

**Valley Forge UMC Vision Statement**

*We are a Christ-centered community learning and striving to make our faith a way of life as we share with each other and all people the love, acceptance and forgiveness lived and proclaimed by Jesus of Nazareth.*

Valley Forge United Methodist Church



# Open Door Tidings

*From the Pastor*

## ***Knowing the real Jesus can change your life***

Dear Friends,

Let me ask you an important question. Who was Jesus? Classical responses include “lord,” “son of man,” “son of God,” and “savior.” These were titles used by the imperial cult to describe the emperor. They were reinterpreted and ascribed to Jesus by the early Jesus movement. People were to understand that Jesus was no king of the domination system. He was the one who inaugurated a new kingdom located in the heart of the believing followers. The kingdom Jesus proclaimed was one that flowed from the interior of a person into a world where peace, justice, love and hope were to prevail. Jesus, as understood by the early Christian community was the Christ, the messiah, the anointed one.

Who was Jesus? Well, according to the gospel account, he was a teacher who relied not on the authority of others but spoke on his own authority. He told people how they could be near to God. He advocated a new vision for human community based on love. Jesus emphasized the importance of acceptance and forgiveness. He not only taught through words but through the example of a congruent life.

Who was Jesus? He was a healer. The gospel accounts inform us of healing events that brought wholeness to the blind, the leper and the mentally ill. Through his innate powers, he gave the gift of health both physically and psychologically.

Who was Jesus? He was a social reformer. According to Marcus Borg, he was similar to the classical prophets of ancient Israel. “As such, he criticized the elites (economic, political, and religious of his time), was an advocate for an alternate social vision, and was often in conflict with the authorities.” Indeed, it was the priestly aristocracy who wanted him dead.

Who was Jesus is an important question to answer. Of more significance, is who is Jesus to you personally. Is the spirit of Jesus alive in us? Have we learned his lessons and put them into practice? Have we, through our empathy, affirmation and presence, brought hope and healing to others? Have we internalized the values Jesus lived and become his compassionate voice in a very cruel and dehumanizing world?

Peace and Blessings,

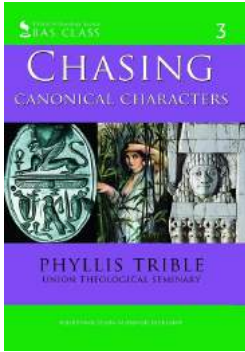
Jim Hallam  
Pastor



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# Adult Sunday School—11 a.m.



## Tom Loane's SS Class

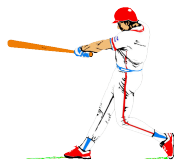


Watch ancient texts come to life as you learn about the colorful personalities with the Biblical narrative. Our guide, the eminent Phyllis Tribble, Uses literary, rhetorical and feminist methods to weave a vibrant tapestry, illuminating the tales of the Hebrew Bible and their unforgettable characters.

Join us Sunday mornings at 11 a.m. (that's after Church and refreshments) to share in this presentation and discussion. You can drop in at any time and still participate.

*Note: no class on July 15th, due to our movie event.*

Tom Loane



Please join the VFUMC UMM for Methodist Night at Citizens Bank Park on Saturday, July 21 when the Phillies host the San Diego Padres at 7:00 p.m.

Go to <https://www.epaumc.org/conference-calendar/united-methodist-night-at-the-phillies-saturday-july-21-at-citizens-bank-park/> to buy tickets. We'll be in Section 419.

Any questions text Steve Hranilovich at 484-437-6761.



## Scripture of the Month

For July the special Scripture is:

*“ You are the salt of the earth . . .  
You are the light of the world . . .”*

*Matthew 5:13a  
Matthew 5:14a*

## Don't Forget . . .

Your canned foods and non-perishables for PACS!



## July Lectionary



**July 1 — Sixth Sunday After Pentecost**  
2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27 Psalm 130  
2 Corinthians 8:7-15 Mark 5:21-43

**July 8 — Seventh Sunday After Pentecost**  
2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 Psalm 48  
2 Corinthians 12:2-10 Mark 6:1-13

**July 15 — Eighth Sunday After Pentecost**  
2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 Psalm 24  
Ephesians 1:3-14 Mark 6:14-29

**July 22 — Ninth Sunday After Pentecost**  
2 Samuel 7: 1-14a Psalm 89:20-37  
Ephesians 2:11-22 Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

**July 29 — Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
2 Samuel 11:1-15 Psalm 14  
Ephesians 3:14-21 John 6:1-21

# Methodist Night at the Ball Park

**ODDS ARE, IT'S A SCAM!**

I don't want to alarm you, but I do want to make you aware. A close relative almost fell for this scam, and became quite upset because of it. It's called the "Grandparent scam", and details can be found here:

<https://www.cbsnews.com/amp/news/grandparent-scam-explained-by-former-scammer-what-you-need-to-know/#x>

You'll receive a call out of the blue from someone claiming to be a nephew, niece, grandson, etc....then continues like this, ending with a desperate plea for money.

**(Excerpt from article)**

Asked how a typical call would go, he said, "You just say, 'Hey, how are you, hi grandma, hi grandpa... I'm in a little bit of trouble right now. If I tell you, just keep it between us, I'm on vacation, but I got into a little accident, and I was arrested for a DUI.' You tell them, 'Things got out of control, and I need you to send me the money.'"

Please don't fall for this or any other scam. There are many. Check out AARP's Fraud Network for more information at: [www.aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork](http://www.aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork)

Try not to panic if you receive a phone call out of the blue, because **odds are, it's a scam.**

If you have questions, please ask Maggie.

