



**Greetings!** Summer has finally arrived! School vacation has started, graduations have commenced, the temperature is more consistently in the 80's and above, family trips are taking place, and there are plenty of opportunities to eat, drink and be merry. It's also a time for renewal, rest, and relaxation. The rhythm of life calls us to alter our steps. During **this** summer, I suggest the following:

**Breathe!** Slow Down! During your day take some intentionally connected deep breaths. Inhale deeply, feel the cleansing air enter your lungs. Exhale fully, experiencing welcome release. Physically you will feel calmer. Remember the Spirit is with you in each breath you take.

**Hydrate!** With high temperatures, drinking plenty of water, preferably cold, will not only be refreshing, but good for your body. Hydrating spiritually is important as well. Read your Bible and/or a good devotional often. Take time to be in a worshipping community, here at "Holy Spirit", or where you are vacationing. Water is the substance of life. God's Word is living water for us spiritually.

**Pray!** Spend time with God in quiet reflection and meditation. Whether at home or in the beauty of God's creation, offer appreciation and gratitude to God for life and blessings. As we journey through this time of transition together, much prayer is needed. Pray for each other, your church leadership, your family, the

surrounding community, and the ministry of "Holy Spirit". Pray for the Spirit's guiding presence and direction as we journey. Trust God! Prayer works.

**Relax!** Take time off. Summer provides longer days with sunlight and gatherings around grills, ball fields and bodies of water. Be with family and friends. Travel if you can. Enjoy time outdoors, at the shore, in the mountains, on your decks, and/or in your back yards. Take time to put your feet up and relax.

Since I'm new here at "Holy Spirit" I will spend a good part of this summer getting to know **you** better. Through fellowship, visitation, ministry involvement and being around in the community, I hope to grow in my understanding of you, both individually and collectively, your history, and the culture within and surrounding "Holy Spirit". This will help the transition process as we discern together what next in mission and ministry, what qualities of leadership are needed as we move forward, and what connections/relationships need to be developed and strengthened.

So, this summer, **enjoy** life and living! Have some **fun!** Be sure to breathe, hydrate and pray! Take time to rest, renew, and relax! Praise God! Remember, God is good, all the time! All the time, God is good!  
Peace and Blessings,  
Pastor Gwen



# Happy Birthday

THANK YOU

## JULY

Elaine Kerns 7/2  
Suresh Joshi 7/4  
Samuel Stevenson 7/8  
Kim Keenan 7/13  
Joyce Shaw 7/15  
Jeanne Warner 7/18  
Charlie Fisher 7/20  
Laura Taddie 7/20  
Steven Pollard 7/24  
Morgan Waterfield 7/29  
Stephanie Oaster 7/30

## AUGUST

Cyndi Kline 8/2  
Trudy Fisher 8/4  
Andrew Christensen 8/6  
Kathy Dowd 8/7  
Alex Gerakaris 8/12  
Steve Keenan 8/14  
Jackie Crepack 8/19  
Vera Kuhn 8/20  
Joyce Shaika 8/20  
Jonathan Kline 8/23  
Jane A. Croghan 8/24  
Debbie Ulmer 8/24  
Ann Ferguson 8/26  
Alan Daddona 8/26  
Stephen Colahan 8/27  
Katie Gerakaris 8/28  
Christine Podgorski 8/28  
Nathan Funchion 8/31

We want to **thank** everyone who donated to the Treasure Chest Fundraiser. We made approximately **\$430.00** for the Fellowship Committee to use to stock the kitchen, buy food, etc. The winner of the Olive Garden gift card was Joyce Shaw.

**Thank you** to everyone that volunteered their time and donated food/beverages/raffles for the Strawberry Festival. Your generosity has been greatly appreciated. We had a profit of **\$1,300** with a \$200 donation from our profits made to Loaves & Fishes.

### **ELDER BIRTHDAY PARTY – Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup>**

You are all invited to celebrate our elder's birthdays (80+) after church on **July 15<sup>th</sup>**. We are gathering cake mixes and cans of frosting again to take to Loaves & Fishes food cupboard. See you there!

### **COUNCIL MEETING – Tuesday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**

**BREAKFAST WORSHIP – Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup>**. Please join us for our breakfast service starting at **10:15am**.

**Vacation Bible School** will be held the week of **July 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm**. The theme this year is "Polar Blast - Where Jesus' love is cool." VBS is for kids 3-10 years old. Call the office for pre-registration. Volunteers are needed!

## CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Every summer Holy Spirit members collect school supplies for the kids who can't afford to buy them. This year we will follow the theme of Christmas in July using school supplies. Halfway through July and into the first couple weeks of August, you will see a Christmas Tree in the Narthex. It will be decorated with school supplies. We have been given a list of items that are needed. Please take an ornament and purchase the school supplies that are requested. We are sending the supplies that we collect to Family Promise/Interfaith Hospitality Network.

(Family Promise of Delaware County - a non-profit community service agency providing temporary accommodations for 3-4 homeless families at a time in our Interfaith Hospitality Network Shelter. We serve as an alternate to the shelter system, which often has families living apart.)  
<https://familypromise.org>

If you have any questions, please talk to Bill or Cyndi Kline.  
Thank you in advance for helping our neighbors in need.

### Help Needed: Offering Counter

Time required: Approximately 1 hour, once per month on the 3rd Sunday of the month  
Job Duties:

- Counts cash and checks from weekly offering
- Records items as directed on the counter's accounting sheet
- Fills out bank deposit slip, bags money in secure deposit bag and deposits in bank night deposit box.

