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The Messenger
Evangelical United Methodist Church
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From the Pastor's Pen



Many of us have fond memories of Vacation Bible School-as children and/or adults. As a child I loved spending time at church with my friends learning, playing, creating, and singing. Now I love watching children do the same as an adult. As a pastor I have been awed time and time again by the effort volunteers have put into VBS with the hope that the children might grow closer to God.

With VBS upon us we have the chance to make a difference in the lives of children in our community. For some VBS is the entry point for a child and the child's family into the church. Some children will have seeds planted at VBS that could change the trajectory of their lives. VBS can be a powerful way to share the love of Jesus.

It is an opportunity to not just share the love of Jesus with Evan's children, but also the children in our neighborhoods and larger community. Please prayerfully consider inviting a child that you know. The Water Street VBS team had been working hard and it will be a blessing to that child. I look forward to the new memories we will create together as we learn more about God's love for us.



Love. Grow. Serve.

SUMMER WORSHIP

June 5 (Pentecost)

Focus: Pentecost

Scripture: Acts 2: 1-21

June 12 (Trinity Sunday/Peace with Justice)

Focus: Leaning on the Spirit

Scripture: John 15: 26-16:15

June 19 (Father's Day)

Pastor is on vacation.

Service led by our kids, youth & young adults.

June 26 (Summer Harvest)

Pastor is on vacation.

Rev. Bob Graybill.

July 3

Focus: Leap of Faith

Sermon Series: Elijah

Scripture: 1 Kings 18: 1-15

July 10

Focus: Refined by God

Sermon Series: Does God Care?

Scripture: Malachi 3: 1-7

July 17

Focus: God and Depression

Sermon Series: Elijah

Scripture: 1 Kings 19: 3-11A

July 24

Focus: Still Small Voice of God and hope/purpose

Sermon Series: Elijah

Scripture: 1 Kings 19: 11-18

July 31 (Hunger Fund Sunday)

Focus: Tolerating Sin

Sermon Series: Does God Care?

Scripture: Malachi 1: 6-2:9

August 7

Focus: Wearing God

Sermon Series: Does God Care?

Scripture: Malachi 1: 1-5; 2: 10-17

August 14

Focus: Refined by God

Sermon Series: Does God Care?

Scripture: Malachi 3: 1-7

August 21

Focus: Growing in faith and testing God

Sermon Series: Does God Care?

Scripture: Malachi 3: 8-15

August 28 (Hunger Fund Sunday)

Focus: Changed Hearts/A

Different Way

Sermon Series: Does God Care?

Scripture: Malachi 3: 16-4:6

COMMUNITY DINNER UPDATES

April 11 - We sold 120 adult tickets, plus 4 children at our roast turkey dinner. This gave us a profit of \$760 which will be distributed as follows:

\$100 will go to the church for supplies, etc.
\$165 to the church
\$165 to the church Capital Improvement Fund
\$165 to the Sunshine Fund
\$165 to the Dinner Committee

May 9 - We sold 142 adult tickets at our roast turkey dinner. This gave us a profit of \$964.00 which will be distributed as follows:

\$100 will go to the church for supplies, etc.
\$216 to the church
\$216 to the church Capital Improvement Fund
\$216 to the Sunshine Fund
\$216 to the Dinner Committee

More news on our community dinners will be in our fall newsletter.



Pastor on Vacation

Pastor Andrew will be on vacation from June 18th through July 2nd. Pastor Adam Wells of Calvary Orthodox Presbyterian Church (OPC) in Middletown and Pastor Jenn Parks-Snyder of First UMC Hershey and Rev. Cliff Flick will be covering for him.

If you need pastoral services while he is away, please contact the church office.

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

If you would like to support Evangelical UMC with a monthly, quarterly or one time sponsorship please contact the office to find out what dates are available. 717-944-6181

