

June 2025 Newsletter

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This Month's Message

Dear Friends,

Plans are well underway for Vacation Bible School! The curriculum is from Cokesbury. The theme is, "Road Trip: On the Go with God" and the key Bible verse is, "The Lord your God is with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9) It is a wonderful message of comfort and guidance as we journey through life. On Sunday, June 22nd, you will be able to get a greater impression as to what this is all about should you come that morning to worship God. My thanks to the folks who are giving of their time and talent in organizing and putting this on for the children in the area! This will run from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday through Thursday, June 22nd – 26th. Thursday evening the parents are invited to come back a bit early, at 7:00, to hear the children sing and see what they learned, plus enjoy a light picnic meal together.

For those of you who are not able to attend or help this year, there is something *very* important you can do that is of great importance and that is, PRAY! I ask that you please pray to God at least twice a day – morning and evening – from now through the 26th for the Vacation Bible School: for the leaders, teachers, crafters, gamers, helpers, for the children, their siblings, their parents, for the community, at large! Other than the Christian Church at the end of July, I currently know of no other VBS ministry being planned in all of Donegal Township. And as many of you know, I was saddened to learn that you haven't had Vacation Bible School in six years; however, I am very glad you are doing so now! Praise be to God that He has laid this on your hearts and minds to do so at this time!

If I may, let me please suggest three areas of concern to guide your prayers more specifically: for the salvation of those children and parents who have not yet accepted Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord of their lives, for those who have already done so that they might be further strengthened in the Faith, and that we, as a Church, might be aware of any perceived needs we detect & have the wisdom to minister to them in a loving way.

Remember Jesus's promise, "... I will do whatever you ask in My Name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask Me for anything in My Name, and I will do it." (John 14:13-14) Do you believe Him? If so, then pray and ask the Lord to bless the VBS, the ministry of your church, that friends, neighbors, and family members would come to saving faith in Him, and that God will be glorified! Pray earnestly, sincerely, believingly! Remember James's observation, "You do not have because you do not ask God." (4:2c) God gives generously, "A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over . . ." (Luke 6:38b) So please pray for this ministry of the Vacation Bible School, that it would be blessed by God and bring glory to His Name!

In Christ's Love,

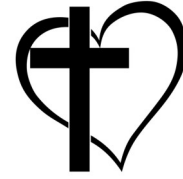
Rev. Powell

Opportunities to learn and grow with others

Adult Friendship Class —Choir Room 9:30 am

Adult Praying Hearts Group— Fellowship Hall 9:30 am

Children's Christian Education —Youth Room 9:30 am



Rev. Eric Powell -Interim Pastor. Home phone 724-743-3933.

Church Officers

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<u>Session:</u>	Karen Johnson (B) Bobi Jo McCuen (B) Louis Winters (A)	Mary Lea Dutton (B) Lynne Glessner (B) Jane Noble (B), Clerk	Patty Johnson (A) Jodi Noble (A)
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2000 Hill Church-Houston
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Remember in Prayer

To request prayer by the church, call or email the church office at wapc-admin@comcast.net or 724-484-7542. Praying Hearts Christian Education Class will receive your request and honor it. Also, Elder Jane Noble, Clerk of Session, 304.639.9148, and Deacon Kathy Morgan, 724.255.1845, welcome your prayer requests. Please tell us if your request is to be held in confidence or included in the Prayers for the People in morning worship.

Dave's Wife

10% Church Mission Giving Report 2025

January: McGuffey Community Bible Program (Bible release)

February: Jubilee: A Christian Outreach program benefiting Waynesburg, Washington and Jefferson, and Penn West College students

March: The Voice of the Martyrs: **The Voice of the Martyrs (VOM)** serves persecuted Christians in the world's most difficult and dangerous places to follow Christ.

April: Coalition of Christian Outreach - Subsidizing Peru Mission Trip for 14 Washington-Jefferson College students



The Story Behind O God, Our Help in Ages Past

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past" is a hymn written by Isaac Watts in 1714 as a paraphrase of Psalm 90. It was composed during a time of national anxiety in England, particularly concerning religious tolerance and the succession to the throne. The hymn offers comfort and reminds people of God's timeless presence and faithfulness, contrasting with the fleeting nature of human life and struggles.

