

FELLOWSHIP FAMILY NEWS

June 2017

Ushers

June 11: David and Libby Sabella

June 18: Pat Black and Mike Fisher

June 25: Beverly Stewart and Chris Steiger

July 2: John and Mary Martin

Acolytes

June 11: John and Mary Martin

June 18: Tammy Marts and Lynn Kelsh

June 25: Mike and Toni Fisher

July 2: Kylee and Cayden Sabella

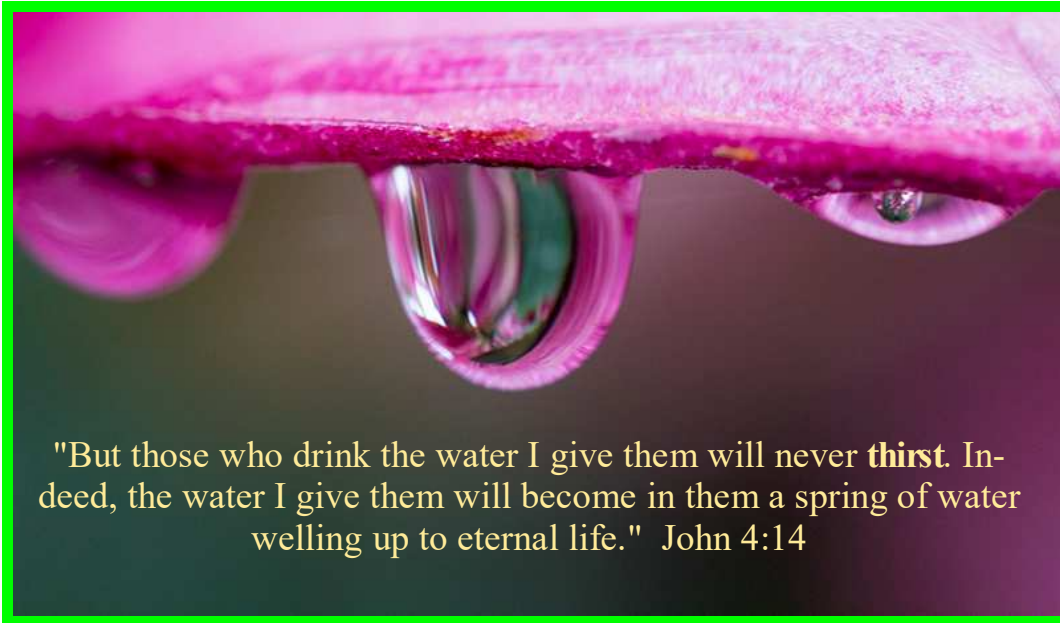
Greeters

June 11: Gary Steiger and Lynda Meek

June 18: Sandra Thorn and Jerry Jones

June 25: Barbara Flip-pin and Sandra Thorn

July 2: Don and Mary Young



PIE!

Donna and Lynn's Busy Family Pies are again available. June 29th is the next delivery date. Just fill out an order form found at the entrance of either door and place it in the offering plate. Pick up is at Fellowship Hall from 4:00-6:00. Gluten free crust is available.

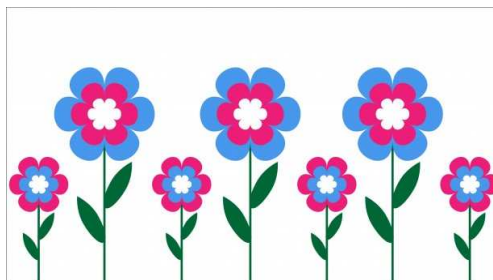


THANKS

Max and I would like to thank CPWM for the beautiful flowers that they gave us. We really enjoyed them and they brighten up our table.

Thank you,

Max and Jo



JULY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Carl Cook 7-4
 Rachel MacKercher 7-4
 Kathy Amos 7-7
 Amanda King 7-11
 Howard Flippin 7-13
 Jay Sabella 7-15
 Kathy Lane 7-15
 Tammy Marts 7-19
 William and Annetta Hoversten 7-19
 EJ and Joy Olson 7-21
 Jim Krutina 7-22

Kylee Sabella 7-23
 Toni Fisher 7-24
 Pete MacKercher 7-26
 Jerry and Marjie Jones 7-29
 JL and Peggy Hickman 7-29
 Corrine Sodergren 7-29
 Pat Baker 7-31



Nursery

June 11: Kathy Amos and Lizzy Hancock

June 18: Barbara Flippin and Freida Mauthe

June 25: Donna and Dana Wallace

July 2: Terry King and Christy Hancock

NEWS

FANS

Needs of Many would like to thank all who donated a fan or cash for our second annual Take a Fan to Church campaign. We are still collecting if anyone forgot or wants to help. The fans are distributed through the Christian Clothing exchange and Ozark Center of Hope to people and families in need.



JOYCE COOK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



This year, the Joyce Cook Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Seth Lillo, pictured above with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robbie Lillo, and to our own Madison McGinnis pictured at left with her mother Amanda King. Congratulations to these two outstanding young people with best wishes for a bright future.



AS I SEE IT

In a few days Kim and I will be at General Assembly and the CPWM Convention in Palm Harbor, Florida. The location will be a beautiful setting. Thirty-two years ago, we spent a few days there with our young children. We enjoyed it very much.

This time will be different. Yes, the area will be beautiful. The golf course which I played in 1985 may have an allurements for me. The good food will be enjoyable. The people who I only occasionally see will be there. However, the main purpose why we will be there is to conduct the business our denomination..

