

# THE NEXUS

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## Nicki's News

Dear friends and members,

Well-known pastor, author and founder of Vital Church Institute, shared a story on a podcast that I needed to hear as I wind down this month, which for me was full of stressful situations. Rev. Stan Ott shared this. One day, when he was sitting in his office running his hand through his hair after a horrendous week, deadlines pressing, and uptight people pushing, his assistant, Thelma, who had many serious challenges in life, but continued to have a calm spirit, walked into the room and said "Stan, be still. Fret not! Find your center. The God who loves you is with you"! As he puts it... "There I am the one with the theology degrees and yet Thelma knew more about trusting in Jesus and being still in a storm than he did".

Do you have a still center? When life gets crazy, we need way to bring us to this still center. A good place to discover this still center is by meditating on Psalm 46:10 "Be still and know that I am God..." Having a still center that brings us back to Christ is important for His disciples to have. What will be your still center?

In His Peace,

Pastor Nicki

## Nexus Deadline

The Nexus deadline for the July issue is Monday, June 28<sup>th</sup>.

## Nexus Sponsor

The sponsor for this issue of the Nexus is Frank Lanterman. Thank you, Frank, for your sponsorship. If you are interested in sponsoring an issue, the cost is \$35.00. Please notify Jen, in the church office.

## Youth Group- Zoom meeting

Join us again this year for our monthly youth group zoom meetings. Our next meeting is Sunday, June 13<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 April 30, 2021

HOPE Fund Income	\$4650.00
HOPE Fund Disbursements	\$ 800.27
Yearly Pledges	\$144,880.00
Pledge Giving to Date	\$ 52,940.00

## **Are You Called to Serve?**

The church has many opportunities for you to serve God. Each of us is blessed with talents and strengths. Our church has many active committees, who serve the community and the congregation. There is always a need for individuals, regardless if you are member, or a non-member of the church.

The Fellowship Committee is looking for new people, with unique and creative ideas, to bring church members and friends together socially in these trying times, when it is needed most. They are also looking for ways to reach new people.

The Mission Committee is looking for individuals who want to help those in need, locally and internationally, through our various projects. If you are interested in serving on one of these committees, please contact the chairpersons—Ronnie Charpentier (Fellowship) at 570-998-0709 or Sandy Rydell (Mission) at 570-420-1577.

## **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 will be discussing our faiths religious holidays. We meet the second Sunday of the month from 6-7pm. The next meeting is June 13. The zoom link is:

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

## **Thank you!**

A big thank you to the members of the bell choir for all the great performances. You kept the tradition of great music alive at E.S.P.C. Looking forward to more great music in the fall.

~ Linda Schaller

## **Anniversaries**

Celebrating anniversaries in **June** are:

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



## **Birthdays**

Celebrating birthdays in **June** are:

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

## **Humor Corner**

Yesterday, my husband thought he saw a cockroach in the kitchen. He sprayed everything down and cleaned thoroughly. Today, I'm putting the cockroach in the bathroom.



## **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/>



## **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 scheduled for Friday and Saturday, June 18-19 from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.. 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.

## **One Great Hour of Sharing**

Thank you to all who contributed to our One Great Hour of sharing collection. Our Church raised over \$2600.00 for this worthy cause.



## **Special Congregational Meeting**

On Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, we will be holding a special, informative congregational meeting regarding the repair/replacement of our roof project. Please plan on attending if you have questions or concerns on this subject.

## **Nexus Staff**

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*A special thank you to all who reached out to me with cards, notes, calls or flowers after my dad passed away. I appreciate you all more than you know, especially in this difficult time for me and my family.*

*Jen Carmella*

# June 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 TOALC Class	2 TOALC Class  Interfaith Clergy Meeting, 9:15	3 TOALC Class	4	5
6 Worship, 10:00 am  Communion	7 TOALC Class	8 TOALC Class  Local Clergy meeting, noon  5-7 Year Planning Committee meeting, 4-5	9 TOALC Class	10 TOALC Class	11	12
13 Worship, 10:00 am  Informational Congregational meeting, following worship  Session Mtg.  Inspirarity Dialogues 6:00 p.m.	14 TOALC Class	15 TOALC Class  Local Clergy meeting, noon  Mission Committee meeting, 1:00	16 TOALC Class	17 TOALC Class	18 Yard Sale 9:00-2:00	19 Yard Sale 9:00-2:00
20 Worship, 10:00 am  Father's Day!	21 TOALC Class	22 TOALC Class  Local Clergy meeting, noon	23 TOALC Class	24	25	26
27 Worship, 10:00 am	28 TOALC Class  Nexus Deadline	29 TOALC Class  Local Clergy meeting, noon	30 TOALC Class			