

# Word of Hope

**MOUNT HOPE**  
United Methodist Church



## Pastor McGill Writes. . .

### *Putting Your House in Order*

One of the things God has been dealing with me this summer is getting my house in order. The primary purpose of putting your house in order is to make adjustments to your spiritual relationship with God. But in reality this in turn affects all of your life.

God has impressed on me that He moves from Glory to Glory. What do I mean by that! The place where you are presently must be a place of glory to Him in order for Him to move you up to the next level of glory; in other words, promotion. I welcome the changes He wants to make in my life because He has so much more that I need. For example, I need to be a leader in my family, my church family, and in the community as well.

If you have been away for most of the summer, you have missed several key messages; however, God is not done. As He reveals things to me, I will share them on Sundays with you. I trust they will be a blessing to you in putting your house in order.

Messages for this Fall will continue to follow the theme, *Putting Your House in Order*.

**October 3rd:** World Communion Sunday

Message: *“Are You Going From Glory to Glory OR Sliding from Mess to Mess?”*  
Scripture: 2 Corinthians 3:15-18

**October 10th:** 203rd Anniversary Sunday. Message: *“Make Up Your Mind to Live Fearlessly and Peacefully in these Last Days”*

Scripture: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-2

**October 17th:** Laity Sunday, Cindy Babiak, Youth Director, speaking: *“Love God. Love People.”*

Scripture: Matthew 22:36-40

**October 24th,** Music Appreciation. Message: *“You Can Beat Any Temptation”*

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 10:13

**October 31st:** Staff Appreciation. Message: *“What Would You do if a Poisonous Snake Bit You?”*

Scripture: Acts 28: 1-10

**November 7th:** All Saints Sunday and Veteran’s Recognition. Message: *“Truthfully Assessing Your Situation”*

Scripture: Philippians 3: 12-14

**November 14th:** Communion. Message: *“The Devil’s Destination”*

Scripture: Ephesians 6:1-13

**November 21st:** Thanksgiving Sunday: Message: *“High- Class Service with Distinction and Style”*

Scripture: Mark 10: 35-45

**November 28th:** First Sunday in Advent, Pastor Rigby preaching.

**December 5th—**2nd Sunday in Advent, Communion. Pastor Ealy preaching.

**December 12th:** 3rd Sunday in Advent. Message: *“The Real Reason for Christmas”*

Scripture: Philippians 2:8

**December 19th:** 4th Sunday of Advent, Christmas Cantata: *“Only Love.”*

**December 24th:** Messages to be announced

**December 26th:** Sunday after Christmas, caroling. Message: *“Good News of Great Joy”* Scripture: Luke 2: 8-20.

That will take us up to the New Year! In 2011 we will continue with the theme, *“Putting Your House in Order”* as God prepares each of us individually and as a congregation to go from Glory to Glory!

*Pastor McGill*

October 2010

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#### Special points of interest:

- ◆ **2nd:** *Acolyte Training*
- ◆ **3rd:** *World Communion,*
- ◆ **5th:** *Baptism Seminar*
- ◆ **7th:** *Men’s Emmaus Walk*
- ◆ **8th:** *District Youth Retreat*
- ◆ **10th:** *Anniversary Sunday*
- ◆ **14th:** *Women’s Emmaus Walk*
- ◆ **17th:** *Laity Sunday*
- ◆ **22nd:** *Men’s Retreat*
- ◆ **23rd:** *Angel Food pickup*
- ◆ **24th:** *Baptism Sunday*



## BIRTH

**Kayleigh Marie Babiak**, August 28, daughter of Melissa Babiak

**Victoria Marie Ehmann**, September 7, daughter of Robert and Tricia (Kojeszewski) Ehmann

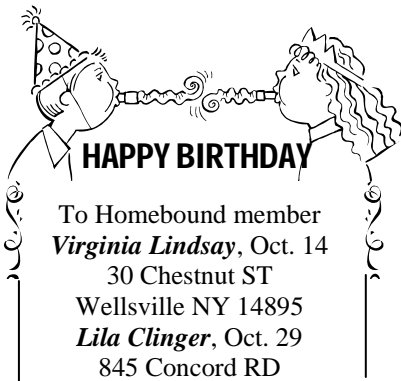
## BAPTISM

**Isla Jo Lichtenstein**, September 12th, daughter of Karl and Lora Lee (Houtz) Lichtenstein

## DEATHS

**Beverly Jean Petrosky**, August 31  
**Rev. Wesley K. Meixell**, September 12

**Glen J. Keiser, Jr.**, September 14



To Homebound member  
**Virginia Lindsay**, Oct. 14  
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**Lila Clinger**, Oct. 29  
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Kristine Leary, Director, Children's Center  
Sharon Kope, Director of Music  
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Eileen McIntyre, Handbell Director  
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Joan Bear, Asst. Secretary  
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Larry Miles, Asst. Bldg. Superintendent  
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## The Word of God Is Important

