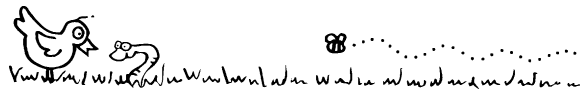


The Messenger
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MAY CALENDAR		
Wed 5/1	6:30 pm	PNC
Thu 5/2	1:30 pm 6:00 pm	Bible Study Deacons
Sun 5/5	9:30 am Following worship	Worship – Deacon Sunday Scrip Orders Taken Choir Rehearsal
Mon 5/6	6:30-8:30 pm	Troop 53
Wed 5/8	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Finance PNC
Thu 5/9	1:30 pm	Bible Study
Sun 5/12	9:30 am Following worship	Worship Choir Rehearsal
Mon 5/13	5:30 pm 6:30-8:30 pm	Building & Grounds Troop 53
Wed 5/15	6:30 pm	PNC
Thu 5/16	6:30 pm	Session
Fri 5/17	11:30 am	Daylight Drivers
Sun 5/19	9:30 am	Worship-Communion – Messenger Deadline (June/July)
Mon 5/20	6:30-8:30 pm	Troop 53
Tue 5/21	4:00 pm	Presbytery at Wauwatosa Pres.
Wed 5/22	6:30 pm	PNC
Thu 5/23	1:30 pm 6:30 pm	Bible Study Session
Sun 5/26	9:30 am Following worship	Worship Choir Rehearsal
Mon 5/27		Church Office Closed
Wed 5/29	6:30 pm	PNC
Thu 5/30	6:30 pm	Worship & Music

May 2019 - Lifelong Discipleship

In the Vitality Project sponsored by the Presbytery of Milwaukee, we spend Friday evenings (6:00-8:30 pm) and Saturdays (9:00 am - 4:00 pm) together with our sisters and brothers from other PCUSA congregations. See Elder Cindy Stigler's article for more information.

In April, Rev. Chip Hardwick, an interim pastor in IL shared ways for us to sustain our spiritual lives through disciplines. Our Executive Presbyter, Rachel Yates worked with Chip on the PCUSA national staff. We not only learned about a variety of disciplines but had an opportunity to practice them.

At the end of each gathering, we receive a homework assignment to practice what we learned. Our Vitality Team meets a couple of weeks after the weekend to discuss the homework, which usually includes something to do personally and a task to share within the congregation. Sometimes that is to discuss something with our Session or our congregation.

I'm impressed at the prayer life of this congregation. Each week, we hear prayer requests in worship, including concerns, joys, and action reports. We've heard how the prayers of this congregation have inspired, supported, and impacted others.

James 5:16 *"Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective."*

Beginning in May, we will be encouraging everyone in the congregation to participate in a Spiritual Discipline of Prayer. We will collect the prayer requests on Sunday and early in the week, we will send the list to our Prayer Chain email list. We will also print last week's prayer list in the bulletin to keep the concerns in our minds for more than one week.

I once knew a person of prayer who kept a prayer list. She claimed once on, it

never came off. It makes me wonder how long she spends in prayer each day.

I hope you will join our Vitality Team in the spiritual discipline of prayer. Also, let's pay attention to how God moves and works through our prayers.

Grace and Peace,

Bruce

Rev. Dr. Bruce A. Jones

Interim Pastor

Capital Campaign

The exterior steps off the Upper Room need to be rebuilt for the safety of everyone. Currently, the Building and Grounds committee is working on the permits and approval of the project. The work should begin this month.

We would like to complete the capital campaign (\$8,500) with pledges by May 1st with the collection by July 1st. In the first 2 weeks, we received \$4,670 in contributions and pledges.

A pledge brochure was mailed and emailed to members. Also, copies are available in the narthex. You may give electronically through the church website.

<https://www.forestparkpcusa.org/>

Bible Study - Luke 8

We continue on Thursday at 1:30-3pm studying the Gospel of Luke. Join us anytime.

