



The Courier

St. Paul's United Church of Christ of Indianland

MAY 2021



The Spirit of God

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

During this month, we will come to the celebration of Christ's Ascension as well as the Celebration of Pentecost. Both are important opportunities to offer thanks to God for all that has been provided to us and sustained us. The lyrics above are for Pentecost as we call on the Spirit of God to bless us, remake us, and send us into the world for service. The disciples waited in Jerusalem, after Jesus' Ascension, to receive this very same Spirit and then begin the growth of the Christian church throughout the world.

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The church has continually evolved since that first Christian Pentecost in many ways and seems quite different today. However, perhaps in this last year, we may have become more like the early church, in some ways, as we have gathered at home instead of in churches or other large spaces to worship. The community aspect of being together has not been the same, however the Spirit, always present, always with us, and always working in and through us, has been the same today as it was on that blessed day in Jerusalem so long ago.

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As we come into the celebration of Pentecost, we experience the Ascension of Jesus back to heaven from whence he came. This event occurred 40 days after the Resurrection, and then we wait for the promised Advocate that comes to us in Jesus' name. That advocate has, does, and will continue to change us, sometime so subtly that we do not even realize something is amiss. That, of course, was not the case in Jerusalem. The experience of the disciples was witnessed by many, dismissed by others, and yet the Spirit empowered twelve followers of Jesus to change the world in His name. You might ask yourself what is God's Spirit doing today and how is it moving among us? There may not be a physical or mental notice of change or excitement for most of us – we have been here before. Yet, for some, it might mark the first time they have felt God's Spirit upon them and can realize His strength and His peace. For those who will be celebrating the Rite of Confirmation this Pentecost, it means something has changed as they now have new responsibilities for their lives of faith as their parents, godparents or sponsors and the church are relieved of the vows that had been taken upon baptism. These individuals need the breath of God, the Spirit, in their lives as they continue to grow, to mature and to learn and to live as a person of faith within this world where immediate gratification seems the only

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Weekly Lessons

Pastor Martin offers a **weekly lesson** posted to our Facebook page on Sunday Mornings for children and adults to listen to. You may check it out any time after 9:00AM on a Sunday morning. If you have any questions or issues, please let us know.

Please feel free to access the materials for the weekly lessons on-line through the Whole People of God website. The user id set up for your use is office@indianland.org and the password is hwp2m5fv. The website: www.wholepeopleofgod.com

If you have any questions, please email either me, Beth Sikorsky at hopewhim@ptd.net or the church office at office@indianland.org.

Confirmation Class

Confirmation classes will be held on-line on Mondays, May 3rd and 17th at 7:00PM using Zoom. Meeting information will be sent to the confirmands for connection to the sessions. If there are any questions, please contact Pastor Martin.

Egg Hunt

Our Annual Egg Hunt was a bit different this year because of COVID. We had a Drive-thru Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 3, 2021. A BIG Thank You to our Consistory President, Jeff Hantz, for making, designing, and painting the wooden eggs in our egg hunt.

We had 8 participants and families driving thru and guessing the number of eggs in the hunt. There were 83 eggs throughout the hunt. This was a combination of baskets with eggs and decorations. AJ Vilanova was our winner guessing the closest number at 58 eggs. A \$15 gift card to our local Dollar Tree was the prize.

Thank you to all participants and helpers. I hope everyone had a very Blessed Easter.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible school is tentatively scheduled for **July 19, 2021 through July 23, 2021**. Our VBS Theme this year is "**Christmas in JULY**". Please watch future Newsletters and bulletins for more details. If you have any questions, please see Beth Sikorsky.

(Pastor's message continued)

As we gather, together, may we be blessed by the power of God's Spirit and may we remember the covenant promises we have made and we will make again, with ourselves, with our God and with the world around us. I am not looking for perfection from anyone, I am praying for peace, hope, love, and joy in the Spirit that unites us far more than anything that could divide us.

