



# The Highlander

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*Please stop in, call or email the office by **TUESDAY MAY 29<sup>th</sup>** with any information, announcements, updates, etc. that you would like to see in June's newsletter!*

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*Join us for a  
**very special Sunday of celebrations!***

**Pentecost**—the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church!

**Music**—our singers and instrumentalists who brighten each worship service!

**Graduation**—our high school and college graduates who are on to the next chapter in their journeys!

**The Celebration of the Lord's Supper**—the gift of communion with your PCOP family!

Following worship, the Board of Deacons will host a **Cake and Ice Cream Luncheon** in the dining room.

We hope to see you there!

*Since some of our supply ministers do not choose hymns, we would like to use YOUR favorites!*

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*If you have a hymn that you would like to sing in church or at a hymn sing, please let Nancy know. You can email her at npearce@hotmail.com or write the name and give it to her at church.*

## **THANK YOU to all our WORSHIP volunteers!**

Have a question, or would you like to volunteer to help with some part of worship?  
Contact either Chairperson Roberta Dinsmore or the office!

**\*\*We NEED more volunteers for screen and sound on Sundays!\*\***  
It's as simple as coming to worship and clicking a button on a laptop!

There is even an instruction sheet!

Please contact the office or ask a current screen volunteer  
for more information.

DATE	MAY 6	MAY 13 Mother's Day
PASTOR/LEADER	Dana Hartman	John Hughes
LITURGIST	Madilyn Fye	Carole Haire
<b>**SCREEN &amp; SOUND</b>		
ACOLYTE		
NURSERY	Dee Blose	Deb Himes
FLOWERS	Jean Hughes	Jennifer Gaston
USHERS	R. Barrett, W. Divelbiss, D. Forsythe, J. Hughes	J. Haire, T. Fezell, C. Haire, P. Young
DATE	MAY 20 Pentecost, Music & Graduation Sunday with the Celebration of the Lord's Supper	MAY 27 Trinity Sunday
PASTOR/LEADER		Rev. Carl White
LITURGIST	Dana Hartman	Holly Hartman
<b>**SCREEN &amp; SOUND</b>		
ACOLYTE		
NURSERY	Kayla Brothers	Deb Elder
FLOWERS	Carole Haire	Melissa Polczynski
USHERS	R. Dinsmore, R. Fetterman, R. Dinsmore, B. Burkett	K. Hughes, R. Lettie, D. Hartman, L. Lettie

## *What is our seminarian up to these days?*

### *A letter from Ben Fitzgerald-Fye*

Hello PCOP family! It has already been too long since I last saw you and I open this letter with the assurance that you all remain in my prayers as you journey toward calling a new pastor and toward the future of PCOP. As you know, I have completed my field education work recently and am now serving as a Student Pastor and Campus Minister for Calvary Presbyterian Church and Calvary UKirk (University Church). This new role has been a challenging, shaping, and powerfully motivating period of my seminary journey and I offer you my thanks for being the voices of support that make this all possible. So, just what am I up to these days and what is planned in the days ahead?

Once I complete my finals in May, I will officially be a senior in seminary with only a year left. I know! I can hardly believe it myself. My remaining coursework will focus on theology, doctrine, missional work, and preaching as I head into the final year. I have completed 3 out of 5 Ordination Exams and hope to complete the last 2 before graduation. As part of my work here at Calvary, I have been working on launching a new campus ministry that speaks to the concerns and the needs of the IUP student population. Already, I have learned about the unique challenges facing these students and the need for ministry. I have been preaching on a regular basis and helping to lead worship at Calvary and, as you know, I have had the great pleasure of preaching for you, my PCOP family, on occasion. Visiting my home church is always a much-needed and life-giving time for me.

This summer will be an exciting time for yours truly! I have been chosen as a Student Assistant for the PCUSA General Assembly and will be traveling to St. Louis in June for an exciting week of learning and networking at GA. As a part of this trip, I will be attending the UKirk Conference, UKirk being the PCUSA campus ministry support system. At the UKirk Conference, we will be discussing issues related to young adult ministry and we will be discussing a new curriculum on gun violence that was developed over the last few months. I had an opportunity to travel to Louisville several months ago to preview the program and I found it a fair and faithful look at an issue that causes far too much division. Of course, no summer would be complete without traveling to Iowa for seminary work and it is a bitter sweet reality that this will be my last summer traveling to Dubuque for coursework. My next trip there will be for graduation.

