

# ***THE SADDLEBAG***

*July & August 2019*

## **WALKERSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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## *Centering...*

To center a picture exactly in the middle of a wall can be a bit tricky unless you measure the space first...but who does that? This reminds me of reading directions or instructions *before* assembling something – **who does that!** Once the picture, painting, whatever is centered on the wall, then the fun of having it hang perfectly centered (straight) is another issue. It helps where there are pre-cut slots in the back of the frame. It also helps having another person assisting with such a project. Personally, I like pictures and hanging artwork in random groupings, no measuring, just hang them wherever and call it 'modern abstract' and be done.

The idea of 'centering' applies to our spiritual lives as well. When we try to do it by ourselves, we can easily miss the mark, not be properly aligned or centered with God's teachings. God gives us a way to center our lives in the person of His Son, Jesus. When we trust and obey Him, and follow the nudging of the Holy Spirit, we will be perfectly centered in His will.

Centering our lives in Christ takes work and constant realigning because we want to do things our way which often pulls us away from God's way. Praying, reading the Bible, being in fellowship with other believers, and being held accountable by close friends are all excellent sources of staying centered in the things of eternal importance. "The more we fill our mind and body with the things of God, the less we will be tempted to think about or act on the things that pull us away from God" (*The Sacred Way*, page 96). When we keep our focus centered on Christ, He will see us through all things.

Since this edition of the *Saddlebag* is covering both June and July, I hope everyone has a safe and fun summertime experience.

Blessings,

Pastor Mike



# MISSIONS OUTREACH

## Coming Up:

- We will be using the Giving Tree this year to support these causes:
  - July- GVCS School Supply Drive
  - August- Food Bank
  - September- Fall Festival Gift Cards
  - October- North Point Veterans Program
  - November- ARC and GVCS Toy Shop
  - December- Used clothing drive

## The Extra Mile Giving Bucket Format: The Bucket will be passed on:

- The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month - with the donations going to Missions to use as needed;
- The 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month - the Bucket won't be passed unless there is an emergency we'd like to contribute to.

**Reminder – the Bucket is an “Extra Mile Giving Bucket”, and not intended to take away from church offering**

**Interested in being a part of Missions? We'd love to have your help.**

**Contact Julie Zebroski at 240-440-9841 or [Jzebroski0404@gmail.com](mailto:Jzebroski0404@gmail.com).**

## Prayer Tree

The saying that, "It takes a Village." certainly applies to the Prayer Tree and this is a very good time to say thank you to the people that make it possible each week. A number of people in church listen to the requests each Sunday in the three services. All of those lists are combined



with other requests that are written and sent to the church office to complete the final list. A big thank you to Kitty Crum, Debbie and Bill Butler, Darlene Grimes, and Tina Green for their work each Sunday throughout the year. Also, to subs including - Sondra Glunt, Janie Piper, and John Crum, and others. Pastor Mike and Maryalice collect the written requests and/or let me into the church on Monday to pick them up. Maryalice also makes certain that the insert is ready each week for the church bulletin. Additionally, many members call

throughout the year with an emergency request to be added during the week. Also, the 40 plus folks that receive the list and then pray for all joys and concerns on the list. Yes, there are many "villagers" in our church community lifting - with much love - the joys and concerns of our community to our God. Many thanks to them all!

## GLADE VALLEY FOOD BANK:

Honor your Mother, Father, and/or Graduate with a gift of food to the  
Glade Valley Food Bank.

“Honor [them] for all that [their] hands have done....” Proverbs 31:31

Items most in need are macaroni and cheese, cereal, peanut butter, tuna, canned fruit, canned pasta (like spaghetti-O's), spaghetti, and spaghetti sauce. Other ideas are boxed potatoes (mashed, scalloped, etc.), rice, canned peas, baked beans, Hamburger Helper. All donations will be brought up to the altar and blessed prior to being delivered to the Glade Valley Food Bank.

If you have a garden, please remember the Food Bank. Our clients love fresh garden fruit and vegetables throughout the summer. Food Bank Email: [gvfb21w@gmail.com](mailto:gvfb21w@gmail.com).



