



GLAD TIDINGS



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Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Gaithersburg, MD

May 2014

Yard Sale!



With Spring making its appearance it is time to start thinking of cleaning out our garages, attics, basements and getting ready for our annual Yard Sale that will be

held on Saturday, May 31 from 7am - 2pm.

We will be accepting donations starting Sunday, May 25, 1pm - 9pm thru Thursday of that week.

This is our opportunity to provide low cost goods to people in our community who are in need; to recycle and re-use as part of our commitment to good environmental stewardship and to give proceeds and donated items to organizations in our community which help others who are struggling in these economic times.

Sign up sheets for the various departments have been posted in the narthex, we look forward to everyone in the congregation being able to assist in some way in making the yard sale a success.

If you are interested in any further information please contact Elizabeth Cockerham (cockerham_e@yahoo.com).

Let the purging begin!

(Check out the article about donating computers and computer accessories on page 3.)

YARD SALE - Kick-Off Sunday

is on May 25! There will be only ONE Sunday morning worship service on May 25 at 10 am! After the service, we'll all share in a pot-luck bar-b-que and then begin our set-up for the Yard Sale on the following Saturday. We hope everyone can come prepared to worship, eat and enjoy fellowship, and then stay for a little while to help with initial setup! During the week, we also welcome and encourage folks to come by anytime between 9am - 9 pm to help sort and price. We'll also have the grill set up so that you can eat if you come during the dinner hour.

http://poplutheran.org/communitylife/yardsale_2014.html.

Habitat for Humanity

Join us as we serve our neighbors at the Habitat for Humanity Maple Hill project in Gaithersburg! Our next workdays will be Saturdays, May 17 and June 21. Skilled labor is not required, but you must be 18 years old to volunteer. Sign up online (<https://habitatmm.volunteerconnect.com/PrinceofPeace/full>) to volunteer. Questions? Email Steve Sullivan (stevesullivan@comcast.net).

Fenced-in, deer-proof garden

plots are available in *Fruitful Fields*, the name given to our community gardens located on the church property at the far end of the parking lot, directly behind the Besecker Building. There are three large beds for growing vegetables to give to **Gaithersburg Help**, surrounded by smaller beds to "grow your own." All plots will be ready to be planted on May 10. Contact the office (office@poplutheran.org) for more information.

May Highlights

Every Sunday

8:30 am Worship with piano and guitar

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship with organ and piano

A Supervised nursery is available during all Services

Every Tuesday

10:00 am Quilters

12:30 pm Women's Bible Study

6:00 pm High School Youth Group

Every Wednesday

5:00 pm Youth Handbell Ensemble

7:30 pm Adult Choir

Every Thursday

7:30 pm Grace Notes

Every Saturday

7:45 am Men's Group

5:00 pm Saturday Evening Worship



From Pastor Steve...

Pastor Steve Buechler
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It's great that our annual Yard Sale coincides so well with spring cleaning! At least, it is for me. The Yard Sale

and spring cleaning give me an annual opportunity to go through all of my stuff and figure out what needs to go and what needs to stay.

And as I get ready for the Yard Sale every year, I find three categories of things that need to go. First, I find junk! There's all kinds of stuff in my house that really isn't good for anything anymore, but I never got around to tossing it. It just needs to be thrown in the trash or recycle bin.

Second, I find stuff that may technically still be "good", but just doesn't work for my life anymore. I end up having a lot of electronics in this category! Technically, they would still work fine, but they're not compatible with any of the technology I currently use.

And third, I find stuff that I just don't need. I often find that I have way more things than I ever use or need. Those things are good (and not technologically outdated!), and somebody else could really benefit from them.

But this whole process is also a good way to think about the life God is calling me to. It's not just my house, but often my life and my way of living, that gets gridlocked with too much "stuff." That "stuff" may be physical, emotional or spiritual "stuff." And it often takes a discipline like a "yard sale" to look at what "stuff" may be getting in the way of God's calling in my life.

So what if we all used the Yard Sale not simply as a means of cleaning out our houses, but also of cleaning up our lives? Could we see the Yard Sale as a spiritual "spring cleaning" practice in which we pay attention to what God is calling us to do and who God is calling us to be?

As you go through your "stuff", also be open to asking what "stuff" in your life is junk and needs to be thrown out. Is it an old grudge or an unrealistic expectation or something from the past that needs to be consigned to the past?

