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Prayer Concerns

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Graduation Sunday

We will be holding our annual Graduation Sunday on **May 18** during service. If you have a high school or college graduate who would like to come and be recognized please inform the church office by May 15.



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)!



Tables of Eight

Tables of Eight meal will be **FRIDAY, May 23rd** at 6pm in the church fellowship hall. The menu scalloped chicken casserole, brown sugar carrots, dinner salad, and dessert selections, bread and drinks. Cost is \$10 per person. All are welcome! Bring a friend! We do ask that you RSVP to Carolyn Berry or the church office.

Memorial Day

The church offices will be closed **Monday, May 26th** in observance of Memorial Day.



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://fohtusc.org/hoh/>).

LET ALL THAT YOU DO BE DONE IN LOVE
1 CORINTHIANS 16:14



Pastor's Corner

The season of Easter is a time of celebration; the LORD's salvation entering our world, the victory of Jesus Christ being recognized by all, and the vindication of our faith. While joy and celebration traditionally mark this event, doubt and disbelief also accompany. The women who discovered the empty tomb, the disciples who were barricaded in the upper room, did not know what to make of all these events happening. Jesus had accomplished something no one else had in their known history and turned their world upside down. The Resurrection exposed them, laid bare all their perceptions and beliefs, and confronted them in what they would do with this realization. We think that we cannot doubt and cannot have moments of hesitation in our faith because it dishonors the LORD or the fellowship. But doubt and uncertainty are also brought by the Holy Spirit as he sweeps through our lives and brings change. It is that still, small, voice in the back of our heads which makes us wonder how things will be different after hearing these accounts. It strips us of the convenient interpretations and dismissals others want us to embrace, because it leaves us open to their story and their control over us. Doubt is not a lack of trust in the LORD, but a humility to say we cannot explain this on our own.

In one of the accounts of the Resurrection, Jesus explains to the disciples: "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe" (John 20:29). This is not Jesus specifying a type of faith needed in order to be blessed, as if faith was a superpower that needs to be summoned by our own force or will. Rather, it is a promise.

From the doubts and uncertainties of the first disciples will come a faith that will bless and help future generations. A faith no longer relying on physical evidence of the Resurrection to make the hope of the Kingdom known to all. Our blessedness today in experiencing resurrection is not because we have not seen the Savior, but because he have experienced him in our how lives and attitudes have changed. How his example has become our example, his authority the only one we see is important, and his teachings form our beings in everything we do. The fact we gather, listen, and accept these accounts is proof of the Resurrection in its own right. We would not gather if there was nothing to gather around.

We have become the proofs of what Jesus has done and how the LORD continues to act in our midst. By what we accept, leave behind, correct, and embrace we demonstrate what the salvation of the LORD is all about and what awaits. There are many who still live lives of turmoil, and uproar in their actions. Turn on the news and see evidence of this. The world does not need proof that will bind them into a certain action, but an example which will teach and replace the old lives they have been living. That is our objective, not to subject and force the world into our story but help others to see their place within THE story. Only by demonstrating peace can others see what is available for themselves and see where the LORD is moving to obtain it for them. **-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 **May 4** 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 not be held this month due to Mother's Day, instead we will deliver a meal to the shelter following service that Sunday (**May 11**). We are fully funded for the monthly meals, but if you would like to give consider donating toward 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.

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Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

EVERY SUNDAY 9:15am- Sunday Study Group 10:30am- Worship Service followed by coffee and cookies in the fellowship hall			10am- Bible Study 8pm- AA Meeting	1	2 Office Closed	3
4 Communion All Church Brunch	5	6 6pm- Jack's House of Hope Committee Meeting	7 10am- Bible Study 8pm- AA Meeting	8	9 Office Closed	10
11 Happy Mother's Day!	12	13	14 10am- Bible Study 8pm- AA Meeting	15	16 Office Closed	17
18	19 6pm FoH Board Meeting	20 7pm- Session Meeting	21 10am- Bible Study 8pm- AA Meeting	22	23 Office Closed 6pm Tables of Eight Dinner	24
25	26 Memorial Day Offices Closed	27 7pm Finance Meeting	28 10am- Bible Study 8pm- AA Meeting	29	30	31

May Birthdays: 31st: Errol Jacobs

May Anniversaries: 10th: Gene & Ruth Joyce Zimmerly; 21st: Buzz & Barbara Bonisolli