

Happy Birthday to our Seniors!

JULY:

Elsie Evans—July 4

Louise Wilson—July 12

AUGUST:

Janet Haney—August 15

Bill Wilson—August 15

Evelyn Hoffert—August 24

COMING UP IN SEPT:

Bill Haney—Sept. 14

Ada Peters—Sept. 18

Betty Zellner—Sept. 25

Did we miss anyone? If you are a “Senior” Member over age 55 and wish to be included on the birthday list, please call the church office at 610-856-7242.

PARISH REGISTER:

FUNERALS:

6/10/17—Mildred Ludwig, 98. Interment in Robeson Cemetery on 6/17/17.

6/24/17—Barbara Harding, 76. Interment in Wyomissing Cemetery on 6/30/17.

Do we have your **EMAIL ADDRESS**? If not, please send it to ddemarco@dejazzd.com with your name in the subject.



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The Parish Digest From the Pastor:



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¹Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God; for many false prophets have gone out into the world. (1 John 4:1)

⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. (1 Corinthians 12:7-11)

Discerning Queer Christianity - Part 1
Or

How I died to Fundamentalism and was made alive in Christ

On Pentecost Sunday, as part of the sermon, I made an announcement to the congregation that the Church Council, Staff, and I were entering into a discernment process in regards to the possibility of Robeson becoming a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Congregation (i.e. a congregation that fully and publicly welcomes in and accepts people from the LGBTQ+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, etc...) community.

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A mailbox is located outside the church office for anyone who has written information for staff, chairpersons, preschool, or other leaders.

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Dorothy Martin, Treasurer

Abby Moore (youth)

Karen Kercher

FROM OUR MAILBOX:

July 3, 2017

Thank you for your generous donation to the food pantry! Blessings! Howard and Carol, Twin Valley Food Pantry

June 12, 2017

Dear Rev. Ware and members of Robeson Lutheran, Thank you for your donation to Hearts In Hands Community Center Inc. Our mission is to provide educational, emotional, physical, and spiritual support programs for those in need. As a community based charitable organization, we are devoted to serving the people of the tri-county area. The need for committed volunteers and partnering churches who share our common values has never been greater. We are truly blessed to have friends like you.

With gratitude, Dawn Marie Schell, Founder/CEO

Support our Friends and Neighbors:

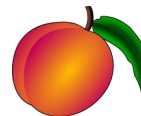
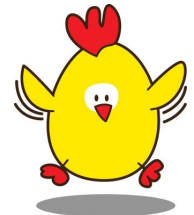
St. Benedict Annual Summer Festival & Chicken BBQ & Fireworks

Saturday, August 5th, 11 a.m.—10 p.m.

Dinners—12 noon until 7p.m. \$10.00 each

Festival with many activities for the whole family and fireworks at dusk.

See you at the festival!



Peach Festival at Alsace Lutheran Church on Sunday, July 16, 4 to 8 p.m. Entertainment provided by Uptown Band, 5-8 p.m. Plenty of food, games, fun and fellowship! Bring your lawn chairs.

Reading Pops Orchestra—Sunday, July 16

Concert in the Park, Wyomissing Stone House, Parkside Drive North, at 6:30 p.m.. Free. Rain-date July 17.





RECYCLING OPPORTUNITIES:

HELP YOUR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY:

Please bring in your used **ink cartridges** (any kind) and we will recycle them at Staples earning \$2 each for the church.

Cell phones, eyeglasses, and hearing aid batteries also continue to be collected for local ministries.

Paper Recycling Bins are located at the rear of Hoeffler Hall to accept your **newspaper, magazines, office paper, "junk" mail, and now phonebooks and cardboard (must be smashed flat)**. Please no plastic; take your paper out of the plastic bags before you throw it in the bin. Thanks for your help!

Please note, we no longer are collecting clothing for Steeple to People. We encourage you to continue to donate your good, used clothing to Steeple to People in Honey Brook or the Reusit Shop or Goodwill in Morgantown. Thank you!

OUR ONGOING FUNDRAISER:

REDNER'S RECEIPTS. We continue to collect Redner's receipts as an ongoing fundraiser. We have just received another check for \$120.62. Marion would like to thank everyone who participates and remind you to always use your gas card when making a purchase at Redners.

