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*Elijah said to (the widow of Zarephath), 'Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth.' She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah. (1 Kings 17:13-16)*

At a recent Monday night adult study I showed clips from my 1998 trip to Israel. Among the first video clips I showed was an image from Mt Carmel (not in Schuylkill County) rising above the lush plains of the Jezreel Valley. It is gorgeous country and the "bread basket" of Israeli agriculture. It was also from this mountain that Elijah surveyed the land of Israel as he faced his most difficult challenge.

The people of Israel were suffering from a severe drought which they recognized as God's doing to impel King Ahab, and more particularly his wicked wife Jezebel, to put away false gods and return to serving the God of Israel. It would be the words and deeds of Elijah which would be key to bringing the people and their recalcitrant king back into proper obedience.

But before the restoration came the suffering and Elijah positioned himself right in the midst of it. The text from 1 Kings contains a portion of Elijah's encounter with a poor woman and her family. In his

interaction with her Elijah demonstrated that the Lord's nature was not to punish but to restore. The God Elijah bore witness to was a God of abundance and not a god of scarcity.

At this time of year the world around us reminds us of this truth. Even in our own rather rain-diminished area, life is spreading out in abundance, breaking open winter's stingy grip and blossoming into new and abundant life.

In the manner of Elijah we are called and commissioned to share the word concerning the abundance of our God with those around us. God is bound and determined to provide for us the things we need and we have the great privilege of sharing these things with those around us. Just as important is the ministry of encouragement itself. The good gifts of God will not fail us so long as we are faithfully engaged in our partnership with the creator of all. The prophetic task of bearing witness to God's goodness and the hopefulness and confidence engendered by this is the task into which all the baptized are commissioned.

By the power of God's Holy Spirit all the baptized are ordained to bear God's "creative and redeeming Word to all the world." This is a commission we acknowledge at every baptismal liturgy. (ELW p. 231) This Word is the Gospel of Jesus, the Good News that God's great and abundant love and forgiveness for the world has been lavished upon us in the person of Jesus Christ. What a joy and pleasure it is to be the agent/prophet of such a message especially with so many "prophets" proclaiming a world of scarcity.

So let us take up our commission with glad and generous hearts, and share with the world the message of God's abundant goodness. For God's will is for the provision of need and the provision of the Lord will not fail. Amen.

--Pastor Frey

**WORSHIP IN JUNE**

June 6	6:00 P.M. – Holy Communion
June 7	8:00 & 10:30 A.M. – Holy Communion 9:15 A.M. – Sunday School
June 13	6:00 P.M. – Holy Communion
June 14	8:00 & 10:30 A.M. – Worship 9:15 A.M. – Sunday School
June 20	6:00 P.M. – Holy Communion
June 21	8:00 & 10:30 A.M. – Holy Communion 9:15 A.M. – Sunday School
June 27	6:00 P.M. – Holy Communion
June 28	8:00 & 10:30 A.M. – Worship 9:15 .M. – Sunday School

**FROM THE PARISH RECORDS.....**

**Baptism:** 5/3/15 – **Sophia Rose Lott**, daughter of Ryan Lott & Christine McClafferty

**Congratulations to our confirmands:** 5/24/15

Ashley Jean Bonetz	Charles Raymond Marquette
Nicholas Edward Chroscinski	Delaney McCleary
Adrianna Elizabeth Cozzone	Grace Oister

Contribution to the **Renovations Fund** in memory of **Eugene Geiger**  
given by: Frank & Dorothy Brown

Contributions to the **Agape Fund** in memory of **Grace Weiler** given by:

- Steve & Mary Ellen Dragon
- Sue Walley

**A NOTE FROM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COORDINATOR.....**

In the Adult Forum one week we watched a TED talk “The Story of Life in Photographs” by Frans Lanting.

Genesis 2:1 from THE MESSAGE, a contemporary translation of The Bible, says “Heaven and Earth were finished, down to the last detail.” But is that true?

Our conversations were really interesting as we discussed creation versus Darwin theories and how the Biblical days of creation compared with Mr. Lanting’s photography.

Has God really stopped creating? Is creation finished?

Here are some statements to ponder from his presentation:

=We have some glimpses of how things used to be when we look at horseshoe crabs and turtles...”life hardened and became defensive”

=Stamatolites are another example of ancient layers of sedimentary grains still being formed today

=Earth is a co-op or marriage of two things to form something new (consider the difference between granite and marble)

=Life needs a membrane (an atmosphere, skin, or a “firmament”) to exist. Within that “dome” of the earth there is an exchange going on every minute...the exchange of oxygen and carbon dioxide between plant life and animal life.

=Something magical happens when “energy touches water” ... think about ordinary water turning into baptismal water with the energy force of God’s words.