PRAYER LIST

Current Need:

Debbie Budinetz	Don Brensinger	Sheila Doll	Gloria Newhard	Brenda Usher
Dustin Miller	Sallie Weaver	Karen Hantz	Shirley Eckhart	Beverly Putt
John Nierer	Janey Gaston	Eric Hantz	Robert Knot	Carol McDonald
Mike Hartman	Mae Fredericks	Anne Harrity	Sharon Green	Angie
Faye Neff	Kim Mickey	Jimmy Hurstman	Orlando Zaya	Mike Miller
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
Linda Baumgartner	Logan Krick	Alyzah Borger	Diane Cimo	Dale Coughlin
Nadia Cospier	Julie Gelfuso	Jessica Harris	Kayla Bartholomew	Jeanette Haram
Terry Carlton	Carol and Angela	Debbie	Johnny	Carol Gardner

Longer Term Need:

Theresa Carbonell	John Weaver	Jean Hankee	Darryl Wentz	Tina Rehrig
Brandon Snyder	Franklin Dorshimer	Joe & Deb McGeary	Richard Vesely	Mary Beatrice
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	Pat James	Amber Steffie	Corey Doolan
Karen White	Ryan Holmes	Peter Rosales	Katie & Maggie Paules	
Janet Erickson	Cindy Hogman	Larry Rehrig	Jessica Smith	
Gary Kresini	Louise King	Edie		
Ashley Henninger	The Bauer Family			

Those Who Mourn:

The many lives lost to Covid 19.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 — Gladys Polgar
- 3 — Doug Niebell
- 4 — Pastor Martin Nuscher
- 5 — Katie Ahner
- 6 — Donald Kuntz
- 7 — Diane Kuntz
- 8 — Michael Bickert
Morgan Ressler
- 9 — Sandra Niebell
Logan Biechy
- 10 — Edith Spadt
- 11 — Valerie Attrill
- 13 — Inge Nierer
- 14 — William Lilly
- 15 — Darren Nierer
- 22 — Betty Dunbar
- 24 — Claudine Fritz
- 28 — Cyrus Smith
- 31 — Daniel Siegfried



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

people & Places

Sensational 70's Club:

- 1 — Gladys Polgar
- 13 — Inge Nierer
- 14 — William Lilly
- 22 — Betty Dunbar
- 24 — Claudine Fritz

Exceptional 80's Club

- 10 — Edith Spadt

Noble 90's Club

- 6 — Donald Kuntz

Wedding Anniversaries

- 1 — Tracy & David Hartzell —
29 years
- 3 — Karen & Stephen Bradberry —
24 years
- 6 — Alice & Scott Rehrig —
32 years
- 12 — Marissa & Scott Rodney —
9 years
- 14 — Lois & Michael Graver —
27 years
- 22 — Tara & Terrence Field —
11 years
- 24 — Steph & Larry Carbonell —
18 years



OUR MISSIONS

Noisy Offering for May is: Northampton Area Public Library

Mission:

To be the first point of access for information, self-enrichment, leisure, and social connections

Vision:

The Northampton Area Public Library strives to be a dynamic source of information, services, and programs in an ever changing community—always something new.

History of the Library:

The first public library in Northampton opened its doors on August 23rd, 1965. It was located in the bay at the north end of the Northampton Memorial Community Center. At the end of 1966 it was determined that the library location was inadequate for the public needs and a building fund was established by Dr. George A. Eichler, with a contribution on October 19th, 1966, but the fund grew very slowly. In October 1971, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Schisler announced that they would provide \$125,000.00 for the construction of an Area Public Library Building. Mr. Jay Ferreira of Bond and Miller, Associates, was selected to be the architect for the building. In October 1971, the Borough of Northampton deeded the land, located on Laubach Avenue, for the new building. On April 17th, 1972, the charter of incorporation was issued. The charter lists it as a nonprofit corporation which can accept tax deductible monetary gifts. The area it serves includes the boroughs of Northampton, Bath, and Chapmans, as well as the townships of Allen, East Allen, Lehigh, and Moore. On September 30th, 1973, the George H. Schisler Building of the Northampton Area Public Library, Inc., was dedicated in honor of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Schisler.

