

FAITH MATTERS

June 2023



Pastor Scott's Musings



“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”
Hebrews 1:23-25.

Much begins to change when the month of June rolls around. Sunday school is on hiatus. The choir is on break. School lets out for the summer. Vacations begin. It is easy during the summer months to forget who we are and our desperate need to be in communion with our Savior and with one another.

We have begun to explore what it means for our hearts to be broken for the community in which we are planted. As this month progresses, we will come to the end of the series on the topic, but that may mean that the work is only just beginning. We do not want to lose any of the momentum we have been building toward a better understanding of who God is calling us to be and to reach.

I invite you to continue to search in your heart, no matter where you may be across the upcoming weeks, to see what the Lord is saying to you. I urge you to make it a point to come and be in fellowship with us each Sunday when you are in town. If you are not in town, stay connected with us on our [Youtube](#) channel by worshiping with us through the livestream.

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It is my hope that this summer we would actively and creatively “stir up one another to love and good works” as the book of Hebrews directs. God is active in our lives and community and how better to show the community who we are than in our love for one another and through the use of the gifts He has given each one of us.

We live in a world that does not care about the church because they see us as against them instead of for Jesus. What if all they could see from us was the message of the Gospel lived out before them through the love we have for our Lord, for each other, and for them?

Later in this newsletter you will see the inspirational song for the month called *The Message* by the group 4-Him. It is a song about living out the message. As they say in another song, “To love God, love each other, that’s the center of the mark.” Enjoy your summer as you take the Gospel of Jesus Christ everywhere you go.

In Christ’s service,
Pastor Scott

June 4, 2023 (Communion)

Sermon Title: Expect Opposition

Scripture: Nehemiah 2:19; 3:5; 4:1-9; 6:1-3

Focal Verse: *“But when Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite servant and Geshem the Arab heard of it, they jeered at us and despised us and said, ‘What is this thing that you are doing? Are you rebelling against the king?’” v. 2:19.*

Synopsis: Every time a group comes together and commits itself to the common good, there will be those who will ridicule or not participate. We must stay focused on those that are engaged, those getting the work of the Lord done as He wills, and not be distracted by those who would turn our eyes away from His.



June 11, 2023

Sermon Title: Build Momentum

Scripture: Nehemiah 4:13-15; 6:1-4, 9, 15

Focal Verse: *“And I sent messengers to them, saying, ‘I am doing a great work and I cannot come down. Why should the work stop while I leave it and come down to you?’” v. 6:3.*

Synopsis: To do God’s work effectively, you must constantly build momentum from heartbreak to completion. Also anticipate that you will be given a new heartbreak as you complete the work He sets before you.

June 18, 2023

Sermon Title: Keeping Watch

Scripture: Nehemiah 7:1-4

Focal Verse: *“Appoint guards from among the inhabitants of Jerusalem, some at their guard posts and some in front of their own homes.” v. 3b.*

Synopsis: Though the work is being done and momentum continues to grow, we must keep watch that the work continues without interference from those that would take away from what God has planned.

Special Notes: Father’s Day

June 25, 2023

Sermon Title: Echoes

Scripture: Various

Synopsis: When something is said multiple times, that usually means that it is important. We need to listen to, and remember, those words that are echoed throughout existence.

Special Notes: TJ Spruill preaching.

Hear, O
children, a
father's
instruction, and
be attentive,
that you may
gain insight.

PROVERBS 4:1



BIRTHDAYS

6/6 - Bridget Barton
6/6 - Cheryl Jacobs
6/10 - Stephen Koppes
6/11 - Addison Zipko
6/14 - Cara Zipko
6/15 - Ty Morgan
6/16 - Catherine McClelland
6/16 - Kaylynn Varner
6/18 - Aaron Supler
6/23 - Rebecca Gottschalk
6/24 - Carson Koppes
6/28 - Dennis Taylor

ANNIVERSARIES



6/3 - Pastor Scott & Kimberly
6/6 - Fred & Jenny Allen
6/21 - Ian & Jenny McDowell
6/26 - Zackery & Jade Morgan

THE MESSAGE



*Go therefore and
make disciples of
all nations,
baptizing them in
the name of the
Father and of the
Son and of the
Holy Spirit,
teaching them to
observe all that I
have commanded
you. And behold, I
am with you
always, to the end
of the age.”*

MATTHEW 28:19-20



The fields are white and now the time
has come
For there's a harvest, there is work left
to be done

Lord here am I, I will be the one
I'm committed to the finish until the
setting of the sun
Lord, I will be faithful in all I say and do

To live a love that never fails, to love
my neighbor as myself
And to give 'til there is nothing left to
give

