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We wish God's blessings



THE WITNESS

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“Our mission as a church is to share and respond to God’s love for each person by welcoming all. Together, we can return God’s love by becoming witnesses and followers of the teachings of Jesus Christ throughout our daily lives. We allow these things to help us become new people in Christ.”

Lynn Bort, Moderator

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Cindy Cuny, Church Secretary

Cindy Cuny, Witness Editor

News and Upcoming Events about our Community of Faith
Notices Concerning Our Affiliated Denomination – The American Baptist Churches in the USA
Information to Help Live a More Fulfilled Life

PRAYER CONCERNS



Please keep these members and friends in your prayer; Bob Abel; Mavis Cooter; Grace & Rachel Fuller; Stewart Smith; Phyllis Smith; Ray Olin; Helen Webb; our missionaries; our nation; and our denominational and local church leaders.

Verse of the Month



13th verse: A gossip betrays a confidence, but a trustworthy man keeps a secret. 14th verse: For lack of guidance a nation falls, but many advisers make victory sure.

Proverbs 11: 13 & 14

PRAYERS FOR JUNE

Dear Lord,

Teach us not to gossip. Help us to learn to be trustworthy. Give us guidance that we need daily. We pray this in your name.

Amen

MEETING NIGHT

Christian Ed	June	7 th	11:15
Trustees	June	9 th	11:00
Deacon's	June	11th	6:30
Executive	June	18th	6:00

WITNESS ARTICLES

All articles for the July and August Witness are due in the church office by June 20th. Remember, it's two months this time. Please write an article and submit it! Thank You!

Birthdays

For June



Antita Brooks - 1

Don Haury	- 06	Daisy Ayre	- 11
Cheryl Shanahan	- 18	Helen Webb	- 26
Chad Brooks	- 27	Jean Hart	- 28

HEALTH TIPS!

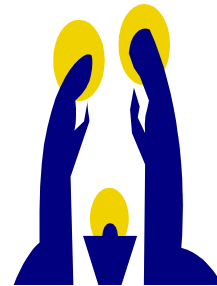


Hello! We need to focus on moving. Just move as much as possible. This will help you and keep your joints from stiffening up. Plus it improves our blood flow and circulation. So please take good care of yourself and your body; do it some good. Walk long or short distances. Stretch, reach your arms upward as far as you can. Sit and pull your legs up; do this a few times. Park farther away from doors at stores. Stand to do things. This is so important to both the young and old. Good Luck! Stay on the move!

***Till Next Time ***



Prayer Ideas!



And Many, Many, More !

Ed & Diana Baxter	-	06
Genie & Marcus Rotundo	-	28
Bob & Carol Chamberlin	-	29

Happiness depends on what is going on around us, but joy bubbles up from deep within because of what God does for us.

Abiding joy from the Lord is like a deep river down in our hearts that just keeps flowing.

One who is filled with joy preaches without preaching.

May the joy bells of heaven ding-dong in your heart today.

Rummage Sale Was A Success!

WOW!



Everyone who helped including, Lynda & Sam Heer, we want to thank you so very, very much. Your hard work has paid off.

The final figure is in: \$1,594.22. That is one of our best ever. We may be a small group but we accomplish big things.

Our Annual Church Picnic



Our annual church picnic will be on August 11th at Taft Bay Park (Davin Webb Memorial Park). We will have our church service at 10:30 and the picnic afterwards. See you there for all the fun! Bring a chair, a dish to pass, and dishes/silverware/cups.

Puppet Show



On June 2nd, our children will be doing a puppet show for Children's Day in church. Please come and enjoy the show!

Men's Breakfast Js Back!



All men are invited to breakfast at Good Golly's on June 8th at 8:30. Please plan to attend. If you plan on attending please call, e-mail, or just leave a note in the office so we have an idea of how many to expect.

Taping Sermons



We would like your opinions on taping sermons since we have a lot of cassettes in the office. Please respond by leaving a note, a phone message, or by sending an e-mail, whichever works for you! Otherwise, next rummage sale they will go.

Would You Like To Hear Les & Linda Green again?



Constantia Methodist Church June 1rst.

12:30 Pot Luck
2:00 Concert

The Poem

I knelt to pray but not for long,
I had too much to do.
I had to hurry and get to work
For bills would soon be due.
So I knelt and said a hurried prayer,
And jumped up off my knees.
My Christian duty was now done
My soul could rest at ease.
All day long I had no time
To spread a word of cheer.
No time to speak of Christ to friends,
They'd laugh at me I'd fear.
No time, no time, too much to do,
That was my constant cry,
No time to give to souls in need
But at last the time, the time to die.
I went before the Lord,
I came, I stood with downcast eyes.
For in his hands God held a book;
It was the book of life.
God looked into his book and said
"Your name I cannot find.
I once was going to write it down...
But never found the time"

Communion Sunday Changed



Communion in June

There has been a change to our normal schedule. In June, we will have our communion service on the **second** Sunday, June 9th. Please remember your canned food items for the food pantry. Thank you for your past donations.

Board of Deacons

Graduation Sunday



Will be June 9th

We will be honoring our graduates: Rachel Fuller, Ben Springer, and Amber Eisinger. Please plan to attend church to help celebrate with our graduates.

Behold I Am Doing a New Thing Isaiah 43:19

Have you ever seen an advertisement that says: “This is the same old thing that we did before, but we hope you will buy it anyway”.

That product is doomed to sit on the shelf. The presidential candidates are working feverishly to distance themselves from anything that ties them to the past. Churches, businesses, fashions, and even financial organizations want the “new look”, fresh appeal, and a future momentum. Some of you may remember the 50’s Chrysler ads for cars with the “forward Look”. It is instructive for us to realize that those “Forward Looking” cars now show up at “cruisin’ nites” as classical reminders of a by gone era.

But as Bob Dylan (1964) used to sing, “the times they are a changin’.” And the times are speeding up. A group that follows trends in our culture, Electronics Industry Alliance, did a study on how quickly Americans assimilate new technology. Their stas show the time between certain important inventions and the time when those inventions are in half of the American homes. For example:

➤ Telephones from invention to presence in ½ the homes	71 years
➤ Electricity	52 years
➤ Radios	28 years
➤ Personal Computers	19 years
➤ Color Television	18 years
➤ Cable Television	15 years
➤ Cell Phones	14 years
➤ Video Recorders	12 years
➤ Compact Disk (CD’s)	11 years
➤ Internet	10 years

Do we see a trend here? We are sponging up technology at an ever increasing rate.

However, there is something even more important shown us by this list. Every one of these (except electricity, which powers the rest)

is related to communication. People want to relate to other people, get the new information, post their views, be part of the world mix, and find others who share their values.

Let’s take a little deeper look at the message of Isaiah.

“Watch for the new thing I am going to do.

It is happening already—you can see it now.

I will make a road through the wilderness and give you streams of water there.”

In a day of world-wide instant communication, people are still looking for the streams of living water that God offers through faith in Jesus Christ. In the words of Isaiah 43:21 “They are my people I made for myself, and they will sing my praises.” Six billion people on our planet make a great babble sound, but in the midst of the noise and the confusion there is a stream of living water that wells up where ever there people are singing the praises of God. In a manner of expressions of Christian joy is the link that brings us together. It is the source of refreshment for God’s people. It is constantly new and renewing.

Pastor John