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**Worship Hours:**

**-Traditional Sunday, 8am**

**-Contemporary 10:30am**

**Church Office Hours: by  
Appointment**

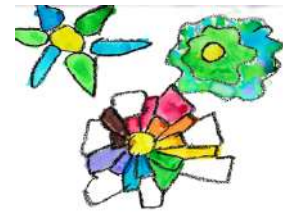
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**Mission:** Making disciples  
of Jesus Christ for the  
transformation of the  
world.

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

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

# MAY



## "WIN THE DAY"

Pastor Kurt Herzberg

"The load of tomorrow added to that of yesterday, carried today, makes the strongest falter." This is quote by Sir William Osler in a speech at Yale University in 1913.

We many times feel overwhelmed by yesterday's mistakes and underqualified for tomorrow's opportunities. We're paralyzed by the past we cannot change and crippled by a future we cannot anticipate or control. So, what's the solution? Let go of the dead of yesterdays and unborn tomorrows, and rather "win the day" we're in.

"Win the day" means living like each day is the first day and last day of your life! Mark Batterson is a pastor of a church in Washington DC, and he wrote a book outlining 7 habits designed to win the day. I'll be using this book for a sermon series beginning May 7. I hope you'll glean something useful for your life. My goal is always to help you see scripture as practical and applicable. God is real and He wants to do real things in your life! So, we'll consider our past, present, and future to learn how to win daily.

The Lord's Prayer certainly understands and addresses the past, present, and the future. "Forgive us our trespasses" is the past. "Lead us not into temptation" is the future. The past is over. The future is uncertain, although we can certainly make decisions today to influence tomorrow. So, let's concentrate on today! Isn't that God's plan? Can you think of scriptures that teach His daily plan? God gave daily manna to the Israelites. His mercies are made new each morning! We're challenged to take up the cross daily! We pray in the prayer given to us... "Give us this day our daily bread."

If you want to help relieve your yesterdays and tomorrows, I ask you this: "CAN YOU DO IT FOR A DAY?" I'll bet every one of us will say "I can do anything for a day!" Have you failed to keep your new year's resolution?

Lost time is  
never found  
again.

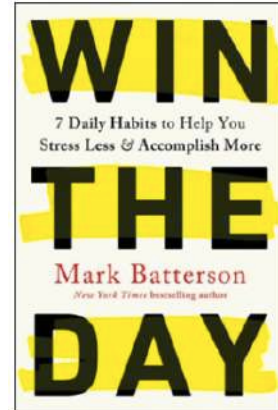
Ben Franklin

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You wouldn't have, if you just won the day! Forget about thinking about the year and that goal you have set in your mind. Make today your goal and you'll get to the larger one! Everyone can get through a day! The secret to your success, whatever that goal is, is to take it a day at a time. I invite you to be gathered with us each Sunday in community, and listen and apply the words of this new sermon series.

I'll close with the chorus to the song “One Day at a Time”.

One day at a time sweet Jesus  
That's all I'm asking of You  
Just give me the strength  
To do every day what I have to do  
Yesterday's gone sweet Jesus  
And tomorrow may never be mine  
Lord, help me today, show me the way  
One day at a time



#### Griefshare at New Creation Community Church

At New Creation, we have been blessed to complete 3 cycles of the Griefshare 13-week program. This program is for those who chose to turn to a Christian support group to help them through the loss of loved ones. About 15 people have attended at least 1 session at New Creation, many completed the entire cycle. We plan to continue this ministry and will offer the brand new 2023 version next time. We would also like to offer a Grief seminar about surviving the holidays during times of loss, sometime in early November. If you or those you love are interested in a support group to help you deal with the loss of loved ones, please contact Pastor Kurt or Jan Hufnagle at 717-885-7488.

We will be purchasing new curriculum soon. If you would like to make a financial contribution to this ministry, please place an envelope labeled “Griefshare ministry support” in the gray metal box by the church office door.

To those who continually pray for the grieving among us, thank you.

Submitted by Jan Hufnagle, Griefshare facilitator

**The Lord has done great things for us,  
and we are filled with joy.  
Psalm 126:3**



## **Being a Disciple Part 5—Be Approachable**      **by Ralph Brandt**

*Who's the most welcoming person in your neighborhood? The one who knows everybody's names, which pets go with who? The one who, like a hairdresser or customer service rep, you find yourself explaining your story to. Friendly, pleasant, curious, nonjudgmental...accessible. Approachable. And as you share, you find yourself also listening.*

Jesus gave the great commandment: to go into the world and preach the gospel (Mark 16:15). It appears twice in His words and then 10 more times in the Acts and letters. Too many think that is the pastor's job. It is ours, too. Each of us is called to pass the gospel on to others. What is the gospel? A sermon from the pulpit? Yes. But it is more than that. It is the Good News about Jesus.

