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We are people who expect to learn from God's Word, expect to work as God's hands,

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PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

ORDINATION STANDARDS

On Tuesday, April 26, FPCA hosted the Lehigh Presbytery for its stated spring meeting. One piece of business on the docket was to vote on a proposed change to our constitution (The Book of Order) concerning ordination standards as it relates to sexual ethics for Ministers, Elders, and Deacons.

The proposed amendment would replace G-6.0106b which reads... *“Those who are called to office in the church are to lead a life in obedience to Scripture and in conformity to the historic confessional standards of the church. Among these standards is the requirement to live either in fidelity within the covenant of marriage between a man and a woman, or chastity in singleness. Persons refusing to repent of any self-acknowledged practice which the confessions call sin shall not be ordained and/or installed as deacons, elders or ministers of the Word and Sacrament.”* **with...** *“Standards for ordained service reflect the church’s desire to submit joyfully to the Lordship of Jesus Christ in all aspects of life. The governing body responsible for ordination and/or installation shall examine each candidate’s calling, gifts, preparation, and suitability for the responsibilities of office. The examination shall include, but not be limited to, a determination of the candidate’s ability and commitment to fulfill all requirements as expressed in the constitutional questions for ordination and installation. Governing bodies shall be guided by Scripture and the confessions in applying standards to individual candidates.”*

Lehigh Presbytery voted and the amendment passed with a 68-48 vote. This vote counts as only one affirmative vote in the PC(USA) which needs 87 presbyteries to declare a simple majority. As I write, 82 presbyteries have passed the amendment with 59 presbyteries rejecting it and 32 presbyteries still left to vote. Folks on both sides of the vote

equally affirm that this amendment opens the door for people who identify themselves as homosexual, bi-sexual, or transgendered to be ordained to the various offices of the church.

Now that this vote is behind us, I would like to reiterate a commitment I made in my sermon on March 6. My commitment moving forward is to continue to lead this congregation in a way that affirms our plurality while at the same time seeks unity around the vision of being a missional church. I will lead in such a way that will invite you not to choose sides – one side of the aisle or the other – but instead, to choose each other; choose this community because God has chosen us – all of us – to participate in God’s mission to reconcile and redeem the world. I believe the Church was meant to be a big tent. I also believe that truth matters and that it is the truth of God which propels us into God’s future. I do not want to be part of a community where everything goes – where we can never say, “No!” to something. We have to preserve our theological mandate to say “yes” and “no.” I don’t want to be part of a community in which I couldn’t be thrown out as a heretic. I also do not want to be part of a community who can’t change its mind or be open to something new and different if that is what the Spirit is calling us to. There must be freedom *and* boundaries in our pursuit of the Spirit’s will for our congregation and our denomination. These are contentious times for the PC(USA). We, the people of FPCA, can choose a different way...not by choosing sides, but by choosing each other in love because God chooses us in love for the sake of the Gospel and the sake of the world.

See you in worship and the world,

Tony

FPCA'S FIRST STEPHEN MINISTERS TO BE COMMISSIONED ON MAY 8

In Galatians 6 Paul tells us to "carry each other's burdens, and this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

On May 8th our Stephen Ministers will be commissioned by the congregation and will begin their service to others. They are now trained to provide one-to-one care, prayer, and support to those going through a difficult time.

CONFIDENTIAL! That's what Stephen Ministry is. Everything a person tells his or her Stephen Minister is kept in strict confidence.

LISTEN! That's what Stephen Ministers do. They go through 50 hours of training in providing Christian care so that they can focus

on your needs and listen to what you really have to say.

ALL ALONE? Don't be. God doesn't want us to be all alone. He wants us to turn to others when things are bothering us. Stephen Ministers will walk you through your troubles and be there for you when you need them.

FEELING DOWN? Our Stephen Ministry can help. Stephen Ministers aren't just there for the "big" crises. They are also available for the little ones, because many times the little things can really add up. Don't wait until you have a really big crisis; consider Stephen Ministry if the little things have you down.



IT'S YOUR MINISTRY! It is an important way we at FPCA care for one another. If you are going through a difficult time, consider having a Stephen Minister. If you know someone else who is facing difficulties, suggest that he or she request Stephen Ministry. Make use of it. Stephen Ministry belongs to you!

