

Who Will Feed the Birds?

By The Rev. Dr. Tim Ahrens

Ramona was a reclusive woman. She lived alone in public housing and rarely ventured out. A member of my last congregation, we came to know each other over 10 years of pastoral visits because she never came to church. Through the years, Ramona was always kind and quietly engaged but hesitant to speak about her relationships with people and her family history. Referring to her family, one time she simply said, "It was rough." However, whenever Ramona spoke about the birds who populated the pond behind her complex, she lit up. She knew them well. She loved those wild birds!

When Ramona was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer, she declined treatment and her cancer spread. One day, near the end of her life, she and I went outside and sat by the pond. She was surrounded by birds. She smiled at them and fed them with the birdseeds and bread crumbs I had carried for her. The birds were her family. She was gentle as she spoke to them. She gingerly and generously shared the seeds and bread. When finished, Ramona sat silent for a long time. We sat holding hands. Finally, she asked, "Who will feed the birds when I am gone?" Within days, Ramona was gone. I have often wondered, "Who feeds the birds at Ramona's pond?"

It has been 18 years since Ramona's death. But, her question remains in my heart and soul. When I think of First Church and our ministry, I ask, "Who will feed the birds?" We have great hopes, dreams and goals for our future. I love that about us. But, for us to be successful and reach our goals, each of us needs to ask of ourselves, "How will I feed the birds?" Feeding the birds happens when someone sees a need and steps into leadership rather than giving advice. They spread the seeds of love and care rather than telling me or other staff members "we need to do this" and walking away. Feeding the birds is action-oriented. It is about taking charge and giving leadership.

Robert Reber called me many months ago and asked how he could be most helpful in the life of the church. I told him I really needed someone to take over the leadership of the BREAD team. He has done that, and we now have our largest number of commitments headed into the Nehemiah Action on Monday Night, May 1 that we have had in years. Along with Barbara Glover – who has stepped up "big time" for BREAD – Robert Reber is "feeding the birds!" Thank you, Robert and Barbara.

Jan Wade has taken over the Bereavement Committee from the greatly successful leadership launch set forth by Elaine Warren years ago. Before Elaine organized the effort, we had no structure in place to care for families at receptions following memorial or funeral services at the church. Between Elaine's start and Jan's carrying forth the leadership, these two dynamic women have been "feeding the birds" (so to speak!). Thank you, Elaine and Jan.

Tom Worley has taken the leadership of the Park Planning Committee on his shoulders and has pulled the church along to the edge of ground-breaking on the Gladden Social Justice Park. Tom Worley is "feeding the birds." Thank you, Tom.

I need you to look at the gaps and holes in our ministry and mission and step up and feed the birds. Let me tell you several areas where we need "bird feeders" and lay leaders:

- We help with our website, Facebook, social media, and communications ministry.
- Who will help us get the Coffee Hour Fellowship teams back in full operation?
- We need lay leaders' help for our Congregational Care Ministry.
- We need help to establish a men's group I have dreamed of launching (call me!).
- We need help and lay leaders for gathering young adults for fun, fellowship, and growing together at First Church.
- We need help and lay leaders for groups for young families and for classes for young parents.
- We need help and lay leaders to step up and help our musical youth to grow in their instrumental and choric sharing of gifts.
- We need help and lay leaders to help us bring more children into the church.
- We need help and lay leaders to stretch our social justice ministry (yes – it takes time and energy to organize actions for justice).
- We need help and lay leaders to help us grow our year-round stewardship ministry.



Who will feed the birds?

We are the church. Things don't just happen. It takes you to make it happen. We need bird feeders and lay leaders to step up and fulfill our 20/20 plan. We need you to bolster and grow the ministries and missions of our congregation.

Will you feed the birds?

Confirmation Sunday is May 21

by The Rev. Dr. Tim Ahrens

The class of 2017 is a great group of 13 young people in our congregation who are growing in their faith among us. On May 21 at the 11 a.m. worship service, they will affirm their baptismal vows before God and our congregation. They will also lead worship at 9 a.m. Come celebrate! These are services you do not want to miss!

