

## PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



*"Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight." (Luke 24:31)*

As I write this reflection, it is almost a week after Easter. The festive Easter morning worship service has ended, and life wants us to move forward. Easter, however, is not a one-day event as Rev. Nick Smith reminded us during the Easter Vigil service. The Easter season lasts for fifty days concluding on Pentecost. As Easter people, how will we live in this season of resurrection joy? How have we been changed? As Christians, Easter is the foundation of our faith. We have walked through the darkness of Lent, journeyed in the grief and suffering of Holy Week, and now have heard the news that the stone has been rolled away, and Jesus is risen! This is just the beginning of the story.

In her inspiring Easter sermon (if you haven't listened to it, I encourage you to check it out on YouTube.) Bishop Mariann Budde conveys the Easter experience of the first disciples as "not revealed as a one-time event, but more like an awakening, a shocking realization that confronts them over and over again, and as shocking as if it were the first time." Jesus appeared to the first disciples, and they were understandably shocked. He didn't stay long, and appeared many times after that. These appearances, she states, "gave a glimpse of another dimension of life." They help us "to believe the generative power of God is active in this world." That may be hard to see when the violence, hatred, and suffering in our day and time continues. Yet, that resurrection power is at work today and perhaps even more so in the midst of the pain around us. Luke's gospel account describes one such encounter with two of the disciples. While they were walking to Emmaus and discussing all the events that happened- Jesus' suffering and death – Jesus appeared to them. At first, they didn't recognize him. Later, when he broke bread while eating with them, all of a sudden, "their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight." This is one of the many "awakenings" that Bishop Budde spoke about, and they continue to this day over and over again.

During this season of Easter, let's pray and be open and aware to recognize these awakenings around us. Jesus is indeed alive! He has risen from the dead and appears to us in the same way – briefly, and then disappears. Christ is with us and we must keep alert to see the risen Christ in our midst. He will give us the hope we seek, the courage we need, and the joy we desire. Christ is risen! Alleluia!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!  
Blessings and Peace, Pastor Edwina



## LAY LEADERS

05/04	Raymond Tucker	<b>Helen Tracy (Supply Service)</b>
05/11	Liz Clough	<b>Communion/Mother Earth Sunday</b>
05/18	Sue Hanson	
05/25	Mark Hinman	

## CELEBRATIONS



### Birthdays:

Mary Yates.....	05/04
Ryan Storms.....	05/05
Carl Longley.....	05/07
Gail Tucker.....	05/09
Paisley Mahosky.....	05/09
Donna Longley.....	05/11
Tina Toglia.....	05/13
Hayden McMonagle.....	05/14
Beverly Johnson (100).....	05/17
Valerie Cucura.....	05/17
Connor Griffiths.....	05/21
Amber Laremore.....	05/22
Dale Dombrowski.....	05/22
Hunter McMonagle.....	05/23
David Scaccia.....	05/24
Ed Pilok.....	05/26

### Birthday Continued

Paul Adsit.....	05/27
James Henderson.....	05/30
Laura Dutton.....	05/30
Erin O'Meara.....	05/31

### Anniversaries

Keith & Joyce Butters.....	05/02
Dorinda & Herb Clark.....	05/13
Doug & Mary Yates.....	05/26
Ellen & Jim Kennedy.....	05/28
Robert & Kari Ketchum.....	05/29
Artene & Ronald Pfeuffer.....	05/31

## NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

- **May 5-9:** Mother's Day Surprises
- **May 12 & 13:** Utica Zoo field trips
- **May 19-23:** Pet Week
- **May 19 & 22:** Preschool Vision Screening by CABVI
- **May 26:** Memorial Day, no school
- **May 27-30:** Read a book, Week



## MUSIC & WORSHIP

Calendar:

Adult Chime Choir: Rehearses Wed., May 7 and May 14 (6:15 PM).  
**No rehearsals after the 14<sup>th</sup>.**

Senior Choir: Rehearses Wed., May 7, 14, and 21 (7 PM)  
**No rehearsals after May 21<sup>st</sup>.**

Youth Choir: Rehearses Sun. May 4 and 11 (11:15 AM)  
**No rehearsals after May 11<sup>th</sup>.**

