



## Message from Rev. Hale

It's our May & June newsletter, and I'm searching for words to share; always for words that speak of God's life within us, of God's love for us, of God's hope for our lives as we walk together.

I found those words tacked up on the bulletin board in the Confirmation classroom. How better to express the gift of joy we will celebrate on Pentecost Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> as Zack and Jack and Megan are confirmed in their faith and received into the membership of this church—into this Body of Christ so ready to affirm their completion of a two year journey of learning about their faith and their church—*how better than through their own words about the Holy Spirit!*

The Holy Spirit to me is the wind that is always there for me, tells me what to do. The Holy Spirit is God's presence and to me, it is God loving me. *Zackary Kloss*

I believe the Holy Spirit is like the sun and the sky, he watches over us. The Holy Spirit is like the ground and the seas, he surrounds us in all our lives. The Holy Spirit is like the air that fuels us to live. The Holy Spirit always loves us and cares for us. *Megan Pagett*

I believe that the Holy Spirit is God's active presence in the world. The Holy Spirit is the author of Scripture and brings the sacraments to life. I believe the Holy Spirit is our teacher that teaches us and our advocate that supports us. I also believe that the Holy Spirit is the Creator of life in this world. *Jack Pagett*

God's life and love and hope, all to be especially celebrated May 20<sup>th</sup> in worship. With Megan, Jack and Zack, Bizzy Woodhead and I encourage you to come to the Confirmation Class Open House from 9 - 9:50 that Sunday and journey along through the Confirmation studies. They have worked hard these past two years! Come share the *joy of the Spirit* moving within all the life we know together!

*Thanks be to God for this life we "know" and share,  
Marilyn*

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## Lectionary for May / June

May 6 – 6th Sunday of Easter  
Acts 10:44–48  
Psalm 98  
1 John 5:1–6  
John 15:9–17

May 13 – 7th Sunday of Easter  
Acts 1:15–17; 21–26  
Psalm 1  
1 John 5:9–13  
John 17:6–19

May 20 – Day of Pentecost  
Acts 2:1–21  
Psalm 104:24–34  
Romans 8:22–27  
John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15

May 27 – Trinity Sunday  
Isaiah 6:1–8  
Psalm 29  
Romans 8:12–17  
John 3:1–17

June 3 – 2nd Sunday after  
Pentecost  
1 Samuel 3:1–10(11–20)  
Psalm 139:1–6; 13–18  
2 Corinthians 4:5–12  
Mark 2:23–3:6

June 10 – 3rd Sunday after  
Pentecost  
1 Samuel 8:4–11, 16–20  
Psalm 138  
2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1  
Mark 3:20–35

June 17 – 4th Sunday after  
Pentecost  
1 Samuel 15:34–26:13  
Psalm 20  
2 Corinthians 5:6–10, 14–17  
Mark 4:26–34

June 24 – 5th Sunday after  
Pentecost  
1 Samuel 17:57–18:5  
Psalm 133  
2 Corinthians 6:1–13  
Mark 4:35–41



## Mission Committee News

Julie Pagett / Stephanie Hill

**One Great Hour of Sharing is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world!** Thank you so much to all who contributed to support the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the Self-Development of People through the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. We surpassed our goal and raised \$1,165!

Summer is fighting its way into Western New York. When it finally arrives, children will be eager to get outside and enjoy the beautiful weather. **Spending time at camp can be a wonderful way to connect with**

**others while enjoying the beauty of nature.**

The church has agreed to pay the full camp registration fee from the JSMMF for any child who wants to attend a Christian camp this summer. Scholarship applications for camp can be found in the Narthex.

Twenty song books for the **Pines Healthcare and Rehab Center** have been delivered. The books were purchased for \$319.80 and the money taken from the Rummage Sale Fund.

**Pfeiffer Nature Center Woods Walk.** Pfeiffer Nature Center will be hosting a Woods Walk on Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. Our Session has approved a \$250 sponsorship of this event, as well as covering the \$20 registration fee

for anyone interested in walking on the church team. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. The Woods Walk is a great way to show your appreciation for nature and support for Pfeiffer Nature Center and the wonderful work they do to support it.

Donations will be made to the following organizations through the Jack Shepard Memorial Mission Fund... to Camp Duffield for \$300, Camp Penuel East for \$300, Southern Tier Child Advocacy Center for \$500. In addition \$200 will be donated to the Portville for Youth/Music in the Park program from the Hunger Fund.