Monday - Thursday: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Friday: Closed

Saturday: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday: Closed

1615 Laubach Ave.
Northampton, PA 18067

The Library is closed on the following holidays:

New Year's Day Martin Luther King Jr. Day Presidents Day

Memorial Day Independence Day Labor Day

Jack Frost Parade (Close at 5:00) Thanksgiving Eve (Close at 5:00)

Thanksgiving Christmas Eve Christmas Day

OUR MISSIONS

May Mission: Strengthen the Church



Keep and Till

The Strengthen the Church Offering supports grants which make a difference in the lives of people across the United Church of Christ. The Keep and Till Congregation in the Central Atlantic Conference honor's rural life and faith by focusing on agrarian rhythms, ecological concerns, and creation care. Keep and Till received a grant to stabilize and improve their community garden during the pandemic.

Pastor Samuel Chamelin explains the impact of the grant: "The quarantine made in-person activities more difficult, but it also helped us to understand the value of gathering together. While Keep and Till elected not to worship in-person in any capacity, we did continue to meet in the garden, masked and socially distanced, to continue our ag work (which is spiritual work also). This exposed us to new friends and neighbors in a way that we did not expect."

The grant literally funded the renewal of the garden. Mulch enriched the soil. A 250-gallon trough increased the water capacity. Organic pest control improved the overall yield of the garden.

But most significantly, people in the neighborhood came out to spend time in the garden. Pastor Samuel saw a renewal in people. "When a tornado destroyed the tool shed, one of those new families stepped forward to offer their old shed, in good shape. We had community members come out to hang with us and assist, and they brought real help to the garden project. Then, they noticed that we had issues with weeds and poison ivy. The family used their flame thrower to eliminate the problems. Later, we discovered that others were mowing some particularly weedy areas. And then, finally, we realized neighbors were helping each other harvest food for their tables. In this way, Keep and Till truly became a member of the community. Interactions were not how we might hope them to be; we saw growth in our community, integration with the surrounding neighborhood, and stories of generosity and sharing."

Lay, Life and Work

The days are getting longer and the Lay Life and Work Committee continues to enjoy staying busy. Please spread the news and tell your family and friends about the upcoming sales and events.

The **bacon dressing and hoagie sales** were enjoyed by many. As customary, the profits from these 2 sales were added to the donut and soup sales and a tithe was determined. A tithe of \$50 each will be sent to the Allentown Rescue Mission, Turning Point, Bethany Home and Northampton Library.

College care packages will be distributed shortly to 5 students in preparation for final exams. Thank you to those who provided current addresses.

A **Take Out Ham and Dandelion Dinner** is planned on May 1st. The meal will include ham, mashed potatoes, lettuce and/OR dandelion, green beans OR corn, hot bacon dressing and a roll. The process will be similar to the last meal and be available for take-out only with choices required during the ordering process to allow for easy pick up. **The price per meal will be \$11.** Tickets are available by calling the office or speaking with Pastor or Dawn Vilaonva.

The **Basket Social is planned for May 13, 14, 15th** with a similar plan as the last one in November. Food will be available for take-out only. Prize donations are greatly appreciated and can be stored at church if needed. Please contact Dawn Vilanova regarding details and if interesting in advertising or donating for the event.

Another **Hoagie Sale** has been added to the schedule of events to benefit the general fund because who doesn't enjoy a Thomson Hoagie? Hoagies will be \$5 each and sign up in church or by calling or emailing the office. **Orders are due by May 30th and pick up is at church Tuesday June 8th from 4-5:30.**

Lastly, stay tuned for more information regarding **Dream Come True planned for October 3rd.**

The church office phone number is (610)767-5751 and email is office@indianland.org. **The next LLW meeting will be held after Worship and Arts on Wednesday, May 12th, 2021.**

Worship Information

May 2nd

Flowers: The first vase is presented by the Wes Miller Family in memory of Wesley Miller.

