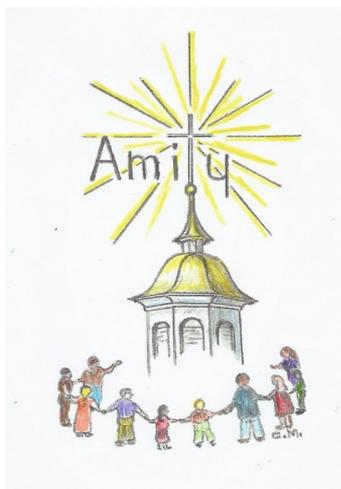


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Finding Rest

Several years ago, I attended a mini-retreat on the topic of rest. As we read Scriptures and prayed about this topic, I was nudged to think about myself and how I rest. Usually I am on the go all of the time, except when I am asleep!! Even when I pray, it is hard for me to just sit still and listen for the Lord's word to me.

What about you? How many of you are like me? Are you rushing about from one thing to the other all of the time? Do you spend your vacation "on the go" rather than resting? Can you sit down and relax just to enjoy the sunset? Do you always have to be doing something?

How do you spend your prayer and meditation time with the Lord? Are you busy with your ACTS (adoration, confession, thanksgiving, supplication) prayers, and your long prayer list of joys and concerns? It is not wrong to focus on these things, but do you ever spend any time just sitting still and listening for the Lord?

As we read through the Scriptures selected for our prayer time, it became apparent that in order to find rest we must be still! (Novel concept, isn't it?!) In Matthew 11:28 Jesus says, "Come to me all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest." Jesus is promising to carry our burdens with us and give us rest, but in order to rest we must first be still!

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In Psalm 46:10*, we read, “Be still, and know that I am God.” In Hebrew, the word for “be still” is literally translated as “stop striving.” That means that we literally need to stop striving and be still: body and mind! Many other passages give us reasons to be still:

- Be still and the Lord will fight for you (Ex. 14:14).
- Stand still and see great things (I Sam. 12:16).
- It is in repentance and rest that we find salvation, and in quietness and trust that we find strength (Isaiah 30:15).

Abbot John Bamberger spoke to Henri Nouwen about spending a “useless” hour in silence and stillness:

When you are faithful in silent meditation...

You will slowly experience yourself in a deeper way.

Because in this useless hour in which

You do nothing “important” or urgent

You have to come to terms with your basic powerlessness,

You have to feel your fundamental inability

To solve your own or other

people’s problems

Or to change the world.

When you do not avoid the experience but live through it,

You will find out that your many projects, plans,

And obligations become less urgent, crucial, and important

And lose their power over you.

I pray that sometime this summer each of us can spend some “useless” time in stillness and silence, listening for the voice of the Lord.

In Prayer With And For
Each of You,

Betsy Williamson

Note: Psalm 46:10 was one of our VBS scriptures. The theme for that day was, “when we struggle...Jesus rescues.” In Psalm 46:10, we learn that Jesus can’t rescue until we are “still,” that is, until we stop struggling!!!

Ambassador Prayer List for July 2018

Note: Readers of the Ambassador, please include in your prayers the following individuals during the month of July:

Suggested scripture: Proverbs 3:5-6 – “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your paths.”

Heavenly Father, I put my trust in You. I resist the human tendency to lean on my own understanding; I acknowledge my need for Your wisdom in my search for solutions to the problems before me. Direct my path as I give precedence to Your ways and loyalty to Your will over and above anything else.

Barbara McClintock
Debbie and Mike McClintock
Jesse McClintock
Kelly McClintock
Trent McClintock
Neill McLaughlin
Jim Messner
Samantha Metts
Vickie and Bing Michael
Tammy Miller
Penny and Charles Mills
Dona Monroe



**Our prayers and sympathy
go out to the families of:**

Wanda King

July 26, 1926 – June 9, 2018

Sylvia Dubreuil

February 8, 1928 - June 23, 2018

**who were longtime members
of the Amity family.**

Prepare Your Hearts for Worship in July

July 1 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mark 5:21-43
“Healing and Relationships”

July 8 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Corinthians 12:2-10
“Children of God: Content in
Our Weaknesses”

July 15 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ephesians 1:3-14
“Children of God: The Joy of Adoption”

July 22 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
“Children of God: Rest and Renewal for Weary Sheep”

July 29 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ephesians 3:14-21
“Children of God: Christ Living Within Us”



Dear Amity Presbyterian Church Members,

I want to thank you for my graduation gifts. I also am grateful that my church family has loved and supported me as much as you all have. I will continue to pursue my goal of becoming a nurse at CPCC. Thank you again.

Trent McClintock



Betsy's Book Club for July

For July, we will read *Allie and Bea* by Catherine Ryan Hyde.

“Bea has barely been scraping by since her husband died. After falling for a telephone scam, she loses everything and is forced to abandon her trailer. With only two-thirds of a tank in her old van, she heads toward the Pacific Ocean with her cat—on a mission to reclaim what’s rightfully hers, even if it means making others pay for what she lost.