### CORRESPONDENCE

We recently received updated newsletters from our Wycliffe Bible Translators, Steve

and Margie Doty and Leah Doty. After finishing up their training workshop, Steve and Margie are back in Chiang Mai resuming their normal responsibilities. Leah is working on studying the Oby language and hopes to be moving closer to an area where she will have better access to native speakers of this language so she can continue her important work. Please stop by the Mission bulletin board by the backdoor of the church to read their full newsletters. *There are many more thank you notes and newsletters on the bulletin board from people and organizations the mission committee has been able to help. Take a moment and check it out!*

## Pentecost Offering

# Each year on Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church. The Holy Spirit remains with us still, connecting us with *the church of the past*, continuing to inspire *the church of today*, and pointing us to *the church of the future*. Each year, this celebration is marked by receiving the Pentecost Offering which nurtures the faith of those who are the church to come — children, youth, and young adults.



Psalm 71 testifies that a foundation of faith established during childhood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. The patterns and

lessons established during these formative years continue to bear fruit throughout a person's life. By giving to the Pentecost Offering, we participate in helping our children, youth, and young adults grow up to proclaim with the Psalmist, *"O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds."*

This Special Offering will be dedicated on Pentecost Sunday, May 20. Our goal is \$750 and 40% of funds received will be used to support a local youth-focused program. Please use the special offering envelopes for your gifts.

*God, from my youth you have taught me Psalm 71*

## Worship News Anita Shuey

### WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Do I need to bring anything?  
On your feet now – applaud God!  
Bring a gift of laughter,  
sing yourselves into his presence.

*Psalm 100: 1,2 The Message*

But nobody really knows the real me!  
Know this: GOD is God, and God, GOD.  
He made us; we didn't make him.  
We're his people, his well-tended sheep.

*Psalm 100: 3 The Message!*

Do I need a password to get into church?  
Enter with the password: "Thank you!"  
Make yourselves at home, talking praise.

Thank him. Worship him.  
*Psalm 100: 4 The Message*

Why should I come to worship? What's in it  
for me?

For GOD is sheer beauty,  
all-generous love,  
loyal always and ever.

*Psalm 100: 5 The Message*

Below are the worship opportunities for May and June.

- May 6 – 10:00 a.m. Worship. Holy Communion will be served.
- May 13 – 10:00 a.m. Worship on Mothers Day. We'll honor all women of the church.
- May 20 – 10:00 a.m. Worship on Pentecost. Our Southern Tier Symphony friends will be our guest musicians. Christian Educators will be honored. Confirmands will be celebrated. Wow!
- May 27 – 10:00 a.m. Worship
- June 3 – 10:00 a.m. Worship. Holy Communion will be served.
- June 10 – 10:00 a.m. Worship. Acolytes will be honored.
- June 17 – 10:00 a.m. Worship on Fathers Day. We'll honor all men of the church.
- June 24 – 10:00 a.m. Worship

Your beauty and love chase after me  
every day of my life.

I'm back home in the house of God!  
for the rest of my life.

*Psalm 23:6 The Message*

## Christian Ed News Connie King

April showers bring May flowers! The signs of spring are in the air, and we are enjoying the change. May 20 is going to be a very busy day.

Sunday School and the Confirmation class are winding down. Our last day for both will be Sunday, May 20. The Confirmation class will have an OPEN HOUSE at 9 a.m. on May 20 for everyone to tour their room. We

are all anxious to hear and see what they learned this year. Come early for church and take some time to check in on our kids. The confirmands will be confirmed during worship on May 20, and they are Zack Kloss, Jack Pagett, and Megan Pagett. We are very proud of you and all your accomplishments.

May 20 is Pentecost Sunday. Also, it is our Teacher Recognition Day during worship for our seven teachers. We are paying tribute to Rev. Hale (Confirmation class, Wed. a.m. Bible Study, Lenten Soup & Study); Bizzy Woodhead (Confirmation class, Elementary class); Stephanie Hill (facilitator of "Islam & Christianity"); Diana Dunbar ( Advent program JOY); Barb Fairbanks (Elementary class); Kathy Hendrix (High

School class); Connie King (Intermediate class). Thank you for your time, preparation, energy, teaching, talents, and willingness to be a part of Christian Education.



Congratulations to McKenzie Gardner, our 2018 PCS graduate. Once again, thank you to the Christian Ed. Committee. Your support and time are greatly appreciated. It has been a good year for the classes and programs.

Thank you to everyone who was involved or helped in any way.

Have a relaxing summer!

**THE FOOD PANTRY . . .from your grocery cart to our shelves!** *by Stephanie Hill*



Thanks to the generosity of the Portville community - and to the members of our church who faithfully bring in food items each week.

Jesus said, "If you have two coats, give one away. If you have food, share with those that have none." *Luke 3:11*

***YOU REALLY DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!***

Below is the list of food items we will be collecting in May and June.

