

The Shepherd's Staff

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Vacation Bible School

June 19-23

9-11:45 a.m.

Toddlers to Grade 6

Theme: Maker Fun Factory

Exploring God's word through Bible study, crafts, games and music.

Registration materials are available at the information desk in the church foyer.



Worship Service
will continue at 8 &
10:30 a.m. through-

Sunday School

No Sunday School

June, July & August

Summer Mission Trip

July 26 - August 2

Orlando, Florida

The H2O Youth Ministry will be visiting mission agencies and joining with Jeff and Karen Grant of CRU to participate in local outreach efforts to college students. They will also do some projects with Reliant, which is the mission agency Derrick is joining.

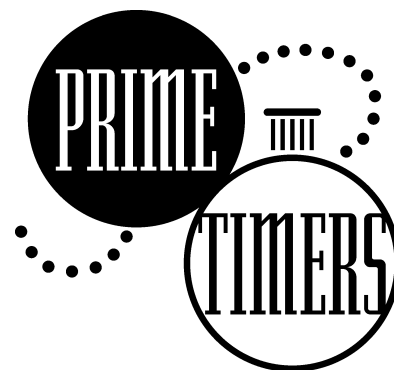
The team includes: Derrick Whitmore, Lucas Hahn, Breanna Little, Regina Kraus, Jarrett Benz, Jessica Benz, Josiah Davis, Dylan Houck, Lindsey Houck, Abigail Kraus, Rachael Smith, Sarah Smith, Caitlin Wilson, Carlien Wilson, James Wilson, Michael Wilson and Allison Young.

One or the other

Either we trust in God, and in that case we neither trust in ourselves, nor in our fellow-men, nor in circumstances, nor in anything besides; or we do trust in one or more of these, and in that case do not trust in God.

— George Müller





Prime Timer Activities

Fellowship Lunch

Thursday, June 15, 11:00 a.m.
Shady Maple

Fellowship Breakfast

Saturday, July 15, 8:30 a.m.
Americana Diner, Route 100

Fellowship Breakfast

Saturday, August 12, 8:30 a.m.
Brookside, Pottstown

Register on the Welcome Card
for all these activities



H2O Youth

Wednesdays, 6:30—8:30 p.m.
in the
Shepherd's Den.

Children's Church

Pre-K to Grade 4—every Sun-
day during the 10:30 a.m. ser-
vice.

Sunday School

No Sunday school in
June, July or August.

Hello Shepherd! Finally, the cold is gone and the warm is here. Gardens are blooming, the temperature is up, vacations are beginning and the summer is taking its hold on life again. No doubt you have some plans for this summer. Personally, we are looking forward for trips to the shore, backyard cookouts, crab feasts, water balloon fights, and all sorts of fun with the kids.

Here at SOTH there are also some great plans for this summer. Our Wednesday night services will continue as will the two-service schedule for Sundays. Make sure to listen for our new radio ministry, "Light the Way," airing Sundays at 6:30 PM on 107.5 Alive, Boyertown. Our Bible College classes will be in summer sessions. In addition to those, we're welcoming two new pastors this summer. The youth group will be heading out on a mission to Orlando, FL. We're also planning a baptism event later in the season for all those wanting to be baptized. That's not to mention all the regular stuff that happens over the course of the season.

There are definitely a lot of great things going on, both at the church and in our lives. All of that to say this: life can get busy. Things come up, plans are made, trips are booked, you name it; life gets busy. However, as busy as life gets, don't forget to take time and continue to grow in your relationship with God. It can be easy to accidentally overlook developing our walk with Christ when things ramp up, I know, we've all done it, trust me.

So let me encourage you to enjoy the summer! Cook out, go on vacation, swim, garden, set off fireworks (if it's allowed, that is), roast marshmallows, do it all! Enjoy life! But while you're enjoying the life God gave don't forget to enjoy the God of life as well.

God bless you all and I'll see you on Sundays (and Wednesdays)!

Montco-Berks Golden Age

Thursday, June 8, 12:00 p.m.
Celebrating 50 years with an Anniversary
Party/Picnic
at Christ Lutheran Church, Niantic
Program: "Memories" by Hope Bern-
hard and Rev. Robert Gerhard.
Cost: \$13



Missions Commitment



Bob Mendelsohn

The summer Mission Commitment Projects are:

June - Bob Mendelsohn of Jews for Jesus, currently serving in Sydney, Australia

July - Lolita Abuton and sons, Bezaleel and Samuel Jr., Philippines. Bezaleel is following his parent's footsteps by now working fulltime at the Philippine Missionary Institute. Samuel Jr. pastors a local church.

August - Said Bouis of Morocco, working with CRU to evangelize in North Africa.

The summer Vision Projects are:

June - Air Mission Group – Ben and Lauren Powell. After several years of preparation they are scheduled to leave for Guatemala July 6.

July - The Navigator's Missionary Care Fund. This fund provides care for missionaries and their families when difficult circumstances arise.

August– Indian Bible College of Northern Arizona. (IBC), located in Flagstaff, Arizona. The goal of IBC is to prepare students for ministry to the Native American community and beyond.

Confirmation 2017



(l-r) Pastor Derrick Whitmore, Sherry Jessum, Jim Jessum, Lindsey Houck, Linda Saul, Brittany Troutman, Pastor Collin Monger

Mission Projects



June Graduates

Boyertown Area High School

Abrielle Houck

Allen Stewart

Exeter Township High School

James Mertz

Owen J. Roberts High School

Ciera McFarland

WestMont Christian Academy

Patrick Coffey

Joshua Schueck

Shawn Wilson

Higher Education

Penn State University—Collin Wagner

Villanova University—Jacob Kraus

Montgomery County Community College—Samuel Cocchimiglio





<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Game</u>	<u>Location</u>
6/4 5 pm	SOTH vs. Heidelberg UCC	New Hanover Lutheran
6/11 2 pm	Upper Perk CC vs. SOTH	Eagle AA Field
6/18 5 pm	SOTH vs. New Life BFC	New Hanover Lutheran
6/25 2 pm	MSF Gold vs. SOTH	Morning Star Fellowship

*First team listed is Home Team

Bits and Pieces

Prayers of Sympathy are offered for the family of Sandra Kaprelian, who died on May 26.

Vacation Bible School dates for 2017 are June 19-23. Please contact Diane Smith about your interest in being involved.

The Peg Merkley Scholarship was presented to Grant Kochev on Sunday, June 11.

Prime Timer Sunday will be observed on June 25. Prime Timers will usher and participate in the service.

Confirmation was held on May 14. Newly confirmed is Lindsey Houck. **Charisma, Today's Christian Living and the Upper Room** are regularly available at the literature rack in the sanctuary foyer. Use the attached envelopes for payment (place in offering plate or in mail slot on church office door.) The magazines are \$2.50. The Upper Room devotional is by donation (they cost about \$1.00 each.)

Sunday Services

8:00 a.m.

Traditional Service

10:30 a.m.

Contemporary Service

June 11

Graduate Sunday

June 25

Prime Timer Sunday



ROMANS 8:16



Boyertown Relay for Life

Sat., June 24 - Sun., June 25

Boyertown Community Park
Shepherd of the Hills Team Organizer Bea Johnson

Luminaire order forms are available at the foyer information desk. The suggested donation is \$10 each. Attach your donation to the form and turn in to the office or give to Pat Mest or Bea Johnson.

Survivors and Caregivers may register at no cost. Provide your T-shirt size for a free shirt.

If you have questions or need more information, contact Bea at 610-754-7886.

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Associate Pastor

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