



Dear Siblings in Christ,

In times like these, when so much feels uncertain both close to home and around the world, it's hard not to feel the weight of it all—anxiety, fear, discouragement, even anger. The rising cost of everyday life—fuel, groceries, the basic comforts we depend on—presses heavily on many of us. And yet, as followers of Jesus, we're reminded that we are not alone in this. We are not without hope. We are not without support. We have prayer. And we have each other.

It's often easy to recognize certain kinds of need. Feeding someone who is hungry, for instance, is something we understand right away. But I wonder if we sometimes miss the needs that are less visible. What about the person who appears to have everything but feels deeply alone? Or the one who lacks a sense of purpose or connection? Poverty takes many forms, and it surrounds us in ways we don't always see. The question is—are we paying attention?

This is part of why our connection with Wellspring Karitas in Cuernavaca, Mexico, matters so much. We don't go simply to do something or to fix something. We go to learn. We go with open hearts and humility, ready to receive from those who are already serving faithfully and effectively. Over time, we are learning to move from simply "giving" to truly "serving." That shift may seem small, but it changes everything. Serving means listening. It means walking alongside others. It means honoring their dignity and recognizing their strength.

Even with the best intentions, mission work can sometimes miss the mark. When it becomes more about our experience than about the well-being of others, we risk doing harm instead of good. That's why we're trying to choose a more thoughtful path—one that builds up rather than unintentionally diminishes.

A few guiding principles have been shaping us along the way: [an edited version found in Robert D. Lupton's book, *Toxic Charity, How Churches Hurt Those They Help (And How to Reverse It)*]

- Don't do for others what they are capable of doing for themselves.

- Reserve one-way giving for true emergencies.
- Look for ways to empower—through opportunity, investment, and encouragement.
- Put the needs of others ahead of our own interests.
- Listen deeply, especially to what isn't being said.
- And above all, do no harm.

At St. John's, we're taking these ideas seriously. We're asking hard questions about our own efforts and being honest about where we may need to grow. Our hope is to continue to be a community whose service reflects humility, respect, and genuine partnership.

We're also learning the importance of listening. Real change rarely comes from simply being told what to do. More often, it grows out of quiet moments—when we slow down, pay attention, and notice what God is already doing. In those moments, clarity doesn't come from more words, but from being present.

It would be nice if there were simple answers or easy instructions. But the truth is, this kind of work takes time. It takes patience, trust, and a willingness to discern together where God is leading.

One lesson continues to stand out: lasting change happens when communities discover their own way forward. Our role isn't to bring all the answers, but to walk alongside—to listen, to encourage, and to support. Whether it's access to clean water, mobility, or education, meaningful change grows from within, not from the outside.

And that calls for humility. It asks us to let go of the idea that we always know best. It reminds us that God is already at work—in our neighborhoods, in the lives of our neighbors, and in places we are still learning to understand.

So as we move forward together, may we seek not our own plans, but God's. May we notice where He is already at work—and have the courage and grace to join Him there.

Be blessed!

Pastor Bob

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On April 2 during our Maundy Thursday worship service, Joshua Eidle received the sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time.

*God of all creation, pour out your blessing on all mothers and those who provide motherly care. You have made them in your image and given them children to love and care for in your name. Bless them with a heart like your heart: loving and kind, comforting and strong, nurturing and grace-filled. As they participate in your ongoing creativity, give them discernment to help their children discover their unique gifts. As they teach their children, grant them wisdom to know what is truly valuable. As they strive to share your unconditional love, give them long-suffering patience and a lively sense of humor. As they model your mercy, help them extend the forgiveness they themselves freely receive from you. In all circumstances fortify their faith, that they may love you above all. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.*



## UPCOMING WORSHIP

**Sunday, May 10 @ 9:30 am**

**Celebrating Mother's Day**

We'll celebrate all the women in our lives this day. Receive a special gift take-away and enjoy yummy treats at Coffee & Conversation in the Lower Level following worship.

**Sunday, May 17**

Last day for Children's Sunday Church School

**Thursday, May 29 (no service this evening)**

**Ascension of Our Lord**

Forty is a significant number in the Bible, and the church has kept Ascension on the fortieth day of Easter. That Christ ascended to God the Father to reign over life and death is another way to say that Christ rose from the dead. Thus the Ascension is another Easter Day.

