

# THE NEXUS

# MAY 2020

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## **Nicki's News**

Dear Friends,

“Rejoice always”, (1 Thess. 5:16 NRSV) two seemingly simple words Paul used in his letter to the Thessalonian community. It is often words that I must remind myself when suffering is at hand. How can I rejoice always? Well, I rejoice because I have witnessed countless signs of Christ’s presence among us through the work of God’s Spirit of truth. I rejoice that our church is a group that loves not only each other but all in our wider community that is in need. I rejoice today seeing that the statistics say we are over the peak and numbers are looking more positive each day. I rejoice knowing that our church is one that chooses again and again to be outwardly focused on following our mission to be the hands and voice of God as well as the beacon on a Hill shining the Spirit of God for all to witness. I know it seems hard to rejoice in these challenging times, but Paul knew that, by rejoicing, we set our hearts back to being in line with God’s. So, let us continue rejoicing in all God is doing in and through us during these challenging times.

In His Peace,

Pastor Nicki

## **Nexus Sponsor**

This issue of the Nexus is being sponsored by Frank Lanterman. 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 June issue is Tuesday, **May 26<sup>th</sup>**.

## **Anniversaries**

Celebrating an anniversary in **May** are:

**Karl and Cindy Schrick**  
**Dale and Christy Pedersen**



## **Birthdays**

Celebrating birthdays in **May** are:

**Luke Falzone, Troy Wasylyk, Brandon Elliott,**  
**Carol Hall, Jamie Mattern, Clemence Gower,**  
**Steve Hess, Mark Cramer and Sophia Thompson**

## **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.

## **Treasurer and Stewardship Report through March 31, 2020**

Income:	\$68,805.95
Expenses:	\$57,991.67
Net	\$10,814.28
Year-to-Date Giving:	
Pledge Giving:	\$ 49,203.00
Non-Pledge Giving:	\$ 1,509.00



### **Youth Group- Zoom meeting**

The youth group will be meeting via zoom again on May 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Join Zoom Meeting at the following link and then follow the prompts. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86016988897> Hope to see you there!

### **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. We are now looking at the end of August for re-scheduling. 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.



### **Sponsor an outdoor service!**

Since we cannot purchase flowers right now, if you already signed up to sponsor some, how about you sponsor an outdoor service instead! Our Easter service was very popular. However, it does cost to rent the equipment needed to pull it off. If you have signed up to sponsor flowers, but would like your money to go toward another outdoor service, please let Jen know. You can still send in your checks (made payable to ESPC), but put "outdoor service" on the memo line. There are also several dates still open to sponsor flowers throughout the year. Right now, we are concentrating on the summer months.

### **Reminder:**

Monday, **May 25<sup>th</sup>** is Memorial Day. The Church will be closed.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 Worship, 10:00 a.m.  Communion	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Worship, 10:00 a.m.  Mother's Day!  Session meeting, 11:00 a.m.	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Worship, 10:00 a.m.	18 Youth Group Zoom meeting, 6:00 p.m.	19	20	21	22	23
24 Worship, 10:00 a.m.	25 Memorial Day!  Church Closed	26 Nexus Deadline	27	28	29	30
31 Worship, 10:00 a.m.  Pentecost Offering  Communion						