

July Link

“Something Old.....Somethings New”

What is the new pastor like? Well...a lot of you know the new pastor from his year of attending Pleasant Valley United Methodist Church in 2016. We worshiped together. We fellowshiped together in the Church Fellowship Hall. I....Pastor Lee have enjoyed a lot of snacks and other healthy food with you while conversing about music, gardening, church work, etc. More than one of you has had me pray with you in conjunction with Pastor Trudy's Ministry. We have had the rare privilege of getting to know each other as fellow worshipers before I have now become your pastor. Had the joy of being Matthew Root's sponsor for Confirmation! Also had a Revival Service with you which blessed my soul and others in the church. Also had the joy of leading Advent Bible Study for four weeks, and doing the Christmas Eve Service. I could feel God's Presence in all of these times together! So....all that is something old which we have shared together. Other old things will continue with some new insertions in the worship service bulletin.

Things which may be new to you and have been discussed with our Staff Parish Relations Committee are: 1. Holiday Noon or 1 P.M. Services for those who can't drive at nights, but want to worship on these special days. The evening services will also continue on Christmas Eve etc. 2. We will begin a service for our Sunday School Teachers so they can be spiritually fed for their weekly revitalization. It will be early before our regular service. 3. We will begin a Wednesday Night Prayer and Praise Service at 7:30 P.M. each week beginning with Wednesday, July 5th. All are invited from our church and outside our church too! 4. I am asking each attendee to take or bring a picture of your family with people's names labeled so I can pray for you each day! 5. I am asking you to sign up on "The Visitation Sheet" if you would like a pastoral visit from me! (I do not come to see your house...I come to visit you and learn about your life and to pray for and with you.) 6. Office hours are on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. I will be in the office at 9 AM those days. 7. I will attend all meetings and events in our church, including youth group, and fund raisers.

We are asking God to do something dramatically new here in Pleasant Valley United Methodist Church, which comes from "The Old Old Story of Jesus and His Love" and The Holy Word of God in all 66 Books! "Old Things must pass away and behold, all things must become new, if we are to be a New Creation" says God's Word in 2 Corinthians 5:17. May we be that!

--Pastor Lee.

- 1) Firewood reserves for the Bean Hole Bean Supper are getting low. We burn a cord or more of firewood each supper. We need to stockpile at least four cords of firewood for 2017. If you have wood available, know of a source of wood, or would be willing to help cut and split wood, please call John Baum at 860-379-9398.



2) Church Humor:

- Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the Church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.
- There will be a meeting of the Board immediately after the service," announced the pastor.
After the close of the service, the Church Board gathered at the back of the auditorium for the announced meeting. But there was a stranger in their midst -- a visitor who had never attended their church before.
"My friend," said the pastor, "Didn't you understand that this is a meeting of the Board?"
"Yes," said the visitor, "and after today's sermon, I suppose I'm just about as bored as anyone else who came to this meeting."
- A friend was in front of me coming out of church one day, and the preacher was standing at the door as he always is to shake hands. He grabbed my friend by the hand and pulled him aside.
The Pastor said to him, "You need to join the Army of the Lord!"
My friend replied, "I'm already in the Army of the Lord, Pastor." Pastor questioned, "How come I don't see you except at Christmas and Easter?"
He whispered back, "I'm in the secret service."

- 3) Don't forget our tag sale/bake sale on September 9th from 9:00 to 2:00. Winter coats and jackets will be accepted.



July Schedule

July 2 July 9 July 16 July 23 July 30	<u>Nursery Care</u> Caprice Shaw & Dietz Hurley & Laurie Fenner Shirley Green & Pat Allen Caprice Shaw & Dietz Hurley & Laurie Fenner	<u>Cleaners</u> McKay S. Bailey S. Bailey Sherwin Sherwin	<u>Ushers</u> Joann Little & Judy McKay Shirley Green & Barney Connors Barb & Steve Bailey Shelly & Evan Bailey Dawn & Wayne Renfrew
July 2 July 9 July 16 July 23 July 30	<u>Counters</u> Gail Klein & Chip Simons Steve Bailey & John Baum Ann Kramer & Mary Lou Centofanti Emil Klein & Steve Bailey Gail Klein & Richard Lavieri	<u>Greeters</u> Bertha Weith Cathy & John Baum Dietz Family Gerber Family Green Family	<u>Coffee Hour</u>
July 2 July 9 July 16 July 23 July 30	<u>Lectionary Readers</u> Cathy Baum Jonah Gerber John Baum Joann Little Nick Peck		
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<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
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2 Worship Service 9:30a Communion	3 Pastor Off	4 - 9:00a Pastor in Office -Prayer Group -Trustees -AA 8:00p	5 - 9:00a Pastor in Office -Potential Members -Mid-Week Prayer 7:30p	6 - 9:00a Pastor in Office AA 6:45p	7	8
9 Worship Service 9:30a	10 Pastor Off	11 - 9:00a Pastor in Office -Prayer Group -AdMinBrd -AA 8:00p	12 - 9:00a Pastor in Office -Potential Members -Mid-Week Prayer 7:30p	13 - 9:00a Pastor in Office AA 6:45p	14	15
16 Worship Service 9:30a	17 Pastor Off	18 -9:00a – Pastor in Office -Prayer Group -AA 8:00p	19 - 9:00a Pastor in Office -Potential Members -Mid-Week Prayer 7:30p	20 - 9:00a Pastor in Office AA 6:45p	21	22
23 Worship Service 9:30a	24 Pastor Off	25 -9:00a – Pastor in Office -Prayer Group -SPRC -AA 8:00p	26 - 9:00a Pastor in Office -Potential Members -Mid-Week Prayer 7:30p	27 - 9:00a Pastor in Office AA 6:45p	28	29
30 Worship Service 9:30a	31 Pastor Off					