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Our VISION

To be a church,
a community and a world
continually restored
by the grace of Christ.



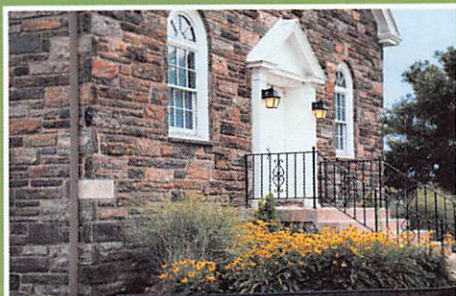
Our IDENTITY

We are strugglers, sufferers,
and sinners who share
in God's restoration
of all things -
our life with God, our
relationships, our community
and our world -
through the Gospel.



Our MISSION

To proclaim the Gospel
and serve in love
with the hope that God
will bring continual
restoration to our lives,
relationships, community
and world for His glory.

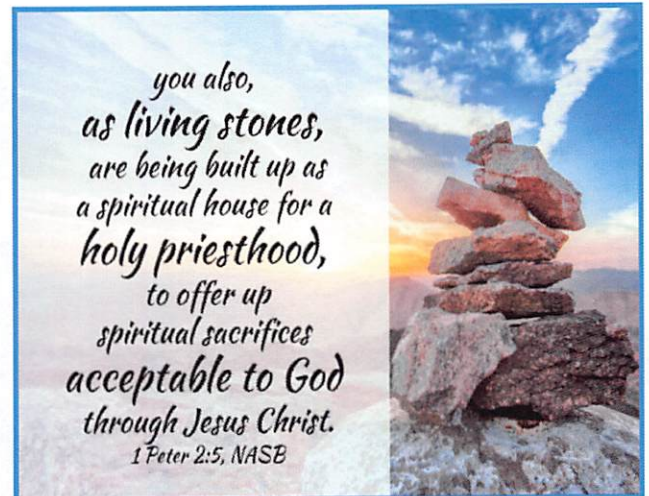


Building Up God's Church... a focus on Missions!

by Beth McCarrick

Mark your calendars for an event you won't want to miss! **August 19, 20, and 21st** we will be having a Missions Focus Weekend called "Building Up God's Church". Our theme verse is I Peter 2: 5: "You yourselves, like living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house,

to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." We will have a display with your picture on giant lego blocks because it is "YOU" who builds the church through your prayers, giving, and going. See Heather Musgrave about getting your headshot done or if you have one that you would like us to use please email it to Heather. To kick off the weekend we will have the bluegrass band, The Rockdale Boys lead us in a hymn sing and then a concert over cookies. You will want to invite your friends to this as The Rockdale Boys have been featured at Bluegrass festivals and recently performed at Rose Tree Park during their Summer Concert Series and at the Brandywine Summit Camp Meeting. Saturday will feature video presentations by missionaries that the church is currently supporting and live reports as well. Somewhere in there, we will fit lunch in with the food truck Tone's Spot BBQ. On Sunday one of our missionaries will be preaching with an International Supper to follow after the service. We need your help in providing the dishes but we will provide you with the recipes that our missionaries have given us. If you would like to help in any way please contact Heather -heatherlmusgrave@gmail.com.



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STUCK IN THE HOUSE

and unable to join us for our Sunday Worship service? It is live-streamed! Please check us out on FaceBook:

www.fb.com/restorationpca

We would love to have you drop in! **You do NOT have to join FaceBook to stream the service.**

tions. I have attached a familiar verse in Anglo-Saxon, Wycliff (1382-4 version), and the King James (1611- almost 250 years later than Wycliff's!!). If the Wycliff version looks odd, try pronouncing it aloud and you'll probably get it. [The Anglo-Saxon has only a few words that are recognizable.] Another sample of Wycliff's translation of John 1:1-3 should be readable now that you are better at Middle English.