Sunday, May 18th: Choir Recognition Sunday

MUSIC NEWS: Our musicians are working hard to learn several new songs to present in worship during May. Senior Choir will be joined by some of our chime players to present "Joy In The Morning" on May 4th. On May 11th, the choir will enhance our Mother Earth celebration in worship with the classic "What A Wonderful World". On Choir Recognition Sunday (May 18th), our Senior Choir will be joined by some of our youngest singers as we celebrate all of our church musicians. Our Adult Chime Choir will also play during the May 18 service, and the Maureen Van Slyke Award will be presented to one of our youth musicians. We hope to see you in May. *Thank you for supporting our music program! Kim Nethaway.*

## FINANCIAL NEWS FROM SUSAN HATZINGER

	March	2025 Year-to-Date		2025
		Actual	Budget	Budget
<b>Operating Budget:</b>				
Receipts	\$ 18,449.00	\$ 86,648.00	\$ 59,966.98	\$ 359,801.91
Expenditures	\$ (30,201.45)	\$ (73,171.49)	\$ (54,679.74)	\$ (359,801.91)
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ (11,752.45)</b>	<b>\$ 13,476.51</b>	<b>\$ 5,287.24</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>March Collections:</b>				
Restoration Fund	\$ 2,263.00			
Memorials				
Mary Conover				
Bev Lim				
<b>March Fund Disbursements</b>				
	\$ -			

**Go Green!** Would you like to receive your quarterly financial statements via email? Contact Susan at [fpcfinancial@gmail.com](mailto:fpcfinancial@gmail.com), and she'll make that happen for you!

**PER CAPITA - \$46.00**

## ENVELOPES/PLEDGES



We are no longer ordering pre-printed envelopes. Instead, we will be providing plain envelopes for your convenience. These are available every Sunday on the table in the Sanctuary. If you need some mailed to you, please let us know.

In addition to your regular pledge/giving, here are some Special Offerings to consider:

- Holidays – Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve/Christmas.
- PCUSA Specific Offerings – One Great Hour of Sharing, Peace & Global Witness, Pentecost, Christmas Joy (See [pcusa.org](http://pcusa.org) for more details on each).
- Per Capita – Used to support ministries of the Presbytery, Synod, and Wider Church, including grants, leadership & mission development (see [synodne.org](http://synodne.org) and [presbyteryofutica.org](http://presbyteryofutica.org) for more details). The Per Capita for 2025 is \$46 per member.
- Capital Improvements.
- Restoration Fund.

## MISSION NEWS

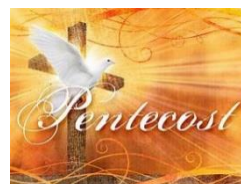
### **Lenten Challenge Results: Lenten Challenge Donations for Blessings in a Backpack**

The Mission Committee wants to thank everyone who donated food items for Blessings in a Backpack during Lent. Your generosity has helped us stretch our budget and continue sending home nutritious food every week. As of April 15, your donations totaled approximately: 100 boxes of Macaroni and cheese, 118 ramen soup mix, 40 rice mixes, 137 cups of applesauce/fruit, 35 cans of condensed soup 75 granola bars, 10 cans of ravioli/spaghetti, 12 cups of pudding, at least 30 other assorted items. What an impressive total !!

**Lenten Challenge Health Kits** – Sarah assembled 56 Health Kits with your donations.

**Lenten Challenge One Great Hour of Sharing** – \$205.00

**Rescue Mission Cooking for May:** May 21<sup>st</sup> – Bruce will cook at 11 AM; May 28<sup>th</sup> – Amy will cook at home



**Pentecost Offering**—From May 4th through June 8th, we will be collecting a Pentecost Offering. This offering is designated for children and youth at risk. We get to keep 40% of this offering locally to support youth programs. Connected Community Schools and the Mary Mowry Scholarship Fund were two suggestions for using this money.

## CELEBRATE MOTHER EARTH SUNDAY—May 11<sup>th</sup>



This year, Mother's Day is on Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, and at that time we are also celebrating a very special mother to us all – Mother Earth! Come celebrate our amazing home that God has created, and which God has asked us to care for with love. We will have a special Mother Earth Worship Service, followed by some Mother Earth activities after the service. Don't miss this meaningful and unique Mother Earth Sunday.

### NEWS FROM STONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Mother's Day is a celebration honoring the mother of the family or individual, as well as motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society. It is a day for acknowledging their contributions to families and society, expressing love and gratitude. Treat Mom to something special!

