



Newsletter

May 2019

**Glorifying God by Making, Maturing, and
Mobilizing Enthusiastic Disciples for Jesus Christ**

PASTOR'S REFLECTION

Does resurrection make a difference? Does the fact that death has been defeated change how we live? How we look at the world? I challenged us on Easter Sunday that it should. However, often I fear that it doesn't. We quickly return to a world where death reigns. We quickly return to the old ways that may feel safe and familiar.

And yes, there are many things in the world that have not been transformed by resurrection. But we know that Christ has won. We know the outcome, but can we embrace it? In this way, the acts of giving up continue as we need to give up our old ways and embrace this new death-defeated world.

As we move on from Easter, we will be following the book of Acts and wondering how this resurrection shakes up our lives. The world changed; now how do we live in it.

I truly believe that this is the biggest issue that faces the church. We say we believe in resurrection, but we don't live like it makes a difference. Are we willing to live the same kind of example that Christ has showed us? This is life that embraces resurrection. And really, this I think is an irresistible life that people want to know more about. People don't want words, they want actions.

(One thing about working ahead in worship planning is sometimes you change your mind. I had called the next series Aftershock, but I am not as excited about that now. So, I am working on a different title, keeping with the same Scriptures)

MAY WORSHIP

Sunday May 5, 2019- Acts 9:1-6 (Communion)

Sunday May 12, 2019- Mother's Day- Guest Speak Rev. Jennine Brenner (Men's Same Day Choir)

Sunday May 19, 2019- Acts 11:1-18 (Sunbeam Choir)

Sunday May 26, 2019- Acts 16:9-15



CHICKEN BBQ FUNDRAISER...

On Thursday May 30, Bethany will host a Kauffman's Chicken BBQ Fundraiser. Tickets are \$7.50 and will get you a half chicken with a baked potato. Tickets are required to get food. Pick up will be between 3-6 pm.

Help us sell some tickets and raise funds to support the church and get our new front door.


UNITY QUARTET...

On Sunday June 9, 2019 the Unity Quartet will again lead us in worship. We have invited Campbelltown UMC to join us here that Sunday. There will be a fellowship meal to follow. Further instructions will come on what to bring.

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

Ad Council is Monday, May 13th @ 6:30 PM. Everyone is welcome.

Caring Cupboard Sunday is May 12th. Some of their needs this month are: pasta, condiments, Progresso soups, creamed soups, regular coffee, personnel items, and diapers.



May is the last month to order the sub and pretzel sandwiches until September. Orders are due by May 15th and pick-up is May 23rd between 10:30-11:30 AM. Remember all the profits are going towards our front door fund.

The monies collected for the front door fund are: Individual donations-\$205.00, Redners-\$77.47 and the March sub sale - \$132.00. The Grand Total is \$6201.67.

The May/June Upper Room is on the table in the Gathering Room. Pick-up a copy for yourself and a friend.

REDNERS SALES RECEIPTS....

All Redners Shoppers – Do you know that our church collects Redners sales receipts? Save your receipt and drop them off in the designated mail drawer or give them to Sandy Pillsbury. Our church receives 1% of the amount you purchased. You must have one of their reward cards for your receipt to be eligible for this program. All the money our church receives is going towards our Front Door Fund.

FLOWER CHART...

May 5 – Open
May 12 – Diane Schell
May 19 – Open
May 26 – Don & Barb Brubaker

The Flower Chart is in the vestibule on the Railroad St. side of the church.
Sign up for your favorite Sunday to sponsor flowers for our church.

WORSHIP LEADERS...

Greeters/Ushers: Richard & Sue Lasher and Barry Smith

Acolyte: Colton Barnhouse

Scripture Readers:

MAY 5: Pastor Stoltzfus

MAY 12:

MAY 19: Pastor Stoltzfus

MAY 26:

Sound System Operators:

MAY 5: Barry Smith

MAY 12: Dick Lasher

MAY 19: Don Brubaker

MAY 26: Seth Schell

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MAY BIRTHDAYS

May 1 – Steven Schaeffer	17 – William Scipioni
4 – Kathryn Laraia	21 - Greta Barnhouse
10– Steven Scipioni	26 – Brian Smith
13 – Gloria Kettering	27 – Deborah Light
13 – David Schaeffer	29 – Beverly Bosh
14 – Josephine Hetrick	31 – Gabrielle Schell



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

May 24 – Dennis & Sue Ellen Keith



ON THE HORIZON (DATES TO REMEMBER)

July 8-12, 2019- VBS with program on Sunday July 14th

Sunday July 21, 2019- Guest Speaker Carrie Callahan

Sunday August 4, 2019- Outdoor Worship- Annville COB Pavilion

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