

THE CUP



CUP EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

'Join us for a drink of Living Water'



From the Pastor's Desk...

JUNE 2025

"Shoot, Move AND Communicate"

Romans 12:18 (ESV) says:

"If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. "

Likewise, 1 Corinthians 12:18–20 (ESV) says:

"But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose, If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

I have heard the phrase "Shoot, move, and communicate" as a way of, in the simplest form, to describe the job of a member of the military. It spans all branches and is found nearly everywhere in descriptions of military training and doctrine. It is universal. Why? Because it is so simple. If you can simplify your understanding of what you do, it becomes easy to prioritize what you do and understand your role in it.

This principle applies outside of the military too. We all need to know how to shoot, move, and communicate. We need to "shoot": Do the thing that we are supposed to do; in short do our jobs with the tools we are given. In the church this means use the gifts and talents that we have to serve God in the areas we are given to influence. We need to "move": to understand that what we did yesterday may not be effective today and figure out the best way to accomplish the thing we are supposed to do; to be flexible and agile. In the Church this means knowing our mission and what we are trying to accomplish while being able to change how we accomplish it when situations change, and our former ways aren't working. Notice I said, "know our mission", we don't change to follow the world or just to change. But an old thing used a new way is still agile movement.

Finally, we MUST "communicate": We seldom work alone. There are others in our space and they too are working. On jobsites, when things would get confused or uncoordinated I would often say to the others around me "Shoot, Move AND Communicate". You can be brilliant, skillful, agile and do great work but if you do not communicate with the others around you they don't know what you are doing and you don't know what they are doing. Things get conflicted, Good work gets ruined and people get hurt.

Often in the Church we get so sideways of each other in filling our individual unique roles in God's mission that it hampers our effectiveness. We often defeat ourselves before Satan ever gets a chance to make a move on us. We want to do our best and we forget that so does everyone else. We see others as "in the way" when with a little humility we could see each other as teammates who are also on a mission right with us. Communicate. Talk to one another. Ask questions. Try to understand what the other person wants and how they fit in the mission. Make their success yours. If you can communicate, you will find your shots hitting and your movements effective to advance the Kingdom of God in our circle of influence.

In Christ,

Mark

The 52nd annual Baccalaureate was held at Blackhawk High School on May 21st. CUP Church was honored to be represented with Pastor Mark doing the Call to Worship and one of our youth on the Praise Team. Mrs. Joel was instrumental in planning the event. CUP had no graduating seniors this year, but It was wonderful to share in worship and encouragement with our neighbors.



TRUSTEES COMMUNITY YARD SALE **FUNDRAISER**

The TRUSTEES will be hosting monthly Community Yard sales in the church parking lot.

Open to all members of CUP and the Surrounding Community.

Come sell your "treasures".

Spaces are \$10 for a parking space size

Tables can be rented for \$10 a piece up to 2 tables until sold out

Youth Group will be in the pavilion selling Water and Snacks to help fund their upcoming Mission Trip

Please sign up for the dates you would like to participate via the Google Form on the church website.

www.cupepc.org



Dates are as follows: (set up begins at 6am)

June 6th & 20th 7am-2pm

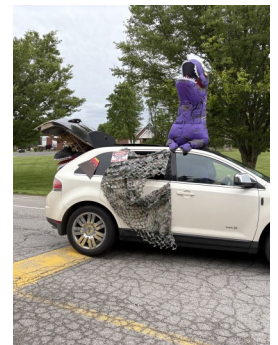
July 11th & 25th 7am-2pm

Aug 1st & 15th 7am-2pm

Starting on June 29th, at 9:15 AM Pastor Mark, together with his wife PJ and Daughter Torah will be leading a Summer Sunday School class for all ages. We will be learning about the second most published book in English after the Bible, John Bunyan's *The Pilgrim's Progress*. Come and join in learning about this allegorical tale of a man who finds himself in a city that is doomed for destruction and embarks on his way to the "Celestial City". You will find that "Christian's" journey will have a lot in common with your journey as a follower of Jesus. We will begin on June 29th by watching the movie together to familiarize ourselves with the story then the group will be sometimes together, sometimes apart with adults and older youth in a class taught by Pastor Mark from Derek Thomas's Ligonier Video series while PJ and Torah lead a class for younger kids. Copies of the book can be found online or you may download a free copy at <https://www.monergism.com/thethreshold/sdg/bunyan/The%20Pilgrim's%20Progress%20-%20John%20Bunyan.pdf>. Come join us on the journey.



