



Dear Members and Friends of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church,

This summer has been a time of harvest for us at St. John's. The storm that preceded my arrival, and the cleanup of the results of that storm, saw positive transition and the fruit of our time together.

The preschool rooms that had been prepared and furnished are no longer vacant but filled-to-capacity. Why? Because we had a vision for a future at St. John's filled with hope – and lots of little kids learning. Ongoing Tender Loving Care for our facility in long over-do repointing of the brickwork on our 'preschool' portion of the building, replacement of 40 plus windows, and numerous smaller projects have kept us busy.

Thirty-six (36) members participated in short term (5 weeks) Summer Learning Opportunities (5 different topics in small group format) and have expressed appreciation for the spiritual growth and expansion of their knowledge of scripture. They had homework and they didn't complain. They embraced the opportunity to be a Learning Community. They celebrated getting to know other 'friends' who attend St. John's and did so by focusing on Jesus – not each other.

Lessons learned in these studies were invaluable when things didn't quite work out the way we planned for continuation of Operation 143 through the summer. We prayed and listened as God showed us His plan. Being available to God's intention allowed the blessing of your generous food donations to be provided to children attending Camp Noah.

Graduates of the music department at Kutztown University offered youthful energy to our invitation to explore possibilities and expand their resumes by providing music from many different genres throughout the summer. We intentionally designed this summer to be broader in scope as a way to shake off the stress and heaviness of 18 months of pandemic cloud cover. Like Mason, they too found an openness (mostly – a few members complained, and a few said we will return when you have better music) to a judgment-free environment, acceptance for where they are at the beginning of their careers in music and the gift they have to offer being met by our gift of inviting them to join with us in ministry.

Come to the Table served on average 100 meals each Saturday night and is expanding the depth of this ministry by its ultimate reason for existence – getting to know our neighbors. Feeding them is great. Getting to know them is God's command. We strengthened our ministry by developing a belief for many that we all have a responsibility in providing care for each other at St. John's. This DNA shift is the most difficult and the most Christ-honoring of all witnesses in congregational ministry. In this way, all understand ourselves to be the priesthood of all believers. When we fall short and believe staff are more important than the owner for caring ministries, we inhibit and deny the work of the Holy Spirit in us and quite simply prevent all from experiencing the joy that comes from standing shoulder to shoulder as siblings in Christ.

A preschool staff overnight, a youth overnight and many workshops filled our summer schedule. We didn't shut down as is often the case in congregational ministry, we expanded and worked even more to plan and execute a plan that builds the body to maturity. We can talk all we want about doing and being, however, unless we take the step of action it will fall short and frustrate and demoralize those with a Christ-honoring vision to be a learning community that brings all the glory to God.

Be blessed!

Pastor Bob



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**Saturday, October 2  
8:30 am**

Join us to help clean inside and outside our building with our eyes open for improvement opportunities. We will follow social distancing guidelines and masks will be required. Please register your attendance on our website.

St. John's will provide donuts and coffee along with inside cleaning supplies. Please bring your own rakes and shovels for outdoor cleanup.

Thank you for your support in keeping our facility a beautiful place to serve and worship God!

## CUB SCOUT PACK 512 RECRUITING

By: Mike Houck

We are beginning our 2021-2022 program and looking for new members to join our Scouting fun. Our Pack is for boys and girls in grades Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup>. We are especially recruiting those in grades 1, 3, and 4, but all are welcome.

When registering your son or daughter we expect a parent to register as an adult leader to serve as den leader or committee member. Cub Scouting is a family activity. In meetings we develop useful skills, learn new things, and work as a team. Most of all, we have fun!

Our Pack meets weekly on Tuesdays from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. We are meeting outdoors (weather permitting) until mid-October at the Douglass Township pavilion on Philadelphia Ave. in Gilbertsville. After mid-October our meetings will be in Fellowship Hall. We are understanding of scheduling conflicts with your other activities and can work around them.

Although the pandemic has affected our activities, last year we had Halloween and Christmas parties, rocket launch, pinewood derby, and bluebird box painting at Earl Township Park. Upcoming activities include Halloween party, nature hike, and visiting Boy Scout Troop 512 at their Fall Camp.

