

CHURCH SERVICES

- Victory Church**
645 E. Main St.,
Troy, PA 16947
570-297-1060
Sunday's 9 a.m. & 11
a.m., Wednesday's 6:30
p.m.
- Calvary Alliance
Chapel**
12676 Rt. 14 North
Pastor John Ishler
570-250-5068
Sun. School: 9 a.m.
Worship: 10:45 a.m.
Thurs.: 7:30 p.m.
prayer meeting
- Canton
Seventh-Day
Adventist Church**
Corner of E.
Union & Elm St.
Pastor Mark Cockerham
503-409-0759
pastormarkcockerham@
gmail.com
Saturday Sabbath:
9 a.m.
Sabbath School:
10:30 a.m.
Prayer meeting: 3 p.m.
Thursdays
- Church of Christ
(Disciples of Christ)**
170 N. Minnequa, Ave.
Canton
Pastor Nancy Beahm
Sunday School 9 a.m.
Worship 10:15 a.m.
570-673-5796
- Coryland Baptist/
Presbyterian**
Hickory Rd, Coryland
Worship: 10:00 a.m.
- East Canton
United Methodist**
Pastor Jennifer Jones
570-673-5200
Praise/Prayer: 10:15
a.m. Worship: 10:30
a.m.
- East Troy Baptist
Church**
Rt. 6, East. Troy
Worship service:
9:30 a.m.
- West Burlington
United Methodist**
Pastor Helen Learn
570-721-1009
Sun. Worship: 9 a.m.
- Faith Baptist Church**
3451 Rt. 414, Canton
Sun. School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.
Evening Service: 6 p.m.
John Lattimer, Pastor
- Faith Community Unit-
ed Methodist** Big Pond
Location (Oct.-Mar.)
Wetona Location
(Apr.-Sept.)
(Wetona/Mt. Pisgah
St. Park Rd.) Worship
Service: 10:15 a.m.
Children's Sun. School:
10:15 a.m.
Pastor Jennifer Wolf
- Springfield
Baptist Church**
3093 Springfield Road,
Columbia Cross Roads
Worship 10 a.m.
Sunday School 8:45
a.m. Wednesday
Prayer 7:30 p.m.
570-297-3111
- Grace Community
Church**
Bradley Hall, Columbia
Cross Roads
Worship: 10 a.m.
Pastor Dylan Pepper
- St. Paul's
Episcopal Church**
130 Elmira St., Troy
Holy Eucharist, Sun.:
10:30 a.m. Reverend
Mother Hazel Hunt
**Ward United
Methodist Church**
Worship, Sun.: 9:15 a.m.
Sun. School: 10:45 a.m.
- Windfall United
Methodist Church**
Windfall Road,
Granville Summit
Worship: 8:45 a.m.
Pastor Ken Brown
- Holy Trinity
United Methodist**
Canton Street, Troy
Worship 10:15 a.m.
570-297-3070
Pastor is Ken Brown.
- Troy Baptist Church**
579 Canton St., Troy
Pastor Lynn Lockwood
570-371-8432
Sunday School - 9:30
a.m.,
- Worship - 11 a.m. kev-
inleezufall@gmail.com,
www.everydaydevotion.
org
- Granville Center
Church Of Christ**
Sun. School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 10:45 a.m.
- First Christian
Church Of Alba
(Disciples Of Christ)**
74 Church Drive, Alba
Sun. School: 9 a.m.
Worship: 10 a.m.
Assoc. Pastor: Charlotte
Morse
570-673-8262
- Gillett Baptist Church**
Route 14, Gillett
Pastor Micky Cavana-
ugh,
570-596-2175
Sun. School: 9 a.m.
Worship: 10:15 a.m.
- Grover
Church of Christ**
Sun. Worship: 9:45 a.m.
Sun. School 11 a.m.
- LeRoy
Independent
Baptist Church**
301 Mill Street Canton
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship Service 11 a.m.
Pastor: Ron Bly
570-364-5262
leroyindependentbaptist.
org
- Leona Open Arms
Ministry**
3393 Leona Road
Troy, PA 16947
Sunday School: 9 a.m.
Service: 9:30 a.m.
- Lighthouse Church**
125 E Main St, Canton
570-673-5912
Pastor Sean Tymeson
Prayer 9 a.m., Worship
10:30 a.m., Sermon
11 a.m., Light the Fire
regional worship service
every third Monday of
the month 7 p.m. All are
welcome
- New Life Church**
299 McMurray Rd.,
Canton
Pastor David Ayer
Sun. Life Classes:
9 a.m.
Sun. Service: 10 a.m.
Youth Group: 6 p.m.
- North Street
Community**
177 North St., Canton
Cafe Open: 8:30 a.m.
Sun. School: 9:15 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Co-Pastors:
Keegan Wright
*Lou Tsiknas
*Jay Good
*Tom Roe
*Interim Co-Pastors
**North Union
Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)**
15520 Rt. 414 West,
Canton
Traditional Worship
Services,
Sun., 9:30 a.m.
Duane L. Taylor, Minister
- Shunk UMC**
Rt. 154
Sun. School: 10 a.m.
Worship, Sun.: 11 a.m.
Bible Study, Thurs.: 2
p.m.
- St. John's United
Methodist
Grover**
Worship, Sun.: 9:30 a.m.
Sun. School: 10:45 a.m.
- St. Michael
Roman Catholic
Parish**
Canton: Sat., 4 p.m.
Ralston: Sun., 8 a.m.
Canton: 9:30 a.m.
Troy: 11:15 a.m.
- Vine and Branch
Fellowship**
5230 Route 14
Roaring Branch, PA
17765
(T) (570) 673-5517
Matt Weimeyer
Church - 10 a.m.
Sunday school after
church
- Wheelerville
Independent
Community
Bible Church**
45 Wheelerville Rd.
Shunk, PA. 17768

Healing Hints by Kenneth Marple

The Inalienable Right to Change Your Mind

It's not that this country started out perfect, or even that it started out right. There was a lot that wasn't right when it started. For example, most African-Americans and many Native Americans were slaves, while women had few rights and couldn't vote. Who would say that such things are right? In fact, in many places only property owners could vote --it wasn't even enough to be a white male, if you happened to be broke. Declaring that "all Men are created equal" in the Declaration of Independence didn't, in fact, give all equal opportunity, or even equal freedom under the law. It was, however, a good "aspirational idea" --and people noticed.

Still, this new government recognized that "all men ...are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights." A few of these rights were vaguely listed, such as: "Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness." So, why was the major portion of the population deprived of these

Divine rights? I have a strong hunch that few people even realized the inequality. That's the way it is --we rarely notice what's wrong with the things we take for granted. After all, we're good, well-meaning people, aren't we?

Perhaps the most valued of all American rights is the inalienable right to change our minds. Without that one right, we would have been stuck at the starting gate. Up until now, we Americans have known how to change our minds. We don't always see where we are wrong; but, when we do, we reserve the right to change our minds. When I started in my first ministry, the then Governor of Alabama, George C. Wallace, (1968 presidential candidate, receiving 46 electoral votes and nearly 10 million popular votes) was an avowed racist. When he died on September 13, 1998, few would have recognized that old George Wallace; he had become a soft-spoken man who was not a racist and had many African-American friends. Why? George Wallace changed his mind --said he was

wrong back then and sorry for what he did.

Robert McNamara was Secretary of Defense from 1961 to 1968. If you read his book on the Vietnam War, you will find that he changed his mind about Vietnam. As more information came in, Colin Powell changed his mind about Iraq having "weapons of mass destruction." When things become more clear, we have a duty to "change our minds."

We complain about politicians when they change their minds. We say that they wimp out, waffle, vacillate, flip-flop, and aren't to be trusted. Yet, would anyone really want to elect a person who could not collect additional information, give up prejudices, rethink things and change his or her mind? We even criticize politicians when they change their minds to agree with us --I'd think we would be delighted! But, no; somehow, it is evil to change our minds.

Think about it; we're all born knowing absolutely nothing. We still don't know much. The only safeguard we have is the right to change our

minds. Many mental health treatments are built upon the idea of changing the way we think. The cornerstone of Christianity has always been the word repentance, which is derived from two Greek words, meta (to change) and noia (mind). I feel reasonably safe so long as I retain my inalienable right to change my mind. You see, like George Wallace, Colin Powell, and Robert McNamara, I feel quite certain that I might still be wrong about some things. In fact, for me, the most dangerous politician is the one who is too proud to change his or her mind. For Heaven's sake, anyone ought to know that the only person who doesn't need to change his mind is God, himself. Yes, even Christianity itself cannot exist in any reasonable, reconciling fashion without the right to say, "I'm sorry, I was wrong."