There is a simple and defined process for counting the offering. An experienced counter will help the first couple of times to provide training. Contact Greg Christensen at church or phone if you would be willing to help. Cell: 484-744-1722

## Upcoming Events:

**COUNCIL MEETING – Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm**

**CRAFTS – Thursday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 7:00pm**

**FUNDRAISING MEETING – Monday, August 27<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm**

**RALLY DAY – Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> - Blessing of Backpacks, teachers and students.**

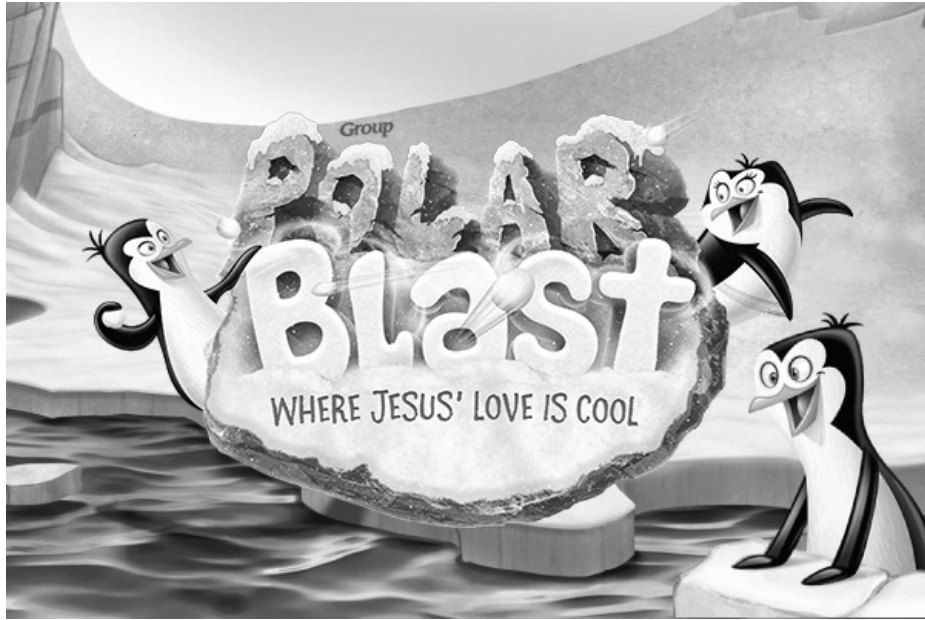
**CORN BOIL – Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> after church.**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS – Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am**

**PUMPKIN DELIVERY – Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>**

**PUMPKIN FEST – Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>**

**OCTOBERFEST – Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup> after church.**



## *Vacation Bible School*

**When:** July 29<sup>th</sup>-August 2, 2018 6pm-8pm

**Who:** Children ages 3-10 years

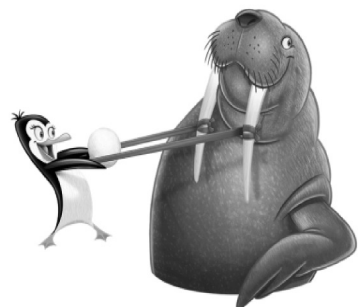
**Cost:** \$10 per child

**Where:** Holy Spirit Lutheran Church  
2545 Franklin Avenue, Secane

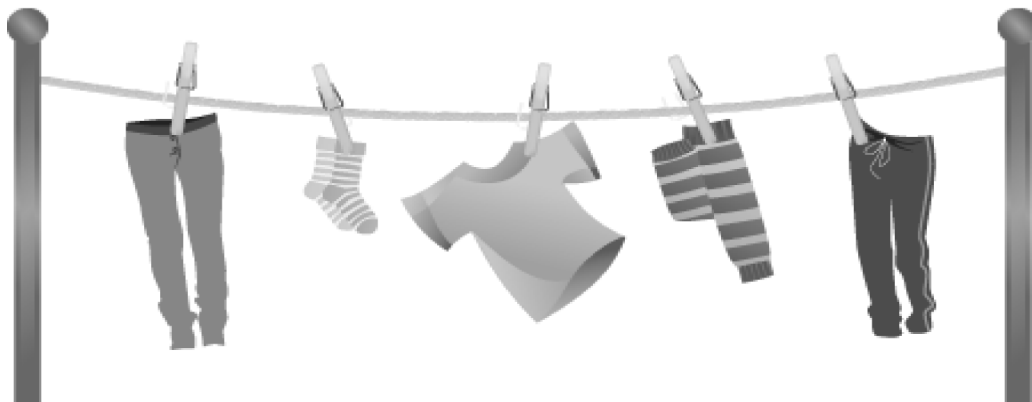
**Contact:** Holy Spirit church office 610-544-2707



**Bring a  
friend!**



# Community Clothing Drive



Collection Dates: October 13<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>

Times: 2:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Where: Holy Spirit Lutheran Church  
2545 Franklin Avenue, Secane

- ❖ Gently used clothing, shoes, belts, backpacks & handbags (men's, women's & children's)
- ❖ Gently used Linens (bedding, curtains, tablecloths, pillows & towels)
- ❖ Stuffed Animals
- ❖ Please donate items in tall kitchen bags, if possible

Any questions, please contact Holy Spirit Lutheran Church – 610-544-2707 or [holyspiritsecane@verizon.net](mailto:holyspiritsecane@verizon.net)

**Clothing and linens that is in wearable/usable condition gets packaged into containers and is shipped to countries such as Ghana, Conakry, Guinea, Honduras, Haiti, Ecuador, Belize, Mexico, Chile, within the US, and also parts in Eastern Europe. Stuffed Animals that are in good condition are donated to local children charities that are in need.**