=If we think it is time to rest and do nothing but consume earth’s resources we will join the many species of extinction

=When fish were created in the seas movement from one area to another happened within the waters; when birds were created movement creatures became more mobile—think about the inventions of boats and airplanes and how we have changed our view of the world with each new invention (creation).

Mr. Lanting said “life is a force” ... so “may the force be with you” ... “the peace of the Lord be with you”

Can you tell from these snippets what an interesting time we had in Adult Forum?

You are invited to join the conversations at 9:15 am in the Church Library on May 31 and June 7 (view and discuss a TED talk. Elizabeth Dollhopf will be the discussion leader). In September Adult Forum will start up again with Pastor Frey leading.

May you have a fantastic Memorial Day and start of a fun summer!

**WOMAN'S GROUP SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

- June 23 Randy VanFleet; Amity Township History; offering will be taken
- July 28 No meeting
- Aug 25 Silk Scarf Party; cost \$30 for supplies to make and take your own scarf check: [www.createyourownsilkscarf.com](http://www.createyourownsilkscarf.com)
- Sep 22 A visit to The Red Tent, 580 Willow St, Reading, Cost \$7 more details later

**LABYRINTH GROUP.....**

Monday, June 8 -- Meet at 10 am depending on weather we will go to Epler's UCC labyrinth or have indoor activity in Fellowship Hall.

**BASKET SOCIAL** was a success because of all your hard work. Thank you to everyone who donated, recruited baskets, helped, participated, purchased tickets, set up baskets, and prepared and set up snacks during our Basket Social. Also thank you to Thrivent Financial and Kathy Jablonski for using the Thrivent Action Team \$250 grant to provide a second door prize and many snacks.



For next year we need small (1 lb., actually 11.3 oz.) coffee cans with lids. We will accept them throughout the year.



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL.....**

Sunday, June 14 - Thursday, June 18  
G-Force: God's Love in Action

5:30 pm Dinner (Sunday is covered dish, salad bar offered nightly, other evening menus have not yet been determined)  
6:00 - 8:00 pm music, story, science, snack, crafts, and games areas for ages 3 - grade 5 (older youth are needed to be helpers)

Special offering will be taken for LOVE, In the Name of Christ a local social ministry supporting persons in need.

Registration fee (to cover curriculum, T-shirts, CDs, snacks, decorating supplies, and more): \$12 before June 1; \$15 after June 1.

**HOAGIE SALE—Saturday, June 6.....**

It's time for another delicious **Hoagie Sale!** Choose from Italian, Ham or Turkey. Place your orders by Sunday, May 31 on the sign-up sheets. We welcome large orders for Summer Picnics or Graduation Parties. \$6 each. Payment accepted when you pick-up your hoagies on **Saturday, June 6th** from 9:00 am - 12 Noon in the Fellowship Hall. *All proceeds will benefit the Renovations Fund, to aid in the repayment of our Building Loan.*

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**



Join us for a **Pancake & Sausage Breakfast** on Sunday, June 21, Father's Day, between Worship Services in the Fellowship Hall. Just \$3 for children and \$6 for Adults. There is no need to sign-up. *All proceeds will benefit the Renovations Fund, to aid in the repayment of our Building Loan.*

