

THE NEXUS

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Nicki's News

Dear friends and members,

In an essay by Rev. Dean K Thompson, former president of Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, he writes about the intersection of church and society in their communities. Thompson's challenge to his students who would become future pastors is also a challenge to us. The challenge he says is this "to yearn for a faith that equipped us for change instead of a faith that protected us from change." Change is scary change is hard, but change is going to happen whether we want it or not. When we yearn together for a faith that helps us embrace change and see what God can do through it, we become a church that, as Professor Thompson says, "leads as a 'headlight' not as a 'taillight.'" May we seek to yearn for a faith that embraces change so we can be a church that leads as a headlight.

In His Peace,

Pastor Nicki



Walk and Talk

Starting this month, Pastor Nicki is inviting anyone who would like to join her, to walk and talk together on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 1:00. The first walk, May 4th, will take place at ForEvergreen Nature Preserve 1539 Cherry Lane Road, East Stroudsburg. This has a path that is mostly a flat trail and pretty easy. 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.

Nexus Sponsor

This month's issue is being sponsored by **Charlotte and Quentin Currie**. If you are interested in sponsoring an issue, the cost is \$35.00. Please notify Jen, in the church office, or sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Nexus Deadline

The Nexus deadline for the June issue is Monday, May 23rd.

5-7 Year Planning Commission

There will be a meeting of the 5-7 Year Planning Commission on Monday, May 9th from 4:15 to 5:15 p.m.

Confirmation Classes

Confirmation- We have one meeting left for this year's confirmation class. We will be meeting May 22 at Shawnee Presbyterian Church from 2-4pm. We will be working on our statements of faith and finishing reading The Presbyterian Handbook.



Men's Lunch

The next men's luncheon will be Wednesday, May 11th at 12:00. Soup and sandwiches will be served followed by a short message and some reminiscing fun.

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 from which to learn. 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 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, May 15th at 7:00 p.m.

See attached thank you letter regarding our help to Ukraine.

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 \$3355.00.

Visits and Home Communion

Would you like a visit from the Pastor or a Deacon to speak and pray with you? Please reach out to the church office via email or phone and request a visit. Pastor Nicki will schedule a meeting at a convenient time and place.

If you have been unable to come to worship on Sundays and receive communion in the presence of the congregation, our Pastor or Deacons can bring communion elements from our shared table on Communion Sundays to your home the first Sunday (or that following week) and celebrate communion with you. Please reach out if you would like to receive communion at home.

Humor Corner



Birthdays

Celebrating birthdays in **May** are:

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

Celebrating Anniversaries in **May** are:

Karl and Cindy Schrick
MaryAnne and Douglas Gilbert
Dale and Chrissy Pedersen



Reminder:

The church will be closed on Monday, May 30th, for Memorial Day.

Karen Nickels Memorial PATHwalk'22

On Sunday, May 1st, the annual Karen Nickels Memorial PATHwalk will begin at 12:30 at Court House Square in Stroudsburg. All funds raised from this walk will be used to support Pocono Area Transitional Housing, Inc. PATH is a charitable organization that provides temporary housing and support services to families with children who are in a housing crisis in Monroe County.

For more information, please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the Narthex.



Volunteers needed at PATH

PATH (Pocono Area Transitional Housing) was founded by Church Women United to provide temporary housing and support services for families with children who are experiencing a housing crisis. One of PATH's two houses is temporarily closed due to a need for volunteers to cover the front desk, a very easy job. To volunteer for an occasional 4-hour shift (9-1 or 1-5) please call PATH at 570-424-0542.

May Meetings:

K-Group ~ Friday, May 6th at 1:00 p.m.

5-7 Year Planning Commission ~ Monday, May 9th
from 4:15-5:15

Mission Committee ~ on Tuesday, May 10th at 1:00

The Women's Circle ~ Tuesday, May 10th at 2:00

Session meeting ~ May 15th, following worship

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Adult Ed. Class, 9:00 Worship, 10:00 a.m. Karen Nickels memorial PATHwalk	2	3	4 Walk & Talk, 1:00 pm at ForEvergreen Nature Preserve	5	6 K-Group, 1:00	7
8 Mother's Day Adult Ed. Class, 9:00 Worship, 10:00 a.m.	9 5-7 Year Planning Commission, 4:15 pm	10 Mission Committee meeting, 1:00 Women's Circle, 2:00	11 Men's Lunch, noon	12	13	14
15 Adult Ed. Class, 9:00 Worship, 10:00 Session meeting, 11:00 Inspirarity Dialogues, 7:00 pm	16	17	18 Walk & Talk, 1:00 p.m.	19	20	21 Local Session gathering, 11:00-4:00
22 Adult Ed. Class, 9:00 Worship, 10:00 a.m. Confirmation Class, 2:00 @ Shawnee	23 TOALC classes start	24	25	26	27	28
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