What "stuff" in your life just doesn't work for you anymore? Maybe it's a great spiritual practice or way of living your faith that worked when you were a kid, but needs to be different now.

And what "stuff" in your life do you have more than enough of? What is it God is calling you to give away - indeed, in what ways is God calling you to give yourself away - so that you can become the person God is calling you to be?

Sometimes, all of our "stuff" gets in our way, and gridlocks our lives. May this season be a season of new life for you, as you prayerfully consider all the "stuff" in your life.

Yours in Christ,

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thrivent Builds Repair

Volunteers are needed for outside work on a Thrivent Builds Repair home in Burtonsville on Saturday, May 3 from 8:30am-3:30pm. Tasks include painting, repairing, planting, trimming & clean-up. Lunch is provided. To volunteer contact Walter Petzold (carolpetzold@boo.net).

Graduating? Let us know!

Celebrating a Graduation this year? We are having a special Recognition of Graduates in June. If you or someone in your household is graduating, please email a brief bio to office@poplutheran.org by Friday, May 30 including: Name, School, Degree (include any honors), and Post-graduation plans. Thanks!

Help Tell the Pentecost Story

For Pentecost, June 7/8, we will read the Pentecost story in a variety of languages to celebrate the wide reach of the Spirit's power. If you speak another language, please sign up in the narthex to read the gospel in that language at one or more services.

Yard Sale: Computer Equipment

Since desktop and laptop computers take time to prepare for a new owner a request is made each year to bring these items to church early. Other



computer equipment should be brought the week of the yard sale setup. Please read carefully the remaining paragraphs for more details.

Popular at the yard sale:

Laptops; computers
LCD monitors
laser printers (*with a test page*)

Not so popular:

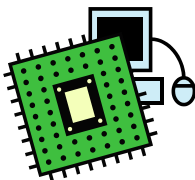
Scanners
inkjet printers (*unless accompanied by a dated, recent sample test page*)
CRT monitors

Accessories we could use:

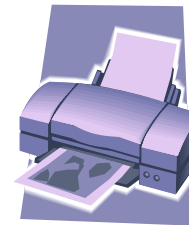
PC speakers,
mice (with center wheel)

Guidelines:

1. **Desktop systems and laptops** should be delivered in advance (now is fine), but **no later than two weeks prior** to the yard sale setup Sunday. For this year **the deadline is May 11th**. Please drop off in the church narthex. All other items should be held and brought to the computer sales area the week of yard sale setup.
2. Computers may be fully functional or have some problems (please describe on paper and attach to the case). Include with the computer, if you have them:
 - a. Operating system CDs with the Product Key (leave authentication stickers on the computer case)
 - b. Owner manuals, cables and power supply adaptors.
- c. Other matching components (*all should be in working condition*): monitor, speakers, keyboard and mouse.



3. Computer peripherals (*all should be in working condition*): printers, monitors, speakers, accessories.



Please contact Gordon Gipe (gordon.gipe@gmail.com) if you have questions concerning your donation or to discuss where you can recycle old, unusable computer equipment.

Yard Sale Needs

Large Boxes are needed for the Yard Sale! Although we do not have a place to store them yet, it would be helpful if folks could save large boxes for us to use in the Clothing departments. Thanks!

RECENT NEWS

Building Update

Christ is Risen! And, the Council wants to let everyone know that our building process is also alive! While it may seem that our building process has laid dormant lately, we've been listening to you over the past several months, and we've heard two things. First, you want to build, as we now have over 100 households involved in pledging and giving more than \$500K! Second, many folks, including many who have already given generously, are concerned about the size of both the project and the projected debt.

We've heard you! So, over the next several weeks, the Council, Finance and Stewardship teams will be working with the Architects to revise the design so that it will both meet the needs of our congregation and be financially responsible based upon our actual contributions and pledges. Watch for more updates soon!

Thank you to all who have pledged and donated! Continued financial support is essential as we move forward in making this dream a reality. You can learn more about our building effort to date on the [website](http://www.poplutheran.org/building/) (<http://www.poplutheran.org/building/>) or contact [Jim Bostrom](mailto:jimbostrom.md@gmail.com) (jimbostrom.md@gmail.com) (Council President), [Tom Kettler](mailto:tek@forlineshomes.com) (tek@forlineshomes.com) (Building Committee Chair), [Pastor Steve](mailto:pastor@poplutheran.org) (pastor@poplutheran.org) or [Pastor Christine](mailto:pastorchristine@poplutheran.org) (pastorchristine@poplutheran.org).

