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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."

Living "in  
dependence"  
on God

## **"COMMUNITY"**

Pastor Kurt Herzberg

What are your thoughts about community?

- Who is your community?
- What defines your idea of community?
- What is community for?
- What communities are you a part of?
- Do you think you need community?
- What does the bible speak of community?

In our Tuesday evening bible study, we are reading the book of Acts, and we have read about community. The historical account expresses the excitement new Christians had about the new community of faith. They met together to eat, pray, have communion, worship, study, and organize help to widows and the poor, and they also sold property or donated to help others in their new faith community. They argued, came up with solutions to problems and disagreements, and even suffered together. But in it all, the foundation was they had been formed into a community of faith and life, good and bad.

People need community. For some, the family is enough, or maybe just a few close friends. Facebook has become a new form of community. In the end, community is about pursuing relationships for some perceived social and personal benefit.

When I was a new Christian, I never considered Christian community. I'm not talking about church. I had done that. I was talking about having spiritually satisfying social relationships for the sake of my spiritual walk. In other words, I pursued not just friends, but Christian friends for the sake of my spiritual walk. I was blessed in doing so!

Do you pursue relationships for the sake of spiritual growth? Are spiritual things ever a prerequisite for your

“Community” cont.

desired community? As a new Christian, it became so for me. I discovered a whole new group of friends, some of whom I never knew were devoted Christians because I had never sought community within the context of faith. I had been missing out!

Within the confines of spiritual community, I found others that shared my love of Jesus. I had new people I could talk to about our shared faith. But they also became my community because we shared other loves or activities that I deemed important in my life. My Christian friends became a place I pursued issues of career, philanthropy, recreation like camping, boating, youth sports, music, pursuits concerning marriage, children and parenting, vacationing, and connections to other communities such as motorcycle groups, and Christian ministries. The result was a new discovery of friendships around worldly pursuits we all share and enjoy, but experiencing them anew in the context of my Savior Jesus, not just my selfish satisfactions.

Along those lines, we recently had a camping weekend at New Creation. It wasn't well attended, but it reminded me of the importance of melding faith and fun. We experienced community as a church family by incorporating a fun theme. Relationships were formed, strengthened, and built for the sake of the church and Kingdom. We learned more about each other, taught each other new skills, laughed, worked together, and deepened relationships by expanding the context of what church community can be.

I was blessed to see my grandson grasp the idea. He knew he was at church doing a version of church. He loves camping. My greatest joy was that he told me how much he was enjoying talking to all the new people. He would ride his scooter to the different campers and strike up conversations with his new Christian friends. The sometimes decades of age difference made no difference. He sat with them and just enjoyed talking to them. That was a priceless result of our small gathering, and one I will cherish! He is learning that church, fun, and community are a lifestyle he enjoys! Do you share his satisfaction?



Our theme for ministry this year has been to have more social events to build community. We are always looking for fun ideas to be a family of faith. Maybe you have a great idea you would suggest and help lead?! We have a game night coming up on July 14<sup>th</sup>. We'll dine together and play games together, have fun together, build relationships, and have fun within the context of our shared faith.

Please consider how you might share in community as we continue to meet together for worship, ministry, or fun recreation!

## Being a Disciple Part 7 –Living in Spirit by Ralph Brandt

When we start our Christian journey, we can either stay in a holding pattern or we can grow in the spirit. No matter what, taking the step to accept Christ is good news.

The bad news? From the time you accept Christ you are a threat to the devil. To him, you are another person on the battlefield wearing the enemy uniform. You will be bounced around. An old song of the church, “Launch Out” has a verse. “And others just venture away from the land and linger so near to the shore, where the surf and the slime that breaks over the strand, dashes over them with floods evermore.” Imagine someone standing in the surf with the waves beating them. This is what it is like for one who will not step out into His fullness.

I call it living a Christian life the hard way.

How do you grow? First of all, spend time in His word. Devos are great. But spend some time in the textbook as well as the Cliff Notes. Is all you get of God’s word each week the pastor’s sermon? There’s so much more!



The first time I really studied the Bible was in Shippensburg in 1964, in a Methodist church with Pastor James Zeisloft. He had a small bible study group writing Galatians in our own words. Empowering. It enabled me to really look deep at what Paul was writing and as each in the group shared, more insight came..

