

"The Power of Kingdom Living
In the Mind & Soul"

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*I pray that you may have **the power to comprehend**, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, **and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge**, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Ephesians 3.18-19*

Since January we have been looking at the power of Kingdom living from different Biblical perspectives: the power to choose good (January), the power that sustains us through the doldrums (March), and the power of God revealed in creation (May). Now, we are looking at the nuances of the power of the Spirit as She works in us to renew our minds and restore our souls, giving us new hearts after the heart of Jesus.

One can only confess faith in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, but beyond the confession of faith is the work of the Spirit in our hearts transforming us into the likeness of Christ. This is a two-fold dynamic which begins in the mind through comprehension by the power of the Spirit as expressed in Paul's prayer for the Ephesians:

I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth....

The first part of the prayer is cut short when Paul introduced the second part of the prayer, *to know the love of Christ*. If the first part had not been cut short it would have ended with *the love of Christ*.

I pray that you may have the power to comprehend...the love of Christ.

For truth to enter into the soul it must first be comprehended with the mind! This explains why for years I would share with you "the gap" I would experience in my walk with Christ. I would gain insight into the Word of God, but would not be living it as Jesus did.

Sometimes the gap would be closed quickly, other times it would take years. I have learned that the gap closes when we experience the answer to the second part of Paul's prayer:

*I pray that you may...**know** the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge....*

It is not enough to **comprehend the height and depth of the love of Christ**, we have to **know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge**. This **knowing** is our experience with Christ in our innermost being, that is the **knowing** of the love of Christ with our souls, a knowing that surpasses knowledge. The result of comprehending Christ's love in our minds, and then knowing Christ's love with our souls is to *be filled with all the fulness of God*.

This was the experience of the early church as preserved for us in the apostolic witness (the New Testament scriptures). This was the witness of the Church to the world, and the reason the Church grew in leaps and bounds for its first 400 years. The early believers did not just tell others of Christ's love, they were Christ's love, that is, the messengers were the message!

It is possible to comprehend the Gospel without knowing it in our souls, which explains the state of the western church and the existence of 40,000 denominations today. The ultimate witness of one who confesses the Name of Jesus is to *be filled with all the fulness of God!* It only comes when we learn to choose Christ over everything, and even then, only **by the power** of the Holy Spirit.

In Christ's Love,
Bud

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*Save
the
Date*

Coming in September!

**September 18, 2022,
after Worship Service**

**Worship Assistant
Training**

Tech Training

More Details to Follow!



The gift of prayer enables us to join with one another in consecrating our world, our lives,

and our ministries to God.

Please lift in prayer: Morgan, Madonna, Kareem, Sharon, Kurt, Kristen, Siegfried, shut-ins, victims of hate crimes, the homeless, elderly, youth, the hungry, our nation, Presbytery of Philadelphia, General Assembly.



MEN'S GROUP

JOIN US ON Zoom!

July 16

August 6 and 20

9:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m.

Newcomers are welcome. If you would like to attend, email or call Bud.



JOIN US ON Zoom!

July 16 and August 20

9:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m.

The Women's Study Group is reading the book; "Your Beautiful Purpose" by Susie Larson.

Join us if you can. If this is your first time, email the church @ ccc@rcn.com to get the Meeting ID.



Church Mouse

9:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

July 8 and 9

August—TBD

Helen Strube, a long-time shut-in passed on March 15, 2022 at the age of 102. Helen grew up in Calvary Presbyterian Church and for 12 years never missed a Sunday School class. After high school, Helen taught Sunday School for many years, and all the children who passed through her class through the years she called "her kids."

In Loving Memory

Helen had a great sense of humor and kidded with Bud regularly. She was a huge sports fan (*Phillies), had a real soft spot for Cole Hamels and was thrilled to meet him in person at a restaurant near Lima Estates, where she lived!

Helen's faith was strong and she was always glad to receive communion on our visits to her. She will be missed.

Ron Klenk, also a long-time member of our congregation, grew up in Riverview Presbyterian Church, lived in several other locations before finally moving to Spring Mill Pointe (formerly Spring Mill Presbyterian Village) in Lafayette Hill PA. He always had a new story to tell or current news to discuss. We were incredulous at Ron's memory, and ability to recite bus routes, what bus connected with what bus and how to get from here to there without any difficulty. There was always a stack of current devotionals and Bible study books on the desk in his room, which he read on a daily basis.

Ron was quite active at Spring Mill Pointe. He worked in their General Market, attended church services, and even taught Sunday School at a nearby church. He exercised in the fitness room, played games with other residents and would let us know if he had to end our visit for his "brain quiz" gatherings. Ron was 88 years old, was a pleasure to visit and will be missed.

Linda Martin

Session Corner



We continue to seek God's word to us through prayer, reading and study (currently *Hearing God*, by Dallas Willard) and lectio divina (reading and comment on scripture).

As for church activities, we continue to progress in setting up a Pastoral Nominating Committee, with the Nominating committee building that team. Meanwhile, Session has invited Pam McShane to meet with us again.

We are also looking to revitalize our digital information. Specifically we will update our website, plus reset the Facebook page and create a new Instagram page.

