

# FLEMINGTON FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST

## MARK'S REMARKS

**JUNE 2018**

### Five Detours of Worship:

I was thinking the other day about the detour on Canal Street being a great inconvenience on getting to our building on Canal Street. Then it dawned on me that it could be a blessing. Because I like routine, and doing most things the same way all the time. I think it is that way with our worship. We fall into a habit in our daily lives. Having said that I think it may be true with our worship as well. Real worship is simply this, Worship is honoring God's greatness and goodness. Here are five things that can detour us from worshiping correctly.

At times **we get consumed by our pride** in our lives. It may be religious pride, or just a life that is self-centered, but in either case, we have put ourselves on the throne of our lives. We love to hear people talk about us and our accomplishments. How can we show God's greatness when we're so consumed with our own greatness?

Also, **we get boxed in by people's expectations of us**. After you've been around people for a while, they have certain expectations of the way you're going to act and what you're going to say. If you deviate much at all from that, comments like "What's wrong with you?" and "Why are you acting weird?" are sure to too be said. If we are always worried about what others think, we are forgetting that it is God we serve and not others.

Sometimes, we **are concentrating on the pain of someone we love**. That can get in the way of our daily worship of our Creator. When a family member is hurting (emotionally, physically, or financially), it's easy to become consumed by that pain. We find ourselves thinking about them and their situation all the time, often worrying about them. When we're worrying, it's incredibly hard to see God working. It's not that He isn't. It's not that it's not possible to see His mercy in any situation. It's just that we're so focused on how bad the situation is, that we can't see how good God is being to us, even in the midst of our tough situation.

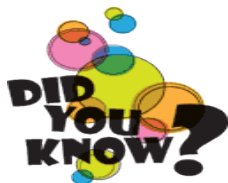
There are other times when **we are focused on our possessions**. Kids love toys, but we as grown-up Americans sure spend a lot of time ourselves thinking about and playing with our toys. A new computer, a new boat, new clothes, the latest gadget, or whatever else we've just bought. God is the source of all the material blessings in our lives, but the lack of tithing in a person gives clear indication that the majority of Christians don't believe that to be true. I believe that we are living in a time when we're too busy bowing at the altar of technological advancement and materialism that we don't have time to think of God.

Another big area is, **we are embarrassed by our sin**. We all sin and experience the separation from God that sin brings. Sometimes, when we sin, we do "damage control" by trying to hide from God, and think as little about Him as possible. That inevitably leads to other problems in our lives, but we're trying to make the best of a bad situation. Yes, you may have sinned, but Jesus stands ready to forgive and to welcome you back into full fellowship with Him. Don't dwell in your sins. Bow at Jesus' feet, release your sins to Him, and once again experience the joy of worshiping your Savior.

So, how can we overcome the detours of worship? Acknowledge that you've taken a detour, whichever one it may have been. Begin to honor God's greatness and goodness as a matter of everyday life, there is not only the result of God getting the glory that He deserves, but as a side bonus, we find our lives more filled with joy. By the way, the bridge on Canal Street should be done by mid-July.