Do you remember the word God gave Abraham: "Your descendants shall be as numerous as the sand on the seashore and the stars in the sky"? (Genesis 22:17). These were not just words. They were from God, and they were full of God's creative working power!

Every time Abraham would look up into the night sky he was reminded of God's promise. The condition of his own body and the deadness of his wife Sarah's womb had no effect on him. In Romans 4:3 we read, "Abraham believed God..." He didn't just believe in God. He believed God. And after many years of waiting, the promise became a reality when his son Isaac was born.

Many people start out believing in God, but when the answer doesn't come in the next few days, they begin to ask cautiously skeptical questions. Because of

outside pressure and natural circumstances, we have all allowed ourselves to ask such questions. But we need to plunge into the promises of God with the same faith as Abraham.

What do I mean by that? It's like going swimming. When some people go swimming, they put their foot in the water to see if it is warm enough for them. But I've always just jumped in. It's going to be the same temperature whether you put your foot in or your whole body.

That's the way a lot of people are with the promises of God. They sort of poke around the edges. But as with swimming, to get the benefits your can't just stick in your foot. You've got to plunge in! The time to plunge into the promises of God are when you are well and there is less stress in your life. Then when the pressure is on—when sickness, unem-

ployment, family problems or impossibility stares you in the face—you have laid a foundation of faith that will take you through to victory. Know this, God can take that which is wrong in your life and make it right!

Remember these words from the Bible are not just some ancient history lesson. They're not just children's stories or a crutch for the weak. These words, these promises, are the Word of Elohim, the Eternal God Who is the Beginning and the End, the one Who works His purposes throughout the ages. He is the One Who gives strength to the weary!

Every time we read these words, we should look upon them as Spirit and life. We should look upon them as full of power from our Heavenly Father and realize, these words are God speaking to us today.

*Pastor McGill*

## 203rd Anniversary Sunday on October 10

Anniversary Sunday 203 takes on a special theme this year, which is "Welcome Back to Church." Our goal is to give those who have slipped away from regular worship an opportunity to rediscover a closeness with God. Catherine Marshall once said, "God is the only One Who can make the valley of trouble a door of hope."

Many in our Church Family and the community no longer participate in weekly worship. Marriages and families need all the help they can get these days. With the high divorce rate and the number of troubled children as a result, people are realizing more than ever

the positive impact a church life can have on couples and the family.

According to the National Survey of Children's Health, children and youth who attend religious services weekly exhibit fewer behavior problems, are more likely to have high quality relationships with their parents and are more likely to exhibit positive social behavior. This includes showing respect to teachers and neighbors, getting along with other children, understanding other people's feelings and trying to solve conflicts with classmates, family and friends.

Perhaps you have gotten out of the routine of

participating in regular worship. Please accept this as my personal invitation to welcome you back to worship on October 13th for our 203rd Anniversary Sunday.

If you have been attending, this is your opportunity to reach out in the name of Jesus to invite someone to accompany you to worship. Then you will be fulfilling the Great Commission that Jesus gave to each of His followers.

Mark your calendar now to attend on October 10th. "God loves each of us as if there were only one of us." (St. Augustine). I look forward to seeing you on Anniversary Sunday.

*Pastor McGill*



## New Children's Choir

### Beginning

**October 3rd, 2010!!!**

It's been a long time coming, but has been in the works for a quite some time now...

**Calling ALL children of any age who may be interested in singing in our new Children's Choir!**

Our first practice will be held on Sunday, October

3rd from 11:00 - 11:30 in the Junior Church room (101, next to the Nursery). All ages are welcome. We will sing approximately 6 times throughout the year including the Christmas Eve Family Service at 6:30 PM.

If you are interested in having your child participate in this wonderful ministry,

please contact Donna Kelly, (610) 494-3359 or [dkelly@nemours.org](mailto:dkelly@nemours.org). Vivian Dutton will be working alongside Donna as co-director.

We both look forward to spending time with your children and helping them to praise the Lord in song!

