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724-543-5012 Worship 9:00 AM



JUNE 2025 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please get articles to Audrey no later than

SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2025

Please have your articles on time. Thank you

MAY LECTIONARY READING

May 4, 2025
3rd Sunday of Easter
Native American Ministries Sunday
Acts 9:1-6, Psalms 30,
Revelation 5:11-14, John 21:1-9

May 11, 2025
4th Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day
Acts 9:36-43, Psalms 23,
Revelation 7:9-17, John 10:22-30



May 18, 2025
5th Sunday of Easter
Acts 11:1-18, Psalms 148,
Revelation 21:1-16, John 13:31-35

May 25, 2025
6th Sunday of Easter
Acts 16:9-15, Psalms 67,
Revelation 21:10, 22-22;5, John 14:23-29

FISH DINNER-THANK YOU!

We had another very successful year of Lenten fish Dinners. We served around 900 dinners over the 6 weeks. While the final numbers are not yet available, we will have around \$6700 to contribute to church funds. I would like to thank everyone who helped to make the dinners a great success. That includes all those who came to eat, whether one, two, or as often as all six weeks. A special thank you goes to those who donated and baked pies. These donated pies are a huge part of making our fish dinners successful. Finally, a big thank you to all who helped prepare, serve, and clean up each dinner. It is sometimes hard to realize that it takes so many to set up, prepare food, cut pie, take orders, direct and seat people, serve food and drink, manage the take outs, clear the tables, wash dishes, launder the aprons and towels, and do all the other things that need taken care of before, during and after each dinner. It was fantastic this year to have volunteers from Union Avenue, Ford Memorial as well as First, show up, and just do what needed done. **THANK YOU ALL.**

Activities Committee



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MAY SIFT LUNCHEON

The May SIFT Luncheon will be held on Thursday, May 15, 2025, at noon in the Covenant Center. The menu will be the annual end-of-the-year picnic. Hot Dogs, buns, sauerkraut and baked beans will be provided. Attendees are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Those attending will learn about the monarch butterfly and will be entertained by the children of Rainbow Road Preschool. Reservations can be made from Monday, April 28 through noon on Monday, May 12. Please call 724 548-4312. Phone reservations only will be accepted and will be limited to 75. You will need to give a name for each reservation made along with a contact phone number. Please call to cancel as there may be a waiting list. Doors will open at 11:30 AM. Please use the parking lot door. See YOU there!



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COUNTERS

4 Melissa Bureau
11 Melissa Bureau
18 Tim Scaife
25 Tim Scaife



USHERS

4 Asbury
11 Epworth
18 Epworth
25 Oxford



ACOLYTES

4 Caden King
11 Caitlyn Kachur
18 Chris Hankey
25 Jocelyn King



LIVE STREAM

4 Sue Hankey
11 Steph Hankey
18 Ray Johnson
25 Brenda Beers



BELL RINGERS

4 Jocelyn King
11 Chris Hankey
18 Emersyn McGregor
25 Eliana McGregor



WELCOME CENTER

4 Sarah Heckert
11 Melissa Bureau
18 Marybeth Dean
25 Carolyn Hancock



SCRIPTURE READER

4
11 Sue Hankey
18 Dan Wolfe
25 Ray Johnson



SOUND SYSTEM

4 Tim King
11 Jeff Hankey
18 Chelsea Beers
25 Carlee Beers



2025 VBS ALUMINUM CANS

The mission continues and this last month, March 15th-April 15th was the 2nd best month, bringing in 5008 cans. Bringing the total of cans brought in since last VBS up to 37,172. Some changes that are happening: If Jim picked up cans for you or your organization, call the office to make arrangements for pick up. Cans can be dropped off on the ramp of the church or a new bin, by the garage, has been made for quick drop offs. Cans can be soft drinks, juice, power drinks, tea, beer, cat food **Aluminum only-NOT "TIN CANS"**, food, soup, etc. clean the cat and food cans. Thank you. Melissa Bureau



MAY BIRTHDAYS

2 Allie Green
2 Cory Johnson
7 Cody Weibel
13 Jocelyn King
19 Esther Kiss
21 Colton Podvorec



22 Gail Blaney
22 Martha Anne Bowser
23 Michelle Waldenville
24 Wayne Beers
25 Milly Tarr

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

1 Ray & Kim Johnson-42 years
24 Wayne & Brenda Beers
26 Edward & Kayla McGregor-23 years
28 Bob & Brenda Buzzinotti

Happy anniversary!



