



**Message from Rev. Hale**

*Weeping may linger for the night,  
but joy comes with the morning.* [Psalm 30:5b]

Easter morning found 26 hardy souls gathered on Chestnut Hill, once more engaged in Mary’s search for the body of Jesus, a search as futile as our own for a glimpse of the rising sun!

Once again, her weeping turned to joy when Jesus spoke her name and she realized he was right there with her. These are the same, familiar words that still bring a ripple of joy within our hearts, a joy expressed as we greeted friends and strangers, a joy expressed as Bob led is in singing “Alleluia, Give Thanks”; truly at that early morning hour, it was an expression of irrepressible joy that a driving snow storm could not begin to dampen!

Easter morning joy underscored the worship service with the traditional transformation of the sanctuary, as the black shrouds of mourning were replaced with the beauty of fresh spring flowers. The children filled the empty cross with dozens and dozens of daffodils, and by the end of the service, there was even sunlight beginning to show its face, as the stained glass windows suddenly began to brighten with light.

*Joy comes with the morning!* Those few words bring back many memories of yet another Easter Sunday shared together in our lives. Those few words carry us forward as well, with a powerful message of hope--the everlasting presence of Christ who is with us--each and every one of us, each and every day.

Every Sunday is a celebration of that first Easter morning’s joy of discovering that Jesus was alive. We also know every morning does not dawn with the light of joy. Yet each new day can bring us an opportunity to remember Christ is with us. Morning by morning comes with the assurance that Christ is there with us in the circumstances we experience in that day.

Upon reflection, 26 adults gathered in a snowstorm to celebrate the sunrise on Easter morning is a powerful demonstration of everything Easter brings to our lives!

*Alleluia, dear friends! Christ is risen--He is risen indeed!  
Thanking God for our life together, Marilyn*

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## Lectionary for May / June

**May 1**

**3rd Sunday after Easter**

Acts 9:1–6 (7–20)

Psalm 30

Revelations 5:11–14

John 21:1–19

**May 8**

**4th Sunday after Easter**

Acts 9:36–43

Psalm 23

Revelations 7:9–17

John 10:22–30

**May 15**

**5th Sunday after Easter**

Acts 11:1–18

Psalm 148

Revelations 21:1–6

John 13:31–35

**May 22**

**6th Sunday after Easter**

Acts 16:9–15

Psalm 67

Revelations 21:10; 21:22–22:5

John 14:23–29

**May 29**

**7th Sunday after Easter**

Acts 16:16–34

Revelations 22:12–14; 20–21

John 17:20–26

**June 5**

**Day of Pentecost**

Acts 2:2–21

Psalm 104:24–34

Romans 8:14–17

John 14:8–17 (25–27)



**June 12**

**Trinity Sunday**

Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31

Psalm 8 Romans 5:1–5

John 16:12–15

**June 19**

**2nd Sunday after Pentecost**

1 Kings 19:1–4; 8–15a

Psalm 42 and 43

Galatians 3:23–29

Luke 8:26–39

**June 26**

**3rd Sunday after Pentecost**

2 Kings 2:1–2, 6–14

Psalm 77:1–2, 11–20

Galatians 5:1, 13–25

Luke 9:51–62

## Mission News - Pentecost Offering - S. H.



For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.”

*Psalm 71:5*

God’s vision for the world is that everyone find their place in God’s household. At Pentecost, we celebrate God’s pouring out of the Holy Spirit so that everyone may hear and know a word of welcome. We are all connected in God’s household — living, learning and celebrating as the church ... together.



In this season of new awakening, we look particularly to children, youth and young adults for their new thoughts, approaches and questions. The psalmist reminds us that faith is established in our earliest years, saying, “For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.” These youngest members of the household of faith need our support to reach their full potential in faith and life. We all have important roles to play in their journey. And while we teach and lead, we often find that these younger ones give us new insights into our own faith and in how the Holy Spirit is moving in our world.

For many years, it has been the tradition of our church to participate in the Pentecost

## Mission News - cont.

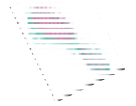
Offering, one of the special offerings of the Presbyterian Church (USA), which nurtures the faith of children, youth and young adults. Please use the special offering envelopes for your gifts, which will be in the pew racks during the month of May. The offering will be dedicated on **Pentecost Sunday, June 5.**

## Mission News - Personal Care Items / G.A.B - J. M

### Late Breaking Collection Updates

A **BIG** shout out – “Thank you everyone!” for your continued generous donations for the PCS Personal Care Items and the G.A.B. Book Collections.

