



July 2009

Howard Christian Church

Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:15 a.m.
Scott Brand, Minister
Charles Salmon, Minister to Senior Adults

367 Walnut Street
Howard, PA 16841

Sheep Without a Shepherd

On the grassy hills of southwest Pennsylvania, where I was reared, there were a few sheep but there were no shepherds. The flocks were small and were in fenced pastures. You could say the only sheep I knew anything about back then had no shepherd.

Across the road from my childhood home, such a little flock of sheep grazed on a hillside behind the Stewarts' home. The hill was so steep and high that at times you would almost think the sheep were grazing on the roof of the Stewarts' home. I always think of these sheep when I read the Bible passage that says Jesus saw the crowds as "sheep having no shepherd." (Mark 6:34)

You see, they had a pattern for their day. Each day at sunrise they would walk in single file to the back side of their sloping pasture. There they would scatter and placidly nibble the grass or lie in the shade until sundown. Then, as if on a signal, they would form their single file line for the trek back home. Around the perimeter of the pasture where they were accustomed to walking day after day, they had worn a shallow ditch with their single file parade.

I meet a lot of people like those sheep. They wander about day by day seeking a livelihood or pleasure with no direction, purpose, or meaning in their lives. In the end they invariably wind up in the same old ruts. The sheep (as well as the people) behave that way because they have no leader. There is no one to show them where the greener grass is, no one to direct them into new paths, and no one to protect them when danger threatens.

God provides this for Christians. Becoming a Christian means committing one's life to following a wise leader. Jesus Christ is a leader who has given His life to redeem us to himself and who gives His life constantly in ministering to our needs. He said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." (John 10:11).

Why not come visit our Thursday afternoon Bible study group? We meet in the Church basement every Thursday at 1:30 p.m. We have a good time together and you would feel welcome.

The Thursday afternoon Bible study group is collecting items to fill "care" packages for military personnel serving overseas. There's a list and a collection box in the rear of the sanctuary. Would you make a contribution?

Please pray for your Church and our Senior Adult Ministry!

-- Bro. Chuck

July Birthdays

- 1 Matthew Charney
- 1 Rachelle Stover
- 1 Alison Wian
- 4 Christopher Hunt
- 6 Katherine Henk
- 6 Ashley Robinson
- 6 Jill Smith
- 8 Relda Lyons
- 8 Matt McKean
- 8 Alexis Womer
- 8 Alissa Womer
- 9 Katie Snyder
- 9 Brian Snyder
- 10 Mackenzie Frazier
- 14 Bob Thompson
- 14 Tricia Wertz
- 15 Becky Holter
- 16 Shane Billet
- 16 Abigail Brand
- 16 Gregory Miller
- 16 Jason Rogers
- 16 Joshua Snyder
- 17 Joe Berube
- 18 Meghan Kader
- 20 Susan Hale
- 20 Becky Holter
- 22 Katelyn Bathurst
- 23 Scott Kotzur
- 27 Marie Carlson
- 27 Jan Martinec
- 28 Kevin Struble
- 30 Max Heiss
- 30 Curt Kader
- 30 Philip Weber
- 31 Leroy Carlson

July Anniversaries

- 3 Bryan & Elaina Howell
- 7 Peter & Julie Fritz
- 15 Eli & Elizabeth Halterman
- 16 Mike & Susan Charney

Please call the church office with any additions or corrections.

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING

	<u>Worship</u>	<u>S.S.</u>	<u>Offering</u>
June 7	220	N/A	\$5,468.42
June 14	134	93	\$3,970.00
June 21	122	98	\$2,984.00
June 28	128	N/A	\$3,732.01
2009 Avg.	160	106	\$3,702.04 (Weekly Need \$4,063.00)

MISSION TRIP

MOUNTAIN MISSION SCHOOL IN GRUNDY

Lycoming Christian Church has planned a mission trip to Mountain Mission School in Grundy on August 15-20. The school is in need of the following items:

Bikes in Good Repair

Copy paper

Paper plates

Plastic Flatware

#10 cans of -peas

-green beans

-corn



Tom and Barb Snyder will be traveling with the group and will be taking a trailer. If you would like to donate any of the above items, please contact Tom or Barb.

2009 Youth Camps at Sylvan Hills

New Purpose Retreats

(all ages; physically/mentally challenged)

July 5-11

Junior

(entering grades 4 & 5)

July 12-17

Intermediate

(entering grades 6 & 7)

July 19-24

Beginners

(entering grades 2 & 3)

July 26-28

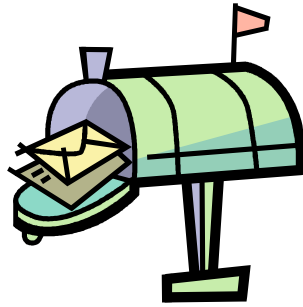
Directory Updates

Scott & Nicole Brand

400 Hill Street Ext.
P.O. Box 125
Fleming, PA 16835
(814) 355-0270

Lois Kotzur

Eagle Valley Personal Care Home
P.O. Box 8969
Milesburg, PA 16853



Baptism

Edward Ishler



**Independence
Day
July 4**

Recipes Needed

The Howard Civic Club is collecting recipes for a fundraising cookbook. If you would like to contribute a favorite recipe, please give it to Carolyn Hollar or Sara Hoy by July 12.

