

All Wet

Ever since I was a little tike, I have loved being around and in water. My mother told a story of going to a swimming pool when I was barely walking. My parents put me in the shallow water and I walked in right up to my chin and looked around. My mom wanted to scoop me up fearing I would topple over, but my dad said let him go. I stayed there a long time, happy as could be.



There is something about water that attracts people to it. Ponds, lakes, streams, brooks, creeks, rivers, bays, fjords, shores, and oceans. We love to swim, fish, splash, boat, surf, jump in, dive in, or just sit beside it enjoying the beauty of God's creation.

Water seems like such a simple substance. One hydrogen, and two oxygen, but there is so much more. Seventy-one percent of the earth's surface is covered in water. Our bodies are made up of 60% water.

Water is a very polar substance; it dissolves many solids like salts & sugars. One gallon of water will dissolve 3 lbs. of salt. Cleaning would be impossible without water.

It is a key ingredient to life. It holds and delivers oxygen.

Water is the basis for heat load calculations. A British thermal unit is defined as one pound of water heated on degrees Fahrenheit. Water can exist as a solid, liquid, or vapor. It takes 144 BTUs to freeze one pound of water into ice. That is why ice is so good at keeping our beverages cold. It takes 1,000 BTUs to evaporate 1 pound of water into steam. That is why steam is such a good source of heat.

Most substances shrink when cooled and expand when heated. Water follows the same rules until it reaches 38F, then breaks all the rules and expands as it cools below 38F. Water expands the most at 32F, as it changes from a liquid to ice. If water didn't expand as it freezes, then bodies of water would freeze from the bottom up and kill every living thing in them. But they freeze from the top down, insulating the water below keeping the creatures alive and well.

In my opinion, there is nothing like a cool glass of Lancaster County well water to quench the thirst.

Water is just one more amazing gift and proof that God is the creator of all.

Romans 1: 20 (NIV), For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities _ his Eternal power and divine nature_ have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

The next time that you sit on the beach and watch the waves, listen to the music of a babbling brook, or drink a cool swig of refreshing water, take a moment to praise our Father in Heaven who gave us such a wonderful gift.

Jim Nolt – Executive Board Member

And he showed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb in the middle of its street.



The September board meeting will be Monday, Sept. 9. Commissions will meet at 6:30 PM and the Board Meeting will take place at 7 PM.

Womens Fellowship



All ladies are welcome to come and enjoy a wonderful time of fellowship and sharing of God's love the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 PM. It will be a refreshing time to the end of an day. At our first meeting on Tuesday, September 10, at 7 PM, we would like you to bring an item for the Giving Cupboard. We are not in need of any vegetables at this time, but any other item would be appreciated.

Evening Bible Study:

Love. Joy. Peace. Patience. Kindness. Goodness. Faithfulness. Gentleness. Self-Control. They describe a fruit-filled life, and we may think that life is just about being "nice." But it's not about being "nice." The truth is the Fruit of the Spirit is about allowing the Holy Spirit to transform us into being like Jesus. Ladies, you are invited to join the Garden of Grace Bible Study group as we learn more about growing the Fruit of the Spirit. Sessions begin at 7 pm Thursday, September 5 at Cindy Metz's home. Need more info? Contact Cindy.



Do you love to sing and worship the Lord ? Then you are invited to join the Choir. Practice begins on Wednesday, September 11 at 6:30 PM. The choir is a wonderful way to express your love for God in song. Teens are also invited to join in.



EPIC: Encouraging People in Christ

Our youth ministry is active and dedicated. They are a group of young people ages 12-18 who really want to encounter the

presence of God and live their lives with a purpose. They meet each Sunday evening at 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Leslie Crissman is their shepherd and she encourages them to seek God , spread His love and help others to know Christ. All teens are welcome to join us! Here are some upcoming events.

*Youth will be starting on September 8th with a family fire at Jake & Airen Rupp's home from 5-7.

*There are youth schedules for the fall in the vestibule.

*Valley dairy fundraiser will be September 22.

Friends, Fun and Christian Learning - For Kids!



Kids enjoy coming to Pioneer Club ! They learn about following Jesus while having fun, playing games, making crafts and strengthening friendships. Kids age 4 thru 6th grade are welcome.

The club meets each Sunday evening at 6 PM at the church. September 8 will our first meeting for fall.

Fellowship, food & fun

CHURCH Picnic



Make plans to join us !! It's going to be great! Everyone is invited, bring a friend, lawn chair and a covered dish to share, and ball equipment to have a fun game. Saturday, September 21, Crooked Creek State Park, Constitution & Freedom Pavilions. We will gather at 3 PM and our meal will be at 4 PM.



Dayton Fair 2024 Highlights

Our Center Hill Kids, we are so proud of them and their animals.





Creation Museum & Arc Encounter with the Youth.

Thank you to Pastor Leslie , Airen & Jake Rupp for planning & the making this trip possible.



Youth Project for the Water Street Mission:

Our Youth collected items and assembled shelter care packages for the Water Street Mission at their Annual Youth Conference. Youth conference was held July 18-20 at Chiques Church in Mannheim, Pa near Lancaster. Our youth that went were Haley Swineford, Chloe Crissman, Ciara Renzo, and Sadie Jack. All the youth packed over 300 care bags filled with daily essentials for the Lancaster Water Street Mission.



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There's no
Greater love
than this





Brady got first in the Sr. Showmanship division for dairy. First place in his calf class (he was the only one in his class) and he got to participate in the Sr Showmanship contest on Friday morning at the fair. He got to show a pig, a goat, sheep, dairy and a steer. He said it was a good experience. With his pig he got 4th place.

Brock got 2nd place in his showmanship division. He also got 2nd place in his class with his heifer and honorable mention Jr. champion with her.

Afternoon Bible Study:



Jean Westlake will be leading a Bible study on the book of Ephesians starting **Wednesday September 4 from 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM every Wednesday** until finished. Will be meeting at the church.



Men's Fellowship meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7 PM. It's a time for men to come together, share their faith and encourage each other.

Our first meeting is Sept. 24.
ALL MEN ARE WELCOME!

 **THE Lamplighter**

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