*Maggie Horosky*

***Tai Chi at Valley Forge UMC***

July Tai Chi Classes:



*July 14*  
*July 21*  
*July 28*



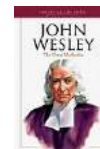
If you are interested in joining the class, call Maggie Horosky at 610-343-1343.

**JOHN WESLEY**

**—QUOTE OF THE MONTH**

May you love righteousness and hate iniquity!

May ye remain the establishers of peace, the blessing and ornaments of your country, the protectors of a guilty land, the guardian angels of all that are round about you!



From *The Great Assize*.

Submitted by Bob Erb



**July Birthdays**



- Jocelyn Martielli 2
- Elaine Turner 4
- Riley Bushey 6
- Talia DeMartinis 16
- Evelyn Hodgson 20
- Barbara Arnold 22
- Glenn Davis 22
- Luke Dorrin 26
- Fern Heit 29

**July Anniversaries**

- Teral & Richard Johnston 13
- Beth and Ben Cooke 29
- Leslie & Tom Davis 31



**Worship Participation Schedule**

	Refreshments	Liturgist	Greeter
7/15	L. Gular	J. M. Rich	F. Heit
7/22	M. Horosky	F. Heit	L. Austin
7/29	L. Davis	S. DeMartinis	R. Coroniti
8/5	T. Johnston	R. Johnston	P. & G. Davis

***Note of Caution:***

The schedule may be changed due to members' scheduling issues. The most up-to-date version of the Schedule is the weekly Bulletin.

**Notice:** Congregation member **Linda Ludwig** has a business which provides *Senior Companion Care and Pet Sitting*. Linda is willing to help other members of the congregation with her knowledge and compassion. **Phone: 610-906-0774.**

# Valley Forge United Methodist Church Summer Picnic & Movie Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup> 11:00am

FREE EVENT!  
EVERYONE  
WELCOME!



Please join us for fellowship, fun, and lunch of summer picnic favorites! BBQ, Hamburgers, hotdogs, chicken, watermelon, lemonade, and of course, peach pie!

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EVERYONE WELCOME!**

11:00am Movie, 12:30pm Lunch  
*Please r.s.v.p valleyforge-  
umc@comcast.net  
or (610) 783-7888  
or just show up!*

1890 Valley Forge Road  
Valley Forge, PA 19481

Indoor Event - no need to worry about the weather...

Based on the New York Times bestseller, **WONDER** tells the incredibly inspiring and heartwarming story of August Pullman, a boy with facial differences who enters 5th grade, attending a mainstream elementary school for the first time. He is initially feared, ridiculed and bullied for his appearance, but other kids, begin to see what a great kid Auggie is. His bravery, charm, and wit win over the other students and change everyone's lives for the better. Staring: Julia Roberts, Owen Wilson and Jacob Tremblay

**Valley Forge United Methodist Church  
Administration Board Meeting  
June 25, 2018  
Minutes**

**In Attendance:** Glenn Davis, John Torres, Rick McNeill, Maggie Horosky, Adam Davis, Tom Loane, Nancy Loane, Patty Davis, Noel Turner, Fern Heit, JoMarie Jones, Scottie DeMartinis, Laurie Vitale

Jo Marie shared a passage written by Sarah Young, and how Jesus is always speaking to us.

Minutes of the May meeting were approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:** We received an estimate from Chris Simon for repairing the retaining wall for \$35,000. Adam will be getting a second estimate this week, as we might have to change our approach. The website was updated, but not redesigned.

**FINANCE:** For May, Noel reported that we have a surplus of \$1,258.00 vs. the 2018 budget. As of June 22, 2018, the Trustees balance is \$488,810.00 of which \$442,757.00 is in the Vanguard accounts, per report supplied by Tom Davis. Financial reports were approved by the board.

**SPRC:** The Charge Conference will be on November 9th at 6:30 pm at Wayne United Methodist along with the other Connexion churches. Another meeting is scheduled for September 17th.

**UMM:** On Saturday, UMM placed in the air conditioners, repaired flood damage at the playground, and replaced light bulbs. Steve H. will be checking whether there is interest in attending UMM night at the Phillies in July.

**UMW:** There will not be flea market this year.

**LEARNING:** Laurie reported that we will be having a Bar-b-que picnic luncheon following a showing of the movie "Wonder" at 11am in the Reeve building after church on July 15th. Set up will be on Saturday, the 14th, at Noon. We need details on when Bob Erb will be starting his Bible Study this summer. There will not be a talent show this year. Laurie also mentioned that there may also be Safety and Wellness programs in the future.

**REACHING OUT (Missions):** Adam reported that there will be a meeting soon to discuss where funds might be distributed this year.

**NURTURING:** No report.

**PASTORAL:** No report.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Fern brought up the possibility of handling a new Sunday school for the younger children in the church, and would like to start that in September. She will be checking with the parents to gauge interest in this, and if they are willing to attend early with the children.

**NEXT MEETING:** There will NOT be a meeting in July. Next meeting: **Monday, August 27th at 7pm.**

John closed the meeting with prayer. Laurie will be handling the devotion in August.

Respectfully submitted,

GD

# July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Hymn Sing, 9:20 a.m. <b>Worship, 9:30 a.m.</b> Fellowship, 10:30 Tom's SS Class, 11 a.m. Communion	2	3	4	5	6	7
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					Jazzercise: Monday-Thursday at 6:15-7:15 p.m.; Saturday at 9-10 a.m. Wednesday & Friday: 9 a.m. Bible Study—Pastor Jim Choir—Julia Rich Bell Choir—Nancy Loane	