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Sabbath—Taking Time with God

August is here already in Warren County, and that means many exciting events for our community. August 7th features the Community Worship Service, August 14th will have a canoe trip, and August 21st is our summer picnic. We'll have to do something fun on August 28th because it sounds like special activities on a Sunday in August is a tradition!

After returning from my three-week summer intensive seminary experience, our staff and I had an extended check-in time during our weekly staff meeting. After telling them how busy I was at seminary and that I barely had time to walk out of my dorm to enjoy being in northern Virginia again (although I did sneak out to a Nationals baseball game...), I asked the staff if they had gotten out and enjoyed the summer weather while I was gone. I was not looking for them to sheepishly admit to skipping out on work. I just wanted to know if they are getting to enjoy summer!

Once they realized that, out came the stories of fishing trips, gardening, local events, and beautiful weather. I guess while I was away in the 100-degree heat of northern Virginia, Warren County was experiencing what is always its best moments: summer in resplendent glory as only northwestern Pennsylvania can do.

I then pushed them to make sure to continue to get out and enjoy it. One thing that became painfully clear to me at seminary was how much we need time to get out and enjoy what God is doing in the world around us. Being stuck in classes and studying in a dorm room for 10 hours a day, six days a week, teaches you a lot more than just the difference between Freud and Moltmann's divergent theories of moral development. Side note: I'm still trying to figure out a good answer for that...the paper is due on August 24th.

So much did I want my staff to continue to get out and enjoy summer that I told them to consider it part of their job. If you need to study a finance report, take it out in the park. If you are working on a sermon or a newsletter article, take that work out to a table in the sun or a beauti-

ful patch of ground only accessible by hiking or boating. Or be more daring and just go out and let that item of work wait till you get back. Far more important for us to have revived souls to bring our best to God's work in leading his congregation.

Getting out is part of your work as a disciple, too. Go out in the garden, play hooky from work and take a hike. Make sure to make that fishing trip the top priority of the week. Put down the report from work and play catch with your kids. Your contribution to the community of God through your work (and your play) will be all that much richer for the experience.

I could go on (and a sermon about the importance of Sabbath may be forming...), but I guess the summary is that you are worth far more than what you produce, and a side trip into God's wonderful creation may be one way for you to connect to a sense of God's value in you. Go take a hike with God

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What's happening in August & September.

More information on events can be found throughout the newsletter.

August 1 - 13 Matthew on Vacation

August 7 - Community Worship at the Struther's Library Theatre

August 8 - 20 Tim on Vacation

August 14 Canoe Trip

August 21 Annual Outdoor Worship and Picnic at Betts Park

August 27 Corny Cats Float in the Cornfest Parade

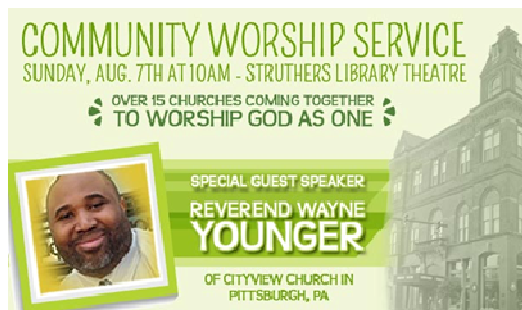
September 4 Blessing of Backpacks and Briefcases

September 7 Our Wednesday Worship Service returns at 5:30 PM

September 9 - 23 Barb on Vacation

September 28 - 30 Clergy Retreat in Pittsburgh

Community Worship Opportunity!



A **Community Worship Service** is set for

Sunday, August 7th, 10am at
Struther's Library Theatre.

Worship with your brothers and sisters from other faith communities in this once a year opportunity.

No service will be held at Trinity, those seeking Eucharist on the 7th may attend the 8:30 AM Service in Youngsville.

Let the Vacations Begin

Please keep our staff in your prayers for safe travel as we all get away and enjoy some rest and relaxation.

Matthew is off on a family camping adventure in the northeast, while Tim and Noreen slingshot their way to Maine. Barb & Gail leave in September to visit the Klanchers in North Carolina and then home by the way of Connecticut.



