Wayne Cordeiro, in his book entitled, Doing Church as a Team writes about Michael Plant who was experienced and passionate about sailing the ocean's wild winds. But his third trip around the world was different. He designed and built a $650,000 racing vessel called the Coyote, a lightweight fiberglass-coated, foam-core-hull sailboat that was very fast. Equipped with the latest in technology, on October 16, 1992, Plant launched from New York and headed across the Atlantic toward France, a 24,000 mile four-month race. But it wasn't long into the trip before Plant began experiencing trouble. No one heard anything from him for several days. Then, on October 21, a passing Russian freighter picked up his transmission. "I have no power," Plant communicated, "but I'm working on the problem." He ended the transmission with his only request: "Tell [my fiancé] not to worry." That was the last direct communication anyone ever had with Plant.

After 32 days, the Coyote was finally spotted on a Sunday morning by a Greek tanker. It was drifting upside down, and there was no sign of Plant.

The mast, still fully sailed, plunged some eighty-five feet into the frigid waters. The hull was intact. The keel was vertical, and it exposed the fatal problem: the eighty-four hundred pound lead keel bulb that weighted the boat had been sheared off. To this day, no one knows if it was a rogue whale, sea garbage, or just a faulty build that damaged the boat, but without the weight of the ballast, the small boat was useless against the crosscurrents and high winds of the open seas. The ballast's weight in the lowest part of the vessel would give it stability and balance in the rough seas, and without it, the vessel would become top-heavy and be easily overpowered by the angry ocean. To put it simply, without a keel and ballast, the boat was broken.

For a sailboat to navigate the open ocean there must be more weight beneath the waterline than above it. It's the weight beneath the waterline. It's the epicenter, the core of everything. In our daily walk with Christ the keel and the ballast could be our heart or our integrity or your character. It could be promises from God's Word or our trust in God's faithfulness. What is it from God right now that is keeping you right-side-up? Do you feel like your listing or leaning or ready to go over? Focusing on developing a deeper faith or drawing closer to the fellowship of other Christians may be the thing that will help you to steer a truer course you desire in life. It's something for us to think about.

Pastor Steve

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On The Road With Jesus (Discipleship)
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In light of our new plan to pray for three members of our church family each day, I thought it might be helpful to reprint (with minor editing) something that I wrote for the Newsletter years ago.

PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER  I don't know how seriously you take the call to pray for one another, but I hope we take it very
seriously. I realize that some of the names of our church family may not be familiar to you and that others you may not know very well. You might ask, “how can I pray intelligently and effectively for those I don’t know at all or very little.” Recently, I saw a suggestion which may help. It was to use prayers for others that are in the Bible. You may need to do a little adapting of wording since they are sometimes reports of what has been prayed rather than the prayers themselves. Here are some samples:

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.* (Romans 15:13)

*May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.* (Romans 15:5&6)

*I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength,...* (Eph. 1:17-19)

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ— to the glory and praise of God. (Phil. 1:9-11)

*I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ.* (Philemon 6)

Of course, there are the specific needs that you may know about which add to the list. But we all need prayer if we are to grow in our relationship to God as we follow Jesus.

*Again, you can find the daily list in the Newsletter, our worship folder and on the Discipleship web site (www.followingjesusatmessiah.com).*

NEWSLETTER FOR JUNE 2015 FROM THE YOUTH MINISTER

The end of April and May were good months for our youth program. For our community service day on April 25th we had fourteen participating. We worked for the Borough Ship Shape day at the Historical Society, had lunch at Subway and then went to Sky Zone in Mechanicsburg. After that we went to supper and the movies. In May we have had some really good meetings, and then this past week we had nearly 40 youth and adults for our end of the year picnic at our house!! It was great. Here is what is coming up for the summer:

**June 8:** Baccalaureate at the High School 7pm

21-27: Youth Reach Work Camp right here in Franklin County, two chaperones and eight youth going

28: Orioles vs. Indians baseball game at 1:30pm (Leaving for Baltimore right after church)

**July 7 and 14:** 5:00-7:30 PM help at the Food Bank

17: Hershey Park Trip

21-26: Shippensburg Fair fundraiser, picking up trash each morning at 7:00pm except on Sunday the 26th, 1-3pm

26: End of fundraiser pool party

**August 11:** Help at the Food Bank, 5:00-7:30pm

19: Back to School for Students

22: Blessing of the Backpacks
29: Corn Festival Parking Lot Fundraiser  
7:00am-12:00pm  
I hope all of you have a great end of the school year, and a wonderful summer!  
Keep and Share the Faith!!

