



The Courier

St. Paul's United Church of Christ of Indianland

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Anything But Ordinary!

On Pentecost the Christian church was born. We celebrate this birth by ending the Easter season and entering the Season of Pentecost which has been commonly known as Ordinary Time. Well, in the church, there is nothing ordinary about following Jesus or in serving and loving others. In fact, over the past few years we have come to expect something new, some call it a new normal, others still desire the way it was before the pandemic, and others just kind of ebb and flow with the waves of life. I have come to expect that nothing is ordinary. There are all kinds of joy, sorrow, peace, and anxiety in every aspect of our lives. We, as followers of Jesus, need to find a way to cope and live in this anything but ordinary time! It is exhausting at times to figure out how and what to do, isn't it? It can be disheartening to hear of war, continued diseases, illnesses of loved ones and friends, economic challenge as costs soar all around us and hope seems to diminish as rapidly as prices rise. This just can't be normal, can it?

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As I am writing this piece, I am listening to Jordan St Cyr's "Weary Traveler". It is amazing when I am looking for thoughts and words, how God will supply an answer or a direction to take. This is where the song took over my thought process and as I listened to the words that were being offered in song, I realized just how powerful the strength of Christ is. He is so capable and caring to carry me and so many others at the same time, out of love and devotion to God and for each of us. I feel that is what the Church is called to be and how it should be discipling in the world. "Weary traveler, restless soul, you were never meant to walk this road alone, it'll all be worth it so just hold on, Weary traveler, you won't be weary long" (Jordan St. Cyr – Weary Traveler) Who do we hold on to? We, as people of faith, as Easter people hold on to the resurrected Savior of the world – Jesus! There is nothing ordinary about his love for us or his willingness to be with us in any circumstance that life doles out to us. Our faith may seem like something we are accustomed to participating in and holding onto, yet our Savior is far from the ordinary person or ruler. Allow Christ to rule your hearts and minds! Let his peace enter you when the torrents of life seem to overflow and consume you. Find a strength and a refuge in him, weary ones, and know that we do not walk alone. We have been given the love of Christ to accomplish so much more than we could ever accomplish on our own. So, may the gift of the Spirit this Pentecost also not be just another, ho-hum, event. Feel the fire and hear the rush of the wind in this event, in your inner being and respond, not with a "oh, well, that was interesting" reply but with a "Wow, Christ really cares about us THIS MUCH!!!" So much that it will be worth it to hold on, to persevere, even when it seems so hopeless, so desperate, so frightening! We are the children of God, and we are saved through Christ Jesus. Let us live in that news and look at the world through

Christian Education News

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May his love and peace help you to discover that which lies within you that you may offer the world. May we be willing to tell the world about him, not by tearing people down, but by building the life of Christ up for all!

Pastor Martin

On a personal note, I offer my sincere gratitude to all who joined in the celebration of my recent birthday. Your kindness, cards, gifts and company made the day very special, and I truly appreciate all of you, whether you were able to be with us at the party or not. Thank you so much for making this "big one" bright and joyous in so many ways. Blessings to all. Pastor Martin

Vacation Bible School

As the weather is warming, flowers and trees are welcoming Spring, it is time to be thinking about Vacation Bible School in July. Our Theme this year will be **Christian Celebrations**. The four Celebrations that will be discussed are; Lent, Easter, Ascension, and Pentecost. Our children have asked questions about these celebrations and we want to make sure our children understand the importance of them. I realize, we have traditionally had our VBS for Nursery to 6th grade. However, if there are any youth/adults that would like to learn more about these celebrations of the church, please join us for a time of learning and understanding. If you have any questions, please see Beth Sikorsky or Pastor Nuscher.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The last date for our children to meet for Sunday school classes will be **June 5, 2022**. On-line lessons will continue throughout the Summer on our Face Book page. Let us not stop taking time to learn more about our faith. This might be a wonderful family activity for many.

