leave with the observation and anticipation that the church will one day rescind its current stances on homosexuality (Note that while many denominations have trod this ground, none has ever split preemptively as in the UMC, but only after changes were made). So, those that are leaving the denomination, or disaffiliating, are those who support our current Book of Discipline. Those staying oppose it. But note, those that still remain are both conservative and liberal in their views. There are other extenuating circumstances as to why churches remain. Our denomination remains one of diverse views on this subject, but that diversity has been lessened.



Those that have disaffiliated at the recent Susquehanna Annual Conference and across the United States have done so as a matter of Christian conscience, but also because financial incentives were in place this year to disaffiliate (Our church and assets are held in trust of the UMC.). As far as I know, those incentives will expire this year, but General Conference will be urged to extend this opportunity as churches continue to discern what is right for them and to see what happens in the future.

As for New Creation Community Church, we continue to minister with love and the objective to make disciples of Jesus Christ. Let us not be anxious or gossip and quarrel over this. Instead, if you desire more information, I invite you to speak to me, Pastor Kurt, personally. You can also find the Book of Discipline at www.cokesbury.com or by clicking [here](#). But more importantly, know that no matter what, God is sovereign over the church; it is His as I just preached on, and His will will be done. So, let us consider these verses at this time.... Philipians 4:6-7, “Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Ecclesiastes 3:11a “He has made everything beautiful in its time.”

Being a Disciple Part 6—Living the Faith

by Ralph Brandt

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention says that “Safe, stable, nurturing relationships and environments are essential... to assure that all children reach their full potential. (Apr 3, 2019). Of course, God knew this—and is this—for us, since way before the CDCP released their proclamation. As Pastor Kurt said during his February 26th message, “God will meet you wherever you are. But he will not leave you wherever you are.” We have the chance to grow in this safe, stable relationship with Him, and to grow in Christ is to be truly alive.

Eph 4:14 (NIV) Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching (doctrine) and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming.

Eph 4:15 (NIV) Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.

1Co 15:58 (NIV) Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord will not be in vain.

Having a mature faith. Discerning fraud from truth. Speaking the truth in love. Standing firm & immovable through challenges and storms. These are the descriptions of a disciple. But many in the church are singing an old song, “Once I was up then again, I was down, hear above water then ready to drown,” or even worse, “gloom, despair and agony on me. Deep dark depression, excessive misery.”

If you are singing one of them, figuratively, you are not living the life of faith. I will admit I am not on top of the world every hour of every day, but our goal should be living the faith, in His love, in His protection, in His favor, in His peace and in the joy that only He can give.

Isa 26:3 “You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You; because he trusts in You.”

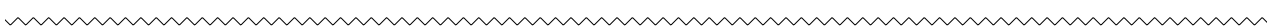
How many of you remember Peter walked on the water to Jesus? He did.

Mat 14:29 “And He said, Come. And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus.”

Mat 14:30 But seeing that the wind was strong, he was afraid. And beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me!”



We can imagine Peter staring into Jesus' face, putting one foot in front of the other like a tightrope walker. And he was doing fine until he took his eyes off Jesus and started looking at the wind and waves. We can only live the faith if we keep our eyes on Him. When we look at the world conditions, we will sink.



Family and Children and Youth—Oh My!

Game Time!!

So you wanted to attend the March 3rd Game Night, but had a conflict? Or maybe you just forgot? It was so much fun—and we've had requests to set up another one! Have no fear; there's another on the horizon, on Friday, July 14th., hosted by the Sisters in Christ Bible Study group. Bring your favorite games to share, and be prepared to enjoy some you've never played before.



Don't miss out!

And it gets even better: you may get out of cooking dinner, as the youth group will be selling subs (Hoagies? Grinders? Heroes?) and sub combo meals. Orders will be taken for the sandwiches soon.

YOUTH GROUP SUMMER!



