

THE THREAD



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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

MONTH OF MAY

As we embark on a new month, it's a time for fresh beginnings and realignment with God's plan for our lives. Reflecting on the past month at WPC fills me with gratitude. The energy and positivity brought by the 'Good News Club' during worship on April 14th were truly uplifting. The last Sunday of April also presented a very thoughtful approach to worship where we were reminded about how some people in our community and church and perhaps in our family, may be suffering in silence due to the stigma attached to Mental Health Diseases. Sadly, the history of the church with mental health has not been encouraging. There was a time when the church was a barrier rather than a safe haven for people seeking help. Mental health patients were demonized and marginalized to the extent that they suffered in silence to their demise. Now, more than ever, the church has a profound opportunity to be the hands and feet of Christ, especially for those seeking mental health support, belonging, and restoration. It was therefore heartening to see our collaboration with other churches: First Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, and Trinity Presbyterian Church, New Florence, to host Dr. W. Hale's presentation on depression. It is my prayer and hope that this conversation will continue beyond the church walls.

Looking ahead, for the month of May promises exciting activities. We'll honor all Mothers on May 12th and also participate in a health fair organized by Edna Nti on May 18th. Our Pentecost Sunday celebration dubbed Diversity Sunday is on May 19th and we will have a beautiful display of diverse dishes from all across the world.

We hereby invite volunteers to share their family recipes with us on this day and it could be a cookie or a full dish. Please contact Joyce Norris or call the office number, (814) 536 0796 and speak to Tommy. During the final week of May, we shall be celebrating Memorial Day and the beginning of farmer's market. As the month closes, we'll celebrate Trinity Sunday on May 26th and welcome the start of the farmer's market the last Saturday in May.

May this month be filled with blessings, unity, and meaningful connections as we journey together in faith.

Happy 'May' Month!!!

LECTIONARY CALENDAR

May 2024

1. May 5th, 2024

6th Sunday of Easter (Communion Sunday)

Genesis 35: 9-15, John 15: 9 – 17

2. May 12th , 2024

7th Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

Proverbs 31: 28 – 29, 1st Corinthians 13

3. May 19th, 2024

8th Sunday of Easter

Day of Pentecost (Diversity Sunday)

Acts 2: 1-4, John 15: 26 - 27

4. May 26th, 2024

Trinity Sunday

Memorial Day Weekend

Romans 8: 12 – 17, John 3: 1 -17

1st Quarter 2024 Financial Figures

	March 2024	Year to Date 2024	Year to Date 2023
General Income	\$ 49,486	\$ 120,641	\$ 101,129
Expenses	\$ 35,366	\$ 101,166	\$ 92,421
Net	\$ 14,120	\$ 19,475	\$ 8,708

Lay Readers

May 5 – Carrie Curry
May 12 – Alberter Family
May 19 – Stephens Family
May 26 – Brittany Priest

Fellowship Hour

May 5 – Jim Lisankis
May 12 – Priests & Riffles
May 19 – Pentecost
May 26 – Jen & Kevin Priest

Acolytes

May 5 – Izzy Maciorowski
May 12 – Maliyah Priest
May 19 – Brenneley Riffle
May 26 – Danny Maciorowski

Openers

May 5 – Jim McCann
May 12 – Ron Good
May 19 –
May 26 – Bill Harris

MAY



Nursery

May 5 – Geonna and Brittany
May 12 – Gabby Riffle
May 19 – Ashley Stufft
May 26 – Paulette Wohl

Sunday School K-4, 5-6

May 5 – No Sunday School
May 12 – Team 3 and 5
May 19 – Team 1 and 5
May 26 – Team 4 and 5

Children's Chat

May 5 – No children's chat
May 12 – Haley Mosorjak
May 19 – Betsy Suppes
May 26 – Sarah Riffle

News to peruse...

FAMILY SOUP KITCHEN

Both the Manager/Director of the Family Soup Kitchen & our Deacons give thanks to those who have contributed in the past. The need still exists for non-perishable food & healthy snacks, as well as dog & cat food. However, those who wish to do more may contribute from the following list: bleach, dish soap, Pine-Sol, Windex, paper towels, toilet paper, napkins, salt & pepper, Old Bay seasoning, plastic gloves, hair nets, oven cleaner, aluminum foil, plastic wrap, tissues & hand soap. Thank you very much for your continued consideration and generosity, Deacons.

DIVERSITY SUNDAY

Diversity Sunday is May 19th. If you would like to share your favorite food from your heritage, call Joyce Norris at (814) 243 - 2659.

