

The Federated Messenger

July 2026

“The Best Week of Summer!”

by Libby Anderson
Children’s Ministry Director



The best week of summer is quickly approaching! Vacation Bible School!

This year we will be going on an adventure and traveling back to ancient Rome. We will visit each day with Paul while he is under house arrest and chained to his Roman guard, Brutus. He will share with the kids each day how God’s love is a gift that is always with us and changes us! He will teach that God’s love saves us and is worth sharing with others. **“I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God’s love.”**

Romans 8:38

After visiting with Paul each day, we will travel to a cave where we will find members of the Underground Church that are in hiding. They will tell us why they had to be in hiding and that the Good News of Jesus is worth being persecuted for! **“For I am not ashamed of this Good New of Christ!” Romans 1:16**

There will be Roman games, incredible music, marketplace experiences, friends and so much fun. We can’t wait!

Please pray for VBS! Please pray that this church is overflowing with kids. Pray that through experiencing a little bit of what bible-times might have looked like, it will bring the Bible to life for them. Please also pray that the Holy Spirit will draw them and reveal Himself to them!

We are so thankful for our many volunteers that make this week possible for our community! Make sure to pray for their joy and endurance this week!

We can’t wait to share with all of you what God does on **VBS Take-Over Sunday (July 26)**. Join us in both services for kid testimonies and special appearances from our very own Paul and Brutus... You won’t want to miss this!

Thank you for praying and supporting the spreading of the Good News of Jesus through Vacation Bible School!

Meanwhile, Back at the Ranch...

by Christy Preston

Summer camp has started! We have another summer of FULL weeks of camp (90+ kids many weeks) – Praise the Lord! And since we’re praising the Lord, let’s also praise Him for the staff He provided for us this summer. Our critical positions are filled and we’re excited to work with a variety of new staff members this summer from all over Erie



County and beyond. We have a good sized volunteer staff this summer and it’s exciting to see so many campers making the jump

into being staff as well. God is so good to bless us with a crew of young people whose hearts desire to serve the Lord and whose enthusiasm for all things camp related shines through.

This summer, we are encouraging our staff to be useful and fruitful in their pursuit of an ever-deepening relationship with Jesus Christ. God has given us all we need



for life and godliness, so we should strive to know Him more intimately and add to our faith excellence, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly affection, and unselfish love (2 Peter 1:5-8). If we want to grow fruit in our lives, if we want to be useful for the Kingdom, then we must grow in the grace of knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ and pursue Him above all things.

Campers this summer are learning to GROW Fruit: Let God Change Your Life. God wants to produce His fruit in our lives, and that happens when we:

- commit to reading God’s Word consistently

- work to develop our Relationship with God and others who encourage us
- focus on Outreach and serving others
- spend time in Worship of the One True God

Campers will focus on Galatians 5:22-25 and the fruit God wants to develop in us - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Please continue to pray for WLD Ranch’s ministry this summer. It won’t be without challenges, of course. We covet prayers for our health, stamina, endurance throughout the entire summer as we strive to fulfill the ministry God has called us to. Serving at summer camp is a mission field, one that is full of fields ripe for the harvest. Pray that we, as a staff, will serve well as we guide others to Jesus as the Truth in life.

Springfield Senior Center



TUESDAY, JULY 14

Springfield Senior Center will meet in the Family Center at 9:45 a.m. We will travel to Raccoon Park in North Springfield for a fun day of sunshine, beach, and music by Tom Beam. Reverend Nicola Vitellio from the Girard Presbyterian Church will have our devotions.

Following lunch at the park we will stop by the Tasty Twist to conclude our outing with ice cream and maybe also make a stop at Peggy Gray’s for chocolate! (first come, first serve to ride the church van!)



Come enjoy the day!