Every one of us, when we accepted Christ, is a new creature. "Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." (2Co\_5:17) One of the things we are then enabled to do is to pass on that good news— yes, we are even commanded to do that.

To accomplish this, we must be approachable. We cannot go hide in the corner. Mat 5:16 says, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father, who is in heaven." That is not being holier than thou. It is being there to present the good news when someone asks or God directs you to do so. Someone is going to ask; how will I know I should address their question? If you have the love of Christ in you, it will come out. You will want to tell the person how to have what you have. And the devil will be on your shoulder whispering, "You are not perfect; they will not listen to you." He is a liar, the father of liars. Do not believe him.

It is, then, being approachable, being a friend, one who will help and encourage. Do not be discouraged if that person does not take the step at that time. I planted the seed for two people who came to Christ within a week of the encounter with me, and by the way, I did not "preach" to either one of them. It was something in my life they saw at that time that made them go to the pastor. I am not perfect, but on those two occasions I properly represented Christ enough to have them ask, "What am I missing?"

Acts 1:8 says, "You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." And, by living transparently in Christ and being approachable, in Pennsylvania, too!

**YOUTH GROUP END OF SEASON!**



May 25<sup>th</sup> will be the final weekly gathering of youth group for this season. It's been a great year, and we reinforced what we already knew: Our teens are AMAZING!—Smart, creative, hilarious, caring, cooperative, passionate, competitive, and hungry! We love each one! We will be announcing some fun events over the summer, so stay tuned... Co-leaders Sherry, Katie, Brandon, and Margie

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**“A close-knit family is familiar and united in their love for each other.” \***

*Phillipians 4:13-- I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*

Even if you haven't met Sue Heindel, you have very likely seen her in her wheelchair during the early service or around the table in the adult Sunday School class most weeks. She is also very involved with many of the activities we hold, including VBS and being the phone contact for the “Knee Mail” prayer ministry.

She has been on our prayer list herself for an extended time with health concerns, especially related to pain & weakness in her legs. Her doctors agreed with her that she would benefit from surgery, but in today's world, it often takes a lot of red tape and applications for approvals from insurance companies, Medicare, etc., to get what we need. It was very hard to get all the ducks in a row with so many parties involved in the decisions and arrangements, as well as delays caused by other health symptoms. As she kept her friends and Sunday School class up to date on her needs and difficulties, she was upheld in prayer constantly, for the long term.

In the meantime, pain and weakness does not heal on its own. She had to simplify her household to make sure she could reach the basic items in the kitchen, bathroom, and closet without falling. She decline invitations to participate in some events, health reasons. She had to be assertive with the bureaucracy of the healthcare world. And perhaps most difficult of all, she had to learn to ask for help from friends and our church family.



As many of you know, she was recently able to get surgery on her leg. The prayers of so many were being answered, and Sue says she felt those prayers supporting her. She spent more than three weeks out of her home, between her hospital stay and the rehab center, with some tense moments when it was not certain that an appropriate rehab center had an opening and also would be approved by insurance.

The suspense over getting assurance for both components of her healing & recovery only added to her stress, but of course, there were those prayers. And she had visitors—from her best friend, and

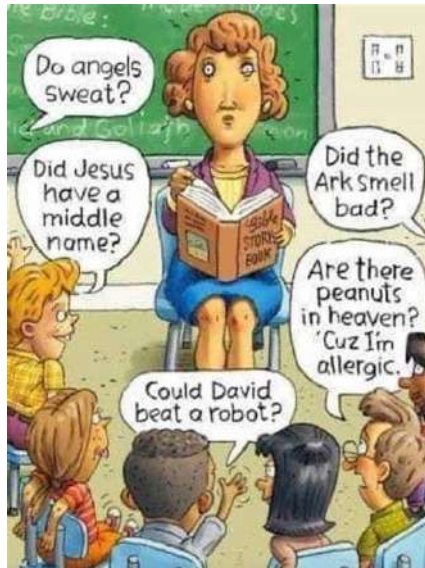
also from congregants from New Creation. Some brought food, coffee, and even a Bible study book, much appreciated. She knows the value of people close to you who will let you vent frustrations over tangles like insurance that are nearly impossible to handle on your own. But where 2 or more gather to pray in Jesus' name...

Looking back, Sue says it all worked out fine. She was ready to come home when they said. Is it all perfect now? No. But the supportive church family hasn't faded away from her needs, either. She concludes, "NCCC is a very prayerful, loving church. Thanks again!

- [www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/close-knit](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/close-knit)

## **Children's and Family Ministries---Youth Ministries needs YOU!!!!**

Good news! Our youth group is thriving. Junior church is growing in attendance. And, both are fully staffed. Amen! Alternatively though, our children's Sunday School class is not thriving currently. We would like to realize God's plan for education, but we are in desperate need of both adult teachers and students.



