



Emmanuel United Methodist Church

26 West Washington Street, Fleetwood, PA 19522

Sunday Worship 10 AM; Sunday School 10 AM

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July 2017

This month's Schedule at Emmanuel

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| June 27 – July 2 | Creation Festival! Music, Camping and Faith Building our Youth group will attend and participate! |
| Wednesday, July 12 | Trustee Meeting 7 PM |
| Tuesday, July 18 | Administrative Board meeting 7 PM |

Church Yard Sale

Our Yard Sale was very successful and we raised about \$615. A big Thank You to all who participated or donated, and special thanks to those who worked at the sale and handled all the merchandise.

Pastor's Corner

The Grace Of God

God's grace is His unmerited favor. Grace "is the gift of God" (Ephesians 2:8). We **cannot** earn our salvation, but we must qualify for it. "For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men" (Titus 2:11).

The supreme need for all of mankind is to obtain the forgiveness and salvation God wants to give us if we are to be saved. But what must we do to qualify for it? "The Lord is...not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9). To not be lost we must repent by making changes in our life. We must change and do what God says we must do if we want to be saved.

Jesus says, "Not everyone who says to Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the **will** of My Father in heaven" (Matthew 7:21). One must do God's will if he/she really wants to go to heaven. Hebrews 5:9 says concerning Jesus, that "He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him". What does Jesus say we must do to obtain the salvation He wants to give us? Jesus says, "He who believes and is baptized will be saved, but he that does not believe will be condemned" (Mark 16:16).

God's grace is located in Christ. 2 Timothy 2:1 says, "be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. One must be in Christ to take advantage of this grace. How does one get into Christ to receive this grace? Paul says, "For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ" (Galatians 3:27). Paul says, "Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus" (2 Timothy 2:10). After we have been baptized into Christ in order to be saved we must continue to "work out your own salvation with fear and trembling" (Philippians 2:12).

By doing any of the things man says we must do to be saved will not qualify us to receive God's grace so we can be saved. Jesus says, "In vain do they worship Me, teaching as doctrine the commandments of men" (Mark 7:7). The commandments of men will only cause one to be eternally lost. Anything that differs from what God says in the Bible is false doctrine which is designed by Satan to cause people to be eternally lost. In order to qualify for God's grace so we can be saved, we must do what God says, the way He says, and for the reason He says.

God Bless,

Pastor Mark

Youth Activities

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Off To Creation 2017

July for our youth begins at Creation Festival! Music, Camping and Faith Building where our Youth Group Participated starting June 27 through July 2nd. A great time is being had by all who are there enjoying the music and praising the Lord! May thanks to Annette Dricker who is leading our youth group. This is Annette's 15th year participating in Creation Festival! Hopefully pictures from Creation will be available for posting in the August Newsletter.

July Birthdays

July 6th – Dick Tracy

July 10th – Barbara Frey

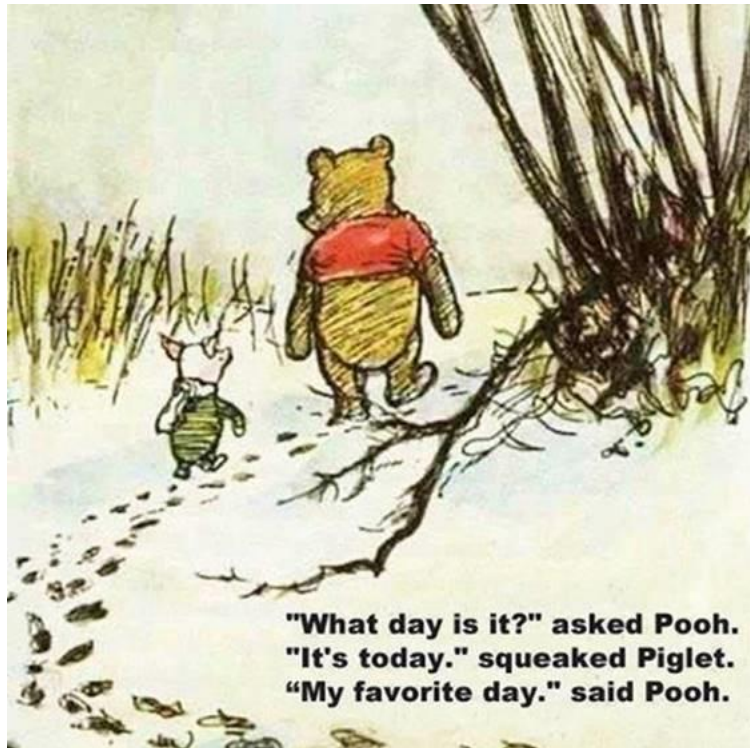
July 18th – Annette Dricker

July 20th – Ron Frey

Charge Conference

Charge Conference for this year will be on November 4th this year and will be held as a joint charge conference being to be held in West Lawn UMC.

