



# May 2024

# Chosen for a PURPOSE

My dear Church Family,

We have waited. We have prayed. We have longed for. We now see... God's signs of new promise.

It is hard for me to describe my joy, as I watch God's work at Trinity and how he has been bringing all of us together with such commitment, passion, and joy. It has been a tremendous gift to see how our coming together in one traditional service has added so much to our corporate energy and worship experiences. The new friends who have been joining us at both services and especially at Revive have been an answer to our prayers. I am especially delighted for the children who will be baptized/dedicated this season. Thank you, Lord.

From time to time, I receive words from those who are blessed by the Lord through our ministry. Here are some comments of gratitude:

*One of our new guests said, "God is at work here. I feel it every time I come. Keep staying on course". – Ken*

*I find the communion service illuminating. It was especially so today for some reason. I enjoyed your sermon. Your insight into the men lowering their friend was outstanding. It spoke to me. – John*

*We like it at your church. – Jhonnathan*

*Kindness begets kindness. Love begets love. Revive is growing and gaining momentum. Service was great again today. Keep pressing on. – Dave*

We are grateful for what the Lord is doing and we give Him all the glory. During this month we look forward to continuing in our preaching series from the Gospel of Mark. We focus on the theme, "Chosen for a purpose." Our studies in the Gospel of Mark have been pointing us towards deeper discipleship and living for Jesus. As we ponder discipleship, here is a voice that has touched so many around the world.

In the spring of 1945, a German Lutheran pastor in his late 30s was at risk of execution in a Nazi concentration camp. Dietrich Bonhoeffer had spent two years imprisoned, and during that time had published letters on the Christian faith, delivered Sunday sermons and shared the Gospel with his prison mates and prison guards.

That Bonhoeffer was focused on others' redemption in the midst of his own challenges is a stirring reminder of the cost of discipleship. On April 9, 1945 Bonhoeffer was hanged at Flossenbürg concentration camp for his involvement in a small Protestant resistance movement and conspiracy to defeat Hitler and his regime. Even so, Bonhoeffer's legacy endures. Today he is considered one of the most esteemed Protestant theologians out of the twentieth century. Sometimes the unexpected troubles in our own lives tempt us to ignore the spiritual and physical needs of others and maybe question, "Lord, are you there?" But we need only look at Bonhoeffer's passion and sacrifice as a blunt reality check for what it means to follow Jesus Christ. It's not easy and it's costly. <sup>1</sup>

Here are some soul-searching words from Bonhoeffer, "Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, Communion without confession, absolution without personal confession. Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate." <sup>2</sup>

Dietrich Bonhoeffer stands tall in the Gospel's Hall of Faithfulness for his uncompromising commitment to follow Jesus and to do so even at the cost of his personal safety and life. He once wrote: "When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die." Bonhoeffer's life and legacy challenges us to move from complacency to unflinching dedication, from self-absorption to Kingdom-style living.

As we read such a moving account about the witness of Bonhoeffer, we might feel like we have nothing much to offer. Some of us may even feel like we are not worthy to be considered for God's kingdom. Please do not lose heart. As Pastor Rick Warren, reminds us, "God only uses imperfect, broken people. If God only used perfect people, nothing would get done because perfect people don't exist!" <sup>3</sup>

There is room in this story for you, and even me! We are indeed chosen for a purpose!

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Notes :

1. Chelsen Vicari, The institute on religion and democracy blog, May 22, 2017
2. The Cost of Discipleship, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Christian Kaiser Verlag, Munich, Germany, 1937
3. Rick Warren, Daily Hope devotional, April 13, 2024

### TRINITY CHURCH'S SUNDAY SCHEDULE FOLLOW-UP

Thank you for your kind attention to the church times survey, The survey addressed the question of what the congregation is thinking following the three month trial period of combining the 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services to 9:30 a.m., moving Revive to 11:00 a.m., Coffee Fellowship from 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Children's Sunday School at 11:00 a.m. and Adult Sunday School at 8:15 a.m..

Replies were received from 189 individuals. 97% of the surveys received are favorable to continuing with one 9:30 a.m. Sanctuary Service and the 11:00 a.m. Revive Service. Numerous positive comments were received concerning the combination of the two traditional services. Attendance has been encouraging at both the Sanctuary Service and Revive, and the excitement has been felt. Coffee Fellowship has experienced record numbers and the children's Sunday School Class is experiencing stable attendance with many parents attending Revive. The Adult Sunday School class is adjusting to the time change with coffee and sweets in their classroom when they arrive.