The second vase is presented by Ellen, Max and Eli Nuscher in honor of Pastor Martin's birthday on May 4th.

Bulletins: None Presented.

NT: Acts 8: 26 — 40

NT: I John 4: 7 — 21

Gospel: John 15: 1 — 8

May 9th—Mother's Day

Flowers: The first vase is presented by the Family Trust Fund in memory of Mr. and Mrs. William Shoemaker.

The second vase is presented by Robin Beers in memory of her mother, Roma Shoemaker.

The third vase is presented by Donna and Ray Stein in honor of Edith Spadt's birthday on May 10th.

Bulletins: None Presented.

NT: Acts 10: 44 — 48

NT: I John 5: 1 — 6

Gospel: John 15: 9 — 17

May 16th—Ascension Sunday

Flowers: The first vase is presented by the Prutzman's in honor of Aunt Lisa Neff's birthday.

The second vase is presented by Shane and Gwen Hershman in honor of daughter Sierra's birthday.

Bulletins: None Presented.

NT: Acts 1: 1 — 11

NT: Ephesians 1: 15 — 23

Gospel: Luke 24: 44 — 53

May 23rd—Pentecost

Flowers: The first vase is presented by The Family Trust Fund in memory of Mr. and Mrs. William Shoemaker.

The second vase is presented by Pastor Martin, Ellen and Max Nuscher in honor of Eli's Gotcha Day on May 28th.

Bulletins: None Presented

NT: Acts 2: 1 — 21

NT: Romans 8: 22 — 27

Gospel: John 15: 26 — 27; 16: 4b—15

May 30th

Flowers: The first vase is presented by Tara and Terrence Field and family in celebration of the birth of their baby girl Jules Corinne.

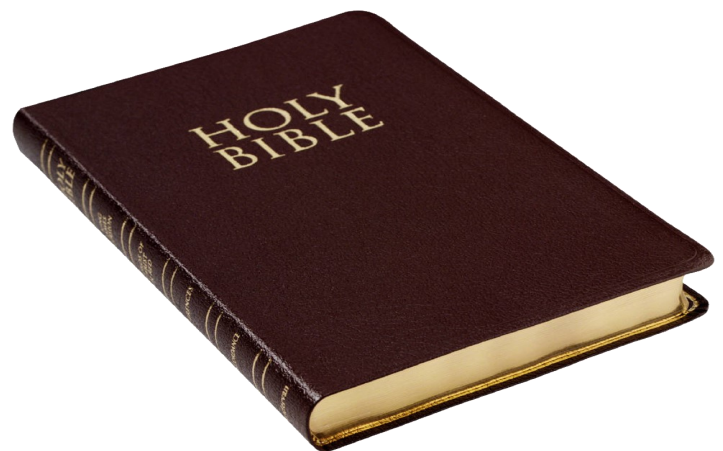
The second vase is presented by Tara & Terrence Field and family in honor of their 12th Wedding anniversary on May 22nd.

Bulletins: The bulletins are presented by Lisa Strohl in memory of her mother Helen Kratzer.

OT: Isaiah 6: 1 — 8

NT: Romans 8: 12 — 17

Gospel: John 3: 1 — 17



The consistory persons for the Month of May are AY Hughes and Marlene

Indianland Cemetery Association

If you own or care for a plot at Indianland Cemetery, please read the following letter. The Officers and Board members have revised the rules and regulations at the Cemetery. **These will take effect Oct. 1, 2021**

Allowed on Indianland Cemetery:

Allowed year round are small plants, flowers inside planter/flower boxes that are kept on or against either front or back for tombstone or foundation. Displays may not exceed the width of the stone.

Seasonal items or larger items not inside planter/flower boxes are permitted from Nov. 1st to April 30th each year. These items must be removed by April 30th.

Any Seasonal or larger items not removed by April 30th, or that are not in a planter/flower box, **will be removed by Indianland Cemetery Association, Inc.** This will provide access for lawn care throughout the Spring, Summer and Fall.

