

# THE NEXUS

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## Nicki's News

Dear friends and members,

In his devotional *You are the Beloved: Daily Meditations for Spiritual Living* renounce Christian author Henri Nouwen says this, "Compassion asks us to go where it hurts, to enter into the places of pain, to share in brokenness, fear, confusion and anguish. Compassion challenges us to cry out with those in misery, to mourn with those who are lonely, to weep with those in tears. Compassion requires us to be weak with the weak, vulnerable with the vulnerable and powerless with the powerless. Compassion means full immersion in the condition of being human."

Nouwen recognized that, in today's environment, we are called to compassion more than ever. Compassion is one of God's ways that is necessary to exhibit if we are living into God's kingdom's ways. Compassion, especially with those we disagree with, helps us to listen to each other rather than demonize or label each other.

Jesus displayed compassion in so many of His interactions. Are we willing to be as compassionate as Jesus was so that we can be the disciples Christ desired of us? May we seek to be more compassionate as we respond in gratitude to the gift of salvation afforded us.

In His Peace,

Pastor Nicki

## Nexus Sponsor

This month's issue is being sponsored by **Charles Maclay**. 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.



## Treasurer and Stewardship

Report through August 31, 2021

HOPE Fund Income	\$4,650.00
HOPE Fund Disbursements	\$3,819.60
Yearly Pledges	\$144,880.00
Pledge Giving to Date	\$ 96,517.00

## Nexus Deadline

The Nexus deadline for the November issue is Monday, October 25<sup>th</sup>.

## Congratulations!

Our own Callie Falzone was nominated onto the Homecoming Court this year. Callie is a senior at East Stroudsburg South High School. Good luck Callie!!



## Anniversaries

Celebrating anniversaries in **October** are:

Felix and Margie Staffaroni  
Mike and Norene Rosso  
Jim and Carol Hall  
Bob and Lisa Elliott  
Kyle and Daisha Kintz



## Birthdays

Celebrating birthdays in **October** are:

Rich Laverdure, Charlotte Currie, Janice Delaney,  
Rylee Mehringer, Sienna Mehringer and  
Philip Lawrence

## 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](mailto:pastornickiv@gmail.com) and she will add you to the list. Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81144599578?pwd=bjZmb3UwWEdHWkxWcUIUNHlpbmhFUT09>

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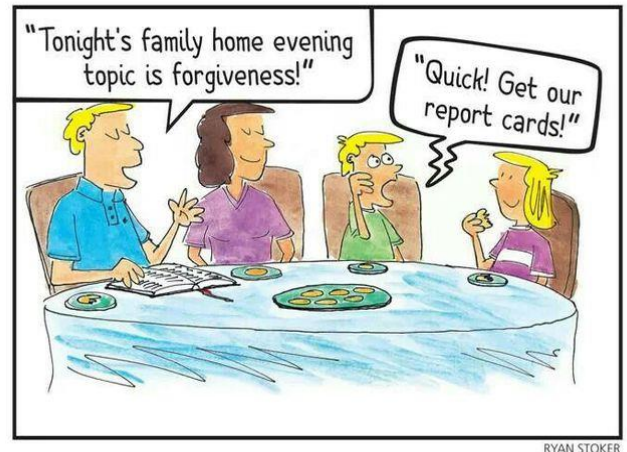
## Fill the Freezer

The Deacon's freezer is in need of dinner entrées for our church members and friends. These entrées can be homemade or store bought. If you are able to assist the Deacons, please bring your item to the Lounge and put it in the tall white freezer, next to the refrigerator. Please include any cooking directions, if necessary. The Deacons thank you in advance.

## Peace & Global Witness Offering

The Peace & Global Witness Special Offering runs from September to October 3 (World Communion Day). This special offering brings the resources of congregations together to make a difference to bring about change to those suffering social and human injustices. From the total amount that we collect, 25% will be used to support peacemaking and reconciliation locally in our community. Make checks payable to ESPC with Peace & Global Witness Special Offering on the notation line. Please return your donation by October 3<sup>rd</sup> by mail or dropping it off at church. Thank you for your generosity and support for this special offering.

## Humor Corner



RYAN STOKER

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## Sunday School/Adult Ed.

Calling all Children! Children are invited to join us Sunday mornings, after the children's sermon time, for Sunday School starting October 3<sup>rd</sup>. This year is going to be different than in years past. There will be prizes and lots of fun learning. Children will be more hands on, interactive and will even go outside sometimes. So don't feel the need to dress them up, just come in ready to get creative down and dirty with God.

Join Tim Swanson, and the adult bible study class, on October 3, at 9:00am in the lounge of our church for a study about the greatest sermon ever given known as the "Sermon on the Mount". This message, given to us by Jesus on the shores of the Sea of Galilee, begins with the Beatitudes and contains Jesus' famous statements about heaven, marriage, loving your enemies, salt of the earth, the Lord's Prayer and much more.

The class will be taught in 9 sessions using a DVD and a study guide. It will focus on chapters 5-7 of Matthew. No other place does Jesus describe, so thoroughly, what human life and community look like when they come under the gracious rule of God. We hope to see you at 9:00AM, October 3, in our lounge as we begin our study.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Adult Ed. 9:00 every Sunday  Children's Sunday School, every Sunday					1	2
3 Worship, 10:00  World Communion  Peace & Global Witness Offering  Finance Mtg. 3:30 pm	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Worship, 10:00 am  Bell Rehearsal after worship  Session Mtg.	11 5-7 Year Planning Committee, 5:30 pm	12 Women's Circle, 12:30  Mission Committee Mtg., 2:00 pm	13	14	15	16
17 Worship, 10:00 am  Stone's Throw Mtg. 2-4	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Worship, 10:00 am	25 Nexus Deadline	26	27	28	29	30
31 Worship, 10:00 am  <b>Happy Halloween!</b>						