Please join us on May 8th for our Stephen Minister commissioning services. You are cordially invited to attend a reception in their honor following the 11:00 service (Fellowship Hall). Contact Kathy Mammele, Referrals Coordinator at Kathy.mammele@fpcallentown.org or (610) 395-3781 for more information.

STEPHEN MINISTRY IS "OPEN FOR BUSINESS" AT FPCA.

HOUSING NEEDED FOR TWO SUMMER INTERNS

Two of this year's Summer Interns live outside of the Lehigh Valley and are in need of housing from June 1 - August 14. Both of these interns are college students - one male and one female. We are looking for a family or individual in our church family to house them at no cost to them or the church. Summer Interns are expected to cover their expense for meals. If you can host one of the Summer Interns, please contact Stephen Emick (610-395-3781, Ext. 19; stephen.emick@fpcallentown.org).

A SUMMER OPPORTUNITY FOR DEACONS AND ELDERS (PRESENT AND PAST)

Each summer we try to take communion to as many of our homebound members as possible. With about 80 homebound members in our church family, this requires a lot of deacons and elders to be available to go with one of our pastors or Parish Associates to celebrate communion. Our 2011 Summer Homebound Communion visits will begin in June and continue through August. If you are an ordained elder or deacon in the Presbyterian Church (USA) - either through our church or another Presbyterian congregation - and would be willing to share one or more afternoons this summer assisting with this important ministry, please contact Deacon Audree Chase (610-797-5218 or arcwelsh@aol.com).

DIRECTORY PORTRAIT DATES STILL AVAILABLE

There are still a few slots open to have your free portrait in May, particularly May 26 to 28 (Thursday to Saturday). Go to the church website at www.fpcallentown.org and click on "Directory Portrait Sign-up" link under "News Highlights" to book your appointment, or call the church office at 610-395-3781. Our hope is to complete all photography by the end of May. Reserve now for the best selection of times!

Please be on time for your photo session.

PRAYER VIGIL FOR PEACE

The world's poorest consumers bear the brunt of increases in food prices. Spending 50-70% of their income on food, the poor suffer from recurring volatility in the price of food. Farmers are among the poorest of the poor. However, fair-trade allows a farmer a living wage and also benefits the community. Taking into account the needs of the workers, fairly traded crops aren't as subject to commodity market swings, thus offering farmers stability. Join us this month as we continue our prayer focus on hunger. World Fair Trade Day is May 14. Prayers are on Monday, May 9 in room 220 at 7:30 p.m.

For the month of May please also pray for:

-- Humanitarian aid workers in Southern Sudan who are being killed in the violence that has erupted since January 9.

-- Our new missionary to the Roma people in the Ukraine, Nadia Ayoub.

-- The courage and conviction of politicians, church leaders and ordinary citizens in Northern Ireland to follow through with community initiatives for reconciliation after a bombing murder occurred April 2.

-- The new president of Burma, Thein Sein, to break with decades of military suppression of minority groups.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2011

Our exciting theme this year is **Hometown Nazareth Where Jesus was a Kid**. VBS will be Monday June 27 – Friday July 1, 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. for children ages 4, by September 30, 2011, through completed 5th graders. Registration forms are available on the church website, www.fpcallentown.org, at the

Welcome Centers, or by contacting the church office, 610-395-3781. In order to ensure an effective and safe program, space will be open to the first 200 children to register. So don't wait! **Invite your friends and register by Sunday, June 5th**. Please submit your registration forms to Caley Oels at Caley.Oels@fpcallentown.org or drop them off at the church office. If you are interested in helping with preparations or during VBS week, please contact Jennifer Boyer at 484-538-6048 or Jen-boyer@hotmail.com.

FIVE WISHES PRESENTATION: END OF LIFE ISSUES

Rev. Anne Huey will be leading a presentation on *Five Wishes*, Saturday, May 21, 2011, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. This presentation is appropriate for all faith communities and gives everyone an opportunity to use the resources and meanings of their faith and spirituality as they come to dealing with end of life issues.

Five Wishes is the first living will that talks about your personal, emotional and spiritual needs as well as your medical wishes. It lets you choose the person you want to make health care decisions for you if you are not able to make them for yourself.