Receipts without the gas card number printed on them are invalid and will not be accepted by the store. If you don't yet have a card just ask for one—it's free!

COMMUNITY NEWS:

BREAKFASTS: Geigertown Fire Company—First Sunday; Brecknock Fire Company—Second Sunday; Joanna Furnace—Third Saturday, 7-11 a.m.



JULY & AUGUST SERVICES



JULY 2—HOLY COMMUNION - 9:00 a.m.
10:30 Sr. Youth Sunday Church School

JULY 9—HOLY COMMUNION - 9:00 a.m.
10:30-12:30—Lay Eucharistic Training

JULY 16—WORSHIP—9:00 a.m.
10:30 Sr. Youth Sunday Church School

JULY 23—PRAISE SERVICE; SPECIAL MUSIC SUN.—9 a.m.
Joyful Noise Offering for Special Olympics
10:30 Youth Committee Meeting

JULY 30—YOUTH SUNDAY— 9:00 a.m. Please join us as the Robeson Senior Youth participate in the service, and deliver a sermon skit "Parables" for the Gospel message. There will be no children's church at this service.



AUG. 6—HOLY COMMUNION—9:00 a.m.
Discussion Series on Martin Luther
(every Sunday in August)
"Reflections on Luther's Works"

AUG. 13—HOLY COMMUNION—9:00 a.m.
Youth Car Wash Fundraiser at Sonic 11-2

AUG. 20—WORSHIP—9:00 a.m.
Youth Committee following the service

AUG. 27—PRAISE SERVICE—9:00 a.m.
Joyful Noise offering for Safe Berks

Naturally, the congregation of Robeson will have the most important role in this process, and so we will be looking to offer educational opportunities to the membership of Robeson and seeking their input in this process of discernment.

With that in mind, I thought it prudent to offer you some insight into why I feel this is an important process for us to enter into as a congregation, and why it is my hope that we would ultimately decide together to become a RIC congregation here at Robeson.

So let me take you on a little jaunt through my own personal history. I was born in 1975 and thus my early childhood was lived out in the 1980's. As many of you know I was raised in the church, St. Mark's Lutheran to be exact, in York, Pa. Though I was raised in a Lutheran church, I nevertheless developed as a Fundamentalist (someone who reads the Bible extremely literally) and to that end I learned early on to "love the sinner, but hate the sin!"

However, if I am really honest, it was hard at times to love the sinner and hate the sin. In fact, more often than not, I hated BOTH the sinner and the sin. And thanks to the church, my school, my family, and the news media of the day, I quickly learned to turn my "Christian" hatred towards a group of people that were said to be ruining our "Godly society" with their immoral lifestyle; the Homosexuals.

Indeed, in the 80's it was self-understood that Homosexuals were a danger to American society; what with their vulgar parades and public displays of affection and, even more so, with the onset of the AIDS epidemic with which society and certain religious denominations now had a field day to turn Homosexuality into a scapegoat for the deadly illness.

Growing up in the midst of all this, you can be sure that my attitude towards the LGBT community of the 1990's was not a positive one. In fact, I found great delight in reading over the Bible passages often used (even to this day) to reject homosexuality and zealously defending my position against the few heretics and apostates who dared to challenge (cont. p 5)



MINISTRIES AVAILABLE TO OUR SENIORS, SHUT-INS, SICK, ETC.:

CD Ministry—CD's of the weekly services are being mailed out to all those senior, sick or and shut-in members who cannot attend church services.

Large Print Devotionals—these are the same as our small, daily devotionals but have larger print for those needing it.

Prayer Shawls—These are available for sick, hospitalized, shut-in or senior members who would like one. They are very comforting to those who have received them. Recipients do not need to be a member of Robeson so please take them for others who would like them.

Robeson Hammers—Helping members in need with minor repairs at home, mainly small projects that would make their homes safer or more comfortable.

Home Visits—Our visitation team now trained to bring Holy Communion is visiting a number of our seniors and shut-ins and would be more than happy to visit others if invited. It is our hope to visit with and bring Holy Communion to each shut-in and homebound member of Robeson up to 6 times a year. If you would like a visit, and have not yet been visited by a member of our team, please feel free to contact Pastor Michael or call the church office 610-856-7242.)