They have been studying together since September. We started with 17 and we finish with 13. Since February, members of the 2017 Confirmation class have been introduced to you in worship. You have been offering them beautiful blessings. Together with Jackie Dean and Jonathan Miller and 13 mentors and wonderfully supportive parents, it has been my joy and honor to teach and learn from this amazing group of young men and women. Our church is blessed with them as current and future leaders of our congregation. Mark your calendar for Sunday, May 21.

Currently, they are in the process of finishing their class work, having just come off a weekend at Pilgrim Hills where they bonded in the natural settings of the camp. Now they are making final decisions about confirming their faith as they meet one-on-one with me.

The members of 2017 Confirmation are: Chutney Anderson, mentor Fran Panek; Alyssa Batchelor, mentor Jackie Dean; Cameron Mailer, mentor Scott Jones; Miriam Meyers, mentor Mary Lightbody; Nicholas Mitchell, mentor Tom Stewart; Erin Murray, mentor, Lisa Morris; Alex Palmer, mentor Ryan Jones; Sophia Polo, mentor Denise Vogt; Mia Provenzano, mentor Pam Welsh-Huggins; Peter Spofforth, mentor Alejandro Rodriguez; Alaina Thompson, mentor Betsy Hubbard; Chase Wagner, mentor Matt Myers; and Nina Zimmerman, mentor Valerie Conlin-Losinski.

Also, we were joined in our process of learning and studying this year for a few weeks by Grant and Morgan McCrary, for several months by Emma Bhatt and her mentor Amy Wagner and most of the year by Ashton Smith and his mentor Tom Keisel.

Each of these young men and this young woman comes from supportive families and our church is blessed by each one of them! Come celebrate their big day!

Welcoming the Stranger...a 7-year-old from Iraq comes to Columbus for the summer

by The Rev. Emily Corzine



Abbas, is a 7-year-old boy from Iraq. Abbas is traveling to Ohio to stay with a host family from late April until mid-September. He travels to Columbus through a program called Childspring International. It is a medical aid agency that works to bring lifesaving procedures to children around the world. Abbas will have a procedure that will alleviate the need for him to live with a colostomy, which he has had since birth. A world-renowned expert with a new approach to this difficult surgery has accepted Abbas' case at Nationwide Children's Hospital. A support team is established there to provide his care and follow-up.

Rev. Corzine was contacted to see if she knew of a host family who could host him for up to four months while he has appointments, surgery, and follow-up appointments before he returns to Iraq. With the help of Dawn George and her community connections, Childspring International, was able to place Abbas with an Iraqi host family in Dublin and has another family in Powell who can serve as back-up support. Both families are connected with area mosques that will also connect to this hospitality ministry for the summer.

Abbas arrives on April 29 and will be settling in with his host family. His first appointment is on May 8. His procedure is scheduled for mid-May!

Will you be part of the Hospitality and Transportation Teams for Abbas?? This will include transportation, but also could be hosting him for a trip to the Zoo or COSI or a MetroPark hike, sometime this summer.

Abbas' host families will need help with transportation during the week to and from medical appointments. If you feel called to help and are available for the transportation team, we desperately need your help for the summer months.

If you can be part of our church's hospitality and transportation support team for Abbas this summer, please contact Rev. Emily Corzine (ecorzine@first-church.org) or Dawn George (dawngeorge16@gmail.com).

With Gratitude,

Rev. Emily and Dawn

Nehemiah Action Seeks Your Action

by Robert Reber

Many members of our congregation have been recruiting for Nehemiah Action that takes place this Monday, May 1, and we need many more of us to come. This is an opportunity for us to be taken seriously by leaders from City government, Columbus schools, and judges in the juvenile court system, as we witness for social justice through BREAD's research and proposed actions.

