



The Highlander

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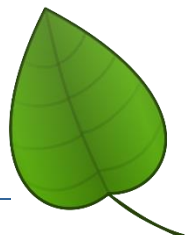
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Sunday, May 26

*Please stop in, call or email the office by **TUESDAY MAY 28th** with any information, announcements, updates, etc. that you would like to see in June's newsletter!*



Please join us for Music Sunday!

~GREEN TEAM SIGN-UPS~

Be sure to check the calendar on the bulletin board outside the Memorial Parlor to volunteer to mow the garden lawn and/or water the flowers!
Stop down any time during your week (weather-dependent)



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!

Thank You to our Youth Group & Sunday School students who led worship on Palm Sunday!

Benjamin Fezell	Jackson Fezell	Holly Hartman	
Alex Brothers	Kaitlyn Cessna	Kellan Cessna	Riley Doverspike
Stevie Doverspike	Alyssa Elbel	Olivia Isenberg	Chase Jones
Colton Jones	Gage Jones	Kylie Jones	Gracyn London
Max Roberts	Alyssa Stewart	Peyton Stewart	Gabriella Suntheimer

DATE	MAY 5	MAY 12 Mother's Day
PASTOR/LEADER	Rev. Dr. Clair Lundberg	Karina Blose
LITURGIST	Dana Hartman	Holly Hartman
SCREEN & SOUND		
ACOLYTE		
NURSERY	Dee Blose	Deb Himes
FLOWERS		Pam Hogan
USHERS	R. Barrett, W. Divelbiss, D. Forsythe, J. Hughes	J. Haire, T. Fezell, C. Haire, P. Young
DATE	MAY 19	MAY 26 Music Sunday
PASTOR/LEADER	Rev. Dr. Don Wilson	
LITURGIST	Pam Hogan	Donna Kengersky
SCREEN & SOUND		
ACOLYTE		
NURSERY	Debby Elder	Joyce Cooper
FLOWERS	Kay Nesbitt	Lee Blose
USHERS	R. Dinsmore, R. Fetterman, R. Dinsmore, B. Burkett	K. Hughes, R. Lettie, D. Hartman, L. Lettie

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

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.

FINANCE & GENEROSITY

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

Date	Attendance in worship	Weekly offering	% to General Fund
April 7	59	\$7,451.00	89.06%
April 14	154	\$2,950.00	89.93%
April 18	46	\$2,440.00	83.40%
April 21	89		
April 28	51	\$1,780.00	84.55%

APRIL 2019 FINANCIAL HEALTH			
	Current	Year to Date	2019 Total Budget
Receipts	\$14,621.49	\$54,400.57	\$163,003.00
Expenses	\$7,598.10	\$36,172.54	
Excess or [Deficient]	\$7,023.39	\$18,228.03	

The **Pentecost Special 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 Special Offering unite young people in Christ and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. In 2019, the Pentecost Special offering is received on Sunday, June 9.

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 or in the two bulletin inserts on May 26th and June 2nd.

*Monthly Giving
Spotlight:
Pentecost Special
Offering*

MEMBERSHIP & PCOP UPDATES

Birthdays, prayer requests, moving and more!

Please remember to contact the office if you have any changes in mailing address, email address, or phone number to ensure you are still receiving PCOP updates!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO...



Those Needing Our Prayers

Betty Brumbaugh	Duane & Pam Carr	Betty Cessna
Jane Crawford	Gillen Geary	The Graham Family
Martha Irvin	Dorothy Jenks	Marie Jenks
Kathy Kopp	The Ward Family	The White Family
	The Kevin Young Family	

*Please contact the office to add a name to the newsletter/bulletin "Needing Our Prayers" list. Please contact **Rex Lettie** at pcop.prayer.chain@gmail.com to join or to add a name to the PCOP Prayer Chain.*

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

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 19th
 9:45 a.m.
 Memorial Parlor

The next meeting of Session (Unicameral Board)
 will be:
MONDAY JUNE 10th
 7:00 p.m.
 Lester Seminar Room

Dearest Friends,

Four years ago, you watched as I began the process of answering God's call to ministry. You heard the first sermon, you offered encouragement as I flew in an airplane for the first time to seminary, and you embraced the new reality of supporting a seminarian in your midst. In those four years, you sent cards, checked in, offered financial support, and kept me anchored to the core of my values as a minister and as a Presbyterian. On May 18th, this four-year seminary journey reaches its end and I prepare, even now, for where God will call me to serve the church and the children of God. This has not been an easy four years; but it has been a rewarding and spiritually powerful time in my life. Sean and I have been asked to make so many sacrifices, to take so many leaps of faith, and to faithfully consider every task and challenge God has asked us to encounter. It has been four years of work, financial strain, spiritual formation, discernment, and of joy. I have met so many wonderful people, preached in so many amazing church communities, made lifelong friends in ministry, and grown so much. Through it all, I have not once forgotten where I came from and I have been proud to call the Presbyterian Church of Punxsutawney my home church through it all and, no matter what happens next, I will always call PCOP home.