See you in corporate worship Sunday,

Mark



Annagrams  
by  
Anna Perry

CONGRATULATIONS....Named to CMMS Honor Roll for the 3rd marking period are: Kevin Grenninger, Jaclyn Grenninger, Sydney Neff, Kara Stover, Mallori Etters, Akira Kelley & Sara May. Students named to CMHS Montana Hanley, Toby Kelley, Noah Grenninger, Skyler McCauley & Cody Coleman Cayden Stover received First Team Honors from PA State Athletic Conference (PSAC). Cayden: Is a Senior, playing baseball (2nd base) at LHU, and has received many honors. Brian and Nicole Witner were baptized Wed., May 9th and welcomed to our congregation May 13. Brian and Nicole are parents of Noah and Lili. We welcome this family to our fellowship and pray God's blessing on us as we work for His kingdom...Kellyn Sweeley, wife of Jarrett and daughter-in-law of Gaylene & Wayne Sweeley graduated Magna Cum Laude from University of Georgia in the Veterinarian Course. Our graduating Seniors were recognized and honored May 20th. High School Seniors are Toby Kelley, son of Eric & Shannon and grandson of Mary Nettles and is undecided on a college. His future plans are to be a game designer..Caven Etters, son of Shawn & Destany and grandson of Donnie & Tina Dickey, great grandson of Grace Dickey. Caven plans to attend CPI Trade School for Heavy Equipment..Our College graduates include Aurora Keen, daughter of Steve & Teresa Keen. She graduated Magna Cum Laude from Lindenwood University and her future plans are to pursue her opportunities in the music industry. Aurora plays guitar on our worship team..Cayden Stover, son of Andy & Sherri Stover and grandson of Bill & Esther Kramer, graduated from LHU and will be settling and working in the Maryland area as a Business Entrepreneur. We pray God's blessing on these graduates as they pursue their futures! DID YOU KNOW??? Our noisy can donations were very successful and \$864 was realized for the Spaghetti Supper and given to the CM Special Prom. Thank you to all who gave and participated in any way with the supper. What a worthwhile cause! The Ladies Fellowship Yard Sale was termed a great success! Almost \$1000 was realized for our outreach programs. We thank all who donated items and helped in other ways to help us in our endeavors. These successes are not possible without support from everyone—to God give the glory!!! So many activities have happened and are happening in our congregation (hopefully we are busy with God things). Men's Retreat-thanks to those who donated pies and Joe Kramer who chaired the plans. Ladies Fellowship-thanks to Hunter Bardo, who shared with the ladies, programs at the YMCA. Mother/Daughter Banquet-thanks to the men for providing a great meal...Fathers/sons

Banquet scheduled for June 16 @ 5:30pm thanks to Dolly & Bev for chairing this event. Men be sure to sign-up for this event. Remember...Sylvan Hills this summer and prayers for our kids who will be attending and prayers for those who will be helping. We saw many "friends" come to FFCOC this past May. We pray God's blessing on our friends and thankful for those who invited their friends...

*The Lord is their strength, and He  
is the saving refuge of His anointed.  
Psalm 28:8*

**Youth Group Meeting's  
are held on Thursday  
Evenings from 5:30-  
7:30pm. Bring a friend out  
and have a great time. K-  
12 kid invited.**



### "WALKING IN SUNSHINE"

WALKING IN SUNSHINE ON A SUMMERS' DAY,  
SEEING GODS' CREATION ALL ALONG YOUR WAY.  
THE COLORFUL WILDFLOWERS IN A CHAOS  
ARRAY,  
DAINTY MONARCH BUTTERFLIES ALWAYS A  
WELCOME DISPLAY.  
GREEN GRASS BENEATH YOUR FEET MAKE CAR-  
PET SOFT,  
AND THE NESTS OF BIRDS IN THE TREES ALOFT.  
WHO CAN MAKE IT BEAUTIFUL AS WE SEE THE  
VIEW,  
BUT OUR GOD AND SAVIOUR, JUST FOR ME AND  
YOU.  
TAKE TIME TO SMELL THE ROSES, TRANQUIL  
THOUGH THEY BE,  
AND THE BREATH TAKING PALETTE, IS SO LOVELY  
TO SEE.  
WALKING IN SUNSHINE ON A SUMMERS' DAY,  
WHO CAN DO IT BETTER, ONLY GOD, WE SAY!

WRITTEN BY MARY JANE HOOVER

## High School & College Graduates

Toby Kelley-son of Eric & Shannon, grandson of Mary Nettles. He is undecided on College with future plans to be a game designer.

Caven Etters-son of Shawn & Destany, grandson of Donnie & Tina Dickey, and great grandson of Grace Dickey. He will be going to CPI Trade School for Heavy Equipment.

Aurora Keen-daughter of Steven & Teresa. She graduated from Lindenwood University Magna Cum Laude, her future plans are to pursue employment opportunities in the Music Industry.

Cayden Stover-son of Andrew & Sherri, grandson of Bill & Esther Kramer. He graduated from Lock Haven University, and future plans are to work in Maryland as a Business Entrepreneur.

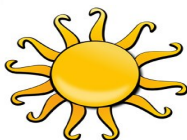
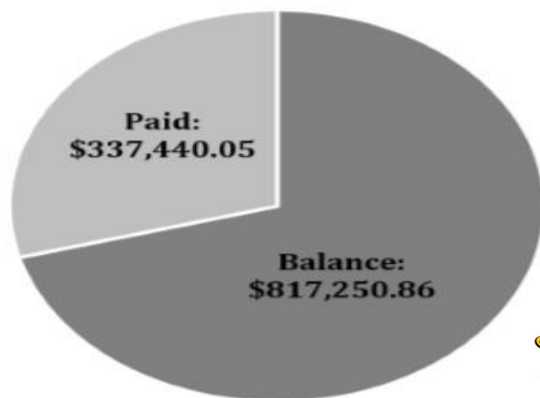
### **All For The ONE Corner**