As people of faith, we will:

- Push to keep youth out of the court system
- Push to create jobs
- Call for a safe community
- Demand identification for all

Officials attending Nehemiah Action include: Dr. Good, Columbus City Schools Superintendent; Elizabeth Brown and Michael Stinziano, Columbus City Council members; Judge McIntosh, Administrative Judge of Franklin County, Court of Common Pleas; Steven Myers, Assistant Provost at The Ohio State University; Gerald Speakes, Columbus' Safety Director; and others. Our own pastor Tim Ahrens will give the opening meditation.

We need you to join us in order to reach our goal of 160 members from First Congregational Church. It is incredibly important for us to be at Nehemiah Action along with BREAD members from sixty other churches, synagogues and mosques.

Come by the church office to get your ticket and request a ride if you need one. Nehemiah Action takes place on Monday, May 1, at the Celeste Center at the State Fairgrounds. Registration begins at 6:15 p.m. Look for signs of First Congregational Church. Please car pool whenever possible, leaving at 5:45 p.m. from the church parking lot, and call the office to let them know you want to car pool (614-228-1741) or send an email (awagner@first-church.org). Otherwise, go directly to the center.

BREAD is rising and will rise faster if you are there! Join us to stand together for justice.



Join Us May 1

Sermon Titles for May

May 7 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Tim Ahrens

Communion Meditation – “A Church of Wonders and Signs”

Texts: Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23, I Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

May 14 – Fifth Sunday of Easter – Mother’s Day / Schumacher Awards

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Tim Ahrens

Baptismal Meditation – “The Way, The Truth, The Life”

Texts: Acts 7:56-60, Psalm 31:1-5,15-16; I Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

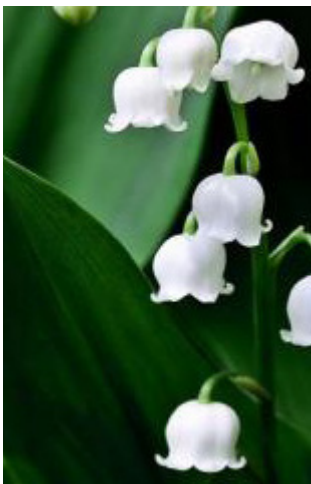
May 21 – Sixth Sunday of Easter – Confirmation Sunday

Texts: Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20, I Peter 3:13-22, John 14:15-21

May 28 – Seventh Sunday of Easter – Memorial Day Sunday

Preacher: The Rev. Emily Corzine

Texts: Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; I Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11; John 17:1-11



Education

by Mark S. Williams, Christian Education Director (mwilliams@first-church.org)



Teacher/Connections Breakfast May 7

The Christian Education Department will host a Teacher and Worship Connections appreciation breakfast on Sunday, May 7, in the Children's Library. All teachers and Worship Connection leaders will be recognized in both services that day.



Calling All Graduates!

If you or a family member is graduating from high school or college this year, send us some information including the person's name, the school the person is graduating from, the degree received, and possible future plans. We will be recognizing our graduates on Sunday, June 4. Send the information to awagner@first-church.org. You also may include a photo (electronic image only).

Flower/Vegetable for Sale for on May 14!

The youth groups of First Church have extra flowers and plants for sale on Sunday May 14 for those who did not have a chance to order in April. There are many varieties of flowers and hanging baskets to choose from. The groups also are selling several varieties of tomatoes, vegetables and peppers. They come in small plants for your garden or in planters for your patio or deck.

The flowers and vegetables are supplied by Strader's Greenhouse of Columbus. Payment is due at the time of the sale. The flowers will be available for pick up on May 13-14.

Plants available are: bush crop cucumbers, peppers (many varieties), pumpkins, tomatoes (many varieties and sizes), red geraniums, pink geraniums, salmon geraniums, vinca vine, sprengeri, spikes, and yellow wave petunias

Laundry Love

The children and youth of First Congregational Church invite you to join them in a year-long mission project called "Laundry Love." "Laundry Love" is an initiative in partnership with individuals, groups and local Laundromats throughout the US. The initiative helps to wash the clothes and bedding of individuals and/or families living in poverty. From the infant to the aged, and across a broad spectrum of ethnicity, culture and personal story, Laundry Love seeks to nurture the well being of each person through intentional networking and friendship.



