



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

"THE LITTLE STONE CHURCH"

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NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRIEST:

*"Song Sung Blue ...
everybody knows
one ..."*

Hello! You know I should be writing a neat theological article about 'Shared Ministry' and the nature of the 'Church' as it applies to our parish? But, it's June! It would be more 'fun' to talk about music.

Let me explain ... music is the language of the soul. We have all been exposed to it for a long, long time. Whether we believe it or not, music affects and even changes each one of us. I have been changed by music. Let's start at the very beginning.

Music is a journey and mine began when I was three or four. My father's cousin, Rita Breslin, loved to babysit for my mother, Peggy. Rita was a teenager who loved to sing. It was the Fifties and she sang all the wartime songs: 'The long and the short and the tall,' 'Blue Birds over the White Cliffs of Dover,' and many more. She loved Jim Reeves, Bing Crosby, and a host of stars she saw regularly in any one of the five cinemas in the city. 'I never felt more like singing the blues,' 'True love,' and

'Que, Sera, Sera' were all songs she loved and taught us. In those years before television, the family radio, or 'wireless' as we called it, brought music into the home daily. My sisters would tease me for trying to sing like Gene Autry's 'On Top of Old Smokey,' or Burl Ives' 'Big Rock Candy Mountain.'

When I was ten, we lived on an Air Force estate close to North Wales. Jim McCaffrey was the father of my best friend who lived next door. He worked on the same Air Base as my father and belonged to an ex-servicemen's Brass Band. One Saturday morning after we helped him clean and polish the band instruments, he began to teach us simple scales. Soon we were going to band practice twice a week. I fell in love with band music. And from military bands and marches to the Big Band sound of Tommy Dorsey, Glen Miller, and the 1940's, somewhere along the way, light jazz slipped in from Aka Bilk to Oscar Peterson.

I played the trumpet and continued to do so through school. Orchestras and bands, there was always an opportunity to play and all kinds of music. Just like everyone else who went to school, I sat through formal music lessons and sang Hayden and Handel in many a choir. I was even in a musical, once. I could tell a concerto

from a symphony; but as the Sixties began, like all my generation I began to take an interest in more popular music. Of course, the Beatles, Rolling Stones, the Kinks, and a host of other groups were the rage. However, most of it passed me by. Instead I had an avid hunger for Folk Music! Woody Guthrie, Simon and Garfunkel, Bob Dylan, Peter, Paul and Mary, Tom Paxton, Pete Seeger, Joan Baez were the singers I listen to, plus an Australian folk group called The Seekers. I didn't play any of the music, but I loved its social message and appeal to young people.

All that changed in August of 1967. I had to go on a one-year course in Ireland. Our group overlapped by four weeks with the previous year. They were a very musical bunch, full of the traditional Irish Music Revival that was sweeping the country. They had songs from the Clancy Brothers, the Dubliners, the Johnstons and Johnny McEvoy. They knew a lot of songs. They played their guitars everywhere they went, bus-trips, long walks, every evening, and every service! A young guy named Benny Murphy spent time teaching me some twelve chords on the guitar. So, it began...

The course was a bust, and I transferred to the University of Manchester after four months. I bought my first guitar for \$5. It was an old six-string jazz guitar, and I hammered away at it emulating all my folk heroes. To say that I was awful does not begin to describe the sounds that I could make. But every now and then I would find a fellow guitar traveler. Not the brilliant kind – they can't teach you anything – but someone who knew just a bit more.

Sean Simpson was a fellow student. He introduced me to James Taylor, Carol

King, and Don McLean. I couldn't really play their songs, but it was exposure. I used the guitar in the classroom while I was teaching, especially with the songs of Ralph McTell. I was up and running.

The late Seventies saw me at London University doing advanced Studies in Philosophy and Theology. I seemed to run into more girl guitarists there. Suddenly, I was listening to Janis Ian ('At Seventeen ...'), Cat Stevens, John Denver, and a young female guitarist from Texas named Nanci Griffith. I went teaching after that, and in my spare time had a little Irish Band we named Green Velvet.

Now my guitar playing was getting a lot better, and in our spare time we made tapes. I even sat and wrote some 60 songs of my own, but none of them were ever any good. Seems song writing is a whole art unto its own. I probably played guitar most days for at least an hour. Along the way, different students would ask me to teach them. Of course, as is nearly always the case, they turned out better than me.