### Weekly Prayer Service -- Wednesdays--9:00 AM

We pray for every member of the congregation on Wednesday mornings at 9 am. If you see your name here it is not because we think you have a specific need for prayer, but to let you know you are in our prayers whatever your need may be. On Wednesday mornings we also pray for churches around the world, leaders in the ELCA, our staff and council members, our political leaders, those in the military, special requests, and many more. If you are free a Wednesday morning, stop in and join us. We are always finished before 9:30 AM. Included this month in our prayers will be: Shawn Lau, Penny Lau, Rachel Lau, David Lau, David Leahy, Letisha Leahy, Adison Leahy, Colin Leahy, Jackson Leck, Westley Leck, Irene Lecki, John Lee Sr, Karen Lee, Daniel Lee, Barry Leier, Susanne Leier, Gary Leister, Patricia Leister, Darvin Levensgood, Mary Levensgood, David Levensgood, Janet Levensgood, Donald Levensgood, E Gerald Levensgood, and Patricia Levensgood. If you have anyone to add to the prayer list, please fill out a Prayer Request Card found in the pew racks or call the church office. Please pray for those with special concerns: Lou Benedict, Alex Maloney, Eileen Estreicher, Alexander Moorman, Bob Lyon, Jackie Hurchalla, Linda Domergue, Brenda Delgrosse, Daniel Weiser, Mary Peck, Jeff Godon, Ed Guss, Pr. Larry Schell, Tom Hafer, Keith Hunter, family and friends of Jacob Mohr, and all others listed below and those we name in our hearts: Beverly Albright, Delphine Altland, Geraldine Barbone, Matthew Barron, Deb Beaverson, Sandra Berger, Olivia Blair, Brianna Bocella, Jeff Brown, Scott Brown, Michael Burd, Bryan Buss, Bryan B., Geri C., Robin C., Tom Campbell, Felix Carr, Michael Carver, John Chambers, Christine & Allen, Sterling Crone, Shelli Davidheiser, Barbara DePrefontaine, Tony DiCarlis, Jack Dilks, Carolyn DiNati, Duane Dominick, Matt Edgar, Barbara Esterly, Cindy Fake, Joanne Ferreri, Joan Fleming, Wes Freeland, Lauren Freeman, Aaron Gabriel, John Gallagher, Michael Giorgio, Ron Glaser, Judy Grabowicz, Joan Graefe, Robert Graeff, Stella Greenwald, Jan Haas, Jamie Harp, June Henninger, Geraldine Ingram, Richard Iskovitz, Joe Kasprzewski, Sue Keay, Todd Kelly, Jim Kline, Kurt Kramer, Sophia Krause, Mary Lou Leeson, Liane Lefever, Susanne Leier, Sandy Leinbach, Kevin Lindauer, Eileen Loose, Gloria Lutz, Lewis M., Ronald McCarraher, Jill March, Charles Marquette, Jr., Linda Merkle, June Miller, Laurel Miller, Holly Mount, Dan Muldoon, Dennis Myers, Carol Nocera, Dot Peter, Richard Pool, Heather Powers, Carole Rhoades, Jocelyn Rice, Lisa Rock, Clint Rohrbach, Steven Saylor, Faye Schadt, Melissa Schubert, Gabriel Schulze, Audrey Serrian, Alma Shirey, Paula Smith, Susan Smolinsky, Dale Szajek, Hank Thode, Katie Vassil, Joanie Vernon, Grace Vickers, John Washington, Cindy Weiler, Charlotte Wendel, Lucas Wheeler, Amanda Williams, Pr Rich Zuber, shut-ins—Alton Brown, Frank Brown, Harold Gross, Gordon Miller, Pearl Miller, Mary Levensgood, Marie Linsenbigler, Walt Marchewski, Helen Oxenford, Gerry Reinert, Laura Schmale.



Note there are Prayer Request Cards in the pew racks.



**SPYY POOL PARTY**  
Saturday, June 20 @12 noon.



#### FROM DANIEL BOONE HIGH SCHOOL:

Matthew Byrd  
Adam Carr  
Joshua Finkbiner  
Kayla Heisey  
Collin Hicks  
Nicholas Hilbert  
Jordan Koury (will attend Muhlenberg College majoring in Theatre)  
Kira Miller  
Colin Mooney  
Nicholes Nairn  
Daulton Shaffer (will attend Penn State/Berks majoring in Public Relations)

#### FROM TWIN VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL:

Hallie Levensgood

#### FROM INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING:

Jimmy Wolfe—Georgetown University  
Ashleigh Weidner – Albright College



**A NOTE OF THANKFULNESS.....**

*Thank you so much for the lovely sympathy cards for the passing of my sister, Vera Guido. Your thoughtfulness and caring for myself and family was greatly appreciated. It is good to know that my church family cared enough for me and my family to remember us with prayers, cards and outreach in Christian faith. My sister is at peace and is no longer in pain.*

*Thank you again,  
Connie Hunter and family*

**CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER NEWS.....**

It is hard to believe that the school year is almost over. The last full day of school for the children at Daniel Boone School District is Tuesday, June 9, 2015. The children will have a half day of school on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday thereafter. Our summer program will begin on Monday, June 15, 2015. This year our theme is "G-Force: Life in Action". Each week we will explore a variety of fun activities that will include hands-on interactions and lots of movement. The program will also include trips to the Maple Springs Pool, special visitors, and field trips.

Registration for this program is still open. If anyone would like information about this program, you may stop by the CDC office for an application. There are also openings in the Kindergarten Enrichment Program and the Pre-School program. As always, we appreciate your continued support and thank you for the recent donation of books and toys. Have a wonderful summer!

