

# The Branch

June

2023

Bunkertown Brethren Church— Independent Fellowship

## Congratulations to our Graduates!

We will be recognizing our graduates Sunday, June 11th .



Emily Kerstetter, daughter of Sean & Jody Ehrisman, will graduate from East Juniata High School. Emily will be attending Bloomsburg University to become an RN. After she gets her degree her plans are to become a traveling nurse.

Kaitlyn Copeland, daughter of Jamie Shiffer, will be graduating May 24th from Juniata High School. She is planning to attend Indiana University of Pa. majoring in Interior Design.

Kayley Shattuck, daughter of Jeff & Julie Wirth, will be receiving her diploma from Susquehanna Valley Home School Program. Kayley is considering childhood education after graduation.

Romane Cauvin— exchange student of Clint & Deedre Mitchell, will be graduating and her future plans are to attend college for international business.

Macy Wagner, daughter of Scott Wagner & Stephany Brubaker, She plans on being an orthodontist assistant after graduation.

Matthias Barge, son of Mark Barge & Valerie Hoffman, will be graduating from Mid-West. He is attending HACC for criminal Justice.

Ryan Heister, son of Chad & Cindy Heister, will be graduating from Rochester Institute of Technology with a degree in bioinformatics. He is job searching but would like to be in a research lab.

Beau Stuck, son of Jason & Kim Stuck, will be graduating from Susquehanna University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance. He will be starting in the law program at Penn State University in August. He currently works at Pennian Bank as a floating teller.

## Prayer for Graduates

Dear God, We pray for our graduates today and lift them before you. We thank you so much for these we love and for the work you are continuing to do in their lives. They are a gift to us and to many others. And during the season of new beginnings, we ask that you would make their way clear. May they sense your Spirit over their lives in many ways, may they be strengthened, instilled with hope, for the new roads ahead. We thank you in advance for all you have in store for this day, year, and for their lives. We pray for protection, for your covering, that you would surround their lives as a shield. Protect their coming and going. We pray that you would direct their steps that your plans for them would prosper. Open doors that need to be opened and close every one that should be shut. We ask for peace to cover them, Laughter and joy to fill their days. May they be willing to stand strong and true, passionate for you. Believing that you have designed them for purpose and good works. Be a lamp for their feet, and a light to their path. Bless them, in Jesus Name Amen

## PASTOR'S CORNER...

### WELCOME TO THE SUMMER

Summer is usually a fun packed three Months. Kids are out of school. Vacations are planned. Summer Sport activities are in full swing. Then there is Yard work that keeps us busy. A lot of activities going on those three Months. Before we know it the summer is over.

The point I'm getting at is, we're just so busy. We make plans, we fill out schedules and it seems we don't know how to get it done. That's our Social Life.

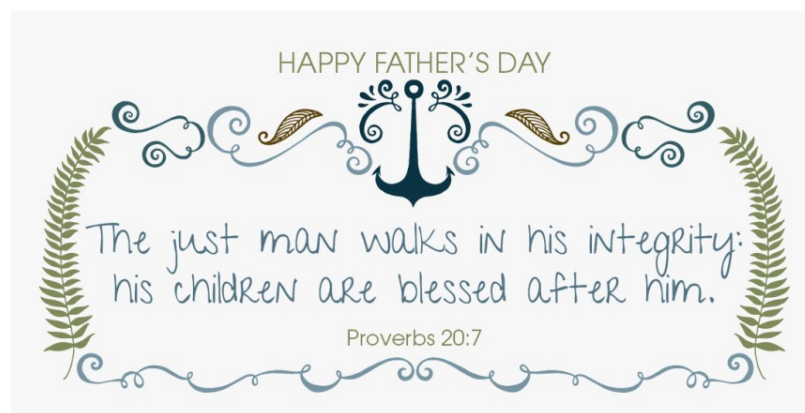
What about our Spiritual Life? We have Church, once or twice a week. We have Sunday School. We have Wednesday Night Bible Study. We are on a Committee with many meetings to attend. Maybe you are Mentoring someone to encourage their spiritual walk with the Lord and you meet with that person once a week. Then there are Church Social events to participate in. Most of all, your own spiritual growth with Devotions & Prayer. Do you even have time to have a Quiet time with the Lord? Do you see the dilemma we are in with life?