A canoe trip is planned for **August 14th**.
A sign up sheet is on the table in the entryway.
See Diane Brant or Joe Glarner for more details.



Outdoor Worship & Picnic Sunday, August 21st

Circle Sunday, August 21st on your calendars, when we will gather at Betts Park for our summer worship and fellowship event. The day will feature a cookout, bocce, kids and family games! Sign up lists are out now, so reserve your spot and volunteer to offer to help lead games and offer different parts of the fun.

Cornfest Celebration

We're looking for Corny Cats to ride on the Pet Pantry Float in the Youngsville Cornfest Parade, 11 AM **Saturday, August 27**.

- Plan to gather at Island Park by 10:30 .
- Cats should be dressed in their favorite cat attire. All kittens need a mother, father or other responsible cat to accompany them. The cat that collects the most donations for the pet pantry will win a DQ cake!
- Following the parade join us on the front lawn at Saint Francis for hot dogs, lemonade, ice cream and fun!

Fundraiser Raffle to Benefit DAS and the Emergency Food Pantry!

Starting Sunday, August 21, 2016, after our outside worship service, and during the picnic, Raffle Tickets will go on sale to raise funds for both Diapers and Such, and the Emergency Food Pantry with 100% of the proceeds being split between the two ministries.

Tickets cost \$1.00 for 1 ticket ... or ... \$5.00 for 6 tickets

In addition to the picnic, tickets will be sold during coffee hour on the following Sundays and on Wednesdays from 2:30 to 5:00 pm during Diapers and Such distribution day leading up to September 11th when we will draw the winners.

Items being raffled will include the following ...

- Hand-sewn canvas gym bag
- A complete set of paperback Harry potter books 1-7
- 4 hand knit dish cloths with a bottle of dish soap
- A Mystery item valued at over \$15

Since the 21st is the Annual Picnic, pictures will be posted of each item with the ticket collection cans to simplify things. The actual items will be on display at Trinity on the table in the parlor outside of Matthew's office beginning the following Wednesday (August 24, 2016). Any questions, please see Jenn Campbell.

Emergency Pet Pantry is rolling along!

Recently we had a great time with YABA Days and our famous lunches, raising over \$400.

The pantry is self-supporting but can always use your help. We accept all pet food, regardless of size or brand. Our bins are filled Tuesday and Thursday and by phone contact as needed. People from all over Warren County have used and supported the pantry. Tractor Supply in North Warren, Critter Clippers and Ed Shults of Warren offer collection bins to drop off food and have been great partners.



Memorial donations are another way you can support the pantry by making a memorial donation to the pet pantry in memory of a pet lover or when someone loses a beloved pet. Please consider how you can get involved and give us a call. Parish contact is Nancy 563-9491.

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser to Benefit Alex Watkins



Troop 13, from North Warren will be sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner Charity on behalf of Alex Watkins, one of their own. He is an accomplished Eagle Scout who unexpectedly fell ill last year and has accumulated enormous medical bills. **The Dinner will be held on August 13, 2016 at St. Joseph's church hall from 4pm till 7pm.**

When Alex became ill last year he required an extended stay in the ICU at UPMC in Pittsburgh for 4 weeks He has been Hospitalized there at least 9 times since last year and is currently a patient there as of this date. Their medical bills are staggering and they currently cannot keep up with the mounting costs.

Mark Woody is coordinator for this event. Troop 13 is seeking donations to help offset the costs of food for the event, rental of the hall and the Insurance coverage required by The Diocese of Erie for the event. We will also be having a Chinese Raffle, and are looking for donations for gift baskets to be raffled off during the event.

More details can be found on the letter posted on the bulletin board. Please contact Mark at 723-4449 (H) or 688-8009 (C) with any assistance or questions

Anti Child Trafficking Ministry (ACT) report as of August 1, 2016

Although ACT has not met in several months, we continue to spread the word. On May 7 we had a table of information at the Wesleyan Church of Warren and on June 9, we spoke to the Pennsylvania Association of Retired Persons (PARSE). Bonnie Dickson continues to lead in collecting items for Freedom Bags for rescued children.

