

Word of Hope

MOUNT HOPE
United Methodist Church



Pastor McGill Writes. . .

Father's Day, June 21, 2009

The message: **"In a Father's Footsteps"**

2 Kings 21: 19-22

Amon was twenty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem two years. His mother's name was Meshullemeth daughter of Haruz; she was from Jotbah. ²⁰ He did evil in the eyes of the LORD, as his father Manasseh had done. ²¹ He walked in all the

ways of his father; he worshiped the idols his father had worshiped, and bowed down to them. ²² He forsook the LORD, the God of his fathers, and did not walk in the way of the LORD.

In this message we learn that a child gets his or her first image of God from his or her father. If that's true, what is your child's image of God?

It is my prayer that you will be present in worship on June 21—**Father's Day**. Participate in a commitment with the help of Almighty God, that we as fathers live in such a way to enable our children to walk with Him all the days of their lives!

The Ministry of the Church

In Colossian 1:18, Paul gives us in the Church a vision of ministry. He says, *"Christ is also the head of the church which is His body. He is the beginning, the first-born from the dead. He is first in everything."*

The interesting thing is that we in the church today have missed Paul's point. We have recognized that Jesus is the Head of the church, and we have exalted Him to His position of power. But we have failed to see that the Head is wholly dependent upon the body for carrying out His plans. We have failed to see that we are seated with Christ in heav-

enly places. We have failed to see that Jesus has authority over Satan's power. If this authority is ever exercised, it will have to be exercised through the Body. We have been so sure that we couldn't do anything that we have left everything up to Christ the head of the Church—and the head is powerless without the body.

Take your own physical body as an example. It is powerless to carry out any of its plans without the cooperation of the body. Your head might see a songbook on a rack in front of you, but unless your body cooperates, your head will never be able

to sing from that book.

The ministry God wants to accomplish through His Son in this world will be carried out through the Body of Christ. And we—the Body of Christ—have the same authority as the Head.

The only thing that remains is for each of us as members of the Body of Christ, the Church, to take our place in the ministry of Christ in the world today! Look around, read your Sunday *Messenger*, there are opportunities galore to be in ministry today! Jesus is counting on each of us to do our part!

Rev. McGill

June 2009

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Special points of interest:

- ◆ **2nd: Baptism Seminar**
- ◆ **7th: Grad Recognition and Youth Sunday**
- ◆ **7th, 8th, 10th & 15th: Angel Food orders; see calendar for times**
- ◆ **14th: Flag Day; 10:30 flag raising ceremony; Baptism**
- ◆ **21st: Father's Day; Breakfast in Habbersett Hall**
- ◆ **22nd-26th: Vacation Bible School**



BIRTH

Rylah Elizabeth Mitch, March 19,
daughter of Jay and Melissa
Mitch

Kristen Grace McGill, May 7,
daughter of Eric and Sharen
Weller McGill

DEATH

Lillian Rouke, May 13
Anthony Manerchia, May 14

BAPTISM

Tyler Thomas Culp, May 10, son
of Matthew and Jennifer Culp

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mike and Andrea Fulginiti
Karl & LoraLee Lichtenstein

Graduates

On Sunday, June 7th, we'll be honoring our graduates with a gift and their names in the *Messenger of Hope*. Are you a grad? Do you know a grad of any level schooling, any age? Please to call the church office (610.459.0248) or send us an email (office@mthope.org) with name, alma mater, destination and field of study.

Be sure to come to church on June 7th to congratulate our graduates and wish them well on this important milestone.

Supplying Our Needs

A favorite text of mine is Philippians 4: 19, "*But my God shall supply all your needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*"

It is God's will that our needs be met. All of them! Philippians 4:19 includes all your needs (all means **ALL!**) whether spiritual, physical, material or financial.

Believe that!

Lest someone think that God is not concerned about our financial needs, this verse is set in a context which discusses material

and financial affairs. Read it and you will see that the Philippians had taken up an offering of money and goods to send to other Christians. Paul was teaching them, "Because you have given to others and have helped them, my God will supply all your need." So Paul was talking about material and financial matters.

In our society when there is much talk and concern about the economy, jobs, healthcare and more, we can with great boldness pray for the finances to meet our obligations! Having all of our needs met is according to God's will!

Make this confession a part of your daily devotional time:

"When I pray concerning finances, I pray according to God's Word—His will. Therefore, I am confident that God hears me. That's what His Word says. And if I know that God hears whatever I ask of Him, I know that I have the petition I desired of Him. According to the Word of God, I have my petitions, and I thank God for it!"

