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Good words for Great Souls

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How do you know God exists? It's a question I'm sometimes asked, particularly by those going through a difficult time in their lives. It seems much easier to believe in God when things are going well for us. We trust in the words of reassurance the Bible offers and imagine that God will protect us from all harm, and this makes us feel comfortable and secure. But then something comes along that rocks our world. It can be most anything—the death of a loved one, a disaster, an illness or injury, and suddenly our faith is shaken. We turn to heaven and ask, "Why God?"

This month, I'll be concluding a five-week sermon series on finding hope in the Bible. The Bible offers us many examples of people struggling through times of disaster and despair, and both the Old and New Testaments have much to say about that. I hope you've had an opportunity to attend and hear some of these messages, but if not, links to the recorded services are available. We also have transcripts of the messages we can mail to you. Of the many words of hope you will hear, one message comes clear, God does not desert us in our times of need and promises to walk beside us in both the good and bad times.

Where do
you see
God?

Photo Submission
by Pastor Dave
Downer



This Month's Scriptures

- October 3:** Job 1:1, 2:1-10
Mark 10:2-16
- October 10:** Job 23:1-9, 16-17
Mark 10:17-31
- October 17:** Job 38:1-7, (34-41)
Mark 10:35-45
- October 24:** Job 42:1-6, 10-17
Mark 10:46-52
- October 31:** Ruth 1:1-18
Mark 12:28-34

September's YouTube Worship Service Links

- Sunday, September 5:**
https://youtu.be/_IYhaED9Dfw
- Sunday, September 12:**
https://youtu.be/x_E66rRgzk
- Sunday, September 19:**
<https://youtu.be/bPhLOOzbRNw>
- Sunday, September 26:**
<https://youtu.be/y311xVObwm4>



Announcements, Events, and Updates

- October 3, Adult Sunday School and children's nursery resume.
- October 6, COC meeting
- October 18, MOPS Meeting 6:30 P.M.
- October 19, Food Pantry Distribution
- October 19, Consistory Meeting 6:30 P.M.
- October 23, Diaper Depot Distribution
- October 24, All Saints Day dedication deadline
- October 25, Penns Valley Diaper Depot distribution
- October 29, Jared Box deadline
- October 30, Trunk or Treat
- October 31, Special Unicef offering

Penns Valley Diaper Depot

The next monthly distribution is planned for October 23. Contributions of diapers or checks will always be accepted!

Disaster Relief Lifesaver Bottle

Please share your change (coins) by placing them in the "Disaster Relief Lifesaver" bottle at the back of the sanctuary

October Anniversaries

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| 1 | Larry and Lisa Campbell | 19 | Thomas and Toni Witherite |
| 3 | James and Kimberly Smith | 20 | Gary and Rebecca Ream |
| 4 | Benjamin and Patricia Battaglia | 22 | Ronald and Kelsey Napolitan |
| 10 | Chad and Corinna Bressler | 23 | Charles and Laura Romig |
| 11 | James and Darbie Evans | 25 | John Jr. and Kelly Aston |
| 12 | Bradly and Jessica Miller | 31 | Lynn and Carole Smith |
| 13 | Jonathan and Julia Downer | | |
| 15 | John and Louise Shope | | |

October Birthdays

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| 2 | Tammy Besecker Kelsey Napolitan Patricia Weber |
| 3 | Steven Besecker Kevin Coulter Richard McNitt |
| 4 | Olivia Aston |
| 5 | Layla Fultz Rosa King |
| 7 | Ann Moellenbrock |
| 8 | Nathan Arney |
| 9 | Andrea Neese Yolanda Lawrence Dixie Vogt |
| 10 | Jennie Hench |
| 12 | Troy Bressler Evan Smith Alayna Yearick-Mulroy |
| 15 | Sarah Cronin Barry Reish Amy Smith |
| 16 | Valerie Floray Tessa Walter |
| 18 | Shannon Arney Ruth Ann Floray |
| 19 | Jean Brooks |
| 21 | Lydia Hankinson Barbara McNitt |
| 22 | Sara Hanson Rhonda Rumbaugh |
| 23 | Beverly Garbrick Delaney Kelly Cael Stover |
| 24 | Dennis Bressler Rebecca Ream |
| 27 | Ryan Sweitzer |
| 28 | Jessica Krebs |

Records and Reports

Summary of 22 September Consistory Meeting

Treasurer's Report: The total General Fund income for September 2021 was \$8,893.28. The general fund expense for September 2021 was \$6,752.57. **Pastor's Report:** Pastor Dave continues to send emails, cards, and makes calls to members. **Property Committee:** Exterior paint on the wooden trim of our church has faded much sooner than expected. Sherwin Williams has offered to give the paint needed for repainting but has not offered to do the job; The committee has recommended no longer hanging the Christmas candles from the ceiling lights in the sanctuary. The safety of hanging the candle lights and possible damage to the antique ceiling lights is the concern. **Previous Business:** The committee will continue to work on internet in the sanctuary, parts that are needed are on back order; The Diaper Ministry is going well, the first distribution was September 25. **New Business:** Church office hours are now Tuesday and Thursday 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Wednesday 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.; A new board member is needed for Interfaith human Services, meetings are the third week of every month.; Penns Valley Christmas of Hope will use our church again for the collection of Christmas gifts.

Church Picnic



Diaper Depot



Special Thanks To...

The Hayes' funeral Volunteers, Beverly Guyer and Ann Moellenbrock...

Our fill-in Service Leaders, Carol Clark-Baney, Rev. Russ Sauerwine, and Rev. Al Wilson...

David and Cassandra King for the donation and assembly of shelves for the TUCC Diaper Depot...

Joan Pecht and Nevin Dutrow for hosting the annual church picnic...

Thank You!

Please remember these people in your prayers,

Glenda Abrams

Ben Blaszcak

Larry Corl

Buddy Cowher

Cathy and Roy Dunkle

Kelly Eicher

Charles O'Hara

Austin Haupt

Diane Matter

Malcolm Obiri

Gary Schwier

Marilyn Sproule

Jere Wiley

*Faye Winkelblech

Lance Arney

Carol Brown

Coursen Family

*Marie Crater

*Jean Dunklebarger

Gracie Eisenhower

Leland Hanson

Rod Ilgen

Paige Musser-Gray

Karol Rae

*Marian Smith

Colin & Jaci Tucker

Ennis Wagner

Duane and Wilma Yarger

*In Personal Care Residence

Zoey Bair

Bobbi Chard

Jody Covalt

Erin, Austin, Conner Derr

Tom Dutrow

*Trudy Furner

*Mary Hardy

*Josephine McNitt

Rycen Musser

Kern Sauerwein

Marieta Smith

Debbie Walker

Ann Williams



Moss Gardens made at the TUCC picnic



Church Members at the TUCC picnic



Diaper donations on display at the TUCC Diaper Depot