

## **Juniata County Food Pantry August Update**

*Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing, and you say, "Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well"- but then you don't give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do? (James 2:15-16).*

Christians of Juniata County, the Food Pantry needs your help! Yes, we need your prayers, but we also need your active help! We are running short on funds and having difficulty keeping enough food on our shelves. Our personal care and household cleaning shelves have been mostly EMPTY for 3 months! We are unable to purchase this kind of supplies with our grant funds or monetary donations. We rely entirely on your generosity to help families stay clean and healthy!

In June, the Food Pantry served 213 families in need – a total of 679 individuals. We thank Messiah Lutheran Church for providing volunteers for the month of June.

### **FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR AUGUST:**

**ALL NON-PERSHABLE FOODS,  
FRESH GARDEN VEGETABLES,  
SHAMPOO, LOTION, DEODORANT,  
TOOTHBRUSHES, TOOTHPASTE,  
LAUNDRY DETERGENT, DISH SOAP  
TOILET PAPER, TISSUES, PAPERTOWELS**

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR EPIC TIVITIES:**

### **Monday, August 2nd**

Youth Group outing to Knoebels Grove

### **Monday, August 2nd, 7pm**

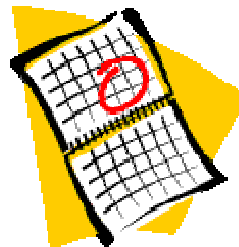
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### **Saturday, August 14th, 7am**

Men's Prayer Breakfast

### **Tuesday, August 17th**

Youth Group trip to Little Buffalo



# GOOD NEWS FOR GOOD NEWS!

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

So, it's August which for me means that the peak of our summer ministry has come to a close and we are gearing up for the fall. I won't speak to anything fall related this month, but what I will speak about is my thank you to everyone who came together during our second year of holding Camp on the Road.

Our camp went very well and I think the reason it did was because of the people who stepped up in one way or another. A number of people donated food supplies, a number of you assisted in the classrooms, some of you helped out in the kitchen, three families opened their homes to the staff as a host home and another group came together as our leadership team. Also, I trust that all of you made this a matter of prayer. So, to everyone, Thank You!

I don't know if we will see the fruit of this camp on Sunday mornings. It would be great if we did but some of the fruit that we can see is that there are a number of children out there who were exposed to some good teaching and good people; hopefully they will be witnesses to the love they received at Good News. Some of the other fruit is that this is something now associated with our church. I was waiting for my turn at the barber shop the other day and while I waited I looked at the Bicentennial History Book and in the church section there was a page on our church and this is one of the things we are known for, Camp on the Road. That's a fun thing to see!

So again, thank you to everyone who made Camp on the Road happen and let's continue to pray that some seeds would be planted in the hearts of those who attended.

Blessings,  
Pastor Mark

# WHAT'S THE PASTOR PREACHING ON?

## 7 Days Preaching Series

Sometime in August we will conclude our Hero of the Day series but I'm just not sure when because I am having a lot of fun with the series. I have been thinking and praying about what my next preaching series would be and a few weeks ago it was impressed upon me to look at the Genesis/Creation account and after I spent some time in it I thought to call the series, 7 Days.

I'm guessing by the title you've figured out what passage I will be preaching on. Yes, from Genesis chapter one and two, with each Sunday focusing on a different day of Creation. I haven't completely figured out this series yet, but I'll share with you what I am pretty certain we will focus on.

**Day One** Out of nothing. Genesis 1:1 teaches us that out of nothing God created everything. Science has insisted that it's impossible for nothing to come from something but God deals with the impossible all the time. God's word teaches us that God can do everything with nothing. That translates equally to what God does through Jesus on the cross. You and I without Christ are spiritually dead but because of the cross everything is possible.

**Day Two** is the day I'm still wrestling with the most. I've thought about sharing with you about God's creative genius and how what He creates is beautiful but I'm not really sure of that yet. If anyone has a thought or an idea, I would welcome it here.

**Day Three** which will be week 3, my heart is to focus on how God provides for us. All of God's creation on the third day had a purpose and its purpose is largely to sustain life. For you and me, as we think about what we do and don't have, its so important that we recognize how God has provided for us.

**Day Four** One of the things that stands out to me about the 4th day is that in it we see the creation of days and seasons. There are other days of Creation that enforce that but I think it's very clearly seen here. For us, we can be reminded that God has ordained our days and that in every moment we find ourselves in a time that is less than ideal, it too is only a season.

**Day Five** On the fifth day God creates the creatures of the air and the sea and in that He shows us that there is no place that He cannot work. In confirmation class we teach that God is everywhere or that God is omnipresent. This is an important thing for us to be reminded of in our lives today.

On the **Sixth Day** God created His most complex and wonderful creation, us. According to the scriptures He created other animals that day as well, but of all the creatures, we are the ones He chose to know and give authority over the rest of creation.

On the **Seventh Day** God found it imperative to rest. Why did almighty God rest? Surely He didn't need to rest. He's all powerful and all knowing and everywhere. Why did He rest? Because He needed to model to us what we need. You and I need to rest but more than just a physical rest, we need that spiritual rest where we are refreshed and re-energized for life and where we set aside time for worshiping God.