John 3:16

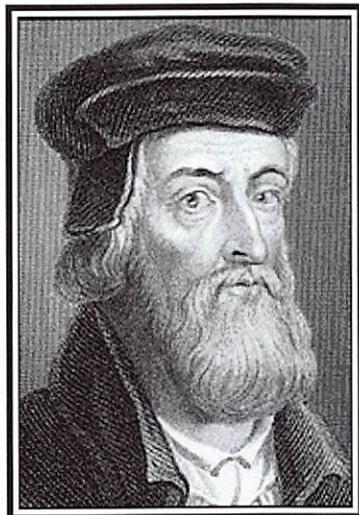
Anglo-Saxon or Old English (c. 900-1000): "God lufode middan-card swa the sealde hys ancennendan sunu than ne forwuroe the on hine gelyfo ac haebbe thece lyf."

Wycliff (Middle English, 1364): "For God louede so the world, that he yaf his `oon bigetun sone, that ech man that bileueth in him perische not, but haue euerlastynge lijf."

King James (Early Modern English, 1611): "For God so loethed ye world, that he gaue his only begotten Sonne, that whosoever, beleueth in him, should not perish, but haue euerlasting life."

John 1:1-3 (Wycliff, 1364): "In the bigynnyng was the word, and the word was at God, and God was the word. This was in the bigynnyng at God. Alle thingis weren maad bi hym, and withouten hym was maad no thing, that thing that was maad."

Wycliff was eventually barred from his university position and "retired" to be a village priest. He was declared a heretic because of his teaching that the elements of communion were not transformed into the body and blood of Christ and that Scripture alone determined what to believe, not teachings of popes and councils. After his death, his followers, the Lollards (itinerate preachers), continued until eventually all being declared heretics by church council, and some were executed.

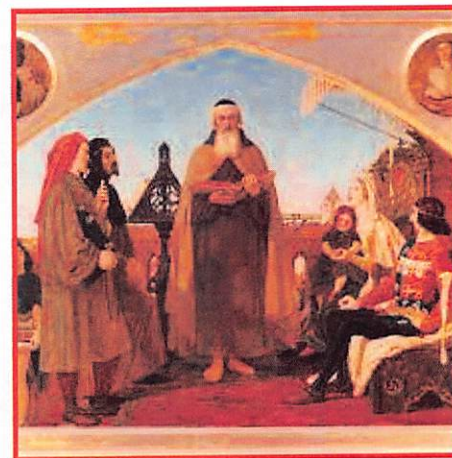


John Wycliff, English Reformer (c. 1329 – 1384)

by Alan McCarrick

Most of us have heard of missionaries serving with "Wycliff Bible Translators" and vaguely knew that it was named for someone rather famous. WBT has a goal of getting Bible translations into all known languages (their original goal was 2025). They run a school to teach the methods of translation and also send missionaries around the world with the goal of bringing God's Word to those without it in their own tongue, some of which are still not yet available in written form.

John Wycliff is remembered mostly for producing the first complete Bible in English. The established church, in complete control of Christianity throughout the old Roman Empire, including England ("Britannia" to the Romans), used the Latin "Vulgate" version dating back to St. Jerome (c. AD 400). What ordinary folk knew of God's Word came only from what the priest taught them as authorized by Rome and questioning was never a good idea. Some very early missionaries had produced Anglo-Saxon portions of the Bible in England, but that language had most likely become unintelligible. The Roman church had authorized English translations of some Bible portions, but unauthorized translations were not permitted. Wycliff, an ordained priest and Oxford don, appears to have known neither Hebrew (OT) nor Greek (NT) and produced his translation from the Latin. It is therefore a translation of a translation which can be asking for some trouble similar to playing "Whisper Down the Lane." However, from what little I have read, it appears to be quite good when compared with subsequent old and more modern transla-

