

The First Presbyterian Church of Lewisburg

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Sunday Worship: Sunday School – 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.

It's still a bit cooler outside than I'd like, but a new season has finally arrived! The blossoms on my peach trees promise that sweet fruit is on its way, and the early morning bird songs harken the building of nests to cradle a new generation.

Likewise, I am excited about all the new things God is doing in our church. On Sunday, May 8th, we'll welcome Lisa Douth, our new Director of Youth Ministry. You can read more about her in this newsletter. On Sunday, May 15th, members of our Confirmation class will be received as Active Members, along with others whom God has led here for us to bless and to be a blessing. On Sunday, May 22nd, our Sunday School classes will hold their final sessions, and we will celebrate the end of this Sunday School year with a congregational picnic. (Be looking for more details in the coming weeks!) Sunday, May 29th, Memorial Day weekend, will be our last 10:30am worship service before switching to the "summer schedule," with worship at 9:30am starting on June 5th.

Not long from now, we'll "Make Waves" for God as we welcome our church and community's children to Vacation Bible School, (9:00am to Noon, June 27th – July 1st). And just a few weeks later, we're sending our High School Youth to serve with Group Missions in Frederick, Maryland (July 24th – 30th).

I am continually grateful for the ways our congregation comes together to witness to God's love in Jesus Christ – and want to again thank everyone: choir members and musicians, grounds keepers and flower arrangers, greeters and communion preparers, staff and volunteers - who made our Holy Week and Easter events and services so



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Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 1

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Thursday, May 5

5:30 p.m. Dinner By the River

Friday, May 6

5:30-8:00 p.m. First Friday Kids
Night in the Great Hall

Sunday, May 8



Sunday, May 22

11:45 a.m. Church Picnic
(Location TBD)

Monday, May 30



May Meetings

Tuesday, May 3

7:00 p.m. Session Planning
Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 10

7:00 p.m. Christian Ed. Meeting

Tuesday, May 17

7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting
7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

encouraging and full of joy. Thanks also to all who lent a hand clearing and cleaning the manse to prepare for Lisa's arrival, and for everyone who keeps our church building and Library welcoming and organized.

God is preparing us now for the good fruit He will grow through our faithful service! God has a way for everyone to enjoy and share our life with Him – too many for me to list in one newsletter. If you're still searching for your place in our church family, where you can breathe in and breathe out God's love and grace, please talk to me or to one of our Elders. We'd love to help you discover God's plan for you here!

Peace to you now, and in all that God has promised!
Pastor Ryan

New Youth Director Starting This Month!

Hello First Presbyterian Church!

Why Lewisburg? This question was asked of me at least twice while meeting with the search committee and youth at First Presbyterian. The answer, why not! God obviously has a plan, but I must admit, at least once I asked, "You want me to do WHAT?"

Through the years, many of God's children have probably responded in a similar manner. God called to Moses from a burning bush and told him to go to Egypt and have Pharaoh set the people free. Abraham was told to sacrifice Isaac, the son he thought he would never have. And what about Noah? Build an ark, gather the animals, a flood's coming. "You want me to do what?" Their faith in God the Father turned the "you want me to do what" into, "Ok God, I can't see what You can, but I trust You and I know that You would never lead me astray so here I am, use me."

With the faith of our ancestors and with keeping my eyes on Jesus who leads us and makes our faith complete (Hebrews 12:2), I say, "Here I am Lord, obeying your call to First Presbyterian in Lewisburg, excited and ready to be in ministry with the youth and their families."

May Ushers

Dan Wagner
Brent Papson
Bill Black



Let's Keep Coffee Hour Brewing!

Volunteers are needed to ensure coffee hour continues every Sunday from 10:00–10:30 a.m. Coffee and treats provided, or you can bake/buy your own. Please choose a date on the sign-up sheet located in the kitchen. Thank you!



All are welcome to join a women's Bible study in the Chapel on **Wednesday, May 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th at 10:00 a.m.** Led by Bea Heid.