Five Wishes lets you say exactly how you wish to be treated if you should become seriously ill. The *Five Wishes* booklet was written with the help of the American Bar Association's Commission on Law and Aging and national leading experts on end of life care. It is easy to use. Come and find out just how easy. Rev. Huey has led this workshop many times for different churches and groups. Everyone will receive a *Five Wishes* booklet. Bring your questions and join us for this informative presentation and discussion.

The Five Wishes presentation will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, 3231 Tilghman Street, Allentown, PA 18104 in Room #115, right outside the Presbytery office. Please RSVP to the Lehigh Presbytery office (610-391-9020, office@lehighpresbytery.org) and let us know you will be there. This way we will have enough booklets for everyone.

YOUTH MINISTRY**ARE YOU GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE?**

If you know of any church members who will be graduating from high school, college or graduate school this spring, please notify the church office by Sunday, May 29. We will then compile a list of all our graduates and share it with the congregation in the bulletin and one of the June issues of *Tidings*. Please contact Caley Oels at the church office (610-395-3781, Ext. 11, caley.oels@fpcallentown.org) and share with her the name of the graduate, name of the school, and, for college and graduate school, the name of the degree and major.

GREENING CREATION TIP

Pave your driveway with gravel or create a patio with a porous solid surface instead of asphalt or cement. Gravel absorbs water while less porous materials create runoff that can introduce damaging materials into local water systems.

(Tip adapted from *50 Ways to Help Save the Earth: How You and Your Church Can Make a Difference*.)

NEW WORSHIP SCHEDULE**BEGINS SEPTEMBER 11 2011**

8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
10:10 a.m. Alternative Worship - Fellowship Hall
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship - Sanctuary

9:00 a.m. Education Hour: Preschool through Adults
10:10 a.m. Education Hour: Adult Offerings Only

REMINDER: BUY YOUR YOUTH SPIRIT CARDS

Please continue to help support our Summer Youth Ministry Program. Buy gift cards for sale on Sundays in the hallway outside Fellowship Hall from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Choose cards from various stores.

BREAD FOR THE WORLD**“OFFERING OF LETTERS” CAMPAIGN**

Every year our church participates in a Nationwide Christian Voice for Ending Hunger Program called "Bread for the World Offering of Letters".

Our church members write letters to our Senators and Congressmen and Congresswomen that demonstrate how our church members would like their representatives to create legislation and vote for programs that end hunger in our nation and around the world.

Over the years through letter writing programs such as our annual campaign, real progress has been made in the fight against poverty:

Since 1990:

- The number of people living on \$1.25 a day fell by 400 million people.
- The rate of chronically hungry people in developing countries fell from 20% to 16%.
- The mortality rate for children under 5 fell by 40% or more in Ethiopia, Malawi and Niger.

But the world suffered a big setback beginning in 2007 with the food price crisis and the global recession.

As a result:

- 1.5 billion people are in extreme poverty, living on less than \$1.25 per day.
- Even though there has been an overall percentage decrease, 925 million people still suffer from chronic hunger worldwide, nearly 90 million or higher than in 2000.
- More than 350,000 women die every year from complications during pregnancy, childbirth, or in the 6 weeks following delivery.

Letters to End Hunger



- 24,000 children die everyday from poverty, hunger or preventable diseases. That's one child every 3.6 seconds.

U.S. Foreign assistance needs to make a stronger focus on reducing poverty.

For every 5 percent drop in income growth in a developing country, the likelihood of violent conflict or war within the next year increases by 10 percent. Poverty-focused development assistance accounted for just 0.6 percent of the entire U.S. Budget in fiscal year 2010.

How we can work to make a difference this year.

Propose legislation to promote these goals:

- Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
- Achieve universal primary education
- Promote gender equality
- Reduce child mortality
- Improve maternal health
- Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other disease
- Ensure environmental stability
- Create a global partnership for development

This year, join the Peace, Justice and Missionary Committee in the Atrium to write your letter on May 15th or May 22nd. You can write the letter at the Atrium with sample letters and materials or write your letter at home and bring it to the Atrium the following week. The letters will be brought up with the Sunday Offering at both Services on May 29th. Please prayerfully, carefully consider participating in this hunger project and write your letter to Congress to make a difference this year.

