

## "HEARD ON THE HILL"

Volume 63

News from Willistown United Methodist Church

July 28, 2017

Welcome to "Heard on the Hill"! This is an "e-mail blast" to keep all our friends and members informed of all the activities here at Willistown UMC. Please let editor, Sara Beam, know of any team meetings or events of interest that we can pass on to both the church community and our neighbors in the geographic community.

**Sunday: Communion Sunday and Noisy Money this Sunday! Join us for the 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Pastor's sermon series. Please note, Pastor Jim will be away next Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup> and our own Bill Snyder will be preaching.**

### Upcoming

**We thank all who donated blood and volunteered** to help this amazing effort. We had a record of 27 donors and 30 pints (power Red donors. Many thanks to our volunteers who served as greeters and helped with roadside signage: Curt Wise, Barbara Seidel, Grace Miller, Barbara Gorham, Dick Wright, Lee Hickman and Don Stapleton.

**PLEASE NOTE: Food cupboard donations to the Salvation Army may still be brought in on August 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**Endowment Fund:** This year our fund's income payment to the general fund is \$401.80. The fund has thus far contributed a total of \$3,993.65 to our general fund.

**Pastor's Sermon Series on "Roadblocks to Belief in Christianity."** Beginning on July 23, 2017, Pastor Jim will begin a series of sermons on the biggest obstacles people have today about Christianity. They come from an informal, unscientific survey conducted by Peter Enns on his blog. There are five categories of responses Enns received about things that "turn people off to the faith." Pastor Jim may add an additional one, on human sexuality, but this list lasts through August. The Pastor will address the following statements that people made on his blog:

**7/23** – 1 John 4:7-12 – "The Bible portrays **God as violent**, reactive, vengeful, bloodthirsty, immoral, mean and petty."

**7/30** – Genesis 1:1-5 – "**The Bible and science collide** on too many things to think that the Bible has anything to say to us today about the big questions of life."

**8/6** – Pastor away.

**8/13** – Psalm 121 – "In the face of injustice and heinous suffering in the world, **God seems disinterested** or perhaps unable to do anything about it."

**8/20** – John 14:5-7 – "In our ever-shrinking world, it is very difficult to hold onto any notion that **Christianity is the only path to God.**"

**8/27** – Matthew 5:38-48 – "**Christians treat each other so badly** and in such harmful ways that it calls into question the validity of Christianity, or even whether God exists."

**Small Group Ministry. The following groups have begun to meet, but you can still join:**

- Tuesdays:** 2:00 PM---Third Tuesday of the month.  
Next meeting is **August 15<sup>th</sup>** at the home of Ann Clark.
- Thursdays:** 11:00 am—1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays:  
Outreach/Mission/Service Group will meet again on **July 20<sup>th</sup>**.
- Fridays:** 7:00-8:30 pm--- possibly 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays (TBD) Book Discussion Group. **Next Meeting is on Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at** Barbara Gorham's home. The book is, "Green Faith:



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Mobilizing God's People to Save the Earth," by Fletcher

Harper. Please call Barbara Gorham if you plan to attend so she can put you on the security list.

**Sign-up Sheets are still on the back table. Small groups are a wonderful way to enrich our spiritual lives; come see what small groups are all about! Sign up today!**

**Adult Vacation Bible School is Returning!** Our Theme this year is **"HOPE Like a Child."** Mark your calendars for August 14, 15, 16, and 17<sup>th</sup> for 4 nights of fun, fellowship, music, crafts, games and of course, snacks! Tell your friends and neighbors! Plans are in the works for another great time. Each night runs from 6:30 to 8:00 PM, and you may sign up for 1 or 2 evenings or all 4!



Please RSVP to [willistownumc@comcast.net](mailto:willistownumc@comcast.net) so we can estimate our refreshments! Tell your friends an



14	Jane Van Zandt
16	Bill Cass
16	Carol Keating
25	Grace Miller
25	Curtis Wise
30	Mel Cox
31	Grace Southern

26	David and Lee Hickman
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You may bring your non-perishables any time, but our "reminder" day is the first Sunday of the month—August 4<sup>th</sup>! Please donate to help those in need in our area!

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**AUGUST 2017**

## USHERS

Date	Name
August 6	Don Stapleton / Bill Keating
August 13	Leonard Eads / Dick Wright
August 20	Sara Beam / Jane Jeffrey
August 27	Gil Fell / Barbara Fell

## GREETERS

Date	Name
August 6	Dave Michael / Fred Eufrazio
August 13	Jim Van Zandt / Jane Van Zandt
August 20	Carol Rice / Bill Rice
August 27	Lance Seidel / Barbara Seidel

## LITURGISTS

August 6	Jane Jeffrey
August 13	Lee Hickman
August 20	Dick Wright
August 27	Curt Wise

**THE THREE MUSKETEERS!**



**ALWAYS IN SERVICE!**