The Children and Youth will be collecting quarters and donations of laundry detergent and dryer sheets from the congregation. We would love for members and friends to join us the last Tuesday of each month from 6 to 8 p.m. at WashLand Laundromat, 1469 West Broad Street in West Franklinton to serve those in need. Justice and Mercy Commission, Good Samaritan Fund and The Gladden House are also partnering with this important mission. We always welcome any to come and volunteer. This mission is solely dependent on your generous giving. Please continue to save your quarters, which is our biggest need at this time.

The next Laundry Love day will be May 30. Come join us in serving those in need.

Faith Formation @ 10 a.m.

The Faith Formation classes for this program year will end on May 14. Watch for small group discussions being offered during the summer months.

From the Minister of Music

By Kevin Jones, Minister of Music

(kjones@first-church.org)

Although the First Church Choir will be with us in 11 a.m. worship through Sunday, June 4, the Treble and Teen Choirs finish their season on May 21. These young people meet every Sunday morning at 9 a.m. to rehearse, build vocal skill, develop musical skills and language, and learn about what it is to be a worship leader as a member of a choir. We are fortunate to have parents and young people like this to help lead the worship of God at First Church. And, we hope that next year, we will grow numbers and stature. Thank you, Treble and Teen choristers, for all you give and all you do! And a special thanks to Sandy Mathias, Treble Choir director, for her energy, passion and expertise!



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Choir News

Liturgical Appearance Schedules

Treble Choir – Rehearsals May 7, 14 and 21 at 9 a.m.

Sing in Worship May 21 at 11 a.m.

Teen Choir – Rehearsals May 7, 14 at 9 a.m.

Sing in Worship May 21 at 11 a.m.

First Church Choir – Rehearsals May 4, 11, 18 and 25 at 7:15 p.m.

Sing in Worship May 7, 14, 21, 28 at 11 a.m.

First Church Ringers – Rehearsal May 4 at 6 p.m.

Ring in Worship May 7

Thank You to All Concert Donors and Supporters!

Thank you to Concerts at First Church donors and audience members for your enthusiastic support of Concert events at First Church this past year. It was a record year in every possible way with significantly increased donor support, larger audiences and very generous free will offerings. If you came to a concert – thank you! If you gave in support of a free will offering – thank you! If you became a new donor or reaffirmed your financial support as a donor – thank you! Music is blessed by each and every one of you as we continue this ministry to the community. Watch for the 2017–2018 season announcement in June. Always remember to follow us on the concerts website for complete, up-to-date information: www.concertsatfirstchurch.org.

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Did You Know?

Did you know audio podcasts of 11 a.m. services are made available on our website each and every week? We generally keep about five weeks of services online at any time, although a digital archive of services back into 2014 is kept offline. If you would like to listen to a service, or if you'd like to tell a friend or relative about a service and wanted them to listen, getting to the audio file is easy from any computer or mobile device. Simply go to the main First Church webpage: <http://www.first-church.org>, then click on the Worship tab at the top, then, in the right hand column on the Worship page, you will see a column entitled "Audio Podcasts of Services." Click on the "Download this podcast" under the service you'd like to hear. On a desktop, the audio file should open in a new window. On a mobile device, it works much the same way. Happy listening in just two clicks!

Save the Dates!

The First Church Choir will again be serving at the Columbus Arts Festival beverage booth. We will be staffing a full service booth on both Friday, June 9, and Sunday, June 11. Come see us near the food court area (in front of COSI) for a tasty beverage.