BURMESE LUNCHEON BENEFIT

Burmese members of our congregation are hosting a luncheon in support of Amy Galetkza, our PC (USA) missionary for Burma, and *you* are invited! Enjoy live music as you savor the tastes of Burmese foods. With help from the Peace, Justice and Missionary Committee and the Refugee Steering Committee, funds raised will support Amy's ministry. While Amy will not be attending the luncheon, she is expected to visit our church this summer. The \$10.00 ticket provides you with a wonderful lunch, music *and* the satisfaction of helping people in Burma. Children under 6 eat free. Tickets for the luncheon will be available in the Atrium on May 15th and May 22nd.

When: June 12th

Time: 12:00 pm

Where: Fellowship Hall

SERVE IN MALAWI ON A “FRIENDSHIP TRIP”

Our International Mission team is inviting people to participate in a “friendship trip” to Africa to serve the needs of the villages in Malawi. The trip is organized through Villages In Partnership (VIP), a mission program developed by First Presbyterian church in Allentown, N.J. to serve the needs of villages in Africa. Hosting groups no larger than 6 - 10 participants, VIP tailors trips around the interests and skills of individual team members in conjunction with the needs of the villages.

When: August 5 - 14 or August 19 - 28, 2011

Cost: \$1,400 (not including airfare)/participant, covers all ground costs for transportation in Malawi, accommodations, all meals and a two day/one night safari.

For additional information, please contact Marlene Merz: mnmerz@rcn.com or call 610-391-1159.

ADULT EDUCATION
Sunday Mornings at 9:45 AM

ADULT SEMINAR:*Fellowship Hall*

May 8: ***Jonah"Part 1*** presented by Tony Sundermeier and George Landes.

May 15: Confirmation Brunch. No Seminar.

May 22: ***"The Plain People Religion" Part 1*** presented by Mike Rhode.

May 29: ***Jonah"Part 2*** presented by Tony Sundermeier and George Landes.

BIBLE DISCOVERY: WHAT IS GOD LIKE?**Room 124/Thrygve Meeker****ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE BIBLE CLASS****Room 115/ Becky Ensley****EXPLORING THE NEW TESTAMENT****Room 217/ Mike Loomis**

We are journeying through the Book of Acts, and learning how the early church grew through the actions of the apostles and the Holy Spirit. If you've been meaning to read the Bible and could benefit from the insight and encouragement of others to keep you on track, this is the class for you. Newcomers are welcome!

PRESBY PERK: CONVERSATIONS ABOUT BEING CHRISTIAN**Commons/ Pam Weiss**

Join us Sunday mornings in the Commons for Coffee House style discussions. Pam Weiss leads us in looking at issues that directly affect how we understand ourselves as Christians, especially as they relate to how we live our daily lives.

TREXLER BIBLE CLASS**Witherspoon Room/ Tom Ritter****WEEKDAY CLASSES**

THEOLOGY THURSDAY - 7:00 to 8:15 p.m.

Chapel

"Christian Conviction in a Plural World" presented by John Franke.

All are welcome to explore how Christian uniqueness plays in the field of religious plurality today.

May 5, 12, 26; June 2, 9.

RETIRED PERSONS BIBLE STUDY: *THE PARABLES OF JESUS***Room 115**

Wednesdays, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

All are welcome – retired, semi-retired, or not retired at all!

May 4 through June 15: a study on Amos.

WEDNESDAY MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP GROUP – 6:45 a.m.

Commons /Tony Sundermeier

WEDNESDAY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY – 7:30 p.m.

Witherspoon Room/ Mike Loomis

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY – 7:00 p.m.

Room 124/ Curtis and Darlis Fouts

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – Fridays 9:15 to 11:30 a.m.

Room 115/ Marijo Taylor, Pam Weiss

SATURDAY MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP – Every other Saturday, 7:30- 9:00 a.m.

Room 217

Please call Mike Loomis (610-398-1366) for further details.



IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY (Parish #)

(as of 12:00 p.m. Tuesday)

OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS are with those who have been hospitalized recently. So that we might keep each other in prayer, it is the custom of this congregation to publish hospitalizations unless requested not to do so. *At Lehigh Valley Hospital (I-78):* George Allerton (#21), Al Saleh (#24). *At GSSH at Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg:* Viola Allerton (#21); *At Luther Crest H.C.C.:* Mari (McDowell) Stammerjohn (#19), Janet Arnold (#19); *At Lehigh Center:* Helen Potts (#10), Robert Shurts (#24); *At Phoebe Richland HCC:* Edith Nebhut (#33).