General Assembly is an ever shifting anchor of our denomination. There are areas of our theology and understanding of the scriptures which should never have any deviation. There are parts of our moral compass which should never change. There are areas of evangelism which must become more aggressive and inventive for the cause of the Christ and His church.

The decisions which we make and the projects we undertake may not make a huge difference in the big scheme of things, but they will challenge us as we go forward.

When one looks at any organization of any size, the bigger it gets the slower it appears to move. Even though our denomination only has something like 50,000 or more active members, we are spread across the globe. We are divided into synods, which are divided into presbyteries, which are divided into sessions of local congregations. We speak many different languages and have several different cultures. We have varying degrees of freedom in countries where we worship. We are a diverse group.

Because of our diversity, we are a richer group of Christians than we would be if we were a homogenous group. We have brothers and sisters in Christ who use and support the same Holy Scriptures and use the same Confession of Faith. Because of our cultural difference we need to take the time to make sure we understand what the other is saying so that we do not hinder the cause of the Christ.

Case in point: Several years ago, I was a commissioner to General Assembly. A memorial came from a presbytery which stated that our beloved national flag be present at each meeting of General Assembly. In theory, it was a wonderful idea, but we are more than a one nation denomination. The national flag of different countries means something different than what the Stars and Stripes means to us.

In Japan, the flag has symbolism of the emperor being a god. For the Japanese to fly their national flag at a General Assembly, it would be a sacrilege. For those in the United States to fly the flag at a General Assembly, it would not be right even though it is a great symbol of freedom.

General Assembly is about representing the Christ and His commission to us.

This is just a small example of the issues we face. The issues of how to better minister to the oppressed, the downtrodden, the abuse, the forgotten, those of other faiths or no faith at all, the sick, weak and afflicted; how to reach across the lines of those who would try to destroy us because of religious difference; and how to reach those who would oppress religion of any sort. We face issues of how to reach across denominational lines to better work together spreading the Word of Jesus and His forgiving saving grace. We have issues of dealing with human trafficking, bullying, abortion and homosexuality.

We have work to do to bring together in a more cooperative way and eventually the joining together of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America. We have work to do with our Hispanic churches within the United States. We have other Cumberland Presbyterian Churches in the United States where English is the second language. We have much humanitarian aide work to do.

We will not get it all done, but we will move as best we can. We will ask for congregations to support their sessions as suggestions are given to presbyteries and on to synods and back to the next General Assembly so that the cog may be turned to move ever closer to what the Lord would have us do.

Even with all of that, the local congregation must move forward answering the needs of the people who worship there and seek to serve the people in their immediate and extended communities.

Pray for Kim and me as we go. Pray for each other as we do what the Christ has led us to daily.

Because of the Christ who loves us so.,

Bro Gary



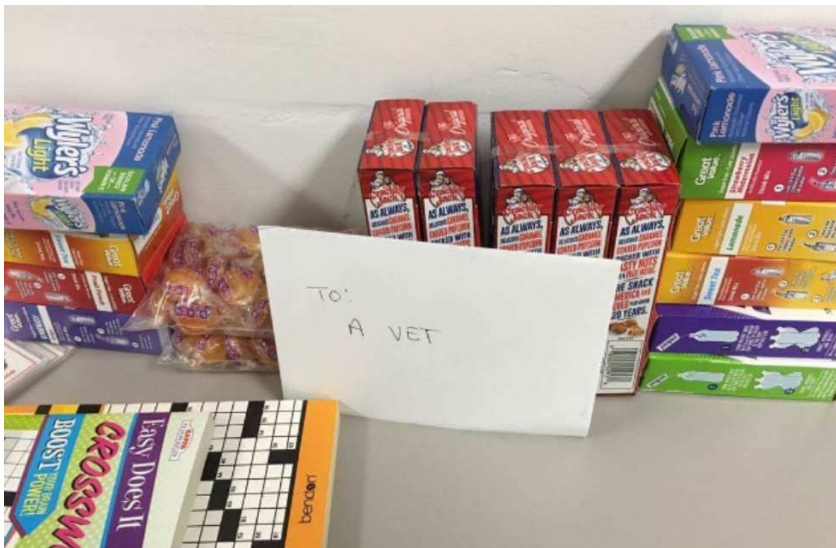
MEMORIAL SUNDAY

Sandy Priebe delivered the children's sermon on May 25th. The children (and all of us) learned about the meaning of the red poppy. At the end of the service, the children handed out poppies to everyone.

Other church members read poems and June Arnold gave a moving account of her father's military service.



MISSION TO THOSE IN THE MILITARY



We were able to fill six boxes with items for a group of service personnel who are on active duty, and won't be able to leave their camp for several months. We hope to make this time a little brighter for them, and let them know that we appreciate their service.



YOUTH GROUP HITS THE WATER!



The youth group enjoyed an outing on the water on June 5th. Thanks to the Webers for the use of their equipment and expertise!



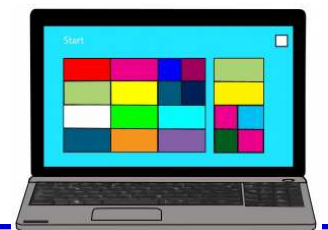
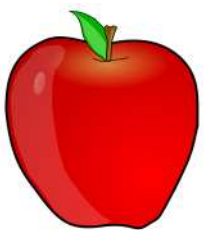
The oldest computer can be traced back to Adam and Eve.

Surprise, Surprise!

It was an Apple, but with extremely limited memory.

Just one byte.

Then everything crashed.



FELLOWSHIP CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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FIFTH WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP PICNIC

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Good
Time
Was Had
By All!