If you have a need or request for any of the above ministries, please call the church office and we will be happy to help you.

The **Berks County Area Agency on Aging** is available to help you over the phone. Please call their office at 610-478-6500 and a staff member will be able to explain available services, answer questions and provide information on programs and community resources for you, family members or anyone you know who is 60 years of age and older. Please don't hesitate to give them a call.

Men's Group

MEN'S
BREAKFASTS



The men of Robeson Lutheran Church continue to meet for breakfast and fellowship on the second Saturday of each month at 7:30 a.m. here in our own Hoeffler Hall. This is a great opportunity to get to know your brothers in Christ and learn more about your faith through brief bible study and mutual conversation. Come and see how the men of Robeson live out their discipleship. The next Men's Breakfasts are scheduled for **July 8 and August 12.**

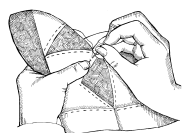
Robeson Robins Senior Group

The Robeson Robins attending The Music Man at the Ephrata Playhouse, will meet at the church on July 20 at 6 p.m. and will return about 10 p.m. No food included in this event, please eat before you leave.



The group will be celebrating Everyone's Birthday on August 15 with the Horizon Singers from Berks Encore. The fun begins at 12 noon with a covered dish luncheon—please bring a dish to share.

If you are 55 or over and able to attend Tuesday meetings/trips once a month please consider joining the group. Call Billie if you would like more information about the Robeson Robins.



QUILTING GROUP

QUILT TILL YOU WILT every first Saturday of the month from 9-2. If you like to “quilt” which includes cutting, sewing, and knotting, (no experience necessary) then maybe Quilt Till You Wilt is for you. More sewers, quilters,

knotters are needed. If you would like to try this art, please feel free to join the group on the first Saturday or call Cindy Stewart for more information (610-856-7041).

DID YOU KNOW? We have wheelchairs, potty chairs, shower chairs, canes, crutches, and walkers to loan out to anyone who might need one for a time. Please call the church office (610-856-7242) to make arrangements for pick-up of items.

my perspective. (Reflecting on all this is not pleasant for me, but it is cathartic.)

To sum it all up for you, at that time in my life (early to late teens), I might have easily become one of those pseudo-Christians who go to a LGBT funeral and hold up a “God Hates Fags” sign; however, that was not to be.

To this day I recognize that it could only have been the Holy Spirit working in my heart that ultimately pushed me to reflect on the person I had become and to realize that something was truly amiss in my life. Yeah, I called myself a Christian, but there was little in my life or hateful attitude towards others that was Christ-like.

Truthfully, there is much to be said about the change in heart that I experienced, but in keeping it short, in the course of a decade (1993-2003), I underwent a significant personal, spiritual, and theological transformation in which I realized that so much of what I had thought and believed and understood in regards to the Christian faith was in fact contrary to the scriptures, contrary to the faith, and most certainly contrary to the life and example of Jesus Christ.

And to be clear, much of this learning took place as I moved away from my fundamentalistic tendency of using the Bible as a tool to suit my own personal views and agenda, and instead began to study the Bible as GOD'S LIVING WORD; a collection of inspired writings, each with their own historical context, original language, and variety of literary style and perspective. (In fact it would be fair to say that I study the Bible as God's Word much more seriously now than I ever did when I was a fundamentalist.)

To that end, the man I am today, and the Pastor that God's people and the Holy Spirt have called me to be is one who recognizes that the LGBTQ+ community are indeed God's people too, and that their sexual orientation is not sinful but merely another facet of God's wondrous variety of creation! And for this reason, I firmly believe in my heart of hearts that God loves them just as they are and for whom they are.

Of course, I recognize that, for me, (continued on page 6)

this process of theological and spiritual change took a decade, and unfortunately here at Robeson it is not reasonable to make our LGBTQ+ brothers and sisters wait that long for us to publicly reveal our intentions towards them. (I.e. Will we allow a gay couple to be married at Robeson? Will we support and affirm our LGBTQ members and their families and friends? Will we be a “Light on the Hill” for ALL people, or only for some people?)