Thank you,  
Sherry Gardner, Director



6/1	Nicole Klink	6/14	Susanne Walley
6/2	Tracy Detwiler	6/15	Kylie Oesterling
6/3	Paige DePrefontaine	6/16	Sean Bologa
	Janice Goodman	6/17	Darvin Levensgood
	Kathy Kline		Andy Mooney
	Cory Miller	6/18	Nancy Stewart
	Jared Miller	6/19	Ellen Buck
6/4	Lucas Garcia		Addison Cloutier
	Aspyn Shaffer		Jennifer MacMullin
	Ryan Siwinski		Brianna Wlajnitz
	Justin Sowers	6/20	Lylia DePrefontaine
6/5	June Geiger		Rob Edinger
	Avery Yetter	6/21	Amelia Fretz
6/6	George Heath	6/22	Maxwell Cicala
	Donna Smith		Patricia Sowers
6/7	David Hiser		Lincoln Stoudt
	David Holeman		Larry Swavely
	Daniel Lee	6/23	Michael Spohn
6/9	Janet Levensgood		Rick Weiler
6/10	Tammy Eisenhard	6/24	LeRoy DePrefontaine
	Nick Freitag		Rory Emery
6/11	Betty Clark	6/25	Greg Kresge
	Greg Hensley		Jake Musselman
	James Wolfe	6/26	Raymond Miller
	Ken Yoder		Carl Pratt
6/12	Charles Fix	6/27	Charlie Brown
	Christa Oister		Shirley Holeman
	April Royer		Walt Marchewski
6/13	Matthew Kresge	6/30	Karen Brown
	Jan Schell		Garrett Gabel
6/14	Riley Muschick		Lillian Reber

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO –**

Mike & Melissa Gregos	6/1	24 yrs.
Rich & Kristin Saylor	6/3	9 yrs.
Len & Gerry Trauger	6/3	54 yrs.
John & Kim Finkbinder	6/4	21 yrs.
Carl & Marjorie Pratt	6/4	27 yrs.
Jamie & Sara Trout	6/4	4 yrs.
Gordon & Pearl Miller	6/5	67 yrs.
Dale & Kathy Szajek	6/5	39 yrs.
Charles & Margaret Burns	6/7	63 yrs.
Jay & Pat McClafferty	6/14	40 yrs.
Dave & Sue Prizer	6/14	40 yrs.
Bill & Debbie Byrd	6/15	30 yrs.
John & Linda Heisey	6/15	47 yrs.
Ray & Carolyn DiSandro	6/17	9 yrs.
Ron & Kathy Rhoads	6/18	38 yrs.
Daniel & Darlene Light	6/20	56 yrs.
Lynwood & Joan Weil	6/20	34 yrs.
John & Jeane Serrian	6/22	24 yrs.
Jerry & Jennifer MacMullin	6/24	26 yrs.
John & Tiffany Cappellano	6/25	10 yrs.
Craig & Wendy Yambor	6/26	16 yrs.
Judd & Tammy Eisenhard	6/28	7 yrs.
David & Shirley Holeman	6/28	40 yrs.
Harry & Carol Hafer	6/29	47 yrs.
Tom Beil & Beth Jablonski	6/30	8 yrs.



The **MEN'S GROUP** will be painting the ark in the playground on Saturday, June 13. Wear your old clothes and bring your favorite brush.

**OPEN DATES TO SPONSOR THE BULLETIN:**

June 14, July 12, August 30. Cost is \$25. Call the church office if interested.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 8 AM—Pastors breakfast 7 PM—Christian Ed.	<b>2</b> Quilting 2 PM—TOPS 6:15—Child Dev.	<b>3</b> 9 AM—Prayer Gr. 9:30—Bible Study 2:30—CPR training 6:30—KE Program	<b>4</b> 6 PM—T3 Comm 6 PM—CPR Training.	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Hoagie Sale 6 PM—Holy Comm.
<b>7</b> 8 & 10:30—Holy Com. 9:15—Sunday School 9:30—Finance 7 PM—Nar-Anon	<b>8</b> 10 AM—Labyrinth Gr. 7 PM—Pastoral Care	<b>9</b> Quilting 2 PM—TOPS	<b>10</b> 9 AM—Prayer Gr. 9:30—Bible Study 6:30 PM—Council @ Yellow House	<b>11</b> 9:30 AM—Fr. Circle bus trip 7 PM—Prayer Shawl	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 8 AM—Men's Gr. 6 PM—Holy Comm.
<b>14</b> 8 & 10:30—Worship 9:15—Sunday School SPLAT after 10:30 7 PM—Nar-Anon	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Quilting 2 PM—TOPS	<b>17</b> 9 AM—Prayer Gr. 9:30—Bible Study	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 7:30 AM—Property Noon—SPYY pool party 6 PM—Holy Comm.
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<b>21</b> 8 & 10:30—Holy Com. Pancake breakfast 9:15—Sunday School Soc. Min. after 10:30	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Quilting 1 PM—TOPS picnic 7 PM—Women's Gr.	<b>24</b> 9 AM—Prayer Gr. 9:30—Bible Study 7 PM—Worship & Music	<b>25</b> 7 PM—Tax appeal seminar	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 6 PM—Holy Comm.
<b>28</b> 8 & 10:30—Worship 9:15—Sunday School 7 PM—Nar-Anon	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Quilting 2 PM—TOPS	Council persons in charge of services—Fred Hoffert, Tim Oister Money counters: Fred Hoffert, Howard Hunter, June Geiger—8:00 Tim Oister, Bill Kutz, Angie Kutz—10:30			