Thanks to all of you for your loving support through this process of big change. Change is never easy, but we take encouragement from our mission statement – to celebrate, connect, and communicate God's love with individuals. This format has enabled us to better fulfill the three C's. Let's continue to serve as a bridge to connect God's love story with our community and online.

## BLESSINGS IN WORSHIP

What an amazing build-up and time we had this Holy Week.

We are grateful for:

1. The work of the Holy Spirit in our hearts.
2. The new guests that God has brought into our fellowship.
3. The precious and amazing blessing on our music ministries in both services.
4. The faithful ministry of God's Word by Bishop Pauline Peifer (Maundy Thursday) and Rev. Dr. John Smith (March 10).
5. The experiences we had, especially on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter are reminiscent of the words in Luke 24, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us...and opened the scriptures to us."

## JOIN US FOR A SING ALONG WORSHIP EXPERIENCE WITH DR. PAUL AND ANNETTE PITTS

We are delighted to announce that Dr. Paul and Annette Pitts, renowned singers, and worship leaders, will be joining us for a sing along worship experience at both of our services on Sunday, July 14, 2024. They will be leading us in a time of praise and worship and sharing testimonies of God's grace and power in their lives.

As a special treat, Paul and Annette are requesting the congregation's choices of hymns or songs that they could include on that day. They want to honor your preferences and make this a memorable and meaningful event for everyone. So, please send in your favorites by email to [office@trinityonbridge.com](mailto:office@trinityonbridge.com) or by calling the office at 717-774-7146 or by entering them into the suggestion sheet that you will find near the mailboxes. Please submit your suggestions by Sunday, June 30, 2024.

This is a great opportunity to invite a friend, a neighbor, a coworker, or a family member to join us in worship.

**Dinner with  
pastor and  
friends:  
New guests  
fellowship  
April 14**



## PRAYER INVITATION AND ANNOUNCEMENT

Walk through prayer time: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at church at 6 pm. Join us to walk through and pray for Trinity's ministries and missions. No FB prayer time that night.

No FB prayer time on Tuesday, June 18 on account of VBS.

## SERIES TITLE: Remarkable!

### MAY'S THEME

**Chosen for a purpose.**

**May 5**

**Is your boat on standby?**

**Mark 3:7-12**

Holy Communion in both services

**May 12**

**On God's play list.**

**Mark 3:13-19**

**May 19 - Music Sunday**

**Worthy is the Lamb (Cantata)**

**Psalm 100**

**May 26**

**Surviving an 18-wheeler people crash.**

**Mark 3:20-34**

## PRAYER FOCUS FOR MAY

Pray for veterans who are paying the price for serving the country on account of health needs.

## PASTOR ARUN'S GRATITUDE

As your preacher and pastor, each worship experience on Sundays makes me feel like I am only a spectator. A spectator in the cockpit of a plane that God is taking to the skies of worship and landing on the tarmac of obedience. Before leaving church on Sundays, I usually kneel at the altar and say, "Lord, I don't know how you keep doing it and blessing us so much! I can never do it. Thanks for doing it again!"

Touched in worship? Do you have any personal reflections to share about your worship experiences? How about writing a note, letter, e-mail, text or letting the pastor know?