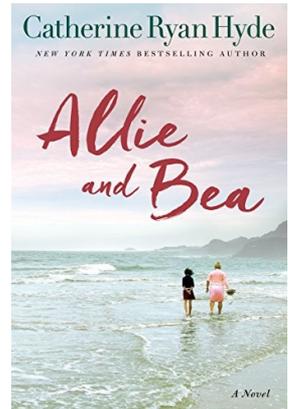
When fifteen-year-old Allie’s parents are jailed for tax fraud, she’s sent to a group home. But when her life is threatened by another resident, she knows she has to get out. She escapes only to find she has nowhere to go—until fate throws Allie in Bea’s path.

Reluctant to trust each other, much less become friends, the two warily make their way up the Pacific Coast. Yet as their hearts open to friendship and love from the strangers they meet on their journey, they find the courage to forge their own unique family—and begin to see an imperfect world with new eyes.” Excerpted from Amazon.com

The book will be available in the Church Office. Cost is \$10.00. Contact the Church Office to purchase.

Discussion schedule:

**Wednesday, July 25, 5:30 p.m. or
Thursday, July 26, at 3:30 p.m.**



Amity Missions

July

Rebound – Men’s Saturday group



August

School supplies for Winterfield Elementary School –
Administrative Committee

Bill Watkins’ Theater Workshop for children

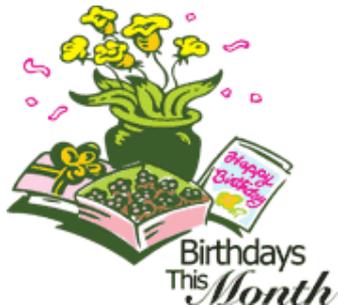
September

Lily Pad Haven – Provides safety, shelter, respite to survivors of
human trafficking—Presbyterian Women

The members of the Administrative Committee thanks the Amity family for their generous contributions of much-needed items for the ladies at Dove's Nest. In addition, the monetary contributions enabled us to purchase alarm clocks for their use.

July Birthdays

- 2 Carol Edwards
- 3 Domonique Lewis (Preschool Teacher)
- 4 Evelyn Marion
- 13 Sarah Clark (Preschool Teacher)
- 14 Doris Price
- 15 Emory Mason
- 21 Ken Hutchins
- 21 Pat Thaxton
- 26 Ethan Edwards





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wedne
1 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service 3:00 PM Nazarene Church meets	2 8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous - Welcome Home	3 6:30 PM Alcoholics Anony- mous - Into Action	4 CHURCH OFFI Independence Da 6:00 PM Nazarene
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July



Sunday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 CHURCH CLOSED Nazarene Church</p>	<p>5 10:00 AM Amity Knit Wits 3:30 PM Betsy's Book Club</p>	<p>6 10:30 AM Endowment Fund Committee</p>	<p>7 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast 9:30 AM Property Committee 10:00 AM Nazarene Church Meets 4:00 PM Dixon Reception (Johnston Hall) 5:00 PM Lohoff-Gaida/Boudreaux Wedding</p>
<p>2 Nazarene Church</p>	<p>12 5:30 PM Nazarene Church Event</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 Fincher/Cox Wedding 10:00 AM Nazarene Church Meets 1:00 PM New Seekers - Play and Dinner</p>
<p>3 Nazarene Church</p>	<p>19 10:00 AM Amity Knit Wits</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 10:00 AM Nazarene Church Meets</p>
<p>4 Property Committee Book Club Nazarene Church</p>	<p>26 3:30 PM Betsy's Book Club</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 10:00 AM Nazarene Church Meets</p>
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HISTORY OF THE HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

Honorary Life Memberships are presented by Presbyterian Women to women and men for outstanding service in church work. As Presbyterian Women in the PC(USA), Inc. celebrates its 30th year of ministry, this program is a meaningful way to honor today's leaders.

Each silver pin awarded through Honorary Life Membership is enclosed in a colorful gift bag handcrafted by Kuichi, a Peruvian sewing cooperative whose name means "rainbow". The Honorary Life Membership pin includes many symbols. The caring supportive hands represent women who seek to build an inclusive community. The leaf represents growth of our personal and corporate response to Jesus Christ as we nurture our faith. The dove indicates our work for peace in our own lives and throughout the world, shown in the globe. At the center of design is the cross, by which our sins are forgiven and we are freed to live in Christ who is at the center of our lives. The overall design is a butterfly, a symbol of newness in Christ.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD – JUNE 3, 2018



As you all know by now, each year Amity's Presbyterian Women chooses and awards an honorary Life Membership to a deserving member of this congregation. It is my privilege to make the award for 2018 this morning. This honor has been given in the past to a couple of men, but this morning a most deserving woman will receive it.

Our honoree this year has been a member of Amity for approximately 40 years and has used her talents, which are many, in different areas of the work here. She grew up in a nearby state along with her two sisters and brother. She attended the local schools and then graduated from Wingate College with a degree in music. In addition to her strengths in music, she also has strong organizational skills that she uses in many different areas of Amity. Some of her contributions include organizing and typing programs for Presbyterian Women, planning and dispensing information to the New Seeker group, serving on the Congregational Care Committee and as its secretary, and as a very active member of the Fellowship Committee, She prepares food for members of our church family for First Sunday meals, as needed for families when there is illness in the family and for the Homeless Shelter.