**Sunday, May 24 @ 9:30 am**

**Pentecost Worship Celebration**

On Pentecost, we celebrate that we have been given an Advocate to accompany us. Poured out in wind and fire, water, wine, and bread, the Holy Spirit abides in and among us. We give thanks that God speaks to each of us, no matter our origins, language, or life path. Filled with the Spirit of truth, we go out from worship to proclaim the saving power of Christ's love and the freedom of God's grace with all the world.

**Sunday, May 31 @ 9:30 am**

**Holy Trinity Worship Celebration**

"O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" Today we celebrate the holy Trinity. Paul writes that through Jesus we have peace with God, whose love pours into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, giving us lasting hope. We celebrate the gracious One-in-Three, eternal Three-in-One, as we worship in community; as we share water and word, bread and wine; and as we bring God's love and hope to our neighbors.

**Eagle Messenger  
Article Deadlines**

**Monday, May 11** for June issue

**Monday, June 8** for July issue

**Monday, July 13** for August issue

# EASTER SUNDAY

The church keeps Easter for eight Sundays. Early Christians referred to Sunday as the eighth day, as if the extraordinary day of the resurrection could not fit within the normal week of seven days. The resurrection begins a new recording of time. The fifty days culminates at Pentecost. Each Sunday, individually and communally, we meet the risen Christ in word and sacrament. (sundaysandseasons.com)



**OFFICE CLOSED**  
Monday, May 25



## MAGNIFYING GLASS

By: Bethany Calderwood

In preschool, we like our magnifying glasses. They're large, bright, sturdy, plastic-handled, and come in a variety of colors. We may debate sometimes over who gets which color. Because that's childhood.

What do we examine under our magnifying glasses? In January we examined the snow, hoping to see glimpses of individual flakes. In April we pointed our magnifying glasses toward signs of spring—caterpillars and seeds. We used our magnifying glasses for up close examination of transformation. We watched those caterpillars spin chrysalides, then emerge as marvelous butterflies. We tucked those seeds into the warm

dirt, added water, set them in the sunshine, then watched the green sprouts push through the surface - total transformation.

Raising children can be like having a super-magnified close-up view of a mind-bending transformation process. Have you ever seen a friend's children after a long absence, and you can't believe how much they've grown and changed? Meanwhile, the parents/grandparents/siblings/teachers in the front row may barely see the differences. Sometimes as you support a child you feel overwhelmed by the dirt that is covering the tender seed.

Our task in preschool, in parenting, in supporting families with children, is to examine closely the tiny factors that are cobbled together to result in the astonishing transformation from brand new child to functional adult. When you plant seeds, you begin with the end in mind: the final plant. You then follow steps tailored to achieve that result. You find out the levels of sunlight, frequency of watering, and ranges of temperatures that best support that plant's growth.


While we're not trying to dictate our children's total outcomes, there are certain justifiable goals, and we can begin with certain ends in mind. We want to see these tiny humans emerge as effective communicators, kind friends, and responsible participants in their personal and extended spheres of influence. We want them to be literate and number-savvy, able to problem-solve and process information, and adept at handling conflict. Supporting steps, those details that we can see up close through our magnifying glasses, matter immensely to the final transformation process.

And don't forget—mistake-making is also a part of transformation. Grace for mis-steps, offered and received, is a key element in growth.

So if you're supporting a child in any role, revel in the details revealed by your magnifying glass. Offer grace. And don't forget to step back and appreciate the marvel of the transformation as the seed yields a flower, the caterpillar takes flight, and the child performs the miracle of learning and growth.



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# TAMAR'S STORY

By: Cathy Krause

In Old Testament times, women – actually, young girls – were chosen by the man's father for his sons to marry. The women had no choice. If the son died leaving no heirs (read sons), the woman was given to the next oldest son. If that son had no heirs and died, the woman was given to the third in line son, etc. This is the situation in which Tamar found herself.

Nestled in the story of Joseph in Genesis is Tamar's story. (There is no real reason that it should be in Chapter 38, but it had to go somewhere and that's where the writer of Genesis put it.) Joseph's older brother Judah had 3 sons: Er, Onan, and Shelah. These are by his Canaanite wife. Remember, the Canaanites worshipped many gods – Baal, Dagon, and goddesses Asherah and Astarte, among others. These are many-colored personalities and often violent characters. The goddesses were of sex and war. Cult-prostitutes were at the temples. All were forbidden to the Israelites.