## GRATITUDE FOR GOD'S WORK AMONG US

- **Pray and Go:** A ministry that is silently and steadily touching and blessing lives in New Cumberland. Thanks to Sharon Sheffer (coordinator), Wilma Rockey, Tom/Cathy Baum and Dianne Schofield for walking the streets of New Cumberland and praying at each home on the way. As of 4/15/2024 the team had stopped and prayed at 1175 homes. The commitment is to stop and pray in front of a home for blessings to them, for God's love to be showered upon them and for any needs that the Lord knows they have. The team also places a door hanger on the door of the home. The door hanger on one side says, "we love our community" and on the other, says, "we prayed for you". It also has details of our church. Thank you, faithful team! God bless New Cumberland!
- **Kids for Christ.** Our kids for Christ ministry combines a lovely time of singing, time of prayer, age-specific Bible teaching to groups between ages K- 3rd grade and grades 4-5. Our Sunday sessions also include a game/craft and a healthy snack. Would you consider inviting kids from your family circle/friends circle to our kids ministry? We have an amazing group of volunteers serving in our team. They love kids, love the Lord and seek to lead the children to understand God's love.
- **Vacation Bible School:** Please consider praying for VBS as often as you can. Please consider inviting your kids, grandkids, and the kids and grandkids of your friends/neighbors/colleagues. It is a great time of learning of God's love. This year's theme is "Scuba: Diving into friendship with God". Registrations open early April, online and at church. Await further details.
- **Youth ministry:** Fostering the faith of a truly genuine bunch of youth. This ministry has been a blessing to the youth and adult leaders who include, Jan Snyder (coordinator), Sue Grubb, Dr. Jim and Jody Blacksmith, Genevieve Lupold, and Pastor Arun. Every Wednesday night has been a fun night of sharing life, faith, and worship together
- **Community Good Friday service** at the theatre and **Community Easter service** at the park. Encouraging response from the community and participation of New Cumberland churches.
- **Leadership Team retreat** – April 6 at the Bongiorno Conference center, Carlisle, PA: Plenty of studied and faithful work was done with regard to the ongoing process with the bylaws for Trinity. This team is a very faithful, genuine, humble gathering of servants of Christ, who tirelessly and sacrificially give of their time and efforts to lead Trinity through a new season . Thank you, for modeling servant-leadership with a passionate commitment to stay on course for the King and the Kingdom. We are grateful to Shirley Sharpe for her faithful leadership and to Carol Wilson for her meticulous work with our records.
- **New guests' dinner** – April 14: It has been encouraging to hear from Beth Sider, (chair, worship committee) that we have had almost 70 new individuals that we can identify as new guests who have continued to stay with us at Trinity (in the last year or two). Bishop Pauline Peifer (Coordinator, Discipleship pathway) organized a very wonderful evening for our new guests on Sunday, April 14th. The evening included a sumptuous dinner, brief presentations of ministries and volunteer opportunities by Todd Davis (Music ministry in "The sanctuary", our traditional worship experiences), Jamie Bream (Music ministry in "Revive", our contemporary worship experiences), Miriam Andrews (Kids for Christ ministry), Jan Snyder (youth ministry) and Bishop Pauline (who created a page in which she presented the small groups, ministries and mission opportunities available for volunteer participation in three easy-to-find groupings). A big thank you to Cathy and Tom Baum, Betty Caboot, Mike Dimatteo, Deb Rose for working with Carol Everetts (Coordinator, Caring Ministries) to provide an amazing dinner. Pastor Arun closed by inviting our new guests to respond to two questions: "What brought you here? What keeps you here?" The responses were an affirmation of Trinity's loving community, friendly spirit, worship experiences, and people's desire for the preaching of God's word. Pastor went to each table and recognized each individual/ family who were new at Trinity with gratitude.
- **Connecting creatively with our community:** Shirley Sharpe has been helping us to create relevant and attractive bags/ baskets to give away to people in our community. This is creating a special impact, letting people know that we are a church who cares. Recently, 30 bags were given to the New Cumberland Business and Professionals Group. These bags were forwarded to new families who have moved into New Cumberland. Shirley also created 55 bags for our new guest's dinner and the centerpieces for the tables. She also created giveaway bags for the meeting on Wednesday, April 17 at the firehouse where Pastor Arun spoke to the NC Business and Professional Group. Apart from goodies, the bags/baskets contain a copy of John's gospel, prayer request cards, and also a welcoming card about Trinity. Thank you Shirley!

## GRATITUDE FOR GOD'S WORK AMONG US (CONTINUED)

- New Cumberland Business and Professional Group: on Wednesday, April 17, Michelle Meckley, who represents Trinity in the New Cumberland Business and Professional Group, organized treats and coffee. Bags made by Shirley Sharpe were presented to those in attendance. Pastor Arun shared a presentation titled, "Encouragement from an Indian heart: From Bangalore to New Cumberland." A good time of connecting.
- Facebook Music in person and online (Wednesdays at 12). Thanks to all of you who relish these wonderful times of music put together by Todd Davis, Director of Music Ministries. This has been a great way for people to gather mid-week at the sanctuary or pause mid-week between work/ lunch and to also invite friends to participate with Trinity online. A lovely opportunity for you to invite friends to worship through the gift of high-quality music in a time that centers on the Scriptures and our journey of faith with the Lord Jesus.
- Facebook prayer times (Tuesdays at 8 pm). We have been blessed by the dedication of our congregation to pray. We appreciate all our regular participants on Tuesday nights. Thanks to Beth Sider and Genevieve Lupold, who also help us in hosting these prayer times along with the Pastor. The pastor also plans to continue to invite the congregation to the "Walk through prayer times" at church from time to time.