*Paying the Mortgage on our building*

Monthly Payment                      \$ 7,346.42  
April Gifts                                \$ 6,139.00

### **Progress on Mortgage Principal**

*As of May 15, 2018*



**Craft Club is on Sat. June 9, 2018 @ 1:00pm.**  
**If anyone has an idea for a specific project that day, please contact Jenn Moore at [singin-praises96@yahoo.com](mailto:singin-praises96@yahoo.com) or 570-660-0071.**

### 2018 SYLVAN HILLS CAMP SCHEDULE

<b>SENIOR HIGH</b> June 17-22	(kids entering 10th-12th grades & 2018 graduates)
<b>BEGINNERS</b> June 24-26	(kids entering 2nd & 3rd grades)
<b>JUNIOR HIGH</b> July 8-13	(kids entering 8th & 9th grades)
<b>JUNIORS</b> July 15-20	(kids entering 4th & 5th grades)
<b>INTERMEDIATE</b> July 22-27	(kids entering 6th & 7th grades)
<b>SPECIAL NEEDS CAMP</b> August 12-15	(all ages)



**His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue.**  
**II PETER 1:3**

DATE	Christian Education Hour	Christian Education Offering	Worship Service	General Fund	Building Fund	Missions
5/6/18	52	\$34.55	191	\$3,442.00	\$267.00	\$575.00
5/13/18	59	\$26.00	246	\$4,892.00	\$400.00	\$792.00
5/20/18	62	\$35.00	188	\$3,932.00	—	\$445.00
5/27/18	46	\$44.00	207	\$4,81.00	\$330.00	\$481.00
<b>Total of 4 Sundays</b>		<b>\$139.55</b>		<b>\$17,107.00</b>	<b>\$997.00</b>	<b>\$2293.00</b>



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# JUNE



## **ESCAPE FROM TECHNOLOGY**

Have you ever wondered why you never hear God answer your prayers? Maybe its because you're not listening. Come to our Lock-in and get rid of the distractions that may be distracting you from hearing God. Just like Moses, let's be with God on the mountain, take time to speak and listen. We're looking forward to seeing you there.

**Who:** Grades 5th-12th

**What:** A Youth Lock-in so the students will be staying overnight in the Church with adult chaperones.

**When:** June 7th at 5:30pm-June 9th at 3pm

**Where:** Flemington First Church of Christ

**CONTACT US TO RSVP**

Contact Us

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714 Canal St. Mill Hall, PA 17751

## **BLUEBERRIES**

Third Annual Lock Haven blueberry sale sponsored by the Lock Haven Kiwanis Club and the Kiwanis Club of Bald Eagle and Nittany Valleys. You need to call either one of the Kiwanis to order them. There are \$28.00 for a 10lb box. The numbers to order by June 20, 2018 are: Lock Haven Kiwanis is 570-893-1253 and Kiwanis of BENV is 570-726-8434.



**\*MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!!**

***VBS will be held August 5th-9th  
from 6:00pm-8:00pm.***

***Anyone interested in teaching or helping in  
anyway, please see Nittany. Thank you.***





# JUNE SERVING SCHEDULE

## June 3rd-24th

### Elder of the Month: Mark Riley

Joe Hanley, Jeff Hoover, Jamie Nyman,  
Ralph Kalbach Alternate: Gary Hull



### June 3rd

Greeter.....Woody, Toni  
Nursery.....Need Volunteer  
Junior Church.....Mary Nettles

### June 10th

Greeters .....Dan & Dolly Young  
Nursery.....Chad & Cassandra Clausen  
Junior Church.....Ashley Kalbach

### June 17th

Greeters.....Connie Bower  
Nursery.....Need Volunteer  
Junior Church.....Mary Nettles

### June 24th

Greeter .....The Barton's  
Nursery.....Need Volunteer  
Junior Church.....Jaime McCann

## JUNE'S SERMON TITLE

6/3 Finish "Famous Friends" with DAVID AND  
JONATHAN I Sam. Chapters 19-20

MINI SERIES: "Parables of Matthew 25"

6/10 Parable of the "Ten Virgins" Matt. 25- 1-13

6/17 Parable of the "Talents" Matthew 25:14-30

6/24 Parable of the "Sheep and the Goats"

