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# *The Light On The Hill*



June 2024

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## *From the Pastor's Desk*

### **Preaching Schedule**

June 2<sup>nd</sup> - What Were You Thinking? (Matthew 25:14-30)

We are constantly making decisions. What role am I going to play as dad in my kid's life? Is it republican, democrat or independent? How much will I let God into the details of my life? Yet we never know who or what hangs in the balance of our decision. But our decision does determine the direct and the quality of our lives. Bad decision affects us but they also can affect others. Think about you own family, parents, and grandparents; if they would have made different decisions, how would that have impacted you? Truth is we can't look down the line and ever know how our decision will affect others. All decisions have consequences, all have risks. We never reach our potential unless we are willing to take risks. Farmers who watch for perfect weather will never plant a crop (Solomon) and will never have a harvest. Jesus told a story about taking risks. In the end Jesus tells us that all of us must take on responsibility and assume risk if we are to harvest the potential He has for us.

June 9<sup>th</sup> – Risk, Is It Worth It (Proverb 2:1-15, Prov. 3:4-5, 2 Samuel 11)

If you are going to grow, you must be willing to take risks. However, can you limit your risk? It is a skill you can learn. It begins with inviting God into the process. If we do, He promises to guide us. Today we will learn a way to deal with four propositions that help us better understand potential outcomes. Desire, opportunity, power, and expectation. Proverbs 13:16 tells us “Wise people think before they act; fools don't.” Proverbs 14:8 says, “The prudent understand where they are going, but fools deceive themselves.”

June 16: Father's Day. "A Father's Love" Matthew 1:18-21. God gave Joseph the privilege and responsibility of serving as the earthly father -- parent, provider, protector, teacher -- of his Son, Jesus. A challenging and sacred calling that required great sacrifice and great trust and reliance on God. The men who father us are given the same privilege and responsibility-- fathering God's children on earth. Also a sacred calling that requires great sacrifice and great trust and reliance on God.

June 23<sup>rd</sup> – Avoid Bad Decisions (Proverbs 7)

If we can define and refine how we make good decisions, we can become good risk takers. But what do we do when we work the “process,” but the potential outcomes are still a little unclear. We want to look today at the golden buzzer for good decisions and the poison bill for bad decisions. As we said it is imperative to invite God into our decision making. Then there are propositions to think through as we work toward and make a decision. The golden buzzer (Phil. 2:3) takes interest in others as well. Focus on others rather than yourself. The poison pill is just the opposite, make it all about you (James 4:6).

June 30<sup>th</sup> – Bouncing Back (I John 1:8-9, Ps. 69:5-6, 1 Peter 2:24)

Stupid decisions lead to bad outcomes. It is inevitable, we mess up. But if we are to live life to the fullest, we must take risks. So how do we recover when we make a bad decision? Own it, confess it to God. Repent, change direction, don't keep doing the same thing. Then know your weaknesses and don't hang out with those who will encourage that same bad behavior. You create transparency. Ask what would happen if everyone saw your decisions. Finally, make the exchange Jesus offers. His grace for our messes.

## WITNESS COMMISSION

YOU CAN BE PROUD OF THE VOLUNTEERS WHO WORKED AT THE CENTRAL PENN FOOD BANK THIS PAST MONTH. THE NEXT DATE FOR VOLUNTEERS IS JULY 9TH. 343 BOXES OF PASTA WERE PACKED TO SEND TO THEIR FOOD BANKS NEEDING PASTA. WE ALL HAD A WORKOUT.

WE PRAY EVERYONE WHO ATTENDS THE WOMEN/MEN BANQUET WILL HAVE ENJOYED THE MEAL AND THE PROGRAM.

OUR NEXT KIT PACKING TIME WILL BE SEPTEMBER 29 AND WE HOPE WE HAVE MORE VOLUNTEERS THAN THE LAST TIME.



## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS

IF YOU DID NOT GET TO THE DISTRICT'S WOMEN'S SPRING LUNCHEON, YOU MISSED A GREAT SPEAKER. 77 WOMEN THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT ATTENDED. ONLY TWO CAME FROM CARLISLE. WHAT A GREAT MEAL SHE HAD. THE NEXT DISTRICT WOMEN'S EVENT IS TO BE HELD AT CAMP EDER FOR TWO DAYS....JUNE 3rd and 4th.

GET OUT IN THE WILDERNESS TO GET REFRESHED. IF INTERESTED, LET GLORIA KNOW AND SHE WILL GET YOU REGISTERED.

THE NEXT BIRTHDAY BREAKFAST WILL BE HELD AT SUNNYSIDE.

IF YOU ARE A SECRET CARD MEMBER, TRY TO GET YOUR JUNE CARD SENT...REMEMBER, YOU JUST SIGN WITH S.S.