Amish Film Series Update

On May 19th we kicked off our Amish Film Series "Breaking the Silence: My Amish Story". I believe everyone who was in attendance learned something new about the Amish life they didn't know before. We will continue with the series on Thursday, June 2, 2022 at 6PM and on Thursday, June 16, 2022. A light supper will be provided. Please join us for a very informative film series. If you have any questions, please see Beth Sikorsky.

PRAYER LIST

Current Need:

Debbie Budinetz	Gloria Newhard	Brenda Usher	Kirsten Bickert	Debbie Prutzman
Dustin Miller	Sallie Weaver	Linda Hartzell	Steve Kovalchick	Stephanie Prutzman
Linda Baumgartner	Logan Krick	Kathy Heist	Ukraine	Carol Samuels
Carol and Angela	Debbie	Alexa Muffley Holt	Gina Sikorsky Mitchell	
Eric Hantz	Robert Knot	Johnny	John Weaver	Magdalaina
Mike Hartman	Mae Fredericks	Anne Harrity	Angie	Terry Carlton
Faye Neff	Kim Mickey	Jimmy Hurstman	Mike Miller	Carl
Robbie Moore	Judy Silnik	Evan Hantz	Nancy Green	Andrea Coughlin
Zachary Long	Courtney Bloom	Kristen Meeker	Kay Bolus	Carol Williams
Harold Frable	Jeff Reihoff	Donna Whitman	Charles Wagner	Jerry
Nadia Cosper	Julie Gelfuso	Jessica Harris	Kayla Bartholomew	Jeanette Haram
Alyzah Borger	Dale Coughlin	Ernest Muffley		

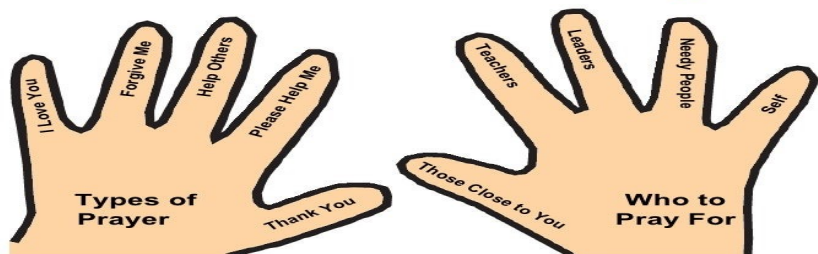
Longer Term Need:

Theresa Carbonell	Jean Hankee	Darryl Wentz	Jessica Smith	Pat James
Brandon Snyder	Franklin Dorshimer	Joe & Deb McGeary	Mary Beatrice	Gary Kresini
Pat Neff	Vicki Hall	Cole Ruch	Kevin Reilly	Nigel Mease
Joseph Vadenya	David Jones	Linda Barkley	Aryiah	Becky
Russell Blakeslee	Deborah Peterson	Dawn Stattler	Karen Bet	Bob Bakross
Michelle Brosious	George Borger, Jr.	Marion Bossard	Sharlene Weaver	Shirley Cressman
Lori Rader	Pamela Martin	Susan Zachary	Joan Drey	The Chupa Family
Stan Butz	The Thomson Family	Kim Rey	Sam Steinmetz	Clark Plummer
Jim Miller	Howard & Ida Bachman		John Hine	Darlene Hock
Joanne Peters	Rose Lanus	Dorian Arnwine	Margo Roberts	Robert Custard
Vicki Eltz	Jeannie Yehl	Linda Becker	Laura Rannella	Gail Bauer
Noah Iucci	Lisa Dotson	Amber Steffie	Corey Doolan	Louise King
Karen White	Ryan Holmes	Peter Rosales	Katie & Maggie Paules	
Janet Erickson	Cindy Hogman	Edie	Ashley Henninger	
The Bauer Family	Tina Rehrig			

Those Who Mourn:

The family and friends of Carol McDonald.

