



June/July 2024

“LIGHT FROM THE HILL”

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The Session

Sharon Ackerson *Lorrie Gallo* *Carol Fry*
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The Flower

Year after year this flower pops through the soil. It's not meant to be. Yes it is a perennial, which means it blooms every year, but I removed (or so I thought) all these bulbs from this area and yet here it is. Somehow it remained and still blooms even though I redid this flower bed by placing plastic and stone on it but it still makes it through anyways.

The most amazing thing is that my mom who has passed away planted that bulb many years ago while in the midst of her Pics disease (a form of dementia). This disease takes your mind slowly, then your body. It was a long suffering 14 years. She was diagnosed as she was turning 60. The age that I am now.

She loved flowers and was very good at caring for them, nurturing and keeping them alive. She looked forward to receiving her magazine that she would scour through and order her bulbs from. As her dementia progressed she was no longer able to do her normal things so I helped her to carefully go through the magazine and choose bulbs for me to plant at my home. I had her come and help me to place them in the ground. As I was sitting on my front porch and noticed the flower, I thought well there it is again. I had such a happy thought and a warm feeling knowing that my mother's hands had touched those bulbs as she placed them in that soil.



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Then a deep sadness came over me as I wished that she were still here to enjoy that flower with me. Oh how I longed and prayed for her to be healed from this terrible disease. The days, weeks, months and years of struggle and sadness were unbearable at times. God did answer my prayers as He chose to heal her on the other side. She now lives in wholeness in Heaven with Him and the other Christians who have gone on before, including my infant son.

So thank you Lord for allowing this single bulb to burst forth each year and remind me of my mom and her love for the beauty of this earth that you have created for us to enjoy. As I feel your presence in your creation, I also sense her spirit each time that I get to enjoy this flower. I appreciate her love and care for me.

What an abundant life that you have given us not only here on this earth but your plan for us in eternity when we receive you as Lord and Savior.

“The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers. Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully. He will receive blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God of his salvation. Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. Selah”--Psalm 24:1-6 ESV

#AbundantLivingAtFullDraw #mom #beautyoftheearth #theflower #abundantlife

Article written by
Pastor Jackie Greene
G.A.P. Ministries/Celebrate Life

**This article comes from Pastor Greene’s Facebook page *Abundant Living at Full Draw*.
If you would like to read more of her posts, visit and like her page on Facebook.

JUNE & JULY WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

June 2, 2024

“Hard Pressed”

Rev. Katelyn Hendrickson

The Lord’s Supper will also be served

June 9, 2024

Pastor Doug Snyder

June 16, 2024

Pastor Jackie Greene

June 23, 2024

Rev. Katelyn Hendrickson

June 30, 2024

Rev. Katie Ward-Stear

July 7, 2024

Randy Stear

The Lord’s Supper will be served

July 14, 2024

Pastor Doug Snyder

July 21, 2024

Pastor Jackie Greene

July 28, 2024

Rev. Howard Greenfield

Worship at the Marion Center Community Park



Dear members and friends of the Presbyterian Church of Marion. You are encouraged to keep the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) in your frequent prayers. If you don't know what to be praying for, here is a prayer you can use that has been culled from several sources:

Most gracious and loving God, having accepted the invitation to work together to seek out and prayerfully discern the person who, even now, is being called to serve, lead, and journey with the Presbyterian Church of Marion, we ask you to come to the PNC's assistance.



As it is written in Psalm 139, "... you have searched us out and known us; you discern our thoughts from afar; you follow our journeys and are acquainted with all our ways ..."
Be with them now, Father. As they continue in this search process, be present among them, and guide each step they take. Guide them in all their doings, Gracious God.

Build unity among them, guard them from distractions, and help them to welcome different viewpoints and perspectives as opportunities to hear, understand, and grow. Father, teach them to listen. But also, allow them some Holy rest when rest is needed.

Inspire not only their minds but also their hearts, allowing one to form the other, within each individual, and among all participants in this work. Open their hearts and minds to your presence, Lord Jesus.

Quicken the heart of the person begin called to serve as our next pastor. Remove any obstacles that might stand in the way of this call. Reveal the path and lead the way, as we all know you as The Way, The Truth, The Life.

Lord, may the PNC offer themselves as fertile ground through which your work may be done. And when their tasks are complete and the search is done, grant them quiet minds and confident hearts that, guided by your wisdom, they will have accomplished what you have asked them to do. And then let them rest, be still, and know that you are God.

Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Family Promise Meals....

Our church will be providing meals on June 24th and 25th for the families in the Family Promise program. If you would like to help with one of these meals, please sign-up on the sheet that is on the bulletin board in the Narthex or contact Lynette Clawson or Bobbie Farren. You can prepare part or all of the meal, all help is welcome!



Worship & Picnic in the Park...

Join us on Sunday, July 28th at the Marion Center Community Park for worship.

Following Worship we will have a church picnic. Chicken, paper products, water and coffee will be provided. Please bring a covered dish to share.

Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy church in God's big beautiful outdoors as well as a time of fellowship.





Mission Outreach for June and July

Our mission outreach for June and July is Vacation Bible School and Items for the Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes.