IT IS NOT TOO EARLY TO START COLLECTING ITEMS FOR THE CHRISTIAN CHILD SHOE BOXES TO BE PACKED IN NOVEMBER. THE ITEMS FOR JUNE ARE WRITING TABLETS AND SMALL CUPS.

THE ANNUAL CHURCH YARD SALE WILL BE HELD JUNE 21ST AND 22ND. TIMES AND WORK DATES TO BE DECIDED UPON AND POSTED WHEN AVAILABLE. DONATION OF ITEMS WILL BEGIN ON JUNE 2ND AND PLACED AT THE FAR END OF THE ALL-PURPOSE ROOM.

*On the Personal Side...*

**JOYS, SORROWS & CONCERNS THIS PAST MONTH TO:**

*Joys to:*

*Friends of the Congregation who have been ill, hospitalized or needing prayer this past month include:*

*Prayer List:*

*Persons from the Congregation who have been ill, hospitalized or needing prayer this past month include:*

*Prayers: Prayers for people around the world touched by ongoing wars.*

**Our Record of Faithfulness**

May 19, 2024

<u>Y-T-D</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>	<u>2023</u>
General Fund	General Fund	Building Fund	Building Fund	Special Giving	Special Giving

God comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When others are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us.

2 Corinthians 1:4

*Serving You In June . . .*

**WORSHIP**

**GREETERS**

Elmer & Pauline Stump

**HOSPITALITY**

All Deacons

**HEAD USHERS**

June 2 - Dave Wert  
June 9 - Dale Miller  
June 16 - Dave Marks  
June 23 - Ike Tritt  
June 30 - Dale Miller

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

June 2 -  
June 9 -  
June 16 -  
June 23 -  
June 30 -

**JUNIOR CHURCH**

June 2 - Francine Moody & Elaine  
McCoy

June 9 - Deanna White & Doris Marks

June 16 - Francine Moody & Pam  
Lebo

June 23 - Pat Tritt & Doris Marks

June 30 - Julie Miller & Shannon  
Ditmer

**CHILDREN'S STORY  
READERS**

June 2 - Francine Moody  
June 9 - Pat Tritt  
June 23 - Debbie Meenan

**SOUND ROOM**

June 2 -  
June 9 - Mike Ditmer  
June 16 - Ike Tritt  
June 23 - Dave Marks  
June 30 -

**LAWN CARE**

June 7 - 8	Dale Miller	Craig Wert
June 14 - 15	Dale Miller	Craig Wert
June 21 - 22	Dale Miller	Craig Wert
June 28 - 29	Dale Miller	Craig Wert

## SLOW COOKER CRACK CHICKEN

- 3 pounds Boneless Skinless Chicken Breasts
- 2 packets dry ranch seasoning
- 16 ounces cream cheese
- 6 slices bacon cooked and crumbled
- 1 cup cheddar cheese

chopped green onions for garnish

In a slow cooker add the chicken to the bottom. Sprinkle with dry ranch seasoning. Top with cream cheese. Cover and cook on low for 6 -8 hours or high for 4 hours.

Shred the chicken with two forks. Top with bacon and sprinkle with cheese. Cover until melted. Serve on buns, over rice and garnish with green onions.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>2</b> Bread & Communion	<b>3</b> Items for yard sale can be brought in Women's Camp Retreat today and tomorrow	<b>4 9:00 am</b> PA Pastors' Mtg <b>10:30 am</b> Music & Worship <b>1:00</b> Quilting <b>4:30-9:00 pm</b> Carlisle Karate Camp Retreat	<b>5 Noon</b> Ladies' Bible Study	<b>6 2:00 pm</b> M/W <b>4:30-9:00 pm</b> Carlisle Karate	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9 Noon</b> Strawberry Social <b>6:00-7:00pm</b> SOPA District Prayer Mtg	<b>10 2:00 pm</b> Nurture	<b>11 7:00 pm</b> Stewards <b>4:30-9:00 pm</b> Carlisle Karate	<b>12</b>	<b>13 10 am</b> Witness <b>4:30-9:00 pm</b> Carlisle Karate	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17 7:30pm</b> Men's Bible Study <b>YARD SALE PREPAR-</b>	<b>18 4:30-9:00pm</b> Carlisle Karate <b>YARD SALE PREPARATIONS</b>	<b>19 Noon</b> Ladies' Bible Study <b>7:00 pm</b> Church Board <b>Y.S. PREP</b>	<b>20 6:30am</b> SOPA <b>4:30-9:0pm</b> Carlisle Karate <b>YARD SALE PREPAR-</b>	<b>21</b> <b>YARD SALE</b>	<b>22 YARD SALE</b> <b>7:00 pm</b> Concert Back Porch String Band
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25 4:30-9:00 pm</b> Carlisle Karate	<b>26 9am</b> Birthday Breakfast @ Sunnyside	<b>27 4:30-9:00 pm</b> Carlisle Karate	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>					

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