## JULY & AUGUST

**July 1 – 6: Walkersville Carnival – Turtle Races**

**July 4: Independence Day – Office Closed**

**July 7: ASP Commissioning Service  
Ministry Fair – 11:00 GH**

**July 8 – 12: Maryalice is on Vacation**

**July 14 – 20: ASP Trip**

**July 22 – 26: VBS – 6:00 – 8:00 PM**

**July 28: Young Families Event**

**August 4: Ministry Fair – 11:00 GH**

**August 11: ASP Share Service**

## **YOU ARE INVITED!**

The next National Christian Choir Concert is on **July 6, 2019, 4:00PM**, at *Gettysburg High School, 1130 Old Harrisburg Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325*. Come early to get a good seat; doors open one hour before the performance begins. The program includes many Patriotic pieces, as well as pieces from our newest recording "Hymn Sing", and we believe it is both inspiring and uplifting. The ensemble, Second Edition, will be a part of the program, as well as soloists and a duet. There are no tickets required, no admission fee, only an offering for the Choir's ministry. We hope you will join us!

In His Service with Music, Robyn Ballew



**Thank you** to all of my fellow church members and friends for the wonderful 99<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party on June 9<sup>th</sup>. I thoroughly enjoyed all of the activities and appreciate your kind thoughts and cards.

Special thanks to Robin and Chris for food arrangements and friends who brought potluck dishes. Thanks also to Nancy and the Praise Band for allowing me to participate in the music program.

God Bless You All.

George Fisher Sr.

## **SADDLEBAG ARTICLES:**

All Saddlebag articles must be submitted by the **15<sup>th</sup> of each month**, prior to the publication. For example: articles for the May Saddlebag are due on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

The next Saddlebag will be the September issue. Deadline is August 15<sup>th</sup>.



**JULY 22-26**  
**6 PM – 8 PM**

You're Invited to  
**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019**  
*at Walkersville United Methodist Church*

**AGES: 3 Years Old - Fifth Grade**  
*Must be potty trained!*

*Registration is free!*

**Please register via google form at**  
**<https://forms.gle/2FrUaU81nPj3tZkm8>**  
**or find forms in church office**

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[\*paulabrockman@gmail.com\*](mailto:paulabrockman@gmail.com)

**WUMC Vacation Bible School:**

VBS is **July 22-26 from 6-8 pm**. **VBS is looking for volunteers!** We are looking for help to lead groups, prepare snacks and to lead stations. This event can't go on without our wonderful volunteers. If you can lend some of your time please contact Paula Brockman at [paulabrockman@gmail.com](mailto:paulabrockman@gmail.com).

## Tune In!! Music Notes for July and August 2019

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all who helped make our 99<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration for

GEORGE FISHER

an awesome success. Thanks to the worship team, musicians, decorating and set-up crew, serving, and everyone who attended and/or brought food. It was a great day in the life of our church!!

Thank you to all of our musicians who have celebrated in worship with us for the past year. We especially thank the directors - Heather Ponce, Junior Choir, who will be stepping down this year as her daughter moves to the next age group. Thank you Heather!! The kids have learned so much from you! Thank you Gene Ashe and assistant, Helene Klemanski, for directing the Handbells, thank you Susan Glaspell for directing the adult choir and the flute choir, and thanks to the Praise Team for leading themselves!!

**If you or someone you love might be willing to provide special music during the summer Sundays and into September, please let me know. (Nancy Mullins - 301-639-1064, or [music@walkersvilleumc.org](mailto:music@walkersvilleumc.org). Remember, the best way to get your choice of Sundays is to volunteer before I ask you!!**

Please feel free to share with me any ideas you have as to how to grow, including existing groups, new ones, whatever you'd be willing to support or would like to see happen musically around WUMC.

The Fall Choir schedule will stay basically the same as in previous years. For the most part, rehearsals will begin after Labor Day. Watch bulletin announcements, the website, and the September Saddlebag for specifics.

Here's a tentative list to aid in your fall planning:

Cherub Choir (ages 3 - 1<sup>st</sup> grade) - Wednesday, 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Junior Choir (grades 2 - 5) - Wednesday, 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Adult Choir - Wednesday, 7:30 - 8:45 p.m.