## World Communion

World Communion Sunday is October 3rd. Mark your calendars now and plan ahead to be present in worship to participate

with Christians all over the world in celebrating the Sacrament of The Lord's Supper or Holy Communion. Watch the Sunday Bulletin for

future updates. We will need your participation on making this a unique and personal Sunday to remember!

*Rev. McGill*



## Men's Retreat

The annual Men's Retreat is scheduled for Friday October 22nd thru Sunday October 24th at America's Keswick, Whiting, NJ. This year's retreat topic is "Winning at Life", featuring speaker Paul Brownback, an accomplished teacher, counselor and published author of *The Danger of Self-Love* by Moody Press. Paul also has conducted seminars from coast to coast on this and other topics.

Who can come?

Men and boys 10 years and older. The sponsor of the retreat is the Delaware County Men's Fellowship, a consortium of Delaware County Christian churches that gather

together once a year at the beautiful Keswick conference grounds. This setting provides an exciting opportunity for fellowship, music, good food, excellent teaching, discussion and a time of challenge and encouragement for all who attend. In addition to our group discussion and instruction, there's time for swimming, volleyball, softball, basketball, ping-pong, and an exercise room. Outside activities include canoeing, tennis, horseshoes, nature trails, miniature golf and a golf course nearby.

The cost will be about \$65 per person, instead of the full price of \$126 which will be defrayed by our fundraisers.

This includes lodging and all meals from Friday night thru Sunday morning. Can't commit to the entire weekend? Then join us all day on Saturday. For \$45 you get all Saturday meals and available facilities. Don't miss out on this great event!!

Contact Chris Berge-man (610-485-7117) for information and registration, or visit the Delaware County Men's Fellowship website at <http://www.dcmensfellowship.org> where you may register and pay through Credit Card via the Pay Pal. Please contact Chris if you register using the on-line application. Register by Sunday October 3rd to assure your reservation.

## Men's Fellowship

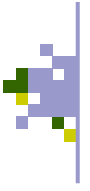
The Men's Fellowship Group wants to know how much you value time spent with the Lord and with like-minded men committed to growing in their faith and service. Well, if you believe that time spent two Mondays

a month with the Lord and with brothers-in-Christ is important and, yes, "valuable" in building your faith and understanding, then come and join us the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the Lounge. We

have a diverse group ranging from late 20s to ????. You'll be blessed!

Contact Chris Tompkins (610-494-5108) or Ken Donaberger (610- 358-4775) for more information.

# WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



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All Saints Sunday



ALL SAINTS' DAY

On November 7th, in a power point presentation we will remember those of the Church Family who have gone on to glory in the past year.

We will also ask the congregation if there are other loved ones who have passed. Each family present in worship will be presented with a rose in remembrance of the

“saints” passing into glory.

**Veterans’ Recognition:** November 7th is also Veterans’ Sunday. We will recognize our veterans for their services to our nation with a special gift of Psalm 91. We will read the names of all active servicemen and women in the

Church Family along with our veterans. Please be sure to call the church office (610.459.0248) with the names of your veterans and active military personnel to be honored.

Mark your calendar now. This is a Sunday you will want to be present in worship at the 8:15, 9:30 contemporary or 11:00 service.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Come join us at our meetings on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. (October 5th, November 2nd and December 7th) at the Diggins' home in Brookhaven. Can't come out but want to be

a part of this ministry? Call Dawn at 610.876.5011.

We also need to know who you think could benefit from receiving a shawl or scarf: family, friends, community. Keep your eyes and

ears open to God's leading in this.

Thanks to all for your contributions of yarn. We gratefully accept these donations and put them to good use!

Christmas Cantata

ONLY LOVE

by Jay Rouse / Randy Vader

Believe it or not, Christmas is just around the corner. The Christmas can-

tata will be presented on December 19 at the 8:00 (note the early start) and 11 a.m. services. Rehearsals will be starting on Thursday, September 30 in the choir room from 7—7:45 pm.

As always, we wel-

come (and need) extra voices in the choir!!

Please consider helping us. See Sharon Kope or any choir member if you have any questions.

Children’s Center News

Our October Bible Verse: “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.” Genesis 1:1

September was as exciting as always, but the few tears we had were quieted by Joni Ertwine. She is joining us this year to add to our chapel and hopefully recruit for our Sunday school.

This month is Fire Prevention Month and the local fire companies will be visiting us, showing what fireman look like when they are all dressed in the gear

(like aliens), and teaching the children to “stop, drop and roll.” Added to this we will have car seat safety checks for our parents. If you would be interested, please call me for more information.