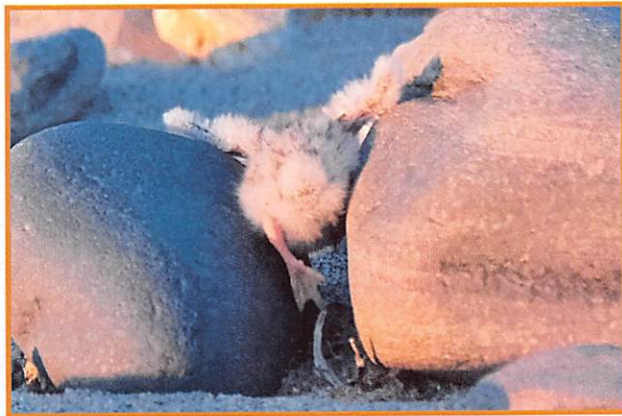


Oil on canvas painting by
Ford Madox Brown between 1847 and 1861

Stuck Between the Rock and a Hard Place

by Crystal Phipps

We often find ourselves living life, making every effort to do the best we can. We teach our children to make difficult decisions because we want them to grow and mature into godly young men and women. Scripture teaches us that we are to be like Jesus. He was not from this world. He left all the glory of heaven to come into the world to redeem us. Like Him, we are taught to be IN this world, but not OF this world. While we declare our local residency and national citizenship here on earth, as children of God, we know that our spiritual citizenship is in heaven, with Jesus, no matter what our earthly citizenship is. This is a great comfort to me, especially when I encounter tough, ugly, challenging circumstances throughout my day, which often make me feel like I don't belong here. The truth is, I don't belong here. The other truth is that life is hard...REALLY hard. Sometimes, it is such a hard place to live, it seems impossible to maneuver through all the twists and turns.



If we can grasp the concept of our citizenship being in heaven, and that this hard place in life is not our permanent home, then we must also put into practice what that actually means for us. Jesus came here to earth and experienced the temptations, heartaches, and suffering that is human. Yet, unlike us, being in very nature God, he was without sin. He returned home, to heaven, so that we could receive the Holy Spirit to comfort, guide, encourage and strengthen us. The Holy Spirit brings to our remembrance God's word, His truth, so that we CAN have victory. So we CAN be comforted, encouraged and strengthened. When life is hard, we need something solid to hold on to; something we can count on to be there for us to fall back on, to find rest from the weariness of living in this world that is so diametrically opposed to our belief system. We need a rock to stand on when the waves of a storm are crashing around us.

The Bible teaches us that God is our Rock. He is our refuge. When Moses was in charge of guiding the Israelites out of Egypt, across the desert/wilderness into the promised land, the LORD took them to a brook with a rock. Moses was so frustrated with the whining and complaining of the people, that he struck the rock out of which poured the water they were to drink. The rock, was their source of water, which is essential for life. God describes himself as that rock...the source of life. So when Moses struck the rock in anger, he was really expressing his anger at God for allowing all the difficulties Moses and the people were experiencing. Because of that outburst, Moses was not allowed to enter the promised land (see Numbers 20). David spent 15 years running and hiding from the jealous, out of control, insane King Saul AFTER he was anointed as God's choice for the King of Israel. We find him hiding out in the caves of the rock formations. David recognized that the LORD protects us, guides us, provides a place for us to rest, just like those rock formations. Throughout the psalms he writes, the LORD is my Rock and my salvation.

Brothers and Sisters, we are stuck in this life here on earth, just passing through until the Lord calls us home to be with him. He never said it would be easy. In fact, Jesus tells his disciples that "in this life there are many troubles" (John 16:33). Yeah...no kidding!!! But he has overcome the world!! He provides safety and security, guidance, protection, comfort, encouragement, and strength as our rock in the midst of the trouble. So yes, we are stuck here, in a very hard place. But be encouraged that we are not left alone in this hard place. We are stuck between THE ROCK and a hard place.