- Perfect for everyday use or for a trip to the farmer's market, our hand-crafted 100% cotton Sunshine Crochet Market Bag from Nepal in a bright sunshine yellow is sure to become a fashion staple. Each bag is crocheted entirely by hand, embellished along the top with an eye-catching design.
- Hand-carved from sustainable and fast-growing mango wood, our beautiful Floral Trinket Box from India features a rich, dark cherry stain and all-over intricate floral details, making it a beautiful way to hide trinkets, necklaces, office supplies, and more in plain sight.

• These and MANY, MANY MORE uniquely handcrafted gift items from 38 different countries can be found at our FAIR TRADE SHOP, STONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 8 SO. PARK ROW, CLINTON. Our hours are 10 am to 4 pm every Thursday, SECOND SATURDAYS, and by appointment by calling 315-853-1070. Purchasing fair trade items ensures artisans and small farmers fair wages and healthy working conditions, providing dignity, sustainable development, and hope for marginalized people. LET US BE YOUR GO-TO GIFT SHOP! Visit us at <https://buildingstonesshoppe.square.site> or [www.facebook.com/buildingstonesfairtradeshoppe](http://www.facebook.com/buildingstonesfairtradeshoppe).

### SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS 2025

**Scholarships** are available for members of First Presbyterian Church who desire further education in graduate school, college, junior college, trade school, or technical training. The amount of each scholarship is \$2000.

Applications may be picked up at the Sunday Services in April and May. The scholarship will be awarded in June. Muff Engelbert, Josh Olney, Mary Werges. **Scholarship Committee.**



## Rev. Robert O'Meara and Selma O'Meara Scholarship



The Rev. Robert A. O'Meara dedicated his life to the betterment of people everywhere. This memorial scholarship reflects his expressed desire to help others improve the human condition. He wanted to help those adults who wished to enhance their current human services skills, to re-enter human services, or to change their career to human services.

**Award Priority:** Priority will be given to adult members of the First Presbyterian Church who plan to prepare for a second career or enter a career advancement program in human services. Second priority will be given to undergraduate students (2nd, 3rd, or 4th year) members of the First Presbyterian Church who are attending an accredited undergraduate school. Third priority will be given to qualified members of the First Presbyterian Church who are graduating from high school and planning to attend an accredited undergraduate school.

**Award Requirements:** All applicants must be members of the active role of the First Presbyterian Church of Rome, NY. Adult applicants must be currently employed in the human services field, wanting to enter the human services field, or needing to upgrade skills, and be a high school graduate. All undergraduates must have completed 24 credit hours at an accredited university or college and maintain a 3.0 or better academic average. June high school graduates must be accepted at an accredited university, college, or professional school for human services (e.g., nursing school). The scholarship shall be used for an accredited training or education program within one calendar year of the award, or it shall be returned. Applicants may receive the award more than once, but the application form must be submitted each year.

**Award Information:** Application deadline May 15, 2025. Award amount: \$ 1500.00.

To complete an application, go to the website:

<https://romecollegefoundation.com/scholarship/rev-robert-a-omeara-scholarship/>

### SERENITY MESSAGE FROM MICHELLE

Friends, have you ever paused to think about prayer?

Not necessarily what prayer is, but how it actually might work? Its impact on us, the world around us, and God? Amanda Watters, the author of *homesongblog.com*, said, "I've been thinking a lot about prayers lately. About how to do it, where they go, and what they look like. I've been praying about praying, too."



She goes on to say, "Is a prayer asking for *help*? Is it giving *thanks*? Is it saying, "Wow"? (Anne Lamott would advise [all three](#)!) Is a prayer one second or one mile? A blade of grass or a field of sunflowers? Is it a whimper, a cry, a song, or a siren? A rainbow after the rainstorm, or the dark clouds before it? Sometimes, I like to think of prayers as both, and also each drop of rain that falls in between."

What is a prayer to you? Singing... laughing... sighing...crying... dancing... gardening...? Take some time today to lift all that is in your heart to God. Because God is always listening. Be willing to be vulnerable, you may be amazed at the healing you can experience! I'll leave you with these words from poet Mary Oliver:

"I Happened To Be Standing"

I don't know where prayers go, or what they do. Do cats pray, while they sleep half-asleep in the sun? Does the opossum pray as it crosses the street? The sunflowers? The old black oak is growing older every year? I know I can walk through the world, along the shore or under the trees, with my mind filled with things of little importance, in full self-attendance. A condition I can't call being alive. Is a prayer a gift, or a petition, or does it matter? The sunflowers blaze, maybe that's their way. Maybe the cats are sound asleep. Maybe not. While I was thinking this, I happened to be standing just outside my door, with my notebook open, which is the way I begin every morning. Then a wren in the privet began to sing. He was positively drenched in enthusiasm, I don't know why. And yet, why not? I wouldn't persuade you from whatever you believe or whatever you don't. That's your business. But I thought of the wren's singing, what could this be if it isn't a prayer? So I just listened, my pen in the air.