The following Personal Care Items were delivered to Portville School: 10 deodorants, 3 shampoos, 1 hair conditioner, 2 hand cream, 3 shower scrubbies, 3 bottles of Tide detergent, 2 hairbrushes, 3 pkgs. hair scrunchies, 1 toothbrush, 5 tubes of toothpaste, 2 pkgs of Chapstick lip balm, 7 bars of soap, 5 pkgs. of feminine products, and 2 pkgs. of earbuds. And add to that 100 books were delivered to Southern Tier Child Advocacy Center.



This all adds up to you enhancing the lives and well-being of children. **“THANK YOU!”**

## Mission News - C. W.

When trouble comes knocking, tugging at our hearts strings, you respond with such generosity. Your personal response to the PDA Ukraine Response left me humbled! According to UNHCR (the United Nations Relief Agency) will over 5.3 million refugees have left the Ukraine for Poland, Hungary, Republic of Moldova, Romania, and Slovakia (as of April 28, 2022).

Through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, our church was able to send \$2600 to the special collection to assist Ukrainian refugees fleeing their homeland. PDA’s first priority is to provide funding to their partners on the ground in these countries that have opened their borders to refugees. PDA will use the Ukraine Response funds for emergency humanitarian aid such as food, shelter, medicines, diapers, hygiene items, etc. PDA has trusted, long-established partners with the knowledge and expertise in these countries to carry out this important work.

It is with a thankful heart that we can share that you were, again, able to meet and exceed our goal of \$900 for the our One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering campaign. The latest total is \$1030. These donations were made after your generous giving to

## Mission News

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance's Ukraine Response request, three short weeks before the collection and dedication of our offerings to One Great Hour of Sharing.

And an update on the number of blankets made and delivered to the Southern Tier Child Advocacy Center. With the addition of the two fleece blankets completed by C. K., C. A. and I delivered 41 blankets to the Center. They were very appreciative of the donations and impressed with the variety in how the blankets were created.

Session approved the following donations recommended by the Mission Committee:

### Donations made from JSMMF:

**PDA Ukraine Response** –\$1000

**Camp Duffield** – \$500 – we continue our support of this camp that holds a special place in many of our hearts. Please see the info on pgs. 5 and 6 regarding camping opportunities as well as volunteer opportunities.

**Camp Penuel** – \$500 – this free camp for youth is located on Artline Road, Eldred, PA (the West River Road turns into Artline Road in PA, if you want to arrange for a tour and go for a nice country ride). Call 814.225.3222 to arrange a visit.

**Royal Family Kids Camp** – \$500 – heard that Julie and Megan were returning as counselors for Royal Family Kids Camp.

**Southern Tier Child Advocacy Center**– \$600

### Donations made through Hunger Fund Offerings:

**Music in the Park** – \$200 that will help pay a small stipend to featured musicians for their free, public performances this summer.

**Portville For Youth** – \$300 – these funds will be used by Tim Emely to purchase a variety of items for youth in our community. This can be anything from baseball gloves to new sneakers, to items that a young person might be in need of that is brought to Tim's attention. A heartfelt thank you for your support of the Hunger Fund Offering.

**Coming Soon to the Portville Presbyterian Church**

**What:** Annual Church Rummage Sale

**When:** Saturday, July 30

**Time:** 9 am. - 2 p.m.

**Donations** will be accepted after **May 22** anytime **AFTER** our Sunday School Classes **have ended** for the year.

This will be part of the Portville Community Yard Sales event!

## Food Pantry News—S. H.

# Volunteers Needed!

The Portville Community Food Pantry is looking for volunteers to help with the many tasks that need to be done each month. Pre-COVID, our food pantry families received a similar food package and our volunteers put these food packages together based on the number of people in the family. We are now using a “client choice” system whereby people can pick up their own food choices.

The volunteer opportunities are listed below.

**Set up** – fourth Monday of the month; ~1 hour.

**Deliveries** – we deliver to several households on the fourth Wednesday of the month; ~1 hour.

**Purchases** – to keep the pantry stocked, we make ongoing purchases; flexibility time wise.

**Phone orders** – contact those we deliver to; ~1 hour.

**Distribution Day Workers** – fourth Wednesday each month, 8:30 to noon

We are compiling a list of volunteers that we can schedule to help with these tasks.

Training provided! Flexible hours! If you are interested in learning more, please contact Stephanie Hill at 716-933-6150. Thank you

**New Directions**, the agency-operated boarding home in Weston’s Mills, held their 17th Annual Egg Hunt this past April. Participants were invited to bring a non-perishable food item for the Portville Community Food Pantry. In addition, collection points were located at Portville Central School in the high school and elementary school for a week-long food blitz drive. The end result — 249 pounds of food items! Thank you to all who donated and to those who organized this effort!



THANK YOU





## Join the Camp Duffield Team!

Camp Duffield is a 135-acre campground that provides a supportive faith-based environment where imaginations, life skills and community building are fostered. Since 1950, we have shared Camp Duffield with campers of all ages and backgrounds, enabling them to enjoy the sights and sounds of God's beautiful creation.

