



"Growing in Christ Through Worship, Learning, Fellowship, and Service."



Ring Out - Week of May 25, 2025

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Introduction to Sunday's Worship

Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter. Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be. Jesus provides visions of peace that surpasses human understanding and power beyond human imagination.

[Download Bulletin](#)

Worship will be live-streamed on YouTube

beginning at 9:45 AM on Sunday morning.
You can also watch a recorded version later
by visiting our [YouTube Page](#).

You can open or print the bulletin and
follow along with the service.



[Watch the Live Stream](#)

On the Calendar...

The Week Ahead

Sunday, May 25

9:00 am Adult SS
9:00 am Choir
9:30 am Children's SS
10:00 am Worship

Monday, May 26

Memorial Day
Church Office Closed

Thursday, May 29

5:30 pm Handbells
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, June 1

9:00 am Choir
9:30 am Children's SS
10:00 am Worship

Sunday Ministries

LECTOR/INTERCESSOR

May 25 Barbara Albright
June 1 Kim Haberman

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

May 25 Margaret Garrison
June 1 Elizabeth Hurley

ACOLYTES

May 25
June 1

GREETERS

May 25 Joyce Smith
June 1 Esther Circle

VIDEOGRAPHER

May 25 Ann Blackwelder
June 1

MAY USHERS

Wendell Overby, Frank Irvin,
Tony Folino, Nick Lovelace,
Jason Pittard

JUNE USHERS

Brad Baker, Chip Harward,
Taylor Pruette, Al Pieschel,
Jon Miller

MAY BUILDING SUPERVISOR

Wendell Overby

**JUNE BUILDING
SUPERVISOR**

Tommy Propst

ALTAR FLOWERS

May 25 Sponsored

June 1

Online Calendar of Events



Happy Birthday!

25 May - Brad Baker, Brett Benson

29 May - Dylan Rutemiller

31 May - Joe Grady, Samantha Hillegass

Volunteer

Videographers



Communion Assistants



Acolytes



Lectors



Altar Flowers



Events/Ministries



Announcements

Confirmation Sunday

Join us on Pentecost **Sunday, June 8** as we celebrate Confirmation Sunday, a joyful milestone in the faith journey of nine of our young members.



Following the service, all are invited to a reception in the Fellowship Hall to offer congratulations and enjoy a time of fellowship.

Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster, PA

St. James will welcome the Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster, PA for a special concert on **Friday, June 13 at 7:00pm.**



These talented singers (grades 6–12) are on tour through NC & VA, sharing their beautiful program: Morning & Evening: Songs for the Everyday — music that celebrates God's presence in the simple moments of life.

Can you open your home for the night? We're looking for members that can host singers after the concert. Hosts provide: a simple snack, bedding (or sleeping bag), and simple breakfast. Choir members return to St. James by 8:00am the next morning to continue their journey.

If you can host, complete [this form](#) and email to holly@sjnc.net. Forms are also available in the office.

Questions?

Contact Elizabeth Hurley: elizabeth.p.hurley@gmail.com; 704-796-8538.

Registration Open for VBS 2025

Join us for *Road Trip VBS!*

This year's Vacation Bible School is **July 20 - 22nd from 5:30pm to 8:00pm.** Join us for three days of stories, games and challenges that reinforce God's presence along the road of life.



[Click here to register.](#)

Volunteers: If you are interested in volunteering you will need a *Safe Gatherings* background check. Email holly@sjnc.net for instructions.

Registration deadline: **July 6, 2025**

Upcoming Events



St. James Welcomes

MENNONITE CHILDREN'S CHOIR OF LANCASTER

**FRIDAY, JUNE 13TH
7:00 PM**



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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**Register
by July 6!**



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VBS: July 20 - 22, 2025

All volunteers will be required to have a current *Safe Gatherings* background check. Contact the church office to volunteer.



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Reminders

Videographers Needed!

As summer travel picks up, we will need more

volunteers to keep Sunday worship accessible online.

Serving as videographer is a simple process—just a few steps to start and stop the stream, with optional zoom control from your seat using a tablet.



Training is easy: we can walk you through it or have you shadow a current volunteer. [Click here](#) to sign up.

Graduates! -

Are you about to celebrate your commencement from High School, College, or Graduate School? Would you please remind us by calling or emailing the office? As is tradition at St. James, we are planning a time to recognize your accomplishments. **Please let us know by June 8.**

info@sjnc.net | 704-786-0166



We're Hiring!

Search for Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries

St. James is actively seeking a Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries!



This new position, which will focus on leading and growing our youth program, came out of the conversations during last fall's stewardship meetings. We invite you to [learn more](#) about the position and help us spread the word.

Prayer List

IN OUR PRAYERS

Paul Auten
(Friend of Robert & Debbie Davis)

Joyce Beaty
(Friend of the Marlows)

Family of Michael Black
(Nephew of Patsy Black)

Angie Buchanan

Mike & Debbie Cagle
(Friends of Robert & Debbie Davis)

Noah Clifton

Bruce Coffey *(Friend of Mark Murphy)*

Karey Conrad *(Friend of Dee Pieschel)*

Catherine Durst
(Daughter of Anne & Dee Hodges)

Nadine Filipak
(Friend of Al & Dee Pieschel)

Ed Frost *(Friends of the Marlows)*



Tim Gibson *(Friend of Deb Black)*

Tom Grady

Maureen Hollmeyer

Will Irvin

Ruth Lawler

(Friend of Dee & Al Pieschel)

Patricia Mahoney

(Sister-in-law of Joan Mahoney)

Annaleah, Michael, & Preston Morrow

(Friends of Shannon Nesbit)

Jan Phillips

(Family of Brownie Brown)

Al Pieschel

Tom Ridenhour

Stan Parnell

(Friend of Robert Davis)

Geoff & Pam Seige

(Friends of Robert & Debbie Davis)

Partner News



FREE CONCERT
SATURDAY MAY 31 AT 4:00 PM
CENTRAL UMC 30 UNION ST N

Rowan Big Band will offer a free concert at Central United Methodist Church on Saturday, May 31 at 4:00 pm, featuring an 18-member traditional community big band in the style of Glenn Miller, Count Basie, Duke Ellington and other great early twentieth-century bandleaders, home-based in Landis, North Carolina and specializing in Great American Songbook favorites and "big band swing."

First organized in 2006, the Band is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving this uniquely American style of music and sharing our appreciation of it with others. The members of the band volunteer their talents for performances, and the net proceeds from their musical performances are used to support worthwhile local charities. Donations will be accepted, but the concert is offered without charge. Invite your friends and family!

Online Giving

You can manage your giving online! Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions or make a one time contribution and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the internet. In a few short minutes, you can make a one-time gift or set up a donation that will process automatically on a recurring basis. Recurring donations are convenient and provide our church with much needed consistent support throughout the year.



Ways to Give

St. James Staff

Rev. Bill Ridenhour, *Pastor* [Email](#)

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