Some of the children will take the trip to Ramsey’s Farm again this year, and some will go to Tyler Arboretum next month. At the end of the month we will be taking our class pictures, having teddy bear picnics and harvest celebrations. We began our study of the fruit of the Spirit with “Love” in September and

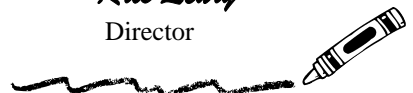
will be learning about “Joy” in October.

This month’s chapel will be on October 21st and 22nd. We’ve standardized our Chapel time to 9:25 a.m., finding this is the best time to have the parents attend. This would be a great time for you to come up and visit, to see what’s happening at the Children’s Center.

Call me for information at 610.558.0442.

Kris Leary

Director





## Choir Notes

Have you still not decided to take that step and join us in the choir loft? Here are some more reasons to help you! (These reasons can apply to women as well!!!!)

### Men Should Join The Church Choir

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10. Rehearsals are every Thursday night. Which means that for those few hours, you will significantly reduce your risk of contracting tendonitis from nonstop operation of a television remote control or computer mouse.

9. Because you wear a choir robe every Sunday, you are liberated from a task many men find quite challenging: finding clothes that match properly.

8. From your special vantage point every Sunday, in

which you look out at the entire congregation from the choir seats, you will develop interesting new hobbies. Among these is a little guessing game called "Who's Praying, Who's Sleeping?"

7. On the other hand, sitting in full view of 150 people on a weekly basis makes it much less likely that you yourself will give in to a chronic lack of sleep. Although it has been known to happen.

6. If you think your singing in the shower sounds good now, just wait till you've been singing with us for a few weeks.

5. Singing in a choir is one of the few activities for men that do not require electronics equipment or expensive power tools. This could be good for the family budget.

4. For the fitness buffs, singing in the Choir is not only heart healthy, it's soul healthy. But there are no monthly member-

ship fees, and it's a lot easier on the knees than jogging.

3. If you think you've done everything there is to do, and there are no great challenges left in life, try singing with us guys and staying on pitch.

2. Choir rehearsal lasts half as long as a professional football game but is at least twice as satisfying. This is especially true if you are a long-suffering fan of the Dallas Cowboys. (Don't worry, though, the rehearsals are on Thursday, not Monday nights.)

### AND THE NUMBER 1 REASON MEN SHOULD JOIN THE CHOIR:

1. When people ask you whether you've been behaving yourself, you can say with the utmost sincerity, "Hey, I'm a Choir Boy!"

Sharon Kope

## Love God. Love People. (continued from the back page)

says, "Love God. Love People."

If we do indeed love God, then how can we *not* love His people?

What does it look like to love people in today's

world? And how can we as members of Mount Hope United Methodist Church live out God's kind of love in a world that so desperately needs us to point them to Him?

Please join us on Laity Sunday, October 17 to hear more about God's great commandment and what He's calling *YOU* to do about it.

Cindy Babiak

## Changes of Address

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**Erika Ward**  
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**Angel Food Ministries**

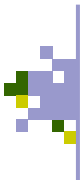
*Don't forget to order your Angel Food! Log onto their web site or stop by the church for October's menu and to order your meals. See the calendar on page 7 for the order dates.*

**THE GIFT**

God has given us a gift that we can't work for or buy. Discover what this gift is by reading Ephesians 2:8-9, NTV. Fill the words in bold into the word puzzle below. We've provided two letters for you.

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God — not by works, so that no one can boast."

**Just for Kids**



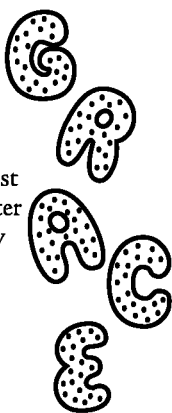
# A TASTE OF GRACE

Because Jesus died and rose for us, we have the free gifts of forgiveness and eternal life. That's the meaning of grace: "God's Riches At Christ's Expense."

Celebrate God's grace by "spelling it out" with this fun, nutritious recipe.