You might ask, "Who is she?" I grew up in a small town just south of Erie, PA, received my BA from Allegheny College and my MA from Asbury Theological Seminary. I am a lover of travel, hiking, biking, camping, music, the Steelers and the Red Sox. I'll admit to spending too much time on YouTube and binging shows on Netflix and Apple TV+. I will always have ChapStick, gum and my phone. So, . . ., ready or not, here I am!

-Lisa Doult

Operation Christmas Child: Item of the Month



For the month of May, we will be collecting school supplies in support of Operation Christmas Child. If you would like to donate any of these items to be packed in the shoeboxes for OCC, please place them in the collection box located in the parlor. As in previous years, we will be collecting different items each month. It is a fun way to get a jump start on shoebox packing for November!

Let's work together to do something awesome!

We're looking for local churches and businesses to join us in helping to provide clothing for the children served by the Union County Food Bank. You could host a collection drive, raise funds through a casual workday, or sponsor a clothing care package for a child. There are lots of great ways to get involved and we'll work with you to find the perfect fit!

Email ucgivingcloset@gmail.com or send us a message today.

An illustration of two women celebrating. One woman is holding a laptop with a heart on it, and the other is holding two coffee cups. A circular logo for 'union county giving closet' is in the bottom right corner of the illustration.

Questions???. Please contact Alison Collins at the church office at 570-524-4419 or ucgivingcloset@gmail.com. Follow us on Facebook [@ucgivingcloset](https://www.facebook.com/ucgivingcloset).


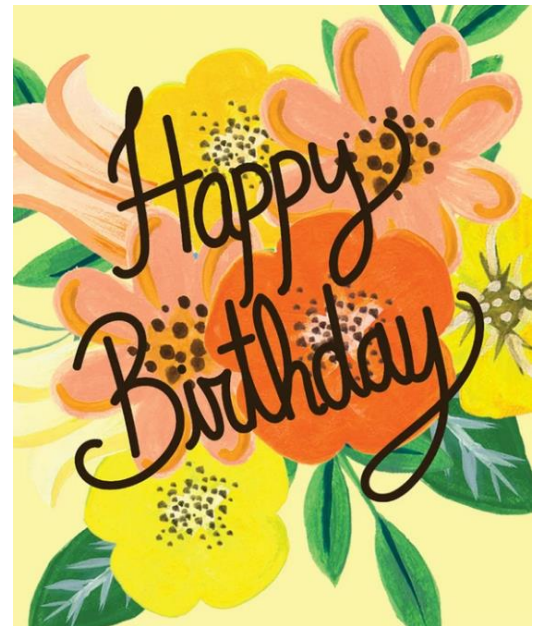
May Birthdays & Anniversaries

May Birthdays

- 2 Mary Kay Torretti
- 3 Seth Ziegler
- 7 Kate Griffith
- 9 Ashley Kalcich, Amie Reif, Jan Temple
- 14 Maya Jusko
- 15 Anne Goehring
- 17 Jeff Creighton, Katie Mebius
- 18 Derek Guissanie, Virginia Means
- 19 Barb Light
- 22 Laura Mae Chiboroski
- 23 Marilyn Zaiser
- 25 Leslie Temple
- 26 Avery Brown
- 31 Joseph Gallagher


May Anniversaries

- 7 Michael & Kim Gilger
- 21 Drew & Christianne Wright
- 31 Ken & Corey Jusko



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family
puzzles
FOR DWELL'S HOPE
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in honor of
National Foster Care
Month this May!

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contact Heidi@dwelloorphancare.org.



UPCOMING USHERS:

June 2022

Rob Guissanie
Sharon Pearce
Mark Reif

July 2022

Dave Thomas
Katie Mebius
Jessie Walsh

August 2022

Jon Walz
Ray Walz
Tom Gresh

*If the month isn't convenient for you, let the Office know. If you will be absent one week, please find a substitute.