Holton Falk - Clerk of Session

I would like to thank everyone who came to our June breakfast. Nathan was away with his family so Linda Martin stepped in and made his famous sheet cake pancakes. Carolyn Loughley, who worships with us on Zoom, baked 3 dozen muffins; Dee Harper, my neighbor who just started worshipping with us made home fries with peppers and onions; Eloise brought her famous bacon and came early to help set up, along with Bea and Yvonne. Thank you Bob for the delicious coffee. It was nice to have Kathleen's grandchildren, Kaylie and Shane with us who just arrived from Colorado.



Thank you all for another successful meal together. See you for the next one!
Heidi



Property Committee

All praise to God, we have started repairs to the roof of Fellowship Hall. The patches to the immediate leaks have been made and the hall is useable again without the threat of ceiling tiles falling on people. Even better, in July, GSM, the long time roofers for our building, will begin re-coating the entire roof. When finished with the 4 new layers, the roof is warranted for the next 20 years. We have also completed the repairs to the ladies room off the Narthex stairs too this last month and that bathroom is operational again.



Next up is the air-conditioning for the Learning Center, although we may have a part issue for that unit. As always, if you have suggestions for repairs or improvements, please talk to a Property team member (Heidi, Sue, Woody or Holton). We are also looking for more team members to join the Property team or even just to help with

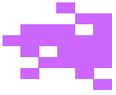
A Moment for Morgan

By the grace of God, Morgan celebrated his 18th birthday on May 20. Thank you, to the church folks and his cousins who came to his party on the porch of ChildWay. (I took terrible pictures, but one with his cousin Gigi is below.)

Now that the state considers him an adult, he is entering a period of transitions. He can remain at ChildWay until he turns 21, at which point he will move to another facility, perhaps another house owned by ChildWay that is for older residents. A woman at the (state) Office of Developmental Programs contacted me right after his birthday, and she will be guiding me through the complicated and obscure (to me!) process. Pray for us!

Eloise Smyrl





Celebrations and Events at CCC



**Join Us For
Breakfast**

The Deacons will continue to host our morning breakfast through the summer months; the next one is July 3 (1st Sunday). We know many people travel at that time; we wish you safe travels. As for the rest of you, come join us for breakfast. We start serving at 8:00 a.m. and continue through 8:40 a.m. Bring a friend, neighbor, or family member, anyone you know that would love to share a simple meal with us.

If you can help in any way, please reach out to Nathan Johnson or Heidi Hamilton. Looking forward to seeing you on July 3rd!

Blessings,
Heidi & Nathan



June 12, 2022
Darlington Yeah
Graduation Celebration





Events at CCC

Sandy Reilly's 'Princess Dance Crew' had their year end recital on June 18. Our own Etta Saylee & Laura Scott performed both ballet and tap numbers. They each had an older female family member perform with them; Stephanie Saylee with Etta and Sarah Kauffeld with Laura. Thank you to all who supported the girls. A fun time was had by all.





To know Christ and make Him known!

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Sunday worship

9:30 a.m.

Worship Service



JULY

- July 1 Art Tung
Peter Converse
- July 4 Mike Obwot
- July 7 Chris Stephano
- July 8 Mary Ellen Scott
- July 13 Abel Mwantembe
- July 16 Lori Rankin

AUGUST

- August 13 Heidi Hamilton
Don West
- August 16 Jonathan Dryden
- August 18 Samuel Beweh, Jr.
Sekela Mwantembe
- August 29 Loretta Hartnett
- August 30 Eli Johnson

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July/August

Weekly/Monthly Meetings

- Sunday 9:30 a.m., Informal Worship
- Tuesday 7:00 p.m., NA in Fellowship Hall
- Wednesday 7:00 p.m., NA in Fellowship Hall
- Thursday 7:00 p.m., NA in Fellowship Hall
- Friday 7:00 p.m., Cub Scouts

July

- July 3, Sunday 8:00 a.m., Breakfast in Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship Service
- July 4, Monday July 4th Holiday
Office Closed



- July 8 and 9 9:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m., Church Mouse
- July 10, Sunday 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship Service
Covenant Class
- July 16, Saturday 9:00 a.m., Women's Group Meet on Zoom
- July 17, Sunday 9:00 a.m., Men's Meeting on Zoom
9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship Service
July Birthday Celebration
Covenant Class
- July 24, Sunday 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship Service
Covenant Class
- July 30, Saturday Life Center Meal
- July 31, Sunday 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship Service
Covenant Class

August

- August 6, Saturday 9:00 a.m., Men's Meeting on Zoom
- August 7, Sunday 8:00 a.m., Breakfast in Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship Service
Bud's Vacation Begins
Office Closed
- August 8, Monday 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship Service
- August 8—12 September/October Viewpoints Deadline
- August 14, Sunday 9:00 a.m., Women's Group Meet on Zoom
- August 15, Monday 9:00 a.m., Men's Meeting on Zoom
- August 20, Saturday 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship Service
August Birthday Celebration
- August 21, Sunday 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship Service
- August 28, Sunday 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship Service
- September 4, Sunday 8:00 a.m., Breakfast in Fellowship Hall
- September 5, Monday Labor Day Holiday—Office Closed
- September 5, Tuesday Bud Returns From Vacation