Worship Notes

Third Sunday of Easter - May 5th - Deacon Sunday

Lectionary: Acts 9:1-6, (7-20), Revelation 5:11-14, John 21:1-19, Psalm 30

Deacon Joe DeGaro Preaching

Fourth Sunday of Easter - May 12th - Mother's Day

Acts 9:36-43, Revelation 7:9-17, *John 10:22-30, *Psalm 23

"I Told You So"

Fifth Sunday of Easter - May 19th

*Acts 11:1-18, Revelation 21:1-6, *John 13:31-35, Psalm 148

"Love is All You Need"

Sixth Sunday of Easter - May 26th - Memorial Day Weekend

*Acts 16:9-15, Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5,

* John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9, Psalm 67

"Faithful Home"

Rev. Jones' Schedule

Planned Sabbath: May 10, 24, 31 Sermon

Writing: May 3, 6, 22, 28

Study Leave: April 29-May 2 - Clergy

Clinic III, May 20-25 - Transitional

Ministry, Week II

Call Pam at the church office 262-786-5850 during the week 8am-noon on Monday - Thursday. The Deacon on Call Deacon on Call or contact your Care Group Deacon or an Elder. They will contact Rev. Nicole Malera (Faith in Franklin) or Rev. Michelle Heinrichs (Heritage), who will be on call to represent Christ should the need arise in my absence.

Scrip

Did you know that you can purchase Walgreens (4%) and Kwik Trip (5%) scrip and then purchase stamps and other gift cards using scrip cards, like Amazon (2.25%) or other cards that don't participate in the scrip program.

SYNOD SCHOOL

This year Synod School, which typically draws more than 600 participants to the Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, IA, offers more than 80 classes for adults. Deirdre "Dede" Johnston, professor at Hope College in Holland, MI, will be the

convocation speaker, and Shawna Bowman, associate director of field education and experiential education at McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, will be the worship leader.

Synod School 2019 runs Sunday through Friday, July 21-26. Additional details, an electronic version of the catalog, and ads for use in newsletters and bulletins can be found at

www.lakesandprairies.org/synodschool.

Thank You For Giving to the Lord!

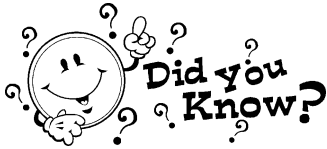
"Ev'ry morning is Easter morning, From now on, Ev'ry day's resurrection day, The past is over and gone." These words by Richard Avery and Donald Marsh remind us to live with the power of the resurrection and life abounding in Christ our Risen Lord. We give thanks to the church mice who...

- ~ Hosted the wine tasting fundraiser.
- ~ Provided special music for the wine tasting and worship.
- ~ Made pledges or gifts to the Capital Campaign.
- ~ Participated in the Elder Training.
- ~ Helped, coordinated, prepared, decorated and cleaned up after the Seder Meal.
- ~ Delivered food to those unable to participate in the Seder.
- ~ Prepared the quiet worship for Good Friday.
- ~ Completed the Pastoral Competencies survey to aid the PNC.
- ~ Take communion to the homebound members.
- ~ Served communion during worship.
- ~ Helped with the Easter Sunrise worship and breakfast.
- ~ Participated in the indoor cleanup day.
- ~ Participated in the Vitality Project.

As Easter People, we rejoice that we live with Christ each and every day. The past is gone, but the future looks bright as we serve our Lord and neighbors.



The Deacon on Call for May is Cindy Barbieri 262-782-6862.



Vitality Update

The Vitality Project, sponsored by the Milwaukee Presbytery, is a series of seven weekend workshops scheduled over a nine-month period designed for our churches that have 150 members or less. The thought behind the workshop is to move focus from having a **viable** congregation to attaining a **vital** congregation, emphasizing ministry, mission, education, and stewardship.

Forest Park is blessed to have the largest number of participants of all the churches participating in this project. Denine Dulde, Diane Schumitsch, Paul Neymeyr, Tracey Pomeroy, Maureen Wise, Cindy Stigler, and Rev. Jones are representing Forest Park.

