

# THE NEXUS

# MAY 2021

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## Nicki's News

Dear friends and members,

Are you a noticer or a collector? When traveling, a widow noticed that people tend to be either noticers or collectors. Collectors have to see everything, every point of interest, every special site, every museum and every exhibit. They rush through countless sights "collecting" them. In essence, taking a quick picture, checking off the sight-seeing list and moving on. A noticer notices, takes the time to observe and to reflect, is not in a hurry and makes no effort to "see it all". The noticer wants to see and to see deeply. Jesus was a noticer, because, even if there was much going on, He would take the time to notice what was going on around Him, especially in people's lives. It's easy to become a collector, especially if you are someone who experiences FOMO (fear of missing out) but, we must strive to be noticers. When we "notice" people and respond by encouraging them, we become noticers like Jesus, seeing people through the eyes of Jesus and responding as he responds. May we strive to be noticers.

In His Peace,

Pastor Nicki

## Humor Corner

I don't care what your religion or political beliefs are. Just use your turn signal!!



## Nexus Deadline

The Nexus deadline for the June issue is Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup>.

## Youth Group- Zoom meeting

Join us again this year for our monthly youth group zoom meetings. Our next meeting is Sunday, **May 16<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30pm. The zoom link is Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81909986986> Meeting ID: 819 0998 6986 This information is e-mailed to the youth and families. If you know of others in the community, or beyond, who might like to join our youth zoom meetings, which our open to any youth in grades 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, let the office know their e-mail so they can be added to the list or to simply forward the e-mail to them. We hope to start planning some socially distance-safe activities for upcoming months. If you have ideas, please share.



## Treasurer and Stewardship

Report through March 31, 2021

HOPE Fund Income	\$4960.00
HOPE Fund Disbursements	\$ 300.27
Yearly Pledges	\$144,880.00
Pledge Giving to Date	\$ 37,862.00

## **The Karen Nickels Memorial PATHwalk 2021**

This year, the annual PATHwalk has been changed to *The Karen Nickels Memorial PATHwalk*, in memory of Reverend Karen Nickels, one of the founding Board members of PATH. The walk will take place on **Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>** at 12:30 p.m.. 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. Registration/Pledge forms may be found on the table in the Narthex.



## **Anniversaries**

Celebrating anniversaries in **May** are:

Karl & Cindy Schrick

MaryAnne & Douglas Gilbert

Dale & Christy Pedersen



## **Birthdays**

Celebrating birthdays in **May** are:

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

## **Reminder:**

**Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup> is Memorial Day!  
The church will be closed that day.**

## **Pocono Dad Project**

Are you a father? Perhaps you know a father who might be interested in receiving help from a national program, new to the Poconos. There is an opportunity for you to help yourself and other fathers. This program seeks to engage and encourage dads across the Poconos. You can benefit from support from a researched based program that helps you become good fathers every child needs. You can reach them by going to their website or by letting Pastor Nicki know.

<http://www.poconodadproject.com/>

## **Inspirarity Dialogue**

You are invited to participate in our monthly interfaith dialogue group, currently on zoom. Each month, we explore a topic chosen at the end of the last month's session. This month, we continue our unfinished discussion on stereotypes. We typically meet the second Sunday of the month from 6-7pm. However, because of Mother's Day, it will take place this month on May 16<sup>th</sup>. The zoom link is

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85131075207?pwd=Q3NldTZxZU5MdGJqbU0vb09Qam14QT09>

## **Weis Receipts**

Just a reminder, we collect receipt tapes from **Weis Market** only. We cannot use the ones from Giant, CVS, Shop-Rite, or any other retail store. Thank you, all, for turning those into the church. The money we collect from turning in those tapes help us to support our mission work.



## **Family Promise Update**

Family Promise is an interfaith mission for homeless children and their families. In normal times, families are sheltered in churches and provided with meals, hospitality and help, especially help finding a home. For many years, ESPC was a host church. More recently, we supported East Stroudsburg Methodist Church when they hosted. Beginning with the COVID shutdown last year, Family Promise has been sheltering families at motels and camps and now also at the Family Promise Day Center on Main Street in Stroudsburg. The requests for help have tripled. In the year from March 2020 through March 2021, Family Promise sheltered 67 families, up from 22 the year before. Families will not be sheltered in churches in the foreseeable future due to the epidemic, but churches have continued to provide meals for families. If you would like to be part of an effort to provide some meals to Family Promise, there are various ways to help. For example, the church has received donated food which can be made into meals. Or, you could make part of a meal, i.e. a vegetable side dish, a salad, or the protein (chicken, beef, etc). Please contact Ellie Buff at 570-424-0820 to volunteer.



## **Geranium Sale Report**

The geranium plants and the hanging baskets that you ordered can be picked up on Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, after the Sunday service. The Women's Resources of Monroe County will receive a total of \$632.50 through your generous support. Happy planting! Thank you for all you do to help our community.



## **Puzzles Anyone?**

We have an abundance of puzzles that were donated last year for the yard sale. Keith Karkut has offered to try selling some of the puzzles online. If you are interested in purchasing puzzles, contact Keith. The money raised from the sale of the puzzles will go toward our Mission projects.



## **Yard Sale Update**

The Mission Committee is planning to hold the Annual Indoor Yard Sale this year. It was canceled last year due to the COVID pandemic. The sale is now tentatively scheduled for June 18-19. We will begin collecting items two weeks before the sale. If you would like to help with the sale, please contact Ellie Buff at 570-424-0820.

## **Nexus Staff**

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Worship, 10:00 A.M. Communion  PATHWalk	3	4	5 Clergy Meeting, 9:15	6	7	8
9 Mother's Day!  Outdoor Worship service 10:00 A.M.  Geranium pick up	10	11 Mission Committee meeting, 1:00 p.m.	12	13	14	15
16 Worship, 10:00 A.M.  Session Meeting  Youth Group Zoom Meeting  Inspirarity Dialogues	17	18 Women's Circle, 2:00 p.m.	19	20	21	22
23 Outdoor Worship, 10:00 A.M. Communion  Pentecost Offering	24 Nexus Deadline	25	26	27	28	29
30 Worship, 10:00 A.M.	31 Memorial Day  Church closed					