Pastor McGill

Church Picnic

Mark your calendars as this year our Church picnic will be held on Sunday, June 28th. Activities will begin at 3:30 p.m. and will include a clown, pony rides, moon bounce, water slide and games for adults. Our 930 Worship Band will be provid-

ing music for the afternoon.

Dinner will commence at 5:30. Hamburgers, hotdogs and grilled chicken will be provided. We ask each family to bring one side dish to feed approximately 6 people.

At 6:30 we will al

venture up on The Hill for an evening vesper message by Pastor Phil. The evening will conclude with ice cream sundaes after vespers. Plan to attend this fun afternoon with our Church Family!

Pastor Phil

History of Father's Day

The modern version of Father's Day celebration originated in the United States and thereafter the tradition spread in countries around the world. The world owes thanks to Sonora Louise Smart Dodd, a loving daughter from Spokane, Washington; it is because of her struggle that Father's Day saw the light of day.

In 1909, Mrs. Dodd conceived that idea of Father's Day as she listened to a Mother's Day sermon. Why not for fa-

thers, too, she thought. Mrs. Dodd felt strongly for fathers because of the affection she received from her own father, William Jackson Smart, a Civil War veteran. When Mrs. Dodd was only 16, her mother died in childbirth. William Smart raise the newborn and five other children with love and care.

Inspired by Anna Jarvis' struggle to promote Mother's Day, Sonora Dodd undertook a rigorous campaign to celebrate Father's Day. The Spokane Ministerial Association and the local Young Men's Christian Association sup-

ported her cause. As a result, Spokane celebrated the first Father's Day on June 19, 1910. Though there was initial hesitation the idea gained gradual popularity all over the US, and Father's Day came to be celebrated in cities across the country.

With the heightened popularity of Father's Day, President Woodrow Wilson lent his approval in 1916. President Calvin Coolidge too supported the idea of a national Father's Day in 1924, to "establish more intimate relations between fathers and their

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Church Van Users and Drivers

The Mount Hope Transportation Committee has purchased a 2008 12 passenger van for the church's usage. This gives us two vans for over-the-road use that we hope will be trouble free for all involved! The 2008 van has factory warranty remaining which, if necessary, can be used while on the road. The 1999 Dodge van will be used as back-up, or as the primary vehicle when the two Fords are out during mission trips.

All van requests

need to be channeled to the Transportation Committee and recorded, to prevent confusion or duplication of times when needed. Please make your request to David Lee, chairman (610.494.1771 or daveleesr@comcast.net). Dave will maintain a calendar and all requests noted.

A second calendar will be posted in the garage so that people can plan ahead before requesting van usage. Do not post your requests on the garage calendar. It is to be used as a reference only.

The chairman or a member of the Transportation Committee will post all requests.

All drivers are required to have their driver licenses copied and related child abuse clearances update in a three year cycle, to comply with state, insurance and Conference regulations. Contact your Youth Leader, Jack Mitch or pastor Phil for instructions as to your driver status. All reports and clearances will be retained in the church's confidential files.

Flag Day, June 14

At 10:30 a.m. on Flag Day, Sunday, June 14, we will gather around the flag pole as the ROTC raise the colors!

Flag of the Free

Look at the flag as it floats on high,
Streaming aloft in the clear blue sky.
Rippling, leaping, tugging away,
Gay as the sunshine, bright as the day,
Throbbing with life, where the world may see—
Flag of our country, flag of the free!
What do we see in the flag on high
That we bare our heads as it passes by,
That we thrill with pride,

our hearts beat fast,
And we cheer and cheer as the flag goes past—
The flag that waves for you and me—
Flag of our country, flag of the free!

We see in the flag a nation's might.
The pledge of a safeguard day and night,
Of a watchful eye and powerful arm
That guard the nation's home from harm.
Of a strong defense on land and sea—
Flag of our county, flag of the free!
We see in the flag a union grand,
A brotherhood of heart and hand,

A pledge of love and stirring call
To live our lives for the good of us all—
Helpful and just and true to thee,
Flag of our country, flag of the free!

Flutter, dear flag, o'er the lands and seas!
Fling out your stars and your stripes to the breeze
Righting all wrongs, dispelling all fear,
Guarding the land that we cherish so dear,
And the God of our fathers, abiding with thee,
Will bless you and trust you,
O flag of the free!