FOR THE WEEK OF	WE WILL BE COLLECTING
May 6	Cereal
May 13	Tuna
May 20	Mac and Cheese
May 27	Spaghetti
June 3	Cereal
June 10	Soup
June 17	Cake Mix
June 24	Spaghetti

## Dates to Remember May 2018

05/01 PWNV COM (Hale), 9:30 a.m.	05/16 USDA foods delivered to PC (Hellwig)
05/02 Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.	Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.
05/03 Worship Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m.	Session, 6:00 p.m.
05/06 Confirmation Class, 9:00 a.m. Worship Service/Communion, 10:00 a.m. May/June newsletter distributed Geranium Sale money due	05/20 Confirmation Open House/SS Class, 9:00 a.m. Pentecost Worship Service, 10:00 a.m. Receiving our Confirmands and Sunday School Teacher Recognition, reception following the service
05/09 Bible Study, 10:30 a.m. Mission Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m.	05/22 Pick-up Produce (Hills)
05/12 Property Committee Meeting, 8:30 a.m. Denny Dorman Memorial Service/Reception, 2:00 p.m.	05/23 Food Pantry open 10-noon and 5-6:30 p.m. No Bible Study
05/13 Confirmation Class, 9:00 a.m. Worship Service, 10:00 a.m. <i>Mother's Day</i>	05/27 Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.
	05/28 <a href="#">Memorial Day, Church Office Closed</a>
	05/30 Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.

## Dates to Remember June 2018

06/03 Worship Service and Communion, 10:00 a.m.	USDA foods delivered to PCFP (J. Hellwig)
06/05 PWNV COM, 9:30 a.m. (M. Hale)	Session, 6:00 p.m.
06/06 Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.	06/24 Worship Service, 10:00 a.m. Congregational Meeting following Worship
06/09 Property Committee Meeting, 8:30 a.m.	July/August newsletter info due
06/10 Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.	06/26 Pick-up Produce (Hills)
06/13 Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.	06/27 Food Pantry open 10-noon and 5-6:30 p.m. No Bible Study
06/16 Pfeiffer Nature Center's Woods Walk	
06/17 Worship Service, 10:00 a.m. <i>Father's Day</i>	
06/20 Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.	



Looking Ahead. . . . July 8, 2018  
Installation of Elders during worship service



## Birthdates to Remember

### May

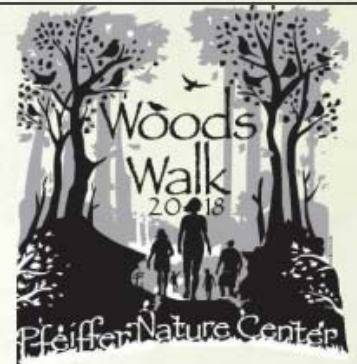
May 7	Erica Schmidt
May 8	Carol Everitt
May 16	Heidi Hellwig Spehar
May 18	Lucy Spehar
May 20	Oliver Woodhead
May 23	Bizzy Woodhead
May 29	Ike Harrison
May 31	Coni Coletti



### June

June 4	Wilda Hill
June 9	Walt Atkinson
June 10	RJ Pollock
June 13	Joan Vaine
June 24	Phyllis Carlin
June 26	Allan Scott
June 26	Neleha Weidemann
June 27	Kevin Dunbar
June 29	Zackery Kloss

# JUNE 16, 2018



## PFEIFFER NATURE CENTER WOODS WALK 2018

Support the First Presbyterian Church Woods Walk team, the Presbee Pacers, by making an online donation using this [LINK](#). Click the "Donate Now" button, complete the form and make that donation.

Team members, thus far, are Mary Ann Clark, Barb Fairbanks, Mark Hendrix, and Dan and Vicki Schmidt. It's NOT too late to sign onto the team OR make a donation.

# Go Team Presbee Pacers

## Volunteers for May / June 2018

	May 6	May 13	May 20	May 27
<b>Greeters and Ushers</b>	Coni Coletti	Karl and Anita Shuey	Stephanie and Joe Hill	Cso Woodworth
<b>Liturgist</b>	Kathy Hendrix	Bob Fairbanks	Buffy Pratt	Megan Pagett
<b>Acolyte</b>	Communion	Zack Kloss	Jack Pagett	Christine Pagett
<b>Music Tech</b>	Anita Shuey	Joe Hill	Judy McClain	Hannah Kloss

**Elder of the Month: Anita Shuey**

	June 3	June 10	June 17	June 24
<b>Greeters and Ushers</b>	Connie and Norm King	Wanda Hollamby/ Kari Kloss	Buffy Pratt	Sandy O'Brien
<b>Liturgist</b>	Buffy Pratt	Stephanie Hill	Jess Wyant	Kathy Hendrix
<b>Acolyte</b>	Communion	Hannah Kloss	Megan Pagett	Zack Kloss
<b>Music Tech</b>	Anita Shuey	Joe Hill	Vicki Schmidt	Kari Kloss

**Elder of the Month: Barb Fairbanks**

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