

THE NEXUS

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From Our Pastor

Dear Friends,

The days from Easter to Ascension are often called “The Great Forty Days”. For forty days on numerous occasions, and in a variety of places, Jesus appears to the apostles and disciples until his last appearance recorded in Acts 1, when he ascends into heaven. At Easter he is resurrected, not just “spiritually”, but bodily. On his Ascension, he is exalted by the Father to his right hand on high and crowned as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. On his Ascension, he does not shed his human nature and body. He is still completely human and completely divine. Jesus is the mediator between God and humankind.

How shall we spend these forty days? Certainly we shall prayerfully study the Scripture and learn from the original appearances of our Lord. And . . . perhaps we should be on a special “lookout” for Jesus in our own lives. Sometimes those amazing coincidences might be much more. Perhaps they are the leading of God’s Holy Spirit. I do think so, indeed.

Peace,
Rev. Ed Freeborn

Sponsor

This issue of the Nexus is being sponsored by **Bill Cramer**. We thank you for your support. Please let the church office know if you are interested in sponsoring a future issue of the Nexus.

Treasurer and Stewardship Report Through March 31, 2017

Income	\$59,890.00
Expenses	\$57,145.00
Net	\$ 2,745.00

Year-to-Date Giving:

Pledge Giving:	\$42,041.00
Non-Pledge:	\$ 1,265.00

Communion Dates for 2017

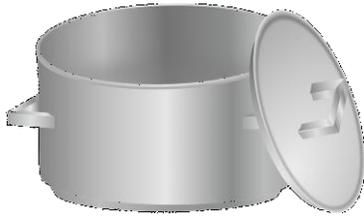
Pentecost	June 4, 2017
World Communion Sunday	October 1, 2017
Christmas Eve	December 24, 2017

Women’s Circle

The Women’s Circle group will meet on Tuesday, **May 16th**, at noon in the church lounge. All ladies are invited.

Men’s Lunch

Men's Group will meet at Noon on Wednesday, **May 17th**, in the church lounge. Please join us for a soup, sandwich, prayer and fellowship.



“Soup’s Gone!”

The Deacons would like to thank everyone who supported our Lenten Soup Suppers. Those who were able to join us I am sure found that the soups were delicious and Nicole’s presentations quite informative and enjoyable. Thank you, Nicole, for the very informative presentations!

Over the four nights, that the weather cooperated, 139 people participated and \$309 was raised to support the Deacons missions. Fourteen cooks supplied seventeen delicious soups over the 4 nights that we gathered. Two families supplied the bread for each night.

This is a wonderful opportunity for sharing and fellowship. If you were unable to join us this year, you missed a wonderful experience. However, next year may be even better!

~Judy Schreck

Nexus Deadline

The Nexus deadline for the June issue is Monday, May 22nd.

Birthdays

Celebrating birthdays during **May**:

Luke Falzone, Troy Wasylyk, Brandon Elliott, Carol Hall, Jamie Mattern, Clem Gower, Steve Hess and Mark Cramer.

Wedding Anniversaries

Celebrating wedding anniversaries during **May**:

**Karl and Cindy Schrick
Fred and Sheryl Krach**



Yard Sale

Our annual indoor yard sale is coming up Friday and Saturday, May 12th and 13th. You still have time to donate items for the sale. Let’s see if we can come up with our usual huge selection of interesting and useful items, the kind that keep our buyers coming back year and year. We can accept donations until Wednesday, May 10th. Clothing is appreciated beginning May 7th. Please have items CLEAN and ready for sale.

Please note that we do NOT want computers, monitors, car seats, TV’s, textbooks, encyclopedias, old National Geographic’s, ski equipment and things that don’t work.

To volunteer, to help or to arrange pickup of large items, contact Ellie Buff at 570-424-0820. If you don’t have time or energy to help, just come grab a bite and enjoy the sale!

Be a Summer Choir Member!

Starting the end of June, the Summer Choir will begin rehearsals. Here is the schedule:
June 25, July 9, 16, August 13 – rehearsals are after church. On July 23, August 6 and August 27, the choir sings. All interest singers please join me. Sing your praise to the Lord!