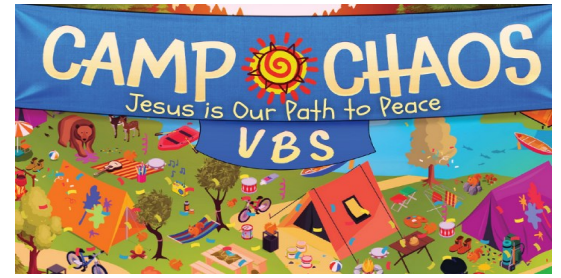
The CUP Church Outreach Team had the wonderful opportunity to participate in Blackhawk High School's Senior Parade Night. Our volunteers handed out free hot dogs, chips and water to the Seniors and their family members after the parade. It was a lovely evening of fun, music, food and encouragement. Please continue to pray for kids as they venture into the world!



June/July Calendar

<u>June 1</u>	10:30a Graduation Sunday
<u>June 3</u>	5:30p Worship Committee
	6:30p DEACONS
	8:30p TRUSTEES
<u>June 5</u>	7:00p Youth Bonfire
<u>June 6</u>	7:00a TRUSTEES Yard Sale
<u>June 9-13</u>	9:00a VBS CAMP CHAOS
<u>June 10</u>	7:00p SESSION
<u>June 11</u>	1:00p Game Day Lunch @ GVI
<u>June 13</u>	6:00p ALL CHURCH VBS Dinner
<u>June 15</u>	Father's Day
<u>June 16-20</u>	Tiger Pause Kitchen Duty
<u>June 20</u>	7:00a TRUSTEES Yard Sale
<u>June 22</u>	7:00p Youth Bonfire
<u>June 25</u>	3:00p Crosscurrent at Soup Kitchen
<u>July 9</u>	1:00p Game Day Lunch @ GVI
<u>July 9</u>	3:00p Crosscurrent at Soup Kitchen
<u>July 9</u>	7:00p Youth Bonfire
<u>July 11</u>	7:00a TRUSTEES Yard Sale
<u>July 11</u>	8:00p Fam Min Movie on the Lawn
<u>July 12</u>	Chippewa Community Days Outreach
<u>July 13-18</u>	Kingdom Week
<u>July 16</u>	6:00p Chippewa Fireman Parade
<u>July 20</u>	7:00p Youth Bonfire
<u>July 25</u>	7:00a TRUSTEES Yard Sale

20 MILES WITH JESUS Tues 8am & Thurs 6pm



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 9th—June 13th

9am—12pm

PreK—5th Grade Graduates

Register online at

www.cupepc.org

There will be an ALL CHURCH Dinner and Dessert Potluck on Friday, June 13th at 6:00p. Dinner is provided, please bring a dessert to share.

Helpers are needed!! Please see Joel if interested.



*Pastor Mark will be out of the office on vacation June 15-22
Jenn will be out of the office on vacation June 17-20*

CUP Library News

Paula Keefer-Herter, Librarian

We have recently added a new book called “The Little Monk” to our church library. It was written by Harry Farra a retired professor in the Speech and Visual Communications Department of Geneva College. Until his recent passing he was a resident of Beaver County and an occasional visitor at Cup church.

The book is a charming story about a humble little monk who becomes the hero of this tale. The story presents gentle lessons for life, and wisdom for every day decisions that we all face. “The Little Monk” includes stories for spiritual reflection and can put us in better touch with the Spirit that lives in all believers everywhere.

This and other books and videos for all ages are available to anyone interested in checking them out. Our library is open to you anytime the church doors are open. 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!

Honoring our Graduates



COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF BEAVER COUNTY

THERESA CUNNIFF is a 2025 graduate of the Community College of Beaver County with an Associate’s Degree in Early Childhood Special Education PreK-5th Grade. While working towards her degree, Theresa spent time working with kids at CUP Church as the SHINE Music Leader and CUP Nursery Lead. She works Full Time at Diamond Milling in New Brighton and is the Assistant Marching Band Director at Western Beaver School District. This Fall, Theresa plans to pursue a job in the classroom as well as continue her education.