Radio Broadcast	\$40.00
Altar Flowers	\$25.00
Sunday Bulletin	\$20.00



FUND RAISING



Musical, Mobile Singing Telegrams, June 25th/26th

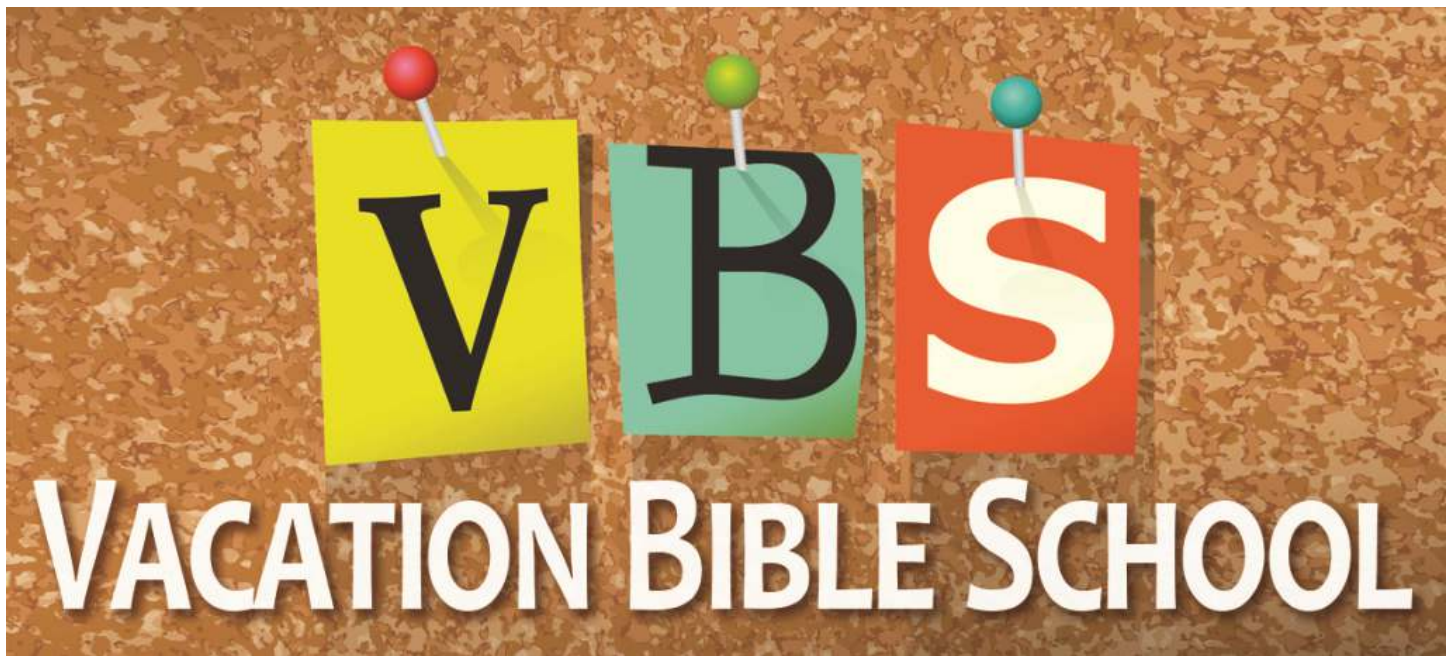
Cliff and Wendy Flick, former singers with Fred Waring & the Pennsylvanians, are offering to sing in person for loved ones, friends, or strangers you'd like to get to know the weekend of Saturday, June 25th and/or Sunday afternoon/evening, June 26th. All proceeds will go to support the church's Furnace/AC replacement cost.

The Flicks have a large repertoire of music for folks of all ages and stages: Religious, show tunes, humorous, kid's songs, love songs, patriotic, etc. For \$20.00 per visit, Cliff & Wendy will visit and sing two or three of their songs on your behalf. This could be a belated Mother's or Father's Day sentiment, Birthday/Anniversary celebration, or simply an "I'm thinking of you" message. No destination is too far, Facetime or equivalent is also an option for out-of-state. The Deadline is Monday, June 20. Please contact church office for more details.

Interactive Game Night at the Church

On Saturday eve, July 23rd, starting at 6:30 PM, come one, come all to Evangelical UMC's first interactive game show night in support of the church's Furnace/AC replacement cost. Wendy Sperling Flick, winner of two nationally televised celebrity game shows from the 1980s will be showing both "Name That Tune" and "\$25,000 Pyramid", stopping along the way to describe her experience and allowing participants to play along and answer questions with her. Come and enjoy the challenge of the games, along with wonderful fellowship. Drinks and snacks will be provided. A free-will offering will be taken in support of the church's HVAC project.





