



CUP EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

'Join us for a drink of Living Water'



From the Pastor's Desk...

AUGUST 2014

Dear Cup Church family and friends,

Is a life of virtue worth pursuing?

Several years ago, Michael Caine and Robert Duvall played two old curmudgeons in the delightful comedy *Secondhand Lions*. The two men reluctantly and begrudgingly take in Hub's (Duvall) ten-year-old nephew. In their old age, they have developed a lasting grudge against the world, sitting on the porch of their tumbledown farmhouse, taking potshots with shotguns at any traveling salesman foolish enough to venture on the property. They seem to want to be left alone, to die quietly in their misery.

But the boy's presence begins to work a miracle in their withered hearts – they start to hunger for life and love again. They begin to spend their enormous fortune, hidden away mysteriously somewhere on their farm, on everything from garden tools and seeds to a catapult that flings plates skyward for shooting practice, to a Red Baron-style airplane, to a secondhand lion, a mangy old cat that hopes, like these two men, to finish out her days in comfort and joy.

Slowly, the men tell the boy the story of their earlier days. Uncle Hub was a swashbuckling adventurer, a poet-warrior, and Garth was his right-hand wingman. Together, they lived an enchanted, dangerous life, outwitting a cunning enemy in order to win the hand of a beautiful young woman for Hub. Spoiler Alert: while the young boy thinks the old men are simply spinning tall tales, at the end of the movie, we find that it's all true, causing the now-grown nephew to exclaim about his two now dear and recently departed care-givers: 'They lived. They *really* lived.'

Peter's call to us at the start of his second letter is to Live: Really Live. 'He has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature. . . be diligent to make your calling and election sure, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. . . in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.' (2 Pet. 1:3-4, 10-11)

Virtue is designed to help us appreciate and apprehend life in all its fullness and wonder. Faith, Goodness, Knowledge, Self-Control, Steadfastness, Godliness, and Love are not qualities that lead us away from danger and exhilaration in this world – they actually cause us to engage in the battle for eternity in wonderful and surprising ways. Come and join us for worship through August as we continue examining and celebrating the way God unlocks virtue and gives us access to life really lived!

Cordially,
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, August 3rd, 10th & 31st

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

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

**TUESDAY MORNING BOOK STUDY
BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 9TH AT 10:30am**

'Solutions for Hope and Change'

Hosted by Dorothy Tihanovich 218 Mannal St., B.F.

Please call Dorothy at 724-847-8774 if you are interested in attending. The books are free.



PRAY!

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!

'THIRSTY THURSDAY' (Theme—Sharing Good News)

June 12th—August 21st

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

AUGUST 7th Movie Night 'SAINTS AND SOLDIERS' (PG-13)
@ Location to be announced/call Church Office

AUGUST 14th Matt Ulrich, CUP Church @ Scott & Kristina Graham's

AUGUST 21st Movie Night 'GROUNDHOG DAY' (PG) @ The Brieck's



You all helped make the week a total success!
Thank You Rae.

**ANNUAL YUTE
LAKE TOMAHAWK
OUTING**

**MONDAY
SEPTEMBER 8th**

**ALL ADULTS
WELCOME!**

Please bring a covered dish
Beverage will be provided

Directions Available from
Carol Osterman

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** (August cancelled)

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** (August 21st -
at Timberhouse/Rolling Acres Golf Course)

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

SHEPHERDING A CHILD'S HEART CONFERENCE

Chapel Presbyterian Church in Beaver will be hosting Dr. Tedd Tripp on September 12-13, 2014 as he presents his seminar on "Shepherding a Child's Heart". Dr. Tripp will give a biblical perspective on parenting and teach parents how to raise their children to glorify God. All the information is on their church website at www.chapelcpca.com. Online registration is also available. There are two sessions: Friday at 6:30pm and Saturday from 9:00am-Noon. To encourage parents with children to attend, they are offering child care through 6th grade and meals for the entire family prior to each session. The cost of the conference is only \$20. per family for the entire weekend. There are brochures available on the entryway tables if you would like more information.

CUP LIBRARY NEWS

Nearly everyone has heard of Leo Tolstoy, the famous Russian novelist who wrote the epic novels, "War and Peace" and "Anna Karenina". By the time Tolstoy was fifty he had written the two books he is most famous for but what few people may realize, from this point on to the end of his life he became more and more preoccupied with the things of the spirit. His writings began to reflect his spiritual turmoil and his quest for moral and social principles. His quest led him to the teachings found in the Christian gospels. Our library has a book called "Where Love Is, There God Is Also" that is a collection of three of Tolstoy's short stories that were written during this period of his life. It can be found in the adult non-fiction area of the library along with many other novels, some of which are listed below.

<i>The Fisherman</i> by Larry Huntsperger <i>The Steeple Chase</i> by Dave Biebel <i>The Shack</i> by Wm. Paul Young	<i>Shades of Blue</i> by Karen Kingsbury <i>His Hands</i> by Yvonne Lehman <i>Thorn in My Heart</i> by Liz Curtis Higgs
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Come, take a look at what our church library has to offer!

THE 'BIG SALE'—COMING IN SEPTEMBER!

SAVE your treasures!
Date for drop off at the Church
to be announced later.
We can NO LONGER ACCEPT
ELECTRONICS

The Newsletter is
also available online
at our website:
cupepc.org

AUGUST Calendar

**August 5 6:00pm DEACONS
7:00pm WORSHIP
7:30pm TRUSTEES**

August 7 6:00pm OUTREACH

August 13 NO Game Day

**August 17 Pick up Softball Game and
Picnic with Mt. Olive Lutheran Church**

August 19 7:00pm SESSION

**August 21 12:00pm Noon Lunch Bunch
at Timberhouse/Rolling Acres**

**August 24 2:00pm EPC Youth Outing to
Morraine State Park**

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 (8/3, 8/10, 8/31)

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Dear Cup Church Family,

In July we had a great time at VBS (see pictures), learning about how God guides and provides. We can trust God because he is faithful!

Crosscurrent's 'Wild Wednesdays' will continue into August. It is a time to have some fun and to continue growing in community and passion for the Lord.

I am looking forward to kicking off our fall programing for Crosscurrent and Shine in September!

In Christ,

Matt Ulrich

Children & Youth Director



Fun Times
at VBS!

