

Humor For The Hard Times

A Drug Enforcement Agency officer stopped at a ranch in Texas, and told the old rancher, "I need to inspect your ranch for illegally grown drugs."

The rancher said, "Okay, but don't go in that field over there," pointing to the field. The DEA officer got angry, pulled out his badge, and said, "I have the authority of the federal government with me, and I can go wherever I wish. No questions asked."

The old rancher nodded politely and went about his chores. A short time later, the rancher heard loud screams, and saw the DEA officer running for his life, chased by the rancher's big bull. The rancher ran to the fence and yelled to the DEA officer: "Your badge! Show him your badge!"

—via John Compere
Kalamazoo, MI



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Church of the Good Shepherd Pastor's Ponderings

9/11—10 years later—Where are we now?

On Sunday, September 11, we will seek God's direction in worship as we remember, give thanks and look for hope.

9/18—Come Back to Church Sunday

As part of a national program, our church will encourage all those who have not been in worship for awhile to "come back to church". No questions asked—just "We've missed you." It is also a perfect opportunity to invite family members and friends who have no church home. Statistics show that only 2% of Christians invite others to church and that 70% of unchurched people have never been invited. Let's change that! Following the service we will share in a church picnic/covered dish dinner.

See you in church,

COMING EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

September 5

Church Office Closed

September 12

Trustees Meeting 7:30 pm

September 20

Nurture Committee

Meeting 5:00 pm

Finance Committee

Meeting 6:30 pm

Administrative Council

Meeting 7:30 pm

September 25

Youth Group meeting in

Pavilion at 6:00 pm

September 28

HHH at 7:30 pm



September Birthdays

September 1

Suzy Mitchell

September 3

Greg Isner

Barbara Hunt

September 4

Debbi Nestor

Kent Harman

September 6

Virginia Peters

Jim Brown I

Suzanne Coffman

September 7

Cassie Stewart

September 11

James Corrothers

September 14

Nathan Foster

September 17

Kelsey Stewart

Gary Gelhausen

John Moon III

September 18

Tudie Shaffer

Theresa Barlow

September 23

Matt Pauley

September 23

Kathy Green

September 24

Sheryl Isner

September 25

Bill Whitescarver

September 26

Alan Smith

September 28

Alex Coffman

September 30

Jared Jenkins

Stephanie Sinsel

September Anniversaries

September 1st

Cathy & Roger McDaniel

September 6th

Allison & Victor Iapalucci

September 15th

Lynn & Bill Smith

September 16th

Jim & Nancy Work

September 23rd

Alan & Laurie Smith

September 30th

Meredith & Louie Stach



Spotlight on the Flock

Conversations with Carla

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This month I talked to Alex Coffman, the daughter of Pastor Bert and Suzanne Coffman. She has lived in Fairmont and Grafton and she graduated from West Virginia University this spring with a Bachelor of Arts in History. She said that she is currently in a time in her life where big changes are taking place. Alex is working on a dual masters in Public History and International Studies in the Atlantis program. There are groups of students at WVU, in Poland and Estonia. All of the students in each country will study in all three countries as part of the program. She will first study in Estonia until the middle of December, be home for Christmas break and then travel to Poland for the spring semester. Alex said that the students will be required to take language classes in each country, but most of her classes will be in English. After she graduates she would like to work in museum studies or historical

preservation. She is also considering working on a Ph.D.

Alex loves 4-H and has been working at camps across West Virginia since she started college. She also enjoys spending time with friends. Last summer she rode her bicycle across West Virginia to raise funds for Jackson Mill, this summer she walked sixty-five miles. I certainly couldn't walk that far. Way to go, Alex!

Alex enjoys cycling, reading historical fiction and working at camps. She is currently reading The Shack. Pepperoni rolls are her favorite food.

She said that it was fun growing up with John as her older brother. He is ten years older than Alex, so when she was learning to spell he used to spell words for her. Sometimes he would tease her and intentionally spell the word wrong. One time Alex was writing something about her family and asked John how to spell family, he

told her "farm silly" and no one knew what she was talking about in her story.

Alex was a member of the WVU marching band and enjoyed traveling with the band. Her favorite trip was to Arizona for the Fiesta Bowl in 2008. She said that it was an awesome trip and was also her first bowl game. She also enjoyed going to New Orleans; she said that the city was really interesting. Outside of the city they could still see places that needed to be rebuilt after the flood.

