

AELC News

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Summer Worship

Every Sunday
at 9 a.m.

JULY WORSHIP

July 4: Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion
Service for a National Holiday

Hymn of the Day: ELW #887
This Is My Song

July 11: Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Alternative Worship

Hymn of the Day: ELW #708
Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love

July 18: Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Hymn of the Day: ELW #770
Give Me Jesus

July 25: Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Service of the Word

Hymn of the Day: ELW #745
Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright



Allegheny Elects New Church Council Members!

At the June Congregational Meeting, four individuals were elected to serve on Church Council. They are:

Glenn Beyer
Gaye Dougherty
Colette Price
Devon Sakach, Youth Representative

The three adult members will begin their first 3-year term in July after installation on June 27th. Devon, who was recommended by our Youth, will serve a 1-year term as specified in the AELC Constitution. Please Congratulate and Welcome these new servants when you see them!

Additional church members were approached by or personally approached the Nominating Committee, being asked or offering to serve on Council. At the present time, those names will be kept in reserve for future membership consideration.

For the first time, in accordance with the ELCA Model Constitution, a Nominating Committee was formed to carry out the task of identifying potential Council members. Committee membership included two outgoing Council members and up to four congregation members. Keeping in mind our Mission and Vision and the direction in which we are moving, the committee sought individuals who had the skills to help us move forward.

A huge “Thank You” to the committee members for their competent and faithful commitment to the task:

Bev Breniser, Chairperson
Barbara Kern Dietrich
Steve Davis
Tracey Ormsbee
Peter Shiffer

From our Director of Youth Ministries



They say that youth ministry is like a canoeist going upstream. We paddle and pull each day against the currents of culture and competitive forces. Paddles are critical for canoeists.

Paddles give control. Paddles, and knowing how to use them, help us move ahead ~ and in the right direction. As the Director of Youth Ministries, I feel very blessed to have many 'paddles' helping guide me in the right direction: many resources in the Christian Education office and library, Pastor George, parents of our youth and of course, the entire AELC family! Thank goodness our youth ministry includes parents and other caring adults; otherwise, we would be "canoeing over the falls!"

Our YMC~A Committee, chaired by Kiersten Elia, will surely avoid going over the falls! And it's thanks to all of you who take time to be involved with the youth here at AELC.

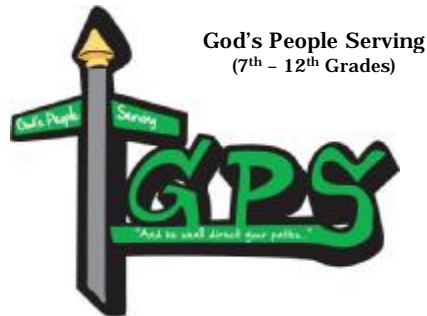
It is evident from research and daily life experience that there are at least 4 keys that can nurture healthy relationships and faith with youth at the same time.

Those keys are as follows:

1. Caring conversations
2. Family rituals and traditions
3. A family devotional life
4. Intergenerational service to others that conveys the beliefs, values and lifestyle of the home

So, take some time to chat with our youth this summer. Ask them about their mission trip experience, what's been happening at the GPS events, have they attended anything events on the Summer Service Schedule.... Hopefully they'll have lots to share with you!

Amy Naugle



God's People Serving
(7th - 12th Grades)

Summer Service Schedule

Thursday, July 8th 9:30am - 12 pm
(NOTE NEW DATE!)

(meet at church at 9:30 to rehearse
and then carpool into town to perform)
Opportunity House's 2nd Street Learning Center

Youth will be performing a Puppet Show &
teaching the kids a craft.

Need 6 youth!

Please call Mrs. Naugle at 610-914-0007 if interested!



Graduate Information

Nevin Johnson graduated from Governor Mifflin High School and will be attending Grove City College for Physics.

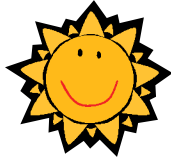
Sunday School Curriculum Planning

During July, the Chris Ed team will be planning our Sunday School curriculum for next year. The planning sessions are as follows:

- July 19 - Adult Curriculum
- July 27 - Sr. High Curriculum
- July 29 - Children's Curriculum

We invite anyone who is interested in participating to please contact Lori Kuczala at 610-856-1087 or kuczala@dejazzd.com.

Christian Education News



Summer is here and so are the many summer happenings for our AELC Kids for Christ. If you are interested in any of the following activities, see Tracey Ormsbee.

July - August 1st - Operation Book Bag - Once again, we are collecting school supplies for children in our community who cannot afford to buy them. Grab a list of needed items from the display in the Narthex and fill a book bag with those items. Bring the filled bag back to church and place the bag by the display by August 1st. Thanks for your support of this important ministry.

July - August - Gomathi - take time this summer to write to Gomathi. If you write a letter, put it in Tracey's mailbox and she will make sure Gomathi gets it.

Wednesday, July 7th - Bingo Day at Mifflin Court - Join us for a few hours of Bingo with the residents. Prizes awarded. Meet at church at 1:30 pm to carpool to the facility.



Sunday, August 8th - Thursday, August 12th

6:30-8:30pm - Vacation Bible School, RENEW, the green VBS will take place. Register for this fun week by filling out a registration form (found in Narthex) and put in Tracey's mailbox.

August - COMING SOON: AELC KIDS FOR CHRIST SUMMER CAMP. Look for more details in the August newsletter and the bulletin.