We also have several exciting engagements planned. On Saturday, August 27, we will speak to a meeting of Deacons at St. Paul's Cathedral. Friday, October 7, we will speak to nurses and guidance counselors from Warren Area School District. Police and some community leaders are also invited.

We will not meet again until fall but please continue to pray for vulnerable and trafficked children and please continue to educate yourselves and speak out on their behalf.



Blessing of the Backpacks

And Work Items

out their callings, too (even bridge cards have had God's blessing go with them to their sacred tables). Don't miss this chance for us to recognize and welcome God's place in our daily life and work.

Sunday, September 4th our worship will feature a time to pronounce God's blessings upon the people of God and the things they use in their callings of life. Students of all ages should bring a backpack for their school things. Workers should bring an item that they use at work (and creativity is always appreciated). Retirees should bring something that they use in their lives as part of living

Confirmation Class this fall

This fall we will be offering a Confirmation Class for all those interested in being confirmed at our Bishop's Visitation on Sunday, December 11th. Our plan is to meet at least 6 times on Sunday afternoons beginning

Sunday, September 18th, and continuing every other week. Classes are open to all as we explore foundational pieces of our faith and support one another in preparing to make an adult affirmation of one's faith. If you or someone you love is interested, please check your calendars to make sure you or your loved one can attend the six meetings and advise Father Matthew on what timing and schedule would work best. Father Matthew will put together a final schedule during the beginning of September. If you have any questions please contact Father Matthew for more information.



Thank You

I want to express my sincere love and gratitude to my church family. I thank God for all your prayers, visits, calls, cards and encouragement while I was in Warren Manor. Some days were harder than others but through God's grace someone was always there to lift my spirits. So, a very big thank you and I love you all.

Barb Willis



Tea at Chautauqua

The [Tea at the Episcopal Cottage](#) in July was a great success due to the all those who organized, hosted and provided goodies. Many thanks to Donna Ball, Mary Lou Campbell, Sue Dilick, Ellen Eberly, Deb Hornburg, Joanna Mayer, Chris Mesmer, Suzy Painter, and Dee Stewart.

Our Food Pantry restocking plea was met with a quick and abundant response. Many thanks to all for your generous donations!



Coffee Hour

Our awesome after service coffee hour is a great time of fellowship and good food. We give thanks to all those who provide goodies for everyone to enjoy, *Nancy Reynolds, Anne Reynolds, Molly Lawson, Norma Nagurney, Brigitte & Jeff Chase, Bonnie Dickson, Jan Thompson, Chris Myers, Colette Grady & Laurie Rulander* for hosting in Youngsville.

Hosts in Warren include *Keith Hinsdale, Gary & Addy Landrio, Ralph & Donna Brown, Joan See* and *Beth Porter*. Check out the table in the entryway for open Sundays for your opportunity to serve in this fellowship ministry.

Ponderings from the Tower

It seems like just yesterday I was sitting down to write an article for the newsletter as spring was ending. Now, as I begin to write this article, I can't help but wonder how quickly summer has passed. Granted, we still have the month of August to go through but June and July have gone by in the blink of an eye. It's hard to believe that on August 7 Noreen and I will be leaving for vacation. We actually began planning this vacation in February. At that time, August seemed so far away. This will be the first vacation that Noreen and I have taken by ourselves. We have only had two other vacations in our 16 years of marriage, and both times we chose to do things with my parents. Much of my free time this past year has been spent studying, leaving very little time for relaxing. After my first year of seminary, it will be nice to take some down time and just rest, relax, and recharge. Needless to say this vacation means a lot to both of us. We are really looking forward to our Sabbath time.