This summer, we are offering four weeks of summer camps and are looking for individuals who want to make a difference by volunteering as a counselor, CIT (counselor-in-training), medical staff (LPN, EMT, RN), and kitchen help. You can commit to a week or more.

Why join our team? Experience, resume building, community service, network, build leadership and teamwork skills.

If you volunteer to be a CIT, you will be eligible for a campership to attend the teen's program (July 24-30). If you volunteer and have a child you would like to bring as a camper, your child will be eligible for a campership.

"Being a camp counselor prepared me for life, both personally and professionally."

"I love to make a difference in a child's life."

### Volunteer for a week or more~

**July 2-10: Challenge Camp** ~ a camp for adults with developmental disabilities. Our experienced staff provides a unique vacation for this special population. Experience campfires, fishing, swimming, sing-a-longs, bingo, theatre in the woods, crafts, talent show and much more...

**July 9-16: Children Camp (grades 1-8)** ~ Explore Camp Duffield through traditional camp activities of hiking, campfires, swimming, singing, games, crafts, splash hikes and learning about God.

**July 17-20: Children's Camp (grades 1-8)** ~ Explore Camp Duffield through traditional camp activities of hiking, campfires, swimming, singing, games, crafts, splash hikes and learning about God.

**July 24-30: Night Owls (grades 9-12)** ~ Stay up late and sleep in late- a perfect teen schedule! Creek walks, crafts and team building exercises that lead us to a better understanding of God's word, and when the sunsets, we kick-start our night off with games, hikes, and campfires! (Grades 9-12)

For more information, contact Pat Cookfair-Casseri at [contactus@campduffield.net](mailto:contactus@campduffield.net) or call/text 716-440-9833.

\*All staff need to show proof of a CoVid vaccination.

[www.campduffield.net](http://www.campduffield.net)

## Birthdates to Remember

**MAY**

- May 8 Carol
- May 16 Heidi
- May 18 Mike
- May 18 Lucy
- May 20 Oliver
- May 23 Bizzy
- May 31 Coni



**JUNE**

- June 9 Walt
- Jun 10 RJ
- Jun 12 Tim
- Jun 13 Joan
- Jun 20 Cheryl
- Jun 20 Steve
- Jun 26 Allan
- Jun 26 Neleha
- Jun 29 Zac

**happy**

**birthday!**



**Please join in CONGRATULATING Z. K.**  
**on his graduation from Portville Central School.**  
**Zac will be attending Alfred State University, majoring in Computer Sciences.**  
**Our best wishes go with you, Zac as you explore all**  
**the possibilities college life has to offer**



**Please join in CONGRATULATING M. P**  
**on her graduation from Portville Central School.**  
**Megan will be attending Ohio University majoring in Media Art Production.**  
**Our best wishes go with you, Megan, as you explore all**  
**the possibilities college life has to offer.**



This is what 41 fleece blankets looked like . . . All spread out!

**MAY****Dates to Remember  
Elder of the Month:**

- 05/01 Worship Service & Communion, 10:00 a.m.  
S. H. – Elder for the Month  
May/June newsletter distributed
- 05/02 Nominating Committee Meeting, 4:00 p.m.
- 05/03 Christian Ed Committee Meeting, 3:30 p.m.
- 05/04 Bible Study, 10:00 a.m.  
(May the 4th be with you!)
- 05/08 Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.  
Mother's Day
- 05/10 Lectionary (MKH), 10:00 a.m.
- 05/11 Bible Study, 10:00 a.m.  
Mission Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- 05/12 Lectionary (MKH), 10:00 a.m.
- 05/15 Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.  
Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.
- 05/18 Bible Study, 10:00 a.m.  
Session, 4:00 p.m.
- 05/22 Sunday School Open House, 9:00 a.m.  
Worship, 10:00 a.m.
- 05/23 Food Pantry Prep
- 05/24 Food Pantry Prep
- 05/25 Food Pantry open 9:00 - noon
- 05/29 Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.
- 05/30 Memorial Day, Church Office Closed

**JUNE****Dates to Remember  
Elder of the Month:**

- 06/01 Bible Study, 10:00 a.m.
- 06/05 Worship Service and Communion, 10:00 a.m.  
Pentecost Offering Dedication  
TBA – Elder for the Month
- 06/08 Bible Study, 10:00 a.m.
- 06/12 Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.
- 06/15 Bible Study, 10:00 a.m.  
Session, 4:00 p.m.
- 06/19 Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.  
Father's Day
- 06/20 Food Pantry Prep
- 06/21 Food Pantry Prep
- 06/22 Food Pantry open 9:00 a.m. - noon
- 06/26 Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.  
Info to Cso for July/August newsletter
- 06/29 Bible Study, 10:00 a.m.

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Worship Service: 10:00 am

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