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My Rock Is My God

- The Lord... *Psalm 71:1-6*
- The God of my salvation... *2 Samuel 22:47*
- Strength, buckler, high tower, etc. *Psalm 18:2*
- He is Deserving of my worship. *Psalm 71:6; 18:46*



Kathleen (Kay) Umbrecht

by Beth McCarrick

I met Kay Umbrecht almost 40 years ago when I volunteered to work with Pioneer Girls. Through this article I learned why she has a passion for reaching young people. Kay was born and raised in Boothwyn and has live there for 87 years. Her family attended Memorial Presbyterian, but when the church split in 1943, she and her siblings (Albert Lees (Carol) and June Welch) began attending Sunday School at Reliance Fire House mainly because they had a bus ministry which would pick children up at various stops in the community. The church had an after-school program called Fisherman’s Club which was held at various members homes and that is where she received Christ as her Savior. Kay states, “Since I was saved during the Fisherman’s Club era, I always had a burden for the younger youth and became involved in Pioneer Ministries for many years. We had the use of the old church bus which was used for many of our PG activities.”

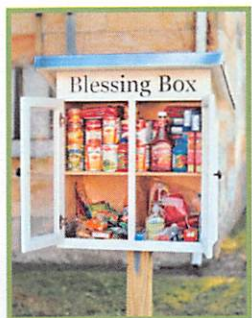
Kay has been active in other ways in the church especially behind the scenes. During her teenage age years, the youth ministry became very active under the leadership of Dick Leake who was a great mentor in her life. The pastor at the time that Kay joined the church was Reverend Wendel Brock. The church did not have a secretary so when Pastor Brock needed typing done Kay was called into service and was paid the royal sum of 50 cents an hour. Kay married in 1955 and after her children got a little older, she felt the need to be of service in the church by using her typing skills once again for the church bulletin and other clerical needs. I don’t know if this was purely volunteer or if she still earned the same wage she earned as a teenager. She did this for many years under the Pastors Brown, Tonneson and Hermann at which point an official church secretary was hired. Under Dwight Dunn’s leadership, she was asked to help assist the church treasurer Al Morris which she did until quite recently.



Kay is an avid gardener. She states, “Growing up during WWII, my family always had a very large garden, and I was expected to help. This began my love for gardening. I still garden to a lesser extent. “It always amazes me how a little seed can grow into a beautiful flower or vegetable, and I am reminded that God created all this so uniquely different and beautiful.” We have been the beneficiary of Kay’s generosity when she has an overflow in her garden. It is so prolific that she has given us Elephant Ear bulbs, silver dollar plants and variegated grasses to name a few. Her donations keep blooming, but we never have as much success as Kay. It might have to do with the fact that we like planting but weeding not so much.

As for words of wisdom Kay would like to share with the congregation, she would quote Proverbs 3: 5-6. Her personal favorite verses are Philippians 4: 13 & 19 “I can do everything through him who gives me strength” and “My God will meet all my needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus”.

Kay is a wealth of knowledge on the history of our church and even knows what happened to our church steeple, but you will have to ask her that question.



Please remember to donate to our Blessing Box community ministry if possible. Neighbors who stop by to pick up something to help themselves or their family often comment to those who are filling the box about how much this ministry is appreciated.

A list of suggested items for donation is in the coatroom off of the foyer. Your donations should be placed on the bookshelves there as well. If the church is not open when you drop off donations, there is a large white box next to the Blessing Box that can be used for your contributions to help those in need.

“Kindness is a grace that all can understand.” J. C. Ryle

Preparing for New Leadership

by Pastor Steve Wilson

When Moses understood that he would be leaving the people he had been shepherding, and passing the mantle of leadership on to Joshua, he spent 34 chapters in the book which became known as Deuteronomy preparing the people for this transition. Your previous pastor left unexpectedly, and as such, was not able to prepare you for this. As your interim pastor, I have that opportunity. I decided to use Moses' words to his people in preparation for their change in leadership to help prepare you for the upcoming change. It seemed appropriate to me to use this newsletter to pass on to you some of these principles and warnings that God gave to His people through Moses as they looked forward to this change. Change in leadership inevitably brings about stress and disagreement. It has its ups and downs and feeds that disease called, "comparisonitis." This article is the first, then, in a series to give you some important things to consider and to pray about as you prepare to meet your next pastor. This article is an introduction to that series of articles.