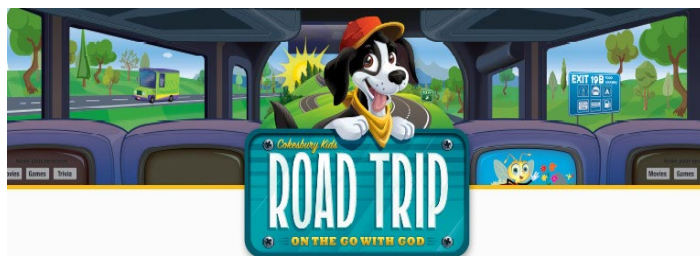
Congratulations to Natalie and Brian Baker on the birth of a girl. Lorraine Marie Baker on Thursday, March 28, 2025. She is 7lbs 7oz and 21½ inches long. She is the sister to Wyatt, Logan, Maddie Baker and Rowan, Killian Vandevort. Lorraine is the granddaughter of Audrey Green and the late Bernie Green.



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VBS 2025

VBS will be held the week of June 23-27 from 9 to noon.
We have selected Cokesbury's VBS
"Road Trip-On the Go with God".



MARK YOUR CALENDARS VBS WORKDAY

We will be having our annual VBS workday on **Saturday, May 17th** beginning at 9:00 AM. This will be held at Audrey Green's house. 140 Upper Hayes Run Road, Kittanning. There will be something for everyone. Painting, cutting, glueing, etc... (nothing too hard) Please let Audrey or Sue know if you will be coming. Thank you, see you there.

MAY MISSIONS

We are going to collect donations for the Hope Center Ministries. Hope Center Ministries is a nonprofit organization that operates a Christ-centered recovery program for alcoholics and addicts. They were founded in 2007 with the intention of providing a practical and effective solution to the epidemic of addiction in our society. THE PURPOSE of Hope Ministries is to provide men and women with the opportunity to overcome their drug and alcohol addiction through their faith. THE PROGRAM is designed to show these individuals how to find peace and lasting freedom from their addictions through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. THEY OFFER a 12-month program for those struggling with drug and alcohol addiction.

ALTAR FLOWER DATES AVAILABLE 2025

We have the following dates open for altar flowers.

The price has gone up this year to \$38.00.

May 25

September 7, 21

December 28

July 6, 13, 20, 27

October 19, 26

August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

November 2, 23, 30

If you would like any of these dates, please see Audrey or put on your connect card. Thank you.

ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN UP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Let's spruce up our church for the season. Weed, leaves, litter, and clippings all need removed. **Saturday, May 3 @ 10:00 AM.** (Rain date, **Saturday, May 10th @ 10:00 AM**) Rubbish bags will be supplied. Please bring your garden gloves and/or preferred garden tools if you like. Contact Ken Lazan @ 724-664-4037 to confirm.



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COVENANT CENTER ART SHOW

Attention: Artists and Photographers, the 31st annual show is coming:
July 31-August 4th

The committee has met, a judge has been found, and sponsors have been contacted. Applications will be out on May 1st and the website has been updated. Exciting news this year, we have two new money awards in all categories given by the Armstrong County Arts Council.

Now it is time for you to get started. Artists pick up those brushes and pencils. Photographers keep on snapping those photos. We are anticipating the biggest and best show ever this year and we can't do it without you. Questions can be answered at the church office 724-548-4312 or myself at 724-859-2607.
Melissa Bureau



FORD MEMORIAL LINK PAGE

Spring Sudoku

Every row, column and mini-grid must contain the letters F L O W E R.
Don't guess - use logic.



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MAY BIRTHDAYS

3 Justin Hawk
6 Kim Fellow
15 Margie Bryan
22 Clayton Croyle
22 Ashley Neal
29 Keith Rumbarger



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

14 Rick & Cheryl Anderson
23 Randy & Irene Reesman
25 John & Cheryl Welch

Happy anniversary!





UNION AVENUE LINK PAGE

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

The April 7, 2025, meeting of the Union Ave. United Women in Faith was held at the Kittanning Cottages community room with 7 in attendance.

Hostess: Lynn Sibley.

Devotions: Peggy Say-Trusting in Our Lord.

Minute Missions: Ellen Nelson-Building Connections in Nevada.