### A Shower of Cards

After much hard investigative work, Minnie Clark has been found! She is living with her daughter in NV as she needs full-time care, but she is doing well and has seen much improvement since moving in with her. Minnie misses everyone here and would love to hear from you. Let's send her a surprise shower of support for Mother's Day. Please consider getting a Mother's Day card or a Thinking of You card and bring them to the church no later than Tuesday, May 6th. We will be mailing them to Minnie to show her our love and support.

You can also talk to Minnie by calling her daughter at 310-280-6639. Please keep in mind the three-hour time difference when calling. Thank you. Pastor Edwina

### Relay for Life Fundraisers

Upcoming events hosted by the Relay For Life Team of Rainbows of Faith and Hope.

**Pampered Chef Bingo** will take place on **Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>** at Gone Coastal Restaurant in Lee Center, NY. This is a fun event with prizes of over \$1,000. Please come and have fun in support of the American Cancer Society. (See poster next page.)

During **May and June**, there will be **luminaries for sale** to honor or in memory of those who are fighting cancer, survived cancer, or were lost to cancer. Each luminary is \$5.00. Last year, there were 370 luminaries representing our church. There will also be "purple Luminaries" for \$25.00 to remember or celebrate a special individual. The names are placed on a banner and read during the luminary ceremony at the Relay Event at Delta Lake State Park on Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, from noon to 10 PM.



**Songbyrd Street Studios** will host a Relay for Life fundraiser for fused-glass on **Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>**, from 6-8 PM at Zion. There is a \$10.00 donation at the door with projects ranging from \$25- \$40. Please sign up at Zion Church on the bulletin board for First Presbyterian Church. (See poster next page.)

Pastor Edwina is selling **Thousand Islands Raffle Tickets** for an overnight stay at the Harbor Hotel in Clayton, NY, passes to the Antique Boat Museum, Uncle Sam boat tours, Boldt Castles, and the Frederic Remington Museum. This has a value of \$500. Tickets are \$5.00 each, or 3 for \$10. *The drawing will be on **Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**.*

**Thank you for all the support for the American Cancer Society.** The team of Rainbows of Faith and Hope is on the leader board for the amount of money raised so far, with **over \$13,000**. The Presbyterians Rock!!!! If you have any questions, please call Sue Hanson at 315-336-6251.

**Thank all the parishioners at FPC & Zion who baked pies, bought pies, and donated money.** The event was very successful, bringing **in \$559.00**. All of the proceeds have been donated to the American Cancer Society in their effort to STOMP OUT CANCER. Many in our community have been helped by the American Cancer Society, but that only happens because of your generosity. Bless you. Sue Hanson.





## HOPE ON THE MENU



On **Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**, Spessos Coffee Cookies and Cakes will host "Hope on the Menu". Spessos is located at 160 Brooks Rd in Rome. They are open from 6 AM to 3:30 PM. Spessos will donate 10% of their profits from all day to the team of "Rainbows of Faith and Hope". We Presbyterians love to eat, so let's support the American Cancer Society and fill up with wonderful goodies from Spessos. All you have to do is show up and enjoy. For all of you who are still working, call ahead, and it will be ready for you. See you there.

Sue Hanson.

## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

The next meeting of the **Youth Group** will be on **Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, from 5 – 7:30 pm.** There will be food, a brief devotion, crafts, games, and plenty of fun! Please spread the word and invite a friend or two to come!