RECENT EVENTS

God's Global Barnyard

Our goal for POP's Lenten activity was to purchase two family farms, each providing farm animals (a cow, 2 goats, 2 pigs, 12 chicks) agricultural training and marketing support to a family or community in need. It was a hefty goal with each family farm costing \$715. But through your very generous contributions we far exceeded our goal and will be able to contribute enough to bring many families out of the cycle of hunger and poverty. Funds contributed to this activity will buy three family farms as well as 4 goats, 3 pigs and 144 baby chicks. This is a serious contribution to help fight hunger. The eggs, milk, and meat from these animals will provide food to eat and goods to sell at market. Check out the total listing we have contributed through this program:

3 cows

10 goats

9 pigs

180 baby chicks

Agriculture training for 3 family farms

Marketing support for 3 family farms

Holy Week



Spring arrived in time for Holy Week!



Everyone had their palms for Palm Sunday.

On Maundy Thursday, congregants had the opportunity to "wash the feet" of others. However, instead of feet, they washed hands.



Good Friday was a time to lay our fears, pain, and problems at the base of the cross.



At the Easter Vigil lessons were experienced on The creation



Moses



40 years in the desert

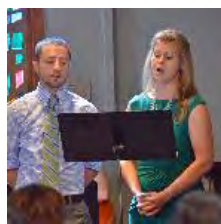


On Easter

The children hunted for Easter Eggs



Three services were held



While Flat Jesus watched over us



THANK YOU!

Gifts of Hope—Shop, Receive and

Give ~ Thank you for supporting Gifts of Hope last Christmas! Members and friends of PoP purchased gifts valued at \$2,630, with all funds going to the designated beneficiary organizations. Because of your support there is hope for today and hope for tomorrow. Gifts of Hope raised a total of \$114,000 from congregations in the Metro DC Synod.

Anniversaries, birthdays, holidays, memorials—the Gifts of Hope Catalog is available year-round at: www.GiftsofHopeMetroDC.org. Select a gift from the online catalog and you will receive an all-purpose card to present to your honored loved one.

Lenten Soup Suppers

Thanks to Pamela Cook and Lisa Woodard for coordinating the weekly Lenten Soup Suppers, and to Nancy and Dave Swanson for their help. Many thanks also to all of the Prince of Peace hard working cooks who provided delicious home made soups, salads and bread to share for the dinners.

Easter Egg Hunt

(Recycle your plastic eggs!)

Many thanks to everyone who donated filled eggs this year and to Kim Drissel and Laura Hurst for organizing the event! If you still have plastic eggs from the hunt, please leave them in the basket in the foyer and we'll use them again next year.

God's Global Barnyard

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Lenten activity, God's Global Barnyard. We far exceeded our original goal due to everyone's generosity. (See the "God's Global Barnyard" article under RECENT EVENTS for detailed information.)

Campbell's UPC codes

Dear friends of the Navajo Lutheran Mission School:

Thank you for your donation of your Campbell's UPC codes. Because of your efforts and others the Mission accumulated a credit of over 2 million UPCs which enabled it to buy another van. Many

of the roads on the reservation are hard on the vehicles so the school needs new ones on a regular basis. The Navajo Lutheran Mission School was established in the fall of 1954, so they are celebrating their 60th Anniversary. Please check out their website at www.nelm.org

Your donations were among those from over 40 different states. The school has used the box tops from General Mills and the UPCs from Campbell's products for such things as vans, playground equipment, computers and other supplies.

I hope you will continue supporting the mission in sending them to Solheim Lutheran Home where they are processed and sent in to be credited to the Mission.

Thanks for your efforts.
Pastor Edward Busch, for The Navajo Lutheran Mission

P.S. 29,000 labels were sent in February and 16,000 were sent in March...along with 5000 box tops to the school.
Please keep up the good work!

STEWARDSHIP

Step Up Campaign Update

Early this year, we embarked on an effort to get EVERYONE to "step up" in their average weekly contributions.

