

# The Remarker

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A Place to Trust ♦ A Place to Become ♦ Church in the Heart of Princeton

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## Romans – From Luther’s Preface to God’s Lordship to the Presence of Grace

Or “What Does a Letter to the Center of Power Mean Today?”

On July 19th at 6:00 pm in Schell Hall of the Family Ministries Center, we will begin a study on the book of Romans in the New Testament. This study will look at both historical and modern interpretations of this great writing of Paul. Our first week will be spent on an “overview” of the book and its context.

Participants will be given a study guide each week for the following week including readings from the book and questions to consider. Pastor Scott highly recommends a modern translation of the Bible for this study – NRSV, NIV or CEB are preferred. The KJV and paraphrases such as The Message and The Living Bible can be read at home to help bring new light to your reading but will not be read in the class. You do not need to sign up to attend but if you’d like to let Pastor Scott know that you will be there, please send him an email at [sears.scott@gmail.com](mailto:sears.scott@gmail.com).

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# PIG



# ROAST

## Church Picnic and Pig Roast

All are invited to attend the First UMC Annual Church Picnic at the home of Tom and Kim Bay on Sunday, August 6th at 5 pm. This is a covered dish event that you can also invite a friend to as well. We look forward to seeing you all!!

## NOT QUITE HOME

*Thoughts from Pastor Scott*

"Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life."

Philippians 4:6-7



Recently, someone asked me, "Why do we want to place a special emphasis on prayer in our church? Don't all churches pray?"

Well, the answer to the second part of that question is pretty obvious – Yes, I hope that all churches pray. It is something that Jesus encouraged us to do. It is our way of connecting with the Divine. It is one of the primary ways that we stay in touch with what God is doing in God's Kingdom so that we can always be a part of it.

The answer to the first question is bit more complex.

I remember one Sunday that I prayed at an altar with a couple who had a child who was suffering from a fatal condition. This couple did not want to lose their child. This couple also knew the reality of the condition he was battling. But still, we knelt at an altar and prayed (and wept).

Immediately after the service another couple from the church came up to me and said, "It was good that you prayed with them this morning. If only they believed enough, I'm sure that child would be healed."

I was dumbfounded. I'm not sure what this couple thought of my silence to their remark, but I hope my silence did not convey that I agreed with them in any way. Nothing could have been further from the truth.

This approach to prayer has many problems that are mirrored in many churches today. First, it seems that we think the most important things that we pray about are US. We pray for needs in our lives and in the lives of those that we know. This attitude about prayer puts US at the center and that is not what Jesus meant when he taught us to pray, "Thy will be done..."

*Not Quite Home (continued)*

Second, it assumes that we can know the answer to the prayers that we are lifting up. Our preconceived ideas about a positive or negative response is not prayer.

That moving the parts on some eternal machine to get what we want. Prayer is a conversation with the very Creator of the universe, the one who is re-creating God's Kingdom every day in our very midst.

Finally, this way of praying ignores so many people in the world. People we know are important to pray for but who is praying for the least, the last and the lost?

So, when I say I want our church to be the church that prays, I am saying that I want us to be a church that:

1. Spends as much time listening to God as we do speaking to God;
2. Prays for people we don't even know...pray for someone you just saw for a few minutes in a store line or at a traffic light. Pray for someone you saw in passing. Pray for the stranger.
3. Finally, prayer should be about the Kingdom coming in our midst. "Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is heaven." Pray for our community of faith – but more importantly, pray for our community – the businesses, the people, the prostitutes, the substance abuse disorder sufferers, the children, the police, the...

To be a Church of Prayer, we must listen, put ourselves last, and pray for the Kingdom that Jesus' Resurrection promises us will arrive. Let's be that Church that prays!

Pastor Scott

**Library News & Stuff (Submitted by Jerry Flanagan, Librarian)**

SUMMER VIEWING



Check out a few of the Disney videos in the Family Ministries Center church library!