Hands For Prayer



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

people & Places

- 1 — Robert Fritz
Denise Lapanuke
Alexander Bowman
- 4 — Tami Miller
- 7 — Leon Borger
- 8 — David Hartzell, Sr.
Brian Biechy
- 9 — John Demjanick
- 10 — James Field
- 12 — Jennie Applegate
- 13 — Wayne Muffley
Damian Gill
- 14 — Lois Graver
- 15 — Michael Bickert
AJ Vilanova
- 16 — Rosella Mucklin
- 17 — Mary Ann Miller
Allison Demjanick
- 20 — Keith Bloss
- 25 — Marty Golden VI
- 28 — Lexie Meckes
- 29 — Tina Christman
Alice Rehrig
- 30 — Ethan Langley
Draven Buss

If we missed your birthday or anniversary, we apologize. Please contact the church office so we can add you to our listing! Thank you.

Sensational 70's Club

- 1 — Robert Fritz
- 13 — Wayne Muffley
- 16 — Rosella Mucklin

Exceptional 80's Club

- 17 — Mary Ann Miller

Wedding Anniversaries

- 1 — Karlee & James Farley —
3 years
- 10 — Donna & Daniel Fritz —
33 years
- 10 — Devon & Lucas Angstadt —
11 years
- 13 — Nancy & Kenneth Stott, Jr. —
63 years
- 19 — Emma & David Fritz —
54 years
- 22 — Dawn & Pete Vilanova —
20 years
- 30 — Jessica & William Gill, Jr —
21 years
- 30 — Karissa & Phillip Schmidt —
4 years

OUR MISSIONS

Noisy Offering for June is: Northampton Area Food Bank

The Northampton Area Food Bank is a nonprofit, volunteer-driven organization that has been serving residents of the Northampton Area School District and its adjacent areas since 1992. Through our website, we aim to provide you with information about our institution to make it easier for you to do business with us. We also keep you updated on our services as well as our courteous and resourceful staff.

The organization is committed to distributing wholesome food, free of charge, to individuals and families who are in need and unable to adequately obtain nourishment through their own resources.

As years passed, the needs of the community increased and we continued to answer the clarion call to assist our neighbors. We then opened a new facility in 2007 that was made possible through the generosity of donors, the contributions of local businesses, and the time and talents of hardworking and dedicated volunteers.

Currently, over 500 families are registered with our organization. We also serve an average of 400 to 450 families in the Northampton Area School District and its adjacent areas. The number of people we help continues to rise every month.

We welcome the community's compassion, ongoing financial support, and food donations to help us sustain our efforts, meet our growing needs, and develop innovative programs and additional services. Since we are a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, all monetary contributions given to us are tax deductible as allowed by the law.

The Northampton Area Food Bank is affiliated with the Northampton Ecumenical Clergy Association and is a participating member agency of the Second Harvest Food Bank of Lehigh Valley and Northeast Pennsylvania.

We now offer the CSFP to individuals aged 60 and older with proof of an income level of 130% of the federal poverty level or lower. People who qualify will receive a monthly box of food provided by Second Harvest Food Bank, the organization that gives us provisions for distribution.

Wednesday 9:30 AM - 12:00 NOON
First four Thursdays of every month
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Second and Third Saturdays of the month
9:30 AM - 12:00 NOON

NORTHAMPTON AREA FOOD BANK
1601 Canal Street
Northampton, Pennsylvania 18067

Our supply is diminishing, so we need goods for distribution immediately. We are accepting the fol-

OUR MISSIONS

June Mission: Phoebe Home

Founded in 1903 and affiliated with the United Church of Christ, Phoebe offers the desirable amenities, benefits, and programs of larger, more urban senior communities, but with the feel of a small town surrounded by local attractions and natural beauty. Backed by over a century of experience – and inspired by a core mission to promote healthy aging – Phoebe’s communities and services provide active retirement with the security of a full continuum of senior care.

Far beyond our borders, our services support the needs of seniors throughout Pennsylvania, from Comforting Home Care and Pathstones, to our Telehealth program in partnership with Lehigh Valley Health Network, to Brain Fitness and the Phoebe Institute on Aging, our reach in providing supportive living and deeply thoughtful wellness programs does not stop at the walls of our communities.

As a non-profit organization, we’re focused on creating a culture of caring campuses rich in amenities, and superior retirement living at a superior value. At Phoebe, we believe your senior years are your greatest years.

Phoebe offers a full continuum of care — from independent living to rehabilitation, personal care, and memory support — through four continuing care retirement communities. Love where you live, with the added security of knowing that as your needs change you won’t ever have to move. You’ll already be where you need to be – with access to all the resources you’ll ever need, while being surrounded by the people you want to be with.

In addition to eight managed or owned affordable housing locations, four pharmacies, and several other community-based services, Phoebe offers 14 entities serving 12 Pennsylvania counties.

As senior living experts, we not only are recognized in our communities for our best-in-class care, we have an industry reputation for excellence and the awards and regional reputation to prove it.

Q. Do I have to pay an entrance fee?

A. The Terrace at Phoebe Allentown offers two plans that require an initial investment to become a resident, as well as one plan that requires only a security deposit.

Phoebe Berks Village does require an initial investment to become a resident, although there is a fee-for-service option available. The amount of the entrance fee depends on the size of the unit selected.

At Phoebe Wyncote the rates vary slightly with size of apartment.

Q. Are healthcare services provided?

Lay, Life and Work

As the weather begins to get warmer the Lay Life and Work Committee is hosting more traditional events that are enjoyed by many. The Hot Bacon Dressing sale, Ham and Dandelion Dinner and Basket Social were all a success. The days of the dinner and social were a nice time to enjoy the company of many and once again gather in the Fellowship Hall. A tithe of \$210 will be sent to Caring Hearts in Slatington and \$105 will be set aside for the college care package fund for the Ham and Dandelion Dinner and tithe for the other fundraisers will be determined.

The recent Hoagie sale went well with the profit benefitting the Sunday School fund preparing for the Sight and Sound bus trip for the children. Another hoagie sale is planned for **Tuesday, June 14th with pick up between 4-5:30pm and orders due by June 5th**. For those who enjoy Thomson Hoagies, more sales will also be planned in the Fall.

Finally, stay tuned for more information about a **Chicken or Pulled Pork Dinner** planned for **Saturday, September 17th, 2p-6p** and a **Chili Dinner** planned for **Saturday, October 15th, 2022**.

Have a great month!!

Mosque Open House

MALV Mosque Open House

SATURDAY JUNE 4th

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

1988 SCHADT AVE., WHITEHALL

You and your respective communities are invited to an Open House event at our Islamic Center Muslim Association Of Lehigh Valley in Whitehall, PA. Aside from information about Islam and Muslims, we will also have some delicious ethnic delicacies, and much more. Please feel free to forward this email to anyone who may be interested in attending this event.

Meet Your Muslim Neighbors

Listen To Call Of Prayer

Ask Question About Islam

Tour Mosque

Sample Ethnic Food

Please Note: Modest dress is requested. Jeans, casual pants and long skirts are fine, No Shorts

Worship Information

June 5th—Pentecost

Flowers: The first vase is presented by Tara, Terrence, Lili, Brennan and Jules for James Field's 5th birthday.

Bulletins: None Presented.

NT: Acts 2: 1 — 21

NT: Romans 8: 14 — 17

Gospel: John 14: 8 — 17, 25 — 27

June 12th—Trinity Sunday

Flowers: None Presented.

Bulletins: Presented by Mrs. Wesley Miller to the Glory of God.