The first five books of the Bible are often referred to as the Books of Moses because it is believed that he wrote them (except for the end of Deuteronomy which speaks of his death). The 2nd, 3rd and 4th books tell of God bringing His people from Egypt to the border of the Promised Land—for the 2nd time. The 1st time He had brought them there, they sent spies into the land who came back and affirmed the goodness of the land but frightened the people with stories of the "giants" who lived there. Because of their unbelief, God had them wander in the desert for 40 years until that generation, which had refused to enter the land, had passed. Moses was now about 120 years old, and God had told him that he would not be the one to lead the people into the Promised Land. So, the book of Deuteronomy tells of his final days as the shepherd of God's people. The name comes from two Greek words: Deutero nomos, which mean 2nd law. It was not a 2nd law, but rather a 2nd telling of the law, a review, a reminder, a reinforcement of what he had already told them in the preceding 40 years.

The nation is now camped at Kadesh Barnea on the Plains of Moab on the eastern edge of the Jordan Valley, northeast of the Dead Sea. The first couple of verses point out that a trip which SHOULD have taken 11 days had taken 40 years because of their unbelief. Once again, they are in the place where the previous generation had turned back. Here Moses renews the covenant that God had made with the people 40 years earlier and which they remembered every time they celebrated the major feasts (the Feast of Unleavened Bread & Passover, the Feast of Weeks, and the Feast of Tabernacles). Yet, Moses does not review the events of what happened at Horeb 40 years earlier.

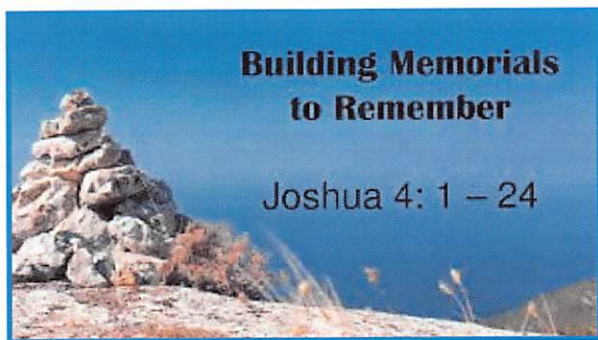
He reviews what God has commanded His people, referring over and again to God's covenant promise. He gives four main reasons for reviewing what he had already told them over the past 40 years. They were a new generation. They were facing a new challenge, under a new leader, and new temptations.

40 years earlier, when the report came back that the people of Canaan were huge and had fortified cities, the people grumbled against God and against Moses. They threatened to stone Moses and return to Egypt. God told Moses that He was going to strike the people down and make a new nation from Moses, but Moses had interceded for them and God had spared them. So, in

preparation for their 2nd attempt to enter the promised land, Moses reminds them of the law that God had given them at Mt. Sinai, and of the reason why they had spent the previous years wandering in the desert.

He points out that God has constantly told them to "remember." He tells them to "remember" 14 times in this book. He tells them to build stone memorials to help their children remember. He reminds them that their celebra-

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tions are all designed to help them remember. As a philosopher has said, “Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.” Warren Wiersbe pointed out that “The best way to prepare for the future is to understand the past.”

The challenge facing them now was, in many ways, very different from what they had been dealing with for the past 40 years, and yet in many ways also, very similar. For the past 40 years they had struggled to merely survive – life in the wilderness. Now they would be struggling with the difficulties of a more permanent home. The time in the wilderness had provided training for them, as they faced several opposing nations. In fact, one might ask, could they have conquered Canaan without the intervening 40 years of training? Did they “thwart” God’s plans by their disobedience? By no means! God takes even the failures of His people and turns them into glory for His Name.



