



September 2014

Sharing
God's
Abundant
Love

Fall into Sunday School!

Sunday School begins on Sunday, September 7th, right after worship.

There are classes for all ages from 3 through 100. The younger group follows the Lectionary with story, craft, music, theme and of course class begins with a snack. This group also gets points for coming to Sunday School, bringing a Bible, a friend, and participating in the Service. These points add up and twice a year there are prizes given and everyone gets a prize. Last spring's big winners were **Abby Coe, Jessica Repetz, Anna Coe and Sarah Milley.**

Seven and eight graders study the Catechism and the Bible to prepare for Confirmation.

The adult group is studying a book entitled "Twelve Ordinary Men". You don't know who they are? Well, come to the class and met them. Please note that Adult Sunday School begins on Sunday October 5th.

All these classes are offered after church, from 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Monday Bible Study

The first Bible study will be Monday, September 15th, 11:30 a.m. at the Allison building in Jenner's Pond. We will continue to study Paul's letters written while he was in prison. All are welcome to come. If you are interested, talk to Nancy Kelly. The group meets the first and third Mondays of the month. We bring a sandwich and dessert is supplied by one of the members of the group.

Wednesday Midweek Services Begin Soon!

Mike Brandt will be leading COL's Wednesday mid-week services beginning on October 1st. This is a chance to focus on your spiritual journey in a small group setting. Of course, worship is a component, as well as scripture, prayer and discussion.

Catch THE Fire



I will be there. Will you?

Who: All who are seeking to take their relationship with God and church to the next level.

What: A weekend retreat, created by COL church members, designed to draw us closer to God and to each other during this time of transition in our church history.

Where: Tel Hai Retreat Center located in nearby Honeybrook

When: Friday September 26th – Sunday September 28th .

How: You can add yourself to the group by placing your deposit, of \$60/per person in an envelope labeled Retreat, into the offering plate (BE SURE TO INCLUDE YOUR NAME), OR by handing it to a retreat team member. Tina & Paul Sauk, Linda Hettinger, Mike Brandt, or Lisa Deeves

C'mon and Catch the Fire!!!

Tel Hai Camp and Retreat Center

September 26th -28th

What's included?

2 nights in motel like cabin, private bathrooms

5 meals, 2 snacks, coffee and tea service.

Free time for boating, hiking or simply relaxing

Oh and a great retreat program put together and presented by COL members!

Price: \$166.00/person Double occupancy

\$146/person Triple or Quad occupancy

(adults only , this go round)

www.gratefulness.org

Sign up at this site and receive a bit of daily inspiration, a nice addition to your day and a reminder that there are so many reasons to give thanks.



Karen in Korea

Many of you have asked about Karen Bradley. Did she arrive safely in South Korea? Is she teaching? Does she like it? Yes, yes and yes. But for the actual details check out her blog at seesomethingonce.wordpress.com. It's a pleasant way to armchair travel to a very different part of the world. Please continue to keep Karen in your prayers. Her address is

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Chunryong-dong
Gwanak-gu
Seoul, South Korea 151-917



Reaching Out for Fun and Fellowship

Our next Tea and Bingo at Luther House will be Saturday, September 13, so now is the time to prepare. The Service to Others Committee is collecting Bingo prizes for our guests. Suggestions include: \$5 Giant gift cards, meal-in-a-can items, mixes, cleaning supplies, paper goods, snack packs, fancy scarves, knick-knacks, jewelry, jig-saw puzzles, tote bags, or whatever you think would bring a smile to someone's face that day.

Donations can be left in the basket in our narthex area.

The team also needs volunteers to help on Bingo day and to provide snacks. We always have a full house for Bingo. Yet it seems that we always have the same few volunteers helping. Please consider baking or buying some treats. Please consider joining the outreach team on Bingo day. You will be paid with many smiles and words of appreciation.

How to Pick a Pastor?

A small group of COL members has started to meet to determine COL's desired qualities in a pastor. This group was selected by council to begin the process of researching COL's pastoral needs. This is no small task, but note that this is NOT the call committee. This committee will gather information and present a report to council. A call committee will be determined later. Now is the time to collect our thoughts. Your input will be gathered. Your voice will be heard.

The group met with synod representative Jim Wofford to begin this important work. When you are asked for your input – via meeting, online survey or written response – please respond promptly and thoughtfully.

More information will be sent via email or in the Sunday announcements.

We need your input to make our search for a new pastor successful.

What do you want in a pastor? Strong in Evangelism? Pastoral Care? Financial management? Preaching? Teaching?

There is so many talents that make up a great pastor. We need to tell the Synod and potential candidates what is most important to us so that we get the right fit for a new leader.

**Give us your opinion.
It means a lot.**

Attend one of our two meetings after worship on
September 14 or September 28.

We will also answer any questions you might have about the process.

Please join us.

Getting Back
into the
Worship Habit

Music Worship Notes

Community is at the heart of Matthew's gospel throughout September, with forgiveness as the starting point in the texts. When we practice forgiveness, abundant living is plentiful and it creates the building of community. Our Community of Love will learn more about God's generosity and forgiveness as we worship together at our Traditional service on the first Sunday, the Blended services on the second and fourth Sunday, and the Contemporary service on the third Sunday.