To live a faith that never dies, to be
crucified with Christ
Until all that lives through me is a
message

I can't ignore what's right before my
eyes
For all around this world is searching
for a sign
Outside the door they're living in the
night
And the light that lives within me is the
hope they long to find
So I must be faithful in all I say and do

To live a love that never fails, to love
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If we all will work together
We can make this world a better place
to live
We can make a difference if we try

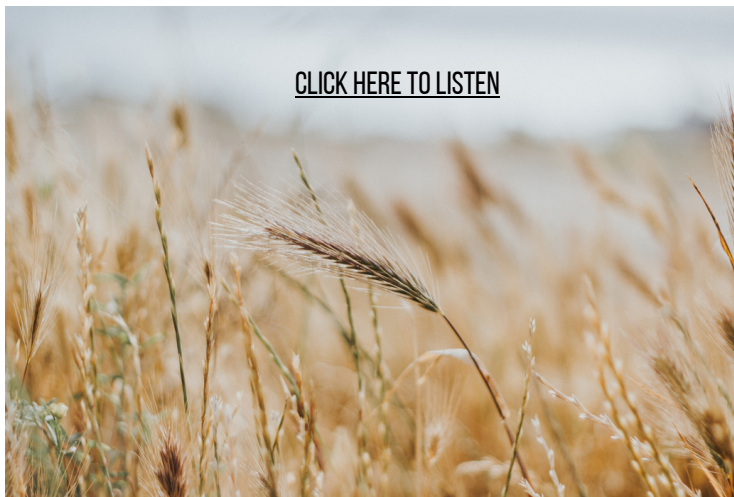
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Is a message, is a message
It's time for love, it's a time for living a
message
It's time for hope, it's a time for living a
message
It's time for peace, it's a time for living a
message

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**The Senior Lunch
will be held on June 7 at noon
In the Fellowship Hall**

Music & Worship News



June 18, 2023 is "Dads and Grads Sunday"

We want to recognize and congratulate our 2023 graduates. Please use the form on the table in the narthex and submit it to the office by June 4th.

Liturgists Needed

If you can volunteer as a lay reader for July or August, please contact Colleen Dille.

Special Summer Music

The adult choir is breaking for the summer. We are looking for special music volunteers to participate in the morning worship. If you would like to sing a solo/duet or play an instrument, contact Dennis Taylor to make arrangements. You may also submit a hymn request to Dennis.

Chancel Flowers

If you would like to honor a loved one with a special flower arrangement displayed for Sunday morning worship, Contact Grace Mitchell. (Birthday, Anniversary, In Honor or In Memory)



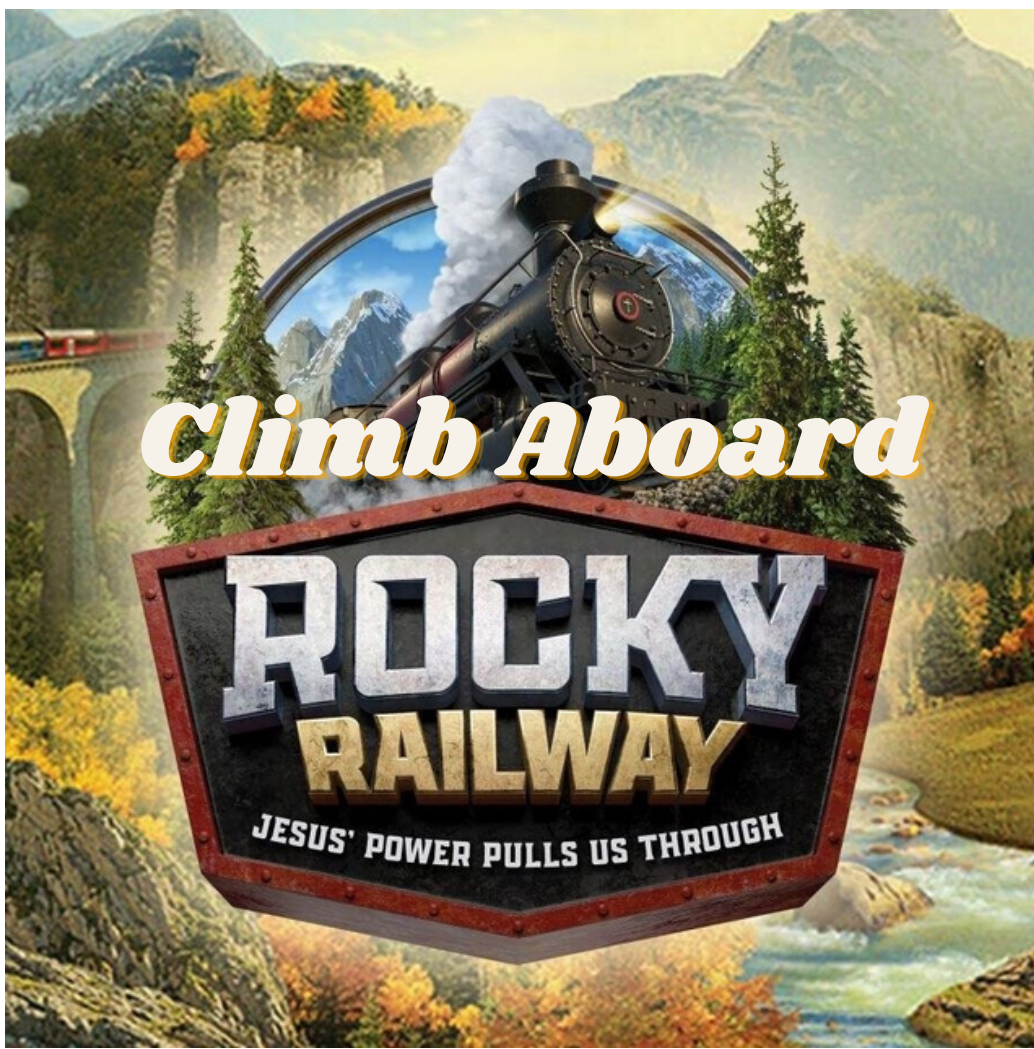
June 4 - Sofia Welling
June 11 - Jade Morgan
June 18 - Colleen Dille
June 25 - Darlene McDonald