To join or for more information contact Mike Houck, Pack Committee Chair, at 610-844-5167 (voice or text) or [houchmr@comcast.net](mailto:houchmr@comcast.net). You can also register online at [BeAScout.org](http://BeAScout.org) and find Cub Scouts Pack 512 under Zip Code 19512.

We look forward to seeing new girls and boys joining our Pack.

## A MISSION TO WELCOME ALL



By: Cathy Krause

The journey began early this year on Zoom (didn't everything?). In May we attended a workshop on how to build an inclusive church, sponsored by the ELCA (on Zoom, again!). This program is called "Reconciling in Christ", or RIC. It is for congregations and other Lutheran faith communities to publicly welcome all people: people of race, people of sexual orientations, people of gender identities, people of gender expressions. We learned that there is actually a process to follow – and, unbeknownst to us, we had already begun!

To continue the first part of the process of building a foundation, we invited Jaime Fivecoat, volunteer advocate, to spend a Saturday in July helping our small group get organized (in person, not Zoom!). During our morning together we explored how each of us has faced discrimination or stigma. It is more common than any of us realized. We transitioned to identifying folks who would give us a broad range of opinions as our data. In order to gather this data the Welcoming All group will need to interview these people. We will be asking each person the same questions. The interviewer may ask to take notes during the interview. These notes will become our data. This data will be used to guide the next steps of our journey.

The tabulation of the data will conclude the second step of the process. The third step is to continue to build relationships among our congregation members. Our journey, now begun, will be defined by your honesty and your faith as our guideposts. May we all find blessings on this journey.

## POTATO PROJECT: HARVESTING

**September 12**

**12:15 PM**

**meet in St John's parking lot**

We will be harvesting at Becker's St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 265 Maidencreek Road, Fleetwood. Return time is approximately 5:00 pm. Hot dogs, fresh cut fries and drinks provided on site after harvesting. All ages welcome!

Register online at [stjohnsboyertown.org/potato-project-reg](http://stjohnsboyertown.org/potato-project-reg)  
Questions? Contact Karen Pollock at [kplock@ptd.net](mailto:kplock@ptd.net).



# THERE IS A STORY TO BE TOLD

## Do You Know Your Hymns?

By: Charles Haddad

My graduating high school class of 1954 from Boyertown Area High School (BASH) had 101 members. It was a different BASH and Boyertown as the center of population of BASH was the Borough of Boyertown. The students from the two Boyertown Elementary schools of Lincoln, above the railroad tracks, and Washington below the railroad tracks, put away their grade school rivalry as they joined together in the 3-story 1934 building at 4<sup>th</sup> & Monroe. The neighboring townships had schools for their students to 8<sup>th</sup> grade after which we all joined together for 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>. Thirty members of my 10<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation class at St. John's graduated with me. The friendships continued after graduation as the Class of 1954 not only meets every 5 years for a class reunion, but we also meet for a monthly breakfast which is now attended by 10 to 12 members. There is no consequence for one missing a breakfast meeting since the stories told at each breakfast seem to be repeated many times even though the classmate telling the story starts with, "I have a new story for you."

Our connection is not only the in-person breakfasts but also from members that live throughout the country. Colorado seems to be a popular state where 4 members have spent most of their working lives and now retirement. Roger Weidner and his cousin, Marilyn (Houck) Hallman, Richard Hallman and Carl Schwenk are those classmates. Roger forwarded the following list of hymns you may enjoy reading.

Dentist's Hymn  
Weatherman's Hymn  
Contractor's Hymn  
Tailor's Hymn  
Golfer's Hymn  
Politician's Hymn  
Optometrist's Hymn  
IRS Agent's Hymn  
Gossip's Hymn  
Electrician's Hymn  
Shopper's Hymn  
Massage Therapist's Hymn

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*  
*There Shall Be Showers of Blessings*  
*The Church's One Foundation*  
*Holy, Holy, Holy*  
*There's a Green Hill Far Away*  
*Standing on the Promises*  
*Open My Eyes That I Might See*  
*I Surrender All*  
*Pass It On*  
*Send the Light*  
*Sweet Bye and Bye*  
*He Touched Me*

And for those who speed on the highway...