For teachers, we have a consistent and easy to follow curriculum as well as books which can lead the way. God requires a deep love of sharing Christ with children, and our church requires a willingness to obtain your volunteer clearances. This process is easy and we are prepared to help you navigate each step of the way!

How many teachers do we need? What time will you be needed? What sort of obligation is required? These are all reasonable questions with easy answers! We need five people, two of which have already offered their time. The obligation will be a set Sunday and if you ever need that Sunday off, we can work that out too! We have a similar rotation for Jr Church. Sunday school will start at 9:30AM and end at approximately 10:15AM in the youth section of the quad room by the vending machines.

We need Sunday School students! It may sound cliché, but young people are the future of the church! We would love to partner with you to help with your child's spiritual growth. Parents, we encourage you to have your children participate in Sunday School every week! We have designed Jr Church as a worship experience similar to our adult worship. While they too receive a time of teaching, Sunday School is a concerted time of learning which is essential for spiritual discipleship. Proverbs 22:6 (NKJV) instructs parents "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." Let us partner together to do this work! Please see the sign-up sheet to register your child for Sunday school so that we can be sure to have the proper staffing for the group we will have.





### **VBS: Keepers Of The Kingdom!!**

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

For the last several months, volunteers have been hard at work getting everything ready for the upcoming event!

Still want to help? It is NEVER too late! We have a Donation Tower in the narthex. Please take a piece of the "Armor of God", and donate the requested item written on it. If you take a piece of "armor" and it happens you can no longer provide it, or you anticipate delivering it late, please let Sherry or Pastor Kurt know!



Thank you in Advance!

### **New Creation Station:**

Hello, New Creation. Today's submission is quite concise. After diligent work by staff, and the trust and blessings of numerous families, I am able to report that New Creation Station Child Care Center has received its full daycare license. We were initially slated to operate under a provisional license for two years. To receive the full license 8 months into the provisional license speaks not only to the staff, and director, but also to the faith, families and relations that are being established and growing.

We ask for your continued prayers and support as New Creation Station ends its "provisional" chapter and begins a new chapter as a once again fully licensed center.

David R. Nero  
Chair, Board of Directors  
New Creation Station Childcare Center

### **MAY BIRTHDAYS**

|                            |                     |                     |
|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 5/4 Heather Hannigan       | 5/16 Michelle Dietz | 5/24 Gary Moore     |
| 5/4 John Kroft             | 5/16 Evelyn Green   | 5/24 Austin Smith   |
| 5/7 Bailee Hannigan        | 5/18 Barb Cleaver   | 5/27 Danny Stevens  |
| 5/9 John Myers             | 5/23 Renay Sigel    | 5/27 Lou Stevens    |
| 5/14 Victoria Wood (Foeks) |                     | 5/39 Burger, Cheryl |

Previous members of **Griefshare ministry support groups** at New Creation will be meeting on May 25th, 2023 at 4 pm at Hoss's restaurant. We will have a couple hours to touch base with each other and dine together. Please contact Jan if you think you can make it, I am hoping to see many familiar and much loved faces!

Jan's cell number is 717-885-7488

## Helping Hands: Workday April 22, 2023

We had a wonderful Saturday for our first Helping Hands workday of the



year. Over 20 participants met at the church for breakfast and a small devotion before we were divided into teams and went out into the mission field.

On this day, we had the pleasure of building a ramp for Jim and Deb Cobb. This ramp will make it easier and safer for Jim to go places, while alleviating some stress for Deb. We will be building another ramp coming off the front deck. Jim came out and watched and tested the ramp.



Later, we helped a family with many repairs around the house. This family that attended here at one time and due to some health issues found themselves in need. We were able to do many small jobs and a couple of larger ones. We repaired a fence where many boards were broken out of, and we painted a variety of



items around the

house including the trim on the front of the house and garage. The team that went there had fun



helping and interacting with the family! .



One group was dubbed “the destruction team.” This was more of a smash team, as they tore down the remains of a pool deck and cleaned up the area. They also replaced the paneling in the basement and fixed a dry wall spot in the bathroom.



All in all it was a good day. We were able to get most of the work done before the rain came in. Some of us

hung out at the Cobbs until the rain let up, thereby giving us time to rearrange things for Jim. We will be having our next Helping Hands workday on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. We currently have 2 projects but if you know of anyone who we may be able to assist, please reach out to Chip and Cheryl Foeks. All are welcome to come participate, no matter age or skill level.

God is Good.

## **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**

On the National Day of Prayer, people of different faiths are invited to pray for the United States of America and its leaders. It is held on the first Thursday of May by declaration of Congress. Here at New Creation, a group of seven persons, with some of our youth and children observing, met at the church on Thursday, May 4th. Gathering outside, we opened with a time of confession so our prayers would not be hindered but be effectual for our prescribed purpose.