Sean and I continue to do well despite being busy and ongoing financial strain as a result of career changes, schooling, and travel. We are truly blessed to have two churches rooting for us and helping us navigate this new path together. Education funds and notes of support have been truly amazing sources of comfort and support and I thank you for your ongoing dedication to this journey that we are all taking together. I truly could not do this without the kindness and the strength offered to me by my church family and I thank God for you all every single day!

I think this covers most of what is going on in seminarian world and I will be sure to keep you updated as the summer progresses.

My brothers and sisters, may God's peace be with each of you and I hope these words find you well. God bless you all!

Ben

## FINANCE & GENEROSITY

Thank you for donating funds, time, and energy to PCOP!

Date	Attendance in worship	Weekly offering	% to Current Fund
March 29	64	N/A	N/A
April 1	107	\$7,190	85.52%
April 8	58	\$2,143	94.54%
April 15	53	\$1,551.00	99.03%
April 22	58	\$1,076.00	95.35%
April 29	54	\$2,587.00	92.04%

APRIL 2018 FINANCIAL HEALTH			
	Current	Year to Date	2018 Total Budget
Receipts	\$14,647.30	\$56,616.40	\$163,584.00
Expenses	\$10,573.01	\$42,206.16	
Excess or [Deficient]	\$4,074.29	\$14,410.24	

The **Pentecost Offering** is one of the four special offerings of PCUSA, and is about guiding the Christian formation of our young people—building a solid foundation of faith formed in the first third of life, from childhood through young adulthood. Gifts to the Pentecost Offering unite young people in Christ and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. In 2018, the Pentecost Offering celebrates its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Donations received are split into four areas:

40% is retained by the donating congregation for congregational initiatives with young people and investment in local programs focused on children at risk, and development of youth and young adults.

25% goes to serving communities by supporting volunteer programs that bring young adults together in fellowship, worship, and service throughout the world.

25% goes to guiding youth and youth ministries in their walk with Christ and inspire those called to accompany them.

10% goes to protection of child advocacy and education that nurtures children and youth in mind, body, and spirit.

More information can be found at [presbyterianmission.org/Pentecost](http://presbyterianmission.org/Pentecost) or in the two bulletin inserts on May 6<sup>th</sup> and May 13<sup>th</sup>.

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**Monthly Giving  
Spotlight:  
Pentecost  
Offering**

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# MEMBERSHIP & PCOP UPDATES

Birthdays, prayer requests, moving and more!



Please contact the office if you know who purchased the A "Down and Dirty" Guide to Theology by Donald K. McKim set of books that have been sitting in the Seminar Room for the last few weeks!



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...



- May 2 Haley Hartman
- May 4 Peyton Graham
- May 5 Joyce Cooper
- May 9 Rebecca Petrini
- May 10 Jay Philliber
- May 11 Darlene Fait
- May 13 Diane Forsythe
- May 14 Debra Dinsmore  
Jan Harrold
- May 18 Robert McBride
- May 20 Lee Blose  
Dona Larimer
- May 21 Marilyn Douthit
- May 25 Beverly Keeley
- May 27 Myrna Jennings

### Those Needing Our Prayers

Arianna Aires	Angie Barkley	DJ Bianco
Betty Brumbaugh	Duane & Pam Carr	Betty Cessna
Gillen Geary	The Graham Family	Jacob Hielman
John Hughes	Martha Irvin	Dorothy Jenks
Marie Jenks	Kathy Kopp	Geraldine VanWhy
The Ward Family	The White Family	



*Our Christian sympathies to the Divelbiss family on the passing of mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother Betty Hainly Adams, who entered into rest on Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.*



## SESSION & THE BOARD OF DEACONS

Keeping up with the committees and officers of PCOP!



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The next meeting of the Board of Deacons will be:  
**SUNDAY MAY 20<sup>th</sup>**  
 9:45 a.m.  
 Kitchen & Dining Room

The next meeting of Session (Unicameral Board)  
 will be:  
**MONDAY JUNE 11<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:00 p.m.  
 Lester Seminar Room

**During the April 8<sup>th</sup> Special Congregational Meeting, the following seven PCOP members were elected unanimously to serve on the Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC):  
 Douglas Chambers, David Divelbiss,  
 Keith Hughes, Harry Philliber, Deb Elder,  
 Pam Hogan, and Laurie Lettie**

*A reminder from the Finances & Giving Committee:*  
 If you are turning in a receipt for purchases you made for something here at PCOP (Community Meal, Sunday school, etc.) please attach a note or write somewhere on the receipt what the purchases were for.  
 Thank you!