Judah chose Tamar, a Canaanite, to be his oldest son's wife. Er did evil in the sight of the Lord; and "the Lord took his life" (verse 7). Er's death meant that Tamar would become Onan's wife. However, Onan knew that the child he would have with Tamar would be Er's child, not his. To avoid this, Onan "wasted his seed on the ground" (verse 9). This displeased God and he took Onan's life.

At this time, according to Judah, Shelah was too young to marry. So, Judah sent Tamar back to her father's house. When Shelah was old enough to marry, Judah did not send for Tamar. But, after Judah's wife died, Tamar was told about the event. She hatched a plan to "get even" with Judah: She took off her widow's weeds, covered herself with a shawl/veil and sat in the gateway to Enaim (a temple?) on the road to Timnah where Judah was to shear sheep. Judah did not recognize her; and, thinking she was a cult-prostitute or a harlot, made arrangements to visit her.

With gratitude for you and glory to God, on behalf of the witness and learning teams, I thank you for your commitment to growing and sharing your faith through St. John's Lenten devotional and mid-week services. To those who read or listened to the words of your siblings in Christ, thank you for your dedication to having an open heart to receive what God is up to in the lives of our fellow congregants. To those who provided devotions or midweek messages, thank you for the courage to express your faith in ways that stir up in others what the Spirit is stirring up in you. Your continued witness is a vital part of the growing learning community that is St. John's Lutheran Church in Boyertown, PA. And should you be interested in participating in future devotionals or perhaps even the weekly video messages, please contact me: [jrschlegel@comcast.net](mailto:jrschlegel@comcast.net)

Happy Easter Season!  
Jennifer Schlegel

Tamar was shrewd. Judah offered a kid to pay for her services and Tamar countered that she required a pledge until the kid was sent – his seal, cord, and staff. (The seal or signet was a "cylinder seal worn on a cord, serving as a personal signature. The staff sometimes figured as a symbol concluding a transaction" p.108.) So, Judah gave them to her and went in to her. He did not know that she was his daughter-in-law. Through this transaction, she conceived.

Judah did send the kid he promised – via a friend. The friend did not find the woman, nor did he receive the pledge. The men of the place did not know of anyone matching the description given. When the friend reported back, Judah decided that she could keep the pledge so that he would not become the butt of jokes.

Three months later Judah was informed that his daughter-in-law was pregnant – and that she "played the harlot" (verse 24). Oh, Judah was angry! Let her be burned, he decided. This was a way to free himself of her and appear to be righteous at the same time. Burning was the severest penalty, rendered in extreme cases; stoning was the penalty for a case like Tamar's. However, when Tamar was brought out to face the punishment, she brought with her the seal, cord, and staff.

Judah recognized them as his. Apparently, the charges were dropped; and, Judah did not have relations with Tamar again. "Both had practiced deception, but she to secure her legal rights and he to circumvent his legal and paternal obligations (p. 108). And so, Judah pronounced Tamar more righteous than himself.

Surprise! When Tamar gave birth, there were twins in her womb. A hand appeared; the midwife tied a string around it. Then, it retreated. The baby born first did not have the string on its arm. That boy was named Perez, meaning breach. The second baby had the string on its arm; he was named Zerah, meaning a dawning or brightness. Perez became one of the ancestors of David, and of Jesus.

It seems to me that Tamar had the right to do what she did. Judah was spiritually blind; all he wanted was to rid himself of a woman for whom he had no use. God saw the situation differently. He provided for Tamar and caused her situation to reflect the justice she was owed. Because of her righteousness, her son became part of Jesus' genealogy. God provides, no matter the situation.

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## WHERE CAN YOU JOIN IN?

