

Stewardship

Summer's here, and while the living may not be easy, your schedule or routine probably does change when the weather's warmer. If the summer vacation means that we don't see each other in church as often, please remember that Stewardship doesn't take a vacation. Just add keeping current with your giving to holding the mail and stopping the newspaper delivery. Have a great summer!

Food for
our Body
& Soul



Food, Friends and our Father's Word

We will continue to meet through the summer. Our next session will be July 26th at 7 pm. You can come at any time and feel free to bring a friend. Light snacks will be served and we try to end by 8:30 pm. Any questions, call 412-308-6097 or e-mail LuAnn at luann.mudrak@gmail.com.

If you're looking for new relationships at First Bethel or simply want to participate in a group Bible study, feel free to come.

Martha Circle News!

Martha Circle will not meet in July or August. Have a safe and happy summer!

Thought for the day: *"God has a purpose for your life and no one can take your place."*





Library News!

We are always so grateful for books donated to our Library. Here are two, given to us recently, on the relationship between work and faith:

Visions of Vocation by *Steven Garber*, head of the *Washington Institute for Faith, Vocation & Culture*. Garber, a consultant, teacher and public speaker, presents a series of vignettes -- from encounters with a wide range of people -- to illustrate why a vocation is much more than a job. A *Christianity Today Books & Culture* review says the author “causes readers to think about their lives in new and challenging ways, exploring questions which, when answered in good conscience, comprise a fabric of faithfulness.” The institute, which Garber founded, defines vocation as “one’s entire life lived in response to God’s call.” This is his third book.

Work Matters – Connecting Sunday Worship to Monday Work by *Tom Nelson*, senior pastor of *Christ Community Church* in Leawood, Kansas. Nelson writes that *all* honest work is sacred, that God sees our jobs as ministry, no matter what we do for a living. He emphasizes that ordinary jobs can be done in an extraordinary manner and suggests how we can find fulfillment in work that seems like drudgery. Readers have used such terms as *practical, insightful and common sense* in reviews of this book. Its publisher, *Crossway*, says Nelson offers “a new perspective on work that will transform your workday and make the majority of your waking hours matter, not only now, but for eternity.”

~Your Library Staff



What does the Lord require of you?

by Gloria Stephan

The morning after returning from the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference in Grove City, I heard the news about the violent killings in Orlando. Bishop Bickerton's opening session to clergy and laity of our district focused on words from the minor prophet Micah. These words were still on my mind when he repeated them again in a written statement in response to the shootings.

“Do Justice, Love Kindness, and Walk Humbly with Your God” Micah 6:8

This is the requirement of God. Was this somehow easier last week than next week in the face of yet another senseless loss of life? Does it really matter that we are called to transform the world? Can one person, or two van loads of volunteers really make a difference? How about 16,267 volunteers from 33 states last year working to eradicate substandard living conditions in Central Appalachia? Can we trust that all we must do is simply what God requires of us? To do, to love, to walk, to plant the seed and allow God to do the rest?

Yes, I think so. I have seen the seeds planted by my church that have grown into former First Bethel youth serving as adult Group Leaders and as full-time ASP staff. I have seen ASP volunteers love unconditionally and give of their time and talents to provide warmer, safer, drier homes for God's children.

The Bishop encouraged us to do justice by committing ourselves to loving our neighbor and working on their behalf to ensure safety, health, blessings, and value. Loving

kindness can change things after all because love always wins. And walking humbly means we don't always have adequate words or actions, but that we continue to walk with God anyway.

Remember God is ahead to show us the way, behind to encourage, above to watch over, beneath to sustain, beside as friend, and within to grant us peace. Let's keep walking.

Meal Train Ministry

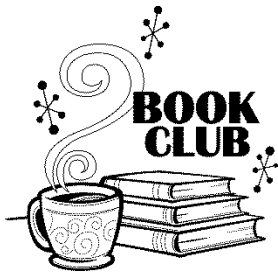
I am still adding people to my list of volunteers for the Meal Train. If you don't use e-mail, I can simply give you a call and let you know the days that are available. If you have an e-mail, you will be able to sign up on your own when the next ministry is needed. This is a great way to help those who are ill or in need and let them know that we are still thinking about them. Call LuAnn at 412-308-6097 or e-mail her at luann.mudrak@gmail.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



September 11th We'll be back to Peterswood Park from 4:00 to 8:00 pm for a time of fun, games and plenty of food.

If you would like to be part of the planning, please contact Lynda at 412-835-6141



Book Club will meet Thursday, June 30th, at 7:30 P.M. at Panera's in the South Park Shops. We will discuss *One Child* by Torey L. Hayden. This discussion was rescheduled from June 16th.

The regular July meeting is Thursday, July 21, at 7:30 P. M. The book discussion will be on *The Little Paris Bookshop* by Nina George.

Join us for a discussion of one or both of these books. Even if you haven't read the book, the book club is always a great place to pick up recommendations about books that others are reading. Also, the club is always open to suggestions for new books to read. New members are always welcome. And, anyone who has an interest in a particular book is welcome to join us.

Meetings are held regularly on the third Friday of the month at Panera's. This summer, however, the meetings were switched to Thursdays. So, the August meeting will be held August 18th.



Summer Is Almost here

Don't forget To Get Your Tickets
to the ballgame!

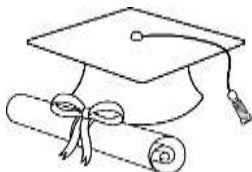
Pittsburgh Pirates vs. Miami Marlins

August 21st at 1:35
\$24.00

Don't Let The Summer Fun Pass You By!

Call Lynda Pore at 412-835-6141
and Reserve Your Tickets Today!





2016 COLLEGE GRADUATES

Lance Irick graduated from Penn State University (main campus) with a BS Degree in Hospitality Management.

Nicole Irick graduated from Thomas and Jefferson University with a Master's Degree in Nursing Anesthesia.

Sarah Kobylinski graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a Master's Degree in Education

Jimmie Yetiskul graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a Bachelor of Arts in Business Management.

Shelby Zakrzewski graduated from Slippery Rock University on May 7th with a Bachelor of Science Degree. Shelby is going to go on for her Master's Degree.

2016 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Wesley & Thomas Black graduated from Bethel Park High School.

Morgan Rose Wade graduated from South Fayette High School and will be attending Kent State University in the fall.

Thank You!

Dear First Bethel,

I wanted to write a short note to thank you for the wonderful Retirement Celebration that was given in my honor on April 24th. It was very meaningful and quite beautiful. Thank you also for the monetary gift. We have added it to our emergency fund and will use the Financial Peace University wisdom we gained last fall. The memory book is also wonderful.

~Sincerely, Deborah Dennick-Ream

Heartfelt thank you for all the prayers, cards and expressions of sympathy given to our family in the loss of our son, Clint. Special thank you to Tom for his comforting, supporting visits. Love you all.

~Joan & Howard Loper & family