In the Nineties, I came to America. For a while we resurrected the Irish Band and played around Orange County; but with the growth of my ministry, that ended around 1999. In 2003, I was part of a Blue Grass Band. That was different, fast, fast, fast! Don't they ever play any slow tunes? Lot different from anything I had ever played before.

Along the way, I learned from teachers who played and sang like Eddie Fox, a great priest. A singing Scottish nun called Isabel. A Hungarian student from Bavaria, and an aging Banjo player from Milford, PA.

Eventually, you become an aging guitarist, and you are allowed to wear a T-shirt that

says: "I have a Retirement Plan: I plan to play guitar!"

I cannot tell you how many collections of songs I have put together over the years. Now after all those decades, I have committed all my favorite songs to memory. Playing three hours a day to seniors lets you do that – they're a captive audience! Remembering them on a daily basis, all 87, is a true test for the onset of dementia.

Now I have three guitar students: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. They are all over 55 and keen as mustard! "Show me this again, Bill ... when will I be able to play that? ... Can you teach me 'Bridge Over Troubled waters?' ... Could I play lead like Eric Clapton?"

"Slow down!" I tell them. "It has taken me 50 years to get this far!"

Blessings for the love of music,
Fr. Bill



THE CHOIR & ITS MUSICIANS!

After the last guitar mass, I was inspired to get another one together quickly. The children were so excited to be part of the music, that I wanted to do another mass that was kid-friendly music, upbeat, toe-tapping, hand-clapping.

So, the next guitar mass at Christ Church will be June 25th with happy, upbeat music that will incorporate the children in the music. Cora Seaman will be joining us on guitar, Ryker Seaman will be playing the tambourine, and Pierce Seaman will be playing the maracas. And joining them with their own guitars will be our regulars:

Jack DeMark, June Arrowsmith, Brian Seaman, and me. It should be a fun music-filled Sunday for all to enjoy!

We're also in the midst of making some plans with our friends at St. James-St. George and will have some great fun and sounds for the Mass in the Grass. See everyone there!

Our CC Choir practice is held Fridays at 3:30pm. And as always, new voices are always welcome! – Dawn Pentecost



Rev. Bill McGinty, Priest-in-Charge

It is with great joy that we announce Bishop Sean has approved our hiring of Rev. Bill McGinty as our Priest-in-Charge. We welcome Father Bill and his wife Mary Ann to our Christ Church family.

We were aware after only a short time as our Supply Priest that Fr. Bill is well qualified to be our spiritual leader at Christ Church. His faith and his passion for the spiritual journey he is on inspires us to reflect on the prominence of faith in our lives.

He thinks Christianly about all aspects of his life and teaches us to do the same. He has been given the gifts of the Holy Spirit and helps us to recognize those gifts that have been entrusted to us.

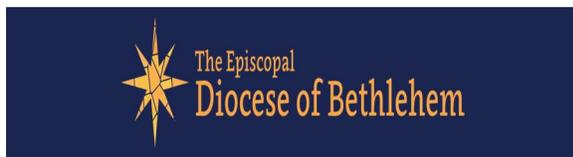
Fr. Bill's sermons are rooted in the day's Scripture readings and related to our life's circumstances. His knowledge of Scripture comes through his narrative and storytelling. He speaks from the floor, standing among the seated congregation, speaking to our hearts, consciences, and souls.

We have witnessed the expression of God's love through the compassionate service of Fr. Bill. His concern for the infirm among

us has enjoined the entire congregation to participate in prayer and laying on of hands in healing through faith. Our Eucharistic Ministers have reported their visits to our shut-ins are made very special by Fr. Bill's presence and special healing prayers.

Of course, we know we are blessed to be with Father Bill in his pursuit of living the example of Christ. Let's get the word out to our friends and neighbors.

- Jack DeMark



**DIOCESAN CONVENTION
THIS FALL** ...

As previously announced, the 146th convention of the Diocese of Bethlehem will be held in Carbondale this fall. It will take place at Trinity Church on September 29-30. The theme will be: 'Jesus said, I am the Way.'

The Rev. Scott Slater, canon to the ordinary in the Diocese of Maryland, will be the keynote speaker. He is a certified facilitator in The Daring Way, a methodology based on the work of author and researcher Brené Brown.

"We will be looking at what comes after pilgrimage," says the Rev. Canon Anne Kitch, canon to the ordinary. "When a pilgrimage ends, it is only the beginning of the next journey. Likewise, when Jesus identifies himself as the way, he is not merely talking about the way to heaven, or to eternal life, but also about how Christ opens the way before us each and every day."



