

Tools for Work & Faith

I am a toolman. I love tools! And I am not just talking about those big, beautiful power tools either. Any tool will do, thank you very much!

My dad was a machinist and built machines for most of his life. It was cool to watch my dad in action because he could fix or make anything. The only regret I have many years later is that I didn't pay more attention when I was in his presence. But he did teach me how to use tools and for this I am grateful.

I remember many days as a little kid, dad would be working on a project and ask me to get the proper tool he wanted. I was amazed that he knew exactly which size wrench he needed each and every time. He'd say, "Get me a 9/16" socket." I'd read the etchings on the sockets, grab the right size, and hand it to him. Later, I learned how to turn a wrench myself. I wasn't as good as my dad in determining the exact size right off the bat, but I would eventually get the proper tool for the job and know how to use it. My dad taught me a lot!

I have a strong passion for tools now. Down in my basement I have a well-equipped woodworking shop and I've acquired my dad's machinist tool chest full of fascinating tools. I am still learning what some of his different tools are used for, too! Tools, to a guy, are sort of like family jewels. They are often handed down to sons and grandsons, or daughters and granddaughters.

Just recently, I was visiting my mom and found some of my dad's old sockets and ratchets. I was thrilled that I now have some of the very same tools that I handed to my dad as a little kid when he was working on a project. Tools are

important not only for work, but also for the precious memories they bring to mind when used down through the family line.

Tools for faith are no different. I still have two of my grandparents Bibles. My grandmother sat in a rocking chair every day and her Bible was close by on a table. She read that Bible to me when I was just a small boy. Now, I cherish her Bible many years later. She always slipped some interesting information into her Bible, too. It might have been an obituary that ran in the daily newspaper or an article about someone in town getting injured, like the time when my grandfather's foot was run over by a coworker backing up a work truck!

I have my dad's Scofield Bible, too. It is a joy to look through his Bible every now, noting the passages he highlighted or placed notes beside. This was also the Bible that was prominently displayed in our house during Advent and Christmas. Then, on Christmas Eve, my dad would pick up that Bible and read the Christmas story from the second chapter of Luke.

What tools for work and faith do you have in your possession. If we get the chance to talk, I would love to hear about and even see your tools! In the meantime, cherish your precious possessions and be sure to use your tools. After all, that's what a tool is for -- to accomplish an important task!



Bob Shank

Daily Scripture Readings

August 1
Genesis 28

August 2
Genesis 29

August 3
Genesis 30

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Genesis 31

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Genesis 32

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James 1

August 25
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James 5

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Malachi 1

August 30
Malachi 2

August 31
Malachi 3

Gather! Grow! Make a Difference!

Packs for Backs is Expanding Its Clientele

By Margie Good

The Packs for Backs Project started twelve years ago. We have raised funds and collected back packs and school supplies for hundreds of students. In addition to our traditional program; we are going to extend our volunteer efforts to assist the “The Bridges Out of Poverty Program” in our community. The program achieves the goal of helping people learn how to work their way to an independent and successful life. A simple meal is served to the families before they start their presentations for the evening. The adults have planned learning activities and the children do as well, separately. We would like to provide the funds for the children to receive a packed backpack to start the school year; or one during the year if the child needs it. The adults who work with the boys and girls, in two different age levels, need supplies to teach the children. Those items are numerous and varied in style. They teach the children songs, do activities, along with writing and coloring activities. We are interested in either specific items or a check that would allow the teachers to choose the items they want to use with their specific lesson ideas.

I am enclosing a list of specific items that you might choose to purchase yourself or you can mail your tax-deductible donation to Packs for Backs Project, c/o Margie Good at 1119 Beacon Hill Road, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301. You may take them to the First Presbyterian Church Office at 575 Main Street in Stroudsburg from 9:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. Monday through Friday. The specific items we need are glue sticks, glue, pens, pencils, crayons, washable markers, notebooks, reams of computer paper, tooth brushes and tooth paste, double pocket folders and notebook paper. (Please avoid Trapper Keepers because they do not fit in the youngsters’ desks.) Your donations are appreciated very much.



