

April 14th at 10:40 a.m. - Children's Easter Musical

April 18th at 7:00 p.m. – Maundy Thursday Service

April 19th – Good Friday Lunch and Worship Service at ICBC – Lunch at 12:00, Service at 1:00

April 20th at 11:00 a.m. - Easter Egg Hunt

April 21st at 7:00 a.m. - Sunrise Service with Sr. Choir Cantata and brunch following the service

April 26 & 27th at 7:00 p.m. – The Fayette County Sunday School Convention at Mt. Olive Evangelical Church in Connellsville

Under Construction

In the upcoming months, ICBC is going to undergo a few renovations. We will have new windows installed, new carpet in the sanctuary and addition, and will have new padding on the pews.

The Baptist Beacon is sponsored by the Indian Creek Baptist Church. The next Beacon will come out at the beginning of July and will include activities from April, May, and June. Any submissions for the Beacon should be sent as Word Documents or in the body of an email to the Beacon editor by Wednesday, June 19, 2019.

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 (* Service at Mill Run UMC; + Sunday School Rally; -- No service)

ATTENDANCE	1/6	1/13	1/20	1/27	2/3	2/10	2/17	2/24	3/3	3/10	3/17	3/24	3/31
<i>Sunday School</i>	80	97	73	86	94	95	93	88	87	82	91	89	100
<i>Morning Church</i>	150	142	97	126	153	137	155	122	131	130	148	137	180
<i>Evening Church</i>	30	*	--	*	34	*	31	--	28	+	35	*	31

Youth News

Submitted by Tiza Dunaway

Garrett Barkley, Gabe Kemp & Cade Warrick were named as Mr. Irresistible contestants at Connellsville Area High School Winter Sports Program.

Logan Kemp, Cole Shearer, Cade Warrick & Luke Warrick are members of the Connellsville Area High School Baseball Team. They will be travelling to Myrtle Beach on March 21-26.

Many of our youth were on the Honor Roll at Springfield CNP for the 2nd 9 weeks:

Highest Honors 5th grade: **Jett Dunaway & Nicholas Santore.**

Highest Honors 4th grade: **Amaris Richter**

Honor Roll 3rd grade: **Aizik Fullem & Annalyse Miller**

Honor Roll 2nd grade: **Amelia Santore**

Honor Roll 1st grade: **Lexi Dunaway, Adyson Kern, Isaiah McLaughlin, Maura Richter**

King's Kids Club 2019

Submitted by Becky Broadwater/Mindy Santore

King's Kids Club was held after school until 5:30p.m. each Friday from January 18th through February 22nd. Thanks to Colborn's Bus Lines for sending 2 buses to transport approximately 50 students in grades 3-5 from Springfield Clifford N. Pritts Elementary School directly to ICBC. Also, thanks to over 20 adults and 20 teens from various churches and the surrounding area who volunteered weekly to help make the program run so smoothly. A lot of work and organization goes into the planning of King's Kids Club, and everyone gave of their time and talents to help reach children from our area with the gospel.

The program works on an alternating schedule of Bible lesson/recreation week, and missionary story/craft week. This year's Bible lesson theme was "In the Wild" and lessons centered around our key verse: John 20:31. There were numerous decisions made for Christ and many bibles were handed out.

Our offering/donation total was \$286.33. It was sent to Chuck and Peggy Cunningham to help them reach the children of Bolivia for the Lord. Thanks to everyone who helped by praying, volunteering, donating food or monetary gifts to make this year's club possible!

Roller Skating

Submitted by Bonita Warrick

Do your children like to roller skate? ICBC has roller skating for preschool through 5th grade. We have just finished the skating for this season. We had an average of 8-10 skaters each Monday night. It starts at 6:00 p.m. We have some different sizes of skates for children to use if they don't have their own. We skate to music, play some games and have a devotion and prayer and a treat for the kids. It will be starting up in November and then the months of January, February and March. If you know of children who would like to skate please tell them about it.

