



The Open Door - August 2026

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"Striving to Do What Christ Tells Us through Scripture"

The Month of June and July in pictures

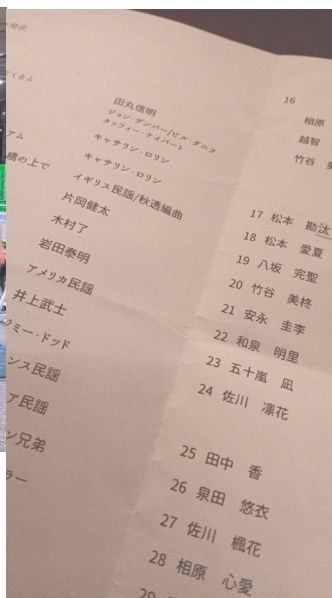


Celebrating Christmas in July
filling Operation Christmas Child
shoeboxes

A mission trip in June to North Carolina



Analysia Cullum is having a great time
in Japan.
She attended her little sister, Nagi's,
piano recital and started her classes.



Pastor's Corner

As many of you know, I have chiseled in a sabbath day every Thursday in my life. I spend time with my two younger grandsons and learn to look at the world through their eyes. It is pleasing to take a break from adulting.

August is like a sabbath month - it is between the deep rest of summer and the high energy of autumn. In the church world, we often treat August as a time of preparation, but I want to invite you to treat it as a time of rest.

Jesus spoke to a crowd of people following him in Matthew 11:28 he said, *"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."* He knew that to serve well, love well and live well, we must periodically step away from the busyness.

Whether you are traveling, enjoying your backyard, or simply trying to stay cool during these warm weeks, remember that rest is not a luxury; it is a spiritual discipline. Our faith is not rooted in how busy we are, but in who God is.

Use this month to renew your soul. Spend a few extra minutes in prayer during the quiet mornings. Take a walk and observe the beauty of God's creation. Play with your grandchildren or someone else's kids (ask them first).

When we gather for worship this month, let it be out of a restful spirit rather than exhaustion. I look forward to seeing how God fills our cups as we prepare for the meaningful work ahead of us this fall.

In Christ,
Pastor Marisol

Breakfast - August 2nd



Join us for a delicious Breakfast Buffet on Sunday, August 2nd from 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM! Come early before the worship service to enjoy yummy food, great conversation, and Christian fellowship. Invite a friend!

It's Summer Movie Time!



Pastor Marisol will hold a series of Summer Movies at 12:30 PM in Rottenberg Hall on Tuesdays, August 4, 11, 18 and 25.

Bring your lunch or some snacks along if you like.

The *Open Door* is a great way to update everybody on what is going on in the church and what your team doing, as well as those seeking out a church online.

Articles for the September *Open Door* are due by Friday, August 14th.

Leave them in the church office mailbox across from the nursery, stop by the church office or e-mail directly to the church office:
bshklch@ptd.net



Happy Birthday greetings for the month:

Joe Bush - August 20

Bob Craver

Rev. Tom Barth

Also a very happy anniversary to Wayne and Theresa Taylor on August 29th!

Volunteers are needed to make dessert for the monthly birthday celebration. See Kristen or call her, 570-994-3056, if you can help.



The Angel's Closet Update

The Angel's Closet continues to be busy throughout the summer. We have made 99 bundles so far this year. We always appreciate the support of our church family; you're a blessing to us.

Here's a few items we could use: size 5 diapers, new bibs, baby washcloths, receiving blankets, and sleepers in 0-12 months sizes for boys and girls.

Thank you all.

If you would like to make an appointment to see Pastor Marisol, call the church office, 570-588-6773.

If you have a mid-week prayer request for our e-mail prayer team please e-mail Jen Schoonover, schooent@ptd.net or call/text her at 570-534-5752.

If you'd like to be on our mailing list to receive the *Open Door*, any other mailings and weather-related updates, please e-mail, bshklch@ptd.net or call the church office, 570-588-6773.

Financial Report - Joe Bush

Month of June 2026:

Income: \$8,189.65

Year to date: \$38,719.54

Budgeted: \$83,870.00

Expenses: \$15,261.43

Year to date: \$117,887.75

Budgeted: \$197,149.71

God bless,
Joseph Bush

The church receives points back from Staples for recycled ink cartridges, which we use for office supplies.

If you have any depleted ink cartridges, please consider leaving them in the church office mailbox located near the nursery or see Mary after the service.

Please bring in your Mignosi's Foodtown receipts.

There is a bin in the narthex for them. Mignosi's generously donates 1% of the receipts minus a few ineligible items.

Thank you!

The *Our Daily Bread* devotional is always available in the narthex as well as large-print editions.

Feel free to take a copy and some extras for your friends and family.