

Keeping In Touch

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Push the Re-set Button

You've seen the small red button on an appliance or electronic gadget, I'm sure. It is there for those times when the "thing" needs to be returned to square one. Something happened that fouled up the works and although you may have tried with your best attempts it wasn't enough. The only thing to do was press the red re-set button. Thankfully, that allowed the return to correct functioning.

There is a re-set button for life also. If you didn't realize it or have forgotten – it is GRACE. When we are faced with a tragedy GRACE enables us to endure it and move forward. When we have failed (the Scriptural translation is "sin") GRACE is our lifesaver to keep us from drowning. When we are faced with a dilemma and must decide between two difficult options, GRACE is a compass that always points us toward God's will.

Sometimes congregations also need to hit the re-set button. That is, there may not be obvious failure or drifting from the Truth but, like people, churches can become complacent. Often, we say the answer is a revival/renewal – hit the re-set button. After Solomon's prayer, God said to Israel, "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land" (2 Chronicles 7:14).

How does God's GRACE bring about a revival/renewal? There is no pat answer to that question, really. Sometimes, the church catches a new vision for the community around that is lost without God – compassionate love. At other times the Holy

Spirit makes the Word of God come alive and people have a new hunger for studying and applying Scripture. At still other times, a group or groups within the congregation begin meeting for earnest prayer and God moves on their hearts to help them imitate Jesus. The church is blessed by any of those re-sets and many others God can endow us with.

One thing is certain: whatever means God uses is a good means and is fine with us. Find your re-set button and get familiar with it. I found mine yesterday in Paul's words: "We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ" (2 Cor.10:5). Yours will be different and unique to your life. The GRACE of God is adequate for every need and circumstance on our journey through this world.

It would be fun to hear how the Lord has helped you when you hit the re-set button in the coming days. Please share it with others if you feel God would want that; may he bless you and strengthen you on your voyage.

Pastor Wayne



Sunday, September 12th

9:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service

10:45 a.m. Christian Life Classes

Followed by a Covered Dish Dinner

Meat, rolls, & beverage will be provided.

Bring a casserole, salad, or dessert.



In
Memory of

Joanne Harmon went home to her eternal reward on July 21, 2010. Her funeral service was held at the Kittanning Free Methodist Church. Joanne had been an active member of the Kittanning Free Methodist Church and had taught in the Children's Youth Crusaders.

Eleanor Trudgen was an active member of the Kittanning Free Methodist Church for many years before moving to Florida. Eleanor went home to her eternal reward on July 27, 2010. Her funeral service was held at the Kittanning Free Methodist Church.

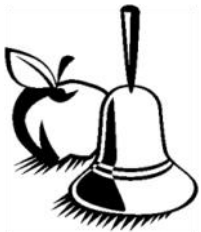


Everyone is somebody

Long before the Rev. Jesse Jackson encouraged African-American children to repeat daily the words "I am somebody!" the brilliant scientist George Washington Carver had reached the same conclusion.

Carver attended church-sponsored Simpson College after being denied enrollment elsewhere because of his skin color. When the school's president asked what the college had done for him, Carver replied, "Simpson College helped me realize that I was a human being."

That was the starting point of the great inventor's career. People all need affirmation that they are valuable because God created and loves them.



Bless the students

Dear Lord Jesus, bless the children and youth of this nation, returning to their schools and colleges. May your Holy Spirit enlighten their minds, purify their vision and strengthen their wills. Protect them as they learn in the classroom and participate in activities outside it. May they learn to follow in your steps, just as you grew in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man. Amen.

Grief is perhaps the most difficult of human emotions to face, though it also has the potential for being the most therapeutic. Grief isn't a bad thing; it's the cost of having loved. If we hadn't loved, if we hadn't cared, we wouldn't grieve. And our lives would have been even emptier.

Only today

There are two days in every week about which we shouldn't worry.