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First Church Softball Regular Season Schedule

Week	Date	Time	Location	Home Team	Away Team
Week 1	Sun 4-30-17	4:00 PM	AB 6	First at Bat	India Oak
Week 2	Sun 5-7-17	4:00 PM	AB 5	Health Care Logistics Cluckers	First at Bat
Week 3	Sun 5-14-17	4:00 PM	AB 6	First at Bat	McMahon Truck Centers
Week 4	Sun 5-21-17	5:00 PM	AB 5	Graceland Chiropractic	First at Bat
Week 5	Sun 5-28-17	<i>No Games - Memorial Day Weekend</i>			
Week 6	Sun 6-4-17	4:00 PM	AB 5	Dragons	First at Bat
Week 7	Sun 6-11-17	5:00 PM	AB 5	First at Bat	The Soft Serves
Week 8	Sun 6-18-17	5:00 PM	AB 6	India Oak	First at Bat
Week 9	Sun 6-25-17	5:00 PM	AB 6	First at Bat	Health Care Logistics Cluckers
Week 10	Sun 7-2-17	<i>No Games - 4th of July Weekend</i>			
Week 11	Sun 7-9-17	4:00 PM	AB 5	First at Bat	Alcoballics
Week 12	Sun 7-16-17	5:00 PM	AB 5	McMahon Truck Centers	First at Bat

Church Council News

Church Council Report

By Nancy Loy, Assistant Secretary

Church council has been meeting monthly and are addressing a number of issues facing the congregation.

The Board of Deacons is developing an updated security plan which has included a consultation by a member of the Columbus Police Department. It will address weekday access as well as Sunday morning security changes.

Council continues to refer to our 2020 Long Range Plan in its discussions, and encourages all commissions to apply the LRP goals in their programing and administrative work.

The 2017 Staff Salary Survey has been completed by the Personnel Committee and will be under discussion over the next few months.

The Board of Trustees and House and Grounds have been working together to arrange for improvements and repairs of our building. The steam heat system has been evaluated for repairs, and work on that will start (soon.) The exterior (clear-story windows and stone pointing) is also being evaluated for repairs by Schooley and Caldwell Architects in April with plans to do the repairs starting this summer.

Planning for the social justice park on the West lot is moving ahead with groundbreaking tentatively scheduled for July of 2017.

First Church Joys and Concerns

CONGRATULATIONS to Rev. Janine Wilson on her retirement!

IN CELEBRATION of all First Church members who attended the Spring Retreat last weekend.

CONGRATUATIONS to Christopher Humbert, who was awarded The Nancy B. and Nicholas J. Perrini Award. The award recognizes Sophomore Students for Outstanding Performance in Capital University's Conservatory of Music.

MEMBERS: Mary Alice Kuhn; Scott Barker; Julie Stewart; Ron Cook; Jane Weddle; Bernie Martin; Ray Pendell; and families and friends who continue to mourn the loss of loved ones, including Jim Griffen, on the death of his friend, Danny McNeeley; and Kristen Blanks, on the death of her grandfather, Dominick Maimone.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Steve, friend of Mark Dahnke; Jenny Lukens, friend of Sharon Leidheiser; Betsy Williams, aunt of Cindy Conn; Verlie Rich, friend of Melva Fisher; Tom Amos, friend of Melva Fisher; Donna, mother of Neal Brower; Holly Reed, sister of Kathy Reed; Laelynn Hope LaRosa and family, friend of Brittanie Logel; Betty Garrison, mother of Kim Hopcraft; Ronald Lee, brother of William Lee; James Smith, Joe and Marjorie Kufel, parents of Sharon Leidheiser; and Jill Ford, friend of Mark Williams.

THROUGHOUT THE WORLD: We pray for the family Robert Godwin. We pray for those affected by famine in South Sudan and Somalia. We pray for churches of Egypt and the Middle East. We pray for individuals and families who face immigration and deportation challenges.

IN GOD'S HANDS: THE ECUMENICAL PRAYER CYCLE: This month in the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle, we pray with and for the following people and churches:

- *Week of May 7:* India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka
- *Week of May 14:* Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal
- *Week of May 21:* Indian Ocean Islands: Comoros, Madagascar, Maldives, Mauritius, Seychelles
- *Week of May 28:* Angloa, Mozambique

If you have any prayer requests or joys to share, please contact the church office (awagner@first-church.org or 614-228-1741, ext. 10) or one of the ministers (ecorzine@first-church.org or 614-228-1741, ext. 21 or minister@first-church.org or 614-228-1741, ext. 13).