First Presby Kids News

MAY 2022

"All the believers were together. They shared everything they had."
Acts 2:44

Let's build a church! In Sunday school, our children are learning how Jesus' followers began to build the early church. They didn't use Legos or Lincoln Logs. But they built a church that we still stand on today!

Nursery care is available for children from birth through age 3.

Sunday School classes are available for children from age 4 through 6th grade.

Don't forget **Confirmation Class! Kids in 6th grade and older are invited to join Pastor Ryan in the Chapel at 9:00 am on Sundays through May

Kids Church is open to children from age 4 through 3rd grade.

Our Sunday schedule remains as follows:

9:00 a.m. Sunday School in the Education Wing

10:00 a.m. Coffee hour in the Great Hall

10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary; Kids are dismissed to Kids' Church after the Children's Message

**On the last Sunday of every month we honor Family Sunday. All children age 3 and up are invited to stay and participate in our full worship service. But we know that can be challenging for some of the littles, so our Himmelreich Library volunteers have graciously offered to host story time after the Children's Message for children ages 3 through 2nd grade.

DON'T MISS ALL THE FUN COMING UP...

First Friday @ First Presby – Friday, May 6, 5:30 – 8:00 pm. This will be our final First Friday for the 2021/2022 school year. We'll celebrate all things spring!

Vacation Bible School – June 27-July 1, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. Make Waves with us as we learn that what we do today can change the world around us. Kids entering Kindergarten through 5th grade are welcome to attend. Youth and Adult volunteers are needed!

Follow us on Facebook @ FirstPresbyLewisburgPA

Corey Jusko

Director of Children's Ministry

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"That The World May Know" – from 2 Kings 19:19



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Head Librarian

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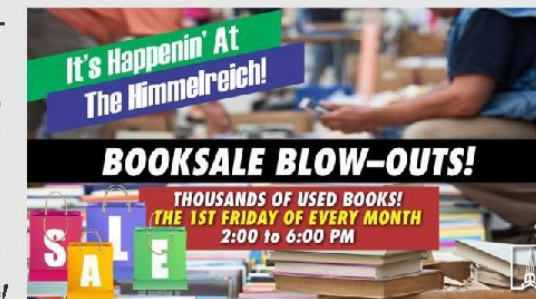
VOLUNTEER. With as few as two
hours a month of your time, you
can have a tremendous impact!
Discover the many ways the Lord
can use you to help us reach out for
the work of *The Gospel*.

PRAY DAILY ONLINE – AT NOON
God promises to "heal our land!"
Join with fellow believers for one
minute every day to pray for
America's
revival. It's easy
to sign up
online (first
names only).

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all this summer!



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will be posted
for sale online.
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non-fiction,
how-to, & more!



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DVDs
accepted!

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"Basement
Booksale
Blowouts"
on the first
Friday each
month.

Simply donate old
books from your attic
or den. All quality books
and titles are welcome –
including Secular or
Christian Authors &
Titles! Hardbacks,
paperbacks, vintage
magazines, audio books,

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five-County
region in
downtown
Lewisburg.



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R.C. SPROUL
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"The Problem Of Evil
And Suffering"

THE AWAKENING IN AMERICA

NEW FILM SERIES! – "THE PROBLEM OF EVIL & SUFFERING"
"SUNDAY CONVERSATIONS" – 9:00 A.M. & 2:00 P.M. – AT THE HIMMELREICH – THRU MAY

"Sunday Conversations!" BOLD ENCOUNTERS WITH THE LIVING GOD FREE! Sundays 9:00-10:00 a.m. and 2:00-3:15 p.m.

DOWNTOWN LEWISBURG, PA – How can evil
& suffering exist in a universe created by a
wholly good God? Dr. R.C. Sproul presents
the Christian understanding & response to
this age-old challenge. "Let's talk about it!"
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& understanding in the
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Leader: Terry Fike.