Notes from M.E.
(Memorial & Endowment)



We Are Blessed With Many Talents

Did you know that in addition to collecting, administering, and distributing the monies in the Memorial Fund and the Endowment Fund, the M.E. committee also oversees several subcommittees? These subcommittees help to carry on activities related to the M.E. Committee's mission and purpose. Currently, we have 3 active subcommittees:

Investment Policy Subcommittee: This subcommittee meets with, advises, and makes recommendations to the M.E. Committee regarding the investment and oversight of the Endowment Fund. The subcommittee was instrumental in helping us to develop our first written Investment Policy, which we hope to submit to Council for approval in July. The subcommittee members are Earl Althouse, Jim Williamson, Jim Spangler, Bill Baxter, Barb Smith, and Mike Grim.

Heritage Subcommittee: This subcommittee is committed to gathering, inventorying, and preserving artifacts, pictures, documents, and information pertaining to the history of AELC. They have been collecting, identifying and cataloging items donated by members and items stored all over the church property and are attempting to gather them into a single location. The subcommittee hopes to be able to display some of these artifacts in the future. They are also in the early planning stages of putting together a special celebration of AELC's 250th anniversary in 2012. Committee members are Karl and Annamae Peterson, Harry and Mary Kring, Shirley Kachel, Pat Heister, and Rod High.

Memorial Garden Subcommittee: This subcommittee's goal is to develop and enlarge the Memorial Garden located behind the tower room of the church. At the urging of Gerry Naugle, and with the aid of financial contributions in Donnie Naugle's memory, the subcommittee has developed ambitious plans to beautify the garden, provide an area for meditation and contemplation, and construct a columbarium as the focal point. The subcommittee will be bringing you more news about the

columbarium in the near future. The subcommittee members are Mary Kring, Debbie Althouse, Andy Kuczala, Pete Diebolt, Bob Naugle, Will Gibson and Gerry Naugle.

The M.E. Committee thanks all our subcommittee members for their time, assistance, and hard work on their projects!!



MEMORIAL GARDEN COMMITTEE

The Memorial Garden Committee is a sub-committee of the Memorial & Endowment Committee. It was started in 2006 and worked briefly to establish a garden out behind the church building. There is a garden plan on the stand which holds the Memorial Book in the Narthex.

In January of 2010, the Committee reorganized with many of the same initial members and has decided to work on finishing the Garden, one project at a time. Our first project is to purchase a Columbarium, which was not included in the drawing of the Garden, but the Committee is very enthusiastic about placing in the Garden. Council has approved this purchase and we will begin to move on ordering it after we have completed the policies and contracted to have a pad prepared to receive it.

A Columbarium is a structure to place cremation ashes. Many churches throughout the United States are making this opportunity available to their members, and we are blessed to be able to provide this for our members. The Columbarium that we are purchasing is pre-assembled, standing five foot high and four foot eight inches in diameter. It is stainless steel inside and finished outside with polished granite. It holds 72 niches and each niche holds 2 urns. It is designed in a hexagon shape which gives it a striking beauty which will enhance our Garden's appearance.

You will be hearing more about cost, purchasing niches, pictures, policies, and answers to your questions as we move along in our preparations to make this reality.

Young at Heart Seniors

Attention Young at Heart Seniors! Our meeting for July will be held on Tuesday, July 13 instead of the first Tuesday because of the 4th of July holiday.

For this month we'll be playing paper BINGO, so please bring an item to add to the prize table. For lunch we'll be serving toasted cheese sandwiches, with those attending to provide the side dishes to share.



See you on the 13th! All seniors are welcome, plus any friends and neighbors!



Living With Loss Support Group

When someone we love dies, we often feel overwhelmed, frightened, and lonely. Sharing our thoughts and feelings with others who have experienced a loss can alleviate our sense of aloneness and can give us needed encouragement.

On Monday evenings, September 20 to October 25, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm, a six-week grief support group will meet at Kissinger Lutheran Church, 715 Berkshire Blvd., Wyomissing, PA. Led by a counseling professional, the group will share experiences and coping strategies. The group, which is sponsored by Bean Funeral Homes, is free but advanced registration is required. For more information or to register, please call Diakon Family Life Services at 1-888-499-2699 (toll free).

Adult Fellowship Meeting

Lewis and Linda Everline will host a gathering of the Adult Fellowship on Saturday evening, July 17 at 6:00 o'clock in the Wittenburg Room at the church.



Fellowship

Bring a desert to share and enjoy an evening of storytelling by the Appalachian Storyteller, a.k.a. Lewis Everline!



A special thank you to the 25 people that contributed \$1,865 for the Mission Trip to Clearfield, Pennsylvania!

JULY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Altar Committee

Liz Charles and Linda Oeffinger

9:00 a.m.

Assisting Ministers

July 4

July 11

July 18

July 25

Gaye Dougherty

Gaye Dougherty

Greeters

July 4

July 11

July 18

July 25

The Dougherty Family

Shirley Eskey

Chuck Dodson and Talia Heinly

The Clemens Family

Ushers

9:00

Alan Benfield, Peter Shiffer, Craig Althouse, Kevin Kring



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SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE @ 9 a.m.
Holy Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays

Church Office: (610) 777-2520
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Pastor: Rev. George Grubb
Associate Pastor: Rev. Susan Fox
Director of Children's Ministries: Peggy Ormsbee
Director of Youth Ministries: Amy Naugle
Director of Music and Organist: Barbara Woods, SPC
Office Administrator: Rebecca Phillippi
Sexton: Scott Ebling

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