

A Word From The Pastor

Whenever June rolls around, I think of the Carpenters' song from the 1960s titled "We've Only Just Begun." It seems like June is a time of new beginnings for many people. I can't recall how many weddings I have done in the month of June—new beginnings. And of course there are the thousands of seniors who are graduating from high school and college, among whom is our granddaughter Cassandra—new beginnings. Then there are the thousands of other students who are rejoicing that the school year is over and summer break is just starting, among whom we have two grandchildren, Joshua and "Bear"—new beginnings!

Now that many of us are adults, wouldn't it be great if we had a "reset" button that also allowed us to have a "new beginning" this June? My camera has just such a button. I go into the menu on my camera and make adjustments that seem to make sense at the time and do whatever it is I am trying to do at the time. I change the white balance. I tell the camera its cloudy outside rather than sunshiny. I set the camera to take more than one picture at a time. I can make so many changes that sometimes everything on the camera seems wacky; I have gotten everything all messed up with the many changes I have made. And then . . . there is that "reset" button. I hit that button and ALL the changes I have made are gone and the camera settings reset to the original settings it had when I purchased it. Then all is wonderful once again . . . until I start making those adjustments!

But wouldn't it be great to have a "reset" like that? We could just hit a button and the joy of the Lord would return and our spirits would be renewed spiritually? I can't help but think of the words of Peter when he said, "Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord" – Acts 3:19. Perhaps our "reset" button is found in those first words of Peter, "Repent, then, and turn to God." How often have we made adjustments in our spiritual lives that seem appropriate at the time, but then end up making everything inside us a great big mess? We change this, we stop doing that, we no longer pray, our compassion has deserted us, and our hearts grow cold and weary.

Let us turn back to the Lord! He awaits us as the father did in the story of the prodigal son. He longs for us to return and enjoy His presence once again. Indeed, Peter says that returning to the Lord we can find forgiveness if we need it and times of refreshing will come from the Lord!

*Times of refreshing Here in Your presence
No greater blessing Than being with You
My soul is restored My mind is renewed
There's no greater joy, Lord Than being with You.*

I want to invite you to make this June a time of new beginnings with Jesus. Let's each one, make a concerted effort to grow closer to Him throughout the month. There really is no greater blessing than being with Jesus! Start your day by greeting Jesus and asking Him to be with you throughout the day. When something "neat" happens to you throughout the day, stop and thank Jesus for the blessing. When you feel His nearness during the day, stop and enjoy His presence. Let's make June a new adventure in the presence of Jesus in our lives. Truly there is nothing better in life than being with Him!

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OUR SUNDAY SERVICES

10:00 a.m. - Sunday School

11:00 a.m. - Worship Service

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Tuesdays

No Small Group
until further notice

Wednesdays

Bible Study Resumes
July 7 at 6:00 p.m.

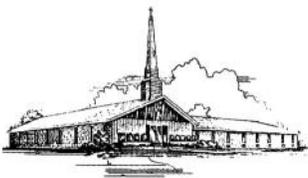
MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Last Sunday - June 27

Food Drive Collection for
Interfaith Emergency Services

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday
9:00 a.m. to 3:00/4:00 p.m.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The Women's Ministry is collecting gifts for this year's Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Our suggested items to donate for the month of June are summer accessories such as sunglasses, flip-flops, hats, clothing, water bottles, and small beach toys. Collection box is in the narthex.

FOOD DRIVE

Sunday, June 27, is our collection day this month for nonperishable food items for Interfaith Emergency Services. Thank you for your generosity!

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday evening Bible study will resume on July 7, at 6:00 p.m. We will be studying the book of Revelation. All are welcome to attend.

RESUMPTION OF REGULAR SERVICES

Beginning July 7th, we will resume our regular services. Please feel free, however, to observe whatever Covid-19 precautions you deem necessary for your own health care.

SOUP LABELS

The Women's Ministry is requesting everyone to save Campbell Soup labels for a neighbor of our church. A collection box is in the narthex.

CONTACT INFO

Want to receive updates on church events and prayer requests? Make sure we have your current contact information on file. We will add you to our phone list so you will receive recorded voice messages about church happenings, as well as our monthly e-newsletter and calendar.

CHURCH FACEBOOK PAGE

Pastor Fleming's recent Sunday School lessons & sermon videos are on our Facebook page. Check it out! [Facebook.com/CollegeParkChurchOfGod](https://www.facebook.com/CollegeParkChurchOfGod)

Happy Birthday!

- 04 - Joan Lee
- 04 - Wayne Meiser
- 07 - Jim Lee
- 18 - Kyra Smith
- 20 - Werner Edwards
- 21 - Ted Owenby
- 23 - Harold Damsma
- 23 - Juanita Torres
- 25 - Ivory Sinclair

Happy Anniversary!

- 03 - Jim & Joan Lee
- 14 - Pastor Jim & Gail Fleming
- 26 - Harold & Peggy Damsma



*If you would like your birthday
or anniversary added to this list,
please contact the church office.*