Noreen and I chose our destination by more or less throwing a dart at a map. We discussed either driving through the Smokey Mountains or going to Maine. For some reason we both were really drawn to visit Maine. We wanted to travel back country roads as much as possible so it will take us three days to arrive in Winter Harbor Maine. We settled on this destination after looking for national parks in Maine and discovering Acadia. We found a small rv/campground located about an hour away from Acadia. They have a few cabins that rent out for a very reasonable price. The one we will stay in is over a boat house. There is a deck attached to the cabin which overlooks Henry Bay. I look forward to drinking a cup of coffee on the deck while watching the wild life, while we say Morning Prayer. The owners of the campground say that quite often seals and other critters can be seen in the bay. Our plan while we are there is

to explore Acadia National Park and the Schoodic peninsula, which is part of Acadia. We have also planned to go whale watching with a local lobster fisherman. The town of Winter Harbor happens to be having their annual lobster festival while we are there. I plan on taking full advantage of the festival. Sadly, since Noreen doesn't like sea food, I will be forced to eat her share too.

After our stay at Winter Harbor we are traveling to Jackson, New Hampshire. We will be staying there for three days. We plan to explore the White Mountains and visit Mt. Washington Observatory. This is one of the tallest mountains on the east coast at 6,288 feet. We have not decided at this point if we drive up the mountain or ride the cog rail. We have heard both are exhilarating.

We end our vacation in Watertown, NY. We have made reservations to go white water rafting on the Black River. This river is rated as class III and IV rapids. There are a total of six whitewater classifications with VI being rated very dangerous and for experts only. We are looking forward to this adventure. We return to Youngsville late in the afternoon on Saturday, August 20. We look forward to seeing everyone at the picnic in Betts Park.

Soon after returning from vacation fall semester begins. This fall I'll be studying Systematic Theology. I've already received the books for this class and they are in my office at home. I keep looking at them and I am resisting the temptation to start reading them. From what I understand from other students, this class is very challenging. For now, I'll try not to think about classes and enjoy this time of rest. Taking time to rest is important, and I pray that each and every one of you find the time to take a Sabbath or a time of rest before this summer ends.

Blessings,

Tim+

Summer Camp



Summer Camp is long over but the memories and friendships last a lifetime.

We were well represented at Camp Nazareth this year with 8 children attending and Father Matthew serving as a camp counselor. EMWC looked to cover 1/2 the cost for each child who attended (\$1,320.) Many thanks for the camp scholarships we have received —\$530 from 3 donors—allowing our children to experience God in a new way.

Camp Scholarships are accepted anytime, not just in May and June. There is a special fund set aside to assist kids in attending camp. So feel free to offer any amount throughout the year and we will see to it that a child is blessed with the camp experience.

Yoga Classes to begin at St. Francis

A mixed levels yoga class is being taught by Nadine Westover beginning this August on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM. If you or someone you know is interested in joining this class, please do so.

Cost: \$35/month or \$10 to drop in. If you or someone you know would enjoy or benefit from yoga and relaxation, but would like an alternate price/payment option please just let Nadine know, she doesn't want cost to ever be a barrier.

Income & Expense, Operating Fund to June 30, 2016

	Actual to 6/30/16	Budget to 6/30/16	2016 Budget
Member Contributions	\$64,298	\$64,825	\$129,650
Other Income	\$8,304	\$5,100	\$10,200
Plate Income	\$502	\$650	\$1,300
Janet Henry Income	<u>\$23,568</u>	<u>\$23,848</u>	<u>\$47,696</u>
Sub Total Income	\$96,672	\$94,423	\$188,846
Endowment	\$56,376	\$58,332	\$116,667
Total Income	\$153,048	\$152,755	\$305,513
Expenses	\$142,326	\$156,353	\$305,513

