

# Shepherd's Staff

June 2019

*We gather to worship, we go to serve our Lord.*

*"You will be my witnesses...to the ends of the earth!"*

*Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church*

*Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m., 6:00 p.m. ~ Church School 10:45 a.m. ~ Life Plus Wed., 6:30 p.m.*

## The Weather These Days

Many of us are getting proficient at complaining about the weather these days. After a cold and extra snowy winter, we were all looking for a mild and dry spring. So much for what we were looking for! Rain is not something we need to wish for this spring. I even laughed when a relative in Michigan sent a picture of snow on a campground when the camping season was about to begin. Many of us are wondering if we will even have a spring as we are accustomed to or if we will simply go straight into summer.

While I am not aware of anyone who likes this weather pattern, I am convinced that many would change it if we could. Perhaps that is why God did not put humankind in charge of the weather. We were given the authority to rule over all on earth, a gift that we cannot agree on most of the time. How could we ever agree on what the weather should be? So, instead we grumble. We complain knowing that it will not do any good. I am not even sure if it makes us feel better in the short term or not. Still we continue to do what has no value or ability to change matters one little bit.

I can think of one other place where God did not give us the reigns of control. We may think we control our salvation, but scripture reminds us that we are found by God and called into a condition of grace. If we had to find God on our own, we would be in trouble. For one matter, I am sure we would not all agree on how salvation should come about. Some would make it harder, so only the fittest would find it, while others would make it so easy that it is likely not to mean anything. Such cheap grace, as the easy way is called, reduces the debt we owe to nothing when sin is such an affront to God.

The simple fact that God has such a plan as sending His very own Son to suffer and die shows that sin has an extreme cost. If we cannot control the weather, how much more are we unable to control the cost of sin? Only a loving God could bring such love to bear for the lost. Only a loving God would take such steps to bring the lost into His family.

The invitation to come into God's family is open to all who believe that God is calling sinners to a righteousness not of our own but through grace in Jesus Christ. This is the only way to this righteousness. While some say it is too easy, the cost was unimaginable. There is the affront to God and God's answer to the problem of sin. God gives grace through the storms of sin just as He gives grace through the storms and rain in the weather. What a good God we serve. So why complain about what we cannot change.

Pastor Rus

# What Makes a Dad

God took the strength of a mountain,  
The majesty of a tree,  
The warmth of a summer sun,  
The calm of a quiet sea,  
The generous soul of nature,  
The comforting arm of night,  
The wisdom of the ages,  
The power of the eagle's flight,  
The joy of a morning in spring,  
The faith of a mustard seed,  
The patience of eternity,  
The depth of a family need,  
Then God combined these qualities,  
When there was nothing more to add,  
He knew His masterpiece was complete,  
And so, He called it... Dad.

- Author Unknown

**A father is someone you look  
upto no matter how tall you grow.**

- Unknown



WE LOVE YOU



# June Birthdays/Anniversaries

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## Happy Birthday

- 6/1 Frances VanEllen
- 6/14 Lillian Reints
- 6/18 Chelsea Meester
- 6/25 June Karsjens

## Happy Anniversary

- 6/9 Cory & Kamie Shepard
- 6/10 John & Jodi DeBerg
- 6/20 Clarence & June Karsjens
- 6/28 Rus & Mary Boersma

**Reminder:** If you have anything you'd like included in the Shepherd's Staff, please try to have it to Wendy Armstrong by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. The goal is to have the newsletter in your mailboxes on the last Sunday of the month.



## CRC Service Schedule

	<i>Greeters</i>	<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Coffee*</i>
6/2	Dave & Betty (N) Dennis & Lois (S)	Ken Kramer	Ken & Jan
6/9	Marlyn & Marcia (N) Mike Ascher Family (S)	Joel & Kellen	Dennis & Sharon
6/16	Arnie & Kay (N) Mike Stirling Family (S)	Mark Kramer	Clarence & June
6/23	Melvin R. & Rod Mulder (N) JoLynne & Lauren (S)		Dale & Angie
6/30	John DeBerg Family (N) Marlyn & Marcia (S)		Paul & Gerald

\*If you are unable to serve coffee on your Sunday as listed, please find your replacement. Thank you.

# Things to Do With Dad Word Search

V	V	C	A	M	P	I	N	G	I	U	C	I	E	M	D	P	BASEBALL
W	P	O	O	L	O	Q	I	D	R	B	M	V	G	E	I	F	BBQ
E	H	N	C	X	U	W	X	D	E	V	C	N	Z	N	Y	O	BOWLING
B	E	F	V	U	C	E	S	U	N	I	B	A	G	W	H	O	CAMPING
O	G	N	I	H	S	I	F	Q	N	V	L	P	A	O	J	T	CUDDLE
I	G	A	M	E	S	C	B	C	I	V	O	T	C	T	M	B	DINNER
P	F	Q	G	S	K	G	I	V	D	N	C	K	S	T	X	A	EATOUT
G	L	P	N	M	W	P	A	N	G	H	E	J	H	L	L	L	FISHING
J	O	L	I	Q	M	K	X	R	T	Y	R	J	L	W	A	L	FOOTBALL
T	G	A	T	T	R	H	B	V	D	M	R	A	C	H	H	Z	GAMES
T	W	Y	N	A	U	U	B	B	V	E	B	B	C	F	I	Q	GARDENING
K	S	B	U	N	E	O	Q	Q	N	E	N	A	W	H	K	C	GOLF
N	T	A	H	K	G	L	T	L	S	J	X	I	R	N	I	Q	HIKING
T	R	L	K	J	N	C	D	A	A	G	R	P	N	P	N	Q	HOCKEY
D	O	L	U	S	K	R	B	D	E	K	L	A	T	G	G	G	HUNTING
X	P	G	N	I	L	W	O	B	U	U	R	E	C	C	O	S	KITEFLYING
V	S	Y	A	R	D	W	O	R	K	C	V	I	P	O	N	T	PICNIC
H	R	X	V	K	K	I	T	E	F	L	Y	I	N	G	D	A	PINGPONG