If you'd like to send cards or letters to those in the hospital, please contact Kathy Mammele, Director of Pastoral Care (610-395-3781 Ext. 39).

HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL: Nena Hadid (#31), George Geissler (#20), Gale Schlechter (#10).

MILESTONES: Olive Stauffer (#6) celebrated her 95th birthday on April 30.

SYMPATHY OF THE PASTORS AND CONGREGATION TO: Jane and Paul Slick (#17) on the death of Gwendolyn Owens, mother of Jane on April 20; Phyllis and Scott Graham (#24) on the death of Jack Graham, husband of Phyllis, father of Scott on April 27; Holly Krueger and family (#25) on the death of Martin Krueger, husband of Holly on April 28; Derek Smart (#9) on the death of Dr. G.N. Russell Smart, father of Derek, on May 3.

THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT: John (Jack) Graham (#24) on April 27, Martin Krueger (#25) on April 28, Dr. G.N. Russell Smart (#9) on May 3.

STAFF PRAYER LIST

On May 10, 2011 the staff will pray for the following members of our church family who comprise a PORTION of Parish #20. Coordinator is Shari Russo. Jeff and Libby Aiken; Michael and Cheryl Bleiler; Robert (Hub) Bury; Jim and Catherine Byrnes; Gary, Karis, Austin, Madison and Alyssa Crain; Matthew, Stacy, Joshua and Connor Daniels; Ed and Nancy Erdman; Fred and Judy Fisher; George and Joanne Geissler; Gloria and Michael Hasel and Gillian and Adam Groff; Samuel Heller.

On May 17, 2011 the staff will pray for the following members of our church family who comprise a PORTION of Parish #20. Coordinator is Shari Russo. Susan, Todd, Annie, Sarah, Emily and Ali Heller; Chuck, Kelly, Chad, Lauren and Ashley Hess; Mark, Nancy, Brian and Amy Hoffman; Jim, Debbie, James and Megan Joseph; Alan and Joan Marie Keller; Dwight, Jill, Caitlin and Ally Kempf; Linda, John, Karen and Kevin Kirner; Joseph, Samantha and Michael Kozza and Suzanne Krimm-Kozza; Martha Mack; Joel, Jen and Austin MacMurray; Bob, Dawn and Brittany Mayer.

MILITARY UPDATE:

CDR Jeffrey K. Krause Jr.

(Jeff will be changing bases so his FPO address may change. Update to follow.)

Jeff is the son of Jeff and Anita Krause. Jeff has received his orders and will be remaining in Naples for another 3 years. He will be in charge of Naval Forces in Europe and Israel and will begin his duties in June. He will no longer be working for NATO but with the European and Israeli Navies. Jeff and Anita traveled to Italy in April to visit the family for a few weeks. They had not seen their son and family since May 2010. Jeff Jr. will be stateside 30 days this summer and Anita and Jeff's daughter-in-law and grandchildren will be spending most of the summer with them.

Scott Meenen
4010 Lois Lane
Allentown, PA 18104-9697

Scott has returned to the states. He will be attending Airborne School in June and then moving to Stuttgart, Germany for the next 3 years. He will be with the 1st Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group. Scott's address remains at his parent's home because he will be moving around so often in the coming months.

Sunday, May 8

Baptism Sunday

Mother's Day

- 8:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Arabic Worship Service
Church School (All Ages)
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
New Stephen Ministers Reception

Monday, May 9

- All Day Church Photo Directory
- 9:00 a.m. Weekday Preschool
- 11:30 a.m. Weekday Preschool Lunch Bunch
- 12:30 p.m. Weekday Preschool Committee
- 4:30 p.m. International Missions Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Property & Landscaping Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Jr. G.S. Troop #611
- 7:00 p.m. Family to Family
- 7:00 p.m. Trustees
Monday Night Serenity (Al-Anon)
- 7:30 p.m. Prayer Vigil for Peace
Alcoholics Anonymous

Tuesday, May 10

- 8:30 a.m. Aerobic Dance Class
- 9:00 a.m. Weekday Preschool
- 9:15 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. ESL Class
Tuesday Night Together
Planned Giving Committee
- 6:00 p.m. Third Sunday Band Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. Tuesday Night Together
Adult Education Committee
Stewardship Committee