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The Global Evangelical Outreach Of The Himmelreich Christian Library



"THE AWAKENING"
Outreach Is Dedicated To
Daily Prayer For Revival
& The Word of God

THE AWAKENING was born from a conviction among believers and churches across the nation that the Lord desires that we return to Him in prayer. We seek to help bring God's people together in prayer for revival through His Word. We're resting in the Lord's sacred promise in 2 Chron 7:14 that as we return to Him, He will "heal our land." We seek believers across our valley and our nation – and around the world – for Christians to join together in prayer and proclaim The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

50-50-50. We seek 50 Prayer Partners in 50 churches in each of 50 states to pray 1-minute every day. *Join us!*

SEEKING EDUCATORS! We're expanding our course offerings and faculty. Now seeking gifted and experienced Christian teachers. called to reach others with the Word. *Call us!*



Join Us Thursday, May 5th!
"The National Day Of Prayer" – Noon to 1:00 p.m.

LEWISBURG, PA - Christians across our valley are assembling at *The Himmelreich* on Thursday, May 5th at noon to pray for America. We'll join with our fellow Christians across the country in "The National Day Of Prayer," asking the Almighty God of the Bible for His peace, for revival in America, and for His healing in our land.



In 2 Chronicles 7:14, God makes His amazing, sacred promise:

"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

Come join us at *The Himmelreich*, as we pray for God's grace for America.

"Walk Where Jesus Walked" November 8-19 – JOIN US!
Israel Tour Exclusive: "Walk With God"

The Himmelreich and "The Awakening" have arranged for patrons, listeners and First Presbyterian, Lewisburg members to enjoy an exclusive 11-Day/10-Night tour of The Holy Land this November, 2022. You'll join hosts **Walt & Brenda McCord** as you experience first-hand the very locations as the Lord himself as you "Walk Where Jesus Walked!" It's part of our growing "Walk With God" global outreach. Experienced tour-guides, Walt & Brenda have led over 30 tours of The Holy Land.

Get all the details online at: TheAwakeningWorldwide.com



Click to listen FREE online to Walt & Brenda's weekly podcast, "Walk With God." Listeners now in 31 nations on six continents! New shows post Wednesdays.

From the Himmelreich

2 Timothy 3:16

Everything in the Scriptures is *God's Word*. All of it is *useful* for teaching and helping people and for correcting them and showing them how to live.

God communicates His Truth in many ways. He still speaks verbally but often we receive His message through His written Word. For centuries Scripture was transferred orally. Then, it was in print but not in the language of the people. Congregations relied on the religious leaders to pass on and interpret God's message.

Most of us have several copies, indeed versions, of the Bible in our homes. It is still a major best seller. But a book unopened is like a gift still wrapped. The contents are not received and appreciated.

I am grateful for the opportunity to be surrounded by God's Book. I also value the devotionals, novels, studies and audio tapes and videos contained in the library. I invite you to join me at the Himmelreich and find a quiet corner to read or checkout some excellent resources. You'll note that the display case in the Parlor focuses this month on the Bible and biblical aids. These items are available for the asking in the library.

One of our greatest blessings is that God communicates with His people. But communication is a two-way street. Come, listen, read!

Blessings,

Barb Yorks, Head Librarian

Coming next month:



STRAWBERRY SEASON IS ALMOST HERE!

Our annual Strawberry Festival will be held on Sunday, June 19th, from 10:30-12. We will be serving homemade cakes, fresh sliced berries and ice cream in person in the Great Hall. We hope you can join us! Since the festival falls on Father's Day this year, we will also be giving a special gift to all the dads who attend the festival.

Take-out orders will also be available- these should be ordered ahead of time- before June 13th. Place your take-out orders by calling Alison at the church office 570-524-4419. Take-outs can be picked up during the Festival and

will consist of a pan of shortcake and unsliced berries.

We are asking for cake donations of shortcake, angel food, pound cake or brownies. If you can help with these, please call April Shrom 610-405-4066 or email shroms@uplink.net. Cakes can be dropped off at the church Saturday, June 18th or Sunday by 9:30 a.m.

Proceeds from the Strawberry Festival will benefit the Youth Mission Trip to Frederick, MD this summer.