This summer, Congress is developing a federal budget for fiscal year 2018, which begins on October 1.

The Episcopal Church's Office of Government Relations is asking Episcopalians to advocate for the budget to include funding for refugee protection, assistance, and resettlement.

"During the worst human displacement crisis in history, the time is now to urge Congress to allocate funds to assist the most vulnerable displaced persons and to support increasing refugee resettlement admissions to at least 75,000 refugees," wrote Lacy Broemel, refugee and immigration policy analyst in the Office of Government Relations in a recent action alert.

From June 12-16, the Episcopal Church will join a coalition of refugee resettlement agencies and other nonprofits and faith-based organizations in asking members of Congress to support funding for refugee programs. Text "STAND" to 313131 or [visit the Stand With Refugees webpage to learn more.](#)



Sunday, July 9th, from 2:00-5:00 pm
Eucharistic Visitor training will take place at [Grace, Allentown.](#)

According to the canons of the Episcopal Church, "a Eucharistic Visitor is a lay person authorized to take the Consecrated Elements in a timely manner following a celebration of Holy Eucharist to members of the congregation who, by reason of illness or infirmity, were unable to be present at the Celebration." (Canon III.4.7) This training is the necessary pre-requisite in order to be licensed as a Eucharistic Visitor by the bishop. The Rev. Twila Smith, priest at Grace and Mediator in Allentown, will lead

the training. This program will include an exploration of the ministry of Eucharistic Visitors, theological reflection, role, context/settings, and practical details.

There is no cost to attend; location and parking details are online. If you need other options for Eucharistic Visitor or worship leader training, please [email Paula Lapinski](mailto:Paula.Lapinski@diocesanhouse.org) at Diocesan House.

Currently, Christ Church has only three Eucharistic Visitors to attend to our friends and congregants who are unable to get out to attend worship services ... it would be great to have just one or two more folks available to go out one Sunday each month. If you have any questions about this extra-special service that you can do to help bring God into the homes and hearts of others, please talk to Bob Schreiber, Emily Maslar, or Karen Toolan. The training is only a few hours for one afternoon. Please sign up, you'll be glad you did.



NEWS FROM THE PEWS

THE ANGLICAN DIGEST

– Have you read the latest copy of this little booklet? It is provided to us free by [Hillspeak](http://Hillspeak.org), and it truly is a gift.



The Anglican Digest does not cater to any segment of the Church, but it serves up interesting, thought-provoking articles that are submitted by readers, church leaders, those who are religiously educated and those who are not.

The current Summer A.D. 2017 issue includes several short articles written by clergy. The vignettes of their everyday lives where they found the grace of God are

refreshing to read. Their stories are a contrast to the more church-like preaching or scholarly lingo often associated with religious literature. 'Consolation at The End,' 'Christianity is not an Idea,' and 'The Grace of a Leaky Roof' are the articles referenced here.

Take a few minutes and enjoy a good read. Then afterward, please send a donation to The Anglican Digest toward their continued ministry.

- Jack DeMark

The Stone Soup Kitchen at Christ Church

For more than a year, so many of us have all come to realize what a great time everyone has at our monthly Free Community Luncheons. Recently, my younger daughter, Brande, and daughter, Sadie, attended our May lunch. Brande thoroughly enjoyed washing dishes, and she and Sadie shared some waitressing fun while serving salads to folks once they were seated.



Afterward, Brande commented to me that she thought the free lunch was such a heartwarming, humbling event, and she also noticed how many Christ Church members were on hand to help. I told my daughter that whenever Christ Church puts on a Free Luncheon, or one of our delicious fundraising dinners, the members of our congregation and others are always willing to lend a hand. Brande can understand why Bob and I love our Christ Church *family* so very much.

Thank you to everyone who contributes by joining us in fellowship, buying and providing ingredients for the meals, cooking the foods and preparing deserts, or helping in so many other ways. We serve 50-70 of God's children each month.

If you haven't yet shared this wonderful camaraderie, come along, as there's always room for more.

In addition to all the hands-on work that our monthly volunteers share, we are happy to announce that many more have had a sharing part in our luncheons too. While we cannot count all the individual contributors, we are happy to report that during the recent Peebles' 30 Days of Giving program, a very generous \$788 was contributed by local area shoppers.