*Aladdin*

*Apple Dumpling Gang*

*Aristocats*

*Maleficent*

*Many Adventures of Winnie the Pooh*

*Monsters, Inc.*

*Bambi I & 2*

*Fox and the Hound 1 & 2*

*Frozen*

*Inside Out*

*Lion King*

*Pinocchio*

*Sleeping Beauty*

*Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*

*Tangled*

*Up*



**Thread Loving Crafters (Submitted by Kathy Tucker)**

Walking is now part of our routine. We will meet at 5:00 tonight to walk first, if you would like. We will break at noon on Fridays to walk.

Here are some of the projects we are working on:

- Hats and Scarves for Feeding Hungry Children;
  - Items to sell at Autumnfest;
  - Quilts, afghans, and fleece tied blankets;
  - Prayer Shawls;
  - Car seat afghans;
- Newborn hats;
  - Items for the Mercer County Fair, an opportunity for us to reach out into the community, let people know what we do, and maybe find some new members;
  - Dishrags;
  - Bibs; and
  - Weighted scarves.

**Attendance for May-June 2017**

| <b>ATTENDANCE – May 2017</b> |                             |               |              |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| <b>Date</b>                  | <b>10:50 AM<br/>Worship</b> | <b>Online</b> | <b>TOTAL</b> |
| 05.07.2017                   | 139                         | 28            | 167          |
| 05.14.2017                   | 210                         | 17            | 227          |
| 05.21.2017                   | 158                         | 27            | 185          |
| 05.28.2017                   | 135                         | 22            | 157          |

| <b>ATTENDANCE – June 2017</b> |                             |               |              |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| <b>Date</b>                   | <b>10:50 AM<br/>Worship</b> | <b>Online</b> | <b>TOTAL</b> |
| 06.04.2017                    | 133                         | 26            | 159          |
| 06.11.2017                    | 113                         | 15            | 128          |
| 06.18.2017                    | 135                         | 19            | 154          |
| 06.25.2017                    | 113                         | 25            | 138          |

## MEMORIALS & GIFTS

Gifts gave been designated

IN MEMORY OF

*Wanda Bradley*

by

Terry and Geraldine Childress

Jerry and Patty Flanagan

Ott and JoAnna Fredeking

Robert and Gail Johnson

Tina Vaglianti

**to Feeding Hungry Children**

IN MEMORY OF

*Wanda Farmer*

by Jerry and Patty Flanagan

to

**the Children's Library**

and

by Joe and Barb Hampton

**to Feeding Hungry Children**

IN MEMORY OF

*Betty Moody*

by Rose Ann Burgess

**to the Arthur Moody Scholarship Fund**

IN MEMORY OF

*Mary Davis*

by Lani Hill Arnett

**to The Memorial Fund**

and

by Jerry and Patty Flanagan

**to Thread Loving Crafters**



IN MEMORY

## THANK YOU NOTES

It is a beautiful book and did comfort me during this difficult time. Thank you so much.

Diane Syres

Pastor Scott, Mrs. Pam, and all the church members

We want to thank you for allowing to host Imani choir on such a short notice. We are very grateful for the hospitality you have shown us. Thanks for spreading the word out that we even got a chance to perform. Our hearts are full of love and joy because of what you have done for us. We believe that we have started a relationship that is not going to end any time soon. We appreciate you with all our hearts. Thank you so much for everything. God will truly bless you for your generosity and care. Thanks a lot again.