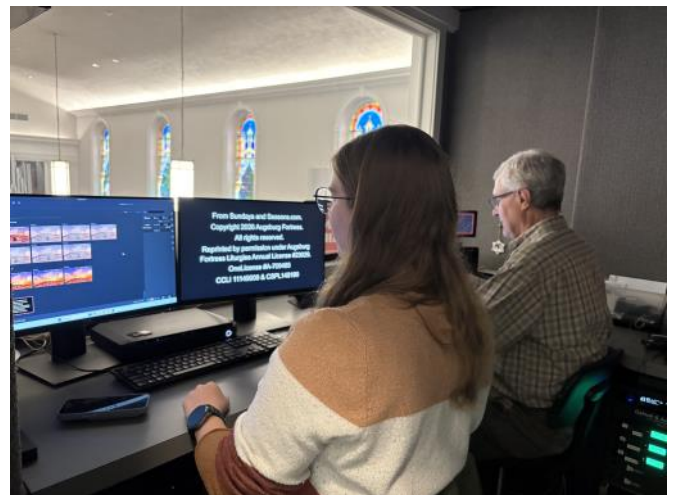


## COME TO THE TABLE

Come To The Table is St. John's thriving food service ministry dedicated to bringing people together through warm meals and compassionate service—and we're looking for more volunteers to join us! Whether you enjoy cooking, serving, organizing, or simply lending a helping hand, there's a place for you at the table. Your time and talents can make a real difference in creating a welcoming space where everyone feels cared for and nourished. Contact Michele Eidle at [m.l.eidle@gmail.com](mailto:m.l.eidle@gmail.com) or Jim Kershner at [jimkershner141@gmail.com](mailto:jimkershner141@gmail.com) if you'd like to join a team!

## WORSHIP MINISTRY

We're looking for passionate and committed volunteers to join our Sound, Video, and Media Team for worship services. If you have an interest in helping behind the scenes with media projection, livestream production, cameras, or sound technology—or you're simply willing to learn—we'd love to have you serve alongside us. This team plays a vital role in helping create a meaningful worship experience both in person and online. No prior experience is necessary; training will be provided. Come be part of something impactful and help us share the message with clarity and excellence. Contact Shannon Omlor at [somlor@stjohnsboyertown.org](mailto:somlor@stjohnsboyertown.org) to learn more.



## JOYFUL SISTERS OF SERVICE



The Joyful Sisters of Service is a welcoming ministry for anyone looking to combine fun, fellowship, and meaningful service. Members come together to plan Coffee & Conversation gatherings, provide delicious baked goods for special events, create thoughtful handmade cards to uplift others, and more! It's a wonderful way to connect, share your talents, and make a positive impact within the church community while building lasting friendships.

Interested in joining? Joyful Sisters meet the 4th Tuesday every month at 1:00pm in the Conference Room. Drop by!



# REFLECTIONS FROM SOUTHERN LIGHTS CONFERENCE

In January, Becky Erb, Jen Friz, Sue Grofe, Pastor Bob Machamer, Shannon Omlor, and Jennifer Schlegel attended the Southern Lights Conference on Saint Simon Island in Georgia. Kim Shively, a friend of Jennifer's and a friend to our congregation, also attended. There were more than 300 who participated in person, with another 400 online. We heard messages of hope from people who have experienced life on the margins. We listened to purposeful questioning and answering among the hosts and speakers. We were mesmerized by the musical offerings from Ken Medema. And we worshipped authentically our final morning.

Over the next few months, you'll read messages in the Eagle Messenger from the conference attendees who will write about something specific that resonated with them, and how that resonance is stirring them to action. And we hope you ask us about our experiences growing closer to God and connecting with the wider community of faith through learning, listening, and worshipping together.

This month's message comes from Shannon Omlor:

Why, even now, are some groups still fighting for their humanity—for the simple right to live as full members of our shared human family? Why must people struggle to be seen, valued, and treated as human? This question stayed with me after the Southern Lights Conference, pressing deeper than a passing thought. It calls for reflection, but also for response.

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus consistently stands in solidarity with those who suffer. He does not remain at a distance; he moves toward the margins and brings those who have been pushed aside into the center. In Luke 4:18–19, Jesus declares his mission plainly: good news for the poor, freedom for the oppressed, and sight for the blind. This is not abstract—it is active, embodied compassion.



Jesus was intentional with both his words and his actions. He challenged systems of corruption, confronted injustice, and uplifted those who had been silenced. He demonstrated that love, compassion, justice, and peace are not optional ideals—they are the very substance of faithful living.

At the conference, Jemar Tisby said, "Justice is not a distraction from the Gospel, but rather a demonstration of the Gospel." That truth echoes what we see throughout the New Testament. Faith is not merely belief; it is something lived out in how we treat others, especially the most vulnerable.

The call, then, is clear. To follow Jesus is to walk on the side of God—to act, speak, and live in ways that defend love and affirm the dignity of every person. The question is not only what we believe, but what our lives reveal about that belief. In a world where many are still fighting to be recognized as fully human, this is a moment that asks something of us.

Now is the time to see what our faith is made of. The gifts we've been given—our voices, our compassion, our courage—are not meant to be held back. They are meant to be used for the good of others. The work of justice, mercy, and love is not finished, and we are invited to take part in it.



## GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Sunday, June 7 @ 9:30 AM  
Sanctuary

## RINGGOLD BAND CONCERT

Saturday, June 27 @ 7:00 PM  
Sanctuary

## END OF SUMMER CELEBRATION

Sunday, August 23 @ 11:30 AM  
Earl Township Park

## HYDRATE RESPONSIBLY

We are encouraging everyone to be better stewards of God's creation as we minimize the use of individual disposable water bottles.

You'll find biodegradable cups at our water fountains/filling stations throughout the church. Please use these or consider bringing your own refillable water bottle to meetings and small groups and fill up at our water filling stations.

Our planet thanks you!



# SMALL GROUP LEARNING SCHEDULE

Day	Session 1 April - May - June	Session 2 July - August	Session 3 September - October
Sunday at 11:00 am	Loving Jesus	Funny End of Life Planner	A Year of Biblical Womanhood
Monday at 6:30 pm	Toxic Charity	21 <sup>st</sup> Century Small Catechism	Life Together
Tuesday at 6:30 pm	The Chosen - Season 3		The Chosen - Seasons 1 & 4



Find more details and registration on our website or at worship.  
Suggested book donation: \$10.00 per book payable at class.

Potato Project Seed Cutting took place on April 18.  
Between taking potatoes home to cut and cutting on-site,  
St. John's contributed **85** 50-lb bags of seed potatoes  
for planting to IHartHarvest!  
Find more photos on our website!



# MAY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> 7:00a Men's Small Group Bible Study 10:00a Move & Groove Class	<b>2</b> 4:30p Come to the Table
<b>3</b> 9:30a Worship Celebration 9:30a Sunday School 11:00a Loving Jesus Small Group	<b>4</b> 10:00a Yoga Class 6:30p Girl Scouts 6:30p Toxic Charity Small Group	<b>5</b> 6:30p The Chosen Season 3 Small Group	<b>6</b> Oley Cluster Preschool Chapel Time 6:30p Worship Team	<b>7</b> 10:00a Chestnut Knoll Service 8:00p Worship Broadcast	<b>8</b> 7:00a Men's Small Group Bible Study 10:00a Move & Groove Class	<b>9</b> 4:30p Come to the Table
<b>10</b> <b>Mother's Day</b> 9:30a Worship Celebration 9:30a Sunday School 10:45a Coffee & Conversation	<b>11</b> 10:00a Yoga Class 5:00p Newsletter Submission 6:30p Toxic Charity Small Group 6:30p Girl Scouts 6:30p Jr Optimist Club 7:30p Optimist Club	<b>12</b> 6:30p The Chosen Season 3 Small Group	<b>13</b> 6:30p Prayer Shawls	<b>14</b> <b>Ascension of Our Lord</b> 10:00a Chestnut Knoll Service 10:00a Operation 143 Delivery 8:00p Worship Broadcast	<b>15</b> 7:00a Men's Small Group Bible Study 10:00a Move & Groove Class	<b>16</b> 4:30p Come to the Table
<b>17</b> 9:30a Worship Celebration 9:30a Sunday School 11:00a Loving Jesus Small Group 6:30p Girl Scout Service Unit Leaders	<b>18</b> 9:00a Preschool Fun Days 10:00a Yoga Class 6:30p Toxic Charity Small Group 6:30p Girl Scouts	<b>19</b> 6:30p Finance Team 6:30p Jr Optimist Club	<b>20</b> 9:30a Pottstown Soup Kitchen 10:00a Preschool Graduation	<b>21</b> 9:30a Community Leaders 10:00a Chestnut Knoll Service 8:00p Worship Broadcast	<b>22</b> 7:00a Men's Small Group Bible Study 10:00a Move & Groove Class	<b>23</b> 4:30p Come to the Table
<b>24</b> <b>Pentecost</b> 9:30a Worship Celebration	<b>25</b> <b>Memorial Day</b> Office Closed	<b>26</b> 1:00p Joyful Sisters of Service 6:30p The Chosen Season 3 Small Group 6:30p Building a Better Boyertown	<b>27</b> 6:30p Congregation Council	<b>28</b> 10:00a Chestnut Knoll Service 10:00a Operation 143 Delivery 8:00p Worship Broadcast	<b>29</b> 7:00a Men's Small Group Bible Study 10:00a Move & Groove Class	<b>30</b> 4:30p Come to the Table
<b>31</b> <b>Holy Trinity</b> 9:30a Worship Celebration 11:00a Loving Jesus Small Group 11:30a Music Studio of Patricia Keith Recital						