*Beautify the sanctuary with flowers*  
 Write "Deacons Flowers" in check memo line (\$25) and call the office to place your order. Available dates:  
 June 3, 10, 17, 24  
 July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29





## Our Graduates

Join us for Graduation Sunday on May 20<sup>th</sup>, presented by the Board of Deacons



**Michael D. Chambers**, son of Doug and Patty Chambers, will be graduating from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine and completing his surgical residency in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery on June 15<sup>th</sup>. He will be receiving his DMD, MD degree, having previously graduated from the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine in 2012. He has accepted a position with Conestoga Oral Surgery in Lancaster, PA, and will be a partner in that firm. He and his wife, Krista, have two children, Evelyn and Benjamin.



**PennState**  
College of Medicine

**Haley Hartman**, daughter of Ritchey and Dana Hartman, will be graduating from the College of Wooster (Ohio) with her BA in Biology. She will be continuing her education at the Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine in Hershey, PA.

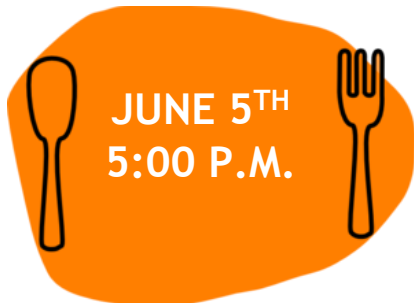


**Elia Gaston**, daughter of Greg and Jennifer Gaston, will be graduating from the Punxsutawney Area High School with the Class of 2018.

## MISSION & OUTREACH

A "Choose Your Own Adventure" to get more involved at PCOP!

*Volunteers are always welcome to help at the next First Tuesday Community Meal!*



*Pulled BBQ Pork Sandwiches*

*Presby Pasta Salad*

*Potato Chips*

*Watermelon Wedges*

*Brownie Sundaes*

*Start spreading the [Goodwill] News!*



PCOP's semi-annual Goodwill clothing drive has begun! All proceeds benefit our First Tuesday Community Meal program. Please place your donations in the hallway by the office.

**~CLOTHING ONLY~**

Pickup will be the following Tuesdays: May 8<sup>th</sup>, May 15<sup>th</sup>, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, June 5<sup>th</sup>

**MONDAY JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup> IS THE FINAL DAY FOR DONATIONS!**

*\*Recipes and sign-up sheets for food, kitchen help, serving, and clean-up are located on the bulletin board outside the Memorial Parlor\**

Crosstown Ministries Food Pantry  
Woodland Avenue United Methodist Church  
203 Woodland Ave.  
May 21<sup>ST</sup> @ 5:30 P.M.

Volunteers are always needed throughout the month to: donate food, unload the food truck, prepare boxes for the distribution, and distribute the boxes to those who need them

*Please contact Pastor Clint Phillips @ (814) 938-8160 for more information*



# FELLOWSHIP

Have fun and spend time with your PCOP family!



Saturday, May 26<sup>TH</sup>  
@ 8 A.M.

Questions? Ask Keith Hughes or Rex Lettie  
Men's Breakfast meets 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of every month!  
*(unless otherwise noted)*

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

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### *Saturday Friends Out*

Saturday, May 19<sup>TH</sup>  
@ 11:45 A.M.

Join us @ Gimmick's Restaurant  
(no reservations!)

Questions? Ask Ann Mumper  
Saturday Friends Out meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month!

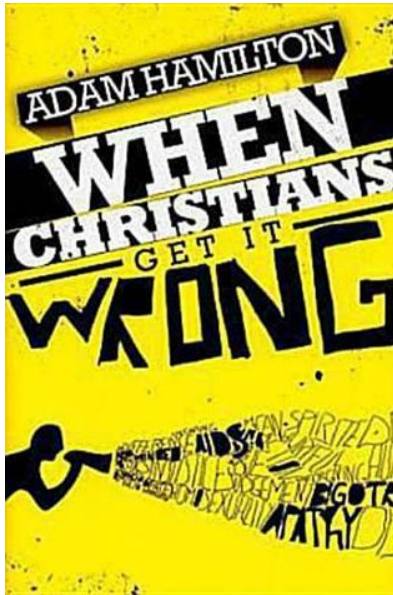


If anyone needs arts and crafts supplies for Sunday School, Fellowship projects, Mission projects, etc. Donna Anderson currently has the tax exemption cards for Pat Catan's Craft Center and Jo-Ann Fabrics (both located in Dubois). Please contact her if you would like to make purchases.



