

THE NEXUS

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Nicki's News

Dear friends and members,

There is a favorite song of mine by Casting Crowns titled *Start Right Here*. The lyrics ring true for me, and many others, as we see our way forward in this post pandemic world. Many churches desire similar things. We want, as the song goes, “we wanna see the heart set free and the tyrants kneel. The walls fall down, and our land be healed.” Yet, it seems this is not realized because we continue in our business as usual, and we forget that God works through God’s people to set hearts free and have tyrants kneel before God. God uses us to break down barriers and build bridges so our land can be healed. So as the song goes, “It’s got to start right here. It’s got to start right now. Lord, I’m starting right here. Lord, I’m starting right now.” To make changes, we desire to see that God is glorified begins with us. It starts within us, right now. We, as our mission says, are to be the voice and hands of God for our community. So, let’s get out there and be the church breaking down barriers and building bridges so our land can be healed and God can be glorified.

In His Peace,

Pastor Nicki

Nexus Deadline

The Nexus deadline for the August issue is Monday, July 26th.

Nexus Sponsor

We are looking for sponsors for our future Nexus issues. 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.

Youth Group

We will not be holding any Zoom Youth Group meetings in the summer, but be on the lookout for communication regarding other summer activities.



Treasurer and Stewardship

Report through May 31, 2021

HOPE Fund Income	\$4650.00
HOPE Fund Disbursements	\$1383.33
Yearly Pledges	\$144,880.00
Pledge Giving to Date	\$ 61,807.00

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 "Death"; it's meaning, common rituals and practices and beliefs regarding the afterlife. We meet the second Sunday of the month from 6-7pm. The next meeting is July 11th. The zoom link is:

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

Anniversaries

Celebrating anniversaries in **July** are:

Bill and Sue Ellis
Walt and Wendy Emery



Birthdays

Celebrating birthdays in **July** are:

Wendy Lichty, Emma Menio, Soomie Santana, Michael Delaney, Bianca Nava, Mano Miller, Albert Menio, Sharon Laverdure, Kyle Kintz, Barbara Braithwaite, Anna Mae West, Bill Ellis, and Kathy Mattern.

Humor Corner

Son: For \$20.00, I'll be good.

Dad: Oh yeah? When I was your age, I was good for nothing.



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/>



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July 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 TOALC Class, 1:30	2	3 Funeral for Horace Cole, 1:30 Viewing is from 11:00- 1:00
4 Independence Day! Worship, 10:00 Communion Sunday	5 Church Closed	6 Mission Committee meeting, 1:00 5-7 Year Planning Committee, 2:15 TOALC Class, 1:30 & 2:30	7 TOALC Class, 1:30	8 TOALC Class, 1:30	9	10
11 Worship, 10:00 Session meeting	12	13 TOALC Class, 1:30 & 2:30	14 TOALC Class, 1:30	15 TOALC Class, 1:30	16 TOALC Class, 2:00	17
18 Worship, 10:00	19	20 TOALC Class, 1:30 & 2:30	21 Eastern PA Trans Equity Project, LLC 7:00 -9:00 TOALC Class, 1:30	22	23	24
25 Worship, 10:00	26 Nexus Deadline	27	28	29	30	31