In the book of Exodus, Moses has the same problem. Moses is leading the children of Israel to the Promised Land. It's a great responsibility and a lot of things taking place. Moses realizes something in Exodus 33: 15 & 16. Moses realizes, "If YOUR presence (God's presence) does not go with him, he says to God, don't make us go, because if YOU are not with us, everything we do will not be blessed by YOU. (My Paraphrase)

Here is the challenge to us. All the busy summer activities, all the church activities, you might be involved with or even active in, If God is not in it you will not be blessed. It will all become frustrating.

All accomplishments are not necessarily signs of God's presence. Our blessing comes from a relationship with God. Question is; "Do you value God's presence in your life more than the greatest achievements this world offers?

Associate Pastor  
Steve O.





## Read Through The Bible

Reading God's Word keeps us in contact with our Creator and Savior. God reveals His plan for all creation and specifically your life in the pages of Scripture. Through continuous Bible reading we become familiar with the history of the world and with the plan of Salvation and restoration in Christ, but we also learn how to live our lives each day through the practical application of Biblical truth. If you are not in God's Word, You cannot fully experience God's wonderful plan for your life!

Read the passages listed on the day they are associated with. If you miss a day, just move on to the current day. Trying to "catch up" may become overwhelming and cause you to give up. Start reading today and get ready to worship in the Word! If you would like a yearly copy, please ask Lisa to print you one out.

Jun 1 Ps 119:89-176  
 Jun 2 Sng 1-8  
 Jun 3 Prov 1-3  
 Jun 4 Prov 4-6  
 Jun 5 Prov 7-9  
 Jun 6 Prov 10-12  
 Jun 7 Prov 13-15  
 Jun 8 Prov 16-18  
 Jun 9 Prov 19-21  
 Jun 10 Prov 22-24  
 Jun 11 1 Kgs 5-6, 2 Chr 2-3  
 Jun 12 1 Kgs 7, 2 Chr 4  
 Jun 13 1 Kgs 8, 2 Chr 5  
 Jun 14 2 Chr 6-7, Ps 136 J  
 Jun 15 Ps 134, Ps 146-150 J  
 Jun 16 1 Kgs 9, 2 Chr 8  
 Jun 17 Prov 25-26  
 Jun 18 Prov 27-29 J  
 Jun 19 Eccl 1-6  
 Jun 20 Eccl 7-12  
 Jun 21 1 Kgs 10-11, 2 Chr 9  
 Jun 22 Prov 30-31  
 Jun 23 1 Kgs 12-14  
 Jun 24 2 Chr 10-12  
 Jun 25 1 Kgs 15:1-24, 2 Chr 13-16  
 Jun 26 1 Kgs 15:25-16:34, 2 Chr 17  
 Jun 27 1 Kgs 17-19  
 Jun 28 1 Kgs 20-21  
 Jun 29 1 Kgs 22, 2 Chr 18  
 Jun 30 2 Chr 19-23



## 2023 SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION/ PRAYER VIGIL GODLY HUSBANDS /FATHERS

1. Ephesians 6:4
2. Ephesians 5:25
3. Proverbs 18:22
4. 1 Peter 3:7

## JUNE MESSAGES

June 4.....Overcome Evil with God.....Romans 12:14-21  
 June 11..... David as King.....2 Samuel 5:1-10  
 June 18 .....God's Promise to David.... 2 Samuel 7:18-29  
 June 25.....David's Disobedience.....Psalm 51



## Our Church Family

### Remember those with Health- Related issues..

*Gary & Ethel Lentz*

*Sandy Hunter*

*Austin Parker*

*Lydia Grace Swartwood*

*Maxine Kerstetter*

*Bruce & Bonnie Campbell*

*Harry Bashore*

*Lawrence Benner*

*Lawrence Fronk*

*Lisa Peters*

*Peach Yeater*

*Gibson French*

## **BUNKERTOWN SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES , BIBLE STUDIES & ACTIVITIES**

**Children's Classes**—Stephanie Freyermuth , Pauline Hummel, Jen French

Teaching a curriculum which is Answers in Genesis is produced by the founder of The Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter. The curriculum brings the Bible to life in the class.

