

THE NEXUS

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Nicki's News

Dear Church Family,

In my readings this week, a very interesting topic was shared about what is called "Jesus moments". These Jesus moments are when we become aware of the presence and love of Jesus and are moved to trust in Him as our Lord. This author pointed out a Biblical example which involved Peter and Jesus. Jesus asks Peter, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter replies "You are Christ, the son of the living God". This was Peter's "Jesus moment". Jesus, too, had his own moment when He confessed to the high priest, Caphies, that He was the Messiah. We, too, have Jesus moments when we confess that Jesus is our Lord. As we move through this Easter season, may we have many "Jesus moments" when we confess that Jesus is Lord.

In His Peace,

Pastor Nicki

Humor Corner

Worker: Boss, we gotta talk. Three other companies are after me and I really deserve a raise.

Boss: three other companies? Which three?

Worker: Gas, Water and electric.

Perry: I heard you went to trial for stealing someone's luggage!

Sherry: Yes, but they let me go. It was a briefcase.

Nexus Deadline

The Nexus deadline for the May issue is Monday, April 26th.

Youth Group- Zoom meeting

Join us again this year for our monthly youth group zoom meetings. Our next meeting is Sunday, April 18th 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 8th-12th, 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.



Reminder:

Easter Monday, April 5th, the church is closed.

Anniversaries

Celebrating anniversaries in **April** are:

Ronald and Brenda Bruce



Birthdays

Celebrating birthdays in **April** are:

Lisa Swanson, Cole Wasylyk, Jen Carmella, Oscar Santana, Esai Gillard, Kaiu Gillard, Will Charpentier, Greg Menio, Sr., Kelley Stuetz, Brielle Cecchini, Elda McCoy, Carole Emery, Debbie Prince, Walt Emery, Nicole Vogel and John Cecchini

From Lehigh Presbytery

The business portion of the February 23, 2021 Lehigh Presbytery Stated Assembly was recorded and can be found on our website under Stated Assembly (Meeting).

Recordings <https://lehighpresbytery.org/news-events/recorded-meetings/> (Password is the same as viewing documents for the Assembly). Or if you prefer to go directly to the Business Meeting recording click: <https://youtu.be/-GMmavvty8I>

Here is the link to the Vision Board's Presentation at the February 23, 2021 Lehigh Presbytery Stated Assembly: <https://lehighpresbytery.org/our-faith-community/committees-boards/vision-board/#meaning-making>

The recording, documents and responses from that Presentation can also be found by scrolling down on the Vision Board's webpage at: <https://lehighpresbytery.org/our-faith-community/committees-boards/vision-board/>

Treasurer and Stewardship

Report through February 28, 2021

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| HOPE Fund Income | \$4370.00 |
| HOPE Fund Disbursements | \$ 300.27 |
| Yearly Pledges | \$144,880.00 |
| Pledge Giving to Date | \$ 25,385.00 |



Geranium & Impatiens Hanging Basket Sale

Spring is here, the weather is getting warmer and our thoughts turn to planting flowers. The Mission Committee will, once again, be sponsoring the Women's Resources of Monroe County geranium and hanging basket sale fundraiser. The monies raised though the purchase of plants will directly help to provide free and confidential counseling and emergency shelter to vulnerable victims of domestic and sexual violence.

Geranium Prices: \$5.00 per plant; \$4.50 for 3 or more; \$54.00 for a flat of 12 plants.
10" New Guinea Impatiens Hanging Basket Prices: \$20.00 each or 3 for \$50.00.

To order plants, call Jen Carmella (570-421-5821). Please make checks payable to ESPC with geranium sale on the notation line. Order deadline is Friday, April 16. Plants can be picked up on Sunday, May 9th after the worship service.

Thank You for the Angel's Closet Donations

The Angel's Closet collection was very successful. New, and lightly used, baby items were collected, plus \$300.00 in monetary gifts, which will be used to give mothers in the county needed items for their babies. Your generosity may show them that they are supported and loved by individuals they don't even know. Thank you to everyone who donated to Angel's Closet in January and February.



Deacons Need Volunteers

The Deacons are looking for volunteers to help deliver the Sunday and the Easter flowers. Many people who sign up would like their flowers delivered to other people. If you are able to help, please call the office and let Jen know. The Deacons thank you in advance.

The Deacons are also looking for volunteers to help with various jobs at our outside services. Jobs include: passing out bulletins, giving directions and answering questions. If this is something you feel called to do, please call the office and let Jen know. Thank you from all the Deacons.

A BIG Thank You to all those who have donated meals, food supplies and money for members of our congregation during the pandemic. The past year has been difficult and many are still struggling. Please consider helping. If this is something God has called you to do, please call Cindy Schrick. The love shown by our congregation is wonderful. Keep it up!

Week of Prayer and Healing

Monroe County United (MCU) has organized an ecumenical Week of Prayer and Healing through its Committee for Finding Common Ground Across Faiths in 2021. The week begins on Easter Sunday, April 4th, includes Holocaust Remembrance Day on April 8th and ends on Saturday Evening, April 10th at 5:30 p.m. with a virtual event through Zoom.

Those interested in the virtual panel and discussion through Zoom, may register at:

tinyurl.com/2shmsmez

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. 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.



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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | 1 Maundy Thursday service @6:30 p.m. | 2 Good Friday | 3 |
| 4 Easter Sunday Adult Ed. 9:00 Outdoor Worship @ 10:00 Communion | 5 Easter Monday, Church Closed Finance & Property Committee meeting, 4:30 in the Lounge | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 Adult Ed. 9:00 Worship, 10:00 Session Mtg. following worship | 12 | 13 Mission Committee meeting, 1:00 p.m. Women's Circle, 2:00 | 14 | 15 | 16 Ordering deadline for Geraniums | 17 |
| 18 Adult Ed. 9:00 Worship, 10:00 Youth Group Zoom meeting, 6:30 p.m. | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 Adult Ed. 9:00 Worship, 10:00 | 26 Nexus Deadline | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | |