



The TrumBulletin

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Lessons from a Lightning Bug

Seeing lightning bugs put on their show always brings a wave of nostalgia. Remembering as a kid chasing and catching them ,putting them in a mason jar with holes punched into the top and grass inside the jar.

The lightning bug , firefly or their official name Lampyridae use their light to communicate .

As I watched their magical show I I thought of the Bible's instructions to "let your light shine".

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. (John 1:5)

Darkness cannot stop the light. Even the small light on the underside of a beetle dispels the darkest night. Wherever the beetle shines its light, the dark is illuminated with a glow. It is the same with Jesus – He is our light. His Word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path (Psalm 119: 105).

Let your light shine before others. (Matthew 5:16)

The lightning bugs were eager and enthusiastic about sharing their light. Each species has a unique flash pattern and intensity of glow. They use their light to attract other lightning bugs. May we be eager to share the light of Jesus

Send me your light and your truth. (Psalm 43:3)

. May our lives draw others to come and follow Jesus.

The light is better than the dark. (Ecclesiastes 2:13)

Did you know there is a species of lightning bug – *Photinus carolinus* – that has the amazing ability to flash synchronously? All of them flash in unison. You can see this naturally occurring phenomenon in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. It is such a sought-after event that a lottery is held to choose who can come to see it.

Let us all shine our light for the world to see.

Margaret (excerpts from (Deb del Villar)

NEWS & NOTES

July 19- 1pm- Craft day for VBS at church building-any help is appreciated. July 25-6:30 pm Help needed to set up tables and tents for VBS. 2 tents still needed.	If you are not receiving Sat, e-mails check your spam or junk folder and move to inbox to get future emails.	July 26- VBS 11 am - 2pm Food/supply sign up list is posted on the back door. July- Tidal River Christian Camp- if interested in helping see Pat Keller	<i>Our in house food pantry could use a boost</i>
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Prayer Requests

*Pray for **Gus** who is home recovering after being hospitalized this past week.

*Pray for Joanne and Bob's grandson, **Leo**, who is in YNHH for testing.

*Pray for **Allie and Cherie** as Al cares for her and decisions concerning her care.

*Pray for **Desirine Forbes** who is hospitalized being treated for CHF.

*Pray for Nancy Melson's husband, **Gerry**, recently diagnosed with cardiac amyloidosis.

*Pray for Doreen Palmer's dgtr., **Christina**, hospitalized for malnutrition and several medical issues.

*Pray for **Angela Webber** who is experiencing intense back pain.

*Pray for **Rosalyn Thomas** who is returning to Grenada to care for her mother.

*Pray for **Olivia Likely** (Ashley's sister) who is dealing with severe pain due to Trigeminal neuralgia.

*Pray for **Greg Belcher (and wife Lori)**, he is in the critical burn unit after coming into contact with voltage.

*Pray for Barb Wangerin's dgtr., **April**, who had brain surgery in the past and is now experiencing symptoms again. Also for an immediate family member who took his life.

*Pray for Cindy Holly's cousin, **Seth**, serving in the military, stationed in Tehran.

*Pray for Debbie Christy's nephew's wife **Monica Christy**, who is suffering two forms of cancer.

*Pray for those dealing with cancer and chemo treatments- **Judith Gomez, Cohen** (Ron's friend), **Tom Byer**

***Prayers for all those who have lost loved ones this past year.**

*Pray for **families, relatives, friends and people we are reaching out to**, that they may turn to the Lord. Special prayers **for our church leaders.**

Prayers for all families caring for their elderly or sick loved ones: Allie Saracino-Cherie, Bob and Joanne Discala-Virginia, Gina Porto

***Pray for those suffering from long term illnesses:** Deserine Forbes, Emille Jones, Mike Ross, Ted & Toni Bonadio, Kevin Early, Nadine Keller, Greg & Linda Cerminara, Pat Yagowski. Meegan and Irene, Nuris Gomez, Mildred, Karen O, Anthony Katz, Jasmyn Malagutti, Daniel Ruiz., Zak Pappas Fernandes, Jim Walkup's brother (Sam), Lance Flood, Zach Saracino, Joshua Ruiz, Brody Streety & all children with diabetes.

***Opportunities** to serve: any men willing to participate in worship service in other capacities for the church, please contact Bruce Post. Anyone interested in leading and/or helping with the building or church house maintenance please contact Bruce Pancoast.

Please bring nonperishable food items for the **Spooner House** - a list of all items needed is on back table: Jelly/Jam/Peanut Butter, Cereal/Oatmeal, Canned Meats: Chicken, Tuna, Corned Beef Hash, Canned Ravioli/Tomatoes, Pasta Sauce, Canned Fruit/Applesauce, Crackers/Snacks, Pancake Mix/Syrup, Ramen, Hamburger/Tuna Helper, Baked beans/Pork and Beans, Canned/Dried Beans (i.e. Black, Chick Pea, Cannellini, Kidney, Pinto), Rice/Rice-A-Roni, Soup/Stew/Chili, Instant/Canned Potatoes/Yams. Bring these food items to the building to be delivered to the Spooner House. Please make sure that items do not have expired dates. Thank you,

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Wednesday Night Bible Study

7:00 pm via zoom

Bible class Sun. 10 am, worship service 11am

Online bible class and worship service go to our website:

trumbullchurchofchrist.org

Week of 7/13/25

Song Leader: Bruce Pancoast

Lord's Table: Ray Fernandes

Closing Prayer/Announcements: Patrick Keller

Usher: Steve Froehlich

Week of 7/06-7/12//25 Donations :\$1692 Expenses:\$2750

2nd quarter Donations \$35,109 Spending 37,859