School may be out, but we have some fun and rewarding youth group activities in the works. You will see many of our young adults taking on roles in various stations at VBS this month, and also taking over the worship service on Father's Day, 6/18. Then watch for order sheets for subs and sub combo dinners at the end of the month, to be delivered in time for the congregation game night, July 14th. The kids will be serving the food and also playing their favorite games. (Hmmm...Wonder if Brandon and Shania have any new schemes for competing at Jenga? We're really looking forward to the 30-Hour Famine in August. Just think: 30 Hours without food, and with little sleep overnight at the church, service projects around town, ridiculous games and breaks—and who will earn the hilarious awards/prizes? For that matter, who will be awake in time for church the next day?

VBS: Keepers Of The Kingdom!!

Can you believe it's time for VBS? It will be held June 12-16, 6-8 PM.



We're used to going back 2000+ years when we talk about God's Word, but this time, we're hitting the brakes before we get that far—to spend time in the Medieval Era, or the Middle Ages, between 476 & 1400 AD. Ephesians 6:11 says we are to “put on the full armor of God, so that [we] can take a stand against the devil's schemes.” And focus on armor just naturally makes us think about dragons, and castles, and drawbridges, and...some amazing lessons about each piece of that armor & how it equips us to live for Christ.



Still want to help? It is NEVER too late! We are tracking items from the Donation Tower in the narthex. Some are for craft items, and some for the snack ingredients. If you have taken one and it happens that you can no longer provide the item, or you anticipate delivering it late, please let Sherry or Pastor Kurt know.

And above all else, please invite your neighbors' and friends' kids and your grandkids to attend, as well as bringing the little people in your care. It's going to be so much fun!

Teachers Wanted!

Our Junior Church program and our children and teen Sunday School class need teachers. We're searching for people who love sharing their love for God and helping kids discover how to find God's plan for their lives. We rotate staff through each month, so you would spend one week a month with our lively, curious, compassionate kids.



We know God provides for our needs. If you feel God's tug on your heart to get involved with New Creation children and youth, please contact Sherry Chubb. We provide the materials and can mentor you until you are comfortable and confident with the program.

Joshua 4:24—Stories of God's Mighty Power

Sarah Sabold and family gave us permission to share their letter of thanks for the work Helping Hands of New Creation did for them. Please pray for our ministry, those we serve, and how you might participate in the future. New Creation is making a difference in the local community as you will read. Thank u to the Sabolds for their note of encouragement.



Dear PK, Chip, Cheryl, Wade, Ralph, Abbie, Alex, Paula, Pam, Deb, Shannon, and Shania,

I hope I didn't miss anyone. So sorry if I did. We just wanted to say Thank You All for coming and working on all the things that needed attention. We are so grateful for your efforts, getting our outdoor space ready for the Spring/Summer Season. We were so touched by your generosity, time and effort, and the church coming together as the hands and feet of Jesus. Thank you for your sacrifice.

Everyone worked so hard, and we were just so blessed and honored. No one has done anything like that for us. You guys did a great job on the furniture, grill, repairing the trim out front, and the birdhouse. I'm actually surprised I didn't have any increase in pain that day or the next. PTL

Every time I'm doing dishes, the newly repaired fence is in my line of sight and I am reminded of all of you. Honestly, every item that was made over gives me such a wonderful feeling of gratitude, and I just thank God for all of you. It's been a brutal 15 months, but I know the Lord will lead, guide, and direct our steps.

Watching the kids working side by side with adults warmed my heart. You're the hands and feet of Jesus and salt of the earth. What a beautiful example of God's love for us. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. You blessed us tremendously.

Sincerely,
Mike, Sarah, and Rhys Sabold

Colossians 3:23-24 Whatever you do, do it with all your heart for the Lord, and not for people. You know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. You serve the Lord Christ.

Keeping the Roof over Our Heads

A worship song that was frequently heard in the 70's started with this verse:

The church is not a building.
The church is not a steeple.
The church is not a resting place—
The church is a people.