The second thing critical to growth is prayer. I have no pattern of prayer like some. It doesn’t work for me. I pray in lots of times and places. Paul said, “Pray without ceasing.” I sometimes pray in the car on long trips. I periodically get a note on the prayer line; if I respond in prayer, I am connecting in my relationship with God.

The third is listening for God. Yes, He talks to you, even outside of the prayers that you initiate. If you are a Christian and are not hearing from Him, you are not listening. If you think you are hearing something from Him, write it down. Pray about it. Ask, ‘is this in line with the Bible? Is it edifying? Does it build me up, make me stronger in the faith?’ If it does, it is from Him.

This is just the beginning. When you start, the Holy Spirit will guide you. John 16:13 “But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth.” From my experience, the more I talk with God, the more I want to talk with God, the more I know his truth, the more I have peace and the more I want to spread His word.

*“I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples.” – Mother Teresa*

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

7/2 Jim Geiselman	7/7 Doug Ferry	7/13 Phyllis Mason
7/3 Joan Lauer	7/7 John Wolgamuth	7/25 Odessa Fennen
7/3 Dani Foeks Elicker	7/9 Kimber Shermeyer Hofman	7/25 Delaney McGlynn
7/6 Dorene Johnson	7/12 Mary Ann Rohrbaugh	7/26 Linda Shaffer
7/28 Christine Fusselman	7/28 Alex Fusselman	

### NEW CREATION CARE TEAM

The first six months of 2023 have been very busy for the care team. There have been many needs and I want to thank all the team for their compassion and response. These people are a blessing to all of us! From prayers in Knee Mail to visits and phone calls, providing rides to appointments and meals for those home from hospitals or recently bereaved, to support to families who have lost loved ones or are dealing with illnesses, the care team pours out God's love in their service. Sue Heindel, Cheryl Foeks, Jan Hufnagle, Shannon Schmuck, Joanne Schmuck, JoMarie Warner, and all others who assist them, may God continue to lead you all in service to your church family. Thank you!

Submitted by Melanie Green



For the week of **July 2 - 8:**

This Sunday is the start of new appointments for pastoral changes. We pray for smooth transitions for those moving and for the churches welcoming new leaders. It is also the first Sunday for churches who disaffiliated from the UM Church, so we should pray for them, also. 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. We are also praying for Pastor Karku he is the Pastor of Bishop Bangura our church in Sierra Leone. His wife passed away suddenly recently.

## Book Nook

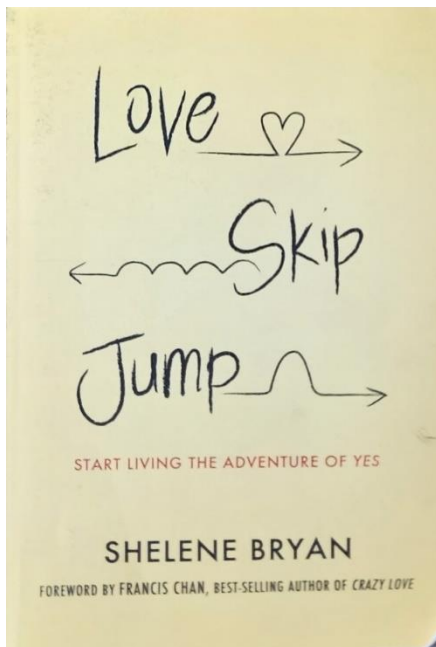
by Margie Manley

Looking for a great escape read this summer? Here's one you won't be able to put down! Despite the title (*Love, Skip, Jump: Start Living the Adventure of Yes*), it's not a romance. It's more of a memoir, taking you on a life-changing journey that you will ponder for years. Shelene Bryan was one of the speakers at a Christian women's conference Melanie Green and I attended last October, and I was mesmerized by her talk. She and her family were living the good life in California: believing in God, attending church, 2 high paying jobs, fancy house, friends with Hollywood producers and celebrities, lots of entertaining...until one offhand comment at a dinner party turned their perspective upside down.

She always had current photos on the fridge of the 2 children they had been corresponding with and supporting through Compassion

International for several years.

One guest whom she didn't know well saw them and scoffed, "You fell for that?" She went on. "How do you know that those kids on your refrigerator are real? They might be forty years old, and they are just taking your money." Being an assertive, take-action kind of woman, Shelene couldn't let it rest. She decided to go to the villages where her sponsored kids live, and try to find them.



