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## From the Pastor's Desk...

September 2022

Dear Cup family and friends,

Elton Trueblood, a wise Quaker Christian who served as chaplain at both Harvard and Stanford (in a much earlier time) wrote: 'Faith is not belief without proof, but trust without reservation.'

Kristina and I are having the opportunity to put Dr. Trueblood's definition of faith to the test.

In early June, I received an email from a respected pastor, saying he had received my name from a mutual friend, believing I would be a good fit for an Associate Pastor position with their congregation. I appreciated the thought, but was skeptical. The church is in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, of all places! I shared my doubts, but asked for the position description to take a look at it.

What I read put my heart in my throat a couple of times. I responded by saying, 'I've never considered serving a church south of the Mason-Dixon line, but it feels like I could have written this myself! You have my attention.'

From that initial exchange, we have come to have faith that God is calling me to serve at First Presbyterian Church as the Associate Pastor of Pastoral Care, Prayer and Spiritual Formation. My doctoral program and thesis is concentrated on precisely these areas, and the enthusiasm of the committee about my interests and gifting led us to believe a new adventure of faith is in store.

It has been a joy and a privilege to serve as your pastor for the past 18(!) years. The Lord has led us through a number of exhilarating peaks and treacherous valleys together. Over the next several weeks we anticipate many conversations filled with memories, some tears, but also laughter and gratitude. I am confident that God has a tremendous pastor who will partner with you for the ministry to come in Chippewa, Beaver County, and the ends of the earth. My final Sunday in the pulpit will be October 2, but our friendship, love, and prayers will continue long after that. While we look forward to making many new friends in Baton Rouge, our door will be open to any and all of you to come visit us in Louisiana. As soon as we have an address, we'll share it with you! Session will be working with members of our Presbytery to bring the right pastor to lead the transition. I can tell you that one of the greatest gifts of moving into the Evangelical Presbyterian Church is the candidate pool that you will be able to draw from as you pray and look for the next installed pastor of this wonderful congregation.

My closing sermon series will be on some of the apostle Paul's prayers. These are verses we can lift up for each other, and 'being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.' (Phil. 1:6)

We will miss you, Cup family. But in Christ, we know we will always meet again!

Blessings,

Pastor Scott

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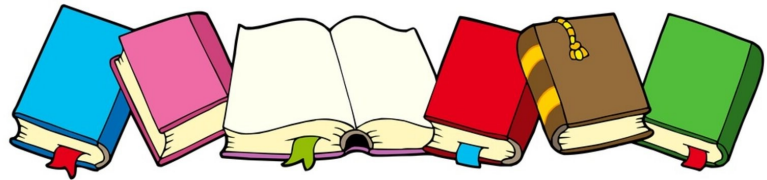
## CUP LIBRARY NEWS

**Paula Keefer-Herter, Librarian**

I'm sure that many of you enjoyed hearing the mission report and sermon presented by Greg and Christine Callison last month at the church. But did you realize that they also presented us with a book for our church library? It is now located on our library shelves and is ready to be checked out by anyone who desires to know about the people group that they serve in northern Iraq. The book is titled, "The Miracle of the Kurds" and is written by Stephen Mansfield. Mansfield is a New York Times best-selling author and has written many other books. He first began to travel among the Kurds in the early 1990's as part of an international relief team and he describes how the Kurdish people have enriched his life. The stories presented in this book are true although the author has changed names to protect the security of those involved and shortened or combined stories for the sake of clarity.

Another new book recently added to our shelves is "Let the Journey Begin" by Max Lucado. In his book Lucado offers guidance, words of wisdom and support from the scriptures. He shares true stories and advice for the reader who faces the unknown and lets us know that God is with us every step of the way! This book has been donated to our library by a member of our church in honor of her granddaughter's graduation.

These and many others selections for all ages are available to anyone interested in checking them out. Our library is open to you anytime the church doors are open (unless a meeting is scheduled for the room). If you are interested just remove the card from the back pocket, sign your name and place in the small basket next to the card files on the table against the left wall. Enjoy!



### 3rd Annual Harvest Festival & Candy Trail

**September 24th 1-3pm**

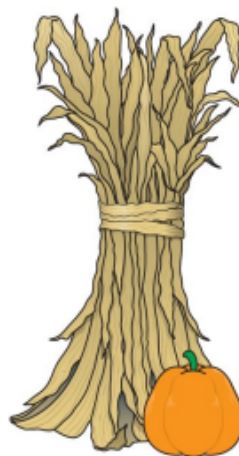
Pre-registering guarantees you a goodies bag. [Register at CUPEPC.org](http://Register at CUPEPC.org)



Bring the family for some outdoor carnival games, popcorn and a candy trail.

