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Prayer Concerns

Mary Ellen Beans, Park Village Southside, 1019 Oldtown Valley Rd SE, Rm 26F, New Phila

Jane McEwan, 2594 E High Ave, Rm #110, New Phila

Carol Phillips, The Inn at Northwood Village, 5799 N Wooster Ave, Dover

Marlene Singhaus, Park Village Care Center, Rm 409, 1525 N. Crater Ave, Dover

Ginny Stephenson, Schoenbrunn Health Center, Rm 112, 2594 E. High Ave, New Phila

Tables of Eight

Tables of Eight meal will be **Saturday, June 21st** at 6pm in the church fellowship hall. The menu is still in the works, so stay tuned for more information! Cost is \$10 per person. All are welcome! Bring a friend! We do ask that you RSVP to Carolyn Berry or the church office.

Mandy on Vacation

Mandy will be on vacation from June 22-29. Office hours will vary at this time. Rev. Joe will still be to be reached via his cell phone or the church number.

Construction Parking

As the construction of Jack's House of Hope takes place, we thank you for your patience in terms of parking at the church.

Parking is available on the gravel lot along the fence and side alley, and on the street along East High Ave. The inner section closest to the door is reserved for handicap/limited mobility parking and drop off.

Thank you for keeping the entrance to this clear (marked by cones)!



Graduates 2025

Our church family celebrated two graduates on Sunday, May 18. They were Michael L'Amoreaux, son of Kelly McIntire and grandson of Peg and Doug McIntire, and Sidney Vandall, daughter of Polly and Bruce Vandall and granddaughter of Carolyn Berry. Michael graduated from Green High School and plans to study Grief Counseling at Akron State University. Sidney graduated from New Philadelphia High School and plans to work in the community. A small reception with cake and coffee in Fellowship Hall followed the morning Worship Service.



Nicene Sunday

On June 22 we will be celebrating "Nicene Sunday", the 1700 anniversary of the First Council of Nicaea which gave us the creeds of the church we teach and rely upon today. Join us in service as we celebrate this remembrance!

Pentecost Offering

During the month of June we are taking up a special offering for the PCUSA to benefit their children, youth, and young adult ministries. 40% of this offering will stay with our church and be donated to Noah's Hope, the county child advocacy agency (<https://www.noahshopecac.org/>)- and matched by our mission budget. Please consider donating toward this worthy cause!

Jack's House of Hope Capital Campaign Project

Our church will be accepting donations toward the "Jack's House of Hope Capital Campaign"- the county homeless shelter renovation. We have already raised \$1500 toward their effort! Any who wish to contribute may mail their donations to the church office, give them during the Sunday offering, or visit the Friends of the Homeless website to donate online (<https://fothtusc.org/hoh/>).

Pastor's Corner

The season of Pentecost, the giving of the Holy Spirit, is a time for the Church to reflect on the power given by the LORD to carry out the divine mission. The Ascension of Jesus into heaven a sure sign that we are secure with the LORD and have a trustworthy guidance in all we do. It is more than just Christians receiving power, it is understanding how it must be used to reflect the rule of the LORD and articulate the teachings we have been trusted with. The Church does, and should not, rule this world by means of control or force. We cannot impose upon anyone our beliefs or take away the dignity other humans are imbued with by the image of God. We may see and hear stories about some who attempt to use the government, laws, and public pressure to get their way. But that is getting THEIR way, and not the LORD's way- which will come about even without other's willing cooperation.

Later this month there is a certain celebration that reflects the power of the Holy Spirit coming upon the Church. It is a lesser-known event, relegated by some to the history books, but has great significance to Christians today. On June 19, 325 AD the First Council of Nicaea was convened for the purpose of organizing and clarifying the essential teachings of the Church, and the role of Christ in our salvation. The result was the Nicaea Creed:

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, begotten of the Father the only-begotten; that is, of the essence of the Father, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made both in heaven and on earth; who for us men, and for our salvation, came down and was incarnate and was made man; he suffered, and the third day he rose again, ascended into heaven; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. And in the Holy Ghost.

The work of these early Christian teachers to clarify and articulate the faith empowered ordinary Christians with a sense of purpose and responsibility. With the faith given to them, secured by Jesus Christ, they could now work to represent the true power of this world and how the divine was uniting creation. 1700 years later, these same creeds and assurances give us the same tools to know and act in the LORD's name. To teach, exemplify, and demonstrate with our very beings the effect the divine has in the world and over our lives. Regardless of whether it is recognized or accepted by others, codified in our laws and culture, it still guides the lives of those willing to see and accept it. The Holy Spirit is at work to give what we need to act as disciples in the wider world.

In commemorating this 1700 anniversary we celebrate how the Holy Spirit has worked within the history of the Church, and how the Spirit works now to sustain all believers with the ability to witness the rule of the LORD. By word, deed, thought, and faith we remind the world what it is truly accountable too and if our actions are truly right and beneficial to honor him. That is the power and place of the Church in our time, to exemplify, remind, and make a home for those in need of guidance so they might live lives of order, purpose, meaning, and love. – **Rev. Joe**

Sunday Study Group

Join us **Sunday Mornings at 9:15am** for our study group! We are beginning a new book reading "Foxe's Book of Martyrs" by John Foxe. Anyone and everyone is welcome to join!



"First Celebration" Sunday

Join us on **June 1** as we celebrate Holy Communion during service and a Church Brunch following service. Come and enjoy the fellowship of the saints!

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 dinner will be held on **June 8** at 6pm. While we are fully funded for the monthly meals, please consider donating toward the FOTH General Operations or the Jack's House of Hope Project.

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 2025: Renee Miskimmin (clerk), Craig Stewart

Class of 2026: Ethelyn Ann Eichel, Gail Hedges

Class of 2027: Doug McIntire, Sally Walker

Deacon Members:

Class of 2025: Carolyn Berry

Class of 2026: Jackie Stutz

Class of 2027: Bonnie Majewski

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 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion All Church Brunch	2	3	4 10am- Bible Study 8pm- AA Meeting	5	6 Office Closed	7
8 6pm- FoH Meal	9	10 6pm- Jack's House of Hope Committee Meeting	11 10am- Bible Study 8pm- AA Meeting	12	13 Office Closed	14
15	16 7pm- Session Meeting	17	18 10am- Bible Study 8pm- AA Meeting	19	20 Office Closed	21 6pm Tables of Eight Dinner
22	23 6pm FoH Board Meeting	24 7pm Finance Meeting	25 10am- Bible Study 8pm- AA Meeting	26	27 Office Closed	28
29	30					EVERY SUNDAY 9:15am- Sunday Study Group 10:30am- Worship Service followed by coffee and cookies in the fellowship hall

June Birthdays: 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