

# THE CUP



CUP EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*'Join us for a drink of Living Water'*



## From the Pastor's Desk...

MAY 2016

Dear Cup family and friends,

For this first half of the year, prayer from the Bible has been our focus, both through our adult Sunday School study of Paul Miller's *A Praying Life* and my preaching series on prayers in the Bible. We've looked at Abraham bargain and Jacob wrestle, dipped into the deeper waters of the Psalms, and considered several of Paul's petitions for young and challenged churches. Scripture gives us a banquet feast of options for all emotional and spiritual situations, and it is a tremendous blessing when we pray these verses back to our Lord.

One passage that we won't get to on Sunday morning in this series but is worth a closer look is a part of Paul's counsel: Philippians 4:5-7. These verses were shared more through social media around the world than any other verses except Proverbs 3:5-6. Let's take a look.

*Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

Three short but crucial notes about this gold mine for living.

First, *gentleness is called for even in anxious situations, because 'The Lord' is actually in charge.* We often remember that Paul was in jail and facing possible execution; we forget that the church he is writing to is experiencing pain and suffering as well. The Philippian church was under pressure politically, economically, and spiritually, but Paul reminds them that none of this is too big for God. Nothing can take them out of his care, for he holds the keys of death and hell. Stay calm.

Next, *peace is not just low blood pressure, it is wholeness and well-being in every area of life.*

'Shalom' is the Hebrew word for peace, and it is this promise the angels give to the shepherds on the first Christmas Eve. (Luke 2:14) When we remember to thank God for who He is and what He's doing when we include our requests for areas of concern, we keep our hearts in a truly secure setting. Which leads to the last point:

*Our thinking, our doing, and our motives can be completely protected when we come to God in prayer.* Paul is encouraging us to maintain proper perspective. When we consider our circumstances, are we only looking at what may happen over the next week, month, or year? Perhaps 10 or 20 years? What would change if you did 'long-term planning' with a perspective of a million years? A *billion* years? In Christ, we are looking forward to eternal life, but that life is beginning now. We may face some 'light and momentary difficulties' (2 Cor. 4:17) now, but in the proper perspective, we have nothing to worry about. Keep going to God with the real thoughts and emotions in your heart and mind. Lift up your family, your friends, those you know who are suffering, even your enemies. Life will never be the same if we do.

Blessings,

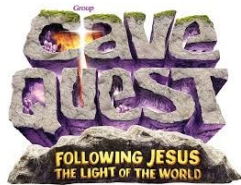
Pastor Scott

Attention all cooks! Need some help in the kitchen?

We are doing a church fundraiser with the Rada Cutlery company. This includes kitchen cutlery, utensils, cookbooks, stoneware and quick mixes. The cutlery items are all American made, good quality and reasonably priced. If you don't need something for your home, consider ordering an item for our church kitchen. We will make 40% profit on our sales.

The profit earned with this fundraiser will be used to send a group from our church to Detroit, Michigan during the EPC General Assembly in June. This mission trip is open to anyone. The group will do mission work in the Detroit area, and hopes to attend some of the General Assembly sessions.

See Nancy Hinzman for fundraising details and to place orders. There is also a catalog available in the church office. Orders will be taken through May 22th and checks should be made out to CUP Church with 'Cutlery Fundraiser' in MEMO Box. Wade Rider can provide you with more information about the Mission trip.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
JUNE 6TH—JUNE 10TH  
9am—NOON

'CAVE QUEST' (Following Jesus—The  
Light of the World)

*Gear up for an over-the-top  
underground adventure!  
Ground kids in the rock-solid foun-  
dation of God's love,  
a love that takes us through  
life's dark times.*

**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.*



PRAY!