WORSHIP MINISTRY

Date	Day	Time	Liturgical Day <i>(Special Service)</i>	Acolyte	Altar Assistant	Altar Guild	Assisting Minister	Lector	Media	Prayers	Sound	Ushers	Video
5/3/2026	Sunday	9:30 AM	Fifth Sunday of Easter	Abby Torres	Bonnie Moatz, Mel Roth	Mary Dierolf, Nancy Edwards	Bev Blake	Karen Pollock	Jason Friz	Karen Pollock	Myles Omlor	Ashley Gheer, John Gheer, Sandy & Terry Wade	Abbe Grofe
5/10/2026	Sunday	9:30 AM	Sixth Sunday of Easter <i>(Mother's Day)</i>	Grant Hersperger	Ashley Gheer, John Gheer	Mary Kay Heimbach, Amy Moyer	Abbe Grofe	Terry Wade	Justin Jones	Michele Eidle	Ashley Gheer	Becky & Barry Erb, Bunny & Ron Riffle	Camryn Friz
5/17/2026	Sunday	9:30 AM	Seventh Sunday of Easter	Tatum Friz	Tom Engle, George Hill	Dorothy Breitkreutz	Madison Robb	Andy Varzally	Shannon Omlor	Tom Engle	Melissa Eidle	Jerry Krause, Ed Schaeffer, Scott Scheiry, Jennifer Schlegel	Scott Scheiry
5/24/2026	Sunday	9:30 AM	Pentecost	Camryn Friz	Michele & Dave Eidle	Jodi Dykie, Nancy Edwards	Jason Friz	Jennifer Schlegel	Justin Jones	Sue Grofe	Brianna Rohrbach	Mary Kay & Donnie Heimbach, Sue & George Hill	Jason Eidle
5/31/2026	Sunday	9:30 AM	The Holy Trinity	Philip Derr	Amanda Ehst, Jennifer Schlegel	Shirley Hartman, Sue Hill	Jennifer Schlegel	Martha Bentley	Jason Friz	Martha Bentley	Ashley Gheer	Martha Bentley, Jodi Dykie, Barbara Houp, Josee Ruckebrod	Abbe Grofe
6/7/2026	Sunday	9:30 AM	2nd Sunday after Pentecost <i>(Graduate Recognition)</i>	Abby Torres	Jen & Jason Friz	Bonnie Moatz	Mel Roth	Bonnie Moatz	Sarah Eidle	Susan & Andy Varzally	Myles Omlor	Carol Sematis, Susan & Andy Varzally, Terry Wadsworth	Camryn Friz
6/14/2026	Sunday	9:30 AM	3rd Sunday after Pentecost	Philip Derr	Bev & Joe Blake	Jodi Dykie, Mary Kay Heimbach	Amy Moyer	Dave Babb	Shannon Omlor	Bonnie Moatz	Melissa Eidle	Darrin Moyer, Kevin Moyer, Sandy & Terry Wade	Scott Scheiry
6/21/2026	Sunday	9:30 AM	4th Sunday after Pentecost <i>(Father's Day)</i>	Camryn Friz	Amanda Ehst, Melissa Eidle	Melissa Eidle	Amanda Ehst	Bev Blake	Jason Friz	Ros Moatz	Brianna Rohrbach	Mary Kay & Donnie Heimbach, Ros & Brian Moatz	Jason Eidle
6/28/2026	Sunday	9:30 AM	5th Sunday after Pentecost	Grant Hersperger	Abbe Grofe, Amy Moyer	Dorothy Breitkreutz	Melissa Geary	Sarah Eidle	Justin Jones	Tom Engle	Myles Omlor	Carol & Larry Angstadt, Ashley Gheer, John Gheer	Abbe Grofe

# MAY BIRTHDAYS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> Amy Vogt	<b>2</b> Barbara Spohn
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Walter Burkepile	<b>5</b> Andy Varzally	<b>6</b> Jenna Clark	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Chase Sennott
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Edward White	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Abigail Fretz Josh Torres	<b>14</b> Terry Wadsworth	<b>15</b> Beth Ann Engle	<b>16</b> Karen Haas Audrey Hafer
<b>17</b> Phyllis Kershner	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Lori Shoemaker	<b>21</b> Thomas Daub	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> Tatum Friz	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Pam White	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> Justin Jones						



# EAGLE MESSENGER

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SUNDAY 9:30 AM

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*Friday 8:30 am - 12:00 pm*

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