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

August

2 - Scott Madigan
Charles Steinmeyer

3 - Colin Ely
Cassandra Myers Traut

4 - Oran Stewart

5 - Suki McGhen

7 - Ailsa Boger
Lynda McCollough

8 - Opal Smith
Dee Stewart

9 - Kevin & Laurie Rulander

10 - Joseph & April Glarner
Charlie & Jan Thompson

12 - Gene Ely

13 - Jeff Chase
Kassidy Turner

14 - Patrick & Aubrey Varine

15 - Kevin Flick

16 - Nancy Scott
Andrew & Pat Pollard

17 - Jerry Ely
Don & Marsha Jackson
Richard & Elaine West

18 - Jeremiah Hanks
Oran & Dee Stewart

19 - Robert Brown
Brian Reid
Naomi Scott

22 - Mary Lou Campbell

25 - Noah Myers
Dale & Helenanne Meyer

26 - Anne Reynolds
Elin Smith

27 - Charlie Thompson

28 - Ralph & Donna Brown

29 - David & Linda Schantz

30 - Robert Doran

31 - Joshua John
Patrick Varine

September

2 - Logan Renninger
John Yankasky
Mary Lou & Tom Watt

3 - Gary Landrio

4 - Ralph Brown

5 - Betsy Bowersox

6 - Mikayla Dyer
Matthew Scott
Clare & Kurt Glarner

7 - Karen Olson-Williams
Mark Schantz

8 - Paul Boger

10 - Emily Whaley

11 - Jon Hamilton

12 - John John
Lincoln Vorse
Mark & Laura Schantz

13 - Jenn Campbell
Joyce Cassidy
Michael Wood

15 - Dave Dickson
Andy Pope & Annette
Drummond

17 - Travis Cunningham

18 - Michael Hanks
Brianna Powers

19 - Jessica Dyer
Suzanne & Avvington
Painter
Rae & Ralph Peterson

21 - Charles Myers III

22 - Paul Landrio
Elaine Rhodes

23 - Liam Boger
Tena Stone
Branstetter

24 - Gretchen VanTassel

25 - Bill Mallinson
Matt Willis

26 - Mabel Horner

27 - Kellie Farnsworth
Ryan Rickerson

28 - Molly Lawson

30 - Anne Creal





Prayer Requests

Illness/ Surgery/ Other Needs: Barb Brown, Ruth Warner, Roger, Doug, Elaine, Marcia, Joy, Sarah, Polly, the U.S.A., Baby Boy Moore, Dale Earnhardt Jr. Peggy Sue, Mike, Bill, Jan, Gwendolyn & her family, man biking across America, for the victims of the attack in Kabul, Mary Simmons, Bruce Watt, 32 women in Warren County Jail, Rob Pearce, Sonja Nelson, Ray, Pat, Amy, Sean & wife, Dave, Laura, Juddson, Holden, Hanna, Michael, Florence, Bonnie

Thanksgiving for: Wonderful visit from my friend, our son Bruce recuperation at home, Natalie & Bob in their new home, New great grandchild Ray Lynn of P.J. & Rick Jacoby, that Cara and her students are safe, everyone who works to change the corruption in Afghanistan

Serving in the Armed Services: Alex Danielson, Collin Delattre, Curtis Delattre, Parker Hahn, Jackie Shaw, Nathan Lake, Robert Barrett, Dan Schantz, Jonathon Fox, Andrew Horner, Stephen Miller, Patrick Schantz Abe Vansile, Bill Wencil, Bill Horner, Stephen Miller, Sondra Dew, T.J. Fera, Pete Ochucki, Stephen Battko, Rob Umbaugh, Adam Decker, Troy Spencer, Pete Scobell, Natalie Neidrick Julin, Jolene Nobles, Aaron Heliker, Arick Heliker Matthew Wright, Matthew Lambert, Sean Jenkins, Krista Traut, Matthew Easterly Alaxis Brink Smith, Julie Sveda

The Clergy: Michael Curry, our Presiding Bishop; Sean Rowe, our Bishop; Matthew Scott, our vicar, Tim Dyer, our clergy associate

Prayer for the Diocese

O God, by your grace you have called us in this diocese to a goodly fellowship of faith. Bless our Bishop, Sean, and other clergy, and all our people. Grant that your Word may be truly preached and truly heard, your Sacraments faithfully administered and faithfully received. By your Spirit, fashion our lives according to the example of your Son, and grant that we may show the power of your love to all among whom we live; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers For the Human Family

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy;

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so
much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal
life.



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