

June 2019 Locust Run/Thompsontown UMC Newsletter

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH

A good sermon or speech sticks with you. It is powerful when you can recall what a speaker said years before. I am a big fan of Andy Stanley, because he is the master of making memorable points. He has a great sermon on envy where his main point is "there is no win in comparison." When I compare myself to folks I consider more successful than me, I think about his advice.

At annual conference, we sometimes get powerful speakers whose words stick with you. One year at annual conference we had a bishop from Texas offer us a series of teachings. Bishop Lowry's words stuck. He used the image of giving birth and how a mother needs to breathe deeply and focus as an image for us as a church in anxious times. When we feel overwhelmed, breathing deep and focusing is a powerful exercise.

Adam Hamilton came to the former Central Pennsylvania Conference in 2011. He offered us a series of teachings he hoped would lead to revival in our conference. Adam challenged each of us to answer three questions: "Why Jesus?", "Why the church?", and "Why my church?"

These questions help us focus on the heart of our faith. If we want to share the Good News of Jesus, we need to explain why someone needs to have a relationship with Jesus in a way that makes sense to them. We also need to explain why the church is an important part of being a follower of Jesus. A healthy local church needs to explain why someone should join or take part in the church's life.

As our first year together comes to a close, I would like us to have prayerful conversations about what it means to be the church. Why is God calling us to be the church in this time and place? Locust Run will start the conversation on June 12 with a time of special worship and conversation. Thompsontown will start the conversation at our next Administrative Council meeting on July 11. In preparing for these meetings, I would invite you to pray and wrestle with Adam's question "Why my church?" – *Pastor Andrew*

PASTORAL COVERAGE

Pastor Andrew will be on vacation June 17-30. Pastor Don Walters will be covering pastoral emergencies.

NEWSLETTER DELIVERY INFO

The TT-LR Newsletter can be sent to you in several ways – by e-mail and U.S. mail. If you'd like to get your newsletter by e-mail, please send an e-mail to the JAGM office (jagmin@embarqmail.com) and you'll be added to the e-mail list. If you'd like a copy mailed to you or would like a large-print version, contact the JAGM office by phone 717-436-2624 and verify your address. You can also pick one up at either church near the bulletins.

– *Nancy Walters, JAGM Administrative Assistant*

TT CONGREGATION

We are continually collecting items for the Juniata County Food Pantry and soda tabs to help the elementary school and the Ronald McDonald House. Any questions? See me. – *Connie Eaton*

LR CONGREGATION – TWO REMINDERS

There is a basket in the vestibule to collect Box Tops for Education for Juniata Mennonite School. Don't forget to get your Weis/Giant grocery cards. How? Check out the Sunday morning slides.

SPECIAL LR ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

There will be a Special Administrative Council Meeting on Sunday, June 9, after LR worship. The purpose of this meeting will be to vote on a proposal by the Trustees to extend Locust Run's pavilion. The new space will be a workspace for activities throughout the year. There will be a short time for questions and then a vote on the proposal.

PENNIES FOR PIPP

TT Congregation: The Pennies for Pipp collection for April was \$28.58. Thank you for your continued support of this mission! -- *Connie*

SAFE SANCTUARIES TRAINING AND HELP

Pastor Andrew will be offering Safe Sanctuaries training sessions throughout May and June. Each session will be about an hour. After each session, Pastor Andrew will help with Safe Sanctuaries paperwork and clearances. Please sign up for the session you would like to attend ahead of time. A list of the June sessions is below.

Wednesday, June 5 – 7:00pm, LR

Saturday, June 8 – 10:00am, TT

Tuesday, June 11 – 10:00am, TT

Tuesday, June 11 – 7:00pm, LR

Saturday, June 14 – 10:00am, LR

COMING IN JUNE AT LOCUST RUN

On Sunday, June 23, Warren Peachey will be the special speaker at Locust Run. On Sunday, June 30, the Buffalo mountain Bluegrass Band will be at Locust Run at 10:30am. A covered dish meal will follow in the pavilion.