Not Allowed on the Indianland Cemetery:

No Ground Blankets

No Shrines

No Permanent Plants, Bushes, Flowers or Bulbs

No Permanent Borders or Fences around grave or tombstone of any kind

No wires permitted to secure pots and No digging of pots into ground

No Dogs or Pets allowed on Cemetery Property

No Bicycles, Motorbikes or Snowmobiles

Any unsightly plants or displays that interfere with lawn care or burials in the surrounding areas, will be removed by Indianland Cemetery Assoc.

Indianland Cemetery Assoc. is not liable for any lost, stolen or damaged items placed at graves.

Inquiries:

Additional Notes for the Parents

Flower and bulletin sponsorships are available on the following dates. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex or you may let the church office know which dates you are interested in, and in whose honor or memory you are sponsoring. There are clean pens and dirty ones marked so you may use a clean pen which will then be placed in the dirty pen receptacle for sanitizing, or you may use your own pen. Bulletins can be sponsored at \$8 for each Sunday, and flower vases are \$15 per vase and there are 2 vases available each Sunday unless otherwise noted. Sign up, send an email to office@indianland.org or call the office at 610-767-5751.

Flowers are available:

For 2021 dates currently available:

June 6th (one vase) 13th, 20th (one vase), and 27th

July 4th, 18th, and 25th

August 1st, 8th (one vase), and 29th (one vase)

September 5th, 12th (one vase), and 26th

October 3rd, 10th (one vase), 17th (one vase), 24th, and 31st

November 14th, 21st and 28th

December 5th, 12th, 19th (one vase), and 26th



Bulletins are available:

For 2021 dates currently available:

June 6th, 20th and 27th

July 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th

August 1st, 8th, 15th and 29th

September 5th, 12th, and 19th

October 3rd, 10th, and 17th

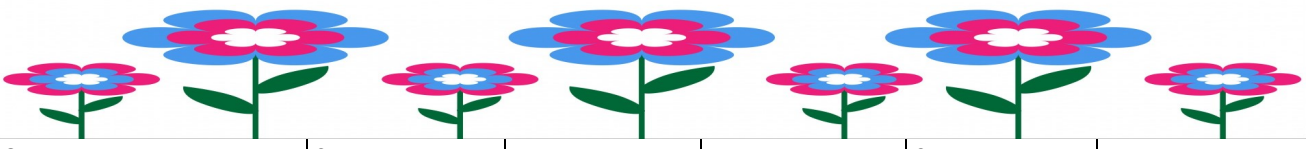


November 7th, 14th and 21st

December 5th, 12th 19th and 26th



Rite of Confirmation — We will celebrate the Rite of Confirmation on Sunday, May 23rd for four young adults. Please feel free to join us in worship

MAY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 2P to 6P — Ham and Dandelion Dinner Pickup
2 10:30A — Worship Service — on-line, in person, in the parking lot or on the telephone	3 7:00P — Confirmation Class On-line	4 7:30P — Elders	5	6	7	8
9 7:30A — Contemporary Praise Service 10:30A — Worship Service — on-line, in person, in the parking lot or on the telephone	10	11	12 7:00P — Worship and Arts 7:30P — :Lay, Life and Work	13 3P to 7P — Basket Social	14 3P to 7P — Basket Social	15 9A to 1P — Basket Social
16 10:30A — Worship Service — on-line, in person, in the parking lot or on the telephone ASCENSION SUNDAY	17 7:00P — Confirmation Class On-line	18	19	20	21	22
23 10:30A — Worship Service — on-line, in person, in the parking lot or on the telephone PENTECOST	24	25 7:00P — Consistory	26	27	28	29
30 10:30A — Worship Service — on-line, in person, in the parking lot or on the telephone	31 Memorial Day 					

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

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Please note that the next Courier for publication will be the **June 2021 newsletter**. Please plan your submissions accordingly and submit no later than **May 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 — remains on hold as of now, weekly lessons on FaceBook at 9:00am

Praise Contemporary Worship — One in-person service only 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**.