

**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*



## ***“Time flies.” How do you navigate your time?***

Dear Friends,

Time is limited for all of us. As we get older, we become even more conscious of this reality. So, a vital question becomes: How are we using the special gift we have called time? It might be a good exercise to journalize about our use of time. For instance, it might be useful to list how many hours we sleep; how much time we spend cooking; how much time we exercise; how much time we watch television; how much time we spend on the phone, etc. We may be surprised where time goes. The old adage might be true that “time flies.” What we have to remember as Catherine Galasso-Vigorito suggests in one of her columns, is that each one of us is the navigator.

Jesus clearly was aware of his use of time. He spent hours healing people, listening to the concerns expressed by needy people and revitalizing himself through alone time. According to some scholars, Jesus was engaged in ministry for about a year. The Gospel of Mark’s portrayal is of a man who was like an energizer bunny—always on the go.

So, how are you using your time? Do you want to be more intentional about how you use your days? Are there things you want to see, do or say that are not currently part of your daily agenda. Are you willing to change your priorities to do what you really want to do? Awareness of how we use time is important but it is only the first step in a process of change. The vital question is what are we going to do about how we are living our journey.

From a Christian stance, another question emerges. As Catherine Vigorito writes, are we using any of our time to bring happiness to others? How can we do this? The columnist lists some concrete ways. “Listen. Offer genuine compliments. Do kind deeds. Express to your loved ones how much you care. Smile, laugh and add good humor into your day. Give encouragement. Take time to pray. Lift up those in need.” We can all add some more ways to this list, can’t we?

Here is the challenge. Take the list of suggestions about how we can make a difference in the lives of others and put them into action. The key is action. We can do what we want to with the days we have been given. Do you need to make any changes in your use of time? Think about it! Then, do it!

Peace and Blessings,

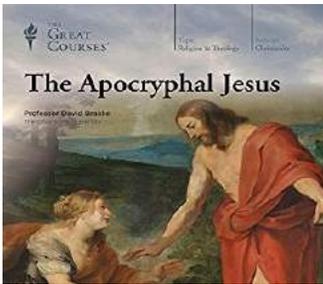
Jim Hallam  
Pastor



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## Adult Sunday School—11 a.m.



### Tom Loane's SS Class



The New Testament gives us 27 canonical texts - gospels, letters, and more - but these works are only a tiny fraction of the many volumes written about the life of Jesus, his family, and the apostles. This alternative body of literature falls under the category of "apocrypha," which means "hidden" or "secret," and it offers fascinating insights into the early Christian world. But these early Christian apocryphal works are more than historical curiosities.

The canonical Bible is one of the most influential books in all of Western history, but you might be surprised to find out how many gaps and contradictions the New Testament contains. Much of what we know about Jesus today actually comes from these apocryphal sources, so *The Apocryphal Jesus* is your chance to learn the true breadth and depth of the early Christian world.

From forged letters to newly discovered gospels, early Christian authors wrote reams of literature about Jesus, his family, and the apostles, drawing from an even larger oral tradition. Even though only a tiny portion of apocryphal works survive today, reviewing this literature gives us a host of new angles on well-known figures from the Bible, as well as insights that can't be found anywhere in the New Testament.

Join us Sunday mornings at 11 a.m. (that's after Church and refreshments) to share in this presentation and discussion.

Tom Loane



### Thank you . .

We received a note from St. Mary's Franciscan Shelter. Here is an excerpt from that letter and hand-written note:

"The meals your Congregation supplied to our Shelter last week will merit many blessings for your Parish family . . . We would like to convey our special gratitude to Fern Heit for her wonderful coordinating effort that brought meals every day in the past week. It means a lot to all of us. Thank you so much!"

*Sister Bernadette Dougherty, Staff & Residents*

## Reaching Out . . .

### Please continue . . .

. . . To bring your non-perishable items to church each Sunday. Many children in Phoenixville receive free breakfast and lunch at school, but school soon will be over and we need to do what we can to help families who need assistance in the summer. Cereals, soups, jelly, bread, cookies, jell-o, crackers, peanut butter . . . All these are welcome at PACS. Thank you.



## UMW Reminder . . .

### Remember . . .

. . . There will be no Flea Market this year. This is just a reminder that last year we had decided to have the Flea Market every other year instead of every year. This year is filling up with many events so we will still be busy.

Fern Heit

## June Lectionary



**June 3 — Second Sunday After Pentecost**  
1 Samuel 3:1-20 Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18  
2 Corinthians 4:5-12 Mark 2:23-3:6

**June 10 — Third Sunday After Pentecost**  
1 Samuel 8:4-20 (11:14-15) Psalm 138  
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 Mark 3:20-35

**June 17 — Fourth Sunday After Pentecost**  
1 Samuel 15:34-16:13 Psalm 20 or 72  
2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (11-13) 14-17  
Mark 4:26-34

**June 24 — Fifth Sunday After Pentecost**  
1 Samuel 17: (1a, 4-11, 19-23) 32-49  
Psalm 9:9-20 2 Corinthians 6:1-13  
Mark 4:35-41



### Scripture of the Month

For June the special *Scripture* is:

*“... prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you ...”*  
*1 Peter 1:13*

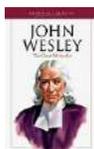
### Announcement: The Administrative Board Meeting this month will be held on Monday, June 25, at 7 p.m.