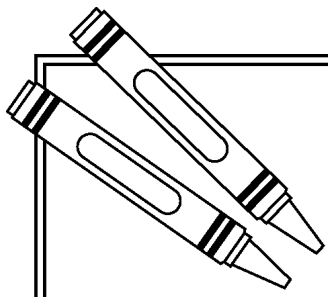
### What you need:

- An adult to help
- 2 bowls
- Mixing spoon
- 1 Tablespoon yeast
- 1/2 cup warm water
- 1 teaspoon honey
- 1 1/3 cup flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Cutting board
- Cookie sheet



### What you do:

1. Preheat the oven to 325 degrees.
2. In a small bowl, stir the yeast with the water and honey. Let the mixture sit for five minutes.
3. In another bowl, stir the flour and salt together.
4. After five minutes, add the bubbly yeast mixture to the flour and salt mixture.
5. Stir everything together, first with a spoon and then with your hands. The dough is ready when it's still a little crumbly.
6. Put the dough on a cutting board with a little flour. Knead it into one big ball.
7. Divide the dough into 12 pieces, and roll each piece into a snake shape.
8. Form the letters G R A C E (twice). Then form the two extra pieces into any shape you choose.
9. Bake your letters and shapes on the cookie sheet for about 10 minutes. Let cool, and enjoy!



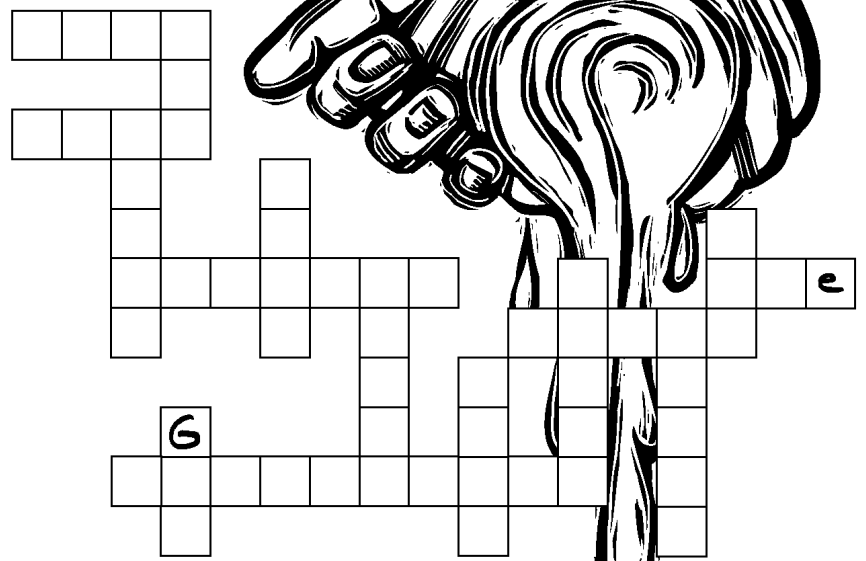
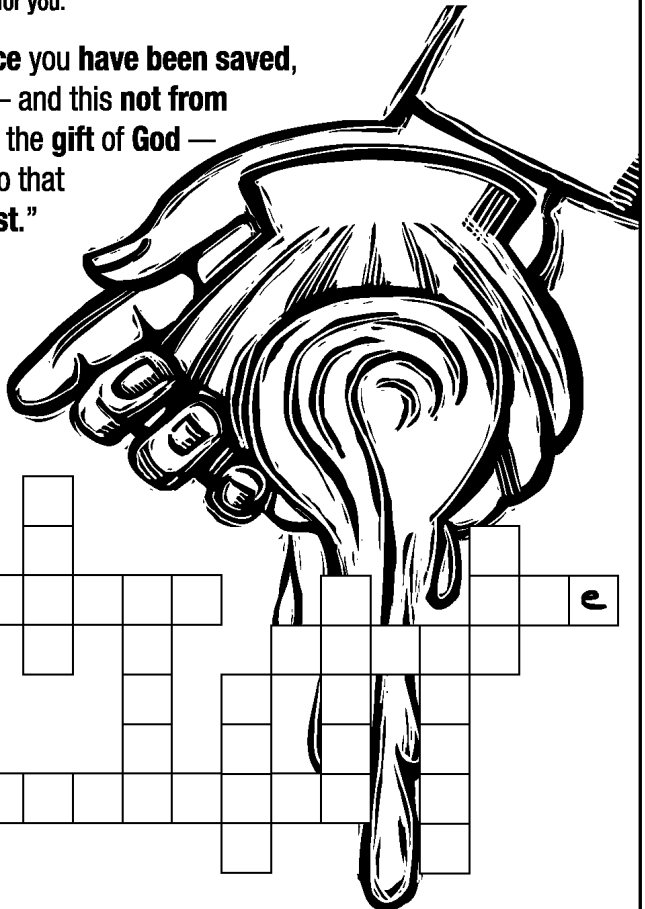
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This Update Printed: Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p><b>World Communion Sunday</b></p> <p><i>Every Sunday:</i>  <b>8:15, 9:30 &amp; 11:00 a.m. Worship</b>  <b>9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages</b></p>					<p><b>1</b></p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>10:00 AM Acolyte Training (S)</p> 
<p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>World Communion</b>                      Blood Pressure Screening (HH)  <b>9:00 AM Hope Chimes (104)</b>                      9:15 AM - 10:45 am. Library open  <b>11:00 AM Children's Choir (101)</b>                      6:00 PM YF PULSE (HH, 6)</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>7:30 PM Selah Bible Study (Brownhill)</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Library Open                      7:00 PM Kelli Girls BS (6)  <b>7:00 PM Baptism Sem (L)</b>                      7:00 PM Prayer Shawl (Digging)</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>9:30 AM Staff Mtg (L)  <b>1:30 PM Education (L)</b>                      6:30 PM 9:30 Reh (S)  <b>7:00 PM Trustees (L)</b>                      7:00 PM Bells of Hope (104)</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>1:00 PM Bible Study (L)                      6:00 PM Burns/Walsh Wed Re (S)                      7:00 PM Cantata Rehearsal (216)                      7:45 PM Sanctuary Choir (216)</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>4:00 PM WOH Dinner (Ofc)                      5:00 PM Burns/Walsh Wed (S)</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>4:00 PM Co-Weds Party (HH)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6:00 PM District Youth Retreat</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Emmaus Walk (Men)</p>
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<p><b>24</b></p> <p><b>Baptism</b></p> <p><b>9:00 AM Hope Chimes (104)</b>                      9:15 AM - 10:45 am. Library open  <b>11:00 AM Children's Choir (101)</b>                      6:00 PM YF PULSE (HH, 6)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Men's Retreat (Keswick)</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>7:00 PM Men's Fellowship (L)                      7:30 PM Fuzzie Slippers Girls Bbl Sdy (6)</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Library Open  <b>7:00 PM Worship Com (L)</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>9:30 AM Staff Mtg (L)                      6:30 PM 9:30 Reh (S)  <b>7:00 PM Finance (L)</b>                      7:00 PM Bells of Hope (104)</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>1:00 PM Bible Study (L)                      7:00 PM Cantata Rehearsal (216)                      7:45 PM Sanctuary Choir (216)</p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p>
<p><b>31</b></p> <p><b>9:00 AM Hope Chimes (104)</b>                      9:15 AM - 10:45 am. Library open  <b>11:00 AM Children's Choir (101)</b></p>	<p><b>Community Events:</b></p> <p><b>Sundays</b>— 6:00 p.m. Cub Den 1 (101)                      6:00 p.m. Webelows (103)</p> <p><b>Tuesdays</b> – 8:30 pm AA (FH)</p> <p><b>Thursdays</b> – 6:00 pm AA (FH)</p> <p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Friday</b> – 6:30 pm Pack 77 meetings (FH)</p>					