WHAT: VBS on Water Street

WHEN: JUNE 12 – 15, 2022

6:00 TO 7:30PM

WHERE: EVANGELICAL UMC,

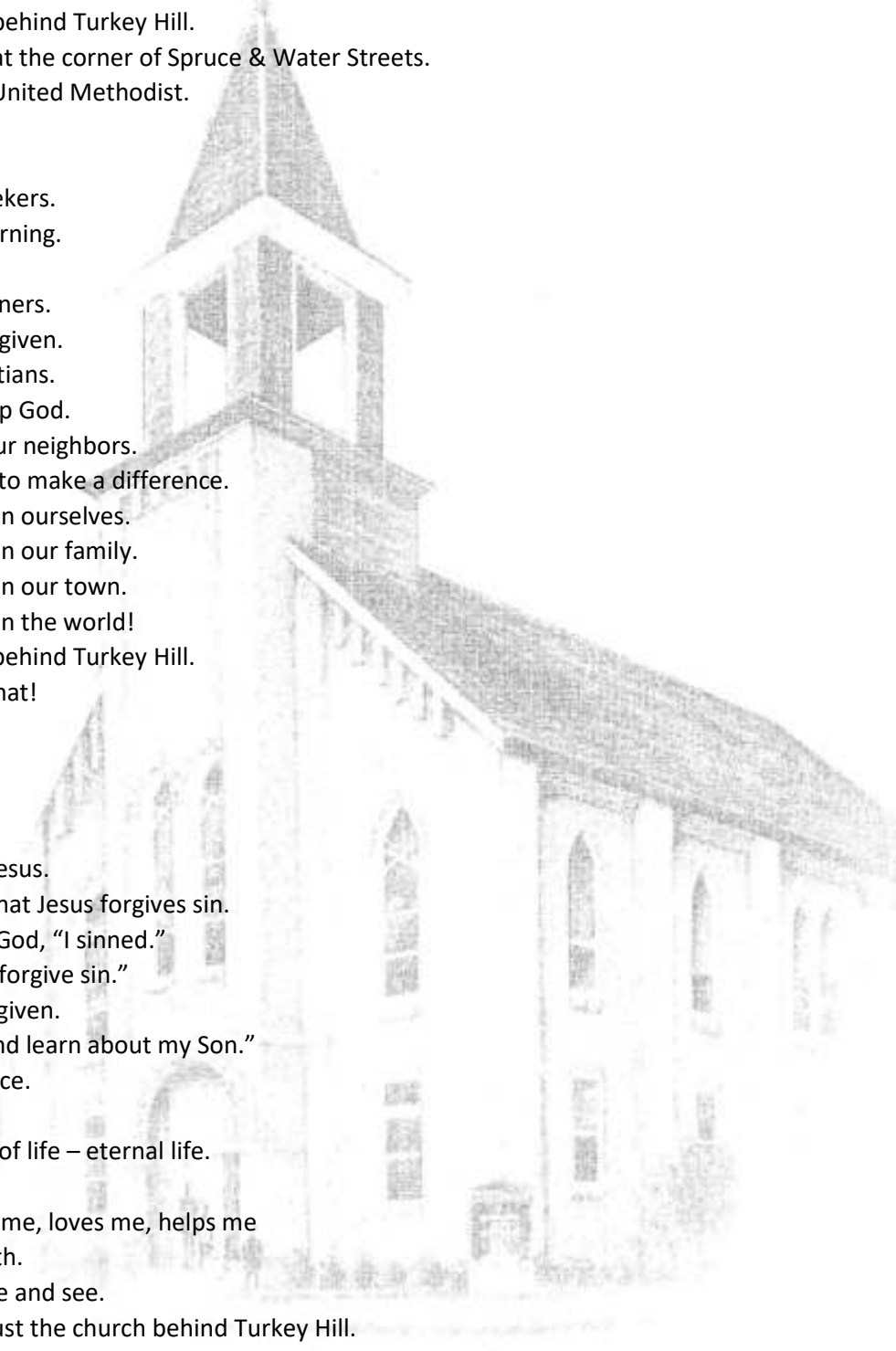
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WHO: EVAN & PRESBYTERIAN CONGREGATION

- Each night a light meal will be served
- Bread baking
- STEM night
- Music night
- Craft night

Sign up here https://www.eumch.org/files/pdfs/forms/2022_vbs_registration_fillable.pdf

An Invitation



Evan – the church behind Turkey Hill.
Evan – the church at the corner of Spruce & Water Streets.
That's Evangelical United Methodist.
What's inside?
People
People who are seekers.
People who are learning.
Ordinary people
People who are sinners.
People who are forgiven.
People called Christians.
People who worship God.
People who are your neighbors.
Christians wanting to make a difference.
Make a difference in ourselves.
Make a difference in our family.
Make a difference in our town.
Make a difference in the world!
Evan – the church behind Turkey Hill.
We're more than that!
Come and see.

I came and saw.
I was a seeker.
The seeker found Jesus.
The seeker found that Jesus forgives sin.
The seeker said to God, "I sinned."
God said, "Come, I forgive sin."
The seeker was forgiven.
God said, "Come and learn about my Son."
I came; I found peace.
Then I found more.
I found a new kind of life – eternal life.
I found a family.
The family teaches me, loves me, helps me
grow in faith.
There's more, come and see.
We're more than just the church behind Turkey Hill.
As Nathanael said to Philip (John 1:46) "Come and see."

By Sue Neiman
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