Here are the lyrics:

1 Our God, our Help in ages past,
our Hope for years to come,
our Shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal Home.
2 Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is Thine arm alone,
a our defense is sure.
3 Before the hills in order stood
or earth received its frame,
from everlasting Thou art God,
to endless years the same.
4 A thousand ages in Thy sight
are like an ev'ning gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.
5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.
6 Our God, our Help in ages past,
our Hope for years to come,
be Thou our Guide while life shall last,
and our eternal Home!



Trustee's notes:

Due to the weather, May's Clean-up day was split into two sessions for indoor and outdoor cleaning. Both were very busy and much was accomplished. We thank EVERYONE who helped both Saturdays. The recent wind damage to the siding on the manse will hopefully be repaired soon. Please remember that any use of the fellowship hall requires a "Use of Building" form to be completed and approved. This can eliminate scheduling conflicts. As always, should you see anything on the properties of safety/cleanliness concerns. Please contact a Trustee ASAP!

The Trustees

We recognize the following students graduating High School this year

Troy Wagner-McGuffey High School

Bethany Greathouse-Wheeling Park High School



The first day of Vacation Bible School



One summer afternoon, a grandfather picked up his 4-year-old grandson at church. "Well, Jason, how did you like your first day of vacation Bible school?"

"It was great!" the boy replied. "We heard some stories and drew some pictures. Then we went out to play, and when we came back in God had juice and cookies waiting for us!"



**The LORD your God is with you
wherever you go. Joshua 1:9**

Vacation Bible School - 2025

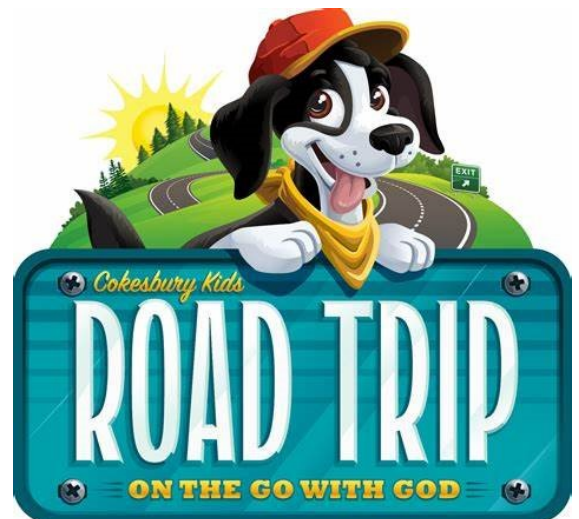
"Road Trip—On the Go with God!"

For all children ages 4-12

Register by calling the church or at the door

**We're hitting the road for an
unforgettable adventure full of
learning, discovery and fun!**

**Sunday, June 22nd through
Thursday, June 26th
6:00 pm-8:00 pm**



HAPPY Father's DAY

An ode to dads

God took the strength of a mountain, the majesty of a tree,
the warmth of a summer sun, the calm of a quiet sea.

The generous soul of nature, the comforting arm of night,
the wisdom of the ages, the power of the eagle's flight.

The joy of a morning in spring, the faith of a mustard seed,
the patience of eternity, the depth of a family need.

Then God combined these qualities, when there was nothing more to add,
He knew his masterpiece was complete, and so, he called it ... Dad.

June 1	Nicholas Snyder
June 1	Caroline Greathouse
June 2	Isabella Arnold
June 3	Garrett Hoge
June 8	John Hunter
June 9	Philip McCuen
June 17	Anita McNinch
June 18	Donna Hunter
June 20	Abigail Noble
June 20	Gay Yensen
June 25	Bob Caldwell
June 29	Catherine Winters



A Christian symbol

BELL — A bell symbolizes the call to worship, reflected in the ringing of bells in many churches to announce or open a service. A bell also symbolizes the proclamation of the Gospel to the world: hence, the ringing of church bells at the close of some services as worshipers depart to spread Christ's good news in their daily lives.



Bible Verses For Encouragement

Psalm 46:1 ([NIV](#))

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble."