~ Walter Taylor Field

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children and to impress upon fathers the full measure of their obligations." After a protracted struggle of more than four decades, President Lyndon

Johnson signed a presidential proclamation declaring the third Sunday in June as Father's Day in 1966. Then in 1972, President Richard Nixon established a perma-

nent national observance.

Sonora Smart Dodd was honored for her contribution at the world's Fair in Spokane in 1974. Mrs. Dodd died in 1978 at age 96.

Who Are you?

"Jesus came to put a face on God;
We are here to put a face on Christ.
That by our life, by our words, by who we are, by our integrity, by our honor, by the way in which we live, we demonstrate who Jesus is...
In terms of who we essentially are, we manifest Jesus in our day-to-day lives. So nobody is more honest than we are; no one more kind, more loving, more honest than we are."
~ Graham Cooke



Word of Hope

We Need to Get Away

I really appreciated the following thought entitled:

We Need to Get Away

*Vacations aren't for seeing new places
As much as leaving where you've been,
So that when you're home you'll feel
Like starting all over again.
Vacations aren't for seeing*

*new faces
As much as leaving friends you adore,
So when you get back home their faces
Will be appreciated that much more.
Vacations aren't for performing new tasks
So much as leaving behind the old ones,
So that when you finally get*

*back
Stale work will seem like fresh fun.*

~ Perry Tanksley

While you enjoy your vacation and time at the shore, please don't forget that you church home—Mount Hope—is still open for ministry!!

Pastor McGill



Children's Center News

We have finished another great year at the Children's Center. We are proudly sending 78 of our students off to Kindergarten!

Bible School whirls through here from June 22nd to June 26th this year. Some of us will be here volunteering for the week, and many

of our children will be here learning about our Lord in a fun and exciting way.

We are getting ready for a repeat of our successful morning Summer Camp. The program will start on July 6th and end on August 22nd. We will be cooking, crafting, playing, learning, and running through

the sprinkler, keeping Christ in our center.

We always have room for more children, so if you are interested, please call 610.558.0442. All of our classes for the 2009-2010 year are completely filled!!

Kris Leary
Director

What's New In the Library

2009 is the 150th anniversary of Darwin's *Origin of the Species*, and much attention is being paid to it in the media. *More Than a Theory*, by Hugh Ross, offers a comprehensive, testable creation model to consider as an alternative to Darwin. He provides Christians with the information to defend their convictions that the God of the Bible is the Creator.

In *A Promise for Spring*, by Kim Vogel Sawyer, Emmeline's fiance emigrated to America five years ago to start a

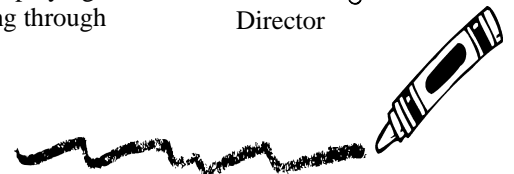
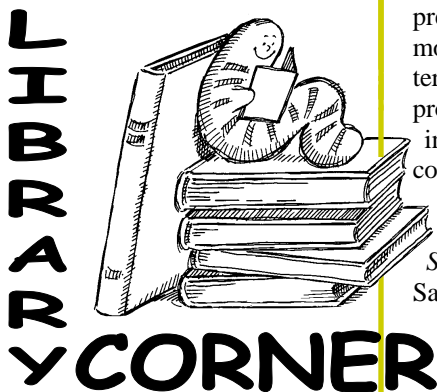
new life for them. She finally decides to follow and does find him, but life on a sheep ranch in Kansas is not what she was expecting. Lori Wick's Big Sky Dreams series continues with *Jessie*. She has run the general store and taken care of her two girls by herself for eight years -- since her husband left them. He has come back a changed man, and now needs to convince Jessie of that.

What happens when fate links the destiny of a woman with Mennonite heri-

tage to that of a Las Vegas cocktail waitress? We'll find out in *The Road Home*, by Tommy Tenney! *Michal*, by Hill Eileen Smith, follows King Saul's daughter as she falls in love with the young David, having no idea what romance, adventure and heartache await her.,

The library will be open during the summer every morning that the Children's Center is open, and a volunteer will be there on Tuesdays if you need help finding anything. Have a terrific summer!

Lynn Ward, Librarian





Vacation Bible School

Plans are underway for this year's Vacation Bible School. Our VBS theme is "Crocodile Dock," and the school will run the week of June 22-26. You will find volunteer applications and

registration forms at the church. Completed applications may be handed in to the office or placed in the offering plates.

