

The PRESbyterian

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Prayer Concerns

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Mission Garden Renewal

Our mission community garden has changed! Our in-ground garden has been closed and a new container garden will be open at the very front of the church. All from the church and community are free to harvest; take what you need, and leave for others! If you wish to contribute please make any donations to "Mission Garden".

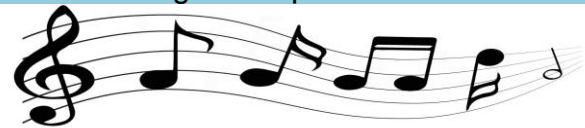


Tables of Eight

Join us **Saturday, June 20th** in the fellowship hall—RSVP required, \$10 per person, all are welcome! The meal will be tropical kabobs, white rice, baked beans, garlic bread, and cream puffs. Please **RSVP to Carolyn or in the office by June 15th!**

Greatest Hits

Our organist, Diane Troendly, is requesting music requests and ideas for summer worship! If you have a favorite hymn, song, or arrangement you would like to hear during worship let her know on Sunday!



Mandy on Vacation

Mandy will be on vacation the week of June 21st. Rev. Joe will be in and out of the office, so hours will be irregular. Please call the church to ensure someone will be there before stopping by. Rev. Joe will still be able to be reached on his cell phone as well.

Summer Mission

Summer is upon us and schools are out, but we prepare and anticipate students needing help before too long! We will be raising funds to help the Dress-A-Child campaign, providing clothes and school supplies to low-income families. Donation envelopes are available on the sanctuary mission table for contributions!



Pastor's Corner

As we pass from the season of the Resurrection we enter into a time in the Christian calendar referred to as "Ordinary Time"- a season of study, growth, and strengthening under the confirmed Gospel of Jesus Christ. But I have felt this title is a bit misleading, as if relegating the things of the LORD to the same designation as going to work, washing the car, or watering the grass. It might be "ordinary" in the sense that the things of the LORD infiltrate the everyday actions of life to help us see the divine in everything. But, they are still divine actions which pull us toward greater discovery and transformation of our beings. Being in the aftermath of Pentecost, the celebration of the Holy Spirit making us the LORD's people, I prefer to use this title when speaking about this period. Because it truly is a "Season of the Spirit" where we witness what the LORD is bringing our way and preparing us to meet it with his assurance and power.

The Holy Spirit did not just give birth to the Church but confirmed the Church as being the extension of the LORD's Israel into the world. Israel as a divinely founded people is given the task to bring the wisdom and knowledge of the LORD to the world, to bring back knowledge of this universe's creator many have forgotten about due to distance and time. The Church is not a "Plan B" because Israel failed, nor is it a secular, political nation-state. Israel describes a people who have wrestled with, argued against, and ran from the LORD on many occasions and learned from the experience. Learned who the LORD truly is, what it is he truly wants from us, and what he gives us to live up to that mandate. It is a life that cannot come from humanity alone, and we alone do not decide to live into it right away. We learn, we grow, we challenge, we make mistakes, but keep going because of the trust we have in the LORD in how he has chosen to meet us. This shows that the Church is more than just an organization, institution, business, or entity like all others in the world. It is here to demonstrate, provide, and welcome others into a way of life which truly meets the needs and concerns of all people. The Church is the full redemption of Israel as promised in the Hebrew scriptures, in bringing together the nations to worship and seek the mysteries of the LORD together in security and plenty.

In this next season of our church we explore and see how we might provide and make a home for people who need it. With the Jack's House of Hope project completed the LORD is helping us to understand what it means to be neighborly with them, assist them in their work (which is our work as well), and be a support that people can rely on. Without expectation of anything in return, except that others might see the divine the way we do. And receive the same assurance and love we needed in our own darkest times. For some this might be uncertain or anxious, I see it as exciting. The LORD will meet us and show us how we might partner with him in healing the world, and will make sure we can do it in a way that fits with our strengths and abilities. We will be shown more about ourselves and what we can be, and have fears of limitations and weaknesses driven away to have better focus. The risen Christ, the living Spirit, is with us to live life the best way possible. And now is the time to demonstrate it! **-Rev. Joe**

Construction Parking

Construction on our new parking lot has begun and is ongoing. We will update members on its progress as construction proceeds. In the meantime, all people can park on the existing gravel lot or along E High Ave.



Sunday Study Group

Join us **Sunday Mornings at 9:15am** for our study group! Anyone, and everyone, is welcome to join! Details are available through Rev. Joe!



“First Celebration” Sunday

Join us on **June 7th** we celebrate Holy Communion during service. There will be **NO** church brunch following service this month due to Easter.

Cookies for Sundays!

What’s your favorite cookie? Do you have a recipe you just love to make? Every Sunday (except for the first Sunday of the month) we have cookies and coffee in the fellowship hall following the service. Would you like to bring cookies to share? They can be home baked, purchased from a bakery, store bought—it doesn’t matter! Sign up in the church office!



Friends of the Homeless Meal

Our monthly Friends of the Homeless Meal will be on **June 14** at 6pm.

Volunteers can sign up through the church office. While meal funds are good, if you wish to contribute please mark your donation as “Homeless Shelter Meals”.

Greeters and Ushers

We need volunteers for liturgists, worship stewards, greeters/ushers, and cookies each Sunday. A sign-up sheet is available in the office to volunteer, or you may call the church office to sign up.

ONLINE MINISTRY

All online worship content (including pastor’s messages, bulletins, and newsletters) are available on the church website (www.newphilapc.org). Mailings of weekly services are available upon request to the church office.

Session Members:

Class of 2026: Ethelyn Ann Eichel, Gail Hedges

Class of 2027: Doug McIntire, Sally Walker

Class of 2028: Pat Laporte, Craig Stewart

Deacon Members:

Class of 2026: Jackie Stutz

Class of 2027: Bonnie Majewski

Class of 2028: Ruth Joyce Zimmerly

Office Hours:

8:00am-3:00pm Monday - Thursday
Closed: Friday

Church Email and Phone:

office@newphilapc.org
330-343-7114

Our Church:

Sunday School: 9:15am

Worship Service: 10:30am

Bible Study: Wednesdays at 10:00am in the pastor's office

Do you have something to add to the newsletter? Please call or email the church office by the 20th of the month for placement in the following newsletter.

June 2026

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

	1	2	3 10am- Bible Study 8pm- AA Mtg	4	5 Office Closed	6
7 Communion All-Church Brunch	8	9	10 10am- Bible Study 8pm- AA Mtg	11	12 Office Closed	13
14 6pm-FoH Meal	15	16 7pm- Session Mtg	17 10am- Bible Study 8pm- AA Mtg	18	19 Office Closed	20 6:00pm- Tables of Eight Meal- All are welcome! Please RSVP
21	22 Mandy on Vacation	23 7pm Finance Mtg Mandy on Vacation	24 10am- Bible Study 8pm- AA Mtg Mandy on Vacation	25 Mandy on Vacation	26 Office Closed	27
28	29	30				

June Birthdays: 5th- Mandy Stewart; 15th- Shannon Smith; 16th- Doug McIntire; 18th- Paul McEwan; 21st- Diane Marshall; 29th- Edie Erwin

June Anniversaries: 3rd- Doug & Peg McIntire; 17th- Roger & Linda Corpman; 19th- Doug & Shannon Smith; 20th- Jerry & Tyke Bichsel, Paul McEwan & Elizabeth Stephenson

We'd like to announce your birthday and wedding anniversary in the newsletter! Please help us to make sure we have your special day by calling the church office to let us know!