There will be an **SPRC Meeting on June 25 at 6:15 p.m.**

*If you are a member of either of these groups, please plan to attend these meetings.*

**JOHN WESLEY**  
 —QUOTE OF THE MONTH



We rejoice through him who liveth in our hearts by faith, “to lay hold on eternal life.” this is our rejoicing, that as our “Father worketh hitherto,” so (not by our own might or wisdom, but through the power of the Spirit, freely given in Christ Jesus) we also work the works of God. And may he work in us whatsoever is well-pleasing in his sight! To whom be the praise for ever and ever!

From *The Witness of Our Own Spirit.*  
 Submitted by Bob Erb



### June Birthdays



- Gabrielle Coroniti 1
- Frank Rechner 1
- Korrine Heit 4
- Maggie Horosky 6
- Steve Hranilovich 16
- Patty Davis 19
- Doretta Erb 21
- Julia Marie Rich 21
- Pat Hepp 27
- Kelly Keller 27

### Tai Chi at Valley Forge UMC

June Tai Chi Classes:

- June 9
- June 16
- June 23
- June 30



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

### June Anniversaries

- Jim & Laurie Bohl 7
- John & Patty Torres 12
- Carole & John Gallis 17
- Bill & Barbara Wynn 17
- Bob & Doretta Erb 27
- Elaine & Noel Turner 29

### Worship Participation Schedule

	Refreshments	Liturgist	Greeter
6/10	N. Loane	S. DeMartinis	M. Horosky
6/17	S. DeMartinis	J. M. Rich	L. Moran
6/24	F. Heit	J. Torres	P. & G. Davis
7/1	M. Younger	G. Frazer	T. & R. Johnston

**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  
Administration Board Meeting  
May 21, 2018  
Minutes**

**In Attendance:** Glenn Davis, John Torres, Robin Coroniti, Rick McNeill, Maggie Horosky, Adam Davis, Pastor James Hallam, Tom Loane, Nancy Loane

John shared a reflection, "True Service is done through the Lord, through us." Pastor Jim opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes of the April meeting were approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Maggie said she will be talking to Wendy to update the VFUMC website.

**FINANCE:** For April, filed reports shows we have a deficit of \$1,255.00 vs. the 2018 budget. As of April 20th, 2018, the Trustees balance is \$478,749.00 of which \$431,507.00 is in the Vanguard accounts, per report supplied by Tom Davis. A report for May was not received.

**SPRC:** A meeting will be held in June. The Charge Conference will be on October 9th at 6:30 pm at Wayne United Methodist along with the other ConneXion churches. SPRC will need a September meeting.

**UMM:** Chris Simon has not responded to updating the quote and specs on the retaining wall and will be contacted by Glenn. Filters in the building are reportedly up to date.

**UMW:** The group quickly provided meals to St. Mary's Shelter last week after an unexpected request from the shelter.

**LEARNING:** John received an e-mail from Laurie stating there will be a Talent Show on November 10th from 4pm to 5:30 pm, followed by a light meal, but not a covered dish. Jim recommended looking into a summer activity, such as an outdoor movie.

**REACHING OUT (Missions):** Robin said they need to have a meeting regarding giving this year, and Adam would look into the Brubaker family's need for funding their mission to Haiti, and a possible increase for the additional students attending the school in the fall.

**NURTURING:** There was a thank you for all who participated in Tom and Nancy's luncheon on Sunday.

**PASTORAL:** The church received a certificate for paying the apportionment this year. At a May 15th ConneXion meeting, Pastor Jim learned that the family room project at Montgomery County Correctional is still in the works. The next ConneXion meeting is June 19th. Pastor Jim mentioned that one of the major items to be discussed at the February, 2019 General Conference will be LGBTQ issues and the approach within the church both regionally and locally. The program is called The Way Forward. There are reportedly three plans to be discussed, and additional information might be found at the link: [newsdesk@uncom.org](mailto:newsdesk@uncom.org).

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**NEXT MEETING: Monday, June 25, 2018 at 7 p.m.**

Pastor Jim closed the meeting with prayer. Jo Marie will be handling the devotion next month.

Respectfully submitted,

GD

# June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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					1 Tai Chi, 10:15 a.m.	2 Tai Chi, 10:15 a.m.
3 Worship, 9:30 a.m. Fellowship, 10:30 Tom's SS Class, 11 a.m. Communion	4	5	6	7	8	9 Tai Chi, 10:15 a.m.
10 Worship, 9:30 a.m. Fellowship, 10:30 Tom's SS Class, 11 a.m.	11	12	13	14	15	16 Tai Chi, 10:15 a.m. Men's Group Mtg Mom's Place, 8 a.m.; Church, 9 a.m.
17 Worship, 9:30 a.m. Fellowship, 10:30 Tom's SS Class, 11 a.m. <i>Father's Day</i>	18	19	20	21	22	23 Tai Chi, 10:15 a.m.
24 Worship, 9:30 a.m. Fellowship, 10:30 Tom's SS Class, 11 a.m.	25 Administrative Board Meeting 7 p.m. SPRC 6:15 p.m.	26	27	28	29	30 Tai Chi, 10:15 a.m.