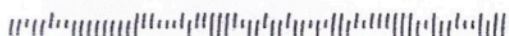




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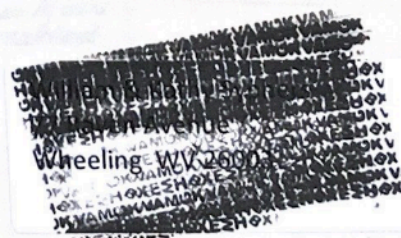
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in a bulletin: "The church dinner was like
even. Many we expected to see were absent."

WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:45 a.m.

Communion when we have a Presbyterian,
Lutheran, or Episcopal Minister.

Church Phone: 304-242-4407

Email: secretary@bupcwheeling.org

Web Site: <https://bupcwheelingwv.org>



The church secretary told her pastor that sev-
eral wallets had been stolen in the last week, so she
was going to keep her purse in the file drawer.
Her pastor observed, "Perfect! Nobody's ever
been able to find anything in there!"

church janitor called for sweeping reforms.

===Church Staff===

Music Director & Organist ~ Cliff Elliott

Custodian & Grounds Keeper ~ Dan Burns

Treasurer ~ Eydie Garvin

Secretary ~ Sue Lane Johnson

GIVE thanks



August 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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10:45 a.m. Worship Service- Communion				1	2	3
NEW 4	5	5pm. Friendship Diners 6	7	8	9	10
10:45 a.m. Worship Service						
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
10:45 a.m. Worship Service deacons meet after coffee				8am Men's Breakfast		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
10:45 a.m. Worship Service						
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	7pm Session					

JUNE 24, 2024

SESSION MEETING

A meeting of the Session of the Bethlehem United Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) was held on Monday, June 24, 2024 in the Church Library with the Rev. Alan Jeffries moderating.

Rev. Alan Jeffries opened the meeting with prayer at 7:00 PM.
It was determined that a quorum was present.

ELDERS PRESENT: Eydie Garvin, Bob Mengeu, Bill Syphers

ELDERS EXCUSED: Sue Johnson, Jody Werner, Bob Young

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's reports for May were presented for review and placed on file.

MINUTES: Minutes of the May 20 Session meeting were presented for review. Eydie made the motion to accept, Bob Mengeu seconded and the minutes were placed on file.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: OUR OFFERING TO GOD THROUGH SERVICE

ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE: Eydie Garvin

1. Eydie presented the quarterly earnings report from Wesbanco Trust Services.
2. She reported that we need to establish a job description for the church secretary and begin to search for a new one, as Sue would like to retire.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: Bob Mengeu

1. Bob reported that the lights in the library were going to be replaced with led bulbs.
2. He presented an estimate for replacement of windows in the library and corner room. The estimate was accepted, expenditure approved, and the contract was signed.

BY-LAWS: Committee is not active at this time.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Sue Johnson.

MEMBERSHIP: Bill Syphers

MISSION/OUTREACH: Bill Syphers NOMINATING: Committee is not active.

PARISH LIFE: Jody Werner

WORSHIP: Bob Young

CORRESPONDENCE: none CHURCH RECORDS:

Communion:

0

Home Communion:

0

Deaths, New members, Baptism,

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: none

ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING PRAYER: Bill closed the meeting with prayer at 7:55 PM. The date for the next regular Session Meeting is August 26, 2024 in the Church library.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

September 6

Tom Hostutler

September 7

Beckie Habak

September 19

Kristin Cooper

September 21

Alice Burns

September 22

Jackie Schmidt

September 25

Anita Marvin



One Day at a Time

Live one day at a time, my friend,
Soon the present will be past -
Forget those things that bother you,
And make the good things last...

Live one day at a time, my friend,
Whatever comes along -
What's past is past, just let it be,
And sing a joyful song...

Live one day at a time, my friend,
Tomorrow's yet to come -
Today is full of hope and love,
So help yourself to some...

Live one day at a time, my friend,
And happy you will be;
Relax, rejoice, and just let go,
And set your spirit free!