55 mph	<i>God Will Take Care of You</i>
75 mph	<i>Nearer My God to Thee</i>
85 mph	<i>This World is Not My Home</i>
95 mph	<i>Lord, I'm Coming Home</i>
100 mph	<i>Precious Memories</i>



## PRESCHOOL NEWS

By: Amy Willson

September is a time for endings and new beginnings. It carries with it the sadness of the end of summer but also the excitement of "new beginnings" with the start of a new school year. September holds memories of starting school not only for your children, but yourself. It is a time of transition, of rituals, reestablishing routines, and a time to focus on moving forward to embrace the coming year.

September marks a passage of time, back to school rituals, first day photos. In my house this year, it marks the end of one phase and the beginning of a new one, as my youngest is now in middle school marking the end of my elementary days, and my oldest starts his freshman year of college, bringing with it both a sense of loss and sadness, and a sense of pride and excitement for what is to come.

At the preschool, September marks the beginning of the new school year, and a time of excitement as we welcome back both our returning families and new families to St. John's Preschool.

September is a flurry of activity as we finalize our classrooms, solidify lesson plans, prep materials for learning and crafts, and trade flip flops for comfy teaching shoes. One of my favorite parts of back to school is always the new supplies – cracking open a new set of pretty pens, the folders so perfect without any creases, new notebooks – the paper so white and blank and just waiting, and of course an outfit or two to start the year.

We can't wait for school to begin and once again have the sweet sounds of laughter and pitter patter of small feet fill our classrooms, our hallways, and our hearts.

As we embark on this new school year, I look forward to embracing change, to continue to learn and grow, to remain joyful and hopeful, to do my best to live each day to its fullest, and at the end of each day to reflect on my blessings as I let go of the day and prepare for the new beginning of tomorrow.

We are so glad to have you as part of our St. John's Preschool family, and we wish you all a year filled with health and blessings.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Preschool is currently in need of volunteers to help in the Playgroup class.

Mon/Wed 8:45 - 10:45 am

Tues/Thur 9:45 - 11:45 am

*\*The highest priority need is the M/W class.*

Classes begin Monday September 13.

Contact Amy Willson to help!  
awillson@stjohnsboyertown.org  
610-367-0197

## NEW MEMBER CLASS

Sunday, September 12

10:45 am-12:00 pm | Pastor Bob's Office

Anyone interested in becoming a member of St. John's is encouraged to attend this class. Please register with Becky Scheiry by September 5 at [parishadmin@stjohnsboyertown.org](mailto:parishadmin@stjohnsboyertown.org) or by calling the church office.

## COUNCIL CONNECTION

By: Jen Friz, Congregation Council President

I led one of our 5 summer learning opportunities, *Fail: What to do when things go wrong*. This study is focused on Jeremiah's story as an example to help us to have more courage to take risks and deal with disappointment and failure in our lives...not on our own, but by turning to God. Pastor Bob asked me to spend a little bit of time on our youth retreat in August teaching the students about failing. While the book I used for the study in July and August covers 5 weeks, I didn't even get through the week 1 content with the students.... there's just so much to share.

During one of the discussions, we focused on the following passage from the first chapter of Jeremiah:

*"Alas, Sovereign Lord," I said, "I do not know how to speak; I am too young." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say 'I am too young.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the Lord.*

Over the few days on the retreat, the students, at times, struggled to find their voices, to answer the admittedly challenging questions that were posed to them, so we reread this passage several times. As I have been involved in our youth and catechism programs over the last couple of years, I have seen our students being asked questions that I don't think most of our adults have the courage to consider or answer. Why would we ask this of our students? Because they will rise to the challenge. If not in the moment, they will ponder the questions asked and know that they've been challenged with questions that I'd bet are rarely asked of teenagers. Our expectations are high. That's what I want for my children. That's the experience I want for myself and our congregation.

My experience with the students and adults in the last couple of years in our congregation is that our students often feel safer and more courageous than the adults in sharing their thoughts on difficult questions about themselves and God. Why? I can speculate an answer to that question, but can't solve it. What I will try to do is continue to find the answers for myself and help lead the students and adults to learn and grow in their faith. I believe we

are transitioning into a church that understands that challenges and discomfort are what lead to growth. At least that's what the key leaders believe. The congregation as a whole needs to believe in that to make a true shift.