To Serve You in August

Greeters 8:30
 2 Jackie Herrero
 9 Pam Price
 16 DeAnn Harris
 23 Kirsten Lee
 30 Jami Lipe
 11:00
 2 BJ Bachman
 9 Ana & Bob Dellicker
 16 Joanne & Bob Reed
 23 Betty Michelin
 30 Cathy Doane
Ushers 8:30
 DeAnn Harris
 Cliff Rogell
 Diane Rogell
 11:00
 C.J. Penwell
Counters
 C.J. Penwell, Bob & Pam Cool
Altar Guild
 Janet Woolever & Jami Lipe
Soup Kitchen (Sunday at 4:00 pm)
 2 Middle Smithfield Presbyterian
 9 Carol Bagley
 16 The entire month of August
 23
 30
Tuesday at 5:00 pm



OUR CHURCH STAFF:

Ministers Everyone
Pastors Bob Shank & Ted Good
Pastor Emeritus Tom Anderman
Church Secretary Jackie Herrero
Interim Choir Director Jeanette Kuhns
Organist Marti Lantz
Youth Leader Vin Zelizo
Handbell Director Lynn Seip
Custodian Matt Parton

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August Birthdays

- 1 Kim Kopec
- 2 Natalie Hardy
- 2 Bessie Frailey
- 8 Anna Maroney
- 9 Kelly Edinger
- 9 Anne Grant
- 10 Joanne Reed
- 14 Susan Sheeley
- 21 Krista Montgomery
- 22 Bob Cool
- 23 Kermit Chamberlin
- 23 Irene Goforth
- 24 Gale Butz
- 26 Sandra Selwood
- 27 Evan Jacob Hardy
- 27 Eva Knight
- 31 Paul Edinger

If you would like a card on your special day, please call the church office- 570-421-6020.



Jeff and Audrey Weber visited Jane Hartley in Kittery, Maine last month.

Jane is doing well and misses all her friends at SUMC.

Her address is:

Jane Hartley
220 State Road #226
Kittery, ME 03904

Devotional for August 2015

-Karen Vaughn

Psalm 23:6

“Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.”

On April 4, 1939 my parents took me to Church and a Lutheran minister named Pastor Fahnstrom baptized me into the Christian Church. It was the intent of those faithful people that I was now in God's hands and His goodness should follow me all the days of my life. My Mom often lovingly reminded me that I was baptized. They shepherded me and reassured me of my place in the flock, just like a shepherd reassures his sheep. When I was 22 years old I took a job as school nurse at a Lutheran Bible College, setting out to find out all there is to know about God. (The job paid my tuition for full time study). After one year of study I decided I was LOST because I knew less than at the beginning. I decided to be an atheist and locked myself in my room. Nothing would console me and I did not want consoling. I cried in confusion. Then there was a knock on my window and a classmate pushed a tray of food through the window. There were notes under my door checking up on me. Their LOVE melted my heart and I realized that I did not have to know all about God, only that He loved me and all He does is related to LOVE. Those friends were shepherding me and I gave up my idea of being an atheist. I opened the door and let them in. That is how goodness and mercy follows me to this day.

Prayer: Lord, Like the Good Shepherd, help us to reassure each other so that we know our place in the flock. Amen.

WALK TO EMMAUS GATHERING

SUMC is hosting a Walk to Emmaus Gathering on Saturday, August 15th at 6:30 p.m. in our sanctuary. The evening begins with a short fellowship time and light refreshments followed with praise songs, announcements, offering, a talk by a lay witness, followed by holy communion. Dismissal about 8:30 pm.

Especially invited are youth leaders, Youth, parents of youth and adults who have an interest in a week end experience of spiritual renewal intended to strengthen personal relationships with God and developing leaders in the local church.

Our youth who have been on a Chrysalis Flight are Lydia Shank, Liz Miller, Abby Lantz, Alicia Brickey, Emily Vail, Chris Cook and Russell Bontempo. Adults who have been on the Walk to Emmaus are David and Kathy Cook, Cathy Doane, Roz Evans, CJ Penwell, Cliff and Diane Rogell, Charlie Vail, Bob and Pam Cool, Jeff Weber and JoAnn Calkins.

This fall the Men’s Walk is Thursday evening to Sunday evening October 8-11 and Women’s Walk is October 15-18. The youth will have a Chrysalis Flight next June 2016.

Applications to the walk will be available. Completed applications may be given to JoAnn Calkins; one of the above named persons will be appointed as your sponsor. There is NO COST FOR THE WEEKEND.

The Walk to Emmaus is an ecumenical organization sponsored by the United Methodist Church and the Upper Room.



Saturday, September 5, 2015

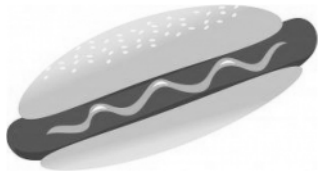
11:00 am - 6:00 pm

We have a spot right out in front of the church reserved for Stroudfest this year.