District 11 Sunday School Association Rally

Submitted by Brian Dull

On Sunday evening March 10, 2019 the District 11 Sunday School Association Rally was held at the Normalville United Methodist Church. A total of 44 people attended. ICBC won the red banner for having the most in attendance, and Normalville United Methodist won the blue banner for having the highest percentage of their total Sunday School in attendance.

John Tressler led the congregational singing, and pianist was Louis Kemp. Barney Shipley, District 11 President, opened the evening with prayer and scripture reading from Matthew 28, "The Great Commission". The program for the evening featured a solo by Kristin Masselli singing a Gospel song entitled "The River".

Those attending the Rally voted that the offering for the evening should be given to the Fayette County Sunday School Association to help with the upcoming County Sunday School Convention. The Convention will be held Friday April 26th and Saturday April 27th at Mount Olive Evangelical Church in Connellsville.

The next Sunday School Rally is scheduled to be held in June at the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church. Hope to see you there!

From the Desk of Pastor Chris

Where are You?

Several years ago, a short article made its way around the internet, and was shared by a few of my friends. The article is entitled *10 Things Pastors Hate to Admit Publicly* (pastormatt.tv). While I don't share many of the feelings described in that particular article, the general tone of the article was something I have heard in the voice of every pastor I know at one point or another: emotional investment, for better or worse, with their congregations. In other words, most pastors take spiritual growth and decline in the churches they serve very personally. When a member of a church starts to come less frequently, falls into sin, or simply stops actively serving the Lord, a pastor should feel spiritually burdened for that individual. While the church may be growing overall, that one believer who is struggling will dominate the thoughts of the pastor.

When we turn to Hebrews 5:11, we find the sort of pastoral heart I have been describing. The author of Hebrews has challenged the believer to strive for God's promises, holding firm to the faith. The author has exalted Jesus Christ and shared the hope that all believers can have through His role as a High Priest: the privilege to draw near to God the Father with confidence. This ought to encourage the believer and cause him/her to rejoice in the Lord and grow spiritually. But when we turn to the eleventh verse we find that this

is not happening and because it is not happening, it is causing the author of Hebrews to grieve over the spiritual condition of the church to whom he is writing:

We have a lot to explain about this. But since you have become too lazy to pay attention, explaining it to you is hard. By now you should be teachers. Instead, you still need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word. You need milk, not solid food. All those who live on milk lack the experience to talk about what is right. They are still babies. However, solid food is for mature people, whose minds are trained by practice to know the difference between good and evil.

Let's make a few brief observations about this passage:

1. It reflects a pastor's heart. The author is deeply troubled by the church's lack of spiritual growth. They have been taught the truth, have access to God's very presence with confidence, but they aren't walking in that confidence.

2. The church was given a standard for spiritual growth. If I were to ask you, "What does it mean to be a mature Christian," would you be able to answer the question? This passage gave us two symptoms to watch for: a) Do you know the difference between right and evil? If the Holy Spirit is at work in your life and you are drawing closer to God through reading His Word, this is the basic level of maturity: you should be sensitive to righteousness. You should delight in it and hate what is evil. b) Do you train your mind through practice? Could you imagine what would happen to our country if we forced our military to exercise only during their basic training and then whenever they felt like it afterwards? It wouldn't take long for our military personnel to be greatly out of shape and our national security would be at risk. And yet, this is how the nominal Christian views spiritual disciplines (reading the Bible, praying, memorizing Scripture, tithing, sharing the Gospel, etc.) It is no wonder the enemy has been able to gain ground in our country. We need to be training our minds according to righteousness.

3. We need to ask where we are in our spiritual walks. It's time to take an evaluation of your heart. This passage, on the surface of it, is harsh. The church in Jerusalem was called lazy. None of us would appreciate someone writing to us and calling us that! What does the fruit of your life say about your walk with Jesus Christ? Are you growing in your faith? Are you praying more today than you were a year ago?

