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THE LORD'S DAY

July 3, 2016

Prelude Call to Worship The Star Spangled Banner #576 Songs of Worship Kids Korner Offering Bible Message Closing Song #31 Benediction

It is with delight that we welcome <u>you</u> to this hour of worship! The Scripture reminds us that God delights in our praise and brings his presence close to us as our sincere hearts speak his name and sing his song. "The Lord reigns, let the earth be glad. Let all the distant shores rejoice!" (Psalm 97:1)

REMINDER: Drama team from Academy of the Arts will perform here on Sunday, July 24. We need housing & breakfast, dinner at OUB Saturday night, and dishes for a pot luck lunch on Sunday.

Please use the bulletin insert to volunteer July 24 Schedule: 9:30 Sunday School, 10:30 Worship 12:00 pot luck lunch

WEDNESDAY

5:30 - Food available at the Snak Shak

6:30 – COMMON GROUND Youth and mixed adult Bible study/prayer

| Last Week | | | |
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| Attendance | ance 253 | | |
| General | \$ 5,646.00 | | |
| Missions | \$ 2,323.00 | | |
| Building Fund | \$ 1,041.00 | | |
| Sunday School | \$ 134.00 | | |

WELCOME TEAM

- July 3 Tom & Christopher Keely
- July 10 Ben Widder Family
- July 17 Scott Garling Family
- July 24 Gary & Grant Murray
- July 31 Jim & Joel Hart

July - First Service Ushers Joel Leckron – Head Usher John Alleman Barry Elliott Larry Wingert Guy Fritz

The altar flowers are to celebrate Gene & Sally Weagley's anniversary!



| Pastor: David Rawley | | | |
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| rawley@centurylink.net | . ct | THIS WEEK | NEXT WEEK |
| Youth Director: Josh Lance | 1 st Nursery | Connie Tracey | Tim & Holly Ressler |
| 597-8525 ext. 12 504-5604 (cell) josh@greencastleub.org Secretary: | 2 nd Nursery | Cindy Rawley | Mary Lou Jones |
| Carol Schwalm <u>office@greencastleub.org</u> 597-8525 Hours 9 to 4 | Acolyte | Jack Ressler 1 st Kinsley Helman 2 nd | Neil Rayarao 1 st Sarah Bubeck 2nd |
| Tues/Wed/Thurs. Building/Van Scheduling: Holly Ressler facility@greencastleub.org: | Greeters | Harold & Mary Lou Jones | Lynn & Deb Michalsky |
| 597-8525 Prayer Chain: 597-2531 or Melarl@aol.com | Prelude | Sandy Dunkle | Madalyn Akers |
| web site: | | | |

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The Flowers on the Piano are to celebrate Bob & Jean Pilgrim's 64th Anniversary!

Carnival Clean Up! July 11 - 16NEXT Week is the Greencastle Carnival. An annual project for OUB is cleaning up the grounds/trash after the mayhem each night. Can you help? Although times vary slightly, the commitment is usually 10:00 - 11:00 p.m. We pick up trash and empty cans. A signup sheet is on the <u>lower</u> <u>entry</u> table. Your help would be greatly appreciated! One truck is needed each evening. Thank You!





Many thanks to those who purchased chicken to support Trail Life/American Heritage! The next BBQ will be July 30 with proceeds going to the ministry of our Women's Mission Fellowship.



Our sympathy and prayers to the family of Karen Horner, who passed away this week. She battled ALS with great courage and dignity. For her husband, Larry, and son, Todd, we pray God's peace and comfort. Karen's service of celebration was yesterday.

Next Outing Tue., July 12 CATHEDRAL in the PINES

Paul Lehman will explain the PA State S.S. Assn. ministry at Caledonia State Park. Lunch TBD Leaving the church at 10:30 a.m. Contact Guy Fritz 717/597-8490.



The summer Olympic Games will be starting soon (Rio). As we think about the training and trials of this celebrated sport, we realize many cross over analogies to our Christian life. Is this about individual performance, the team, or the country? Etc. Etc. July 10 – Speed or Endurance? July 17 – Leap or Balance? July 31 – Me or Us?



Next Property Commission Meeting Thursday, July 21st, 7:00 p.m.

Nursery Volunteers Needed for Jul., Aug., & Sept. 4 of 13 Sundays are not covered for 1st Service. 8 of 13 Sundays are not covered for 2nd Service. Signup sheets are on the lower lobby desk.





The Academy of Arts Ministry Sun., 7/24/16, S. S. at 9:30, Performance 10:30 to 11:45 Pot Luck at noon following the performance

CAN YOU FATHOM THE MYSTERIES OF GOD? (Job 11:7)

<u>MYSTERY</u>

- 1. _____/ whose cause or explanation is only known by tracing and linking clues **(solve)**
- 2. _____ which is ______ and (even) beyond human intellectual understanding (experience)

THE MYSTERY OF HISTORY (Acts 17:26)

CYRUS, King of Persia (600 - 529 B.C.)

When Isaiah predicted the release of Babylon's captives by Cyrus, the captivity had not even taken place, and Cyrus had not yet been born. God himself explains the purpose of this (exceptionally early; exceptionally specific) prophecy as preventing the Israelite people from saying, "Well, that's just how it happened" (Isaiah 48:3-6). NO. It did not "just happen." God used one militaristic and pagan king to overthrow/punish a different king and release his captive subjects. Josephus (historian, 37 - 90 A.D.) says that Cyrus repatriated the Jews because he had heard of this prophecy about himself and wanted to make it come true. Perhaps that is the very reason God had it written down in advance!

Cyrus illustrates the mysterious dilemma of believing that God ______human history while giving humans a ______to choose their own actions. That he can coordinate people who are ______and events that are ______and fold them into his larger purpose is a mystery. Through faith we must say, "Though I do not fathom ______ or _____, God accomplishes ______divine ______ in human history."

THE GRACE OF HISTORY

- a _____ Stephen > Paul
- a _____ Paul > Rome
- a _____ Luke > Theophilus
- a _____ revelation > doctrine
- a _____ Constantine > vision
- a _____ Europe > America

• History = His Story