The good news is it's starting to work, but we need more participants! We have about 40 households who have made that commitment. THANK YOU!! **More good news is that average weekly giving is climbing slowly month over month, but not yet at the level necessary to sustain our Mission,** support our wonderful staff and stay current on all aspects of our budget, like benevolence for instance.

Now we are looking for the remaining 140 households to step up or step in so that many hands will make light work. Please join with your fellow members who have made this commitment and jump on board! If you have questions, ask any member of council, finance or stewardship, or [Chuck Dixon \(chuckdixon@mac.com\)](mailto:chuckdixon@mac.com).

YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday School

Our most recent rotation was Holy Week and Easter. Preschool and kindergarten kids learned the stories of Holy Week and Easter and made posters with symbols for each key event. They also talked about the Easter symbols for new life and how they remind us that even though something may look dead, there can still be brilliant life inside.

With the foundation of Bible passages and Bible stories, elementary-age learners participated in Cooking, Games, and Art workshops. From mini-quiches to team games to creating sets of Easter story eggs, they experienced some of the most important stories of our faith.

Our final rotation will be the parable, The Sower, beginning on May 4th. Sunday school ends this spring on May 18th.

Sunday school class photos will be taken on May 4th during class.

Parent Meet-Up

All Parents are invited to a Parent Meet-Up on Tuesday, May 6 at 7:30 pm in the Besecker Youth Center in the HS room. Our HS Parent Meet-Ups have been great so we are hosting one for parents with children of any age. Come on out for wine, desserts, and great conversations about faith and life.

Workcamp

Workcamp is back! A team of youth and adults from PoP will be headed up to Buffalo, NY, July 5-12, to engage and support the community by repairing and refurbishing houses of families and individuals in need. If you want to find out more info about the trip or register to go, please contact Chris Schaefer (christophe.schaefer@ymail.com) as soon as possible - spots are filling up quickly!

Workcamp Fundraiser

Please join us for our next dine out on Tuesday, May 20, 5-9 pm at Red Robin in Germantown. Just tell your server that you are there to support the Prince of Peace fundraiser and 15% of your purchase will go to support the youth work camp trip this summer. Thank you!

Student Corner

This column is dedicated to the extra activities our youth participate in outside of Prince of Peace. Please remember to submit any and all information by the deadline for Glad Tidings to Martha Rogers at GladTidingsEditor@gmail.com - thanks!

Please keep all our youth in your prayers and support their endeavors outside of PoP!

Handbell Ensemble

Children in 1st-6th grade rehearse on Wednesdays, 5-5:45 pm. It is still not too late to join! Contact Danielle Drobny (danielledrobny@gmail.com).

Upcoming Youth Events

Please refer to the website calendar or the Youth Ministry bulletin board for details about events throughout the year. Also, don't forget that the High School youth meet weekly on Tuesdays from 6:00-7:30 pm. If you have any ideas or would like to volunteer, please contact Kim Drissel (Drissels@comcast.net).

ADULT EDUCATION

Adult Bible Class

New Sunday Adult Study begins May 4th: Faith, technology, and the public square all rolled into one! Yes, it's true! Each class we discuss a current blog post (or two) from a variety of theological and social forums. The posts will be linked ahead of time in our weekly email communications so that participants may read ahead of time, however advance planning for this class is not mandatory. Copies of posts will be available Sunday mornings too. This class will meet May 4, May 11, & May 18 at 9:45 am. It's sure to be fun and lively. Questions? See Pastor Christine.

Pop Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study group is currently reading the book *Love Wins* by Rob Bell. This is a book which explores and questions heaven and hell and eloquently expresses the profound love of God. Although they will finish this book soon, it is a great time to join this fluid and accepting group. Join us on **Tuesdays at 12:30 pm**. Questions? Contact [Pastor Christine](mailto:pastorchristine@poplutheran.org) (pastorchristine@poplutheran.org).

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

YOU CAN *Gaithersburg* HELP



The Gaithersburg HELP food pantry has an ongoing need for food. Please help by donating generously. Although all items are needed, cereal is especially needed at this time. Consider picking up an extra box the next time you shop. Donations can be left in the basket in the foyer.