Wednesday, May 11

- 6:45 a.m. Men's Discipleship Group
- 9:00 a.m. Sewing & Quilting
Weekday Preschool
- 9:15 a.m. Parents' Morning Co-op
- 9:30 a.m. Belles - off site
- 10:00 a.m. Craft Group
Retired Persons Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Autumn Gospel Group
- 12:00 p.m. Lehigh County Mental Retardation
- 4:30 p.m. Safety Committee
- 5:30 p.m. Yoga Class
Safety Committee
- 6:30 p.m. Brownie Girl Scouts #6232
Daisy G.S. Troop #6027
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
DBSA
Session Meeting with Confirmands
- 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Men's Bible Study

Thursday, May 12

- 8:30 a.m. Aerobic Dance Class
- 9:00 a.m. Weekday Preschool
- 12:30 p.m. Spiritual Formation Staff
- 4:00 p.m. Khal/Ammary Wedding Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. ESL

Thursday, May 12, continued

- 6:30 p.m. Brownie G.S. Troop #6214
Handbells
- 7:00 p.m. Thursday Bible Study
Arabic Women's Bible Study
Boy Scout Troop #107
Al-Anon
Multicultural Task Force
Communications Committee
- 7:30 p.m. Local Mission Team
- 8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

Friday, May 13

- 9:00 a.m. Weekday Preschool
- 9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- 11:30 a.m. Women's Painting Group
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Class Dinner &
Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Blessed Memories
- 7:30 p.m. Confirmation Brunch Set-up

Saturday, May 14

- All Day Confirmation Brunch Set-up
- 6:00 a.m. Second Harvest Food Bank
- 7:30 a.m. Saturday Men's Group
- 10:00 a.m. Shawl Knitting Ministry Group
International Adoption Agency
- 2:00 p.m. Moufid /Chapel
Khal/Ammary Wedding

Sunday, May 15

Confirmation Sunday

Introduction of New Members

- 8:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Confirmation Class Brunch
- 9:45 a.m. Arabic Worship Service
Church School (All Ages)
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 4:00 p.m. Cantate Domino Rehearsal
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Middle & High School Fellowships
- 6:45 p.m. Board of Deacons Meeting

Monday, May 16

- 8:30 a.m. National Piano Guild Audition
- 9:00 a.m. Weekday Preschool
- 11:30 a.m. Weekday Preschool Lunch
Bunch
- 7:00 p.m. Family to Family
Monday Night Serenity
(Al-Anon)
- 7:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

Tuesday, May 17

- All Day Election Day
- 8:30 a.m. Aerobic Dance Class
National Piano Guild Audition
- 9:00 a.m. Weekday Preschool
- 9:15 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Tuesday Night Together
ESL Class
Stephen Ministry Leader Meeting

Tuesday, May 17, continued

- 6:00 p.m. Third Sunday Band Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Lehigh Presbytery Committee
on Ministry
Staff Committee
Because I Love You
- 7:30 p.m. Tuesday Night Together

Wednesday, May 18

- 6:45 a.m. Men's Discipleship Group
- 8:30 a.m. National Piano Guild Audition
- 9:00 a.m. Weekday Preschool
Sewing & Quilting
- 9:15 a.m. Parents' Morning Co-op
- 10:00 a.m. Craft Group
Retired Persons Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Autumn Gospel Group
- 12:00 p.m. Photo Directory
- 4:00 p.m. Worship Planning Team
- 5:30 p.m. Yoga Class
Greening Creation
- 6:30 p.m. Daisy G.S. Troop #6973
Children's Ministry Committee
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
DBSA
Spiritual Formation Vision Team
- 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Men's Bible Study
Refugee Steering Committee

Thursday, May 19

- 8:30 a.m. National Piano Guild Audition
Aerobic Dance Class
- 9:00 a.m. Weekday Preschool
- 12:30 p.m. Spiritual Formation Staff
- 5:30 p.m. ESL Class
- 6:30 p.m. Handbells
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop #107
GS Service Unit Meeting
Al-Anon
Thursday Bible Study
Communications Committee
- 8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

Friday, May 20

- 9:00 a.m. Weekday Preschool Fun Day
- 9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Good Shepherd Bowling Group

