

THE NEXUS

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Nicki's News

If you asked anyone who has attended Sunday school for a number of years, what is the shortest verse in the Bible, you will likely get..."Jesus wept". This is not the only two-word verse in the Bible. There are actually several two-and three-word verses. They all have something in common. They are short, simple and straight-to-the-point. One of these simple and straight-to-the-point verses that have come to my mind recently is "pray without ceasing" (1 Thes. 5:17). Prayer is an important, if not one of the most important, parts of being a disciple of Christ. Prayer is how we communicate with God.

I have been convinced of this lately. I have found myself getting frustrated with people and not turning to God in prayer about it, but reacting on my own accord. Yet, I am reminded that if we truly prayed without ceasing, which is very hard to do, we might not find ourselves caught up over disagreements that really don't matter. The next time you find yourself angry, upset or anxious, recall the simple, straight-to-the-point verse, "pray without ceasing" and ask God what you should do in this situation. God might just remind you to let it go and trust that He will resolve it in His perfect way and time. Let us help each other, including me, to pray without ceasing. To pray God's will be done, not ours, and together the Spirit can continue to grow in us even more.

--Pastor Nicki--

Nexus Deadline

The Nexus deadline for the June issue is Tuesday, **May 28th**.

Breakfast Fundraiser!

I'm excited to announce that two of our youth, and I, will be headed to the Presbyterian Youth Triennium this July. Triennium is a life changing, life giving, and faith growing gathering of Presbyterian Youth. The youth going to this event would like to do a fundraiser to help defray some of their costs. This will happen on Sunday, May 19, directly following the service. Instead of our regular fellowship hour, you can join in a brunch meal and bless them by donating generously. Please come and support our wonderful youth.



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Nexus Sponsor

This issue of the Nexus is being sponsored by Charles Maclay. If you are interested in sponsoring a future Nexus issue, please call Jen in the church office at 570-421-5821. The cost is \$35.00.

Pastor Nicki has a new email address!

You can still reach her through the church email (espresbyterian@gmail.com) but you can also reach her at pastornickiv@gmail.com



Women's Circle

The Women's Circle will meet on Tuesday, **May 14th** at noon in the lounge.

Men's Lunch

The Men's Lunch group will meet Wednesday, **May 15th** at noon in the lounge.

Anniversaries

Those celebrating an anniversary in **May** are:
Karl and Cindy Schrick!

Birthdays

Those celebrating birthdays in **May** are:

Luke Falzone, Troy Wasyluk, Brandon Elliott, Carol Hall, Jamie Mattern, Clem Gower, Steve Hess, Mark Cramer and Sophia Thompson

To My Church Family,

Denny and I thank all of you so very much for your cards, emails and phone calls of care and concern. Most of all, we thank you for your prayers. Denny came home on 4/16, exactly 3 months from the start of this incredible journey. He continues to get therapy and nurse visits at home. It is truly unbelievable to see him improve every day, from someone who could not move a limb, to now walking. Many, many thanks to all of you. Thanks be to God!

Jenny Collins

Treasurer and Stewardship Report Through March 31, 2019

Income:	\$48,844.43
Expenses:	\$55,310.12
Net	\$ -6,465.69

Year-to-Date Giving:

Pledge Giving: \$27,859.00

Non-Pledge Giving: \$ 2,026.00

Fellowship Opportunity!

Sign up and save the date!
Sunday, June 16, 2019 @ 2:00 PM
Join us at the **Shawnee Playhouse** for their headline production of

Guys and Dolls

We have reserved seating on the ground floor level, up close to the stage, for you! (Shawnee Playhouse is accessible to users of wheelchairs and walkers.) Tickets are \$22.00 per person. Please sign up in the narthex by May 12th or see Bonnie Miller or Cindy Schrick. We are happy to provide transportation.

Shawnee Playhouse says:

"Guys and Dolls is an oddball romantic comedy that takes us from the heart of Times Square to the cafes of Havana, Cuba, and even into the sewers of New York City, but eventually... everyone ends up right where they belong!"



Community Opportunities

The Mission Committee and I have decided it would be a great idea to share opportunities for missions with our congregation. I thought it would be great to have 'minute for missions' time during service, followed by an opportunity to learn more during the fellowship hour. These are not intended to ask you to donate, unless you feel inclined to do so. The purpose is to help broaden opportunities for missions that you may feel called by God in which to be involved. Perhaps, God doesn't call you to do either and that is ok too. Instead, you can just enjoy learning something new, because you never know when God can use that information in the future.

A Local Mission which will be highlighted in our upcoming minute for missions is the **Alice Visionary Foundation Project**. It is a local 501(c3) non-profit organization that seeks to care and support the disadvantaged and most vulnerable by improving their quality of life through education, skill transfer, psychosocial support and poverty reduction. Some of their founding members are from our sister church, Church on the Mount, as well as an alumna of ESU. On May 5th, Beldina, one of the founding members, whose home and mission take place in Kenya, will be coming to share with us about this mission. To hear more about this organization helping the most vulnerable in Kenya, be there on May 5th or visit their website at <https://alicevisionary.org/>

Monroe County United is holding a local event as part of the **National Day of Prayer**. It will be held at noon on May 2 at Stroudsburg's Courthouse Square. Religious leaders from Protestant and Catholic Christian churches, black, white, and Latino will join with a Jewish rabbi, a Muslim, a Buddhist monk, a Hindu Swami and a representative of the Unitarian Fellowship to speak briefly and offer prayers. Rev. Sherry Blackman will be speaking on behalf of Presbyterians on our theme of praying for peace in our county and our nation so that people of all races and religions will be able to worship freely and without fear.

Pastor Nicki



Yard Sale News

Our annual indoor yard sale is coming up Friday and Saturday, May 10 and 11. You still have time to donate items for the sale. Let's see if we can come up with our usual huge selection of interesting and useful items that our buyers have come to expect. We can accept donations until Wednesday, May 8. Some ideas for donations: LP records, outdoor and garden items, tools, jewelry. Clothing that is CLEAN and desirable is appreciated beginning May 5.

Please note that we do NOT want computers, monitors, car seats, TV's (except like-new flat screen), textbooks, encyclopedias, old National Geographic's, ski equipment, and things that don't work.

To volunteer food, or help, or to arrange pickup of large items, contact Ellie Buff at 570-424-0820. If you don't have the time or energy to help, just come and enjoy the sale. We always have an amazing amount of great stuff! Plan to stay for lunch. And don't forget to spread the word!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Worship every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.			1	2	3	4
5 Communion Adult Ed., 9:00 am Fellowship Hour, 11:15 Youth to Knoebels!	6	7	8	9	10 YARD SALE 9:00 – 3:00	11 YARD SALE 9:00 – 3:00
12 Fellowship Hour, 11:15 Mother's Day!	13	14 Women's Circle, noon	15 Men's Lunch, noon	16	17 Families Small Group Gathering, 6:00 p.m.	18
19 Breakfast Fundraiser for Triennium, 11:15 am TOALC Kickoff, 1:30	20 TOALC Classes start	21	22	23	24	25
26 Deacon's Coffee hour, 11:15 Session meeting, 11:15 am	27 Memorial Day Church Closed	28 Nexus Deadline	29	30	31	