The Newsletter is also  
available online at our  
website: [cupepc.org](http://cupepc.org)



**Weekly Meetings...**

Monday 1:00pm **Bible Study** (will resume in September)

**Wednesday Youth Small Groups** 7:30pm (ends 5/11)

Youth Girls at the Manse & Youth Boys in the Youth Room

Second Wednesday 1:00pm **Game Day** (May 11)

**Wednesday Morning Woman's Small Group** 9:00am (ends 5/25)

3rd Thursday at noon **Lunch Bunch** (May 19 @ Timberhouse))

**Friday Night Small Groups** 6:00pm (@ The Hughes')

**Saturday Morning Men's Group** 7:30am @ Eat 'n Park (ends 5/21)

**UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES**

**MAY 15TH—NEW MEMBERS JOINING**

**JUNE 5TH—YOUTH SUNDAY/CONFIRMATION**

**JUNE 12TH—GRADUATION SUNDAY**

**(PLEASE HAVE INFORMATION PERTAINING TO YOUR GRADUATES TO THE OFFICE BY JUNE 5TH)**



**STRAWBERRY SOCIAL  
FUNDRAISER FOR LIGHT BULBS**

**JUNE 12TH  
FOLLOWING WORSHIP**

Pastor Scott will be on vacation  
from June 13th through June 27th

**THIRSTY THURSDAY THIS SUMMER**

**JUNE 30TH THROUGH AUGUST 25TH**

**THEME—CHRISTIANS IN MODERN AMERICAN CULTURE**

**SPECIAL EVENT—WEDNESDAY JULY 20TH ‘FAITH NIGHT WITH THE PIRATES’  
(TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR \$30. IN ADVANCE)**

**SCHEDULE OF SPEAKERS AND MOVIES TO BE DETERMINED**



**FEAST FOR  
FINTONIA  
MAY 22<sup>ND</sup>  
6:00pm**

**BETHANY EPC in Mercer**  
Cost is \$10. for Dinner  
Presentation following with Speakers  
A sign up sheet is available in the  
Entryway for each table and we are  
hoping to Sponsor at least 2 Tables .



**SPRING MUSICAL  
MAY 8TH—7pm**

**‘NOT YOUR AVERAGE JOE’**  
*The classic Old Testament story of Joseph is retold in the exuberant times and music of the 50’s. Its surfer beats, leather jackets, and surfboards, but the gospel truth remains the same...trust the Lord with all your heart.*

**MAY Calendar**

- MAY 3** 6:00pm DEACONS  
7:00pm WORSHIP  
7:30pm TRUSTEES
- MAY 7** 9:00am Shine Musical Dress  
Rehearsal followed by Awards Luncheon
- MAY 8** 7:00pm Shine Musical
- MAY 11** 1:00pm Game Day
- MAY 14** Confirmation Class Rafting Trip
- MAY 17** 7:00pm SESSION
- MAY 19** 12:00pm Noon Lunch Bunch  
@ Timberhouse, Rolling Acres
- MAY 21** Youth Retreat to Suncrest
- MAY 22** 6:00pm Feast for Fintonia  
@ Bethany Presbyterian, Mercer
- Mondays** 1:00pm Bible Study (WILL RESUME IN SEPT.)  
6:00pm College & Young Adult Study  
@ Cline’s (5/2 ONLY)
- Wednesdays** 9:00am Women’s Small Group (ENDS 5/25)  
3:30pm “SHINE” After School program  
followed by Family Dinner @6pm (ENDS 5/3)  
7:30pm Youth Small Group (ENDS 5/11)
- Thursdays** 7:00pm Choir Practice
- Fridays** 6:00pm Small Group Study @ Hughes’
- Saturdays** 7:30am Men’s Group @ Eat ‘n Park (ENDS 5/21)
- Sundays** 5:30pm Confirmation (5/1, 5/15 ONLY)

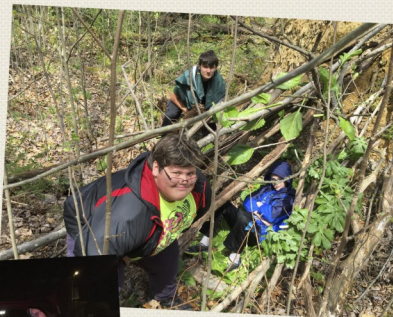
# THE CHILDREN & YOUTH PAGE



Shine Sunday



Outdoor Survival Competition



See you at the Shine Musical on May 8, 7pm!