SODA TABS & "SHINY" MAGAZINES

TT & LR are collecting soda tabs and “shiny” magazines for Ronald McDonald House. (They recycle these items.) Both churches have a box for the magazines. We have used many services that the RMH provides both in the Children’s Hospital and at the House itself. The Ronald McDonald House in Hershey is the only one in the state that provides housing/lodging FREE of charge to families and patients of the Penn State Hershey Children’s Hospital. They also provide a hot, home-cooked meal every day for families and twice a day on the weekends for families and patients as well. We go to RMH monthly and would be happy to take any that we collect.

Any questions? Call us. – *Michelle (717-994-0455) & Bryan (717-439-1022) Hart*

JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY JUNE UPDATE

Thank you and may the Lord bless you in abundance for your faithful support of the Food Pantry! In April, the Food Pantry served 333 families in need – a total of 876 individuals. Many thanks to Locust Run UMC for sending volunteers in April.

Summer and vacation time are upon us! However, summer is HARDLY a vacation at the Food Pantry! With children home from school the need for food increases, and typically donations decrease as folks get busy with summer plans. Please don’t forget about the Juniata County Food Pantry and your neighbors in need as you go about your summer activities. If you could help by donating the items below, we would be very grateful.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR JUNE:

ALL NON-PERISHABLE FOODS; PERSONAL CARE ITEMS; CLEANING SUPPLIES; PAPER PRODUCTS
SUMMER BACKPACK LUNCH PROGRAM: SINGLE SERVE MEALS, JELLO CUPS, FRUIT CUPS, NON-
CHOCOLATE PUDDING, RAISINS, AND SINGLE SERVE CEREAL.

*WE ALSO GLADLY ACCEPT DONATIONS OF CASH AND GIFT CARDS FOR GROCERY & DISCOUNT STORES.

PO Box 44, 114 N. Main St, Mifflintown, 17059/Phone # 717-436-9718/Hours: Tues 9-12 & 1-5, Sat 9-12

*Our vestibule is open to receive non-perishable donations any hour, any day, but please deliver perishable foods when we are open. Cash or gift card donations may be deposited through the mail slot inside the vestibule. Thank you!

Visit our **Website: www.jcfoodpantry.com** Like us on **Face Book!**

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LR-TT U.M. Churches June 2019 Newsletter Calendar

Website: <http://juniataministry.org> JAGM Office: 717-436-2624
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
KEY LR means Locust Run UMC TT means Thompsontown UMC	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> WORSHIP TIMES <u>Church</u> <u>Worship</u> <u>S.S.</u> T-town 9:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m. Loc. Run 10:30 a.m. 9:15 a.m. </div>		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> Annual Conference - May 30-June 1 Hershey Lodge </div>				1
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Ascension Sunday 7:30am, Men's Prayer Meeting, TT Office Communion		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> TT Choir on Summer Vacation – No Choir Practice </div>					
		6:30-7:30pm, Sr. Hi Xtreme Club (gr. 9-12), TT Youth Ctr 7:00pm, James Bible Study. LR	7:00pm, Safe Sanctuaries Training, LR	10:00am Jams Bible Study, TT 7:00pm TT Trustees Meeting		10:00am, Safe Sanctuaries Training, TT	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
Pentecost 7:30am, Men's Prayer Meeting, TT Office After LR worship, Special LR AC Youth Fund, LR	7:00 LR Worship Committee Meeting, Sue Hart's home	10:00am, Safe Sanctuaries Training, TT 6:30-7:30pm, Sr. Hi Xtreme Club (gr. 9-12), TT Youth Ctr 7:00pm Safe Sanctuaries Training, LR	7:00pm LR Special Administrative Council for Prayer and Discernment		FLAG DAY	10:00am, Safe Sanctuaries Training, LR	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
Peace with Justice Sunday Father's Day 7:30am, Men's Prayer Meeting, TT Office Pennies for Pipp, TT		NO XTREME CLUB			FIRST DAY OF SUMMER		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
2nd Sunday After Pentecost 7:30am, Men's Prayer Meeting, TT Office		Youth Work Day @ Ronald Mcdonald House in Danville NO XTREME CLUB					
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3rd Sunday After Pentecost 7:30am, Men's Prayer Meeting, TT Office Building Fund, LR 10:30am Buffalo Mountain Bluegrass Band, LR followed by covered-dish meal in pavilion		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> <i>For more info about youth events, contact me. -- Danny Reed (Cell phone: 645-4437)</i> </div>					

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