Saturday, May 21

- 10:00 a.m. Presbytery 5 Wishes Workshop
- 12:00 p.m. Boy Scout Court of Honor

Sunday, May 22

- 8:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Arabic Worship Service
Church School (All Ages)
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 2:45 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
- 3:15 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 4:00 p.m. Baccalaureate Service &

THIS SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

May 8, 2011

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. services

Rev. Katie Sundermeier

Sermon: *Walking Together*

Scripture: Luke 24:13-35

Music at 8:30: Cantate Domino

Music at 11:00: Chancel Choirs

Music: Adult Handbell Choir

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

May 15, 2011

Confirmation Sunday

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. services

Rev. Stephen Emick

Sermon: *Listening for Jesus*

Scripture: Psalm 23, John 10:1-10

Music at 8:30: Youth Choir

Music at 11:00: Youth Choir

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS

Ushers – May 8

8:30 a.m. - *Mark Simmons, Captain*; Youth Usher Team.

11:00 a.m. - *Chuck Hess, Captain*; Bob & Carol Chisdak; Peggy, Taylor, Kelly & Kyle Gonnoude; Kelly, Chad, Lauren & Ashley Hess; Jill Krum; Margaret Leinweber; Kathleen Logan; Marge Parker; Sonya & Todd Siegfried; Bill White.

Ushers – May 15

8:30 a.m. - *Nancy Holler, Captain*; Deb Allen; Bobby Clifford; Alan & Jami Cooper; Larry Erickson; Joyce Gobrecht; Josh Hilbert; Alyssa Holler-Hilbert; Paul & Sarah Holler; Marlene Merz; Richard Nolte; Dot Ouellette; Heidi Rex; Sue & John Van Den-Elzen; Jan Walker.

11:00 a.m. - *Linda Clemens, Captain*; Bruce Ahlum; Sharon Alexander; Kevin & Chris Boucher; Larry Clemens; Bob Klein; Mike Lentz; Josh & Nathan Luey; Salma Moussa; Shari & Emily Russo; Katie Santo; Jeanne Stone.

Office Volunteers

May 8: Judy Rainey (8:00); Carol Miller (10:00)

May 15: Emily Schneider (8:00); LuAnn Epstein (10:00)

Dial-A-Ride Volunteers

May 8: *Drivers Needed*

May 15: *Drivers Needed*

Audio Room Volunteers

May 8: *Volunteer Needed* (8:30); *Volunteer Needed* (11:00)

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SPECIAL INSERT: OFFICER NOMINATIONS

2011 NOMINATION OF MEMBERS FOR CHURCH OFFICERS

The Congregational Nominating Committee is searching for individuals (including youth who are confirmed members of our congregation) with the skills and spiritual gifts needed for service as Elders, Deacons, Trustees, and members of next year's Congregational Nominating Committee.

Nominees should be willing to give significant amounts of time in service and leadership, representing a wide spectrum of ages, backgrounds, interests, and previous service.

Description of the offices:

- **Elders** are the spiritual leaders of the congregation and serve on the session, the church's governing body. The term of office is three years.
- **Deacons** extend ministry to those in need, the sick, the friendless, and those in distress. The term of office is three years.
- **Trustees** perform the corporate duties of the church; overseeing the management of the building and grounds and investment of funds. The term of office is three years
- **At-large members of the Congregational Nominating Committee** present a slate of potential officers to the congregation in the Fall. The commitment involves approximately 4 meetings starting in April and May and continuing through October. The term is one year.

It is not necessary to secure the permission of another member before submitting their name for a given office. If you feel called to serve, you are encouraged to submit your own name.

Although we are not able to nominate every person whose name is submitted, we will carefully and prayerfully consider each recommendation. It will be helpful if you can give us some information about the person you are naming so that we can make informed decisions.

Church Officer Nomination Form

Name of Nominee: _____ Telephone: _____

Nominating for the following church office (choose one or more as appropriate):

- Elder Deacon Trustee Member, Nominating Committee

Using the space below or on additional paper as needed, tell us about your candidate (faith commitment, spiritual gifts, interests, talents, church activities, previous experience, commitments to attendance at worship and other qualities:

Deadline for nominations is Sunday, May 15th

Please submit your completed form to the church office or place it in the offering plate at worship.

The 2011 Nominating Committee – Tom Myers, Chairperson (610-366-0585) teek@rcn.com

Additional forms are available in the Welcome Centers and Church Office.