I know this all a lot to take in, and I suppose I don’t blame you if you stopped reading back in the beginning when you saw the word Queer. Nevertheless, it is my hope that perhaps this brief insight into my own faith story or some aspects of this article might cause you to desire further conversation. Coming in September – Part 2.

Your brother in Christ,
PASTOR MICHAEL



SUMMER FUN DAY

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 4-7 P.M.

At the Plowville Ball Field and Pavilion

Live music by Amhurst Avenue, a Classic Rock Band

Food Games Crafts for Kids

Craft/flea market items for sale

(free space, bring your own table;

to RSVP or for more information call 610-856-7242)

This is intended to be a fun day for all ages! Invite your friends and neighbors. Please come out and enjoy the Festivities; bring lawn chairs or blankets. Free admission, donations to the youth going to the 2018 Youth Gathering will be appreciated.

YOUTH CAR WASH—August 13, 11-2 at Sonic in Morgantown. Your support is greatly appreciated!

THIS AND THAT AT ROBESON LUTHERAN:



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!! We have posted volunteer sheets on the bulletin board in the new foyer. If you are willing to help during any of the worship services please sign up on this board. There are lists for acolytes, lectors, ushers, greeters, sound technicians, worship assistants, and communion servers. We appreciate and need our volunteers!

ALTAR GUILD: Altar care volunteers are still needed for 2017. If you are willing to serve on altar care for a month with at least one other volunteer please call Marion Kachel (610-856-1683) or the church office.

REMINDERS:

Committee reports are due in the church office on the first Thursday of the month for the council meeting which will be held on the 2nd Thursday.

All Property concerns and requests should be brought to the attention of Dale Creed or the church office. Please do not take concerns directly to the Property Committee. Thanks for your help with this.

PARISH DIGEST DEADLINE: Articles for the September newsletter are due in the office by August 15 .

ALTAR FLOWERS and BULLETIN SPONSORS: Please check with Linell in the church office for any openings. Reminder: Altar flowers cost is \$33 and bulletins are \$25.

IMPORTANT:

- Any group or individual sponsoring special projects, collections, etc. please contact Bill Haney (Social Ministry) for coordination purposes and Debbie at the church office for advertising these events and projects.
- Any committee or group that has events etc. to advertise in the area papers should please copy to Linell at lmrm52@aol.com.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Income for May:	\$ 13,649.60
Other Income:	\$ 1,188.73 (in/out)
Electronic deposit 4/14	99.70
Checks issued for May:	\$ 25,141.61
Checking balance brought forth:	\$ 522.21
Transfer from Special Funds	\$10,000.00
Checking balance as of 5/31/17	\$ 328.63

Unpaid Bills: None
I/O Accounts: \$773.00

Respectfully submitted, Dorothy Martin, Treasurer

SPECIAL FUNDS REPORT:

Special funds received in May	\$ 5.00
Church Directory	\$ 70.00
Community Activities	\$ 56.00
Outflow: Photo Directory	\$ 320.00
Checking Account balance 5/31/17	\$19,311.15

-Kay Good, Treas. Spec. Funds



An important announcement about E-giving!

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE SIGNED UP FOR E-GIVING. We would like to remind those who are using E-giving to please go to the site and check your number of donations. Some members have noticed that their giving had stopped due to their number of donations having been reached. You now have the option to enter 999 to keep your giving going indefinitely until you choose to stop giving. E-giving is an ongoing service offered here at Robeson Lutheran. You can sign up on our church website at www.robesonlutheranchurch.org and look for the **“Donate Now”** button. Thank you for considering this giving opportunity that allows you to be good stewards of God's gifts even when you are unable to attend services.



SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL VS. CHILDREN'S CHURCH

The Christian Ed. committee has been wrestling with how to promote Christian Education with our children. Traditional Sunday School is suffering from low attendance. However, it is felt by all on the committee that it is important to educate our preschoolers through 6th grade in the major characters and stories of the Bible in some type of “formal setting”. After much thought and research the group decided to try holding Children's Church during the worship service beginning in June when only one worship service is held. This requires two people, both of whom need clearances, and very little preparation. Sue Creed has the material so it is a matter of showing a DVD, reading a Bible story and doing a craft or playing a game. The children are in the sessions about forty minutes. There are two different schedules. On communion Sundays the children leave immediately following the announcements and return in time for communion. There is **no children's talk** these weeks. On non-communion Sundays the children remain in church until **the end of the children's talk**. They then go to class and don't return until parents pick them up in the church nursery room following the service. This is being done on a trial basis for the summer and it will be determined what will happen with our children's educational format for the fall in August. Should you have any comments on this please feel free to contact Sue Creed or Pastor Michael.



CHURCH PICNIC! We will once again be holding our annual picnic at the pavilion on Sunday, September 3 after the 9:00 a.m. service. Mark your calendar and plan to join your friends for a meal and fellowship. Please bring a covered dish and/or dessert to share. Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and drinks will be provided. Beer and wine are permitted for those over 21 who wish to bring some to enjoy during the picnic. Visitors/guests are always welcome! See you at the picnic.



ZUMBA Monday and Wednesday evenings at 6:30. Zumba is a Latin inspired, cardio workout that is so fun you don't realize your working out. Dance yourself into shape this summer!

All levels are welcome. \$7 drop-in, or \$30 for 6 classes. There's still lots of time to join in the fun this summer! Contact Julie at Julierodeck@yahoo.com for more information or just show up for a class!



FALL ACTIVITIES—IN THE PLANNING STAGES!

- **RALLY DAY**, September 17 at 9:00 a.m.
- **WEDNESDAY COMMUNITY NIGHT KICK-OFF**, is tentatively set for September 20th. There will be a meal and then a program suitable for all ages. More information will follow concerning this event.
- **HARVEST HOME**, September 24 at both services, 7:45 & 10:15 a.m.
- **TRUNK OR TREAT**, Friday, October 27. This community event is FREE! Please invite your friends and neighbors and bring the whole family!
- **REFORMATION 500**, Sunday, October 29. Plans are underway for this very special celebration. As part of the celebration, on October 4, 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Community Night will feature "What I Learned in Lutherland" by Steve Seyfried, playwright and actor. You won't want to miss Steve's presentation of stories, photos and historical insights. Invite your friends and neighbors (they don't have to be Lutheran!)

LEAVING A LEGACY THAT GOES BEYOND DEATH

When we recall the names of the faithful who have died, our minds are often filled with precious memories. In our thoughts we are reminded that we are their legacy, that is to say, much of what we have – in both material and non-material things – has been handed down to us from them. But what will we hand down to those who follow? How will we be remembered by those who come after us? Will we leave more than an empty spot in a pew?

As you plan for the distribution of your assets at your death, please consider a charitable bequest to Robeson Lutheran Church. This is one way your faith can be transferred to the next generation. This, and other types of planned gifts, can undergird our congregation's ministry in perpetuity, providing resources that will allow future generations of Christians to worship, serve others, and continue the vital ministries of this church.

If you have questions about planned giving, you can talk to your personal financial advisor or speak to our congregational Thrivent representative John Lauer at his Morgantown office (610)-286-5986.



THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS: Our thanks to those members/friends of the congregation who have designated Robeson Lutheran Church as the charity of choice for their Thrivent Choice Dollars. If you have received a letter from Thrivent indicating that you are eligible for this plan, please consider our congregation as you help direct Thrivent Financial's charitable funds.



ROBESON FAMILY AND FRIENDS GAME NIGHT: Our next game night will be held on Friday, July 14 and August 11, from 6-8 p.m.

These evenings of fun and games have been enjoyed by those who have been coming and new people are always appreciated! Everyone is welcome however, an adult must accompany children under age 12. Bring your family, bring a guest, bring a snack to share, bring your favorite game to play, or just bring yourself!



Amy Schade's Exercise Class continues here T & Th through August. Contact Amy if you'd like to try her class; those who attend are glad they do! 610-582-9044.

CHRIST'S HANDS

In World War II, bombs destroyed a church in Strasbourg, France. As parishioners cleared the rubble, they discovered a statue of Jesus that was now missing both hands.

A visiting sculptor later offered to make repairs, but church members declined, saying Christ "has no hands to minister to the needy or feed the hungry or enrich the poor — except our hands. He inspires. We perform."

