

THE NEXUS

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Nicki's News

Dear Friends,

Who would of thought that in less than a year from my ordination I would be dealing with how to manage during pandemics, such as the one we are experiencing? There is so much going on related to Covid-19 that it's hard for me not to give into the fear and anxiety. Lately, a favorite song of mine has come to mind, a song which our wonderful choir has sang. I thought I'd share its comforting lyrics with you in hopes that you might find comfort in it too. Its words remind us that we belong to God, so we need not be afraid of anything.

*I will come to you in the silence
I will lift you from all your fear
You will hear My voice
I claim you as My choice
Be still, and know I am near*

*I am hope for all who are hopeless
I am eyes for all who long to see
In the shadows of the night,
I will be your light
Come and rest in Me*

*Do not be afraid, I am with you
I have called you each by name
Come and follow Me
I will bring you home
I love you and you are mine*

*I am strength for all the despairing
Healing for the ones who dwell in shame
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free
And all will know My name*

*Do not be afraid, I am with you
I have called you each by name
Come and follow Me
I will bring you home
I love you and you are mine*

*I am the Word that leads all to freedom
I am the peace the world cannot give
I will call your name, embracing all your pain
Stand up, now, walk, and live*

*Do not be afraid, I am with you
I have called you each by name
Come and follow Me
I will bring you home
I love you and you are mine*

You can also find this song on Youtube at
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=14pPevY5sd8>

In His Peace,
Pastor Nicki

Holy Weeek Schedule



Palm
Sunday



Maundy
Thursday



Good
Friday



Easter
Sunday

Please note that our Holy Week schedule will be different than it usually is. As of now, Pastor Nicki will be holding one Maundy Thursday service remotely. More info to follow. There will be NO Community Good Friday service. Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday will continue to be done as the past few weeks. We will follow up with information via emails, our Facebook page and our website.

Nexus Sponsor

This issue of the Nexus is being sponsored by
If you are interested in sponsoring a future Nexus issue, please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex (next to the flower sign-up sheet). The cost is \$35.00.

Nexus Deadline

The Nexus deadline for the May issue is Monday, **April 27th**.

Anniversaries

Celebrating an anniversary in **April** are:

Ron and Brenda Bruce on April 24th!



Birthdays

Celebrating birthdays in **April** are:

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

Planning Commission Opportunity

A commission is forming to develop a 5-7 year plan for our church. If you have the time and the willingness to share your talents and opinions in determining which paths our church explores in the near future, please contact Jen, in the church office or Judy Schreck at 570-629-3430.

Women's Circle*

The Women's Circle group will meet on Tuesday, **April 14th** at noon in the Lounge. All women are welcome to attend.

Men's Lunch*

The Men's Lunch will be held on Wednesday, **April 8th** at noon in the Church Lounge. All men are welcome to attend.

Treasurer and Stewardship Report through February 29, 2020

Income:	\$38,380.95
Expenses:	\$39,247.09
Net	\$ -866.14
Year-to-Date Giving:	
Pledge Giving:	\$ 23,354.00
Non-Pledge Giving:	\$ 1,259.00



One Great Hour of Sharing

The Mission Committee has decided to postpone this collection for now. If you already sent in a donation, it will remain in the account until all others are collected, and then sent out together.

The Mission Committee

Yard Sale Postponed

At the last Session meeting, the decision was made to postpone the annual yard sale that was scheduled for May 1 and May 2. A date will be determined once we get back to our normal daily lives. Looking on the bright side, this will give everyone more time to find items around your house to donate. We ask, however, that you keep them until the date is set to bring them in. As you know, the mission yard sale is our churches major fundraiser which helps, not only our church, but local and international charities or organizations. The Mission Committee is so grateful and appreciates your continued support.



Flowers

Because the flower shop is closed due to the virus, we are unable to purchase flowers for our altar. Therefore, if you have signed up to sponsor flowers, please do not send in any money at this time. We will let you know when we are able to purchase them again. We are still, however, taking orders for the Easter flowers. The order forms will be sent along with the weekly newsletter or you can call Jen in the church office.

Youth Group

Calling all Youth- Although we have not met in person, we are looking into meeting virtually to begin planning future activities, including this summer's planned mission trip. We will have more information on dates and times to come so please watch your emails. We would like to meet via Zoom.

Varying Voices regarding COVID-19

Your Mental Well-Being

Please check the following link for an interesting article on mental well-being during a pandemic. It is also in a separate attachment.

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/mental-health-well-being-during-a-pandemic/>

"Coronavirus, climate change and C S Lewis" can be found at this link

<https://www.spectator.com.au/2020/03/coronavirus-climate-change-and-c-s-lewis/>

From the Timberwolf Pantry...

Remember when we collected non-perishables for the Souper Bowl? Well Pastor Nicki and others delivered that food to the East Stroudsburg High School North. We received this message back....

Thank you for your generosity in helping the Timberwolf Pantry. Your donation will be used to feed hungry children in need, who would otherwise have nothing to eat.

The Timberwolf Pantry



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 Worship, 10:00 am Palm Sunday	6	7	8 Men's Lunch, noon*	9 Maundy Thursday One Service done remotely	10 Good Friday NO Good Friday Services	11
12 Easter Worship, 10:00 am	13 Easter Monday Church Closed	14 Women's Circle, noon*	15	16	17	18
19 Worship, 10:00 am Mission Committee meeting, 11:00 am	20 Youth Group meeting, 6:30 pm* Via Zoom	21	22	23	24	25
26 Worship, 10:00 am	27	28	29	30		

***PLEASE NOTE THAT ANY OR ALL OF THESE EVENTS MAY BE CANCELLED. PLEASE CONTINUE TO CHECK YOUR EMAILS AND OUR WEBSITE FOR UPDATED INFORMATION.**