At 44 years of age, I need to hear the verse above repeated as much as I believe our students do. This chapter is Jeremiah's calling, God calling him to lead and speak to the people of Judah, to tell them of the devastation and destruction to come. What an unlucky, virtually impossible assignment, but through all of it, Jeremiah continued to follow God's instructions and plan. There's nothing special about Jeremiah. What we see over and over again throughout scripture is that God chooses ordinary people to do the difficult and extraordinary things.

*"I do not know how to speak; I am too young."* If we are middle-aged or older, maybe we should each consider replacing the word "young" with other words that might fit our particular obstacle in various contexts. It could be with your spouse, children, at work, at church, etc. I'm sure most of us have a few words we could insert that we use as an excuse not to speak. You fill in the blank – old, tired, busy, inexperienced, afraid, timid, angry, frustrated, apathetic, indifferent.... But then know that God would respond by saying, *"Do not say 'I am too \_\_\_\_\_'."*

As I read this passage over and over again, I continue to turn to the last phrase... I will rescue you. God doesn't say, I am with you and it will be easy or I am with you and no one will disagree or make it difficult. God does say **I WILL RESCUE YOU**. The word "rescue" is defined as saving someone from a dangerous or distressing situation – this is the point at which we fail, when things go wrong and the only one we can turn to is God.



Youth Retreat to Ocean City, NJ.



# WHEN MESSY PEOPLE FAIL . . .

By: Michele Eidle

The food was donated, the new shelves assembled, the volunteers signed up and then . . . nothing.

Our summer program to feed hungry kids was planned with care with the intention to do God's work by helping struggling families. Despite the fliers and emails we had no children signed up and I had failed to launch our summer program. I added one more to the list of reasons to join Jen Friz's summer learning class, "Fail – what to do when things go wrong".

Even though I knew the food could be donated to Operation 143 at the start of the school year, I felt that there was a reason and a purpose we had all of this. The congregation had given these items generously and in abundance. I prayed that if there were a need or another purpose for this food, please let it be known.

Nearly a month after what was to be the start of our summer deliveries of food, Becky Scheiry was contacted at the church office to see if we would provide food to Camp Noah. A group of churches in our area were asked to donate food and help with this day camp.

Recognizing that we had a large collection of food, Becky called me for help. St John's volunteered to provide individually bagged breakfasts during two days of camp. Pastor Rebecca Knox had just left a late night planning meeting just days before camp was to start when I was on a call with her to schedule our deliveries. I asked if there were any additional items we might be able to provide, and I told her about the food items we collected for the summer program that had never happened. She thankfully accepted our offer of fruit cups, applesauce cups, fruit snacks, and granola bars to supplement the snacks and lunches throughout the 4 day camp. They had just been discussing during the meeting that they might be short on food.

Thank you to each person who added food items to our collection bins. Thank you to the volunteers that came on Monday and Thursday nights to pack bags. Thank you to the volunteers who woke up early to load up and deliver the bags to Oley fairgrounds where camp was being held.

"Surviving Life's Messy Plot Twists" was the subject this week in my other summer learning class called, "Messy People". We learned "God is looking for people who are AVAILABLE, INTERRUPTIBLE, and TRUSTWORTHY." During our class discussion I shared all of the things I mentioned above in this article and they encouraged me to share this message with all of you.

We need to make ourselves available to God's plan for us. Let God interrupt the plans we thought we had for ourselves. Be trustworthy to use all he has given to us for his plan for us.

*Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.*

*1 Peter 4:10 NIV*



*"Camp Noah is a nationally recognized preparedness and resiliency day camp offered to elementary age children in communities impacted by a disaster or crisis. Camp Noah provides a safe and caring environment where children build resiliency skills within the familiarity of their own communities. They use a proven curriculum designed to help children process their disaster and/or trauma experience through creative activities and play. Camp Noah celebrates every child as special. In this safe and supportive setting, children are encouraged to face their fears, grieve their losses, identify and share their unique gifts and talents, and plan for an amazing future!"*

## Calling all kids!

Sunday School  
starts  
September 12

Contact Cathy Krause with  
questions or to volunteer!  
610-948-5905  
cmkrause298@gmail.com

Join us in the Sanctuary for 9:30 worship.  
Teachers will lead children to classrooms.