Imani Milele Children's Choir of Uganda: Apoya, Zziwa, Jimmy, Abraham, Darren, Sharif, Banuri, Anita, Hildah, Eric, David, Grace, Stedia, Olivia, Bruno, Reagan, Bonny, Vivian, Karen, Juliet, Julius, Kerri, Moma Stephano, and Uncle "E"

## TRANSITIONS

### Baptisms:

Harriet Kathryn Price May 14, 2017

Ella Grace Sarver June 18, 2017

### New Members – Profession of Faith:

Griffin Aylor Biggs June 4, 2017

Savannah Grace Knight June 4, 2017

Ella Grace Sarver June 18, 2017

### Certificate of Transfer to Another United Methodist Church:

Angela Boyles Nash June 29, 2017

### In Memory:

Mary Nemchick Davis March 3, 1922 – June 20, 2017

Wanda Gay Farmer February 17, 1948 – May 19, 2017



July 01 – Jerry & Patty Flanagan  
July 04 – Shawn & Melissa Forbes  
July 07 – Timmy & Christa Fama  
July 10 – Ken & Teresa Collis  
July 11 – Jerry & Cathy Linkous  
July 14 – Andy & Kelsey Sarles  
July 15 – Ron & Shari Steenson  
July 16 – Cory & Amy Williams  
July 19 – Jim & Gail Burks  
July 23 – Joe & Lisa Bowling  
July 23 – Chuck & Brenda Lohr (51)  
July 29 – Will & Pam Stafford



July 01- Jillian Biggs  
July 02 – Leah Johnson  
July 03 – David Graham  
July 05 – Colton Fix  
July 05 – Victor Lohr  
July 05 – Jeff McNew  
July 06 – Ethel McColgan  
July 07 – Bridgette Pendleton  
July 09 – Matthew Adkins  
July 09 – Amy Williams  
July 12 – Amanda Wenisch  
July 13 – Ronda Veneri Clark  
July 13 – Krista Fix  
July 14 – Buster Brown  
July 14 – Terry Childress  
July 14 – Peggy Lytton  
July 14 – Charles Seye

July 14 – Jamie Williams  
July 15 – Doris Bradley  
July 17 – Judi Carter  
July 17 – Rick Graham  
July 18 – Sandy Grim  
July 18 – Lynn Veneri  
July 19 – Larry Cook  
July 19 – Louie Fields  
July 20 – Judith Anderson  
July 21 – Barb Ballard  
July 21 – Tom Bay  
July 22 – Lindsay Comer  
July 22 – David Allen Dunn  
July 22 – Kellen Henry  
July 22 – Chris Hersman  
July 22 – Scott Sears  
July 23 – LydiaBeth Comer  
July 25 – Rose Ann Burgess  
July 25 – Nikki Mitchem  
July 26 – Ryan Mendez  
July 26 – Faye Pullins  
July 31 – James Hawkins  
July 31 – Rita Mitchem  
July 31 – Sandy Veneri





August 01 – Brian & Ann Struble  
August 04 – John & Katie Pack  
August 06 – Rusty & Kelly Howard  
August 10 – Jamie & Laura Suroski  
August 13 – John & Sue Backus  
August 15 – Tony & Becky Veneri  
August 19 – John & Valeda O'Dell (57)  
August 26 – Jerry & Melody Jenkins  
August 31 – Nathan & Evan Painter



August 01 – Bill Lewis  
August 01 – Randall Veneri  
August 03 – Bill Stafford  
August 04 – Leslie Cline  
August 04 – Patty Flanagan  
August 04 – Tim Merritt  
August 04 – Susan Stafford  
August 04 – Brenda Thompson  
August 04 – Stan Tucker  
August 05 – Mary Ella Noel  
August 06 – Jackie Davis  
August 06 – Nancy Jones  
August 06 – Skip Owen (96)  
August 06 – Perry Stafford  
August 07 – Logan Austin  
August 07 – Tammy Hill  
August 07 – Tonya Hill  
August 07 – Adam Mendez  
August 07 – Brayden Quesenberry  
August 08 – Joni Veneri  
August 10 – Jerry Evans  
August 13 – Jenna Bowling