Then, each prayed as led by the Spirit while also concentrating on the prescribed theme for this year. The subject was to pray for the places of influence in our country including: military, government, media, business, education, family, and church. We finished with an acapella rendition of “God Bless America”. May God help turn hearts toward Him that we might be a nation who worships the one true God!





# 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 April 30-May 6

St. Paul's UMC, State College  
Zion UMC, York  
Grace UMC, Three Springs  
Thompson UMC, Thompson  
Freeburg UMC, Freeburg  
Chambers Hill UMC, Harrisburg  
Dunnstown UMC, Dunnstown  
Moosic UMC, Moosic  
Trinity UMC, Jersey Shore  
\*Boajibu UMC, Boajibu - Sierra Leone  
Maple Hill UMC, Montgomery

## Churches for May 7-13

Pine Creek Spring Glen UMC, Spring  
Glen  
Clear Ridge UMC, Hustontown  
St. Paul Calvary UMC, Williamsport  
Roaring Creek Valley UMC,  
Catawissa  
Otterbein UMC, Thompsontown  
Faith UMC, Waynesboro  
Hope UMC, Alexandria  
Christ UMC, Benton  
Summerdale UMC, Summerdale  
Bethel UMC, Dalton  
Sky Lake Camp & Retreat Center,  
Waynesboro

## Churches for May 14-20

First UMC, Roxbury  
Clifford UMC, Clifford  
Kedron UMC, Hughesville  
Bald Eagle UMC, Tyrone  
Granville UMC, Granville  
Kunkle UMC, Dallas  
State Line UMC, State Line  
New Buffalo UMC, New Buffalo  
Hendrickson UMC, Danville  
Heilman UMC, Montoursville

## Churches for May 21-27

Mapleton Trinity UMC, Mapleton Depot  
West Hill UMC, Carlisle  
Immanuel UMC, Glen Rock  
Skinners Eddy UMC, Laceyville  
Weyant UMC, Imler  
Cowanesque UMC, Cowanesque  
Union UMC, Equinunk  
St. John's UMC, Allenwood  
Clintondale UMC, Mill Hall  
\*Baughman Memorial UMC, New  
Cumberland  
\*Bishop Humper Peacock Farm, Freetown -  
Sierra Leone  
Camp Penn Camp & Retreat Center,  
Waynesboro

| <b>MAY</b>                                    |                                                                                                                            |                                                                     |                              |                                                                                                |        |                                     |
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| Sunday                                        | Monday                                                                                                                     | Tuesday                                                             | Wednesday                    | Thursday                                                                                       | Friday | Saturday                            |
|                                               | 1                                                                                                                          | 2 Men's<br>Accountability<br>Group 6:30                             | 3                            | 4 Youth Group<br>6-7:30<br>Praise Team 7<br>Choir 7:30                                         | 5      | 6                                   |
| 7                                             | 8 women's<br>spring book<br>study-9 am<br>Understanding<br>Abuse Bible<br>Study 5-6 pm<br>Women in<br>Community<br>6:30-8  | 9 Men's<br>Accountability<br>group 6:30<br><b>Daycare<br/>Board</b> | 10<br>SEND<br>extended 7     | 11 Youth<br>Group 6-7:30<br>Praise Team 7<br>pm<br>Choir 7:39<br>Trustees 7                    | 12     | 13                                  |
| 14                                            | 15<br>Understanding<br>Abuse Bible<br>Study 5-6 pm<br>Finance 7                                                            | 16<br>Men's<br>Accountability<br>group 6:30                         | 17                           | 18 Youth<br>Group 6-8<br>Praise Team 7<br>Choir 7:30                                           | 19     | 20                                  |
| 21 VBS<br>Planning<br>Meeting after<br>church | 22 women's<br>spring book<br>study-9 am<br>Understanding<br>Abuse Bible<br>Study 5-6 pm<br>Women in<br>Community<br>6:30-8 | 23 Men's<br>Accountability<br>group 6:30<br><b>SPRT 7 pm</b>        | 24 Griefshare<br>social      | 25 Youth<br>Group 6-8<br>Praise Team 7<br>Choir 7:30<br>Griefshare<br>Social<br>Gathering 4 pm | 26     | 27<br>Community<br>Yard sale<br>8-2 |
| 28                                            | 29<br>Understanding<br>Abuse Bible<br>Study 5-6 pm                                                                         | 30 Men's<br>Accountability<br>Group 6:30                            | 31 <b>SEND Core<br/>7 pm</b> | 6/1<br>Praise Team 7<br>Choir 7:30                                                             | 6/2    | 6/3<br>Helping<br>Hands 8<br>am     |



Red = to be checked. These are April notes

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Information for April newsletter is Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. Please send your articles  
information to Margie at [Quiltgrand133@gmail.com](mailto:Quiltgrand133@gmail.com). Thank you!