



From the Pastor's Desk...

JUNE / JULY 2019

Dear Cup family and friends,

June marks the completion of our confirmation class. We have been walking through the Scriptures since October, looking at the divine drama of Creation – Fall – Redemption and Restoration. A significant means of God's rebuilding of a relationship with rebellious humanity was through Covenants. God fashioned covenants with Noah, Abraham (and Sarah), Moses, and David in order to create a 'beachhead' of people in relationship with the true God who could reach out and share the good news of a holy yet merciful Creator who could be known, loved, and followed.

The covenant sign used in the Old Testament was circumcision: a physical sign and reminder, involving blood, of God's protective care over his people. All Jewish baby boys on their eighth day of life were to receive this sign, as were all adult Gentile men upon their belief in Yahweh and their entrance into the community of faith.

In the New Testament, the covenant sign of God is baptism, which is offered to both genders. As is well known, there are significant differences of opinion regarding the proper mode of applying the water. Should it be sprinkled or poured over someone, or should they be immersed?

Sprinkling or pouring makes a greater connection with the Old Testament practices of recognizing our covenant covering that God has initiated on our behalf (compare Exodus 24:6-8 with 1 Peter 1:2, Ezekiel 36:25 with Hebrews 10:22, Genesis 17 with Colossians 2:9-12). Immersion makes a greater connection with 'dying and rising' and being 'born again' (Romans 6:3-5). In both cases, God has initiated the work, but we are called to respond.

When believing parents bring their infant children for baptism, sprinkling is the only appropriate mode to use. But teenagers and adults may request either approach. It is the policy of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church to offer either mode – the main point is that baptism is a public declaration of faith and trust in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, and following God's teachings and participating actively with God's people in the church are markers of this new life.

It is thrilling to see God at work in the lives of our young men and women. Join us for Pentecost Sunday – June 9 – for a powerful time of worship and affirmation of the Lord's wonderful ways!

Blessings,
Pastor Scott



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 22- 26

9:00AM-12:00PM



Daniel was way more than the guy who survived a den of hungry lions!

He was torn from his home and forced into the king's service. Join Daniel and explore exotic sights and smells in a Babylonian Bazaar! You will find that they're not much different from Daniel and his friends, who kept their faith in a faithless culture.



Pentecost – June 9th
(also Youth Sunday
& Confirmation)

Everyone is invited to a Celebration Brunch following Worship to honor all the Youth & their families (there is no cost to attend)



CUP Family Ministries Group
Invites you to a Family Friendly
Bonfire and Outdoor Game Night

Friday, July 26th

Games 6-8pm

PASTOR SCOTT WILL BE OUT OF THE OFFICE:

JUNE 24th-30th ON VACATION

JULY 1st-12th DOCTORAL STUDIES IN BOSTON

JULY 13th-20th CEDAR CAMPUS IN MICHIGAN

JUNE Calendar

<u>June 2</u>	10:30am Graduation Sunday
<u>June 4</u>	3:15pm Youth Sunday Rehearsal
	5:45pm DEACONS
	7:00pm WORSHIP
	7:30pm TRUSTEES
<u>June 6</u>	11:00am Youth Sunday Rehearsal
<u>June 9</u>	10:30am Pentecost / Confirmation and Youth Sunday followed by Celebration Brunch
<u>June 12</u>	1:00pm Game Day
	7:00pm Israel Trip Presentation
<u>June 14</u>	7:00am Yard Sale—Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser
<u>June 18</u>	7:00pm SESSION
<u>June 20</u>	12:00pm Noon Lunch Bunch @ Dutch Haas in Columbiana, OH
<u>June 24</u>	11:00am Educations Charitable Golf Outing
<u>June 25</u>	6:00pm Mission Trip Bible Study
<u>June 27</u>	6:00pm Mission Trip Bible Study
<u>June 30</u>	12:00pm VBS Volunteers Meeting

JULY Calendar

<u>July 1-5</u>	Youth Mission Trip to Pittsburgh Project
<u>July 4-5</u>	Office Closed
<u>July 10</u>	1:00pm Game Day
<u>July 16</u>	7:00pm Mini's Youth Group Begins
<u>July 18</u>	12:00pm Noon Lunch Bunch @ Paradise Pub in Center Twp.
	6:30pm Little's Bible Club
<u>July 20</u>	8:00am Trustees / Church Work Day
<u>July 22-26</u>	9:00am Vacation Bible School
<u>July 26</u>	6:00pm Church & VBS Family Bonfire
<u>Every Monday</u>	1:00pm Adult Bible Study (returns in Fall)
<u>Every Tuesday</u>	7:00pm Mini's Youth Group (7/16-8/6)
<u>Every Wednesday</u>	3:30pm SHINE After School Program followed by Family Dinner at 6:00pm (returns in Fall)
<u>Every Thursday</u>	9:00am Women's Small Group
	6:30pm Little's Bible Club (7/18-8/8)
	7:00pm Choir Practice (both returning in Fall)
<u>Every Saturday</u>	7:30am Men's Breakfast (returns in Fall)
<u>Every Sunday</u>	5:00pm Confirmation Class (6/2 only)
	6:30pm Crosscurrent (6/2 only)
	7:00pm YOUTH BIBLE STUDY (7/14, 7/28)

You are invited to join Paula, Jud and Pastor Scott on Wednesday, June 12th at 7pm for a slide presentation and talk about their recent trip to Israel.

