



From the Pastor's Desk...

JUNE/JULY 2014

Dear Cup Church family and friends,

When was the last time you received a telemarketing call with gladness? Hmm, me too. I have little patience with someone I've never met calling me at *their* convenience, trying to sell me something I most likely have little or no need for. The truth of the matter is, though, even if I desperately DO need what they're offering, they already have two strikes against them due to their intrusive approach.

Now, when was the last time you enjoyed a good conversation with a friend or a family member? I hope you don't have to go too far back in your memory banks for that one. The opportunity to talk about my challenges and hopes, my frustrations and my joys, and to hear from someone I've come to enjoy or even love as they do the same, is one of the great treasures in life. Some of you know that I had the privilege of celebrating my 50th birthday by camping with my two sons in a (for me) rather rugged part of British Columbia. While I loved the majestic scenery and the ice-cold creek crossings, the best part of the week was spent talking around the campfire at the end of the day.

The difference between these two scenarios is *care* and *relationship*. I'm much more likely to listen to someone who has listened to me. In addition, I'm far more likely to be able to share a truth that has helped me if the person I'm talking with knows that I truly *care* about them.

This Summer, we will be continuing a theme that we've been working on through much of 2014 – 'Sharing Good News.' The word *gospel* means, literally, 'good news', but we are frequently baffled – or bashful – in sharing the best news the world has ever known. Our Thursday evening gatherings around food, speakers, or films will be a great way to look different aspects of how good news is passed from one person- or one generation – to the next. Samuel Sesay will talk with us about how the good news sounds to Muslim listeners – and why many are so joyful to accept Christ. Pastor Mark Tippin will be reviewing with us exactly WHAT the good news is. And several of our movies look at the gift of relationship in passing on faith, hope, love, and salvation. Sometimes the message is humorous, sometimes tearful, but in each case, we'll have a chance to see something that we hope will spread in our own lives and our own community – the gift of warm conversation, of effective listening, and sharing – the Good News of sin forgiven, and hope restored, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessings,

Pastor Scott

Deep Healing Prayer Opportunities

In the wake of Gary and Kathleen Hixson's time with us, several people have seen or experienced first-hand the dramatic power and love of God that comes in what has been called 'Deep Healing' prayer. Members of the CUP prayer team will be participating in these 2 hour sessions, but ***all*** content from these sessions will be confidential. Typically, we will have women pray for women and men pray for men.

Sunday, June 8th, June 29th & July 13th

6:00-8:00pm Deep Healing Prayer Sessions

If you are interested in joining the CUP prayer team, please contact Pastor Scott.

IN NEED OF PRAYER?

Members of the prayer team are available in the library immediately following worship each Sunday.

Please join us in the library and let us pray with you. If you know of family members or others in the community who are in need of prayer, please encourage them to join us on Sundays.

Prayer request cards are now available in the blue pew pads.

If you have a written prayer request, please fill out the card and drop it in the offering plate or church office and we will pray for you.

If you are in need of prayer throughout the week: Please call the church at 724-843-1594 to speak to the pastor, to have your prayer request put on our prayer chain, or to set up a more convenient time to pray together with the prayer team or one of our elders.

Please remember that all prayer requests will remain confidential!



SECOND ANNUAL FORE FINTONIA GOLF TOURNAMENT

JUNE 30, 2014

At Seven Oaks Country Club

**Golfer Registration and
Sponsorship Still available**

**Pastor Scott will be away at
the EPC General Assembly
in Knoxville, TN
from June 17th—20th**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL—JULY 7-11 (9am—Noon)

“WILDERNESS ESCAPE”

Travel with us to ancient times where you will join with Moses as he leads the Israelites through the wilderness. Discover what it was like to live in the Israelite camp and learning simply to Trust God!

Call the Church Office to Register (Ages 4—6th Grade)



VACATION SCHEDULE

Pastor Scott—July 19-26

Matt—July 14-20

Cindy - June 30-July 5

Office Closed July 4th

Weekly Meetings...

Monday 1:00pm **Bible Study** (resumes in Sept.)

Wednesday Youth Small Groups 7:30pm (resumes in Sept.)

Wild Wednesdays 6:00pm (check with Matt for location)

Second Wednesday 1:00pm **Game Day** (June 11th / July 9th)

Thursday Morning Woman's Small Group 9:00am (resumes in Sept.)

Thirsty Thursdays 6:00pm (check with Office for location)

3rd Thursday at noon **Lunch Bunch** (June 19th at The Dutch Haus in Columbiana / July 17th at Laughlin's Corners in Hookstown)

Saturday Morning Men's Group 7:30am (resumes in Sept.)