CUP Church  
530 Blackhawk Road,  
Beaver Falls, PA

(in front of Blackhawk High School)



**MANY HELPERS NEEDED** to make this a successful outreach. Please sign up on the form in the entryway. **CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED**—there is a box outside the office. See Joel or Jenn with questions!

## BIG SALE



**Friday, Sept. 9 9a-5p**

**Saturday, Sept. 10 9a-2p**

**Mon—Thurs Sept. 12-15  
10a-2p**

**Friday, Sept. 16 9a-5p**

**Saturday, Sept. 17 9a-2p**

## September/October Calendar

Sept 1	6:00p DEACONS
Sept 5	LABOR DAY
Sept 6	7:00p Worship Committee Meeting 7:30p TRUSTEES
Sept 9	9:00a-5:00p BIG SALE
Sept 10	9:00a-2:00p BIG SALE
Sept 11	9:15a Sunday School Kickoff ALL AGES 6:00p CROSSCURRENT FALL KICKOFF
Sept 12	10:00a-2:00p BIG SALE
Sept 13	10:00a-2:00p BIG SALE
Sept 14	10:00a-2:00p BIG SALE 1:00p Game Day Lunch @ Grand Valley Inn
Sept 15	10:00a-2:00p BIG SALE
Sept 16	9:00a-5:00p BIG SALE
Sept 17	9:00a-2:00p BIG SALE
Sept 18	6:00p CROSSCURRENT
Sept 20	7:00p SESSION
Sept 21	3:30p SHINE Fall Kickoff
Sept 24	1:00p Harvest Festival & Candy Trail
Sept 25	Congregational Meeting After Worship 6:00p CROSSCURRENT
Sept 26	1:00p Adult Bible Study Returns
Sept 28	SEE YOU AT THE POLE
Oct 4	7:00p Worship Committee Meeting 7:30p TRUSTEES
Oct 6	6:00p DEACONS
Oct 12	1:00p Game Day Lunch @ Grand Valley Inn
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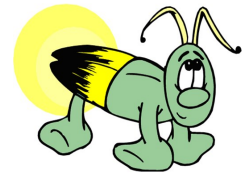
## Weekly Meetings...

Monday Afternoon 1:00pm  
**Adult Bible Study (Library)**  
(Resumes September 26th)

Tuesday Evening 6:00pm  
**Mini's Youth Group (3rd-6th)**  
(Resumes October 4th)

Wednesday Evening 3:30pm  
**SHINE AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM**  
**Family Dinner at 6:00pm**  
(Resumes September 21st)

Sunday Evening 6:00pm  
**Crosscurrent Youth Group**  
(Resumes September 11th)



**SHINE** returns  
September 21st!

3:30p-6:00p

Family Dinner at 6:00p  
Registration is open  
online at [cupepc.org](http://cupepc.org)  
for grades K-8th.

## Sunday School Kickoff

Sunday

September 11th

ALL AGES!



**SEE YOU AT THE POLE**  
**2022**

**September 28th**

**'AFLAME'**  
**Romans 12:11-12**

WELCOME



Proud Parents: Bryce & Valerie Copeland



Hello School!

“When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can flesh do to me.” Psalm 56:3-4

**Crosscurrent Youth Group** is getting ready to kick off our Fall semester! September 11th 6-8 at the Manse we will have our Fall Kick off! Cook-out, Bonfire, Games and more. 7-12th graders join us and bring a friend! Its going to be an amazing year!!! Mark your calendars for See you at the pole “AFLAME” Romans 12:11-12 September 28th 7am BHS and 815 HMS.

**SHINE** Fall Shine kicks off September 21, 2022. Looking for helpers. If interested see Ms. Joel

**Children’s Church** Kicking off September 11th. We will be diving into the scriptures this Fall.

**Mini’s Youth Group** we will be kicking off Mini’s again for 3-6th graders. Starting October 4th, Tuesday nights 6-7 in fellowship hall.

It is going to be an amazing fun filled year!!

As always I ask you to please keep all the children and youth in our community and beyond in prayer.

Your sister in Christ,

*Joel Cunniff*

CUP Children and Youth Director