UMAN Needs Help

The Upper Montgomery Assistance Network (UMAN) is seeking an administrative volunteer to enter client data 2-4 hours a week in their Gaithersburg office. The day and time are flexible (Mon-Thurs between 9am and 2pm), and training will be provided. UMAN provides emergency financial assistance to families at risk of homelessness or loss of a vital utility service. UMAN serves households in Gaithersburg, Montgomery Village, Germantown, and Derwood, often referred by Gaithersburg HELP. If interested, please contact UMAN at gina_mastro@uman-mc.org or [301-926-4422](tel:301-926-4422).

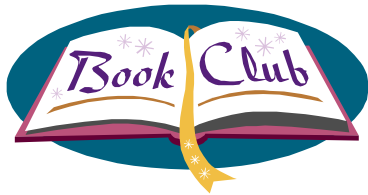
Back Door Ministries

Do you want to help others but aren't sure how? Is time a big problem for you? Help with our Back Door Ministries. Simply bring in the items each Sunday that we collect and drop them in the appropriate basket by the back door. Items we collect include canceled stamps for the Village at Rockville (formerly the National Lutheran Home), cell phones to be recycled, printer ink cartridges (monies go to help pay for Workcamp and ELCA Youth Gathering), Campbell soup labels (UPCs) for the Navajo Lutheran Mission school, and food for Gaithersburg HELP. Save or buy and bring your donation the next time you come to church.

FELLOWSHIP

Men's Book Club

The Prince of Peace Men's Book Club will conclude its successful 2013-14 campaign with a lively discussion of John Grisham's *Calico Joe*, a novel of reconciliation with a baseball motif. All men at PoP and their male friends are invited to join us Thursday, May 15 at 7:30 at the home of Steve Sullivan. Please RSVP to Steve (SteveSullivan@Comcast.net).



Women's Book Group

Our next meeting is Thursday, May 8th-The Husband's Secret by Liane Moriarty. The gathering is hosted by Lisa Woodard and starts at 7:30 pm.

On Amazon.com, Mary Lins wrote this in her review, "The novel is about secrets, and I don't want to reveal any of them because Moriarty does it so brilliantly in the novel. Basically we are asked, as observers, to contemplate how a person can live with a huge and terrible, secret. And how can you live knowing someone else's huge and terrible secret? Human existence is complicated and messy and far from black and white/good and bad. Humans make strange and often irrational choices. Are they always indefensible? These are the kinds of things that Moriarty is so good at dissecting for her readers, and why we keep coming back for more." This should be a great book for discussion. All POP women are welcome to join the group for one evening or every month. For May, RSVP to Lisa (woodard4@comcast.net). The Women's Book Group meets monthly on the second Thursday of the month. If you would like to receive email reminders, please send a message to Jennifer Maloney (Maloney.jenn@gmail.com).

Future Dates, Book Selections, and Hosts:
June 12th -The Scapegoat by Daphne du Maurier, pool party hosted by Susan Victor and Joan Kowalik

July 10 - Me Before You: A Novel by Jojo Moyes, host TBD

August 14 - The Orphan Train: A Novel by Christina Baker Kline, hosted by Lesa Sullivan
September 11 - Moloka'i by Alan Brennert, hosted by Judy Bruening

October 9 - Americanah by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, hosted by Jennifer Maloney

November 13 - Sara's Key by Tatiana de Rosnay, hosted by Sharon Wahl

December 11 - Tolstoy and the Purple Chair, My Year of Magical Reading by Nina Sankovitch, host TBD

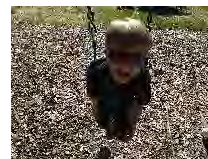
January 8 - Want Not by Jonathan Miles, hosted by Jamie Pflasterer in the Fellowship Hall

PoP Playgroup

Hop on board with PoP Playgroup in May! On Saturday, May 10th at 11am we'll meet at Griffith Park in Gaithersburg, next to city hall (<http://www.gaithersburgmd.gov/leisure/parks-and-fields/griffith-park>). We should have plenty of chances to see the trains go by, and may even take a trip over to the Gaithersburg Community Museum to investigate the train cars up close!

On Saturday, June 14th at 11am, we'll plan a trip out to Homestead Farms near Poolesville to go strawberry picking (<http://www.homestead-farm.net/Map.html>).