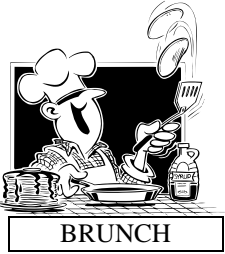
One is yesterday, with its mistakes and cares, its aches and pains. Yesterday has passed forever beyond our control.

The other day is tomorrow, with its possible adversities and blunders. Until its sun rises, we have no stake in tomorrow, for it is yet unborn.

That leaves only one day — today. Anyone can fight the battle of just one day. It is only when we add the burden of those two eternities — yesterday and tomorrow — that contentment will escape us.

**HAVE YOU
TALKED
TO GOD
TODAY?**





Brunch Buffet
Saturday, Sept. 11, 2010
8 AM—11 AM
Free Methodist Church
Fellowship Hall

MENU	
sausage	scrambled eggs
	french toast - hotcakes
stewed apples	- home fries
toast	- breakfast casserole
biscuits'n	sausage gravy
meat loaf	- potato casserole
assorted pastries	- fresh fruit
strawberry	shortcake
juices	coffee tea

Adults	\$7.00
Age 6 - 11	\$3.00
Under 6	free

**Invite your family,
 Friends & neighbors.
 Enjoy good food and
 fellowship**

Sounds fishy

Seen on a church signboard in northern Minnesota one summer: "Sure, you can worship God with a fishing pole in your hand, but when was the last time a walleye told you, 'Your sins are forgiven?'"



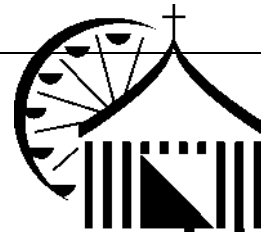
**Monday morning
 prayer**

The alarm clock has wakened me, dear God, but I want to talk with you before it rings again. I need to thank you for this comfortable bed and a good night's sleep, for good

health and strength, for an enjoyable weekend, for a wonderful church and worship service yesterday, for friends and family who care and love, for you and all that you bring to our lives, for the opportunities to serve you.

Be with me throughout this day and the week ahead. Let me do my work honestly, willingly and responsibly. As I meet people, help me to see them as your children and your loved ones.

I know you will lead me in whatever circumstances this day holds. I look forward to the adventures you and I will share together. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.



**Join us for a Family Fun Day
 at DelGrosso Amusement Park
 Tipton, PA.**

Cost: Admission is free
Ride tickets are \$.50 each (most of the rides for smaller kids are 1 ticket each, larger rides are 3 or 4 tickets each) or \$15.95 for all day wristband for waterpark and all rides.
Park opens at 11:00 a.m.

Directions to DelGrosso Park from Kittanning (approximately 90 mi.)
 Take route 422 east to Ebensburg then Route 22 east to interstate 99 north
 Follow I 99 north past Altoona to exit 41 (Bellwood)
 Turn left off ramp then right at the traffic light onto business 220 for 2.5 mi. Continue thru next light then turn right just beyond the overhead footbridge into the free parking lot.

Thanks to Vacation Bible School Director Sara Barker and all the staff. Our "High Seas Expedition" experienced smooth sailing last week. We had 39 children/passengers and 20 staff/hands were on deck.



Patty and Mike Rosenberger did amazing skits and devotional moments. Larry Smail did a great job with scenery art work. The videos and music were ship-shape to be sure! The snack/vittles were tasty and the crafts were beautiful. Recreation kept us fit and the fun spilled over on everyone. Best of all, Christ captained our ship the whole way into port and the voyage was great."

Come join the



You're invited to Pioneer Clubs
Kickoff Party!

At Pioneer Clubs, we:

Have loads of fun • play games • eat snacks
earn awards • make new friends
have a special times with
each other and God.

When: Wednesday September 8th 7 PM

Where: Free Methodist Church

For Ages: 3 thru 6th grade

Invite your
friends!



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program for kids. Join us for
fun activities, projects, games,
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