The Secretary's and treasurer's reports were read. No additions or corrections. Stand as approved as read.

Old Business:

1. Emergency room bags-Donna Shaffer delivered 12 bags for kiddos to the ER. They would like to have 12 bags each quarter to hand out to children. Luella donated items for the kids activity bags that she bought to help us out.
2. Hygiene items were delivered to Connections.
3. Hoagie coupons sale was a success. We made \$350.
4. Week of Giving-May 5-9, 2025. Motion made and passed to give Blessings in a Backpack, Progressive Workshop, and Habitat for Humanity each \$200 during the Week of Giving.
5. Ruth M. Smith Home-Do we want to give \$200 to the kitchen fund or to the home itself? We will donate to the kitchen fund on Warren County's Day of Giving.
6. Henderson House-tabled for now.

New Business:

1. Mission Barn-Katie Peterson, director, will be leaving. Mission Barn would like donations each month. Suggestions-bucket brigade, menstrual kits, or hygiene kits. Will table for now.
2. Hope Ministries-need hygiene items. Do we wish to donate? Yes. Will collect laundry soap and toilet tissue. This will be April's mission. Due by the last Sunday in April.
3. Life Armstrong- Do not need blankets but will take craft kits to them.
4. Indiana District Women in Faith is holding a Prison Ministries session in May if anyone is interested in attending.
5. Annual meeting of United Women in Faith is having a meeting on October 18, 2025, 9AM to 3PM.
6. Do we want to sell spice mats? Donna Shaffer will take picture and put in the Link. If we sell, orders will be taken.
7. Do we want to do anything different for our next meeting since it will be close to Mother's Day? We will have a simple meal and meet at 12 noon.
8. Do we want to do a yard sale and bake sale at the church? Nol.

Meeting closed with the reading of the Parting Prayer.

Secretary, Ellen Nelson

MAY BIRTHDAYS

3 Karen Wolfe

24 Ellen Nelson

27 Dick Say





Allegheny River Charge VBS

Hosted at First United Methodist Church

June 23-27 9:00 - Noon Ages 3 years thru 6th Grade

VBS Opportunities

Over the past several years, we've been delighted to welcome an average of 80-85 students and 40-45 volunteers to our Vacation Bible School (VBS). Surprisingly, nearly 75% of these participants register as "no church," offering us a wonderful opportunity to reach out and connect with new families in our community.

Areas Where We Need Help

To ensure the smooth running of our program and provide a memorable experience for the children, we are seeking additional volunteers in the following roles:

Crew Leaders

- Responsible for a small group of 8-10 students.
- Take attendance during the Opening session in the Sanctuary.
- Lead the group between various stations (Bible Lesson, Life Application (Science), Music, Games, Crafts and Snacks)
- Return with the group to the sanctuary for closing and dismissal.

Snack Leaders

- Help prepare and package snacks for the children and volunteers by 10:30 AM.
- Tidy up the kitchen afterwards.
- Ensure there are enough snacks and drinks for the following day.

Donations Welcome

We gratefully accept donations of snacks and craft items. These contributions are essential to the success of our program and can be left in the Library room by June 1.

Snack Items

- Sandwich size ziplock bags
- 8 oz water bottles
- Pretzels
- Popcorn (pre-popped)
- Goldfish cracker
- Juice boxes
- Packaged cookies

Craft Items

- Paper maps (old atlas pages or folded maps from your car are welcome!)
- Gallon size ziplock bag
- White glue
- Permanent markers
- White craft foam

Upcoming Events

- VBS Workday (Decorations) May 17 9:00 am at Audrey's house (140 Upper Hayes Run Road Kittanning)

We are excited to invite all children and their families to two special events:

- Celebration Sunday at 10:00 AM: Join us to share songs and lessons from the week, and receive a certificate and memento.
- Pizza Party in August: An invitation for everyone to join us for a fun gathering at our church. We will also extend a warm welcome to attend Sunday School and Church in the Fall.

We deeply appreciate any help you can provide. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please reach out to Sue at 724-545-1656 or contact the church office at 724-548-4312.

Thank you for your support and generosity!

Mother's Day Word Search

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BEAUTIFUL
CELEBRATE
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DAUGHTER
GIFTS
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KISSES
PARENT

CARING
COMFORT
FAMILY
HEART
HUGS
SUNDAY

LOVE
MOTHER
SPECIAL
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