***June to August (Summer break.)***

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
502 West Chestnut Street  
Rome, NY 13440  
(315) 336-8090  
office@stjohnslutheranrome.onmicrosoft.com

### ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

Friday, May 16, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Bag Sale, Saturday, May 17, 9:00 am to Noon,  
\$2.00 a bag



## SONGBYRD FUSED GLASS RELAY FOR LIFE



### THE PAMPERED CHEF BINGO



**Thursday, 05/08/2025**

**Over \$1000 of PAMPERED CHEF PRIZES!**

**TAKE A CHANCE ON A RAFFLE**

**Doors open at 5 pm / Bingo begins at 6 pm**

**\$20 Admission Fee**

**\*Includes light munchies & Two 10-Pack bingo cards -**

**\*Limited seating**

**\*Advance ticket sales preferred, a few available at the door**

**- \*Additional two 10-pack cards - \$10 each**

**\*Bring markers & we'll have a few daubers on hand**

**HOSTED BY RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM - RAINBOWS OF FAITH & HOPE - FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**All profits to the American Cancer Society / Relay for Life**

Questions or more info? Contact Sue Hanson (315-336-6251)

Tickets are available at the 1<sup>st</sup> Pres Church (140 W. Liberty St), Engelbert's Jewelers, and Gone Coastal

Can't make the party? Place an order online at: -  
[www.pamperedchef.biz/mspina](http://www.pamperedchef.biz/mspina) - Host: Relay Life

## CHURCH OUTDOOR SERVICE & PICNIC – 10:30 am



## TRINITY LINE DANCING – EVERY MONDAY

**Beginner Line Dancing for All Ages.**

**Every Monday, starting in April, at 6 pm.**

**215 W. Court St. – Rome, NY**

**Melody Milewski - 315-336-2833.**

No reservations needed. \$5 per person, per class.

75-minute classes, with a mixture of music. Instructor: Kim Ocuto

Don't forget your dancing shoes.



## Presbytery News

Check out the website for the Utica Presbytery at [presbyteryofutica.org](http://presbyteryofutica.org) & [pcusa.org](http://pcusa.org) to find out all the great things we Presbyterians are doing to shine Christ's light!



## Presbytery of Utica

### Our Abolitionist Roots

*Scripture and Shackles: Presbyterian Theologians and the Debate Over Slavery*

Pro- slavery Presbyterian theologians argued that the Old and New Testaments justified the perpetuation of slavery. The Hebrews held slaves without sanction from God. The New Testament speaks only of how masters should treat their slaves and slaves should obey their masters. Anti- slavery theologians pointed to scripture that proved the opposite, particularly to Jesus' instruction to love one's neighbor. One writer said that the "dominion" granted by God to humankind at the creation surely did not extend to dominion over other humans created in the image of God.

*Do you have documentation or information on Presbyterian churches in the anti-slavery movement?* Contact Steve Smits, Lead Researcher at [stephensmits@gmail.com](mailto:stephensmits@gmail.com), 315 832-0484.

### Transformational Trails

*Language Matters*

Labels like "survivor" or "victim" can harm; this labeling may then be experienced as invalidation. What is crucial in language is ensuring people feel supported, seen, and empowered. Utilizing the term "traumatized person" provides legitimacy to the totality of one's experience and allows the individual who has withstood the trauma to choose how they wish to be identified.

*Interested in learning more about trauma-informed congregational care?* Contact Rev. Dr. Aemina Razzano at [hear.aemina@gmail.com](mailto:hear.aemina@gmail.com), 607.435.4179 or Dr. Lee Vance at [lee@lmwellnesscoaching.com](mailto:lee@lmwellnesscoaching.com), 315.771.0164.

### Indigenous Peoples/Earth Care

Please use the graphic attached.

Larry J Beasley - Presbytery Leader and Stated Clerk.

## Good News Center

**Good News Luncheon Series with Deacon Paul Salamy-** Join The Good News Center as we welcome **Deacon Paul Salamy** for our luncheon on **Thursday, May 8th from 11 am-1 pm**. From his early life up to the present, various saints have interceded for him in situations when he called upon their intercession and when he least expected it. Deacon Paul will share his life experiences with Saints Joseph, Charbel, Theresa, and Anthony - just to name a few. There will be an opportunity to share your spiritual journey if you, too, have found favor with different saints. **Reservations are required by May 1st. Please call 315-735-6210.** The cost is \$18 per person, \$15 for 1992 Society Members, and 300 Club members are free.

**Grief Survivors-** The only people who think there's a time limit for grief have never lost a piece of their heart. Please join us for this **FREE** non-denominational support group for those suffering the loss of a loved one. Meets bi-weekly to help you face the difficulties associated with losing a loved one. For those who prefer to do so, the program is also being offered via Zoom. **Meetings are every other Tuesday, 2-3:30 pm or 6-7:30 pm.**

...continued - Good News Center

Upcoming meetings are April 15<sup>th</sup>, April 29<sup>th</sup>, May 13<sup>th</sup>, and May 27<sup>th</sup>. Please call The Good News Center at 315-735-6210, Monday-Friday 8:30 AM-4:30 PM, to register for both in-person and virtual meetings, or email us at [info@thegoodnewscenter.org](mailto:info@thegoodnewscenter.org).