OT: Proverbs 8: 1 — 4, 22 — 31

NT: Romans 5: 1 — 5

Gospel: John 16: 12 — 15

In anticipation of our upcoming 275th anniversary as a church, **the "To 275" committee** will gather in **Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, June 8h at 10:00am** for discussion and planning of this historical event. There will also be a recap of the meeting offered during the Worship and Arts meeting that evening for those who are unable to make the morning meeting. If there are any questions, please see AY Hughes or Jeff Hantz. Thank you.

June 19th—Father's Day

Flowers: None Presented.

Bulletins: None Presented.

OT: I Kings 19: 1 — 15a

NT: Galatians 3: 23 — 29

Gospel: Luke 8: 26 — 39

June 26th

Flowers: None Presented.

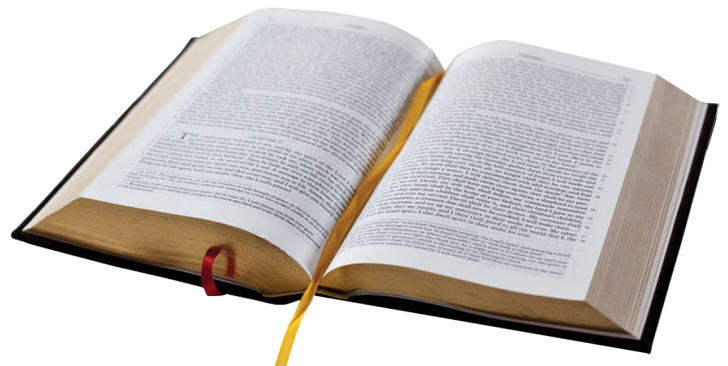
Bulletins: None Presented.

OT: II Kings 2: 1 — 2, 6 — 14



NT: Galatians 5: 1, 13 — 25

Gospel: Luke 9: 51 — 62

The consistory persons for the month of June are Greg Glovas and Joe Nierer.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Film Series Session Two — 6:00P	3	4
5 9:00A — Christian Education 10:30A — Worship Service — on-line, in person, in the parking lot or on the telephone 7:00PM — Confirmation Class PENTECOST!	6 7:00PM — Confirmation Class	7 7:30P — Elders	8 10:00A — “To 275” Committee 7:00P — Worship and Arts 7:30P — Lay, Life and Work	9	10	11
12 7:30A — Contemporary Praise Service 10:30A — Worship Service — on-line, in person, in the parking lot or on the telephone	13	14 4:00—5:30 pm — Hoagie Pickup 	15 July/August Newsletter Articles are Due!	16 Film Series Session Three— 6:00P	17	18
19 10:30A — Worship Service — on-line, in person, in the parking lot or on the telephone Father’s Day	20 7:00PM — Confirmation Class	21 7:00PM — Consistory	22	23	24	25
26 10:30A — Worship Service — on-line, in person, in the parking lot or on the telephone 7:00PM — Confirmation Class	27	28	29	30		

OFFICE HOURS: The office hours vary. Please call the office to schedule an appointment if you need to. General messages may be sent to **office@indianland.org** or call 610-767-5751. In case of emergency, please contact Pastor Martin Nuscher on his cell phone, 484-707-7006 or by email to **pastor@indianland.org**. Church website is www.indianland.org. Thank you.

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ELECTRONIC SERVICE REQUESTED

Please note that the next Courier for publication will be the combined **July/August 2022 news-letter**. Please plan your submissions accordingly and submit no later than **June 15th**. If there are any questions or concerns please call the office at **610-767-5751** or email them to **office@indianland.org**. **Thank you very much.**

Traditional Worship Service — Sundays at 10:30 am — in person, on-line, FM transmitter (.25 mile radius from church) or via your telephone

Christian Education Hour — Weekly lessons will be on Face Book at 9:00am.

Contemporary Praise Worship — in person only service on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 7:30am.

Please send any prayer requests to office@indianland.org or call and leave them on our answering machine at 610 — 767 — 5751. We love to **PUSH** — that is **Pray Until Something Happens**.

Celebrating Our 274th Anniversary — 1748 — 2022