It seems only moments ago that I was baptized and welcomed into membership, called to serve as an elder of the church, and ultimately affirmed as one called to ministry. At each step of the journey, I was met with the love and encouragement of a church family that made me realize that ministry is about service and service is about love for our neighbors and each other. We have laughed together, cried together, worshipped together, and served food to the community together. I am so proud of the good things you do and the true and unconditional love you have for all people. There are not words enough to thank you for the gifts you have given me and there is no way to truly show you how much you have influenced my life and my ministry. All I can say is that no matter what happens from here, I will carry you in my heart always. I will hear each of your voices supporting me in good times and in rough times. I will dedicate myself to showing the love you taught me to every person I meet. I will do my best to make you proud that you lifted up an outcast and gave him the strength to be a leader in Christ's church.

Where we go from here is a matter of God's will; but we are all a piece of that amazing Body of Christ that forms this beautiful thing we call the church. Connected and in communion with one another, know that whatever I achieve is partly your achievement and whatever good I do in this world with God's blessing is, in part, because of you. I will never know how to thank you. I will always love you...each and every one of you.

God's blessing be with you all and God's love surround you always.

Ben



Beautifully the sanctuary with flowers
 Write "Deacons Flowers" in check memo
 line (\$25) and call the office to place
 your order. Available dates:

May 19
 June 2, 9, 16, 30



MISSION & OUTREACH

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



SPRING GOODWILL CLOTHING DRIVE TO BENEFIT THE FIRST TUESDAY COMMUNITY MEALS

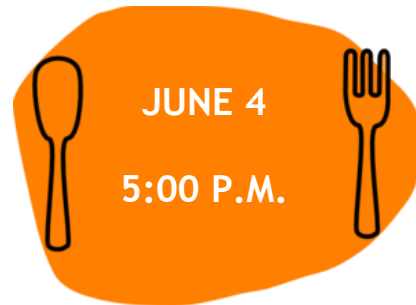
PCOP is again partnering with Goodwill Industries of North Central PA for our spring clothing drive to benefit the First Tuesday Community Meals!

Please bring your donations (dropoff located in the hallway next to the office) **no later than Tuesday, May 28**

*****Donations accepted include clothing and wearable items ONLY*****

Please **do not** bring other items like books, pillows, blankets, décor, etc.

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



Hotdog Bonanza

Barb's Baked Beans

Linguini Salad

Rhubarb Custard Bars

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 20th @ 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 25th
@ 8 A.M.

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

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday Friends Out

Saturday, May 18th
@ 11:45 A.M.

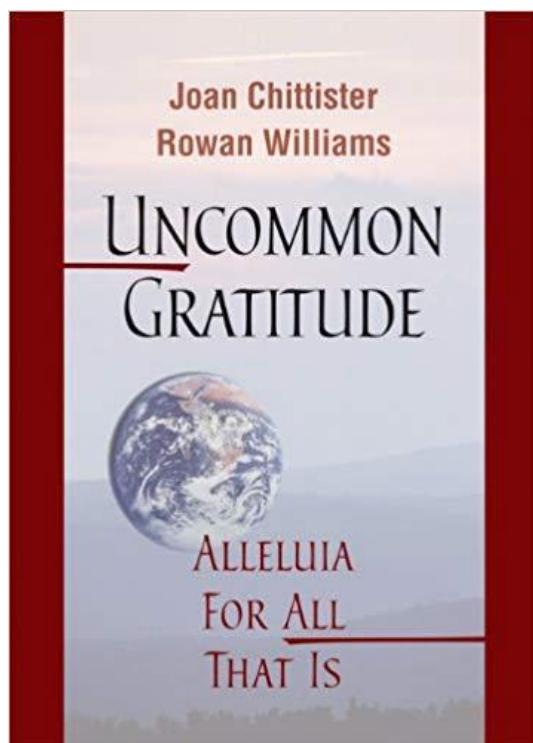
Join us @ Gimmick's Restaurant
(no reservations!)