We are especially in need of someone to help coordinate

this year's decorations.

Anyone interested in helping out in any way, please contact Kathy Simonds at 610.558.3253.

Summer Sunday School

We need your help! Sunday School can only continue during the summer months if we have sufficient help to cover our elementary age classroom every Sunday during the months of July and August.

Our children ages 3 through 5 will be combined

into one preschool class, and will meet in room 101. The regular teachers have agreed to continue teaching this class during the summer.

Kindergarten through 5th grade will be combined into one elementary class, and will meet in room 103.

If you can help, please fill in your name and telephone number on the chart posted on the bulletin board outside of Habbersett Hall, or contact Carolyn Lobb at 610.494-1267.



Come to Vacation Bible School!

Scholarships Available

Two scholarships, each for \$250, are available to Mount Hope members who are going on to higher learn-

ing. Your deadline to apply is June 14. Applications are available in the office, and may be returned to Bob Hoyt ,

chair of the Scholarship Committee.

Intimacy...*Dwelling in God's Glory* continued from the back page

meet with the Lord, Joshua would go to the tent door and wait. He was aware of God talking with Moses inside. Lying facedown at the door while God was talking with Moses must have been the highlight of Joshua's life. All of Israel saw it. They would likewise fall on their faces and stay there until Moses would emerge with a fresh message from God. Israel heard the thunderings and saw the lightnings and heard the voice of the Lord in the tent.

If anyone was positioned for fame and popularity, it was Joshua. Because he was Moses' right hand man, he easily could have let everyone know, "I

work with this man. He just met with God face to face, and I'm his friend." But if you look at this passage, Joshua doesn't even show up in the story until Moses left the presence to carry out his God-given assignment. I would like to suggest the reason the Lord chose Joshua is that he remained in the glory when it would have been easy to seek the glory of man. Not all the "assistants" in Scripture were chosen to succeed their master. Some of the prophets found that those they poured their lives into were not the kind of people that God wanted to take their mantle of anointing. As a result, those associates never stepped into their destiny.

I would like to sug-

gest that Joshua's value for the presence of God is what made him stand out head and shoulders above everybody else around him. He wasn't in leadership for the recognition of man. He wasn't in it even for the thrill of the outcome of Moses' encounters with God. Joshua stayed at the tent because of his love for God's presence, his love for His glory.

Devotion to prayer and intimacy with God is the only setting in which we can completely step into the fullness of God's purposes.

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Angel Food Ministries



Don't forget to order your Angel Food! Log onto their web site or stop by the church for June's menu and to order your meals. See the calendar on page 7 for the order



SURPRISE Dad at work!

Dads work so hard to provide for their families' needs. Here's a fun way to show your appreciation to your dad this Father's Day.*

What you need:

- Paper and envelope (any color)
- Markers and crayons
- Stickers
- Pencil
- Stamp
- Your dad's work address

What you do:

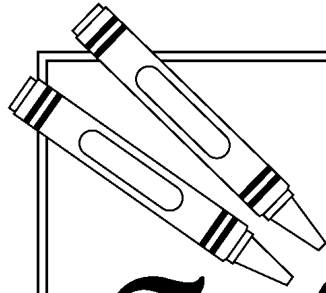
1. Decorate the paper with drawings, stickers, etc.
2. Write a message to your dad, letting him know how thankful you are for his love and hard work.
3. With an adult's help, write your dad's name and work address on the outside of the envelope and your return address in the top-left corner.
4. Place a stamp in the top-right corner and then mail your special gift.

Other ideas:

- Pack a lunch to eat with dad at or near his workplace.
- Send your letter in a box and include some homemade cookies.
- Pack your dad a special lunch. Place self-stick notes with messages of appreciation on various food items.
- Write appreciation messages on self-stick notes and, with your mom's help, place them all over the inside of your dad's car.



*All these ideas will work also for Mom on Mother's Day or her birthday.



Just for KIDS

Fathers of faith

Fathers do amazing things for their families, but the greatest gift our dads can share with us is their faith in God.

Complete this puzzle to read Isaiah's advice to fathers.

Directions: Working left to right, first write down all the 1's in the word blanks. Continue with the 2's and finally the 3's.