Each workshop has a different theme. In our first workshop, we discussed Healthy Congregations. In March, we focused on Lifelong Discipleship. April's theme will be on Evangelism. After each workshop, we are assigned homework, both personal work, and work to do with our congregation. You will be hearing more information soon about our work and would like your thoughts and ideas on how we can continue the important work we do as a church community, and how we can each grow more spiritually ourselves.

Here's what's happening!

Mission Happenings

The Milwaukee Rescue Mission picked up our very full box of men's underwear, women's pajamas, and other supplies. Karen Wimmer, volunteer for the Rescue Mission, was again delighted at the full box of donations. Thank you to everyone who participated in this project, and those who prayed for the people who utilize programs offered by the Rescue Mission. In July, we will again be gathering school supplies for the Rescue Mission School.

A few smaller boxes are now sitting at the back of the church for donations to Frank Lloyd Wright Middle School. They are in need of soap (bar or liquid), toothbrushes, combs, brushes, shampoo, and deodorant. There are a number of collection boxes throughout the West Allis community, for the purpose of sharing these supplies with families who are homeless or living in their cars. We will be collecting these items through the middle of May.

Towards the end of May, names for school backpacks and school supplies will be available for people interested in assisting children with an incarcerated parent. Jodi Godsell and Karen Zobel are coordinating this project. Knowing that children will start school with a smile on their faces because they have supplies needed for school warms the heart.

Sally Daugherty and Karen Zobel have assembled 30 personal hygiene bags for the Women's Shelter in Waukesha. Cindy Barbieri delivered the bags. Some of the supplies left from the hygiene kits are used in these bags. Thank you to Karen, Sally, and Cindy.

LOOK at **THIS!** IT'S A GOOD THING

"Please and Thank You" are two of the most powerful and beautiful words we can say. It really helps to say them often. 1. Thank you to Sally and Gail Daugherty, Bea Piering, Nancy, Owen and Kelly Reimer, Sue Mihelich, Betty Marr, Lynette Hauke, Denine Dulde, Cindy Barbieri, Wendy Bennewitz and Sherry Reuteler for working so hard on 'Pew and Woodwork Day'.

2. Thank you to Howie and Sally Hasselkus for hosting the wine tasting parties. They are the best hosts. \$889 was made for the church.

3. Lynette Hauke takes the time to pick up the special cakes for hospitality hour.

4. Lee Tan and his crew served chili to 71 people at Loaves and Fishes.

5. Marne and Gordie Willey and Denine Dulde visited Mary Sybell at Oak Hill Terrace and watched her perform in their production of 'Mary Poppins'.

6. Art Riemer is now chairman of Building and Grounds and he is doing a terrific job.

7. We are looking forward to our next 'Outside Clean-up Day on April 27th at 9am (rain date is May 4th). All help is appreciated!!!

8. Our church family shows the power of prayer: comfort and peace, encouragement and hope, strength and love are all shared with heartfelt prayers.

9. Thanks to Rev Bruce for shoveling the last hidden snow bank of 2019 on to the Parking Lot where it quickly melted in the sunlight.

May is the month of sunshine and flowers
 Birds in their nests,
 And one or two showers.
 Games to play in kites to fly,
 Or just looking at the sky.
 We could spend a year this way,
 If the year were made of May!

NEWS & *Notes*

Deacon Corner:

Deacon on call for May is Cindy Barbieri.
 262-782-6862

Larry Under the Bridge (LUB): Items still needed are breakfast bars. If you would like to donate, please bring to church and place item(s) on counter in the kitchen marked LUB. We will be putting lunches together for LUB at 8:30 a.m. on April 28 and May 5. Everyone is welcome to join us! Any questions call Diane 414-248-9374.

COMING SOON - Deacon Sunday, May 5th. Message by Joe DeGaro



If you know or hear of a prayer need and would like to have one started on the prayer chain, notify the Deacon on Call for the month to initiate your request. If you cannot reach that Deacon, call the Church Office and speak to Pam or leave a message on the answering machine.