**Veterans 4 Worship-** The Good News Center is proud to introduce a FREE **Veterans 4 Worship** group, which offers a safe and uplifting space exclusively for service members and veterans seeking encouragement. The program recognizes the unique challenges service members and veterans face: stress, anxiety, pain, and the difficulties of reintegration. By incorporating faith, the program helps participants find grounding, resilience, and strength, promoting healing and hope for the future. **The group meets on the third Wednesday of the month from 6-7:30 pm. Upcoming meetings are April 16<sup>th</sup>, May 21<sup>st</sup>, and June 18<sup>th</sup>. Please call The Good News Center at 315-735-6210, Monday-Friday 8:30 AM-4:30 PM, to register or email us at [info@thegoodnewscenter.org](mailto:info@thegoodnewscenter.org).**



We welcome you to join us!

## Connected Advisory Board

Come and be a part of the Connected Community Schools Initiative!

**Agenda**

Please click here to see the agenda for the upcoming Advisory Board

**Newsletters**

Please click here to subscribe to Connected District Newsletter!

**May 1st** 9:00 - 11:30 AM

Please scan or click here to RSVP

207 N James Street  
Rome, NY 13440



## SUMMER YOUTH CAMPS

DELTA LAKE

REGISTRATION OPEN NOW! FOR GRADES 3-12

JULY 20-25, 2025  
DELTA LAKE BIBLE CONFERENCE CENTER

THE BEST WEEK OF SUMMER!

- Campfires
- Tubing
- Zip line
- Indoor games
- Arts & crafts
- Outdoor activities
- Worship
- Friendship and so much more!

For more details and to register  
[www.deltalake.org/youth-camps](http://www.deltalake.org/youth-camps)

### Delta Lake Summer Youth Camp

**Registration is NOW OPEN!** The countdown to an unforgettable summer starts NOW! Don't miss your chance to secure a spot at camp, where adventure, friendship, and lifelong memories await. Register today to take advantage of early sign-ups! Tag your camp friends and spread the word! Who's ready for the best summer ever?! For more information and to register, go to [www.deltalake.org/youth-camps](http://www.deltalake.org/youth-camps)

*July 20 to 25, 2025.*



### PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH TRIENNIUM 2025

July 28 – July 31, 2025

Registration is open now through June 13<sup>th</sup>.

In July 2025, the Presbyterian Church (USA) will welcome thousands of its high school-age youth and their adult youth workers to Louisville, Kentucky, for four days of worship, recreation, bible study, outreach, and faith formation all around the theme of “As If We Were Dreaming”.


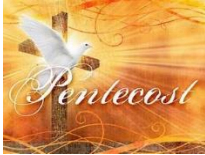

Most programming and meals will be held at the Kentucky International Convention Center (KICC), with all participants housed at nearby Triennium hotels.

**\*\$199 Participant Fee**, this fee includes all programming, meals during the event, an official PYT t-shirt, and more! *Please note that an additional \$20 background check fee will apply to all adult participants for a total adult participant fee of \$219. Please also note that housing is an additional cost.* Housing is to be booked by each delegation at Triennium-designated hotels through Louisville Housing starting in early 2025 when registration opens. Please contact Pastor Edwina if you are interested in attending. It's been a while since they've had a Youth Gathering, so please consider going to this great event. Youth & youth ages 18-25 are eligible.

Chaperones at least 23 years of age are also needed. The total cost per youth is around \$700.00. There is money in the Presbytery to help offset the cost, and we can also do some fundraisers. There will be volunteer leaders from congregations to chaperone. Triennium Youth Gathering - we are looking for an adult interested in being a Chaperone, as well as Youth who are interested in attending the Triennium. It's a fun event, so please let Pastor Edwina know if you are interested.