Hope C. Oberhelman



In Our Hearts and Prayers

General, Long-term, and Special Health Concerns

Rev. Homer Harden, health concerns
Joellen McNeil, health concerns
Nancy Elliott, health concerns
Carolyn Dye, health concerns
Wayne Cunningham, health concerns
Gretchen Cunningham, health concerns
David Waites, health concerns
Camden Brown, eye/health concerns
John Adams, health concerns
Nancy K. Mumley, health concerns
Eydie Garvin, health concerns
Pam Cooper, health concerns
Cliff Elliott, health concerns
Kathy Butler, health concerns

The Lord brought
you to mind today.



NURSING HOME & RETIREMENT HOME

Dorothy Werbecki, Continuous Care Center, Room 248,
236 Hullihen Place, Medical Park, Wheeling, WV 26003

Peggy Foster, Good Shepherd Nursing Home,
159 Edington Lane, Wheeling, WV 2600

Craig Garvin, Peterson Healthcare & Rehab Center,
20 Homestead Avenue, Wheeling, WV 26003

Tom Hostutler, Moundsville Healthcare Center, Room 404,
2200 Floral Avenue, Moundsville, WV 26041

Our Bible Quiz for August is named: FRUIT OF THE VINE

- 1 What did Paul recommend as a substitute for wine?
- 2 Who was called a glutton and a wine guzzler?
- 3 What prophet spoke of God putting Israel into a winepress?
- 4 What part of the body did Paul recommend wine for?
- 5 Where was the one place the priest could not enter after drinking wine?
- 6 What group of Israelites was never supposed to drink wine?
- 7 According to Paul's advice, what church official must not be a wine drinker?
- 8 What was mingled with the wine Jesus was offered on the cross?
- 9 What judge threshed wheat by his winepress to hide it from Midianites?
- 10 According to Jesus, what do people prefer, old wine or new wine?
- 11 What kind of person, according to Proverbs, should be given wine?
- 12 According to what Jesus said at the Last Supper, when would He drink wine again with his disciples?
- 13 Who murdered the Midianite Zeeb at his winepress?
- 14 How many jars of water did Jesus turn into wine?
- 15 What, according to Jesus, happens when new wine is put into old wineskins?
- 16 What drinkers did Isaiah condemn?
- 17 According to the book of Romans, what good reason is there to avoid wine?

*give THANKS
to the LORD
for he is
GOOD*



Answers to July Quiz:

Bible Quiz - Parents in the Bible - Match each of these persons with the names of his father and mother:

- | | |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Samuel | <u>5</u> Jacob and Rachel |
| 2. Jacob | <u>9</u> Abraham and Hagar |
| 3. John the Baptist | <u>6</u> Boaz and Ruth |
| 4. Seth | <u>10</u> Joseph and Asenath |
| 5. Joseph | <u>8</u> Jacob and Leah |
| 6. Obed | <u>7</u> Abraham and Sarah |
| 7. Isaac | <u>3</u> Zechariah and Elizabeth |
| 8. Reuben | <u>4</u> Adam and Eve |
| 9. Ishmael | <u>1</u> Elkanah and Hannah |
| 10. Ephraim | <u>2</u> Isaac and Rebekah |

*for the joy of the Lord
is your strength*

believe



Dr. Norman Vincent Peale tells us how to **LIFT YOUR SPIRITS**

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help." Psalm 121:1

You realize, do you not, that the most powerful force in this universe is a positive thought properly used. Outward circumstances or conditions do not determine what our lives become nearly so much as do the thoughts that dominate our minds. *No one can overcome anything until his thoughts are creative and positive. It is important that you lift your mind to a higher level. Mentally, as you raise your mind above the defeats and conflicts you face, your personality will receive help from God in the form of clear thinking, resolute reaching out toward happiness, deeper understanding, and renewed strength. When your thoughts are in confusion, you live in an unreal world, and you cannot see your way up and out of it.*

A man who once came to me asking for help with a personal problem said, "Ordinarily, I can think my way out of a difficulty, but my spirits are so low that I have become extraordinarily depressed. I seem to be surrounded by grotesque shadows so that familiar faces and situations have become unreal. I know that I am living in this unreal world because my thoughts are depressed. If I could only get my spirits lifted, I believe I could see my way through this matter. Then I would have the courage and insight to face this problem and overcome it. Please tell me how to get my spirits lifted." I suggested the steps which he applied and soon was in command of his life and problems.:

POSITIVE ACTION STEP #1: Monitor Your Moods - Once in a while, I read the stock-market reports, though my chief reading in any newspaper is first, the sport pages, then the front page, then the editorials. Occasionally, on the financial page there is a chart showing stocks have gone up and down. I discovered that whenever the graph goes down, people get worried, and whenever it goes up, they are happy. Well, everything in this universe moves according to a graph, according to rhythm. This is true not only of the stock market but also human moods. A person need not be overly concerned when his mood drops a little; that is normal. Nor need he be overly elated when his mood rises. That, too, is normal. Our present consideration is when you need real help. Then you need an answer to the question, "How can I get my spirits lifted?"

POSITIVE ACTION STEP #2: Think of the Sun -In moods of discouragement or despair, never forget that the sunshine will ultimately come back, that its absence never is permanent. Hang on to your faith, knowing that soon you will rise into the sunshine again. On the West coast of Florida, I met an old Scotsman, one of those philosophical characters from whom you can learn a great deal. He was in charge of the swimming pool at the hotel where I was staying, and I got into conversation with him. He said, "There are two things that will make you live twenty years longer: sunlight and water. Go into a pool every day for thirty minutes, and you will live twenty years longer." "But," he continued, "you also must have sunlight. This locality (the South) is the greatest place. I stay here the year round because we have sunlight. The human spirit perishes without the sun; that is why you find so many neurotics in northern climates. I once sailed on a vessel for three weeks and did not see a crack in the clouds. The crew became morose and gloomy and sick. But I had a secret that kept me up." "What

was your secret?" I asked, interested in his philosophy. "Every day," his answer was, "I would go out when the clouds hung low and do two things. One, I remembered the golden sunlight of days past, and two, I thought of the golden sunlight that would come when those clouds had rolled away. Thus, I made my own sunlight. I distilled it in my heart. I manufactured it in my mind. I could feel it warming my bones, entering into the essence of my being." So concluded my philosophical Scots friend. Nothing can happen in a human life that is so bad that the sunlight will not shine again, if you lift up your eyes from whence cometh your help. Remember all the good things that God has done for you in the past. This the sunlight of the past. Then visualize—and never let the visualization become dim—the sunlight of the future. Always remember the sunlight of the past, and the sunlight of the future, in the dark days.

POSITIVE ACTION STEP #3: Clear Your Mind – Another element in getting your spirits lifted is to empty your mind of all negative thoughts: all hateful, apprehensive, fearful, and evil thoughts. Note how much better you feel, and how your spirits have lifted. You can hardly expect your spirits to soar, when they are weighted down with resentment, self-pity and ill will. If you go around and around in a circle, carrying these negative thoughts, your spirits are held down. The mind of an average person can be like a defective phonograph record I have. There is a defective spot in this record and, when the needle gets to that spot, the record plays the same phrase in the song over and over. After a while, it gets monotonous. Some people's minds go around and around in their self-pity, their fears and their hates, so they never go up. And the mind refuses to work with the efficiency of which it is capable. So what must we do? We must lift up our eyes unto the high places, getting our minds off destructive attitudes toward other people. We must get our minds off ourselves, our hates, our failures, and our resentments, and lift them up to the high places. We must look fearlessly at all the gloom and remind ourselves that it is not permanent. We must lift up our minds to God and let faith pour down into us. Then our spirits will rise like birds on the wing; then life will be fascinating and good every day, all our days.

- POSITIVE ACTION STEPS:**
1. Monitor Your Moods
 2. Think of the Sun
 3. Clear Your Mind

POSITIVE AFFIRMATION:

Remember all the good God has done for you in the past!

Visualize all the good God will do for you in the future!





August 6 Jay T. McCamic

August 7 Robert Mengeu

August 9 Ira Werner

August 10 Olivia Davis

August 13 Lisa Mengeu

August 14 Cliff Elliott

August 31 Eydie Garvin

August 6 Robert & Pattie Mengeu

August 8 John & Beckie Habak