PoP Playgroup is a great way for families and their babies/toddlers/preschoolers to connect with each other. Please contact Jamie (jlpflast@hotmail.com) or Lauren (laurenkategibson@gmail.com) for more info!



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

In her community outreach efforts, Pastor Christine recently met with some folks from the YMCA. During her conversation with them she became aware of a great need for mentors in this area. If you are interested in this rewarding (and challenging) way to serve youth in this area, please contact Pastor Christine (pastorchristine@poplutheran.org) or the director, Laura Brown (Laura.Brown@ymcadc.org).

YMCA Youth Links

YMCA Youth Links mentoring program provides you the chance to get involved and provide a consistent, caring relationship that children and youth can turn to for support and guidance. Research shows that mentored youth have favorable outcomes including educational achievement, emotional well-being, and healthy behavior.

"I was a principal and assistant principal in Montgomery County and I saw mentoring programs really work well and I figured, well why don't I try this. I'm really glad I did because I've gotten a lot out of it. I probably have gotten as much as my mentee." Fred Evans

Many children and young people in foster care are in need of adult guidance and are waiting for the opportunity to have a mentor. With just 4 - 8 hours a month, you can make a difference in the life of a young person whose life is affected by challenges that children and adolescents in foster care confront. Orientation, training, and on going support is provided.

For more information on how to become a volunteer mentor with our program, please call or email

Laura Brown at 301-576-9068,

laura.brown@ymcadc.org

Otto Perez at 301-576-9074,

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More information is available on Purpose of Program, Who are the youth in the program, Mentee Outcomes, Who are the YMCA Volunteer Mentors, What is expected of YMCA Volunteer Mentors, and Mentor Support. Contact Pastor Christine if you are interested.

ELCA Disaster Response

Please consider giving to the ELCA Disaster Response to help people affected by the recent tornadoes. Visit the ELCA Disaster Response webpage (<http://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response>) to donate or learn more about how you can help.

WISH LIST

We have a new item on our Wish List: Candidacy Fees for Chris Schaefer. Check out the Bulletin Board for info and envelopes, or make a donation online or through the Offering, be sure to indicate it is for Wish List/Candidacy Fees.

Team PB&J

Cheer on Team Bruening (PB&J)! Prince of Peace members and friends are participating in the 2014 Race for Hope 5K Run/Walk in DC on Sunday, May 4. The team has been formed in memory of Paul Bruening for this important event that raises money to benefit the National Brain Tumor Society and Accelerate Brain Cancer Cure. Cheer on the Team or Donate to Team PB&J (Paul Bruening and Judy). Questions? Contact Judy Bruening (judy.bruening53@gmail.com). Please help support the fight against brain tumors in memory of Paul!

Pennsylvania Interfaith

Power & Light

On Monday, May 5 from 7:30-9pm, please join David Yaney & Joyce Breiner at their Poolesville home (2 Hackett Ct) in welcoming cyclists representing Pennsylvania Interfaith Power & Light who are cycling to advocate in Congress for Climate Change legislation. For the third year, they are biking from State College PA to Washington DC, representing 40+ faith organizations in Central PA. The cyclists are led by Jon Brockopp, Professor of Religions & Ethics at Penn State. Montgomery County's very own Councilmember Roger Berliner will be on hand to discuss the many environmental initiatives he has championed and the rewards and challenges that brings. The PA-IPL cyclists are interested in learning how they might replicate Montgomery County's successes in their area. We look forward to adding your voice to the conversation! RSVPs appreciated at jkbreiner@gmail.com.



Lead the Way

Registration is open for the 3rd Annual Derek Sheely LEAD THE WAY 4.0-Mile Run and 1-Mile Walk on May 31, 2014 at 8 am at Northwest High School in Germantown. There's a unique stadium start and finish, medals for all finishers, music, and door prizes!

THE DEREK SHEELY FOUNDATION, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, was created to increase awareness of concussions, including supporting advancements in education, prevention, and treatment for all causes of traumatic brain injuries, with a focus on youth sports. **THE DEREK SHEELY FOUNDATION** is named in honor of Derek Thomson Sheely, a strong and healthy honor student, member of Prince of Peace, captain of his Northwest High School football team, and a two-time academic all-conference selection in college. In August 2011, during practice for his senior season at Frostburg State University, Derek suffered a brain injury. He did not recover. It is believed that Derek died from Second Impact Syndrome, which is when a second concussion is sustained before the brain can recover from a first concussion.