Session Meeting	May 15 th
Mothers' Day	May 12 th
Health fair	May 18 th
Farmer's Market	May 25 th



- 1 - Doug Stevens**
- 3 - Diane Uhlig & Morgan Fetzer**
- 4 - Todd Miller**
- 5 - Chiz Price & Rebecca Webb**
- 7 - Donna Cauffiel & Deborah Corey**
- 8 - Melissa Hinson & Isebella Miller**
- 10 - Angela Aboagye**
- 12 - Leah Young, Kirsten Hess & Jimmy McCann**
- 13 - Kacie Livingston**
- 14 - Amanda Wissinger**
- 15 - Monica Black & Bob Hagerich**
- 16 - Kevin Kirkstadt & James Nichols**
- 17 - Joe Wohl & Brennley Riffle**
- 18 - Lyn Garbarino**
- 19 - Daniel Kevenk**
- 21 - Tracy Kirkstadt & Kevin Howell**
- 22 - Kevin Pile, Miriam Daisley & Jim Johnson**
- 23 - Dennis Appiah**
- 25 - Edna Nti & Ethan Good**
- 26 - Bill Harris & Jeanne Strunk**
- 27 - Hailey Pavlik**
- 28 - Dottie Hudson & Gabby Riffle**
- 31 - Ted Corey**

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Dropping an envelope in the plate on Sunday morning used to be the way all members contributed to the financial health of the church. If you were unable to attend, the process was to write a check, address an envelope, put a stamp on the envelope and take it to the post office.

We now offer electronic giving. Members can have their donations made electronically from a checking or savings account or charged to a credit card to earn rewards. Recurring donations can be set up and directed to one or more church ministries. For example – your donation can be set up to include portions to the general fund, capital campaign, music ministry, Prayers and Squares, etc. This can all be handled by the church if you prefer. Donations can be changed or paused at any time by the member or by calling the church office. Another benefit is that a record of all donations is maintained on your personal account for access at any time.

Please consider taking something off of your plate instead of putting something into our plate. On line giving makes it easier for everyone. Please call the church or ask any member of the Stewardship or Finance Committee if you would like to enroll or if you have any questions. Blessings to all.

BOOK CLUB

The WPC Book Club will be reading *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride. It is the winner of the National Book Award. The story takes place in Pottstown Pennsylvania in 1972 depicting life on Chicken Hill where a quirky collection of immigrants and races from other parts of the world live with the desire to better themselves and protect a young deaf boy that authorities came to institutionalize. There will be no book club in May in order to read this novel which is 381 pages.

DEACONS' DOINGS

Our WPC Deacons are an extremely dedicated group of volunteers. Some of the activities that we engage in regularly include collecting and delivering food to the local soup kitchen, reaching out to our elderly and shut-ins in various ways, hosting Fellowship Hour, and ushering.

We are in the process of scheduling some special events for 2024, and we hope you will participate in some or all of them. We will be packing food for local schoolkids through the Backpack Project at the Learning Lamp on Bedford Street on May 13 at 4:00 PM. We'd love to have you join us! We will be sponsoring another blood drive on August 16, and our annual picnic at Pine Springs Camp will also be in August. More information on these events will be forthcoming as the dates draw nearer.

The Deacons thank you for supporting our projects through your prayers, participation, and monetary donations. We couldn't do any of this without you! If you'd like information on how you can help with any of these projects, just ask any usher.

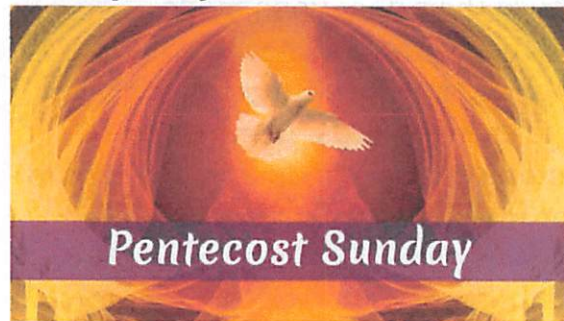
KOINONIA COMMITTEE

The purpose of our committee is to have activities for our entire church family to come together and enjoy Koinonia Fellowship. We try to plan events that will be fun for all ages. Even if you don't want to participate in the planned activity, we invite you to come and spend time as a church family. We try to schedule at least one activity a month, and we will have announcements posted throughout the church as well as in the bulletin and Thread. Please join us as often as you can for these great WPC family events. We met in March and planned some really fun family events for WPC! Friday, April 5 at 6:30 PM, we will meet in Fellowship Hall for a Family Game Night. Games, snacks, and beverages will be provided. Come and enjoy some games and fellowship with our church family.

Our May event will center around food.....imagine that! We are hoping to meet on May 5, Cinco de Mayo, where we plan to have outside entertainment and walking tacos, drinks, and munchies provided by our committee. We are hoping to have a Classic Car Show at this event as well. This date is tentative so keep an eye out for more

information on this unique event. More events are being planned throughout the year. We might even have our very own Summer Olympics! Stayed tuned!