When Alex traveled to the Holy Land in January she loved visiting the places that she had read about in the Bible all of her life, like the Sea of Galilee. She said that the Dead Sea had huge chunks of salt along the shore. Alex went into the Dead Sea and it was a different type of feeling because it is impossible to sink while you are in the water.

Her favorite Bible passage is Jeremiah 29:11 - "For I know the plans I



have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Alex feels that this is a good verse to think about after you graduate and are thinking about future plans.

At Good Shepherd she likes the size of the church and the traditional services. She is also kind of fond of the pastor.

BREAD OF LIFE

We have no one to cover the fourth Sundays at the Bread of Life Mission. Second Sundays are now being covered by the Well Church and Good Shepherd still does first and third Sundays as well as Wednesdays. If you are able to work on fourth Sundays please let us know in the church office, 304-265-1705.

MILITARY

The Nurture Committee is going to be sending Care Packages to our soldiers. We are currently in need of beef jerky, hard candy, crackers (peanut butter or cheese), raisins (small boxes), and sunscreen. Five new boxes will be going out soon. If you have additional names, contact Leah or Carla at 304-265-0572.

YOUTH EVENT

Sunday, September 25 at 6:00 p.m., our youth will join others from around the District at the Good Shepherd pavilion for food (provided), fun (a Christian band), and faith (a challenge as we start a new school year). Bring a friend!

SPECIAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

Those attending the special church conference on August 28 voted 28-18 to make money invested in the Kinter Fund available for spending. Of the \$91,500 invested, most of it will continue to earn interest to be used for church programs. The Administrative Council is now authorized to withdraw money from the account as needed and voted on. All expenditures will continue to follow the procedures of our church, requiring authorization through majority vote of the Administrative Council. This action does not affect the Permanent Fund. Money in the Permanent Fund is invested, with the interest used for property expenses. That will not change.

CHURCH CAMP

Attending District church camp this year were Olga Hawranick, Anie Mayle, Brendan Kunce, Brighton Kunce, Emily Moon, Daniel Smith and Judy Landers. Thanks to Circle 4 for providing a full scholarship and for additional funds in our church for support.

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A Sunday school teacher asked her class: "What do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer listening?" A little boy raised his hands and replied: "A teacher?"

A Hickory (NC) country club offered this misprinted Italian menu under "Entrees": "Shrimp Fettucini, Prostitute, Peas & Vodka." It should have been "prosciutto."
—via Pastor Bob Thompson

"Don't worry that children are never listening to you. Worry that they are always watching you."
—Author unknown

"You're driving a car; it isn't a telephone booth, a beauty parlor. Or a restaurant."
--Author Unknown

"I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one."
—Maya Angelou

NURSERY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Nursery workers need to arrive at 10:30 to receive children. Guidelines are posted in the narthex and outside the nursery door. Weeks can be traded with other volunteers if a conflict arises.

*September 4—Elena and Olga Hawranick
September 11—Linda McBee and Stella Hawk
September 18—Jennifer and Rebecca Smihal
September 25—Angie Hanshaw and family*

HHH

Holy Humor Hwednesday will be on September 28 at 7:30 p.m. Laughter is a gift of God and brings good health and renewed faith. Bring a story, a cartoon or a video to share as we celebrate the presence of joy in the midst of a mixed-up world.

WHAT'S YOUR FAITH IQ?

Do you want to know the basics of Christian faith? Do you want to explore questions like "Why do we worship?" and "Why do we claim the Bible as our guide to living?" and "How can I trust God more?" Then join us on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. starting October 13. No faith required—questions welcome and encouraged.

MEETINGS

Regular meetings this month include.

Trustees—Monday, September 12 at 7:30 p.m.

Nurture Committee—Tuesday, September 20 at 5:00 p.m.

Finance Committee—Tuesday, September 20 at 6:30 p.m.

Administrative Council—Tuesday, September 20 at 7:30 p.m.

In addition, other groups such as the Pastor-Parish Staff Relations Committee and the Lay Leadership Committee will have special meetings to prepare for Charge Conference on October 16.

OX ROAST

As the children return to school, the weather begins to get chillier, and the leaves start turning beautiful shades of red and gold, our thoughts begin to wander to beautiful Camp Mountaineer and the smell of mouth-watering beef cooking in the pits. Yes, it is time again for the Fall Ox Roast! On Sunday, October 9, 2011 from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m., the Mountaineer Area Council will host the Fall Ox Roast. Advanced tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. Tickets will also be sold at the door for \$11 for adults. Buses will provide transportation to and from parking lot to dining hall. Please see Arnold Kuhl for tickets.

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