Canton Church of Christ

"Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the LORD'S purpose that prevails." Proverbs 19:21 (NIV)

Summer is almost here and most of us are making plans to make the most of our time -- both at work and leisure. VACATION! Our church will be offering a Vacation Bible School (VBS) from June 24th to June 28th. The theme this year is SCUBA! -- diving into friendship with God. More information regarding times and registration will be announced soon. There will be other VBS opportunities offered in our communities for all children to attend. Another way to spend quality leisure time is to send children to Christian Summer Camps which are available through the auspices of local churches.

Sunday School begins 9:00 AM and classes are offered for every age group. Worship begins at

10:15 AM each Sunday with an Elder preaching the Word of God. Also included is a children's message, music, and Holy Communion.

Senior Choir rehearsals are scheduled each Wednesday from 7:00-8:00 P.M. and meets in the Choir Room.

Prayer Shawl Ministry continues to meet every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 1:00 - 2:30 in the parlor.

Feed My Lambs is an ongoing ministry which provides a meal to those in their time of need or celebration. Call Marilyn at 814-204-2763 with a name and phone number if you are aware of this need.

Office Hours are Tuesday through Thursday from 9 AM to 2 PM. Contact the church by phone at 570-673-5796 or by writing to 170 N. Minnequa Avenue, Canton, PA 17724. Messages will be promptly answered.

Think about this by Eric Smith

"I tell you this so that no one may deceive you by fine-sounding arguments. For though I am absent from you in body, I am present with you in spirit and delight to see how orderly you are and how firm your faith in Christ is." Colossians 2:4-5, New International Version. Paul has shown the supremacy of Christ and how he has labored for the Church. He has shown the mystery which was hidden, now revealed; to be Jesus Christ. Also, after showing his concern for their relationship with Jesus Christ, Paul warns them of the threats they will face. When you understand fully what the previous verses revealed about Christ, you will understand the warning Paul is giving in these verses and the rest of the letter.

"I tell you this so that no one may deceive you by fine-sounding arguments." One of the ways in which Christians could be deceived is "by fine-sounding arguments." The Greek word translated "deceive" or "delude" is the idea of being false or of being led into false teachings. "fine-sounding arguments" is the kind of language lawyers used to convince the jury an individual is innocent when they are guilty. Paul is saying to the Colossians and therefore, to all Christians if what sounds like it is possible and yet it does not agree with what the Scripture teachings, then it is false teaching contrary to what the Lord taught. Just remember what Wilbur Fields wrote in "Philippians-Colossians-Philemon," "There are glib tongues advocating every imaginable religious idea. Many people are misled by eloquent speech." Every Christian needs to be like the Bereans as recorded in Acts 17:11, "Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scripture every day to see if

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what Paul said was true". If you follow what the Bereans did in searching out the truth, and then obey the truth you will be on your way to being with Jesus.

"For though I am absent from you in body, I am present with you in spirit." Remember, Paul was in prison in Rome when he wrote this letter and therefore, was not able at that time to visit the Colossians. Just because he was not able to be there physically does not mean he did not care for them. Paul always prayed for each congregation that he knew about. Every letter Paul wrote has one or more prayers in it or refers to his praying for them. The welfare of the Churches was constantly on Paul's mind.

Paul "delight to see how orderly you are and how firm your faith in Christ is." Any minister is delighted when he hears they are doing well in their walk with the Lord Jesus Christ. The Colossians were firmly established in their walk with Christ. They knew the truth and were being faithful to Jesus Christ. They were continually growing in their relationship with Jesus Christ and therefore, would not give in to the false teachings which came their way. How is your walk with Jesus Christ? Are you being faithful to the truth revealed in the Scripture? Search the Scripture to know the truth and then obey it. THINK ABOUT HOW FIRM YOUR FAITH IN CHRIST IS AND THEN, STRIVE TO BE MORE FAITHFUL IN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS!!!

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