- Susie Schreiber

ANNUAL ALL -CHURCH PICNIC -

This year's annual *Mass in the Grass* is scheduled for Sunday July 23rd and will be held at the Beach Merli-Sarnoski Park (follow the signs, located off Rt. 106, just outside of Carbondale). Mass will begin at 10:00am.



As always, this is a combined church mass and picnic for the congregants and families of Christ Church, Forest City; Trinity Church, Carbondale; SS James & George, Jermy; and St. James, Dundaff.

This is a pot-luck event, so please bring a side dish or dessert and your own beverages. Christ Church will provide hamburgers and hot dogs and buns. There will be a grill available if you want to bring your own meat.

Don't miss this annual event ... it's always a great time!

PROJECTS GALORE! -

In 2014, our Christ Church Vestry asked all parishioners to please give to a Capital Campaign that would be used to do needed repairs in the church.



At that time, \$15,090.00 was promised to support this cause. Some families donated right away, while others promised to give over time. To date, Christ Church has received \$14,730.00 of the amount promised, which is \$360 away from 100% giving.

Through the years, we have used this money to change our oil-fired boiler to a natural gas boiler. We have installed new Pella windows throughout the church, replacing 50-year old Anderson windows. We have also used this money to do emergency repairs to both men's and women's bathrooms.

The Vestry is now looking at many new projects that need to be done in the church. We are in the process of getting quotes to either install a front door ramp, a stair glide, or an elevator/lift system from the undercroft to the main church. Quotes are also being sought for an electrical system upgrade for the undercroft and church basement.

Below are projects that have been identified by me, your Jr. Warden, as things that need to be do throughout the church to keep it in pristine condition.

1. Paint (black) the Christ Church sign post in the yard.
2. Paint and scrape the Emergency Exit stairs from the main church. And install an EXIT SIGN inside, above this door.
3. Repair the water infiltration and then fix the walls in the undercroft and lower stairwell permanently.
4. Paint (white) the main church outside steps roof braces.
5. Wax and buff the main church doors with car wax to improve their looks.
6. Replace and install new electrical boxes in the Undercroft and basement. Also install more outlets in the Undercroft for the tripped or blown fuses, which

happen during the Soup Supper and some dinners.

7. Repair/replace the organ in the main church so it functions properly.
8. Install a control box at the boiler in the basement to properly control heat during the winter. This was discussed as being a problem when the bathrooms were remodeled. Currently, the boiler does not fire when the Undercroft or basement calls for heat until water temp in the boiler hits the low limit setting and then shuts off at the high limit setting. Only the main church functions correctly. This has been operating this way for 60 years or more and is incorrect!
9. Replace/remodel bathrooms to be handicapped accessible.
10. Repair deteriorated stain glass frames inside and outside the church.
11. Cement block in 5 basement windows to prevent potential break-ins.

As noted, there are many areas that need to be addressed; sadly, the original \$15,090 will not be enough to cover all the things on the list. One solution to some of this work is to get our own Christ Church volunteers to donate just a bit of their time to do some of the repairs; one vestry member has come forward, ready to help with two projects. We are looking for more handy men or women – or create your own team of handy workers – to complete more of the projects. Of course, the church may purchase some of the required items, while you provide the labor of love.

If you think you can help, please notify Rick Kulasinsky or Jack DeMark and indicate which project (or projects) you would like to tackle. If you would like to make a contribution to the Capital Fund, please deposit your gift in the Sunday offering and mark it *Capital Fund*, or mail your contribution to the church. Either

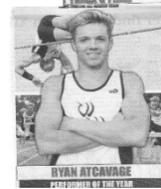
way, you will be helping YOUR church remain in a condition that will make us all very proud. Thank you.

- Rick Kulasinsky



2017 GRADUATES! –

Wayne this June. been a star but now of knows



Our own Ryan Atcavage graduated from Western High School. He has always in our opinion, the entire state of Pennsylvania Ryan as a star.

Ryan placed first in the Class AA Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) Track and Field Championships for clearing the 15-foot bar in the pole vault. If that was not enough, our former acolyte came in second place in the PIAA Championship for the 300-meter hurdles.

Congrats to Ryan and his proud parents, Beth and Ron Atcavage. His Christ Church family is very proud of him also. Ryan plans to attend Marywood University in the fall to study criminal justice.