*Details on the bulletin board.*



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>May 2025</b>	<b>Every Monday:</b>  <b>6 pm - Line Dancing at Trinity.</b>			<b>1 - 7:30 am National Day of Prayer @ Delta Lake Bible Conference Center.</b>	<b>2</b> 2 days: The National Shrine of Divine Mercy Pilgrimage (The Good News Center)	<b>3</b> The National Shrine of Divine Mercy Pilgrimage (The Good News Center)
<b>4</b> 09:50 am Children & Youth Faith Formation (Sunday School) 10 am- Coffee Fellowship time <b>10:30am-Worship Service</b> 11:15 am- Youth Choir 11:30am-Adult Faith Formation	<b>5</b>  4 pm Serenity Circle-Zoom.	<b>6</b>  10 am Crafty Ladies at Eunice's House	<b>7</b>  Choirs- 6:15 pm/7 pm	<b>8-10:30 am – BIB (Trinity)</b> 11 am/1 pm – “The Saints in My Life – Luncheon with Deacon Paul Salamy (The Good News Center) <b>6/8 pm- Relay for Life Pampered Chef Bingo</b>	<b>9</b>   	<b>10</b> Luminaries for sale – Relay For Life (In Honor/Memory of Cancer) \$5.00 each, and the purple luminaries are \$25.00.
<b>11-Mother Earth Sunday</b> 09:50 am Children & Youth Faith Formation (Sunday School) 10 am- Coffee Fellowship time  <b>10:30 am- Worship &amp; Communion Service</b> 11:15 am – Youth Choir	<b>12</b>  4 pm Serenity Circle-Zoom.	<b>13</b>  10 am Crafty Ladies at Eunice's House  4:45 pm- ALZ at Zion	<b>14</b> Last day of Rehearsals for the Chimes Choirs  2 Choirs Rehearsals - 6:15 pm/7 pm  <b>After May 18<sup>th</sup>, choirs will be on vacation!</b>	<b>15-</b> <b>10:30 am – BIB (Trinity)</b>  <b>3 pm - DEADLINE FOR THE O'Meara SCHOLARSHIP</b>	<b>16</b> <b>Raffle Tickets – Relay For Life (Rev. Edwina Landry)</b>  <b>10 am/2 pm – St. John's Annual Rummage Sale</b>	<b>17 - 9 am/12 pm – St. John's BAG SALE, Annual Rummage Sale. \$2.00./2-4 pm – Zion's 200<sup>th</sup> Celebration. Organ Andrea Radesi – and soloist Jane Padron – followed by Meet and a Great reception.</b>
<b>18-Choir/Graduate Recognition Sunday</b> 09:50 am Children & Youth Faith Formation (Sunday School)// 10 am- Coffee Fellowship time <b>10:30am-Worship Service</b> <b>5-7:30 pm – Youth Group at Zion (After Summer break)</b>	<b>19-</b> 6:30 am to 3:30 pm – Hope on the Menu. 3 pm- Nursery School Mtg. 4 pm Serenity C.-Zoom. 5:15 pm – Faith Formation Mtg. – Zion. // <b>6:30 pm Session Mtg. – Zion / Zoom.</b>	<b>20-</b> 10 am Crafty Ladies at Eunice's House  <b>Noon - Mission Lunch &amp; Mtg. at Spressos</b>  <b>Copperspire Deadline for June</b>	<b>21</b> <b>11 am- Rescue M. Cook-Zion, Captain: Bruce</b>  Last day of Rehearsals for the Senior Choir - 7 pm	<b>22</b> <b>10:30 am – BIB (Trinity C.)</b>    <b>6 pm- SONGYBIRD FUSED-GLASS RELAY FOR LIFE.</b>	<b>23</b>   	<b>24</b>   
<b>25-</b> 09:50 am Children & Youth Faith Formation (Sunday School)  10 am- Coffee Fellowship time  <b>10:30am-Worship Service</b>	<b>26 –</b>  <b>Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED HOLIDAY.</b>  4 pm Serenity Circle-Zoom.	<b>27</b>  10 am Crafty Ladies at Eunice's House  <b>Between 4/6 PM – CWS PICK UP Kits at Zion</b>	<b>28</b>   	<b>29-</b>  <b>10:30 am – BIB (Trinity)</b>	<b>31 – 1 to 4 pm - RACC- Sip into Spring. 4 pm – Zion Community Dinner. Chili Dog. Free will – Donation-----</b>  <b>June 01: DEADLINE FOR the FPC EDUCATION/SCHOLARSHIP. JUNE 01- CHURCH OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE &amp; PICNIC, at Lee Town Park; (see poster page 6.)</b> 