Whether you sing it as written, or say “parking lot” instead of “resting place” as my youth group did when I was young, the lyric is, of course, correct. When we pursue membership, we are seeking to join a church family. It would be difficult to consider ourselves members of a building. However, where would we be without our “home?” If you’ve ever driven by New Creation any evening, it’s quite likely that you will see cars in the parking lot. Committees, social events, scouts, training, youth groups, Bible studies, praise team/choir practice, daycare board, and Griefshare all stake out their spaces in the evening. The daycare uses almost every room in the building during weekdays. And it’s quite tricky to find weekend time that does not have fundraisers, community outreach events, and planning sessions going on. Also, we regularly make full use of the grounds and parking lot with Upwards sports, an annual car show, VBS week, Trunk or Treat. To let my 70’s youth group sum us up, New Creation is “hoppin’”!

Of course, with much use comes much wear and tear, and we are aware of the need for safety and functional building conditions. We have a committee of Trustees who are vigilant in noting needs for preventative maintenance and repairs. Currently, we have a significant list of repairs and improvements that are on our church “To-do” list—including the aforementioned parking lot.

1. The heating and air conditioning systems are requiring frequent repairs, causing a regular draining of funds. The Trustees are studying whether replacing the problematic unit would be more economical than fixing the faulty part.

2. That parking lot mentioned earlier is also on the list, and the job—applying coating and painting lines—will cost a total of \$21,000. The Trustees and the Finance team have voted to proceed with this project, including painting the lines. We have \$12k available, but we must raise the remaining \$9 thousand. As John Ramstad, the head of the Trustees, shared during a recent Sunday service, keeping up with the surface of the parking lot prevents even more expensive repaving (over \$100k!) later.



3. The parsonage, where Pastor Kurt and Snooks reside, needs a new roof after some recent storm damage. We are getting some insurance money to cover repairs, but in this situation, applying the money from the insurance claim towards a completely new roof is the desired goal.



4a. The well-used bathrooms need an extended upgrade. The counters in both restrooms have been repaired more than 5 times each. The trustees' goal is to install solid surface countertops and to efficiently replace the faucets with touch-free units at the same time to save money in the long-term. The quick-flush toilet valves should be replaced as well, with common toilet canister valves to eliminate current constant repairs.

4b. Our kitchen floor is breaking and becoming a tripping hazard, a slipping issue, and can lead to unclean food prep conditions for both daycare and congregational use. The Trustees' goal is to use the same rubber tile from the entry areas near the church office, which will last and leave options to remove future worn sections and replace as needed.

We are grateful to the Trustees Committee, including Chairman John Ramstad, Don Shalk, Jo Marie Warner, Dalton Senft, Andy Green, Bill Miller, David Crays, and Scott Snyder for the time and study they give to our ever-functioning church. This list is long and expensive, and they work hard alongside the Finance Team to be good stewards of church finances as God provides. If you have skills and/or experience that would be helpful in accomplishing these tasks or are willing to help with raising the funds needed, please speak to John Ramstad, Wade Smith, or Pastor Kurt.

Faith is like radar that sees through the fog-the reality of things at a distance that the human eye cannot see.

- Corrie Ten Boom

Obituary James W. Cobb, Jr.

DOVER – James Warren Cobb, Jr., husband of Deborah Gamblin Cobb, died on May 22, 2023 at his home in Dover, PA after a lingering illness.

Born in Pittsburgh, PA on August 16, 1950 to the late James Warren Cobb and Margaret Alma Berninger Cobb.

Survivors include his wife, Debbie; his son, Christopher Cobb and wife, Sarah and daughter Jamie Cobb Mulhollen; his four grandchildren, Bryce and Sydney Cobb, and Kyley and Kaleb Mulhollen; one sister, Darlene Rupinsky and husband, Frances; one brother, Dan Cobb and wife, Mollie; his close friend and “adopted son” from Israel who called him Dad, Adam Amer; a niece, Sherry Ott and husband, Jay; two nephews, Landon Ray and wife Amanda, and Tyler Cobb. Finally, his two fur babies, Mercy and Grace. Jim was preceded in death by a nephew, Jordan Cobb, a great nephew, Shay and a great niece, Noe Ott.



Jim served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam Era. He was a member of New Creation Community Church and Shiloh American Legion Post 791 and a former member of the Visual Reality Car Club, showing his 1959 Chevy Sedan Delivery, “The Outlaw Express”.

