



THE LAMPLIGHTER NEWSLETTER

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MAY 2024

Elders Class of 2024

Sue Butchinski
Joyce Wheeler
John Hrizuk
Kevin Justice

Dear Church Family,

Despite the rainy chilly weather in recent weeks, we know that Spring is on our doorsteps! A time of regeneration, new life, the return of colorful tree and flower blossoms and fragrances. Deb and I are looking forward to biking on the Rails to Trails along the Lehigh River and around other loops in the region. It is a time to look up and around and beyond ourselves to the One who made all things possible and who gives us all good gifts:



O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise...

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,

The moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

What are human beings that you are mindful of them, that you care for them so?

Psalm 8:1-4

Every new change of season is a time to give thanks and to remember that there is a time for everything under heaven:

...a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot,

a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance,

a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to be silent and a time to speak...

God has made everything beautiful in its time, and has also set eternity in people's hearts;

Yet they cannot fathom all that God has done from beginning to end.

Ecclesiastes 3

It has been such a blessing to begin to become part of the church's ministries of worship, fellowship, service, and mission. I am grateful to be getting to know how the historic local villages connect as a township while visiting current and former members of the Hokey Presbyterian Church (hearing about times past and times present, family times of growth and activities as well as times of struggle, illness and mournful deaths of loved ones).

Thank you for welcoming Deb and me into your midst. I'm also grateful for those who have been home when I have knocked at your door unexpectedly; and I'm hopeful about some of the opportunities for fellowship and community connection that will take place this month and throughout the summer ahead. In the meantime, may God direct all our times of devotion and discernment:

See, I am doing a new thing. Now it springs up; do you perceive it?

Isaiah 43:19

Elders Class of 2025

Gail Rhinehart
Scott Kramlich
John Faisetty
Jennifer Hartman

Elders Class of 2026

Sally Heffner
Carol Clancy
Eileen Tremblay

Deacons Class of 2024

Troy Guzanski
Sue Hoke
Samara Mebane
Karen Sentiwany

Deacons Class of 2025

Melody Faisetty
Maddie Stettler
Gail Kramlich

Deacons Class of 2026

Louise Juretus
Deb Snyder

Per capita apportionment for 2024 is \$48 per member.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Adult Sunday School meets Sunday after our Church service. Led by C. Clancy. For more information contact her at [REDACTED]

Children's Sunday School: TBA

Book Club: Meets every Monday at 10am. Info: [REDACTED]

Tuesday Fellowship: May 7th Two Brothers Pizza 1PM, May 21 Fellowship at church 1PM.

Deacons: The Deacons continue to do the work of Christ's heart for our congregation and our community. Info: [REDACTED]

Choir: Info: Joanne Matthews, [REDACTED]

UPDATING THE PRAYER LIST

Please contact the office after you review the prayer list and let us know what names may be re-

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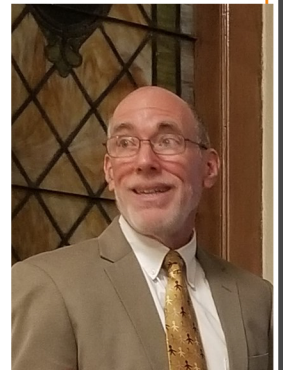
Pastor Chuck Information

Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 9:30AM to 11:30AM.

Email: Pastor@hokeypres.org

Phone: 814-696-4687

If you would like to meet with Pastor Monts please call in advance to make sure he is not on a pastoral visit or an off-site meeting.



May Birthdays

May 2: Phil Overby
May 7: Ryan Pontician
May 9: Joyce Wheeler
May 10: John Faisetty
May 11: Randy cope
May 13: Andrew Smicker
May 16: Tim Snyder
May 17: Donald Heiney

May 18: Kimberly Bydlon
May 27: Brooke Petrasovits
May 28: Erin Petrasovits
Dahlia Janis
May 29: Karen Bydlon
May 20: Riley Madison Hartman Buskirk



Whitehall Community Center, 2301 Pine Street, Whitehall.

Tai Chi: Wednesday and Friday 12:30 to 1:30
Advanced Tai Chi: Monday 12:30 to 1:30
Chair Yoga: Tuesday and Thursdays 9:15 to 10:15
Chair Strength & Stretch:
Wednesday & Friday 9:15 to 10:15.



Cost is \$3 per class or may be covered by your supplemental insurance.