God, thank you for Your forgiveness and faithful love for us.



THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THURSDAY JULY 4TH & FRIDAY JULY 5TH



OUR CHURCH VITALITY COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE YOU TO BE AWARE THAT IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HOSTING A SUMMER BLOCK PARTY, THEY HAVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR USE:

Pop-Up Canopies, Small Round Tables 33",
6 feet Rectangular table (Plastic),
8 feet rectangular Table (Plastic),
Folding Metal Chairs, Plastic Drink Dispensers
with drink nozzles, and Coffee Carafes

A SIGN OUT SHEET WILL BE MADE
AVAILABLE FOR YOU



MEMORIAL DAY

EDUNATIONS 2019 CHARITABLE GOLF TOURNAMENT
AVALON GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB
JUNE 24, 2019
Contact info: Covenant Church 724-981-3535

Weekly Meetings...

Monday 1:00pm **Bible Study** (returns in Fall)
Second Wednesday 1:00pm **Game Day** (June 12, July 10)
Thursday Morning **Woman's Small Group** 9:00am
(returns in Fall)
3rd Thursday at noon **Lunch Bunch**
(June 20 @ Dutch Haas, Columbiana OH,
July 18 @ Paradise Pub, Center Twp.)—
please see Laura Crawford with your reservation)
Saturday Morning **Men's Group** 7:30am @ Eat 'n Park
(Returns in Fall)

CUP LIBRARY NEWS

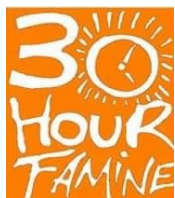
I didn't read C.S. Lewis's classic children's series "The Chronicles of Narnia" until I was a young mother, and I found out then what I had missed as a child. I highly recommend this series to anyone with young children (or grandchildren). The author wrote the first book of the series as a fairy tale for his own god-daughter, and it has become a great classic largely because it is a beautiful analogy of the Christian faith. Our library has long contained the paperback versions of all seven of the "The Chronicles of Narnia" in our children's section. We have recently been given a donation of an additional copy of "The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe" since it was used in the confirmation class, so we now have an updated copy in our youth section, along with an updated version of John Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress". In addition we will soon have a DVD collection of four of the stories in the series: "Prince Caspian", "The Voyage of the Dawn Treader", "The Silver Chair" and "The Lion, the Witch and Wardrobe". These would make great summertime reading for young people or entertainment for the whole family.

These and many other books and videos are available for anyone to check out anytime the church is open and the library isn't in use for a meeting. We have fiction and non-fiction, children's books and books for teens. Just come and take a look, if you find something of interest, pull out the borrower's card in the back pocket, sign it and leave in the small basket on the side table.

Paula Keefer, Cup Librarian

Happy Summer Time!!!

I can't say that the sun is shining and the birds are chirping ... but I can say the rain has fallen to water the flowers and the cicadas - well they are loud! However, Gods masterpiece is beautiful around us and even though sometimes nature is "gross" it reminds us that sometimes our lives are "gross" as well. And that my friends means we need Jesus!! We are all broken and as I have said many times in youth group, "When you are broken, that is when the light gets in easiest!" So friends this summer I challenge you to let the light of Christ into your heart! It just might change you!!



This past month Crosscurrent youth partook in a 30 Hour Famine. During those 30+ hours of no food (only water and a few juice breaks) the kids were offered the opportunity to see how many in other countries and even here struggle with no food. We "played games" that helped them to understand some of the challenges faced by many children their age and even younger. I know hearts were changed during this time together. And I am so excited to say thank you for helping us pass our goal. We were able to raise \$956 to help feed 24 children for a month. What a great blessing!!!



Our Youth have also taken on the responsibility of the upkeep of the flower bed at the HS entrance sign. We planted colorful flowers to bring a smile to your face!

10 Crosscurrent youth are currently preparing their hearts and raising funding to attend the Pittsburgh Project Mission Trip on July 1-5th. Please keep them in prayer and help support their fundraising efforts if you are able! We currently have a Yard Sale Planned at the church on June 14th 7-3pm. You just might find some goodies. Also we are hoping to host another car wash soon.

We thank you for your prayers and help!!

CONGRATS to our Graduating HS Seniors: Sarah Cantrell, Kylie McCandless and Emma Rider. May you be blessed always and never let go of God's amazing Grace for you!!!! We love you ladies!



Crosscurrent Summer Calendar will be posted on Facebook. Keep a look out for upcoming activities through the summer!

Vacation Bible School—please join us July 22-26th for VBS FUN!!! Interested in helping, please see Ms. Joel ASAP! Registration is open online for those who are entering K-6th Grade! Tell your friends!

As always I ask you please to continue to keep both our Children and Youth as well as our community in prayer! There are many great things happening!



Your sister in Christ,

Joel Cunniff

CUP Children and Youth Director

New this Summer!!!

Mini's Youth Group for those entering 4-6th grade will be meeting Tuesdays starting July 16-August 6th in the Youth room from 7-8pm

Little's Bible Club for those entering K-3rd grade will be meeting Thursdays starting July 18th-August 8th in the Youth room from 6:30-7:30pm

For more details or to sign your kiddos up see Ms. Joel!