Jim enjoyed traveling and camping for 36 years and was a lifelong fan of the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Pastor Kurt officiated at the service on Saturday, May 27, 2023, with burial at the Susquehanna Memorial Gardens, in York, where veterans’ honors were presented by York County Veterans Honor Guard. A reception luncheon was held at New Creation Community Church in the afternoon.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

6/1 Sherry Chubb
6/2 Jan Hufnagle
6/4 Landa Lusby
6/5 Walt Durgin

6/5 Ada Durgin
6/8 Darlene Meals
6/13 Jeff Merkert

6/15 Tracey Stoppard
6/19 Larry Becker
6/20 Bob Burris
6/22 Travis Kroft



CIRCLE *of* PRAYER

For this cycle of Circle of Prayer we will be praying for our churches in the Susquehanna Conference our Sierra Leone Partner Churches and our Conference Camp/Retreat Centers.

Churches for May 28-June 3

Paupack UMC, Paupack
Oriole UMC, Jersey Shore
Ennisville UMC, Huntingdon
Shrader UMC, Reedsville
*Aldersgate UMC, York
*Kayima UMC, Kayima - Sierra Leone
Faith UMC, Halifax
Calvary UMC, Lawrenceville
Shiloh UMC, Woodland
Emmanuel UMC, Windsor
Trinity UMC, Middleburg
Greene Hills Camp/Retreat Center
& RV Park, Alexan

Churches for June 4-10

Jaggard First UMC, Altoona
Ridge Street UMC, Bloomsburg
Milroy UMC, Milroy
*Walnut Grove UMC, Newport
*Rogers Memorial, Bo - Sierra Leone
West Nicholson UMC, Nicholson
Grace UMC, York
Christ Community UMC, Selinsgrove
Third Street UMC, Williamsport
The Greater Buffalo Run Valley UMC,
Bellefonte
Damascus Manor UMC, Damascus
Mount Asbury Camp & Retreat
Center,

Churches for June 11-17

Osceola Mills UMC, Osceola Mills
*Bakers UMC, McClure
*Albert Margai Memorial UMC, Gbambatoke
- Sierra Leone
Paddletown St. Paul's UMC, Ethers
Trinity UMC, Clearfield
Lykens UMC, Lykens
Franklin Fairview UMC, Unityville
Millerstown UMC, Millerstown
Newelltown UMC, Roaring Branch
Mount Carmel UMC, Orrtanna
First UMC, Taylor
Wesley Forest Camp & Retreat Center,
Weikert

Churches for June 18-24

Thompstontown UMC, Thompstontown
*Calvary UMC, York
*Valunya UMC, Monghere- Sierra
Leone
First UMC, Shickshinny
Fairbrook UMC, PA Furnace
Saint John's-Newberry UMC,
Williamsport
Curwensville UMC, Curwensville
Jenningsville UMC, Jenningsville
Grace UMC, Muir
Waller UMC, Benton
McKee UMC, East Freedom
Sky Lake Camp & Retreat Center,
Windor, NY

JUNE						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	5/29	5/30	5/31	1 Praise Team 7 Choir 7:30	2	3 Helping Hands Mission 8 am
4	5	6 Men's Accountability group 6:30 Daycare Board	7	8 Praise Team 7 pm Choir 7:39 Trustees 7	9 Daycare Graduation	10
11 Open House for retiring superintendent, Rev. Cathy Boileau 2-5 pm, Gettysburg UMC	12 Finance 7 VBS 6-8 pm	13 Men's Accountability group 6:30 Daycare Board 7 pm	14 SEND extended?	15 Praise Team 7 Choir 7:30	16	17
18 FATHERS DAY/Youth Takeover Service 10:30	19	20 Men's Accountability group 6:30 SPRT 7 pm	21	22 Praise Team 7 Choir 7:30	23	24 Church Camping Weekend noon – 10:30 Sunday service
25 Outdoor worship 10:30	26	27 Men's Accountability Group 6:30	28	29 Praise Team 7 Choir 7:30	30	7/1



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Deadline for June newsletter is Tuesday, June 26th. Please send your articles or information to Margie at Quiltgrand133@gmail.com. Thank you!