Register children  
ages 3 through 6th grade online at:  
[stjohnsboyertown.org](http://stjohnsboyertown.org)

# STEPHEN MINISTRY WORKSHOP

**Saturday, September 18**

**9:00 am - 1:30 pm Workshop, Open to All / 2:00 - 3:00 pm People Caring for People Meeting  
Lower Level**

**Register by September 10 on our website or call the office 610.369.1024**

Join us for an informative walk-through of Stephen Ministry! We will be joined by Sarah Tees, a Level 2 ELCA Coach, a Stephen Leader and Lay Ministry Leader at her home congregation at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fullerton, CA. She has trained as a Level 1 Coach, a Level 2 Stewardship Coach, a Team Coach, and she is currently training to become a Level 2 Grief and Loss, End of Life Coach. Sarah has trained as a Stephen Minister and as a Stephen Leader for over 100 total hours of professional training. She is also a Co-Leader of the North Orange County Stephen Leader's Network with 9 participating Stephen Ministries from multiple denominations. Sarah is an advocate for suicide prevention awareness after losing her father to suicide 15 years ago. Additionally, Sarah is a stay-at-home wife of 16 years, and mother of two early teens. Her whole family is actively participating in Scouts as well. Sarah has dedicated her time to caring for others in all things. Always grateful to walk alongside people as they transition, whether that transition takes them from one chapter of life to another, or from here to God's Kingdom. What is your next faithful step?



## **What Is Stephen Ministry?**

*Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ (Galatians 6:2, NRSV)*

Stephen Ministry offers a proven and effective way to organize, equip, and supervise a team of congregation members - called Stephen Ministers - to provide high-quality, one-to-one, Christ-centered care to people in the congregation and the community experiencing life difficulties.

## **Who's Involved in Stephen Ministry?**

Stephen Leaders are church staff, lay leaders, and pastors trained to provide ongoing leadership for their congregation's Stephen Ministry. They are equipped for this key role through the Bridge Leader's Training Course offered by Stephen Ministries St. Louis.

Stephen Ministers are congregation members trained by their Stephen Leaders to offer care to people who are hurting. A Stephen Minister typically has one care receiver at a time and meets with that person once a week for about an hour.

Care receivers are individuals in the congregation or community who are going through a crisis or life difficulty. Potential care receivers first meet with a pastor or Stephen Leader, who assesses their needs for care and matches them with a Stephen Minister. The caring relationship lasts for as long as the need persists.

## **The Blessings of Stephen Ministry**

Stephen Ministry multiplies blessings throughout the church and community.

- Congregations carry out Christ's commandment to "Love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12 RSV) in a powerful and practical way.
- Pastors have a team of gifted, trained, and committed lay caregivers ready to minister to hurting people.
- Laypeople nurture and use their gifts in meaningful ministry, growing spiritually as they serve others.
- People who are hurting have a caring Christian presence to provide emotional and spiritual support.

In short, Stephen Ministry helps carry out the mission of the church.

## **Stephen Ministry Is Built to Last**

You'll find Stephen Ministry in congregations from more than 180 Christian denominations, across the U.S. and Canada and in 30 other countries.

Stephen Ministry is built to last - going strong for decades in hundreds of congregations.

Since Stephen Ministries St. Louis was founded in 1975:

- More than 13,000 congregations have enrolled in Stephen Ministry.
- More than 75,000 pastors and lay leaders from those congregations have been equipped as Stephen Leaders.
- More than 600,000 laypeople have received Stephen Minister training.
- More than one-and-a-half-million people have had a Stephen Minister to walk with them, providing one-to-one Christian care during tough times.

# NEW BAPTISMAL FONT

By: Cathy Krause

Have you wondered about our baptismal font?

Do you remember what the former baptismal font looked like? It was a wooden base, painted white with a darkly stained top. In the top sat an aluminum bowl.



Our current font is much different. It is cobalt blue, hand-blown glass – complementing the blue in the stained glass windows. The curves of the bowl flow organically like waves of water. It is a commissioned piece from the Taylor Backes Studio that is located in Boyertown. The table it sits on was also commissioned by a local woodworker, Allan Stauffer. We are proud to have local artists and their God-given gifts represented in our sanctuary!