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*Make a joyful
noise to the Lord,
all the earth!
Serve the Lord
with gladness!
Come into His
presence with
singing! Know
that the Lord, He
is God! It is He
who made us, and
we are His; we
are His people,
and the sheep of
His pasture. Enter
His gates with
thanksgiving, and
His courts with
praise! Give
thanks to Him;
bless His name!
For the Lord is
good; His
steadfast love
endures forever,
and His
faithfulness to all
generations.*

PSALM 100



*Train up a child
in the way he
should go; even
when he is old he
will not depart
from it.*

PROVERBS 22:6

*Jesus said, "Let
the little children
come to me and
do not hinder
them, for to such
belongs the
kingdom of
heaven."*

MATTHEW 19:14

Climb Aboard **Laboratory Presbyterian Church**

VBS

**23 Manse Street
Washington, PA 15301
It's the best week of summer!
Sunday, July 9 – Thursday, July 13
6:00-8:30PM**



Ages: 3yrs old through entering 8th grade

Pre-register at bit.ly/lpcvbs23 by June 30

www.labpresbychurch.org

facebook.com/labpresbychurch



We are still in need of high school ([This is a great way to get service hours](#)) and adult volunteers to make our Rocky Railway VBS a success!

Contact Pam Koppes at pamelakoppes@gmail.com for more information.

Volunteer training will be June 11 following worship. Pam will provide a virtual training option if you are unable to attend in person.



JUNE 2023



SUN

MON

TUE

WED

THU

FRI

SAT

				1 5:00 PM MUSIC & WORSHIP	2 7:00 PM NA	3 PASTOR SCOTT & KIMBERLY
4 10:30 AM WORSHIP	5 7:00 PM DEACONS	6 6:30 PM PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BRIDGET BARTON CHERYL JACOBS FRED & JENNY ALLEN	7 12:00 PM SENIOR LUNCHEON 7:00 PM NA	8 5:45 PM TRUSTEES 6:30 PM SESSION	9 7:00 PM NA	10 STEPHEN KOPPES
11 10:30 AM WORSHIP ADDISON ZIPKO	12 7:00 PM COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE	13 10:00 AM GARDEN CLUB BOARD 4:00 PM PRESBYTERY MEETING (FAITH UP)	14 7:00 PM NA CARA ZIPKO	15 TY MORGAN	16 7:00 PM NA CATHERINE MCCLELLAND KAYLYNN VARNER	17
18 10:30 AM WORSHIP AARON SUPLER 	19	20 10:00 AM GARDEN CLUB	21 7:00 PM NA IAN & JENNY MCDOWELL 	22	23 7:00 PM NA REBECCA GOTTSCHALK	24 CARSON KOPPES
25 10:30 AM WORSHIP 11:30 AM CHRISTIAN ED.	26 6:00 PM MISSION & FELLOWSHIP ZACKERY & JADE MORGAN	27	28 7:00 PM NA DENNIS TAYLOR	29	30 7:00 PM NA	