Encounter Tour

Submitted by Tiza Dunaway

On Tuesday, February 12th I attended the Encounter Tour with guest speakers Levi Lusko & Lysa TerKeurst. Although it was a rainy night it didn't prevent a jam-packed audience at Amplify Church in Pittsburgh! The evening began with a live performance by Mack Brock. Levi spoke first with a thought-provoking message on the importance of how we speak to ourselves. He said we can't live positive lives if we always feed ourselves negative thoughts. He used the Psalms as an example of how David encouraged himself with the words he used. He spoke to himself using words which would refresh & remind him of the greatness of God & His love towards him. Levi used Ephesians 4:29, "Don't let any evil talk come out of your mouths. Say only what will help to build others up" to prompt us to think before we speak- asking is this word I'm about to say a gift? It would serve us all well to take a little time to contemplate how we are speaking to ourselves & others. Our tongue & words have immense power in our lives & those around us. Let's use them to refresh each other & build each other up

The 2nd speaker of the evening was Lysa TerKeurst. For any of you who know me, you understand what a thrill this was for me! Lysa has had a major impact in my walk with the Lord. She has a way of saying things that speaks right to my heart, and she did not disappoint at this conference.

She talked about how we should use our feelings as "indicators" but not "dictators", and she used King Jehoshaphat to show us how. In 2 Chronicles 20 he receives word that a vast army of Moabites & Ammonites are

coming to battle against them. Upon hearing this verse 3 tells us, “Alarmed, Jehoshaphat resolved...”, another words this news caused him to be alarmed, but it didn’t dictate his reaction. This sudden new situation he was facing indicated he should be alarmed, but King Jehoshaphat was already resolved, or determined, he would take the situation to God. He wouldn’t let his feelings clutter his reaction. He was resolved to seek God’s help when situations arose that caused alarm.

We too are often alarmed by sudden life situations, but we must have a pre-determined mindset that, “I will trust God”. A close daily walk with Him allows Him to prepare us THIS day for what He knows is coming THAT day. When THAT day comes we can cling to verse 12 of this chapter which says, “We have no power against this great multitude that is coming against us; nor do we know what to do, but our eyes are upon You.” The great multitude coming against us may not be a vast army, but you fill in the situation. We’ve all faced great, vast, scary unknowns & when they come we must keep our eyes upon Jesus. We will steer where we stare. You can stare at the Fear or you can stare at His Faithfulness. Recount His faithful work in your life in the past & never take your eyes off The Master. He knows things you don’t know. And remember there is always a meanwhile. Often God does His best work in the unseen, when it feels like He’s doing nothing at all. When you don’t know what else to do simply whisper the name of Jesus over & over & over again. And keep in mind your job is obedience. God’s job is everything else.

For those familiar with how this battle for King Jehoshaphat ends you recall God has his army go out, move ahead while singing praises & declaring the beauty & holiness of the Lord. When they began to sing & praise, God set ambushes against the approaching armies & they were defeated! When King Jehoshaphat’s army came to a place where they could overlook the wilderness there were nothing but dead bodies, no one from the approaching army had escaped! May we use this as an example to send our praises ahead of whatever great multitude is coming against us. God inhabits the praise of His people. Tho we may be alarmed let’s also be people resolved to take our life situations to God & trust Him to handle them.

Congratulations



Brian and Hope Dull are thankful for Aiden David (6 in April), Zakarah Joy (4 in August), and Chase Michael (2 in July) who joined their family through adoption on March 20, 2019. “We appreciate everyone’s prayers and encouragement through this process and look forward to seeing our children grow in the Lord.”

Obituaries

Dennis P. Hughes, 64, of Connellsville passed away unexpectedly Wed. March 21, 2019 in Highlands Hospital, Connellsville. He was born Dec. 10, 1954 in Connellsville a son of the late Paul and Edna Clark Hughes.