We often fear the future because it is unknown, and we have all experienced failure to some degree in the past. The question is “Do we really trust God... or are we demanding understanding? There are many unknowns about what God has planned for the coming years. None of us know anything about the man who will be your next pastor. We DO know, however, that he will be very different from Dwight, or Jacob, or me. There will be inevitable comparisons between him and others. Some of these might be improvements, but many will be disappointments that he doesn’t do things the way you were hoping.

My friends, it is not so much a new pastor that God is calling you to follow. He wants you to trust HIM, to follow HIM, to trust Him to guide you as a church. Do NOT demand perfection. Rather look for, and focus on, progress, realizing that even that is often three steps forward, two steps back. Moses was NOT the nation of Israel. Your pastor is NOT Restoration Presbyterian Church! YOU ARE! As God points out in 1 Peter 2:10: *Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people.* Be one of those who, trusting God—by His grace—will NOT abandon this ship. And, by His grace, commit yourself to stay the course and persevere as He leads you into a new future.

The people of Israel had tasted success, but they were still a nation without a home. The problems they would soon face in the promised land would be similar in many ways, but different in others from life in the desert. You have seen God’s hand of blessing in many ways over the past several decades. Granted, numbers are down from what they used to be, but, if we look closely, it is easy to see how God has used each of your pastors to bring needed and good change. In the weeks to come, we will look more closely at these temptations and the warnings Moses gives... along with the safeguards needed to be put in place. I do not profess to know how you will be tempted under the leadership of your next pastor. Perhaps you will be tempted to abandon ship. Perhaps you will be tempted to question whether he was the right choice. Perhaps you will be tempted to be critical of the elders. Perhaps you will struggle with a new way of doing things. **The bottom line:** You WILL be tempted! However, we need to understand that we will be tempted no matter WHERE we choose to hang our hats. In other words, when temptation comes it is natural to find fault with others, with the new pastor, with the elders, with other members. You will be tempted to play “the blame game.” Don’t GO THERE!!! Take responsibility for your SELF and bear with each other!



Change is inevitable. The question is, will we trust God when change is difficult? Will we acknowledge His sovereign hand, or will we lean on our own understanding and walk away, leaving problems for others to deal with?

Your assignment, for this next month is to pray for YOURSELF! Pray that God would prepare YOU to be a team player, to be teachable and, by the grace of God, to trust Him fully for your new pastor and the future of Restoration Presbyterian Church.

Church Calendar!

(LS: live-streamed)

Every Sunday: Worship Service, 10:15am, LS

AUGUST

- 3 ... Leadership Training Class, 5:30pm, church
- 3 ... Prayer Meeting, 7:00pm, church
- 9 ... Women's Bible Study, 6:30pm, zoom, Gloria Snyder
- 10 ... Prayer Meeting, 7:00pm, zoom
- 13 ... Men's Breakfast, 9:00-10:45am, church
- 17 ... Leadership Training Class, 5:30pm, church
- 17 ... Prayer Meeting, 7:00pm, church
- 19 ... Missions Weekend, hymn sing and concert
- 20 ... Missions Weekend, missionary videos, lunch
- 21 ... Missions Weekend, International Luncheon
- 23 ... Women's Bible Study, 6:30pm, zoom, Gloria Snyder
- 24 ... Prayer Meeting, 7:00pm, zoom
- 26 ... Community Family Game Night, 6:30-8:30pm, church
- 28 ... Church Picnic (see below)
- 31 ... Leadership Training Class, 5:30pm, church
- 31 ... Prayer Meeting, 7:00pm, church

SEPTEMBER

- 7 ... Prayer Meeting, 7:00pm, zoom
- 13 ... Women's Bible Study, 6:30pm zoom, Gloria Snyder
- 14 ... Coffee Break, 10:00am, church
- 14 ... Leadership Training Class, 5:30pm, church
- 14 ... Prayer Meeting, 7:00pm, church
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- 21 ... Prayer Meeting, 7:00pm, zoom
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Sunday, August 28
1:00pm to 4:00pm

Join us for the annual picnic / pool party at the home of Dan and Cindy White. Everyone is welcome!