May Mission Offering Schedule

May 7	Faith in Public Life
May 14	The WELL
May 28	Ohio Conference UCC: Outdoor Ministries

May Acolyte Schedule

May 7	Allysa Batchelor	Madeline Helmer
May 14	Mae Hubbard	Samantha Myers
May 21	Ethan Murray	Erin Murray

May Crucifer Schedule

May 7	Adam Wade
May 14	Peter Spofforth
May 21	Dylan Hopcraft
May 28	Eddie Anderson

May Calendar

Monday, May 1

6:45 p.m. – BREAD Nehemiah Action –
Celeste Center, Ohio State Fairgrounds

Tuesday, May 2

11:30 a.m. – Worship Planning – Parish Family Room
5:30 p.m. – Sacred Earth – Ralph Fanning Room
6:30 p.m. – Christian Education – Mark Williams' office
7 p.m. – Justice and Mercy – Ralph Fanning Room

Wednesday, May 3

11 a.m. – Book Study – Parlor

Thursday, May 4

6 p.m. – First Church Ringers Rehearsal –
Education Wing Room J
7:15 p.m. – First Church Choir Rehearsal – Parish Hall

Saturday, May 6

8:30 a.m. – House and Grounds – Parish Family Room

Sunday, May 7: Teacher Appreciation Sunday

9 a.m. – Treble Choir Rehearsal – Music Activities Room
9 a.m. – Worship – Parish Hall
10 a.m. – First Church Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
10 a.m. – Faith Formation Time – Education Wing,
Rooms C and D
10 a.m. – BREAD Team Meeting – Ralph Fanning Room
11 a.m. – Worship: Schumacher Awards – Sanctuary
12:30 p.m. – Teen Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
12:30 p.m. – Confirmation – Education Wing, Room D
6 p.m. – Middle and High School Youth Groups –
Parish Hall

Monday, May 8

9 a.m. – Good Samaritan Day – Sanctuary,
Ralph Fanning Room, and Parlor
7 p.m. – Interfaith Bible Study – Parish Hall
7 p.m. – Trustees – Ralph Fanning Room

Tuesday, May 9

11:30 a.m. – Worship Planning – Parish Family Room
7 p.m. – Executive Committee – Ralph Fanning Room

Wednesday, May 10

10 a.m. – Staff Retreat – Sharon Leidheiser's Home

Thursday, May 11

7:15 p.m. – First Church Choir Rehearsal – Parish Hall

Friday, May 12

9 a.m. – Flower Delivery – Education Wing, Room D

Saturday, May 13

9 a.m. – Flower Pick Up – Education Wing, Room D
10 a.m. – First Church Quilters – Ralph Fanning Room

Sunday, May 14: Schumacher Awards

9 a.m. – Worship – Parish Hall
9 a.m. – Teen/Treble Choirs – Choir and Music
Activities Rooms
10 a.m. – First Church Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
10 a.m. – Faith Formation Time – Education Wing,
Rooms C and D
11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary
Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall

Monday, May 15

Noon – First Church Care Ministry –
Ralph Fanning Room
7 p.m. – Interfaith Bible Study – Parish Hall
7 p.m. – Personnel Committee – Parish Family Room

Tuesday, May 16

11:30 a.m. – Worship Planning – Parish Family Room
7 p.m. – Church Council – Large Conference Room

Wednesday, May 17

11 a.m. – Book Study – Parlor

Thursday, May 18

7:15 p.m. – First Church Choir Rehearsal – Parish Hall

Saturday, May 20

Deadline for Newsletter Articles

10 a.m. – Confirmation Rehearsal and Luncheon –
Sanctuary and Parish Hall

Sunday, May 21: Confirmation

9 a.m. – Worship – Parish Hall
9 a.m. – Treble Choir Rehearsal – Music Activities Rooms
10 a.m. – First Church Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary
Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall

Monday, May 22

6 p.m. – Budget and Finance – Parish Family Room
7 p.m. – Deacons – Education Wing, Room D

Tuesday, May 23

11:30 a.m. – Worship Planning – Parish Family Room

Wednesday, May 24

10 a.m. – Staff Planning Retreat

Thursday, May 25

7:15 p.m. – First Church Choir Rehearsal – Parish Hall

Friday, May 26

1 p.m. – Faith Mission Meal Preparation – Kitchen

May Calendar *Continued*

Sunday, May 28

9 a.m. – Worship – Parish Hall

10 a.m. – First Church Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary

Monday, May 29

Office Closed All Day – Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 30

11:30 a.m. – Worship Planning – Parish Family Room

6 p.m. – Laundry Love – WashLand Laundromat, 1469 West Broad Street

7 p.m. – New Members Class – Parlor

Member Anniversaries in May

5/3	Fran and Bruce Panek
5/4	Whitney and Kirk Marker
5/5	Lee Anne and Jared Kiesel
5/8	Nancy and Larry Braverman Laura and Lance Collins
5/11	Lori and Ben Horne
5/12	Morgan and Christiana Bonito Sarah and Bill Lange
5/13	Beth and Joe Iannarino
5/16	Beth and Andy Cooke Shane and Lauren McDonald Kara and Drew Warren
5/17	Stefanie and Christopher Bohnert
5/18	Sue and Ken Salak Debbie and Colin Thompson Jean and Lee Wetmore
5/19	Ralph and Linda Mumford Tom Worley and Nancy Loy
5/20	Leslie and William Larson
5/22	Mario and Jessica Catenacci
5/23	Betsy Hubbard and Sam Spofforth
5/27	Phil and Candy Schneider
5/2	Allen Baker

Member Birthdays in May

5/3	Christopher Brooks
5/3	Mala Ghose Matt Stevens
5/4	Sharon Ferguson
5/5	Marc Danneberger Matty Provenzano Rick Sayre Mike Underwood
5/6	Eddie Anderson IV Nick Boriin Robyn Petras
5/7	Cameron Mailer Morgan Shaw
5/8	Steven Deliman Steve Secan

Member Birthdays in May *Continued*

5/9	Cheryl Hoskinson
5/10	Anne Hudson
5/11	Paul Fishel Jr. Kathy Young
5/13	Bill Wirsching
5/14	Kris Brant Carol Woodard
5/15	Andrew MacGregor
5/16	Elias Ewing
5/18	Nancy Burba Kyle Danneberger Emma Gonzalez
5/19	Gabrielle Collins Betty Powell Traci Shaw
5/20	Kim Crabtree Todd Cunningham Alyah Dean Tom Kiesel Matt Myers Mike Weddle
5/21	Leslie Boltz Martha Loy Carol Gallagher
5/22	Val Stichter
5/23	Guy Cole Melissa Murdock-Weygandt
5/24	Gil Kirk, Jr. Dorothy Vish Chase Wagner
5/25	Dominick Blanks Tim Brownlee Brian Cave
5/26	Luke Ahrens Adam Ghose Bill Heer
5/27	Charlie Roach Caroline Thompson
5/28	Bill Johannes
5/29	Arlene Reynolds Nancy Williams
5/30	Mike Petras Peter Worley
5/31	Lou Flocken Ann Hunt



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Program Manager	Martha Worth
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Wedding Coordinators	Janet Axt, Margaret Cipriani, Diana Chandler, Amy Wagner, Katie Wagner
Nursery Staff	Evin Wimberly, Simone Ellerson, Natalie Barker, Taylre Arnold

DIACONATE

Senior Deacon	Alec Deitz
Deacons	Kris Brant, Anthony Brown, Valerie Conlin-Losinski, Bert Cook, Martha Fullemann, Dean Hafey, Todd Jacobson, Karen Mozingo, David Nassau, Janet Newcity, Jorge Polo, Alejandro Rodriguez, Hugh Schultz

CHURCH COUNCIL

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Assistant Secretary	Nancy Loy

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