From the Deacons:

Many, many thanks to all who contribute to the Deacon's fund. With your support we were able to purchase bingo prizes for the residents of Fellowship Manor, Cedar Brook, and Above and Beyond at the Knights. All the jewelry you graciously donated was used for bingo prizes as well. Everything was delivered after Easter and all three facilities were very appreciative. This was a great outreach program and the deacons look forward to others in the coming months.

Church Men's Breakfast and Ladies Luncheon

MEN'S BREAKFAST: May 15, 8:30-9:30am. Invite a son, father, friend, former church member, neighbor, co-worker.

WOMEN'S LUNCHEON: May 31, Noon—1pm. Invite a daughter, mother, friend, former church member, neighbor, co-worker.

Watch Party of Villages in Partnership (VIP) WATER WALK on behalf

of partner-villages in Malawi, Africa. (Please read the amazing story of faith & service on their website!) Saturday, May 4th, at the Hokey Church, from 5pm—6:30pm. Deb and Chuck will be providing a light meal so people can enjoy the live stream and not have to worry about eating beforehand or having to o home and prepare a late meal. The watch party is simply our chance to learn about VIP and their stunningly faithful, effective, and extensive mission support shared with Malawians in more than 29 villages in Southern Malawi. Through partnership with VIP, these villages have become healthier by , and self-sufficiency. Please join this rare (Cont.)

PARTY! (and invite friends, neighbors, co-workers, leaders of other organizations that may be interested in learning about and supporting the phenomenal service work of VIP gaining access to clean water; they have increased education, medical care, food production, employment and self-sufficiency.

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For 75 years OGHS has partnered with others to take action to share God’s love. So where does this FISH come into play? This Fish project is on-going. The Sunday School children and the Congregation are asked to put their change in their fish. Your fish (hopefully fat and happy and heavy) will be collected around Thanksgiving. Christian Ed will choose the gift they want to give toward the Presbyterian (1)Disaster, (2) Hunger or(3)Self-development of people around the world. Using the Presbyterian Giving Catalog the children will be able to choose from 40+ gifts such as buying a pair of goats, piglets, oxen and a plow, cows, chickens etc. So, don’t forget to Color and Name your fish and return him in November.



Above is a photo of the Women’s Luncheon Fellowship held at our church on Friday, April 26th. Pastor Chuck did all the cooking, (homemade quiche—yum?)

Pastor Chuck also held a Men’s Breakfast Fellowship on Wednesday, April 17th . The food was so good that no one thought to take a photo!



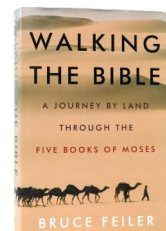
Planned Breakfast and Lunch

Breakfast with our Zephyr Neighbors

Thursday, May 2, 9:30am - 10:30am
 Chuck will be making the breakfast but it would be wonderful to have some helping hands and friendly spirits in serving the residents..



The book we are highlighting this month is Walking the Bible, a journey by land through the five books of Moses, by Bruce Feiler. A New York Times Bestseller, both a heart-racing adventure and an uplifting quest, Walking the Bible describes one man’s epic odyssey — by foot, jeep, rowboat, and camel — through the greatest stories ever told. From crossing the Red Sea to climbing Mount Sinai to touching the burning bush, Bruce Feiler’s inspiring journey will forever change your view of some of history’s most storied events. “Thoughtful, informed, and perceptive . . .New York Times.



Adult Sunday School will continue to meet in the chapel after the worship service up to and including June 9th. We will conclude our study of Romans on May 5th, then begin a new study TBD. All are welcome to join us! Any questions contact Carol Clan-

Don't forget! We are the PASTA Church! We are continuing to collect pasta for the Whitehall Copley Hunger Initiative. So far we have met our goal every month. Our example has encouraged a few other churches to become the tuna church, the cereal church. Keep up the good work!

May Pulpit Supply

May 26th, 2024: Tom Bartha

Did you know?

You can view recordings of all worship services on our church website at hokeypres.org. The recording of the service will be posted on the website within 24 hours of the service..

You may also view our church newsletters on our church website at hokeypres.org. There is an archive of past newsletters as well.