The picnic main dish will be provided as well as drinks and paper products. Please bring a side dish or a dessert with you. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the rear of the sanctuary. Don't forget your swim suit and towel!!!



Community Calendar!

September 15-17, 2022

**Upper Chichester Library
Annual Fall Book Sale**

The Book Sale is here at **Restoration**. Please listen for further announcements and check upperchichesterlibrary.org for times and more details!

October 10, 2022

The next **Wilmington Women's Connection** will take place October 10, 2022 at Iron Hill Brewery located at 620 Justison St. Wilmington, DE 19084 on the Riverfront near the Blue Rocks Stadium. This is our traditional Country Fair and Auction. We will have tons of items to bid on from gift cards to jewelry to services offered. We also have bake and craft tables. Our speaker Pam Tighman from Millerstown, PA will share from her life experiences. If you'd like a reservation or more information see Beth McCarrick.



RESTORATION
KIDS MINISTRY

PARENTS! Keep an eye open for all the upcoming details ...

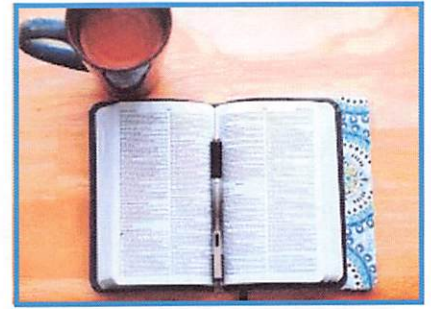
Coming in September!

**Mid-week Bible study
for 10 yr olds through 8th grade**

Coffee Break

by Beth McCarrick

Have you ever wondered what Coffee Break is? I mean in a place of business you can take a break from your work and get a beverage of some sort. Our church's ladies have been taking coffee breaks from their daily routines for over 50 years now. In essence, Coffee Break is a weekly Bible study for ladies that start with refreshments including coffee that is provided by the ladies of the group and then a time of prayer for each other and our loved ones, and then an in-depth Bible study that usually requires homework. Another important aspect of Coffee Break is our card ministry. Each week we send a thinking of you card to military personnel and a college student who have some association with one of the ladies in the group. We then send several cards to people who are sick, or shut ins or going through a rough time to encourage them. During the week if someone will be celebrating a birthday, we sing to them, and they receive a handmade card from Coffee Break that Robin McGhee has made.



Cheryl Aragona is going to be teaching in the fall starting Wednesday September 14th at 10 am. The study chosen is a video series by Jen Wilkins on the first half of the book of Exodus. Cheryl states, "There will be two weeks of study from the study book and one week showing the video for that session which helps to tie everything together. This pattern repeats through the 10 sessions. It should prove to be very enlightening as we see the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt. This study will help our understanding of the whole Bible. As we see God deliver Israel, we will see how He delivers us from sin and slavery. Anyone who would like to join Coffee Break should call or email Cheryl at 610-357-8467 or cherylaragona@juno.com."

We normally only meet during the school year taking off time during the major holidays, but we do keep up with each other during the summer. This ministry is open to the community and we have ladies joining us from area churches such as Ogden Baptist, Concord Baptist, The Blue Church, Resurrection Life to name a few. Even during the pandemic, we kept on meeting via Zoom and we had people join us from Louisiana and California. Cheryl Aragona wants everyone to know "We welcome any lady who wants to deepen their relationship with Jesus to join us!!!!" Right now, we aren't able to offer babysitting but if anyone is aware of someone who would be willing to babysit we would be very interested in talking to them as we would love to expand this ministry to young mothers.



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