Philippians, 4:7 ([ESV](#))

"And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Psalm 34:18 ([ESV](#))

"The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit."

Revelation 21:4 ([ESV](#))

"He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

Isaiah 35:10 ([NASB](#))

"And the ransomed of the Lord will return and come with joyful shouting to Zion, with everlasting joy upon their heads. They will find gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing will flee away."

Hi West Alex church family,

April 2025

Tis the season for little league baseball, hiking on local trails, and playing outside! Bring on the sunshine!

Faces of History-Our homeschool co-op has the students prepare essays about a person or topic in Ancient history, then share them in front of guests. Clark (12yrs) decided to write about the Ancient Olympic Games and JB (10yrs) decided to write about the Apostle Peter. They did an amazing job sharing about their topics and we all enjoyed cheering them on.

Priest?-quick culture story for ya...Daniel (9yrs) told us recently that he was sharing with his school friends about what his Dad's job is. In his words "Mom, I have to tell them my Dad's a priest 'cause no one knows what a Pastor is at school". #thirdgraders

Germany-Many of you know our Marlene, who was our exchange student in 2015-2016 and only daughter :). She is getting married on May 2nd (to her sweetheart, Timo) and her family is helping Andy and me get there to see the celebration! We had thought to plan an adventure for our 15th wedding anniversary this summer anyway so we are both looking forward to it. The boys will be staying at both grandparents' homes for the 5 nights we are away.

Ministry

New Faces-We continue to see some new folks getting involved with our Family Fun Nights (and Sunday services too). In April we played some big games of Capture the Flag which was a highlight for our 5. It's become a night they look forward to each month.

Easter-This year our church is adding a Good Friday service to share the account of the Cross. We know it will make our Sunday celebrations (Sunrise & Worship Service) that much more meaningful. Pray for Andy preparing the extra things.

Please pray for...

-Praise the LORD for Springtime and Andys 47th birthday (4/16).

-Holy Week Services (He is Risen!) and Congregational Meeting on April 27th

-Traveling mercies as we travel for Marlene's wedding

-our Adoption-we've decided to at least take the step toward updating our home study to a domestic adoption. We will be prepared for when the Lord brings a little one our way.

-Clark to continue to gain weight amidst his lower esophagus sphincter dysfunction. He's starting to vomit more frequently so I'll be calling Dr Buie again for next steps. Clark is hesitant for more Botox since it doesn't last.

-Andy as he preaches and leads us with *grace and truth*. He's doing a great job working through Genesis (now on chapter 12).

-our congregation to **Know God, Grow together as disciples of Christ, and Go share the love of God in Christ Jesus empowered by the Spirit.**



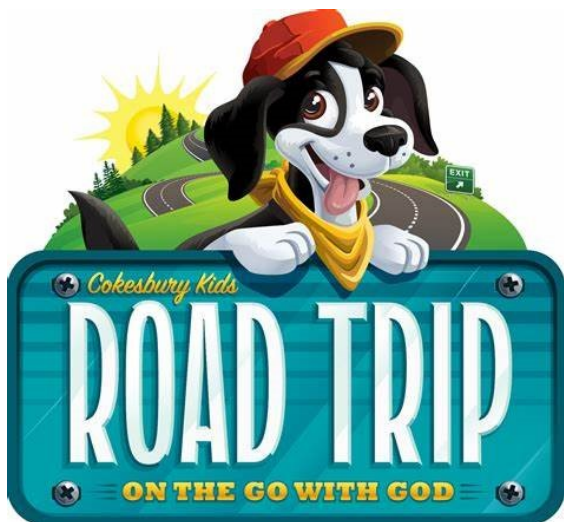
Praying now that your Holy Week was an encouragement to all who came and for new growth to come this Spring to your church family (in depth & width). Healthy + Andy

1 9:30 am Sun. School 11:00 am Worship	2	3 Session Meeting 7:30 pm	4	5 Golden Agers noon	6	7
8 9:30 am Sun. School 11:00 am Worship	9 Trustees Meeting 6:30pm	10	11 AA Meeting 6pm	12	13	14
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