OCC SHOEBOXES

by Beth Rigden



Thank you to all who purchased a soccer ball bundle last month. These soccer bundles will be packed during our annual Operation Christmas Child Packing Party. The soccer ball is considered a WOW item in a box. We are asked to include a WOW gift (something that is a medium to large gift) in each box we pack. So to fulfill that goal, we are collecting more WOW gifts this month. Keep in mind that we are packing for 5-9 year old girls and boys. Also remember the gift must fit in a shoebox that is 12" x 7" x 4 3/8" and allow room for other items too! Here are the donation suggestions for July:



- Soccer Ball with a pump,
- Dolls
- Action Figures
- Playground Balls with pump
- Stuffed Animals

The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. Through this project, Samaritan's Purse partners with the local church worldwide to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and make disciples of the nations.

Save these dates!

Thursday, August 6th - OCC Work Session from 1-3 PM in the church dining room

Monday, October 12th - Annual OCC Packing Party in Family Center



Hey, it's Blessing Boot time! Grab a Boot, fill it up and help the WLD Ranch fund building upgrades!

Peniel Holiness Camp

July 16-26, 2026

Celebrating 130 Years

Camp begins with a concert on Thursday, July 16 at 7:30 p.m. featuring Jonathan White. Services daily at 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Concert at 7 p.m. followed by a preaching service at 7:30 p.m.

Rooms, camping facilities and meals are available. For more information, call Carol Durfee at 814-774-8426, visit the website,

www.peniellholinesscamp.com or see the brochure in the Welcome Center.

Peniel Holiness Association, 21750 State Highway 18, Conneautville, PA 16406



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 20-24

9 AM TO NOON

Register Online Today!

Kids Pre-K – 5th Grade

www.fedchurch.net/vbs



Northwestern Community Youth Center

ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Saturday, July 11, 2026

Beechwood Golf Club

4 Person Golf Scramble \$380, Single - \$95.00
Registration at 7:30 a.m. Shotgun Start at 8:40 a.m.
Pick up a registration form from the Welcome Center Desk and plan to participate and support the Youth Center!





◆ **Celebration Class** – This class is for people celebrating their “mature” years in the church dining room, studying the

scriptures on the current sermon series.

- ◆ **Men’s Class** – Studying the book of Mark, led by Pastor Rick, Bob Pettis and others. Meet in the Church Basement Room 32.
- ◆ **Ladies Class** – Studying Esther, led by Suzanne Barton, Room 10 in the church basement.
- ◆ **Faith Chapel Ladies Class** –following an inductive study on Romans led by Christina Corbett. All ladies welcome!
- ◆ **Sanctuary Class** – a verse by verse study of the book of Proverbs, led by Jerry Hills in the sanctuary.
- ◆ **Everyone’s a Theologian** - What do Christians believe and why? This series on Systematic Theology is designed for new believers and anyone wanting to grow in their understanding of God’s truth. Meet in **Room 29**, Church Basement
- ◆ **College & Young Adult Class** – Room 28 in the Church Basement, exploring what the Bible says about topics relative to life, led by Mike and Cheryl Anderson.
- ◆ **Good News Class** – Family Center Office Room, studying the book of Ephesians with Seth Huntley and Sam Ring leading.
- ◆ **Couples Class** – for married and engaged couples, led by Rick Fails and Jamie Greig in Room 31 in the church basement, studying the book of Revelation.
- ◆ **Heart and Soul Class** – led by Paul Burgess in Room 19/20 of the church basement, studying Biblical Covenants.
- ◆ **The Upper Room Class** – led by Pastor Mal Beall and Paula Adams. Open to Young Adults both single and married. Meeting in the big room upstairs in the church and studying a variety of topics.



Kids Church is for children 4 years old thru 5th grade in the Family Center. The children should be signed in at the Family Center desk by a parent/caregiver before services and promptly picked up afterward.

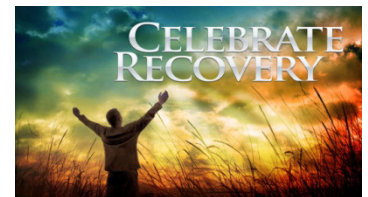
Infant and Toddler care: During the 8:15 a.m. service, unsupervised Infant/Toddler rooms are available for families to use. Also, there is a nursing mother’s room available during both services at the back of the sanctuary. Infant and Toddler care *is* available during the 11 a.m. service in the Family Center. **MORE VOLUNTEERS** are needed to care for the children. If you can help, please contact the Church Office

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW...