What's **NEW?**

30 Gift bags were delivered to the Women's Center in Waukesha on April 15th filled with personal care items and other gifts, generously donated by Forest Park members. Thank you to everyone who helps with this ongoing project. If you have any questions on how you can help in the future, talk to Karen Zobel.



A number of congregants have commented, "Hey, did you notice that the anthem that the choir sang kind of matched the readings? It even echoed the message in the sermon." Well, that was not just happenstance.

When choosing an anthem, my starting point is always the scripture readings of the day. These portions of the bible that are selected for the Sundays and special Feast Days of the Liturgical Year have been selected and placed in a three-year cycle (Years A, B and C). We are currently in cycle C. The Old Testament reading and the Gospel reading of the day are put together to support each other in sending the same or similar message from the different vantage points of the Hebrew perspective (Pentateuch and the Prophets) and that of the Christian perspective (Gospels). Added to those is the psalm of the day, plus another reading – which may be Old Testament or New Testament - so that the one preparing the sermon may have a scriptural basis to go in another direction.

This variety of Sacred Scripture selection helps to keep high our interest in listening for a cogent message in today's world - a beginning point for humans seeking to find continued insight into these ancient biblical citations. As we all know, variety is the spice of life and it would be a shame to have a good message bore us to tears and go in one ear and out the other. (After all, we are human.) After pouring over these resources, I ask in which direction the one preparing the current message of the day is heading.

When all of these elements come together in a good mix, both ancient and modern words have the possibility of

providing us with the means to see God's love for us in a clearer and brighter light; one that may be easier to grasp for ourselves and perhaps, even share with others.

-Jack Serwe



Daylight Drivers

May 17, 2019

Brass Monkey

11904 W Greenfield Ave

The Daylight Drivers will meet in West Allis at The Bass Monkey for their May 17 meeting. (Where did they get that name? Let you know next month.) When looking at their website "they" said no reservations. But Marilyn called and "they" said something could be worked out. Please sign up in the Hospitality Room and meet at the restaurant at 11:30.



5/1	Mike Godsell
5/1	Gary Stigler
5/3	Emily Schroepfer
5/5	Pat Janecek
5/7	Cody Schumitsch
5/9	Katie Godsell
5/9	Sylvia Larsen
5/9	Dave Marr
5/10	Tonya Riedmaier
5/10	Sandy Simpson
5/11	Sophia Hermann
5/15	Dorothy Riley
5/15	Scott Simpson
5/17	Nancy Reimer
5/18	Sherry Reuteler
5/22	Brian Reimer
5/29	Mindy Schroepfer

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

If you cannot serve on your assigned date, please arrange a substitute and notify the church office.

	5/5	5/12	5/19	5/26	6/2
Liturgist	Nathan Tan	Jim Gillespie	Mike Washic	Betty Marr	Lee Tan
Head Usher	Mike Marr	Ron Reuteler	Gary Stigler	Mike Marr	Ron Reuteler
Ushers	Art Reimer Benjamin Tan Garrett Pomeroy	Joe DeGaro Ryan & Anna Gillespie	Garrett Pomeroy Benjamin & Nathan Tan	Cindy Barbieri Jim & Sara Grant	Gordon & Marne Willey Cindy Barbieri
Hospitality	Deacons	Simpson	Stigler	Helpful Hannahs	Reuteler

Ushers	
Barbieri	262-782-6862
DeGaro	262-364-8123
Dulde	414-412-0149
Grant	262-786-5071
Hasselkus	262-786-3298
Hermann	414-744-0765
Janecek	414-241-0227
Marr	262-389-7433
Reimer	262-679-9226
Reuteler	262-424-4378
Stigler	262-782-5153
Washic	262-789-9779
Willey	262-782-1112

Hospitality	
Janecek/Marr	
Daylight Drivers	
Deacons	
Helpful Hannahs	
Reuteler	262-821-5046
Simpson	262-782-1937
Stigler	262-782-5153