Known for having made statements herself like, "God would have to rip the roof off the church before I would ever go to a third-world country," she was definitely leaving her comfort zone as she got the shots, bought the travel luggage, booked the 5 flights it would take to get to her designation, and finally boarded the plane, with thoughts of doing a tell-all documentary if her guest turned out to be right.

By the time it was all done, her entire family's lives were completely different. She now runs a charity she founded called Skip1.org, where she urges those of us who live in comfortable homes and travel in motorized vehicles and sleep in real beds to skip one small thing we're used to, and put the cost we saved toward feeding and supporting the truly needy in the world. Skip a coffee stop, or the higher priced version of everyday items like birthday cards, or...well, you get the idea.

I've lent this book to several friends and family members, and the reaction is always, "Woah—a lot to think about." She includes scripture and her messages and nudges from God and even prayers that you may relate to all through the book. I rate it ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Feel free to borrow my copy!

**"In every community, there is work to be done. In every nation, there are wounds to heal. In every heart, there is the power to do it. – Marianne Williamson**

## Family and Children and Youth

### Huzzah! Huzzah!



VBS launched like an apple in a catapult! Ahem, pardon, a trebuchet! We did amazing things for and with the community to bring out the Word of God. Without the immense generosity of donations, time, and talent we could never have had such an amazing time with the Keeper of the Kingdoms. We learned together how to put on the armor of God

through storytelling, crafts, games, and best of all Snacks! Our VBS team worked for months attending meetings, planning, painting, building, and above all else plan-ning how to deliver God's message to our greatest asset, the children.



It felt like time flew by from the very first Huzzah to the visiting snakes, to the very last drop of soup from our marvelous banquet. Our teachers, families, and

supporting volunteers made the experience one which will not soon be forgotten! Our set was even donated to another church who will use the talent of our set designer and her



helpers to bring Kingdom Keepers to life for another

the next adventure!

The following Sunday, both worship services were devoted to the church teenagers. Youth Takeover was a wonderful experience as the kids worked as ushers, acolyte, speakers, and music leaders. Miss Sherry delivered a Father's Day message that was both personal and meaningful. We are looking forward to doing this again, hopefully in the near future!





Youth ministries are looking for some amazing people to teach Sunday school in a rotation of four to five teachers! We are also looking to get a start on next year's VBS planning a bit earlier than this year with the idea of getting leaders for each segment in place with knowledge of the upcoming year's theme. Our supplies should be in

for meetings to begin again in January.

A look at what is to come: Youth group will be having a fundraiser Sub sale with pick up coinciding with the ever-awaited game night on July 14th! Please get your orders in and help us raise money for our youth group's upcoming year! These funds will go towards Christian education supplies, enriching outings, snacks, and anything else our youth may need in their journey towards God's Truth! The annual youth 30-hour Famine lock-in will be August 12th-13th. World Vision is celebrating the 30<sup>th</sup> year of this amazing, hunger-fighting challenge!



August 26th Kids Power wheels Parade and touch a truck at the car show! Coming in September our youth group will be resuming for our sixth grade and older youth! Then before we know it, it will be time to get ready for Trunk or Treat and the fall/ winter holidays which we hope to help our community again with the Giving Tree!

Have a wonderful summer and make sure to give our volunteers and generous donors a huge HUZAH!



Recognize these Medieval characters?



## Obituary—Joanne “Dodo” Virginia Ramsburg

JoAnne “DoDo” Virginia Ramsburg, 71, of Hampstead, MD, passed away on Sunday, June 18, 2023, at her home. Born on June 19, 1951, in Baltimore, MD, she was the daughter of the late Francis Carroll and Alexina Elizabeth Campbell Carroll.

DoDo worked in the activities department at Springfield Hospital. She enjoyed going to the casino and traveling. She also loved spending time with her dogs, Pup and Ellie.

Surviving her are grandchildren: Macy McIver of Essex, MD, Alexis Eckels of York, PA, James Harmon of Baltimore, MD, and great-grandchildren: Harmony and Carley. She is also survived by her sister-in-law: Donna Carroll, niece: Tasha McCauley, nephews: Tyler, Drew, Neilsen Carroll, Gavin, Austin, Hudson, Hunter, and uncle: Charles “Bub” Campbell.

DoDo was predeceased by her daughter: Kelly Ramsburg, and brother: LeRoy G. Carroll.

The family received visitors and held a funeral service on Monday, June 26 at the ECKHARDT FUNERAL CHAPEL, P.A., 3296 Charmil Drive, Manchester, MD 21102.