We have a couple ways to give electronically: Text “GIVE” to 814-402-8798 or follow the link from our website www.fedchurch.net.

You can join in with a great group every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. for Celebrate Recovery in the



Church Basement. You’ll begin with a meal, followed by a time of worship, meeting, and sharing in small groups, for anyone with hurts, habits and hang-ups.

If you are interested in being part of the cleaning / packing work team for the Pill Bottle Recycling Program, please contact Amy Bovaird at 814-431-4266 or Suzanne Barton at 814-392-4383. **The times for the recycling operation will be as follows: (meet in the Church Dining Room)**

July 14, 1-4 PM

September 8, 9 AM-12 PM

November 10 1-4 PM

August 11, 6-9 PM

October 13, 1-4 PM

December 8, 1-4 PM



JULY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
			1 10 AM Golden Circle 6:30 PM Awakening 7 PM Prayer Meeting	2 9:30 AM Ladies' Bible Study 6:30 PM CR	3	4 
5 8:15 & 11 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School	6 7 PM Men's Bible Study	7	8 10 AM Golden Circle 6:30 PM Awakening 7 PM Prayer Meeting	9 9:30 AM Ladies' Bible Study 10 AM Fed Moms 6:30 PM CR	10	11
12 8:15 & 11 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School 3 PM Bow Shoot & Fellowship, Pavilion	13 7 PM Men's Bible Study	14 9:45 AM Senior Center 6:30 PM Leadership	15 10 AM Golden Circle 7 PM Prayer Meeting	16 9:30 AM Ladies' Bible Study 6:30 PM CR	17	18
19 8:15 & 11 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School	20 9 AM VBS 7 PM Men's Bible Study	21 9 AM VBS	22 9 AM VBS Prayer Meeting at Peniel Holiness Camp	23 9 AM VBS 6:30 PM Celebrate Recovery	24 9 AM VBS	25
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26 8:15 & 11 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School	27 12 PM Mobile Food Pantry 7 PM Men's Bible Study	28	29 10 AM Golden Circle 7 PM Prayer Meeting	30 9:30 AM Ladies' Bible Study 10 AM Fed Moms 6:30 PM CR	31	

JULYFed Kids Schedule

ATE	SERVICE	VOLUNTEER 1	VOLUNTEER 2
JULY 5	8:15 Kids Church Helper		
	9:30 Check In Desk		
	9:45 Toddler Room	Amy Swartzfager	
	10:45 Check In Desk		
	11 Toddler Room	Amy & John Swartzfager	
	11 Kids Church Helper	Keah Bush	
JULY 12	8:15 Kids Church Helper		
	9:30 Check In Desk	Liz Bright	--
	9:45 Toddler SS	Mary Ellen Hulley	
	11 Toddler Room	Emily Corbett	Brooke/Violet/ Savannah
	10:45 Check In Desk	Liz Bright	--
	11 Kids Church Helper	Jaelin Snyder	
JULY 19	8:15 Kids church helper		
	9:30 Check In Desk	Taylor Billings	--
	9:45 Toddler Room	Mary Ellen Hulley	Amanda Nagle
	11 Toddler Room	Josiah Merrit	Connie Solomon
	10:45 Check In Desk	Taylor Billings	--
	11 Kids Church Helper	Azalea Ring	
JULY 26	8:15 Kids Church Helper	NO KIDS CHURCH	
	9:30 Check In Desk	Terena Snyder	
	9:45 Toddler Room	Mary Ellen Hulley	Tamim Fenton
	10:45 Check In Desk	Terena Snyder	
	11 Toddler Room	Melissa Greig	Violet/Savannah
	11 Kids church Helper	NO KIDS CHURCH	

Come join us in Fed Kids! Reach out to Libby, if you can help us fill these needed positions!