We will be grilling hot dogs and selling them to people attending the festival.

We will also be selling bottled water, baked goods,
cans of soda, chips, etc., and snow-cones.

Here's where we need your help: We need people to volunteer to spend an hour or more at a time to help take food orders, serve, handle cash, sell baked goods, chips, water, soda, give out balloons, make snow-cones, clean up tables. We need help setting up before Stroudfest begins (approximately 9:00-9:30 am) and clean up after it's over (6:00 pm).



We also need donations of the following items:

Hot dogs and rolls

Ice

Bottled water

Cans of soda

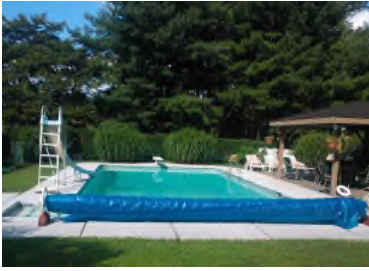
Napkins

Chips

Baked goods & individual bags of chips, etc.



Sign up sheets are in the back of the sanctuary or please call the church office - 570-421-6020. Thank you in advance!!



Church Picnic

Sunday, August 23rd

Everyone is Welcome!

12:30 pm – 5:00 pm



Swimming – Softball – Horseshoes – Volleyball
Relaxing in the shade, and of course there will be food!

We plan to eat about 2:00 pm.
Join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship,
including our traditional “Cake Walk*”

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Beverages provided
(we’ll have paper plates, cups and plastic ware too!)

You are asked to bring a Salad, Side, or Dessert to share
Suggestions: potato, macaroni, pasta or fruit salads, coleslaw, baked beans, sliced tomatoes, deviled eggs, pickles, chips, brownies, cookies, pies or cakes.
(serving size 8-10)

Don’t forget an extra dessert for the “Cake Walk”
(*bring a dessert, stand in a circle; spin a spinner, ‘winner’ chooses a dessert*)

To help us plan, **please sign up** at the back of the sanctuary
and give us an idea of what you’ll be bringing.

Questions, contact: Peggy Stewart 570-424-0625 or bpstew@juno.com

There is a pavilion with lots of picnic tables and chairs, but feel free to bring a folding chair if you wish to relax in the shade of the many trees or around the pool.



Directions from Church:

Route 80 West to exit 304 (Route 209 So) merge with Route 33 South.

Take the Lehighton/209 S. Exit. Take first exit (Sciota). Turn left at end of exit onto Hamilton South.

Go about ½ mile, turn right onto Brick Church Road, go about ¼ mile turn right onto Jacobsen Way (this is the driveway).

Follow until you see the pool on your left and then a ball field on your right.

Parking is just past the ball field.

You can avoid the highway by taking West Main St (Business 209) all the way to Sciota.

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August 2015

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THE MISSION TEAM NEEDS YOU!!!

Our Mission Team Yard Sale is fast approaching. We hope you are finding lots of "treasures" to donate. They can be placed in the Blue Room off the Dining Room. Remember, no clothing, TV's or computers. Pickup of large items can be arranged.

We will need lots of help setting up and pricing. Set-up times are: Monday, August 3rd - Thursday, August 6th, from 9:30am to 12:00pm. Also Tuesday, August 4th - Thursday, August 6th, from 6:30pm to 9:00pm. We can use help at the sale helping customers on Friday from 8:00am - 4:00pm and Saturday from 8:00am to 1:00pm. And of course lots of help needed for cleaning up after the sale is over on Saturday. Please consider volunteering some time during the week to help if you can. Sign-up sheets are in the Fellowship Room.

UMW NEWS FOR AUGUST

It is with deepest sympathy that we note the passing of Alberta Weber in July. She was an active member of SUMW for many years and attended faithfully when able. She was Chair of the Mission Team and a Member of Daniel's Dream Team, and had been present at Administrative Board meetings many years. She and Otto were also our Lay representatives to the Conference. Please remember her and her family.

Reminders: Our Christmas Totes Trunk still needs donations of several items. A very generous SUMC member has donated all the pens, notepads, tissues and emery boards we needed. The August item is shampoo. September is taken care of, but perhaps you could donate some items we are still in need of, see July Courier for complete list.

We are still looking for a Secretary and a Treasurer for our Board. How are your Math and Typing skills? We could really use them.

Some RADA cutlery is still available for sale. See Pam Cool.

Don't forget our UMW Worship Service on Sunday, September 20th, both services.

Lois Shaffer, Publicity Chair

For Mission and SUMW

AUGUST 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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