Matt. 25:31-46

Note: these 3 parables deal with the end of time, and  
being ready

Marc Bridgens.....570-726-3429

Ken Dale III.....570-748-6231

Jim Grenninger....570-748-5832

Dan Young.....570-974-8159

Mark Traister .....570-748-2254

Mark Riley.....570-748-9179

(Preaching Elder: I Tim. 5:17-18)



## June's Birthdays

- 1 Mark L. Maggs
- 4 Clayton Hanley
- 5 Josey Lynne McCann
- 5 Jean Nihart
- 8 Jim Moodler
- 9 Michael Doeblger
- 10 Jake Hull
- 10 Savanna Kelly
- 10 Trey Stover
- 11 Chad Clausen
- 13 Devin Nyman
- 14 Pat Fye
- 14 Kara Stover
- 15 Lauren Gerst
- 16 Ashley Kalbach
- 16 Ryan Todd
- 19 Connie Stevens
- 20 Kodi Elyse Maggs
- 20 Drew Nyman
- 27 Jack Myers
- 29 Rose Marie Wells

## BLOOD DRIVE

THERE IS GOING TO BE  
A BLOOD DRIVE HELD  
HERE ON JUNE 11TH  
FROM 1-  
6PM..  
COME  
OUT AND  
GIVE  
BLOOD.



## June's Anniversaries

- 7 Robert & Judy Saxon
- 11 Bill & Lesley Todd
- 12 Bud & Dana Yocum
- 13 Clinton & Tiffany Hinton
- 18 Chad & Cassandra Clausen
- 21 Tom & Linda Walker
- 22 Andy & Sherri Stover
- 23 Kurt & Tina Hinton
- 25 Philip & Margaret Weber
- 26 Gene & Sally Kelly
- 28 Nathan & Lauren Gerst
- 29 Gregory & Jennifer Shroat

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Butler, David  
Chuck  
Clark, Flo  
Clark, Richard  
Stevia Cloud  
Doebler, Mike & Bev  
Fernburg, Steve  
Heimer, Pat  
Kelly, Colton  
Kinley, David  
Kramer, Michelle  
Johnson, Norm  
Kramer, Don

## PRAYER REQUESTS

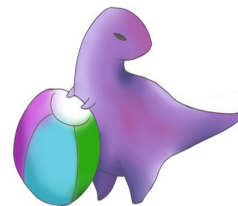
Maddy, Crystal Family  
Manney, Norm  
Marr, Crystal  
Munro, Dave Jr.  
Neff, Russell  
Newman, Shirley  
Scott, Stephanie  
Settlemyer, Ken & Joann  
Sheats, Grace  
Traister, Cathy  
Wagner, Peggy  
Yearick, John

## PRAY FOR:

- \*\* Our Military Families
- \*\* Our Missionaries
- \*\* Our Country & Peace
- \*\* Our Youth & Students

## PRAY TO STOP:

- \*\* Abortions
- \*\* Child Abuse
- \*\* World Hunger



## \*Please note:

If your name was missed from the lists above,  
please call the church office with corrections or  
additions. Thank you.



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SUN. MON. TUES. WED. THUR. FRI. SAT.

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3.	4. Praise Team Practice @ 7pm	5.	6.	7.Coffee Club @ 8:30-10am. Youth Lock- In @ 5:30pm Women's Fellow- ship Mtg. @ 6:30pm	8. Youth lock-In	9. Crafting @ 1pm. Youth p/u @ 3:00pm.
10.	11. Blood Drive 1- 6pm. Praise Team Practice @ 7pm	12.	13. Elders, Dea- cons, Leaders mtg. @ 6pm.	14.Coffee Club @ 8:30-10am. Youth mtg. 5:30- 7:30pm. Hands & Feet Ministry mtg. @ 7pm.	15.	16. Fathers/Sons Banquet 5:30pm.
17. Happy Father's Day	18. Praise Team Practice @ 7pm	19.	20.	21.Coffee Club @ 8:30- 10am. Youth mtg. 5:30-7:30pm.	22.	23.
24.	25. Praise Team Practice @ 7pm	26.	27. LHCWC Luncheon 11- 3pm. Elders mtg. @ 6pm.	28.Coffee Club @ 8:30- 10am. Youth mtg. 5:30-7:30pm.	29.	30.
		Every Sunday 8:45 am WORSHIP B & B-10:00am SS-10:30-11:15				