Taylor Backes has pieces exhibited in the Smithsonian Institution, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the Corning Museum of Glass and others. It is “a unique glass studio dedicated to creation and production of fine functional, architectural and sculptural design.” - *taylorbackes.com*. This studio was the idea of Karla Trinkley and Will Dexter. The studio name comes from the maiden names of their mothers. Trinkley and Dexter are artists who have exhibited in fine art galleries, combining high quality craftsmanship with fine design. Visit *taylorbakes.com* to see examples of their art, classes that are offered through the Glass Art Institute and to buy online.



We hope you will take a moment to appreciate the fine artistry of these pieces the next time you are in our sanctuary.



## WE WANT YOU

...to be a volunteer to tell the St. John's story at the Gen. Spaatz Museum. Greeters and guides are needed for Thursday or Fridays in October, November, and December. There are audio kiosks so you will not have speaking parts. Shirts, pants and hats provided. Please call Charles Haddad (484-824-4224) or Jerry Krause (484-374-5027) for more information and a tour of the GSM.

Students - there are role players needed for the interactive exhibits on weekends and days off of school. Contact info same as above.



*Volunteer, Nyla Omlor  
donning the uniform.*

# thank you!

A huge thank-you to everyone who donated towards my retirement gift. When I opened the envelope and saw the check, I was overwhelmed. You see, for me, teaching and being the director of our wonderful preschool wasn't a job. It was a calling that I knew was what God wanted me to do since I was in third grade. I truly appreciate your generosity, but it certainly wasn't something I expected. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Please continue to support the school and its wonderful staff.

- Vicky Henry

## CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

## Eagle Messenger Article Deadlines

**Monday, September 13** for October issue

**Monday, October 11** for November issue

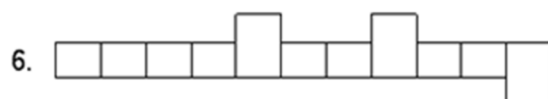
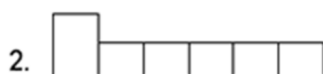
**Monday, November 8** for December issue

# Jesus the Bread of Life

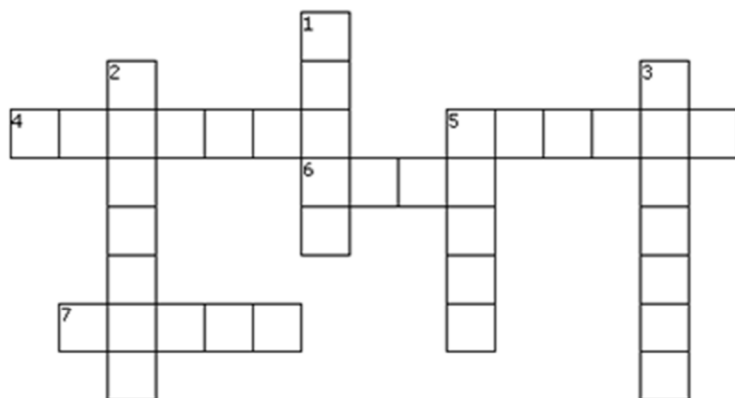
"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."  
John 6:51 (NIV)



Enter the correct words in the boxes based on the shape of the letters.



bread	listen	truth	everlasting
heaven	learn	believe	life



## ACROSS

- For everlasting time; eternally
- To make an effort to hear something; to pay attention
- To continue to be alive
- The Son of God

## DOWN

- The earth with its inhabitants
- A person who speaks for God; Isaiah, for example
- To accept as true or real
- To gain knowledge through experience or study

Jesus	listen	believe	forever
prophet	learn	live	world



## SEPTEMBER WORSHIP MINISTRY

Date	Day	Time	Liturgical Day	Special Service	Lector	Prayer	Sound	Ushers	Video
9/5/2021	Sunday	9:30 AM	15th Sunday after Pentecost		Lori Carnes	Martha Bentley	Brianna Rohrbach	Barry & Becky Erb, Ron & Bunny Riffle	Aiden Martin
9/12/2021	Sunday	9:30 AM	16th Sunday after Pentecost	God's Work. Our Hands	Krista Fretz	Tom Engle	Myles Omlor	Mike Gilbert, Gerry Krause, Carol Sematis, Terry Wadsworth	Scott Scheiry
9/19/2021	Sunday	9:30 AM	17th Sunday after Pentecost		Annette Truman	Lauren Frey	Ashley Gheer	Jay Herbert, Barbara Houpp, Andy & Susan Varzally	Nyla Omlor
9/26/2021	Sunday	9:30 AM	18th Sunday after Pentecost		Phyllis Kershner	Sarah Eidle	Chase Sennott	Darin Moyer, Kevin Moyer, Ben Rohrbach, Bill Rohrbach	Abbe Grofe

# SEPTEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 10:00a Preschool Open House 1:00p Preschool Open House 2:00p Homelessness Task Force 7:00p Congregation Council	<b>2</b> 10:00a Chestnut Knoll Service 8:00p Worship Broadcast	<b>3</b> Society Yard Sale 7:00a Men's Small Group Bible Study	<b>4</b> Society Yard Sale 4:30p Come to the Table
<b>5</b> 9:30a Worship Celebration	<b>6</b> Labor Day Office Closed	<b>7</b> 7:00p Cub Scouts 512	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 10:00a Chestnut Knoll Service 8:00p Worship Broadcast	<b>10</b> 7:00a Men's Small Group Bible Study 6:30p Catechism GWBU	<b>11</b> 4:30p Come to the Table
<b>12</b> 9:30a Sunday Church School 9:30a Worship Celebration 10:45a New Member Class 1:00p Potato Project	<b>13</b> Preschool Opening Day 5:00p Newsletter Submission 6:30p Girl Scouts	<b>14</b> 7:00p Cub Scouts 512	<b>15</b> 9:30a Pottstown Soup Kitchen 7:00p Congregation Council	<b>16</b> 9:00a Community Leaders 10:00a Chestnut Knoll Service 8:00p Worship Broadcast	<b>17</b> 7:00a Men's Small Group Bible Study	<b>18</b> 9:00a Stephen Ministry Workshop 2:00p People Caring for People 4:30p Come to the Table
<b>19</b> 9:30a Sunday Church School 9:30a Worship Celebration	<b>20</b> 6:30p Girl Scouts	<b>21</b> 7:00p Cub Scouts 512 7:00p Finance Team	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 10:00a Chestnut Knoll Service 8:00p Worship Broadcast	<b>24</b> 7:00a Men's Small Group Bible Study	<b>25</b> 4:30p Come to the Table
<b>26</b> 9:30a Sunday Church School 9:30a Worship Celebration	<b>27</b> 6:30p Girl Scouts	<b>28</b> 7:00p Cub Scouts 512	<b>29</b> 7:00p Ministry Action Plan	<b>30</b> 10:00a Chestnut Knoll Service 8:00p Worship Broadcast		

# SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> Lori Carnes Doreen Dierolf Stephanie Krause	<b>2</b> Cindy Richard Nithya Varzally	<b>3</b> Margery Sell	<b>4</b> Cody Weiss	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> Piper Fries Tyler Groff Lynn Lash Robert Sell Leona Stauffer	<b>7</b> Anna Coale Cindy Eck Logan Heintz Michele Houck	<b>8</b> Fritz Allmendinger Michael Omlor	<b>9</b> Janice Moyer	<b>10</b> Amanda Martin	<b>11</b> Mary Kay Heimbach John Houser	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> Kolby Seavers Sharon Shollenberger Hope Strouse	<b>14</b> Grace Bealer Michael Huber	<b>15</b> Pele Young	<b>16</b> Carol Sematis	<b>17</b> Joan Millard	<b>18</b> Jeremy Christman Pearl Frederick Robert Martin Emily Moatz	<b>19</b> Virginia Bryan Rick Moatz Michael Rohrbach Karissa Smith
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<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Emmy Block Luke Yingling	<b>29</b> Jennifer Leva	<b>30</b> Justin Endy			



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and share God's Word.

*We do this by:*

- Maintaining a trusting and welcoming environment.
- Praying daily.
- Reading scripture regularly.
- Sharing our faith through action-based service.
- Encouraging holy conversations.
- Feeding our faith with music.

*With a focus on:*

- Activities that build relationships.
- Worship that is relevant.
- Meeting the needs of the vulnerable in our community.

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