Remember to put on your Red, or Yellow Cloth to celebrate Pentecost Sunday. May 19th





MAY

- 2 - Adult Bible Study 6:30 PM (K)
- 5 - Adult Sunday School 9:00 AM (K)
- 5 - Sunday Service 10:15 AM (S)
- 5 - K-4 NO Sunday School, Communion Sunday
- 5 - 5-6 NO Sunday School, Communion Sunday
- 5 - CE MEETING FOLLOWING CHURCH (UL4)
- 9 - Adult Bible Study 6:30 PM (K)
- 12 - Adult Sunday School 9:00 AM (K)
- 12 - Sunday Service 10:15 AM (S) Mother's Day
- 12 - K-4 Sunday School (UL3)
- 12 - 5-6 Sunday School (UL4)
- 16 - Adult Bible Study 6:30 PM (K)
- 19 - Adult Sunday School 9:00 AM (K)
- 19 - Sunday Service 10:15 AM (S) Pentecost Sunday
- 19 - K-4 Sunday School (UL3)
- 19 - 5-6 Sunday School (UL4)
- 23 - Adult Bible Study 6:30 PM (K)
- 26 - Adult Sunday School 9:00 AM (K)
- 26 - Sunday Service 10:15 AM (S) Teacher/Graduating Senior Recognition Sunday
- 26 - K-4 Sunday School (UL3)
- 26 - 5-6 Sunday School (UL4)