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A TIME WITH BILL

Let me begin, on behalf, of the Trustees to thank those who came on May 9th for our annual Fellowship Day. Without this kind of service to the church many things could not get done. It is the volunteers of the church who are responsible for our many ministries being a success.

In last month’s report I said the boiler repairs would begin on May 11th. They were started on May 11th and on May 12th it was discovered that the boiler was beyond repair and was removed. The Trustees are presently seeking proposals to replace the boiler.

It was also reported that the Trustees were seeking proposals to replace the two sets of steps and the retaining wall leading from S. Penn. St to the parking lot and front of Timothy House. We did get one proposal, which seemed reasonable, it was decided, by the Trustees to seek an additional proposal which would include the front steps going into Timothy House. The Trustees are awaiting these additional proposals to determine if it would be feasible, at this time, to include them in the project. The Trustees are still waiting on another proposal from an interested company.

There is still a need for volunteers to help with lawn and flower bed care. Please consider this important ministry to Messiah Church.

Blessings,  
Bill

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1. The furnace will need to be replaced.  
2. An audit team has been put in place for 2015.  
3. A new TV has been purchased for the Middle School classroom.  
4. Greeter training has been rescheduled for the fall.  
5. A small group focused an evangelism will start in September.  
6. Approval was given to pass the baskets for other areas of ministry if the Local Needs Fund has a balance over $1,000.

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LOCAL NEEDS OFFERING:  

As of May 10, we received $830 to assist victims of the recent earthquakes in Nepal. Thank you for your generosity. The money has been forwarded to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief).

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Phone Number Change for the Parsonage

Due to problems with the former number, the parsonage has a new phone number which is 717 477 2767

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Flag Day  
June 14, 2015
Attention Tweeners!!!

Thirteen Children and six adults enjoyed a sunny afternoon at Raider Fest on the campus of Shippensburg University on Saturday, April 25th. There were bounce houses, bumper cars, games, music, and more. Custom hats and street signs were also available if you played at least ten games. One of the exciting things that happened was that Brayden Osanitsch won an Amazon Gift card worth $100 in a random drawing. Thanks Marci Taylor for suggesting that Tweeners might enjoy this home town activity.

The end of the year Tweeners picnic at the home of Rob and Paula Reed had to be postponed due to the threat of bad weather. Last year, children enjoyed activities on Big Pond. They were able to fish, wade, look for pond creatures and enjoy the rowboats This year similar activities are planned with the addition of a nature walk. Since ticks are so plentiful this spring, we are asking the kids to wear long pants for the walk. Comfortable walking shoes and bug spray would also be helpful. This activity has been rescheduled for Sunday, June 7th.

We hope to see you there and remember that you can always bring a friend.

Next year, Tweeners will be starting a little later. Hopefully we will be able to work around the conflicts caused by the number of fall activities. So keep your eyes open, watch the bulletin board and read the September newsletter to see what has been planned for you.

Children’s Ministry Calendar

- May 31 – Gentle Shepherds End of Year Picnic
- June 7 – Tweeners End of Year Picnic
- June 15 – Kid’s Club
- June 22 – Kid’s Club
- June 29 – Kid’s Club
- July 6 - Kid’s Club
- July 13 – Kid’s Club
- October 25 – Trunk or Treat

Notes & News:
(Items for your calendar as well as items of interest)

BABY QUILTS

June 1 is our next Baby Quilts ministry gathering. We will gather in the Kindergarten classroom at 1pm. All are welcome regardless of experience level. Future dates: July 6, Aug 10, Sept 14, Oct-Dec TBA.