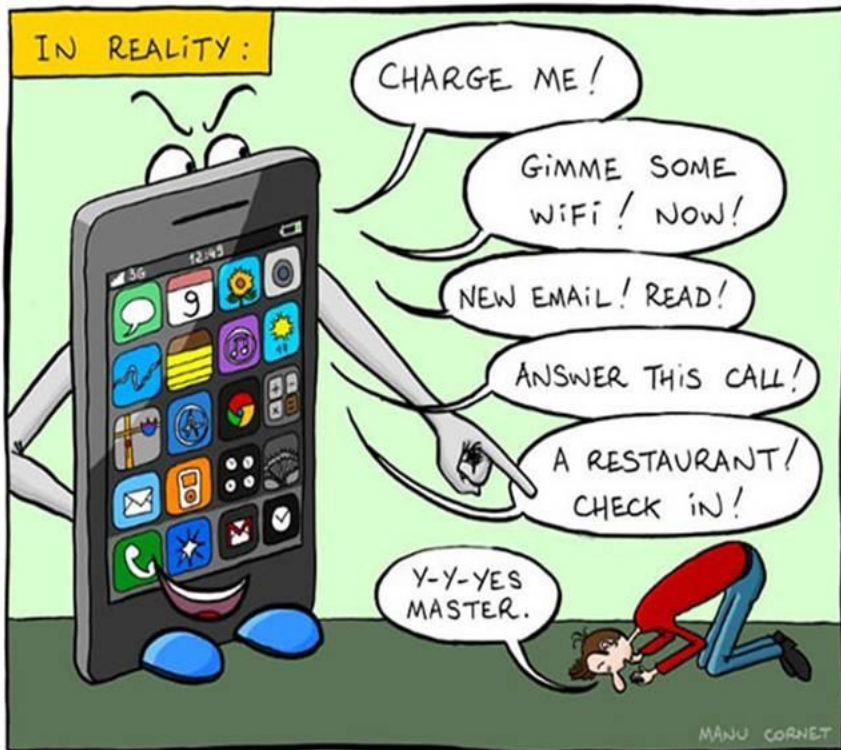
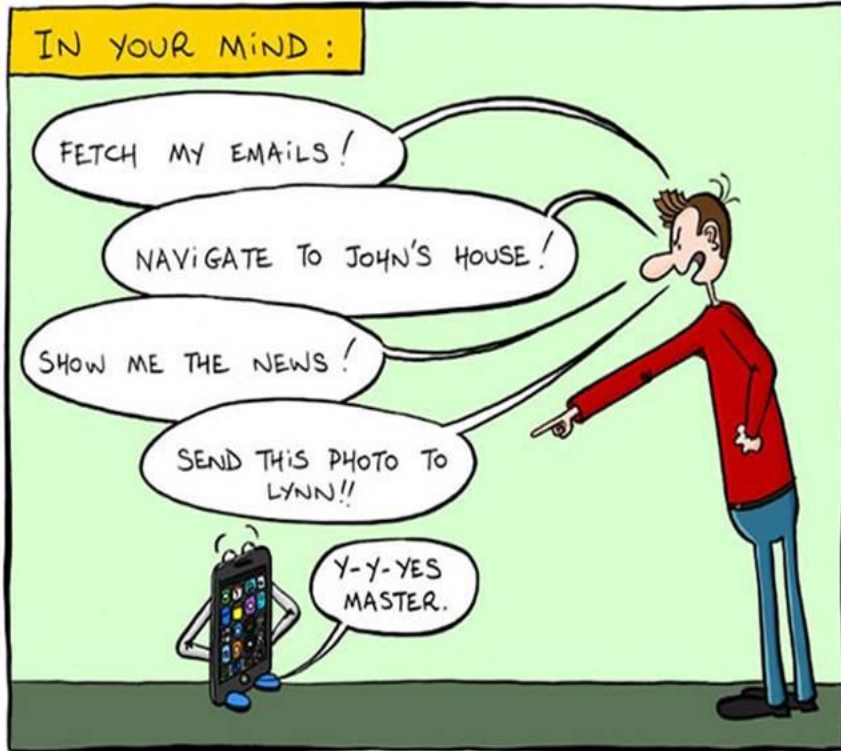
Thoughts and Smiles for July



**"What day is it?" asked Pooh.
"It's today." squeaked Piglet.
"My favorite day." said Pooh.**



Cell Phones





Reminder - Newsletter Deadline– If you have articles or humor items for August's Newsletter be sure to email them to Dick Tracy at dtracy@ptd.net or call him at 610-207-2016 **not later than Tuesday July 25th . I am always looking for articles to share so please feel free to email me with anything you feel appropriate to share!**