**YOUTH— Jr. High**— Mike Swartz

**Senior High**— Sara Steele— Sara's class studies scripture through lessons that provide critical thinking, challenging students to consider personalities, character, and culture to better understand what scripture means and how it is meant to guide our relationships, our decisions, and our lives.

**COLLEGE & CAREERS**— Pastor Wes -Answers in Genesis

**ELECTIVE 2**- Dave Hummel- This class is studying Revelations.

**ELECTIVE 3** - Pastor Steve— Teaching Answers in Genesis.

**SENIOR ADULT CLASS**— Dave Varner The class uses the Standard Sunday School Quarterly .

**SMALL GROUPS**—Small groups are the foundation structure of the church body and meet to study God's Word from discussion points of the previous sermon, spend quality time in prayer, and to provide accountability. Small groups meet the first & third Sunday evenings. Small groups are finished for the summer and will resume in September.

### **OTHER CHURCH MINISTRIES:**

Wednesday Evening Prayer & Bible Study, Monthly Prayer Vigil ■ Thursday morning Men's Prayer Group ■ Senior Supper ■ Young Family Night Mentoring

### **KIDS MINISTRIES:**

Family Resources ■ Nursery ■ Children's Church ■ Sunday School ■ AWANA ■ VBS ■ Volunteer - links for anyone that needs clearances

### **MEN'S MINISTRIES:**

Men's Breakfast ■ Men's Bible Study ■ Men's Small Group

### **WOMEN'S MINISTRIES:**

Women's Small Group ■  
Post Grad. & Young Women's Bible Study

\*If you want more information contact the church secretary .



# CELEBRATING THIS MONTH

2- Alan Varner  
Ernie Pyle  
3-Georgia Wynn  
4- Heather Reed  
7- Jim Mitchell  
Tammy Ritzman  
8- Elizabeth Stahl  
9 - Jonathan Hummel  
Paula Colyer  
Karen Burkholder  
10 - Lisa Peters  
- Lexi Stuck  
Steve Osenga  
Davey Aldinger  
11 - Steve E. Swartz (Jr.)  
Skylar Matteson  
12- Ana Aldinger  
13 - Suzie Shallenberger  
Dave Bardell  
Addie Imes  
14- Wayne Stanton  
15-Jeff Wirth  
16- Matthias Barge  
Carol Kuhns  
17 - Heather Colyer  
Nate Miller  
18- Cory Sheaffer  
22 - Roger Shallenberger  
- Darlis Strawser  
- Jerry Frontz  
24- Roberta Dowling  
25 - Mary Evelyn Yeater  
26 - Shannon Boop  
28 Ashley Eia  
29 - Jodie Burris  
Julian Shirk  
Morgan Peoples



4 - Alan & Shannon Boop ('05)  
6 – Richard & Maxine Kerstetter ('59)  
9- Jeff & Lisa Ritzman('03)  
James & Tammy Ritzman ('90)  
10 - John & Ruth Ann Kahley ('84)  
15 - Roy & Gail Burns ('69)  
Neil & Gina Imes (13)  
19- Christian & Val Dressler(16)  
Charles & Roberta Dowling ('71)  
21- Greg & Leah Stahl (14)  
David &Lois Varner('75)  
22 - Wes & Vicki Stahl(90)  
23 - Jerry & Colleen Frontz ('73)  
24- Dennis & Paula Colyer (83)  
25 - Greg & Heather Colyer ('94)  
28 - Darwin & Teresa Forry ('86)



# JUNE HELPERS

	Instrumentalist	Closing Hymn, postlude	AV Techs	Worship Leader
June 4	Chris Kline	Suzie Shallenberger	Ben Hummel, Nic Hummel, Caleb Eia	Dave Hummel
June 11	Donna Fritz	Suzie Shallenberger	Sam Lefevre, Levi Zeiders, Gibson French	Dave Varner
June 18	Chris Kline	Chris Kline	Justin Reed, Ryan Stahl Matt Heister	Jim Ritzman
June 25	Donna Fritz	Donna Fritz	Elly Heister, Justin Reed	Steve Osenga