SHIPPENSBURG CLUSTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SCHEDULE CLUSTER EVENTS
JANUARY – DEC 2015 Tentative

Cluster Men’s Bible Study Jan-Feb, May – December 2015

Jun 20 Men’s Bible Study Trinity
July 18 Men’s Bible Study Leesburg
Aug 15 Men’s Bible Study Leesburg
Sep 19 Men’s Bible Study Roxbury
Oct 17 Men’s Bible Study Roxbury
Nov 21 Men’s Bible Study Messiah
Dec 19 Men’s Bible Study Messiah
ALL SESSIONS BEGIN AT 8.00 A.M. AND END AT 9.00 A.M.

Goldene, Randy 06/02
Gregson III, Carter 06/02
Conway, Dean 06/03
Snider, Kevin 06/04
Handshaw, Joann 06/05
Kaufman, Maggie 06/05
Shuman, Keith 06/05
Stake, Jennifer 06/05
Myers, Queena 06/06
Tolbert, Alan 06/06
Funk, Charles 06/10
Prosser, Chad 06/11
Holtry, Logan 06/12
Tolbert, Molly 06/12
Long, Helen 06/13
Mowery, Delores 06/13
Rosenberry, Bev 06/13
Rosenberry, Joyce 06/13
Speer, Randy 06/13
Fogelsanger, Stephen 06/16
Norton, Fran 06/16
Bock, Phillip 06/18
Holtry, Luella 06/18
rife, Mary 06/18
Hull, Cindy 06/19
Torres, Philip 06/20
Taylor, Lauren 06/21
Mowers, Mike 06/22
Rhinehart, Debbie 06/22
Taylor, Marcie 06/22
Fisher, Chris 06/24
Keefer, Barb 06/24

Reed, James 06/24
Franklin, John 06/25
Naugle, Peggy 06/26
Jones, Leroy 06/28
Johnson, Ken 06/29
Ostlund, Hannah 06/29
Watson, Kristen 06/29
Reed, John 06/30

Celebrating
An Anniversary This Month
June

Baughman, Dena & Terry 06/05
Brown, Emma Lee & Robert 06/06
Brown, Robert 06/06
Mahon, Pearl & Paul 06/06
Keefer, Barb & Bob 06/10
Strine, Anette & George 06/12
Rockwell, Joan & Chris 06/13
Dayok, Laura & Pete 06/14
Dickinson, Linda & Don 06/14
Wible, Cindy & Ron 06/14
Beckenbaugh, Debbie & Bill 06/17
Kitner, Amy & Scott 06/17
Hockersmith, Kathe & Joe 06/18
Rife, Mary & Gene 06/19
Traini, Kim & Jeff 06/20
Speer, Lori & Randy 06/22
Funk, Tonya & Charles 06/24
Beres, Merry Jean & Jim 06/25
Johnson, Sara & Marlin 06/25
Shuman, Sharon & Ray 06/27
Strine, Karen & Matt 06/27
Fague, Treva & John 06/28
Sites, Susan & Glenn 06/28
Arndt, Amelia & Richard 06/30

Notes from the editors
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June 21, 2015

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF PRESENCE AND GIVING:
April 2015

Average Attendance
9:00 a.m. Worship (272) Sunday School (110)

Regular Offerings: $32,915.82
(Envelopes, Loose Offering, and E-giving)

Designated Offerings
Offerings for CPI: $2,065.00

Offerings for Ministry:
Local Needs: $559.00
Native American: $60.00
Meal Ministry: $86.00
Soup Ministry: $25.00
King’s Kettle: $24.86 (Step by Step)
Keuthe Campership: $2,830.00
Radio Ministry: $45.00
Toothbrushes: $180.00
Spirit of Service (Children’s Dept.): $100.00

Other Income:
Easter Flowers: $40.00
Maundy Thursday Offering: $236.00
Lenten Offering: $105.00
Easter Breakfast: $100.00
Initial Offering: $4.00
Building Fund: $185.00
Youth: $459.00
Children’s Department: $100.00
Children’s Activities: $100.00
Lerew Trust: $1,169.57
Memorials and Gifts: $20.00
Piano Maintenance: $100.00

$146,555.00 was needed to meet the Operating Expenses for the first four months of the year. Our total incoming contributions were $132,912.00 for the year-to-date. Thank you very much for your continued support.