~Linda Schaller



One Great Hour of Sharing Update

Our church has once again answered God's call. We raised \$1865.00 for OGHS this year. The money raised will go to help people who lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education and opportunity. Thank you for participating in this yearly Presbyterian Mission fundraiser. We all can be proud because we exceeded last year's giving of \$755.00



Youth Events - by Jen Henshue

Youth Group - Sunday, May 7

Join us for a time of fellowship, to catch up and probably take a walk over to Wawa, after church until 1:00 p.m.

Ultimate Youth Day at Camp Johnsonburg - Sunday, May 21, 2:00 - 8:00 pm

I would love for our youth (grades 6-12) to attend the Ultimate Youth Day over at Camp Johnsonburg! It includes a day of fun at camp including boating, hiking, archery, zip-line, high ropes course, gaga, and so much more! Cost is \$20 per person, payable to the church. Dinner and worship together are included.

Now, I will need 1-2 adults to be the leaders to attend this event because I will not be home. Please contact me (Jen Henshue at 610-737-5881) to let me know if you are available to help with that. Thanks!!

Sweetbriar's End of Year Program - Wednesday, May 24, 6:00 pm

Thank you for all your love and support with Sweetbriar Preschool. These young children have grown leaps and bounds and we would love for you to come and join us to celebrate another wonderful year! The children will sing songs, share some of their creations, and our many volunteers will be thanked for dedicating their time to working with and loving these preschoolers.

Coffee Fellowship

The Fellowship Committee is introducing a new coffee fellowship time that will open fellowship for all who come through the doors of our Church. On Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., we will be serving free coffee, light refreshments, and conversation. We are asking the congregation to come any weekday morning to be the host of the lounge for that day. Hosting for the day would mean being available for fellowship, through conversation, with any person who attends. If you think you have this gift to be shared with others, please contact Wendy Emery at 570-897-6181. If you would like to assist in this fellowship in other ways you can donate packaged cookies.



"Jonah"

The Fellowship Committee is planning a trip to the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, Pa. It will be on Tuesday, August 1st. We will be going to see "Jonah". More information can be found on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Deadline for sign up and payment in full is Wednesday, May 31st.



Women's Spring Fling

Join us on Sunday, May 21st, following worship, for our annual Women's Spring Fling. This year the theme will be Christmas past and present. Please plan on bringing along something, such as a gift, decoration, tradition or ornament that you have which is a special memory for you. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex to bring a salad, main course or a dessert.

Geranium Sale

The Mission Committee wants to thank everyone who supported the Women's Resources through the purchase of geraniums. We raised \$456.00 on two Sundays. Your generosity has made this fundraiser another success. The plants will be delivered on Friday, May 5 and can be picked up any time after 11 a.m. and also on Sunday, May 7.

Congratulations

... To **Bob Huffman** who was named Citizen of the Year by the East Stroudsburg Elks Club!

... To **Greg Menio** who received the Good Scout Award from Pocono Friends of Scouting!

... To **Adam Demetros** who graduated from Princeton Seminary. Also, Adam and his girlfriend, Amanda Bongiovanni, recently got engaged!



New Babies!

Joseph and Lena Wasylyk welcomed a new baby on April 5th at 3:36 p.m. Cole Fitzgerald weighed in at 8lbs, 7oz and was 19 ¾ inches long.

Older brother, Troy and older sister, Reese, are proud new siblings to their baby brother!



Charles and Paula Freeborn, son and daughter-in-law to Pastor Ed and Deborah, welcomed a baby boy on Saturday, April 8th. Charles Leandro Freeborn weighed in at 9 lbs, 13 oz. and was 21.5 inches long!

Just a reminder that the Church will be closed on Monday, May 29th for Memorial Day



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Choir practice, 8:50 every Sunday</p> <p>Adult Ed. Class, 9:00 every Sunday</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Sweetbriar Pre-K 9:30 – 12:30</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Sweetbriar Pre-K 9:30 – 12:30</p> <p>Fellowship Coffee, 9:00-12:00</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Sweetbriar Pre-K 9:30 – 12:30</p> <p>Geraniums to be delivered</p>	<p>6</p>
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