# YOUTH & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

How to love God, share the gospel, and live as Disciples of Christ



A 6-Session DVD Series for  
Tuesdays @ 10  
*When Christians Get It Wrong*  
by Adam Hamilton

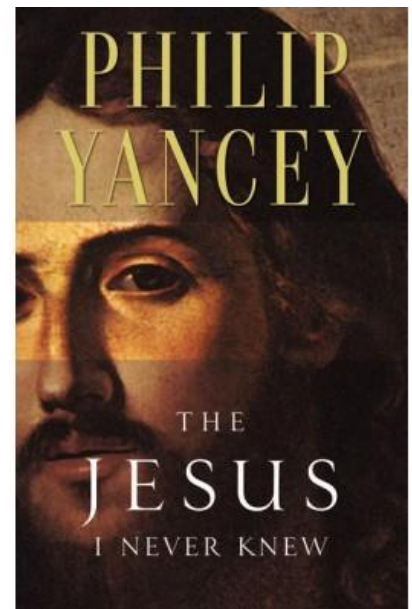
*Beginning May 6<sup>th</sup>  
in Adult Sunday School*

NEW video series with accompanying books

*When Christians Get It Wrong* by Adam Hamilton  
&

*The Jesus I Never Knew* by Philip Yancey  
Offered Sundays @ 9:45 a.m.  
in the Lester Seminar Room

\*All are welcome to join us for these two studies\*



*Children's In-worship Sunday School*  
Following "A Time for Young  
Worshippers"

May 6	TBD
May 13	TBD
May 20	TBD
May 27	TBD

**VOLUNTEER**  
as a Sunday School  
Teacher!  
Help lead our kids in  
faith and fun!

Interested? Ask Janey London

## WHO DO I CONTACT?

“I have a question about . . .”

Schedules, quarterly financial statement, newsletter, ordering flowers, bulletin information, ordering church supplies, using church facilities, etc. <i>And anything else!</i>	Keri in PCOP office
Hospitalizations, Emergencies, Member Care	Keri in PCOP Office Board of Deacons
Worship information, pulpit supply	Worship Committee Chair Roberta Dinsmore
Baptisms & Weddings	Clerk of Session Doug Chambers
Funerals & Memorial Services	Keri in PCOP Office Funeral Director
Mission Opportunities	Mission Chair Rex Lettie
Youth Group & Children’s Sunday School	Youth Group—Dana Hartman Christian Education Chair—Janey London
Finances & Giving	Finance Chair Richard Fetterman
New Members (Joining PCOP)	Clerk of Session Doug Chambers
Choir & Music	Music Director Nancy Pearce
First Tuesday Community Meal	Donna Anderson
Current Members of Session	Richard Fetterman, Keith Hughes, George West, Roberta Dinsmore, Janey London, Rick Nesbitt, William Cooper, Dana Hartman, Rex Lettie
Current Board of Deacons	Jennifer Gaston, Carole Haire, Melissa Polczynski, Greg Gaston, Pam Hogan, Kay Nesbitt, Lee Blose, Kathi Cessna, Jean Hughes

# MAY 2018 CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>Be sure to check the bulletin board for coffee hour sign-ups! Everyone loves cookies and coffee!</b></p>		<p>1 Goodwill Pickup 10 A.M. Tues @ 10 5 P.M. Community Meal</p>	2	3 National Day of Prayer	4 May Friendship Day	5
6 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	7	8 Goodwill Pickup 10 A.M. Tues @ 10	9	10 Ascension of the Lord 7 P.M. Choir	11	12
13 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter & Mother's Day  Mission Worker Sunday	14	15  Goodwill Pickup  10 A.M. Tues @ 10	16	17  7 P.M. Choir	18	19 10 A.M. – 1 P.M. Spring Cleanup  11:45 A.M. Saturday Friends Out @ Gimmick's
20 Day of Pentecost & Music & Graduation Sunday w/Communion Cake & Ice Cream Luncheon to follow 9:45 A.M. Deacons Meeting	21  5:30 P.M. Crosstown Food Pantry	22  Goodwill Pickup  10 A.M. Tues @ 10	23	24	25	26  8 A.M. Men's Breakfast
27  Trinity Sunday	28  MEMORIAL DAY -- Office is closed	29 10 A.M. Tues @ 10  June Newsletter info deadline	30	31		

## ~ Sunday Morning Schedule ~

9:45 A.M. Adult Sunday School in Lester Seminar Room

11:00 A.M. Worship in Sanctuary

Youth Sunday School following "A Time for Young Worshipers"

Fellowship Coffee Hour following Worship



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***MAY 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018***  
***10 A.M. - 1 P.M.***  
***Spring Cleanup***

**PCOP Property Committee  
is asking for volunteers  
for 30 minutes of indoor  
and outdoor work**

**Please contact Dana Hartman  
for more details**