This person is a member of the choir and is the go to person when our choir director needs someone to fill in as director when he is away. She has a beautiful voice and is willing to bring glory to others through its use. She plays the piano for various groups here at Amity mainly for functions of Presbyterian Women and Coffeehouse Worship. This person delivers Friendship Trays along with her husband and serves on a team to usher during the summer when the choir helps with ushering. She is active in the Shoebox Ministry at Christmas.

There is another bit of information you might find interesting. This lady has the distinction of being an Amity bride. She and her husband were married here 41 years ago and they just recently had another lovely ceremony reaffirming and rededicating their vows. She is a retired school teacher, the mother of two grown daughters and the grandmother of four grandchildren who have her heart.

It is indeed a great pleasure to award the 2018 Life Membership award to:

Lynne Hutchins





Thanks to all of the volunteers! We sang, danced, played games, and most of all – we overcame our difficulties! We sent cards to the children who have limited resources.

Sea Turtles

- Olga Castoneda*
- Marie Duran b
- Ms. Betty Hooks a
- Ana Jones 📱
- Ms. Gina Gallione a

Koalas

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Station Leaders for VBS 2018

Bible

- Pastor Betsy Williamson*
- George Foster
- Faye Castle

Imagination

- Beth
- Cher
- Betty



Registration/Mission

- Danielle Brassington
- Donna Dobson
- Glenn Butterworth

- * Preschool or Church Staff
- a Preschool Parent/Sub
- b Bopper's Junior Shaggers
- 📱 Monica's friends, sister, neighbor



Vacation Bible School 2018

Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus

Members listed below who provided a special VBS experience to 55 children. Games, saw videos, ate delicious snacks, used our imaginations to make. We learned about the love of Jesus and how he rescues us from all kinds of. From shut-ins to share our joy in the Lord! And, we provided water for those who were thirsty. All praise to God for a week full of joy!

Frogs

Daja Lewis *
Niki Mendenhall *
Sharon DeBoer *
Jean Waters



Dolphins

Ken DeBoer*
Candy Stone
Paul Schimmel



Monkeys

Mary Hicks
Hollis Ulaky 📖
Tina Emmons *
Vicki Michael*

Snacks

Jill Efird
Von Bolick
Peggy Davidson
Jane Kiser

Movie Mania

Carol Edwards
Debra Blackmon-Graham*

Prayer Station

Wittersheim*
Lyn Foster
Lyn Valek

Games

Dominique Lewis*
Miranda Miller b

Sing & Play, Director, Photography

Monica Pittsenbarger
Jack Hudspeth
Wanda Bohrer 📖



Security/Everything Else

Dick Houston
Bill Edwards
Adrian Boyd*



neighborhood, musician, Former VBS participant or BOE

Join us for:

Coffeehouse Worship

Sunday, July 29, 2018

6:00 p.m.

Johnston Hall

**Coffeehouse at the Movies features:
Patch Adams, starring Robin Williams**

***Why Do Bad Things Happen?
Matthew 7:7, James 1:13-15***



Meet Patch Adams, a doctor who doesn't look, act or think like any doctor you've met before. For Patch, humor is the best medicine, and he's willing to do just about anything to make his patients laugh - even if it means risking his own career. But, Patch questions God after the murder of his girlfriend and blames God for what happened.

Join us for worship in a relaxed, coffeehouse setting, featuring contemporary Christian music along with favorite hymns, visual images, and a short message. There will be plenty of time for table discussion of the application of the Biblical passage.

This worship is for adults, youth and children alike.

Coffee, tea and snacks will be available.



Betsy Preaching at Fellowship Point



More to come about this fun time later!!

Volunteers

Extended Session

- July 1 Volunteers Needed
- July 8 Jane Kiser, Peggy Davidson
- July 15 Debi & Mike McClintock
- July 22 Rick & Kirstin Gelinaz
- July 29 George & Cheryl Foster



Lawn Maintenance

- July 1-7 Ken
- Hutchins & Tom Phlegar
- July 8-14 Dick Houston & George Foster
- July 15-21 Jack Hudspeth & Steve Pressley
- July 22-28 Ken Hutchins & Tom Phlegar
- July 29-Aug. 4 Dick Houston & George Foster

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Ushers

Team Captain: Faye Castle

Team Members:

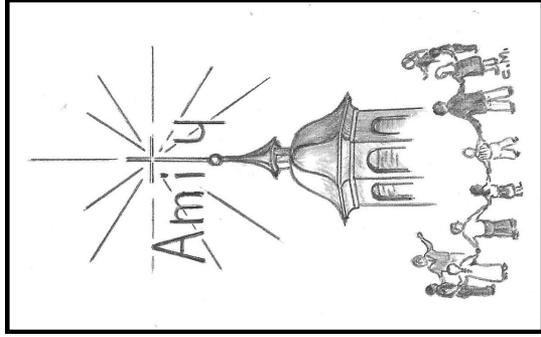
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