



August 20th, 2025 #1,101

Pressing On



Yesterday, Linda and I took some of our grandchildren on a hike in Codorus Park. We were on a main trail, but decided to take a little loop trail off of it that would take us down to the lake. We soon encountered a large, spiked pine tree that had fallen across the trail. The first thought was to turn around and go back. In an effort to encourage us to go forward, I somewhat jokingly said, "that in life when we encounter an obstacle and a problem, we need to not let it stop us but see it as a challenge and an opportunity to go forward. You never know what you will miss if you turn around and go back." Probably having nothing to do with what I said, we decided to climb over the tree and go forward.

Little did I know that my statement would be so true. What we encountered when we got to the water was a true blessing that had we turned around we would have missed. When we arrived at the shore, we saw a beautiful view. But we also encountered other things. Someone, many years ago, had placed three very nice wicker chairs with now very weathered cushions at that spot. There was also a small Tupperware container connected to one chair. In it were two small booklets to write in and several pens. We opened one of the booklets and saw a note from Ethan written earlier this year. He wrote how he had been coming to that spot for years, especially on bad days, so he could be encouraged by being in nature and reading the stories of others.

In the second booklet we read an entry by Halley, who was nine years old from a year ago. She also said she liked to come to this spot. She loved to be out in God's creation. She wrote that she wanted to share a verse with everyone. She wrote, **"For God so loved the world, that he gave his one and only Son, that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."** She then closed it by saying, **"Trust in God."**

What a blessing it was to encounter this area. And we would have missed it if we had allowed that obstacle to make us turn back.

1 Peter 5:10 *"And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast."*

2 Corinthians 12:9

"But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me."

Philippians 3.13-15 ¹³ *Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things.*

When you encounter an obstacle in your path, trust in God and press forward. God has a blessing waiting for you on the other side.

In Christ Alone



CBC WEEKLY PRAYER POINT

In every church family and every family, our prayer lists are long with those who are suffering from physical and emotional problems. In a fallen world, we deal with illness and injury. As Christians, we are not immune. Pray for persons and families you know who are walking this journey. Pray for those sick and hospitalized. Pray for doctors and medical staff. Give thanks for the biblical ordinance of Anointing as outlined in James 5:13-16 and pray for our ministers and deacons as they share this special gift with the hurting. The Lord is present. The Lord still heals. "I am the Lord who heals you." Exodus 15:26 (NIV). Your prayers for the sick make a difference! "When a believing person prays, great things happen." James 5:16 (NCV)

Please pray for these congregations and pastors:

- Brookside Congregation in Aurora, WV and pastor Mark Teets
- Bushenyi Gakenke in Uganda, Africa and pastor Hagumimatya Eric

Prayer & Praises

- Joyce Wagaman requested prayer for herself to continue to recover from her cold.
- Joyce Wagaman also requested prayer for her son Scott who has a ruptured ear drum.
- Joyce also requested prayer for Erica's parents. Her mother and father were in a bad car accident. Her father was pretty banged up, but is getting better and is home. Her mother had to have neck surgery and needs prayer for recovery.
- Chelsey Meyers-Yost requested prayer for Brian Meyers (her Dad). Brian is having PET scans this Friday to determine if the cancer is contained or spread.
- Nancy Stape requested prayer for her son Barry Lombardo who had a bad fall. He had to have stitches and is hurting really bad. Pray for healing and a reduction in pain.
- Joanne Miller shared a praise that Joel Miller's back surgery was a success, and he is doing well.
- Terri Stambaugh requested prayer for Doug Zortman. Doug's cancer has returned. Pray for everyone involved in his treatment and care.
- Brenda Foltz updated that Bob's surgery went well and thanked everyone for all of their prayers.

Camp Eder

**SEPTEMBER
3RD, 2025**

SENIOR DAYS

PROGRAM FOR SENIOR DAY
9:30 Meet and greet with continental breakfast

COST:

\$20/PERSON

10:00 Morning Program:

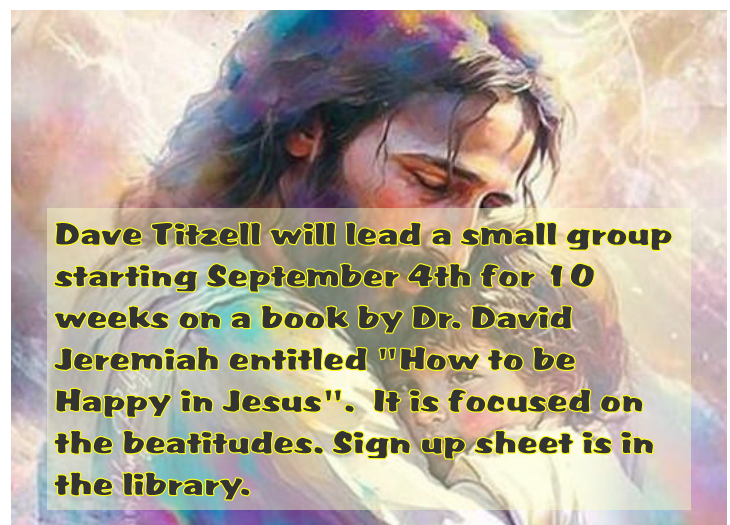
Mr. Peluso brings 27 years of glass experience and education. Engage in an interactive demonstration. Ask questions and understand the how and why of glass blowing. From the basic materials to how, why, and where glass blowing started. All while enjoying a live demonstration.

12:00 Delicious Lunch

1:00 Dismissal

**914 MOUNT HOPE RD
FAIRFIELD, PA 17320**

**PLEASE RSVP by calling (717)
642-8256 or emailing
campeder@campeder.org**



Dave Titzell will lead a small group starting September 4th for 10 weeks on a book by Dr. David Jeremiah entitled "How to be Happy in Jesus". It is focused on the beatitudes. Sign up sheet is in the library.

CARNIVAL

September 20th, 2025

Faith & Fun Carnival –
Hosted by Bermudian Church

11 am – 2 pm

games | free food | bounce house | facepainting

Fun for the whole family and all ages

Bermudianchurch.org



Women's Fellowship

See you on
September 2nd
Have a great summer!

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday, November 9th
More info to come

Fruitbelt Farmworker Trip

October 7th at 5:30

We will be leaving the church at 4:30

Women's Fellowship will be providing dinner so if you plan to attend, please use the signup sheet on the bulletin board.

We will be taking them gifts that are needed.

- Jackets (they trim trees in the winter and prefer mediums and large)
- Hats
- Hooded Sweatshirts (prefer mediums and large)
- Blankets, new if possible or very gently used

A container is outside Shepherd's Hall.

If you have no time to shop, money donations may be given to Meghan Replogle, who says she would love to do the shopping.

Questions: Contact Meghan Replogle who has offered to take on this project

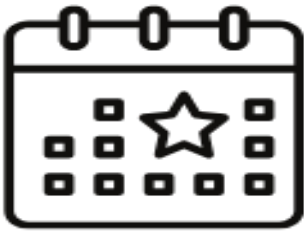
OCTOBER 12TH – 15TH

REVIVAL

EXPERIENCING THE LIFE-CHANGING POWER OF JESUS


Guest Evangelist:
Pastor Stafford Frederick






Reminders

Wednesday 08/20


6:30 pm – Life Group 

Thursday 08/21


 Joyce See's Birthday

Friday 08/22

 Carolyn Stump's Birthday

 Kim Shearer's Birthday

Saturday 08/23

 Terry & Trudy Wagner's Anniversary

Sunday 08/24


09:00 am – Come Worship
10:00 am – Intersections Café
10:20 am – Sunday School

Tuesday 08/26


 Pat Miller's Birthday


 Susan Smeltzer's Birthday

Wednesday 08/27

6:30 pm – Life Group 

Thursday 08/28

 Janet Deardorff's Birthday

 Ken & Liz Warren's Anniversary

Saturday 08/30

 John & Mary Fisher's Anniversary

Sunday 08/31

09:00 am – Come Worship
10:00 am – Intersections Café
10:20 am – Sunday School

Monday 09/01

Happy Labor Day!

Office is closed.

Tuesday 09/02

 Victor Mojica's Birthday

Newsletter Prep & Printing
1:00 pm – Newsletter Assembly

6:30 pm – Women's Fellowship 

Wednesday 09/03

6:30 pm – Life Group 

Thursday 09/04

 Wilmer Grim's Birthday

 Galen Julius's Birthday

 Meghan Replogle's Birthday

Friday 09/05

 Cheryl Kurtz's Birthday

Saturday 09/06

 Lois Breneman's Birthday


 Joel Miller's Birthday

Sunday 09/07

09:00 am – Come Worship
10:00 am – Intersections Café
10:20 am – Sunday School

Wednesday 09/10

 Fred Shultz's Birthday

6:30 pm = Life Group 

Thursday 09/11

 Ray & Dawn Hunt's Anniversary

Friday 09/12

 Kerry & Traci Kauffman's Anniversary