Graduated from college in May of this year was Gavin Herman. During the summer months for the past several years, the sopranos in our choir were joined by the tenor voice of Gavin Herman. Gavin had been studying communications at Mansfield University. And this year, our loss is the world's gain because Gavin has graduated from Mansfield with a degree in Mass Communication and Electronic Media with a minor in Sociology. He has accepted a job at a public relations firm, Vicarious, in California. While he will not be moving across the country yet, he will be taking residence in Mansfield where he will be able to work from. Blessings to Gavin on his new venture. His Grandmother and our church family

member, Ruthann Niblick, will keep us up to date on his sure to be rising star status.



SUMMER at ST. JAMES, DUNDAFF -

Our yard sale will be held on Saturday, August 5th starting at 9 AM until ...? We will appreciate your donations -- but please, no mugs, books, electronics, clothes, as they don't sell. Stop by, find a treasure and enjoy the FUN!

- Bob Schreiber



RAIL TRAIL NEWS -

Do not let the disappointment of the trail being closed this year curb your enthusiasm for the trail re-opening next year with 20 miles of improved trail surface and signage.

This year's activities on the trail are cancelled due to gas pipeline construction in the gas company's right of way. However, ideas are swirling and plans are in the works for events that combine downtown Forest City and the Rail-Trail. Being a *trail town*, Forest City is in an enviable position to take actions that will benefit its local economy. Attracting users to the trail will bring people to Forest City who may shop and eat here, go to church here, maybe relocate here.

Do you have an idea for an event that combines the downtown with the trail? If so, contact Jack at jdemark@nep.net or 570-785-5792.
- Jack DeMark

Summer Calendar FUN - Saturday, July 22nd: Steampunk Days; Downtown Honesdale.

Saturday, August 5th: Sturbridge Lion Anniversary; Open House at the Main Museum, 10:00am-4:00pm, Honesdale.

Saturday, August 19th: 5th Annual Canal Festival, D&H Canal Park at Lock 31; 10:00am-4:00pm; 179 Texas Palmyra Highway, Hawley.

Bethel School Open Houses: July 9th, August 6th, 27th; 270 Bethel School Road, Honesdale.

Old Stone Jail Open: July 22nd, October 7th, November 15th; 10th Street, Honesdale.

Wednesday August 2nd: Veteran's Open House to honor all veterans with a combined motorcycle and classic car show; 10:00am-3:00pm. Red, White & Blue will fly high, music, community lunch (donation/registration required), pontoon boat rides, flea market, and so much more; The Salvation Army Ladore Lodge 398 South Street, Waymart 570-488-6129. NO rain date.

Wayne County Fair: August 4th-12th.

Harford Fair: August 21st-26th.

Fourth Thursday of each month: Wayne County Genealogy Group meets at the Main Museum; call for times, 570-253-3240.

Visit the Forest City Area Historical Society's web site: www.forestcityareahistoricalsociety.org, check the Forest City News OR Facebook for *happenings* around the Historical Society in Forest City.



CHURCH VESTRY

Monthly Vestry meetings are generally held on the third Sunday after mass and coffee hour in the church Undercroft. All are welcome to attend.

Current Vestry Members & Contacts:

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| Jack DeMark | (term ends 1/31/18) |
| Sr. Warden / Joint Ministry Treasurer | |
| Armand DeLaBruere | (term ends 1/31/20) |
| Juliann Doyle, Vestry Secretary | |
| Rick Kulasinsky | (term ends 1/31/18) |
| Jr. Warden / Treasurer | |
| Bob Schreiber | (term ends 1/31/19) |
| Susie Schreiber | (term ends 1/31/19) |
| Karen Toolan | (term ends 1/31/18) |
| John Walters | (term ends 1/31/20) |



HERE'S WHAT'S COOKIN' in our CHURCH KITCHEN

Summer's here, and snacks are always enjoyed – especially by the young folks off from school. Here's a kid's summertime favorite from *Susie Schreiber*. Enjoy!

STRAWBERRY SQUARES

- 1 c. sifted all-purpose flour
- ¼ c. brown sugar
- ½ c chopped walnuts
- ½ c. butter, melted
- 2 egg whites
- 2 Tbs. lemon juice
- 1 c. granulated sugar
- 2 c. sliced strawberries
- 1 c. whipping cream

Mix first 4 ingredients. Bake in shallow pan at 350F for 20 minutes; stir occasionally. Sprinkle 2/3 of this crumb mixture in 13x9x2 in. pan. Combine egg whites, granulated sugar, berries and lemon juice. Beat (use blender) at high speed about 3 minutes. Whip cream; fold in.

