

# THE NEXUS

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## Nicki's News

Dear friends and members,

As we continue discerning through prayer and spiritual practices how God is calling us to move forward in these changing times in the life of the church universal, I thought it would be good to share with you what was in an article I read. Published in March of 2020, that I read which will help us understand where we are at currently so we can better trust in God as we keep moving forward. In the article the author explained we are not entering a blizzard, it wasn't something that was going to pass after a few days. It was also not a winter season where we needed to just hunker down and get through until spring. Instead, they described our current times as "an ice age." Namely, a period of time that would last and reconfigure much of what we understood as "normal." As a result, every faith-based organization is now going to have to see itself as a "startup," lean, nimble, carrying values of holy risk and courageous exploration for God at the heart of its identity.

In His Peace,

Pastor Nicki

## Nexus Sponsor

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## Confirmation & Pentecost Breakfast

Come join us to hear confirmand, Luke Falzone's Statement of Faith as he celebrates his confirmation and Pentecost. Sunday, June 5th at 8:30 a.m. in our Lounge. A nice breakfast will be served. Then, after worship, join us back in the lounge for some celebration cake!!



## Nexus Deadline

The Nexus deadline for the July issue is Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup>.

## Yard Sale Thank You!!

Thank you to everyone who contributed, helped price, helped with organizing, worked and cleaned up for our annual yard sale. We made \$4901.00!!



## **Walk and Talk**

Starting last month, Pastor Nicki is inviting anyone who would like to join her, to walk and talk together on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays at 1:00. The next walk will take place on June 1<sup>st</sup> at Yetter Park (600 Stokes Mill Road, East Stroudsburg). If it is bad weather, we will reschedule. If you are planning on coming, please let the office or pastor know. This way you can get a call with any changes. We will decide each time where we might walk next.

## **Inspirarity Dialogue**

Inspirarity Dialogue- You have a chance to meet your neighbors of differing faiths through conversations with them. This dialogue time is one hour and each month a different topic is chosen for the next month's discussion. Each person is to bring their faith traditions or own personal beliefs take on the chosen topic. Currently we are still doing this remotely on Zoom, but the hope is to do it in person in the future. The group is made up of many differing traditions that are fascinating to learn about. Zoom info will be coming soon and you can find links and more info on our church website and Facebook page as it becomes available. If you would like to be added to the mailing list for this group, please send Pastor Nicki an email at [pastornickiv@gmail.com](mailto:pastornickiv@gmail.com) and she will add you to the list. Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81144599578?pwd=bjZmb3UwWEdHWkxWcUIUNHlpbmhFUT09>

Meeting ID: 811 4459 9578  
Passcode: 621686

**Next meeting is Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

## **For Ukraine**

We are collecting money to be donated to those who are on the ground in Ukraine and other countries, helping those who are fleeing for safety, shelter, and food. If you would like to donate, you can give it in many ways, online, in the offering plate with its designation for Ukraine written on check or envelope, or simply drop off at the offices during normal office hours. So far, we have collected over \$3400.00.



## **Volunteers for writing!!!**

Calling all who are willing to share! I am looking for people willing to write a paragraph answering the question, "How has my life changed by my involvement in this church?" If you are willing to write a brief paragraph, it would be greatly appreciated. I will be compiling them and sharing aspects, or maybe even full ones, with the author's permission in a future sermon.

## **5-7 Year Planning Commission**

The next meetings of the 5-7 Year Planning Commission will be Mondays, June 13<sup>th</sup> and June 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:14 p.m.

## Prayer for Summer Sabbath

God of mercy, our need is great. The pandemic has left us tired, anxious and uncertain. We have stretched beyond our limits and numbed ourselves to our pain. We have accepted getting by as good enough.

You alone know our needs, Holy God, that which weighs heavy on our shoulders, responsibilities that are unrelenting, duties that are exhausting. There are days when the burdens we carry overwhelm us, days when we cannot see ourselves free.

And yet, the sky is full of your promise –  
the rainbow appears at the end of the storm,  
the fireflies dance when the sun goes down,  
the green leaves unfurl and reach for rain.

Turn our eyes, Holy God, to these signs of life and hope. Open us to the natural treasures of your uncompromising presence. Enlighten us to your glory as we pause to appreciate the summer days. Like a breeze cooling us in the hot humid air, your love embraces and satisfies the loneliest, most exhausted of souls. May our spirits know this summer sabbath, so we can know your peace.

Amen

By Teri McDowell Ott

## Men's Lunch

The next men's luncheon will be Wednesday, June 8th at 12:00. Soup and sandwiches will be served followed by a short message and some reminiscing fun.

## Celebrations:

Celebrating birthdays in **June** are:

Maureen Osuga, Gail Flory, Ronnie Charpentier, Judy Schreck, Callie Falzone, Rick Sanker, Jim Hall, Bob Touw, Benjamin Santana and Isabel Santana

Celebrating Anniversaries in **June** are:

Phil and Theresa Lawrence  
Bill and Barbara Cramer  
Kerry and Janice Delaney  
Ed and Judy Schreck  
Chris and Nicole Vogel  
Robert and Hollie Falzone  
Ed and Gail Flory  
Tom and Bobbie Long

## Humor Corner



Pastor Johnson is a gifted speaker reaching each member of his congregation in a way that made you feel each sermon was just for you.

## June Meetings:

Walk & Talks, June 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm

K-Group – June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1:00 pm

Mission Committee meeting, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm

Women's Circle – June 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:45 pm

Men's Lunch – June 8<sup>th</sup>, noon

Session meeting, June 12<sup>th</sup>, following worship

5-7 Year Planning Commission, June 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>  
4:15 pm

### **Church Elders**

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# June 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Walk & Talk, 1:00	2	3 K-Group, 1:00	4
5 <b>Pentecost</b> <b>Worship,</b> <b>10:00</b> Communion Confirmation breakfast, 8:30	6	7 Mission Committee meeting, 1:00  Women's Circle meeting, 1:45	8 Men's Lunch, noon	9	10	11
12 <b>Worship,</b> <b>10:00</b> Session Meeting, 10:45 Inspirarity Dialogues, 7:00	13 5-7 Year Planning Commission, 4:15 pm	14	15 Walk & Talk, 1;00	16	17	18
19 <b>Worship,</b> <b>10:00</b> <b>Father's Day!</b>	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 <b>Worship,</b> <b>10:00</b>	27 5-7 Year Planning Commission, 4:15 pm  Nexus Deadline	28	29	30		