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also available online
at our website:
cupepc.org**

‘THIRSTY THURSDAY’ (Theme—Sharing Good News)

June 12th—August 21st

Potluck Dinner at 6:00pm followed by Speaker or Movie

- JUNE 12th** Samuel Sesay, Director Edunations Ministry in Sierra Leone @ The Bixler's
- JUNE 19th** Movie Night ‘UP’ (PG) @ The Ulrich's
- JUNE 26th** Rev. Mark Tippin, Bethel EPC @ Brady's Run Pavilion #15
- JULY 10th** Movie Night ‘BABETTE'S FEAST’ (G) @ The Pawlos' (French with Subtitles)
- JULY 17th** Rev. Chris Curtis, New Covenant EPC @ Rex & Judy Graham's
- JULY 24th** Movie Night ‘THE MISSION’ (PG-13) @ The Hocanson's
- JULY 31st** Rachel Griffin, Christian Int'l School of Prague @ The Ulrich's
- AUGUST 7th** Movie Night ‘SAINTS AND SOLDIERS’ (PG-13) @ The Hinzman's
- AUGUST 14th** Matt Ulrich, CUP Church @ Scott & Kristina Graham's
- AUGUST 21st** Movie Night ‘GROUNDHOG DAY’ (PG) @ The Brieck's

JUNE/JULY Calendar

- June 3** 6:00pm DEACONS
7:00pm WORSHIP
7:30pm TRUSTEES
- June 5** 6:00pm OUTREACH
- June 11** 1:00pm Game Day
- June 12** 6:00pm THIRSTY THURS. BEGINS
- June 15** 10:30am Samuel Sesay Preaching
- June 19** 12:00pm Noon Lunch Bunch
at The Dutch Haus in Columbiana
- June 24** 7:00pm SESSION
- June 30** Fore Fintonia Golf Tournament
- July 7-11** 9:00am Vacation Bible School
- July 9** 1:00pm Game Day Picnic/Crawfords
- July 17** 12:00pm Noon Lunch Bunch
at Laughlin's Corners/Hookstown
- Every Monday 1:00pm Bible Study (resumes in fall)
- Every Tuesday 9:00am Breakfast Club @Hot Dog Shoppe
- Every Wednesday 3:30pm "SHINE" After School
program followed by Family Dinner @6pm (resumes in fall)
7:30pm Youth Girls Small Group @ Manse
Youth Guys in Youth Room (resumes in fall)
- WILD WEDNESDAYS 6:00pm THROUGH THE SUMMER**
- Every Thursday 9:00am Women's Small Group(resumes in fall)
7:00pm Choir Practice/8:15pm Praise Team
- THIRSTY THURSDAYS 6:00pm THROUGH THE SUMMER**
- Every Saturday 7:30am Men's Breakfast@ Eat-n-Park
(resumes in fall)
- Every Sunday 6:30pm Crosscurrent (resumes in fall)
- 2nd & 4th Sunday 6:00pm Deep Healing Prayer Sessions
(6/8, 6/29, & 7/13)

CUP will have an Outreach Booth at the Chippewa Twp. VFD Carnival. Ham BBQ Sandwiches will be sold to help fund the Adult Mission Trip to NY.

CUP LIBRARY NEWS

A book that deals with the music that we use in worship services has been given to our library and is now available for check out. “Why Johnny Can’t Sing Hymns” by R. David Gordon looks at the changes that have taken place in the way we worship over the last decades. Gordon teaches an introduction to media ecology at Grove City College and views musical media both as a reflection of cultural values and as something that shapes our cultural values. Gordon has also served as a fulltime pastor for nine years and says that choosing the songs used in worship services was one of the weightiest responsibilities he had to assume in that position. His book not only looks at the problems but gives realistic solutions to a subject that often causes disagreement in church congregations throughout our country. Take a look at this book and see what you think. This book is available for check out anytime the church is open (unless there is a meeting going on in the library). Just remove the card from the pocket on the back cover, sign your name and place it in the basket next to the card file on the small table.

CHILDREN & YOUTH



Dear Cup Church Family,

As we finish up the 2013-14 school year, I am proud of our Shine children (pictured above) for their excellent presentation of "Happily Forever After." This musical really highlighted what it means to sacrifice our pride and to trust in Jesus Christ. Thank you to all of leaders who worked hard to make this program a success!

I am especially proud of the youth who gave statements of faith and joined the church on Confirmation Sunday! My prayer is that as a church community we will continue to support them in their faith journey. Through the Youth Sunday service all of the youth worked together to lead our worship with music, prayer, drama, testimony, and Scripture testifying to what it means to respond and follow God's call.

This summer, youth can look forward to 'Wild Wednesdays' starting on July 18th! Children can anticipate the 'Wilderness Escape' Vacation Bible School program, running July 7-11th.

In Christ,

Matt Ulrich
Children & Youth Director

Vacation Bible School!
July 7-11 | 9am-Noon



Download Registration Form:

www.cupepc.org/cup-church/vbs

(Pre-Registration is encouraged.)