SAVE THE DATE...
VBS

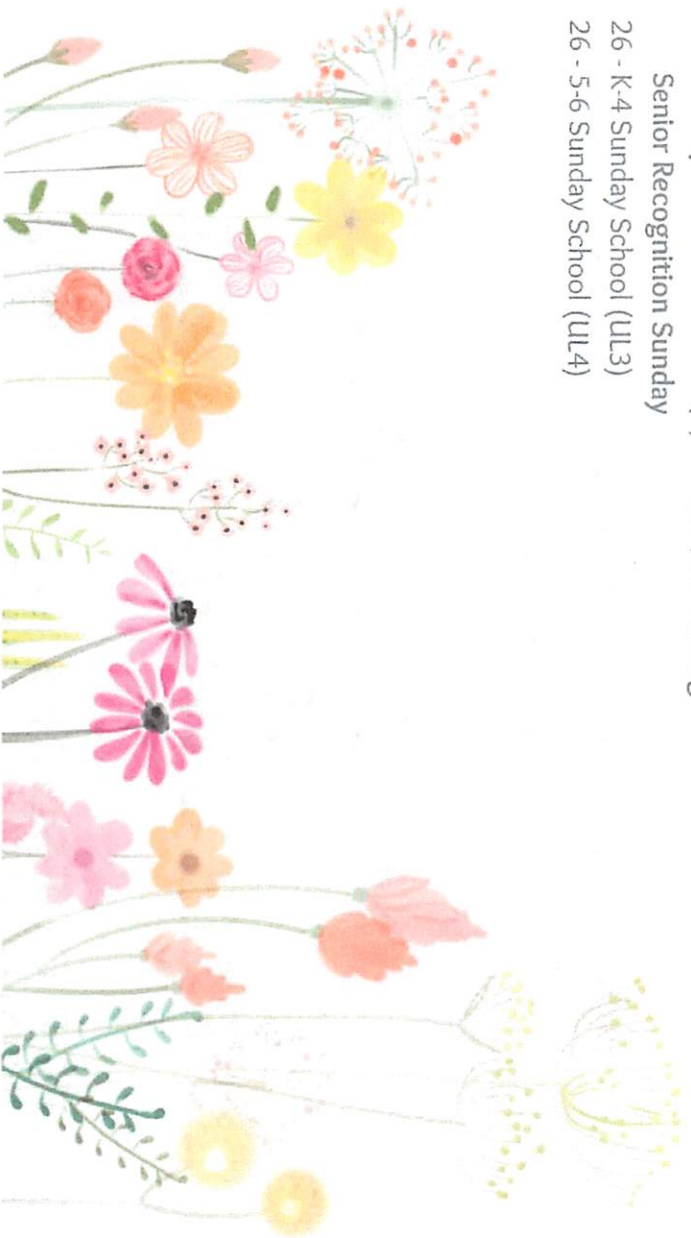
JULY 15-19TH

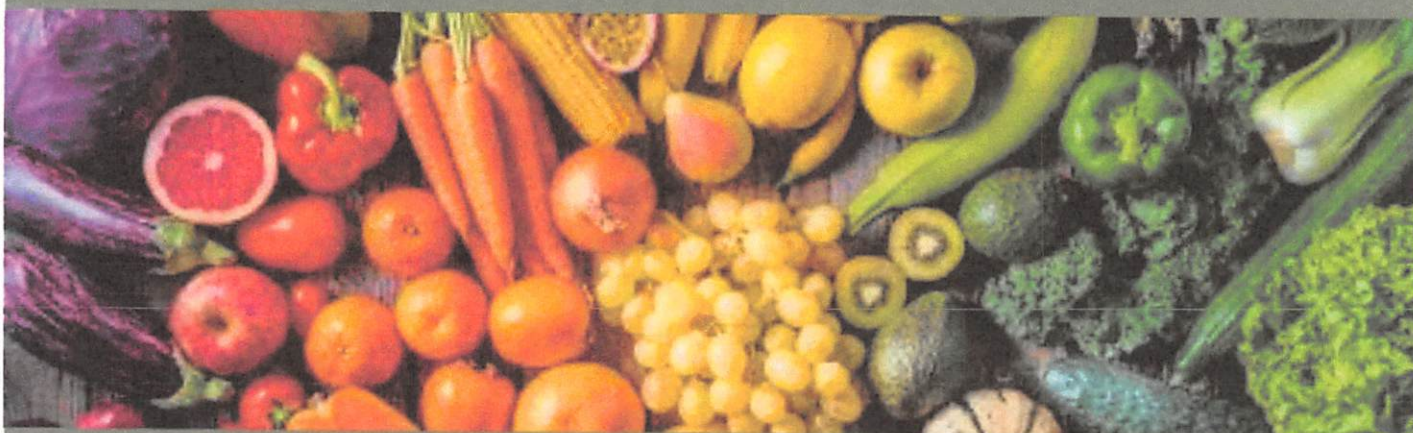
If you would like to volunteer
for this fun filled week
please call Tommy at the church
office at 811 536 0796.

Thank you!

PENTECOST SUNDAY
MAY 19 TH

Youth coin cards will be
collected this Sunday during the
Children's Chat.
Thank you!





WPC HEALTH FAIR

Increasing nutrition awareness at
Westmont Presbyterian Church

MAY 18, 2024
10 AM
FELLOWSHIP HALL

FOR QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT
EDNA NTI AT EKN5154@PSU.EDU

So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do,
do it all for the glory of God.

May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7:30am Men's Breakfast (Jax) 5:30pm WFCM 6:30pm Dicipleship Class	2 1:30pm Staff Meeting (K) 6:30pm Bible Study - K	3	4
5 9:00am Adult Sunday School (K) 10:15am Worship Communion (S) 11:15am Fellowship Hour 3:00pm Cinco De Mayo	6 9:00am Prayers & Squares 11:00am Prayer Group 3:00pm Good News Club	7 10:30am Laurel View Village Communion pastoral care 6:30pm Prayer Meeting (K)	8 7:30am Men's Breakfast (Jax)	9 7:39am Finance (Eat 'n Park) 1:30pm Staff Meeting (K) 6:30pm Bible Study - K	10	11
12 Mother's Day 10:15am Worship (S) 11:15am Fellowship Hour	13 7:30am Finance Meeting 9:00am Prayers & Squares 9:00am Garden Club (F) 11:00am Prayer Group 3:00pm Good News Club	14 6:30pm Prayer Meeting (K)	15 7:30am Men's Breakfast (Jax) 7:00pm Session	16 1:30pm Staff Meeting (K) 4:00pm Worship & Music 6:30pm Bible Study - K	17	18 10:00am Healthfair
19 Diversity Sunday 10:15am Worship - Pentecost (S) 11:15am Fellowship Hour	20 9:00am Prayers & Squares 11:00am Prayer Group	21 6:30pm Prayer Meeting	22 7:30am Men's Breakfast (Jax)	23 1:30pm Staff Meeting (K) 6:30pm Bible Study - K	24 Flower Planting Picnic	25 9:00am Farmers market 1:00pm Nancy Austin Memorial Duca
26 Teen Group (F) 10:15am Worship - Graduates & Teachers (S) 11:15am Fellowship Hour	27 Office Closed 9:00am Prayers & Squares 11:00am Prayer Group	28 7:00am Young Men's Breakfast E&P 6:30pm Prayer Meeting	29 CE Planting Day 7:30am Men's Breakfast (Jax)	30 1:30pm Staff Meeting (K) 6:30pm Bible Study - K	31 8:00am Women's Breakfast Dunkin' Donuts	

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MISSIONAL INTENTIONS TO BE:
Christ Centered
Biblically Based
Servant Led
Blessed to be a Blessing

Worship 10:15 a.m.

Fellowship Hour 11:15 a.m.

Cable Broadcast
Monday 7:00 p.m.

PASTOR
Rev. Bernard Nti

SEXTON
Kevin Howell

CHILDREN'S MUSIC DIRECTOR/MUSIC ASSOCIATE
Kristen Kane

MINISTER OF MUSIC/ORGANIST
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