1 The	2 as	3 tell	1 living
2 I	3 their	1 the	2 am
3 children	1 living	2 doing	3 about
1 they	2 today	3 your	1 praise
2 fathers	3 faithfulness	1 you	

“ _____ , _____ — _____ , _____ ,
 _____ ; _____
 _____ .” Isaiah 38:19, NIV

Answer: “The living, the living, the living — they praise you, as I am doing today; fathers tell their children about your faithfulness.” Isaiah 38:19, NIV



This Update Printed: Wednesday, May 20, 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 1:00 PM Bibl Stdy (L)onghurst	2 7:00 PM Kelli Girls BS (6) 7:00 PM Baptism Sem (L)	3 9:15 AM MHCC Moms' Prayer group (213) 9:30 AM Staff Mtg (L) 1:30 PM Education (L) 6:30 PM Devotionals (HH) 6:30 PM 9:30 Reh (S) 7:00 PM Trustees (L) 7:00 PM Bells of Hope (104)	4 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir (216)	5	6
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;"> <p>Every Sunday: 8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages</p> </div>						
7 <i>Trinity Sunday</i> <i>Peace with Justice Sunday</i> <i>Grad Recognition</i> <i>Youth Sunday</i> Blood Pressure Screening (HH) 9:00 AM & 10:30 Angel Food orders (HH) 9:15 AM - 10:45 am. Library open 6:30 PM KFC (FH) 6:30 PM YF SrHi (2,6)	8 4:00 PM WOHD on dline (Ofc) 5:30 PM Angel Food orders (HH) 7:00 PM Men's Felwshp (L)	9 7:00 PM Ad Bd (HH)	10 9:30 AM Staff Mtg (L) 1:00 PM Angel Food order (HH) 5:30 PM Angel Food orders (HH) 6:30 PM Devotionals (HH) 6:30 PM 9:30 Reh (S) 7:00 PM Bells of Hope (104)	11 11:00 AM Busy Beavrs(Kit) 11:00 PM Sanctuary Choir (216)	12	13 9:00 AM New Member Class (HH)
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Annual Conference (Oaks PA)						
21 <i>Father's Day</i> <i>Baptism</i> No YF 9:15 AM - 10:45 am. Library open 9:30 AM Father's Day Breakfast (HH)	22 7:00 PM Men's Felwshp (L)	23 7:00 PM Worship Com (L)	24 9:30 AM Staff Mtg (L) 6:00 PM Bells of Hope picnic (McIntyres) 6:30 PM Devotionals (HH) 6:30 PM 9:30 Reh (S) 7:00 PM Finance (L)	25 7:00 PM Transportation (L)	26	27
9:00 AM Vacation Bible School						Bell Festival (Scranton)
28 9:15 AM - 10:45 am. Library open 3:30 PM Church Picnic 6:30 PM YF R.O.C.K.	29	30 7:00 PM Kelli Girls BS (6)	<p>Community Events: Sundays - 6:00 p.m. Cub Dens 1 & 5 Mondays - 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Trp 292 Tuesdays – 8:30 pm AA (FH) Wednesdays - 6:30 p.m. Wolf Den (101) Thursdays – 6:00 pm AA (FH) Fridays - Cub Den 2 (101)</p>			
Bell Festival (Scranton)						



Intimacy... Dwelling in God's Glory by Bill Johnson

One of the best-known stories in the Bible is about the Lord and His uniquely chosen servant, Moses, who was invited into the presence of the Lord in a greater measure than any man had ever seen.

It came to pass when Moses entered the tabernacle that the pillar of cloud descended and stood at the door of the tabernacle and the Lord talked with Moses (Exodus 33:9).

Moses came into the actual presence of God. But it's important to remember that he wasn't even born again. If dwelling in the glory of God was available to him, how much more has the blood

of Jesus made this available for us!

While this chapter is primarily about Moses and the glory he encountered, I'd like to focus on Joshua.

And all the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the tabernacle door, and all the people rose and worshipped, each man in his tent door. So the Lord spoke to Moses face to face as a man speaks to his friend. And he would return to the camp, but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, did not depart from the tabernacle.

Exodus 33:11

Joshua did not depart from the dwelling place of God's glory! Joshua became known as a great warrior because He led Israel into the land of promises. Moses wasn't allowed to take them in because of his disobedience at a very critical point in Israel's journey. Joshua was Moses' right hand man, his assistant, the one he was training and mentoring on life. Moses would go outside the camp when the Lord summoned him. (Intimacy with God is always outside the religious camp. Even if you go with a crowd of a thousand people, it is still a one-on-one issue.) When Moses went to

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