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April 26, 2015
4th Sunday of Easter

GATHERING & WELCOME

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

L: The Peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Please pass the Peace of Christ to your neighbor.

MOMENTS OF INFORMALITY

THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

MUSIC OF PREPARATION **“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Who is the cornerstone of our faith?

P: **Jesus is our cornerstone!**

L: Who is our shepherd in these dark days?

P: **Jesus is our shepherd!**

L: Who can save us from this world of pain?

P: **Jesus is our savior!**

***UNISON PRAYER**

Shepherding God, you bring us into your presence, and shower us with your love. You lead us beside still waters, and restore our souls. Touch our hearts and minds, that we may live your love and abide in your grace. Amen

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 545** **“The Church’s One Foundation”**

Children come forward during the last verse.

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

(Our Children’s Collection this morning will be used to assist children with autism at the Northwest Health Service (NHS) School Herminie.

Please see the announcement for more details.)

ANTHEM **8:15 – “The Lord Is My Shepherd”**

10:45 – “The Lord Is My Shepherd” – Chancel Choir

RESPONSIVE READING No. 754 **Psalm 23**

PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY **“Pastorale on Psalm 23”**

***DOXOLOGY No. 94**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

O Lord, you are the good shepherd! Your son Jesus laid down his life for all who belong to you. Thank you for nurturing our life and sustaining our faith. In gratitude, we want to help others to know your love. Open our ears to listen to your voice. Open our eyes to see our brothers and sisters in need as sheep of your flock. May our tithes and offerings give voice to Christ's love for all people, especially those who have gone astray. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN No. 381 “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

The Altar is open during the hymn.

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. AMEN

SERMON SCRIPTURE (NRSV) 1 John 3:16-24

SERMON

***HYMN OF PARTING No. 399 “Take My Life, and Let It Be”**

***BENEDICTION**

***MUSIC OF PARTING “Guide Me Now, O Great Jehovah”**

***Those who are able, please stand.**

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

Today, Sunday, April 26

4th Sunday of Easter

8:00 Prayer Time
8:15 Worship
9:30 Sunday School
9:30 Confirmation Class
10:45 Worship
2:00 FISH & CHIPS
4:00 Temple Bells
4:45 SonShiners

Monday, April 27

6:30 Grief Support

Tuesday, April 28

6:15 TOPS
7:00 Church Council
7:30 NA

Wednesday, April 29

No Yoga until May 6th

Thursday, April 30

7:00 Disciple
7:00 Choir

Saturday, May 2

3:30 Helfmann Wedding
6:00 Alternative Worship

Next Sunday, May 3

5th Sunday of Easter

Communion

8:00 Prayer Time
8:15 Worship
9:30 Sunday School
9:30 Confirmation Class
10:45 Worship
2:00 FISH & CHIPS
4:00 Temple Bells
4:45 SonShiners

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CHILDREN'S COLLECTION this week will be used to assist children with autism at the Northwest Health Service (NHS) School Herminie. The school began in response for a need to create an educational environment specifically designed to instruct students with an Autism Spectrum Disorder. With the help of strong parent and school district support, our leaders in Children's Services forged a new type of educational system designed specifically to address the academic and behavioral needs of children with ASD.

The NHS School Herminie became the first of its kind in 2005 and opened its doors to 15 eager students and their families. Over the last 10 years, the school has provided a supportive and responsive environment where students on the Autism Spectrum can learn academic skills, communication skills, adaptive skills, behavioral regulation, executive functioning, and social skills. Our proven expertise and the success of our graduates have grown our program from those original 15 students to 40, as well as an additional 18 licensed private academic schools throughout Pennsylvania. The NHS educational continuum of services has also expanded to include not only educational programming, but transition programming for adolescents ages 14-21, professional development to district staff, and integrated in-district classroom services.

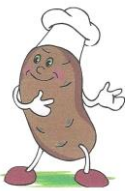
At the NHS School Herminie, students not only receive an outstanding education, they learn to become active members of the local community by accessing resources, participating in events, and demonstrating stewardship. The NHS School Herminie strongly believes in creating a student specific education plan to help each individual reach their maximum potential. Our school lives the NHS motto everyday ensuring that we educate each student *"One Individual at a Time"*.

Native American Ministries: 4/19 – \$161.07

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VBS this year is Group's *"Everest-Conquering challenges with God's mighty power."* It will run from July 13-19 from 6:00pm – 9:00pm. **There will be a VBS meeting May 3rd at 12:30 PM.** We are looking for helpers in various stations, crew leaders & assistants. If you have any questions, concerns or ideas concerning VBS, please bring them along with you so we can all discuss them together. I'm very excited about this year's VBS and I hope you are too.

CLEARANCE FORMS: Many people who applied for the State Police criminal background check (Act 34) and the Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance (Childline, Act 33) are receiving them in the mail. Please remember that when you receive your clearances **the office staff needs to see the original and make a copy.**

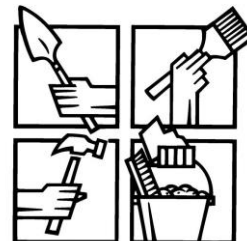
THE SPUD BAR IS BACK! The Outreach Committee will once again be baking potatoes and supplying all the toppings for you to enjoy on May 3rd. Take-out will be available after the 8:15 service and Dine-in will be available after the 10:45 service. Your free will offering will help us with our community outreach throughout the year.



LIVING LAST SUPPER YARD SIGNS: Please return your Living Last Supper yard signs. The boxes for the returns are in the narthex. If you are keeping your signs for next year, please put a note in the office or in the box with the signs. This is so we can determine how many signs need to be replaced for next year. Thanks for your help.

MOTHER'S DAY FLOWERS: The Witness Committee is taking orders for geraniums. The flowers will be used in the Mother's Day Sanctuary display which honors all women. You may order the geraniums "in honor of" or "in memory of" someone. The flowers are yours to take after the service. The geraniums come in red, pink, white, or violet. If you are interested in ordering flowers, please use the order form insert found in your bulletin. **All orders are due today. No orders will be taken after today.**

RICHARD SIMMS MEMORIAL WORK TRIP 2015: This year's project will help the Lance family, Kathryn and David and their 14 year old son James. We will be doing a room addition on their existing mobile home for the parents. Additional work will involve replacing a bathroom window, entry door, sealing the roof, and building a small deck off of the room that we will be building. Estimate for the project material is around \$4500.00. Enclosed in the bulletin is an order form in which you can designate your donations (lumber, roofing, drywall, windows, doors) to be in memory of, in honor of, or to the glory of God. The designated materials will be marked prior to the building of the project. Work trip envelopes are located in the pews. From the message on last year's t-shirts - *the church is ready to leave the building – again!*



2015 Work Trip T-Shirt

The congregation is welcome to purchase one of the official 2015 Work Trip T-shirts.

The order forms are on the table in the Narthex.

Orders due by Sunday, May 24, 2015, Delivery Date: Sunday, June 7, 2015

Orders can be placed in the “Food Bank” mailbox in the church.

Sizes Youth Small to Adult X-Large are \$7 per shirt

Sizes Adult 2XL and 3XL are \$9 per shirt

THE UPPER ROOM: The May/June Upper Room devotionals are in the Narthex. This booklet helps us grow in our faith and understanding of God. Pick one up today.