Spoon over crumbs already in pan. Top with remaining crumbs. Freeze 6 hrs. Keep in freezer. Cut into small squares when serving.



PARISH DIRECTORY -

Updates to the Parish Directory are currently being made. Thus far, we have received 32 cards from parishioners with either changes or no change.

If you have not filled out a card please do so at your earliest convenience. A card is available on the table at the back of the church ... please complete it and place it in the offering plate. The goal is to have the new directory published by the end of the summer.



STAY IN TOUCH

with the Christ Church office. Via the parish phone, 570-785-3425 (please leave a message, the line is regularly checked). Or by email: www.christchurchparishforestcity@gmail.com.

We also have two web sites:

www.christchurchforestcity.com is our official church web site. From here, you can access our photo website by going to the Photo Gallery page and click on "Link To New Photos". This will take you to our latest photos at www.christchurchforestcity.shutterfly.com. On this photo site, you can sign up to become a member and receive email notices of events that are on the web site calendar.

Mail should be directed to Christ Church, PO Box 118, Forest City, PA 18421. For church emergencies or situations requiring immediate attention, please call Sr. Warden, Jack DeMark, at 570-540-5936 or 570-785-5792.

– Bob Schreiber, Church Secretary



JULY

- 2 Nicholas Ferrari
Carl Woods
- 4 James Dovin
- 5 Ruth Trella
- 14 Dana Statkun
- 26 John Gorel
- 27 Cora Seaman
- 29 Emily Statkun

AUGUST

- 1 Jenna Dovin
- 4 Ryan Atcavage
Joan Marcel
- 6 Albert Taylor
- 7 Claudia Davis
Karen Woodward
- 12 Robert Doyle
Florence Planishek
- 13 Robert Schreiber
- 18 Margaret Armstrong
- 28 John Walters

BIRTHDAY PRAYER: *O God, our times are in your hands. Look with favor, we pray, on your servants listed on our birthday list as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives. And so, teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

JULY

- 15 Charles & June Arrowsmith
- 25 Donald & Margaret Armstrong

AUGUST

- 9 Florence & Albert Planishek

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY

PRAYER:

Grant, O God, in your compassion, that the couples on our anniversary list, having taken each other in marriage, may live out the covenant they have made, may they grow in forgiveness, loyalty and love; and come at last to the eternal joys which you have promised through Jesus Christ our Lord; and may the blessing of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with them, this day and forever. Amen

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

RECOGNITION AT MASS:

If you would like your birthday and/or anniversary recognized during mass, please personally contact Bob, our Parish Secretary, 570-785-3425.



... and LAUGH

Old Age

At the church Golden Agers banquet, the following was shared by Sister Bertha. She began her piece by saying, "You can tell you're getting older and heading toward the sweet by'n by when ... "

- You sit in a rocking chair and you can't get it going.
- You burn the midnight oil after 8PM.
- You look forward to a dull evening.
- Your knees buckle but your belt won't.
- Your little black book contains only names ending in M.D.
- Your back goes out more than you do.
- You decide to procrastinate and never get around to it.
- Dialing long distance wears you out.
- You walk with your head held high, trying to get used to your bifocals.
- You sink your teeth into a steak, and they stay there.

Country Church

A southern preacher thought a visual demonstration would add emphasis to his Sunday sermon. So, he put a live worm into a jar of alcohol as he began his talk. While he preached, the worm in the alcohol struggled and died.

"What can we learn from this demonstration?" asked the pastor.

"Someone from the back of the church replied, "If you drink, you won't have worms!"

Sunday School

The children were lined up for snacks during Sunday school. At the head of the

table was a large tray of apples. The teacher wrote a note and posted it on the apple tray: 'Take only ONE. God is watching.'

Moving along the snack line, at the other end was a large tray of chocolate chip cookies. A girl wrote this note which she put next to the tray of cookies: "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."

CLOSING THOUGHTS ...

"Love keeps us going, and hope moves our feet."

- Maria Goff, Author

And it follows that:

"If you put your best foot forward, the other foot will follow."

- Shay White, Guideposts reader



The Next Parish News will be for September/October 2017; article submissions are due by August 18th. Please email your newsletter sharings and photos to Karen Toolan, kbtwrite@nep.net; or post them to 993 State Route 2029, Clifford Twp. PA 18470.

Also, if anyone from Christ Church would like to become one of our fun-loving, news-gathering, and photo-snapping fellow Church Mice, please contact the church office. More mice and more photos are always welcomed!

The Roving Church Mice.