## Love God. Love People.

This summer I had the wonderful opportunity to join our high school and college students in a weekly small group discussion of the book, *“Crazy Love: Overwhelmed by a Relentless God”* by Francis Chan.

I must say that this book has been one of the most challenging books I have read in a long time. If you have time to read only one book this year...make it the Bible! But if you can find the time to read two, then let me recommend *“Crazy Love.”*

Throughout the pages of *“Crazy Love,”* Chan directs you to open your Bible and read God’s Word and contemplate how it should be direct-

ing your life. He challenges us, that often Christians *read* the Word, but we don’t *live* the Word. Chan writes about how to fall wildly in love with the One who loved us first, and how our love for God should be manifest in our daily living.

Spending extra time in God’s Word throughout this Bible study has helped me to do exactly that...know Him more intimately, approach Him more reverently, and love Him more deeply. This deeper love for God has driven me to pursue Him more passionately, speak of Him more loudly and serve Him more fervently.

I encourage you to open

your Bible and ask God to speak to you through its pages. I promise He will, and He will draw you closer to Himself in the process. But be ready ... falling in love with Him just might move you into action!

Lately, God has been stirring in my heart a desire to put into practice the words of Jesus in Matthew 22:36-40, *“Love the Lord your God with all you heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment, and the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the law and the prophets hang on these two commandments.”*

Put simply, this passage

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