VBS: June is the month we take donations to help with the cost of VBS. If you would like to make a donation, mark your offering envelope with the amount you are giving for VBS or use the small tan envelopes marked VBS. You can also mail in your donations by sending to the Church at Presbyterian Church of Marion, PO Box 178, Marion Center, PA 15759

Donations of small bottles of water.....We just learned this past week that VBS is looking for cases of the small bottled water. If you would like to donate a case, please bring it to the church by **July 7th.**



Operation Christmas Child Shoebox collection:

We will once again be collecting items to put in the shoe boxes that we will be assembling as a church. Let's aim for 50 boxes....we can do it!!!

June Collection will focus on Hygiene items:

Tooth brushes ** Combs ** Hairbrushes ** Washcloths ** Socks

July Collection will focus on fun items and school supplies for our boxes

Wow items - not too large but a larger toy or stuffed animal

Toys - toy cars, card games, yo-yos, small games, crayons, coloring books, jump ropes, small doll (these are just a few suggested ideas)

School supplies - pens, pencils, notebooks, paper, solar calculators



Understanding Biblical Spiritual Warfare Conference

June 14 - June 15, 2024

Speaker: Pastor Thomas Carney & TPL Ministry Team



You are invited to attend the conference and learn how to effectively use the weapons of spiritual warfare to combat the plans of the enemy that come against you and others.

Schedule:

Fri. 6/14 6:00pm-8:30pm

Sat. 6/15 9:00am-3:30pm

Link to reg. <https://gapministry.breezechms.com/form/116da17965826625>

Registration Fee: \$40

Conference is hosted by:

**GAP Ministries, Rev. Jackie Greene
148 6th Street
Clymer, PA 15728**

**Phone contact:
(724) 541-4875**

Vacation Bible School 2024 is right around the corner!!! This year our church will be hosting Vacation Bible School. VBS will be July 14-18 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. If you have kids from Pre-K to 6th grade, we would love for them to join us as we head out for a summer camp adventure with God! We will explore timeless Bible stories that demonstrate how people trusted God in the face of their own fears and went on to do great things in God's name. Kids will learn ways they can put their trust in God when they are afraid, challenged, or called to do God's work and share the Good News of God's love through Jesus Christ.



Come for the cool music, fun games, awesome snacks and Bible stories that will show us how to put our trust in God!

Pre-registration helps check-in go much faster. It is not required, but if you are able to register on-line please copy this link to a new tab on your internet browser and complete a registration form for your child. <https://tinyurl.com/marioncenter-vbs2024> (if when you click on the link it will not open, highlight the link, right click, hit copy, go to a new tab on your internet browser, right click and tell it to paste and go to link.)

If you are not able to register on-line, please complete this form and turn into the church office or bring with you the first night of VBS.



Marion Center Community Vacation Bible School
July 14-18, 2024
6:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
at the Presbyterian Church of Marion Center

Student Registration Form

Student's Name _____ T-Shirt Size _____

Parent/Family/Guardian Name _____

Address _____

E-mail Address _____

Phone Numbers: Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____

Date of birth _____ Age _____ Last school grade completed _____

Home Church (if any) _____

Friends of your child at this church _____

Special Needs/Allergies/Medical Information/Other: _____

Emergency Contacts
 Name _____ Phone _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Name(s) of person(s) who may pick up this child from VBS _____

Photo Release: _____ Church/VBS has my permission to use my child's photograph publicly in VBS materials. I understand the images may be used in print publications, online publications, presentations, websites, and social media. I also understand that no royalty, fee or other compensation shall become payable to me by reason of such use.

Parent/Guardian's signature: _____ Date _____

Prayer Requests

Rest Home Folks:

Rose Haven, Kathy Mabon,
Crystal Waters, Joan Marshall

Homebound Folks:

Russ Olson

Active Military Service:

Louis Good & Brianna Fulmer

PNC Committee:

Calvin Farren, Lorrie Gallo, Natalie Gatskie, Chuck Glasser and Heather Hood

JUNE ELDER OF THE MONTH

Debbie Hill

JUNE DEACON OF THE MONTH

Bobbie Farren

JULY ELDER OF THE MONTH

Sharon Ackerson

JULY DEACON OF THE MONTH

Calvin Farren

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Mark Lowmaster
Dave Laird
- 5 Joseph Zele
- 8 Kara Bugis
- 9 Melissa Brown
- 10 Jeff Beasom
Jon Hood
- 12 Garrett Frazee
- 13 Lynn Baun
Trace Turner
- 14 Anniston Hainan
- 15 Sean McKee
- 20 Garrett Glasser
- 22 Jennifer Frederick
- 24 Janis Baun
- 26 Ryan Kanouff
- 27 Cassandra Snyder
- 28 Avery Houser



JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Alexis Haney
- 3 Mikey Anthony
- 7 Carol Fry
- 9 Evan Fry
- 11 T.J. Banks
- 12 Lennon Brown
Gary Kanouff
- 16 Sherry Beatty
- 18 Connie Edwards
Joan Marshall
Heather Hood
- 21 Sara Baker
- 25 Amanda Kanouff
- 27 Lorrie Gallo
Madison Kanouff
- 28 Amy Lowmaster
- 29 Natalie Gatskie
- 30 Maddox Didlott
Aubree Watkins

June Milestone Anniversaries

- 6-15 Bob & Jennie Henry – 61st
- 6-19 David & Samantha Starr - 5th



July Milestone Anniversaries

- 7-3 Ralph & Julie Kellar - 20th
- 7-24 Mike & Ashley Anthony - 20th
- 7-31 Jim & Alice Biss – 20th