August 14 – Sharon Croy  
August 14 – Shirley Evans  
August 14 – Sarah Lynn French  
August 14 – Kelly Howard  
August 16 – Miles Vaughn  
August 16 – Layne Veneri  
August 17 – Fred Raines  
August 18 – Amelia Brichford  
August 18 – Edie Carr (92)  
August 19 – Fred Bandy  
August 19 – Nancy Clark  
August 19 – Todd Craft  
August 20 – Jane Jessee  
August 21 – Tyler Comer  
August 21 – Sarah Seye  
August 22 – Carson Hamm  
August 23 – Pam Stafford  
August 24 – Carol Lani Arnett  
August 24 – Edie Earls  
August 26 – Jamie Suroski  
August 27 – Elliott Bowling  
August 27 – Elliott Brichford  
August 28 – Darryl Morris  
August 29 – Wayne Roahrig  
August 29 – Allie Sears  
August 29 – Landon Smith  
August 31 – Bettye Sue Bolen





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We are well on our way to being prepared for our community visitors and children from our church to experience what life was like for Christians in first century Rome. During this year's Holy Land VBS, they will be exposed to the sights and sounds of the Roman Marketplace, where they will sample food, be entertained by skits, make a daily craft, and visit a petting zoo. The story stations involve visiting Paul under house arrest, and the Underground Church.

I am so grateful for all of the volunteers who attended the training and those who are working hard on registration and decorating, as well as those preparing skits, crafts, food, and indoor and outdoor activities.

Even if you don't have children participating, you'd enjoy stopping by to see the decorations and Roman Marketplace, which will be in place by July 9<sup>th</sup>. You can help us spread the word by sharing the dates (July 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, Sunday –Thurs.) and time (6:00 – 8:00 PM).

### **Children's Fellowship Time and Choir Returning**

In August, Children's Fellowship Time and Children's Choir will be **back on Wed.** evenings from 6:00 – 7:25. More information will be announced and available in the bulletin, as we finalize our plans.





Children and youth will be promoted to their new classes on the first Sunday after school resumes, August 13<sup>th</sup>.



This year we have decided to delay our “Kick Off” Sunday School CARRY-IN BREAKFAST until the Sunday following Labor Day, September 10<sup>th</sup>, during the Sunday School hour (9:30 - 10:30), due to many of our families being out of town on the weekends in August.

**Adults of all ages are encouraged to attend this fellowship breakfast, as folks from the various classes will present to describe the types of studies their individual classes will be using this fall.**

**The Renewal Class** will resume on August 13<sup>th</sup>, when the children and youth are promoted. Martha Cook will be leading this class, so if you enjoyed the “Joy” group, or are looking for a supportive fellowship and study class, this may be a good time to try out this “renewed” class.



News  
From the  
3rd floor



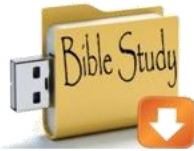
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Sunday 1:00 – 8:00 PM  
Monday 3:30 – 8:30 PM  
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Wednesday 2:30 – 8:30 PM  
Thursday 2:30 – 8:30 PM



Youth Night  
Sunday's 4:00 -5:30 pm

Bible Study  
Wednesday's at 6:00 pm



Take a look..  
**JULY & AUGUST  
YOUTH ACTIVITIES**



### Refreshment Cart

Dates: July 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> / Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>

"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." **John 13:3**



**GEOCACHING**

**Thursday July 6<sup>th</sup>  
@ 2:30 PM**

Join us for a fun  
afternoon of  
hunting caches

### Tubing Trip



New River Junction

**Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>**- We will  
be leaving after church.  
Cost is \$12.00 and will  
include Lunch and drinks.  
Will return by approx.  
6:30 PM



### Cascades

**Sunday, July 16**, we will be  
leaving after Sunday School and  
plan to return at approx. 5:00  
PM. Please bring a brown bag lunch, swim  
suit and towel. We will be having dinner and  
ice cream afterwards before returning.

**Back** →  
**School**  
**Bash**

**Sunday, Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 PM**

More Details to follow





Click the image above to access the calendar.