St. Teresa of Avila wrote:

Christ has no body but yours;

no hands, no feet on earth but yours.

Yours are the eyes with which he looks compassion on this world.

Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.

Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world.

Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body.

Christ has no body now but yours.

CHURCH FUNDRAISERS

sponsored by the Outreach Committee:



- **ANNUAL CHICKEN BARBECUE**, September 24, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.. Tickets are \$9.00 and include half a chicken (freshly roasted here), baked potato, apple sauce and roll. Baked goods will also be for sale. If you would like tickets stop by the church office or see any member of the Outreach Committee.



- **FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS** on October 17th at Boscovs! A \$5.00 donation (all \$5 goes to our church) will get you a 25% discount coupon to be used all day at any Boscov store. We have the potential to make \$1000 so please support this fundraiser! Tickets are available NOW in the church office or from any member of the Outreach Committee.
- **BAZAAR**—November 4th! Mark your calendar.

THINK AHEAD: How can you help organize a fund-raising event and receive \$250 in start up funds? It's easy if you form a **Thrivent Action Team!** If you would like more information about forming a team for a fundraiser in our church or your community please contact John Lauer (610-286-5986) or the church office (610-856-7242).

ROBESON YOUTH EVENTS:

SR. YOUTH ACTIVITIES FOR JULY:

Summer Youth Lock-In—beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, July 28 until 8:00 a.m. Saturday, July 29. Activities will include:

- 6-7 Paolo's Pizza (courtesy of Pastor Michael); Ice Breaker
- 7-8:30 Kickball Korner with younger youth invited
- 8:30-10 Devotional, craft
- 10-12 Movie with popcorn
- 12-1 "Murder" the game
- 1-2:30 Bonfire with smores and hotdogs
- 2:30-3:30 Laser Tag
- 3:30-5:30 Human Hungry Hippos game and free time
- 5:30-6:30 Sunrise Scavenger Hunt
- 6:30-8 Pancake Breakfast, clean-up

West Berks Mission District sponsored events:

- **FAMILY FUN DAY at FRENCH CREEK!**
Wednesday, July 26th, beginning at 10:30 a.m.
Meet at the pool parking lot at 10:30 a.m. The Naturalist will lead some activities for us including a nature walk. We'll have some VBS type activities with a Bible Story, craft and games in the pavilion. Then we'll have hotdogs, chips and watermelon for lunch and spend the afternoon swimming in the huge pool!
Cost is \$10 per person/ maximum \$30 per family
Wear sneakers and bring your swimsuit and a towel. Plan to have FUN! Registration forms are available in the church office or call Dawn for more information (610-375-8303).
- **MUSIC CAMP**—August 7 – 11, 2017 9:30 am – 12 noon at Atonement Lutheran Church, Wyomissing, for youth who have completed grades 1-6. Show on Friday at 1:00 p.m. Everyone welcome to come and enjoy the show! Ice cream social will follow.



THE SENIOR YOUTH GROUP is holding the following fundraisers to help cover their costs to attend the 2018 national youth event in Houston, Texas. Contact Tyler at twern9@gmail.com to support fundraisers or with any questions.

- **Sandwich Tickets:** The youth have restocked sandwich tickets and are ready for new and old customers to purchase some to be used for the delicious hoagies at Weaver's Orchard. Cost is \$5 and they never expire! See Tyler Werner or stop by the church office during the Week to purchase tickets.
- **Giant gift cards**—Do you do your grocery shopping at Giant or would you like to start doing so? If your answer to this question is yes then this is the fundraiser for you! The youth group is selling Giant gift cards that you can use to buy your groceries (or give as gifts to others) and they receive 5%. If only 10 members purchased \$100 worth of gift cards each week, we would receive \$50 a week or \$2,500 each year—free and clear profit! There is no extra money from your pocket. Please sign up with Tyler or call the church office to purchase cards. Thanks to those who continue to purchase cards to support our youth. Contact Tyler at twern9@gmail.com for more information. Thank you!



CAR WASH Sunday, August 13
after the 9:00 a.m. service, to be held at Sonic in Morgantown.
Please come out and support this Senior Youth Fundraiser!