On September 7, we will have a special blessing for the teachers and students as we begin the new Sunday School year. Our choir will again be sharing their gift of music starting in September. And as a special treat, for the September 21 service the children will be singing a sampling of the songs they learned at Vacation Bible School.

With summer vacations wrapping up and school starting, now is a good time reestablish your worship routine. We hope to see you!

Martin Luther said, "This life is not concerned with health but healing. This life is not about our being but our becoming. This life is not about rest but about exercise. We are not yet what we shall be but we are growing toward it. The process is not yet finished but it is going on. This is not the end but it is the road."



Construction Corner

Sanctuary Rededication

Reformation Sunday, October 26

Mark your calendars now for this special event.

Birthdays *September & October*

Bette Ann Walton	09/01	Renee LaBarge	10/02	Paige Blum	10/12
Tina Sauk	09/02	John Hoffert	10/04	Amy Luke	10/16
Brandon McHugh	09/14	Charles Mattson	10/04	Julia (Johnson) Patrick	10/16
Joseph Deeves	09/17	Bob Bradley	10/06	Doug Hipkins	10/17
Glenn Frederick	09/24	John Murphy	10/07	Willard Hunsinger	10/22
Dina Heffner	09/30	Ian Hill	10/10	Karl Pollich	10/25
		Hunter McCardle	10/11	Karen Pattinson	10/26
				Jon Raike	10/28

Help Wanted

For many years, Mary Milley has coordinated the delivery of meals for those with special needs within our congregation. Special needs could be welcoming a new baby, dealing with major illness or recuperation, or coping with the grieving process. If you've been on the receiving end of this ministry, you know first-hand how much this outreach means. Mary is looking for someone to coordinate this important work. She has a list of the many fine cooks within our midst. The work means calling for volunteers to provide meals on an "as needed" basis. Please prayerfully consider whether you could take on this job. Please, too, say "yes" when you're asked to contribute a meal.

WOMEN OF WORSHIP WOW

Our First Fall Meeting

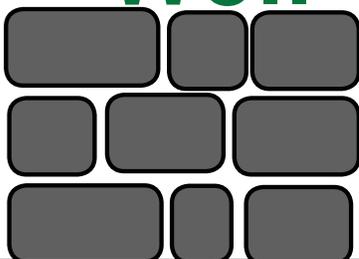
Mark it on your calendars ladies we are beginning our year on Thursday September 4th, 6:30 pm at 500 Boxwood Ct. Oxford (the Deeves' house)

Join us for dinner and what may prove to be a lively discussion of our summer reading, *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis

We are looking forward to introducing our new book, **Having a Mary Spirit** by Joanna Weaver.

Jackie Plystak and Lisa Deeves will be the dynamic duo this year sharing the load and looking forward to seeing YOU on Thursday the 4th to start us off.

Wishing Well



As our improvement project progresses, we will have some items for which you might want to donate the purchase price.

- 2 Ceiling Fans
- 2 Bathroom Faucets
- Blinds for Sanctuary, Narthex, Sacristries, Bath Rooms, and Crying Room/Information Center

We will make the actual purchase for you. Simply donate the necessary funds. If you have questions, please contact Doris Petersen dcpetersen@verizon.net.

ACE Oxford's Anti-Human Trafficking Group

This group meets the first Saturday of each month at 9:00 at the Oxford Senior Center. Perhaps some of you remember Ralph Petersen's sermon this summer on the important work that this group does. He called it work that Jesus would ask us to do. Why not attend a meeting and learn more about this need? The meetings are at 112 East Locust Street, beginning at 9:00 with coffee and donuts. At 9:30 there is a one-hour presentation. This may include a guest speaker, video or informational discussion. If you think that human-trafficking doesn't exist in Chester County, think again.

Matters of the Heart

Matters of the Heart will hold its next quarterly meeting on Sunday, September 21st at 5 p.m. in the church office of Community of Love Lutheran Church, 115-117 N. Fourth St., Oxford. "Matters of the Heart" is a discussion group for people whose lives have been touched and connected by adoption. The meeting is free and open to all adult adoptees, adoptive parents and birth parents, as well as the families that support them. It is our intention to offer a safe and compassionate setting for those in post-adoption. Amanda Woolston and Linda Hettinger will lead the meeting. For more information please contact Linda Hettinger via e-mail at homeyg.65@gmail.com or leave a message at the church office at 610-998-0282.



To help raise funds for the upcoming National Multiple Sclerosis Society's BIKE TO THE BAY, there will be a **Candy Bar/Snack Sale after church on Sunday, September 7th & 14th.**

Items will be \$1.00 each. Proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit the MS 150 Bike-to-the-Bay on September 20-21. Thank you for your patronage!



Tom & Chris Plystak
2014 MS 150 Bike-to-the-Bay participants

The Light *for Kids*

**Can you figure out the word scrambles
on the next page?**

Answer as many as you can. Then, turn to the next page for the answers.

Beat it ude Jumble

Use the letters below the dotted lines to put the words back in order.
Check your answers by reading the story in Matthew 5: 1-12.

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the...

K O N D M G I | F O | E A V H E N

2. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be...

D F C R O M E T O

3. Blessed are the meek for they shall...

H E I N I T R | E H T | A H R T E

4. Blessed are they which do hunger
and thirst after righteousness: for
they shall be...

L F D I L E



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