Questions? Ask Ann Mumper
Saturday Friends Out meets 3rd Saturday of every month!



YOUTH & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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



Join Tuesdays @ 10
in May
to read and discuss

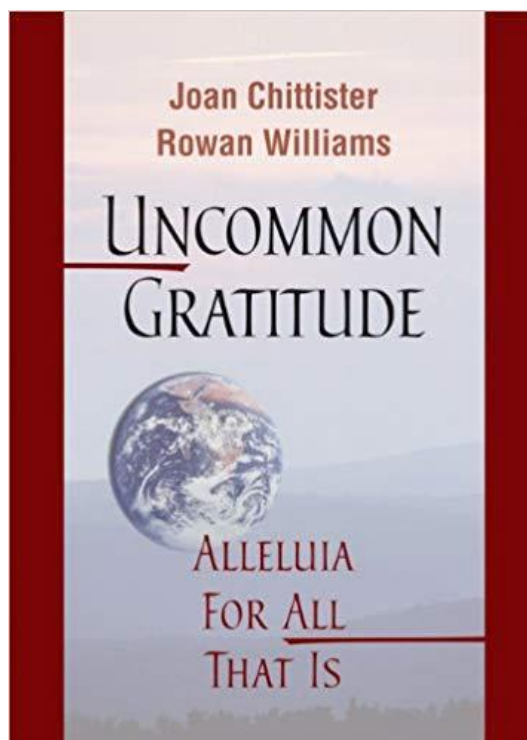
*Uncommon Gratitude:
Alleluia for All That Is*

by Joan Chittister and
Rowan Williams

Adult Sunday School

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Alleluia for All That Is*
by Joan Chittister and Rowan Williams

Offered Sundays @ 9:45 a.m.
in the Lester Seminar Room
All are welcome to participate



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
PCOP Property & Grounds, maintenance requests	Property Co-Chairs Dana Hartman & William Cooper
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 & Fellowship Opportunities	Mission & Outreach Chair—Rex Lettie Fellowship Chair—Barbara Burkett
Youth Group & Children’s Sunday School	Youth Group—Dana Hartman Christian Education Chair—
Finances & Giving	Finance/Stewardship Chair Nick Suntheimer
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	Roberta Dinsmore, Janey London, Rick Nesbitt, William Cooper, Dana Hartman, Rex Lettie, Barbara Burkett, Deborah Elder, Nick Suntheimer
Current Board of Deacons	Pam Hogan, Kay Nesbitt, Lee Blose, Kathi Cessna, Jean Hughes, Debra Dinsmore, Carole Haire

MAY 2019 CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<i>Be sure to check the bulletin board for coffee hour sign-ups!</i> <i>Everyone loves cookies and coffee!</i>			1	2 National Day of Prayer Holocaust Remembrance Day	3 May Friendship Day	4
5 3 rd Sunday of Easter Worship Committee Meeting	6	7 10 A.M. Tues @ 10 5 P.M. Community Meal	8	9	10 7 P.M. Indiana Co. Chapter American Guild of Organists recital	11
12 4 th Sunday of Easter & Mother's Day	13	14 10 A.M. Tues @ 10	15	16	17	18 11:45 A.M. Saturday Friends Out @ Gimmick's
19 5 th Sunday of Easter 9:45 A.M. Deacons Meeting	20 5:30 P.M. Crosstown Food Pantry	21 10 A.M. Tues @ 10	22	23	24	25 8 A.M. Men's Breakfast
26 Music Sunday	27 Memorial Day - Office is CLOSED	28 10 A.M. Tues @ 10 June newsletter info deadline	29	30 Ascension of the Lord	31	

~ Sunday Morning Schedule ~

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

11:00 A.M. Worship in Sanctuary

During worship: A Time for Young Worshippers

Fellowship Coffee Hour following Worship



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Friday, May 10 @ 7 PM

The Indiana Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will be hosting a benefit recital featuring women composers and arrangers in honor of Mother's Day.

Our chapter has a benefit series "Pedaling to Emmaus" that has been a successful fundraiser for local organizations.

A free-will offering will be collected to benefit the First Tuesday Community Meal program that PCOP sponsors. We hope to see all at the recital!

Contact Keith Ferguson with any questions.