English Handbell Choir - Sunday, 12:30 p.m.

Flute Choir - Thursday, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Praise Team - Thursday, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. - ongoing

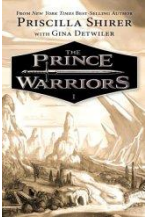
Please note that the Junior Choir needs a director!

We will try to reinstate our adult choir this fall. Please watch for announcements with details.

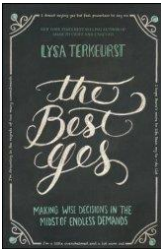
# Small Groups Update

## Summer Reading Groups

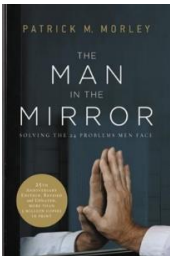
Pick on of the following books to read or listen to at your leisure this summer and gather on September 8<sup>th</sup> for a book club type gathering to share your thoughts and hear others' perspectives about them:



**The Prince Warriors** by Priscilla Shirer. Get your 8- to 12-year-olds thinking about the reality of spiritual warfare—and challenge them to put on "the full armor of God"! Like most young brothers, Xavier and Evan are used to battling each other. But when they're whisked into the mysterious world of Ahoratos, they must stand together—against a far more frightening enemy! *Great for a family road trip, the audio book is available for free download on Hoopla with your library card!*

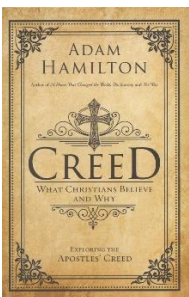


In *The Best Yes*, let Lysa TerKeurst help you discern the option that shapes all your other choices. Having trouble deciding which situations deserve a "yay" and which a "nay?" Are you living with the stress of an overwhelmed schedule and aching with the sadness of an underwhelmed soul? Offering Scripture-laced insights on effective decision-making, she encourages you to be honest, imaginative, focused, trusting, and humble as you discover the role God most wants you to play. *PDF and Audiobook are available for free download on Hoopla with your library card!*



**The Man in the Mirror** by Patrick Morley: Identity. Relationships. Money. Integrity. What problems do *you* face? Men grappling with the pressures of everyday life don't need spiritual fluff—they need real answers, and Morley offers them in this revised and updated edition of his bestseller. Learn how to trade the rat race for the rewards of godly manhood! Each chapter includes focus questions. *PDF and Audiobook are available for free download on Hoopla with your library card!*

***And coming this September..... along with several other studies this year:***



### Creed: What Christians Believe and Why

We're all searching. Sometimes the search is easy: simply type a question and the answer pops up. But sometimes our questions are complicated, and the answers are difficult to see and harder to articulate. How do we discover and examine the truths that give meaning and purpose to life? Adam Hamilton believes that some powerful answers are contained in the Apostles' Creed, an early statement of foundational Christian beliefs. In this book, Hamilton considers important questions of life, reality, and truth. He explores not only what Christians believe, but also why they believe it and why it matters. Chapters include:

- God
- Jesus Christ
- The Holy Spirit
- The Church at the Communion of Saints
- The Forgiveness of Sins
- The Resurrection of the Body

**Be sure to stop by the Small Groups table at one of the ministry fairs to learn more, sign up to lead or participate in an upcoming study, AND pick up a free gift!**



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# Summer Reading Program

*A Reading Adventure for Kids*

Join Lifeway on their 2019 summer reading adventure, hosted by Doug, the Slug, and Sparky, the Bug, of Slugs & Bugs, **June 3 to Aug. 31**. We want to help you and your family promote the love of reading in your home as well as encouraging the love of God's Word through reading His Scripture. This program is geared toward grades 1 through 6 and even toddlers, ages 1 to 5, but all are welcome to join in the adventure.

**CHALLENGE:**

Read six books over the course of the summer and memorize six Scripture verses.

**REWARD:**

Once you've completed your journal, complete the online form to [redeem your prizes](#).

Sign up online to at <https://www.lifeway.com/content/lifeway/us/en/special-emphasis/summer-reading.html#rewards> to participate and redeem your free book reward!

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