If desired, donations may be offered to the National Kidney Foundation, 30 East 33rd Street, New York, New York 10016.



## Are You Ready for Some (flag) Football?

New Creation is overjoyed to offer Upwards Flag Football again, a continuation of two decades. Your child will learn fundamental movements, rules, teamwork, sportsmanship, and a loving witness of Jesus Christ which they can apply for the rest of their lives.

We encourage parents to be active too. The experience comes together best when you are on the field, in the huddle, or blowing the whistle. Coaches and referees are key roles as we guide these players forward as teams. Your action can be an encouragement to your child and so many more.

The 2023 season is upon us! You may use this link to register:

<https://play.upward.org/partner/1168000NewCreatfor> or go to [www.newcreationforyou.com](http://www.newcreationforyou.com).

Please note the following details:

- Cost \$75; after August 5 it is \$80. (We attempt to have scholarships for those in need.)
- Kindergarteners through 6th grade eligible (typically this is a male program, but we have females play also!)
- Registration is 5/14-8/9/23
- Skills Evaluations
  - 7/21 & 22, 6-8pm
  - 7/28 & 29, 6-8pm
  - 8/4 & 5, 6-8pm
- First practice 8/7 (Mondays or Wednesday practice options)
- First game is 9/4/23

Direct any questions to Chip Foeks at [chipfoeks@gmail.com](mailto:chipfoeks@gmail.com) or call 717-324-2764.



## New Creation Station

Greetings, New Creation Family. I would like to take this time to raise in prayer and commendation the staff of our daycare. They have received many affirmations from families, grateful to have their children enrolled in a Christian based pre-K system. As much as New Creation Childcare Center runs as a business under the auspices of state agencies, it is first and foremost an outreach ministry of this church. I would like to thank one and all for your continued prayers and support, and again thank the staff for their dedication and steadfastness.

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



## Stewardship: Money, Time, and Talent

We attend church worship and give our offering to God on Sundays, mostly. But honestly, stewardship goes further. Know anyone who can fix things? How about those who can teach to any particular age? Or run a soundboard? Or keep meticulous books? Or help to prepare a funeral meal? Or... well, the list could go on and on.

We know our loving Father gives us these gifts and talents, and as we use them in service to the church, we are in a sense paying him back. Or maybe we should say paying it forward.

As with all the gifts we receive, once we put them to work, we are blessed in ways we often do not see coming. Volunteer with VBS, and you get to hear a child say, "I love this! I always wondered..." Volunteer to take a non-driving member to a doctor's appointment, and you may start or strengthen a friendship. Work the concession stand at an Upwards game or the yard sale or the car show, and you hang out with fellow crew members and meet people who have come for the interest they share with the church, and who may return on a Sunday. In his message of June 4th titled "Fly the Kite," Pastor Kurt said, "If you wait till things are perfect to do God's will, you'll never do it." That would be a loss we would all feel.

Obviously, I can't list every possible service opportunity here. There are "once-and-done" tasks, and ongoing or regular commitments. Consider your own strengths, skills, and schedule when you hear that we are searching for Sunday School teachers, or that we have an opening in a mission team, a chance to be one of the people shucking corn for a church dinner, or that a work day has been scheduled for our property and facility. When God gives you a talent, he will put it to use. For sure, pray for God's guidance.

Orchestral conductor and speaker Benjamin Zander is known for saying that the job of leadership is to awaken possibility in others. Our church leadership welcomes people to try forms of service that are foreign to them, and they are ready to nurture new skills and vision.

Think how far we could extend our message and love to our church family, our community, and our global neighbors if each of us signed up for one task where our time and talents would be appreciated.

by Theresa Nieves and Margie Manley

July						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 Independence Day!	5	6 Praise Team 6 pm Trustees 7	7	8
9	10	11 Men's Accountability group 6:30 Daycare Board	12 SEND Extended 7 pm	13 Praise Team 6	14	15
16	17 women's spring book study-9 am Finance 7 pm	18 Men's Accountability group 6:30 SPRT 7 pm	19	20 Praise Team 6	21	22
23 30	24 31	25 Men's Accountability Group 6:30	26 SEND 7 pm	27 Praise Team 6	28	29



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Deadline for Aug newsletter is Tuesday, Aug 1st. Please send your articles or information to Margie at [Quiltgrand133@gmail.com](mailto:Quiltgrand133@gmail.com). Thank you!