Dennis was a graduate of Connellsville High School with the class of 1972. He was a self-employed Heavy Equipment Painter. He was a member of the Fairview Aid Society and the Connellsville Elks #503. He was a member of the Indian Creek Baptist Church in Mill Run. Dennis liked to hunt, but most of all enjoyed spending time with his family. Dennis will be sadly missed but fondly remembered by his loving family, Pamela Hensel Hughes, his children Laurie Driscoll and boyfriend Rob Cameron, Leah Stutzman and husband Marty, and James Hughes and wife Amanda, his grandchildren Emma Driscoll, Zoey Hughes, Elijah and Lainey Stutzman, Hunter Hughes, and Brody and Luke Cameron, his sister Lois Pavlik and husband Steve, and his brothers Clifford Hughes, Calvin Hughes, and Rodger Hughes and wife Debby. In addition to his parents Dennis was predeceased by an infant child

Robert H. Kooser, 81 of Mill Run died Wednesday January 16, 2019 in the Uniontown Hospital. He was born February 23, 1937 in Mill Run a son of the late Henry and Bertha Dull Kooser. He was a graduate of Connellsville High School, class of 1954. Bob was a self-employed dairy farmer and he also worked as a Bus Driver of Colburn Bus Co. Early in his life Bob coached Little League and Pony League and he was an accomplished amateur boxer having won the Golden Gloves in 1957. He was a member of the Indian Creek Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife Donna Miltz Kooser; two children, Steve Kooser and his wife Debbie, and Nancy May and her husband Roger; his grandchildren, Katie Vivian and her husband Dan, Joe Kooser, Casey Henger and her husband Brady, Jenny Kooser and her fiancé Andy Mislo, Carmen Steinbugl and her husband Chad and Jacob May; four great grandchildren, Jordan and Savannah Vivian and Maylee and Charley Henger and a sister-in-law Mollie Kooser. Bob was the last surviving member of his immediate family. In addition to his parents he was predeceased by two brothers, John French Kooser and Van Kooser

Douglas E. "DJ" Show, 21, of Mill Run, passed away Mon. March 18, 2019, due to injuries sustained in a snowmobile accident. He was born Sept. 30, 1997 in Mt. Pleasant a son of Douglas F. and Lisa D. Arsenberger Show of Mill Run. DJ was a graduate of Connellsville High School with the class of 2016. He worked as a Clearing Foreman for Frontier Environmental Services of Donegal and was also a lifetime farmer in Mill Run. One of DJ's passions was riding snowmobiles and he was also big into truck pulling. He was a Truck Puller for Full Pull Productions and had his own truck called Showtime. DJ was a member of the Indian Creek Baptist Church in Mill Run.

In addition to his father and mother, Douglas F. and Lisa D. Arsenberger Show, DJ is also survived by his brothers and sisters Joshua Brooks and fiancée Carlie Terhorst, Alexandra Show, Cassandra Beucher and husband Sam, and Brandon Show, his Maternal grandparents Daun and Karen Arsenberger, his paternal grandparents Francis and Patty Show, his aunts and uncles Kim Cable and husband Jim, Nikki Fanus and husband Adam, Dana McKay and husband Lud, Dennis Show and wife Jessica, and David Show and wife Katie, and several cousins, and friends

Greetings from Mill Run and Thank You

Submitted by Patty Ann Dull

Changing times...a few weeks ago I was walking through Sears Dept. Store in Greensburg. I spotted huge banners everywhere: STORE CLOSING! and EVERYTHING MUST GO! It's almost like losing a friend. Through the decades they've been there, a source of good things. My three favorite scents at Christmas time when I was a kid were fresh pine, cookies baking and the exciting smell flying out of the Sears catalog. Those slick shiny pages held happiness. In Oct. delivery would be soon and there was anticipation of the cover scene. Would it be snowy outdoors or cozy indoors? Maybe a family in matching red pajamas. My friend told me that when she was a kid, her grandma could not get around well to shop. In Nov. she'd give each grandchild two paper bookmarks with their names on them. They could circle two items they'd like to have from the Sears catalog and insert the markers. The items should be \$40.00 or less each. She said it was such fun. Well, kids will always have fun at Christmas, though times change.

We thank Pauline Stillwagon, of Point Marion, PA. for her donation to help us to send out the Beacon. Until next time, keep in touch and in prayer.