Serving in the Military

Clay Ammerman	Ty Ammerman	Jeremiah Boone-Iraq
Jeff Bird	Brandon Brooks	Spencer Charles
George Cline	Caleb Clouse	David Corle-Iraq
John Daughenbaugh	Jason Eppers	Tyler Fishburn
Adam Fisher-Iraq	Andy Frantz	Angie Gilbert-Kuwait
Jake Kerschner	Matthew Leher	Mike Mann-Iraq
Brandon Maynard	Mike McGuinness	Blain McKivison-Iraq
Michael Metz	Joe Miller	Duke Muthler
Sgt. James Perry	Robert Rockey-Iraq	Ethan Schomburg
Chris Showers	Kevin Smith-Iraq	Jeremy Stover
Michael Stover-Kuwait	Logan Thompson	Shane Waite
Mac Walker	Amanda Wertz	Greg Yeomans
Andy Young-Iraq	56th Stryker Brigade Unit	

Prayer List

Immediate Requests

Parker Allen- 2 mo. premature baby
Reilly Benninghoff- chemo
Pat Beury- health issues
Cooper Cody- 5 yr old- cancer
Scott D. Corman- eyes/double vision
Sue Crawford- cancer
Family of Bill Heitzer
Jane Ferguson- health
Jim Ferguson- health
Peter Gioftsidis- given 2-4 weeks to live/
brain lesions
Jeff Hipp- upcoming heart surgery
Ian Ingram- 17 yr old- cancer/chemo
Edward Ishler- health
Phil Houser- staph infection following surgery
Jill Loomis- breast cancer
Amina Mannau- 1 yr-bowel & liver transplant
Shane Michaels- surgery & cancer treatment
Sandy Newhard- cancer
Joe Rockey- eye issue
Sarah Rockey- high blood pressure
Hazel Sementelli- kidney failure
Amanda Sherry- spinal infusion
Sharon Steele- family & health
Morgan Walker- auto accident, critical cond.
Tom & Linda Walker- Morgan's parents
Matt Wineland- needs kidney transplant

Ongoing Requests

Karen Aber- cancer
Emma Andrews- health/pain issues
Dorothy Berube- cancer
Barb Breon- on dialysis
Clair Falls- failing health
Iral Feighner- Gillian Barre Syndrome
Walt Giedroc- health concerns
Harold Heverly- health
Lois Kotzur- health
Roy Kustanbauter- prostate cancer
Dick McKeague- cancer
Chuck Salmon- cancer treatment
Timothy Stauffer- MS
Alissa Womer- health concerns
Darlene Woods- cancer treatments

Praise God For

Jesus- Our Savior
Scott D. Corman- doing better
Edward Ishler- baptism
Dona Martinec- brain tumor not life-threatening
Koen John- safe birth
Ethan Schomburg- safely returned to U.S.
Our Church Family
Our Teachers & Missionaries

Please direct Prayer Chain calls to Barb Snyder at 625-2907.
To add someone to the Prayer List contact Sue at the church at 625-2764.

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**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!
WE HAD 98 CHILDREN
ATTEND THIS YEAR!
THANKS TO ALL OF THOSE
WHO HELPED!**

Alex Barkalow
Traci Beck
Charlie Bova
Cherese Bova
Kendra Bova
Scott Brand
Brittany Butterworth
Gloria Chambers
Shannon Charney
Susan Charney
Colton Comly
Nancy Confer
Shirley DeArment
Ryan Dyke

Serita Entz
Jessica Fishburn
Joshua Fishburn
Tanner Fishburn
Jim Gardner
Luke Gardner
Kylie Gardner
Shawnee Gardner
Emily Gates
Heather Gates
Abby Gettig
Betsy Gettig
Brandon Gettig
Lois Gettig

Audrey Giedroc
Kendra Giedroc
Forrest Gribble
Cody Hacket
Melissa Ishler
Austin Kim
Evan Kim
Sharon Kotzur
Lisa Kowalczyk
Jan Martinec
Patty Masden
Derrick Noll
Chelsea Robinson
Margaret Rougeux

Barb Snyder
Betsy Snyder
Joshua Snyder
Katie Snyder
Alex Struble
Mitchel Struble
Bill Watkins
Dylan Womer
Kyle Womer
Renee Womer
Tyler Womer

A BIG THANKS TO NANCY FISHBURN, VBS DIRECTOR. MANY HOURS GO INTO PLANNING A SUCCESSFUL BIBLE SCHOOL AND SHE DID A GREAT JOB AS USUAL!!

**AS YOU CAN SEE, IT TAKES MANY HANDS TO GET THE JOB DONE!
IF YOU MISSED OUT ON HELPING THIS YEAR, MAKE PLANS TO
HELP NEXT YEAR. YOU'LL BE GLAD YOU DID!!!**