## NURSERY

June 4	Heather Reed/ Shirley Zeiders
June 11	Malia Snyder/ Heather Colyer
June 18	Shirley Zeiders/ Bev Richmond
June 25	Terasas Forry/ Ruth Ann Kahley



Give THANKS  
to the LORD  
FOR He IS GOOD..  
His mercy  
ENDURES FOREVER  
*Psalm 106:1*

## WC SERVANTS

Ushers	Todd Colyer, Chief Wayne Stanton, Mike Swartz
Greeters	Nick & Cyndee Noss & Roger & Suzie Shallenberger
C/D Ministry	Suzie Shallenberger
Counting Committee	Jeff & Lisa Ritzman/ Tim & Pam Master

June 4	Merv & Darlis Strawser
June 11	Rodney Knouse
June 18	Harry & Hannah Bashore
June 25	Greg & Heather- Colyer



# UPCOMING EVENTS



## Men's Breakfast

Will be held Saturday, June 10th at 7:00 a.m. All are welcome. Please sign up by Sunday, before the breakfast.

## SENIOR SUPPER—

Come share in our Senior Supper on June 12th at 5:00 p.m. 55 & up are all welcome.



## From Our Children's Director

VBS will be here before you know it! July 17-21 With this VBS, your kids will learn how they can be part of God's kingdom through salvation in his Son and will be equipped with the armor of God to become Keepers of the Kingdom and stand strong in today's battle for truth. Please start praying now! Contact Stephanie Freyermuth if interested in helping make VBS to life.

T-shirt order form is on the VBS table display in the Family Life Center.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, July 9th Three Heath Brothers Convert in the Park. Leave church at 4:00p.m.

Kayaking—Date to be announced





## SNACK SCHEDULE

June 4– Sherri Sheaffer, Julie Wirth, Janet McNeal, Ruth Ann Apple, Jim Haubert, Kathy Sheaffer, Valerie Hoffman

June 11– Galene Sellers, Robyn Burns, Donna McCardle, Mandy Kehler, Cindy Gaisior, Charlotte Swartz, Shirley Zeiders

June 18– Mindy Carvell, Jennifer French, Hather Colyer, Roberta Dowling, Katie Stuck, Heather Reed, Dawn Strawseer

June 25– Loius Hummel, Jennifer Hummel, Pauline Hummel, Pat Sierer, Mandy Brown, Kelly Frymoyer, Georgia Wynn

## MISSIONS

**JUNE MISSIONARY** offering is Heartbeat Co. Services. May offering was Golden Years with an offering of 2,155.00 with one Sunday left to give.



**THE** July newsletter deadline is **Sunday, June 18th.** The **DEADLINE** for the weekly bulletin is each Wednesday at noon.



Monday– 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday—7:00 a.m. –12:30 p.m.

Wednesday– 7:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

Thursday-7:00a.m.—11:00 a.m..

**JUST A REMINDER** that the weekly bulletin is now available online. Go to the church website, click on the news tab, then look next to the worship icon.

## 2023 BOARMEMBERS

Tim Burris- Chair

Neil Swartz- Vice-Chair

### **NURTURE COMMISSION**

Hannah Bashore - Chair

Teresa Forry- Vice-chair

Suzie Shallenberger– Secretary

Jeff Ritzman

### **STEWARDS COMMISSION**

Gary Krall—Chair

Andy Carvell– Vice Chair

Pam Master– Secretary

Dennis Colyer

### **WITNESS COMMISSION**

Neil Swart-Chair

Barry Stuck-Vice Chair

Dave Brubaker- Secretary

Kimi Fitzwater

## SUNDAY MORNINGS

Worship Service	9:00 a.m.
Social Time	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School	10:30 a.m.

## CHURCH STAFF MEMBERS

Pastor	Wes Stahl
Associate Pastor	Steve Osenga
Secretary	Lisa Krall
IT Director	Justin Reed
Treasurer	Sue Truitt
Church Clerk	Sara Steele
Moderator	Dave Hummel
Preschool teachers	Annette Kantz-Lori Alderfer