GROVE CITY COLLEGE



CALEB HAAS is a 2025 graduate of Grove City College with a BA in English. He plans to head straight into the work force following his graduation. While undecided where, Caleb does plan to continue his education at grad school after spending a year working.



HOMESCHOOL

GABRIEL CHRISTOPHER PATRICK SIMONDS (Gabe) has completed homeschool and received a GED through Literacy Pittsburgh earning Honors in Social Studies. Gabe has been active since 2018 in the Civil Air Patrol (United States Air Force Auxiliary) Cadet Program and is a Cadet Captain, Earning the Amelia Earhart Award, has been the Air Force Sergeants Association Region Cadet NCO of the year, and has earned two CAP Achievement Awards and a Wing Commander's Commendation for outstanding duty performance. He currently serves as his squadron's Cadet Commander and leads and teaches Color Guard. Gabe also regularly shoots skeet on weekends with his grandfather and brother. Following a busy Summer including Cadet Officers' School at Maxwell AFB in Alabama, Gabe is applying to enroll at Geneva and plans to serve in the PA Air National Guard, ultimately hoping to earn a degree and become an officer in the US Air Force.



Family Ministry Corner

Our next Family Ministry Event will be July 11th. Join us for an outdoor movie event! More details coming!!!

Wanna be part of the planning committee?
See Joel we'd LOVE to have you on our committee!!!!



This year KINGDOM WEEK will be held July 13th-18th, hosted by Mt. Carmel EPC in Aliquippa. Kingdom Week can be described as an in town Summer missions project with an out of town trip feel. It is an outreach mission to the local community. There are many mission projects and caring for the community. Mt, Carmel invites everyone from various churches to join together to participate. There are many ways to get involved for all or just part of the week. For more information visit the website:
https://mtcpc.org/kingdom_week
CUP Church is hoping to put a team together, so if you are interested, see Wade!



For information about upcoming mission opportunities, as well as news from CUP supported missionaries, stop and check out the Missions Board located outside of the library!

TIGER PAUSE



Summer Camp Kitchen Crew

Tiger Pause runs a 6 week summer camp for 80-100 children K-8th grade. Again this year we have the opportunity to be a blessing to those children by helping in their kitchen preparing lunch. Ms. Alexis runs the kitchen doing the planning and shopping. We do the prep work and clean up under her direction. During down time we are able to peek into classrooms to see what the children experience each day.

We need 3 people each day. Adults and older teens are welcome.

June 16 - 20

M-Th - 10:00-1:00

Fri - 8:00-1:00 (This year they have added family breakfast to get more parental involvement.)

Please consider serving this important ministry. Sign up sheet is outside of the office. See Pat Shawgo for more information.

Our own Ari Simonds is taking a mission trip with CEED Uganda in June. Here is how she describes her upcoming mission trip:

For over two decades, CEED Foundation Uganda has been dedicated to providing clean water to communities in need. Through locally managed drilling teams and sustainable initiatives, CEED has helped villages reduce illness, improve education about water cleanliness, and foster economic growth.

On our upcoming trip, we will meet with local officials, investigate potential water sources, and assess future well locations to ensure lasting impact. We will also work to enhance education on water safety and hygiene, helping communities understand how to protect and maintain their clean water sources.

A CEED well doesn't just provide water—it empowers entire communities. Join us in making a difference!

Ari still needs some financial help to get to Uganda. Her flyer is posted in the church and has information on different ways to support Ari. You can also follow the QR Code below to donate!



SCHOOLS OUT FOR SUMMER!!!!

“So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while. These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world.” 1 Peter 1:6-7

Crosscurrent Youth Group had the honor and privilege of leading worship this past month and also welcoming new members into Crosscurrent at our annual GROW move up overnight. Its been a busy month of school ending, musicals, concerts, end of the year events and so on! The youth have been busy and we are looking forward to a fun summer together worshiping and growing in our faith!

Keep an eye on the calendar for upcoming: Summer Bonfires, Soup Kitchen Serving, Concession Stand selling for missions trip, Sunday worship and other fun outings!

SHINE Our Spring Musical “The Born Again Identity” was a fun spy’tastic’ evening of giggles and heart pings! Thank you to all who came out to support the kiddos in this fun show! We recognized our 4 graduating 8th graders! They will be missed!! Addie Damaska, Ollie Damaska, Cooper Sheffler and Isaiah Simonds.

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

Director of Children and Youth Ministries