There is a growing concern about concussions in sports: the CDC estimates that there are 3.8 million sports-related concussions in the U.S. each year. *This equates to one concussion every 8 seconds!* An estimated 90% of these concussions go unreported and therefore untreated.

THE DEREK SHEELY FOUNDATION is educating young children and their parents about the signs, symptoms, dangers, and prevention of concussions so children can continue to enjoy sports safely. We have distributed over 5,000 Concussion Awareness Kits and our annual Race held in honor of Derek, who wore #40, raises money for this grassroots effort.

The Sheely family is dedicated to preventing other families from suffering through the devastating effects of concussions, and hope you will join us in this important cause. Please help us prevent traumatic brain injuries from affecting someone you know.

Visit www.thederekshelyfoundation.org to register for the race. We also need volunteers: please email Kristen Sheely at Kristen@thederekshelyfoundation.org for information on ways you can help.

Camps

Summer will be here soon and that means Summer Camp. Stay alert for information on Mar-Lu-Ridge and Caroline Furnace Camps.

Also, don't forget our own mini-camp of Vacation Bible School, July 21-25.

COMING UP...

May

- 3 - Thrivent Builds Repair
- 4 - Race for Hope
- 6 - All Parent Meet-Up
- 8 - Women's Book Group
- 10 - Fruitful Fields opens
- 10 - POP Playgroup
- 10 - HS Youth Paintball
- 11 - Mother's Day
- 15 - Men's Book Club
- 17 - Habitat for Humanity Work Day
- 18 - Recognition of Sunday School volunteers
- 20 - Red Robin (Germantown) Fundraiser
- 24-26 - Backpacking trip
- 25 - 10 am service (only for Yard Sale)
- 25 - Yard Sale Kick-off pot luck
- 25-30 - Yard Sale prep week
- 26 - Memorial Day
- 31 - YARD SALE!
- 31 - Lead the Way Run/Walk

June

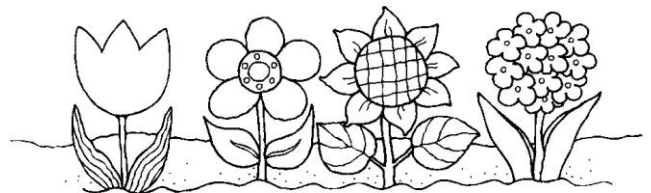
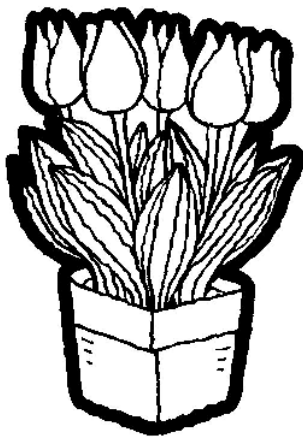
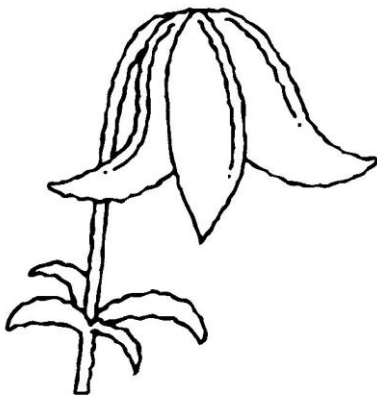
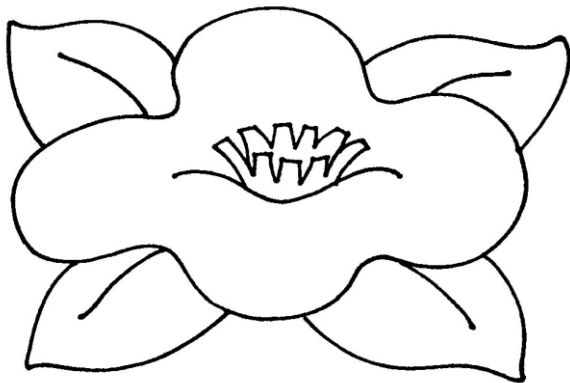
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- 12 - Women's Book Group
- 14 - POP Playgroup
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- 12 - Blood Drive
- 21-25 - Vacation Bible School



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