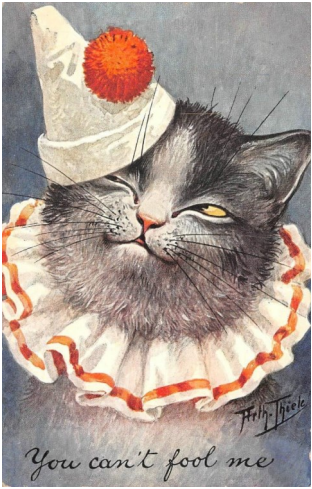
Joyful Noise Collection this Sunday School year will be taken for the Food Bank till June then will switch over to the new Fish Bank Project.

Thank you to all who signed up for fellowship duties and bringing all sorts of yummy cakes and pastries and fruit to share after our worship services. Please remember there is a sign-up sheet in the hall to claim your date.



To the left is a photo of the Easter Flowers that were bought in memory and honor of loved ones. (Photos by Dave Sentiwany)





Please drop a card or note to our members who, because of health or transportation problems, find it difficult to worship with us Sunday morning.

Janet Bloszinsky	5998 Coplay Rd. Apt. #1, Coplay, PA 18037
Donald DeWalt	276 Circle Drive, Catasauqua, PA 18032
Linda DeWalt	Cedarbrook, 350 S. Cedarbrook Rd., Room 322, Allentown, PA 18104
Dolly Kramlich	Above & Beyond at the Knights, 1545 Greenleaf St., #206, Allentown, PA 18102
Dick & Marie Lychak	Gino J. Merli Veteran's Center, 401 Penn Ave., Scranton, PA 18503
Dorothy Somers	3000 Fellowship Drive, Rm 102, Whitehall, PA 18052
Jim Shedlauskas	Cedar Crest Post Acute, 1265 S. Cedar Crest Blvd., Room 312B, Allentown 18103

Deborah Altorfer

Stephanie Baily

Karen Becker

Bedocs Family

Elizabeth Connors

Kathy Cutter

Michael Dobry

Doreen

Dolly Dougherty

Due Family

Pat Frankenfield

Alisa Gashi

Peter Gilbert

Steve Glick

Raina Gomez

Maria Gontkosky

Charlie Grim

Joey Groller

Larry Hein

Louise Hein

Pamela Henckel

Matthew Hess

Nicky Hudack

Shelly Hillpot

Bill Jodry

Joe Kanusky

Raymond Kern

Barbara Knarr

Linda Kramaranko

Rosemary Kravenko

Caroline Laudhorn

Jaden Leiby

Marie Lychak

Richard Lychak

Ivy Lynch

Joe Macrina

Juliet Malay

Todd Messner

Krista Overby & Family

Angie Pontician

Jacob Rivera

Josie Sabella

Ben Sammak

Linda Schlosser

Rowan Sharrar

Jim Shedlauskas

Joanne Sienkiewicz

Carol Steigerwalt

Jane Tremblay

Donna Walck

Carol Wal

Mike Woodling

Vance Woodley

People suffering from depression.

People who are suffering because of the virus..

People in the Military

People who are suffering

Because of the wars.



Church Exterior Cleanup Effort: Will take place on May 18th.

The Property Committee has scheduled an exterior clean up day on Saturday, May 18 from 9-11 AM. We will be picking up debris, pulling weeds, and putting down fresh mulch. Please bring your gardening tools and gloves and help us beautify the church grounds. Call John Faisetty at 610-264-0416 with any questions. Thank you



**REMEMBER TO
SAVE YOUR
REDNER TAPES,**

You may find the container in Fellowship Hall. The Redner profit goes toward the area food banks.

MAY 2024

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MON

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	1 Book Club Girl Scouts 6:30 		1	2 NA 7PM Zephyr Breakfast 9:30am	3	4 Villages in Partnership Wa- ter Walk watch party 5pm at Ho-
5 6th Sunday of Easter. Communion. Food Bank Sunday	6 Book Club Girl Scouts 6:30 	7 Fel- lowship 2 Broth- ers Pizza	8	9 NA 7PM	10	11
12 7th Sunday of Easter. Mother's Day. Joyful Noise Sunday	13 Book Club Girl Scouts 6:30 	14	15 Men's Breakfast 8:30am	16 NA 7PM	17	18 Church Exte- rior clean up day. 9 AM
19 Day of Pentecost	20 Book Club Girl Scouts 6:30 	21 Fel- lowship at church 1PM	22	23 NA 7PM	24	25
26 Trinity Sunday. Pulpit Supply Rev.Tom Bar- tha. Deacon's Sunday	27 Memorial Day Office Closed	28	29	30 NA 7PM	31 Ladies Luncheon Noon	