We will hear more about what the Lord is doing through our other small groups, ministries, and missions. Thank you for your prayers, volunteer and financial support that make these ministries possible.

## TRUSTEE UPDATE

We were recently able to complete the replacing of substantial sections of the roof on our building. We trust the leaks we were experiencing have been addressed. Whenever possible, our trustees themselves have been involved in our construction and improvement projects to save costs. Presently, they are working on the creation of a new audio/video booth in Fellowship Hall. There is also a major upcoming project of replacing the HVAC units for the sanctuary before summer comes. We have relied upon funds received in the past through estates that were bequeathed to Trinity. At this point in time, we are relying on the Lord's continued provisions. Our present projects are estimated at over \$225,000. Maintaining an aging building of significant years sure does have its challenges and costs. Should the Lord lay it on your heart, and you are able to contribute, it will support the ongoing work of our Lord at Trinity. You may write your checks to 'Trinity Church' and in the memo line specify 'Building fund'. Trustees: Scott Sundy (Chair), John Mickle, Rich Jones, Scott Bankert and Brian Weller. Thank you, Trustees. You are a gift!



Men at work! Creating audio/ video booth in Fellowship Hall.

## WORSHIP ITEMS by Beth Sider

### SUNNIER SIDE OF SIXTY

Thanks to those who participated in April: Preacher, Rev. Kenneth Meyer; Ministers, Rev. Andrews and Bishop Pauline Peifer; Musicians, Todd Davis, Louis Lynch, Ronald and Beth Sider; Assisting with Communion, Janice Ocamb; Communion Steward, Jane Gable; Fellowship Time, The Caring Ministry Team led by Carol Evertts.

**Next Sunnier Side of Sixty - June 25th** at 12:00 PM - Seniors Summer Pizza Lunch  
1:15 PM - Service in sanctuary with Bishop Pauline speaking and music by Trinity youth

### HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Thanks to the many who helped with preparing the sanctuary for the services: Altar Guild- Kathy Brosius, Paula Taylor, Beth Sider; Easter Flowers- Tracey Williams, Jodi Walters, Marissa Gable, Miriam Andrews; Communion preparation- Jane Gable; The Altar Cross- Harry Rodriguez; The Banners- Jim Wertz; Ushers and Greeters who served on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday; The Chancel Choir members who helped strip the altar after the Maundy Thursday service and then reassemble it for the Easter service.

### MOTHER'S DAY- MAY 12TH

There will be a gift for each woman present this Sunday.

### PENTECOST SUNDAY - MAY 19TH

Red is the liturgical color for Pentecost. It represents the flames of the Holy Spirit which descended upon the apostles and followers of Jesus at Pentecost. The Trinity sanctuary will be decorated with red geraniums. Members of the congregation frequently also wear red this Sunday.

## A NOTE OF GRATITUDE AND A REQUEST: WILLS AND ESTATES

Recently, Trinity was blessed with a gift of \$10,000 from the estate of Dilys Lyter. We are truly grateful for church members like Dilys who over the years have considered this ministry and left a piece of their legacy to bless God's work here. Thank you, Lord!

When we received the communication from Dilys' attorneys about this gift, we became aware of how such documents need to be amended appropriately for smooth dispensation given our new status and name as a church. If you have entered 'Trinity Church' in your will, would you kindly ensure that our present name as a church is entered correctly, namely, 'Trinity Church of New Cumberland, PA'. We are truly grateful for your support and kind attention. Have questions? Talk with Bob Rosenthal, Gordon Taylor, or Carol Wilson.

**May 12**  
**12:30 - 1:30 p.m.**  
Behind Chase Bank,  
10 S. 2nd St., Hbg.

### STARFISH MINISTRIES



Contact Carol Crossley  
for more information.

Needs: baseball hats, ladies' leggings, deodorant, foot powder, sunglasses, gently used sneakers, tarps, and bagged chairs

On Sunday, April 21, Starfish was proud to host a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner for all of those who volunteered at our outreaches during the past year. We also recognized that folks who help with the Love Boxes, as Starfish also is blessed with them. Dinner was prepared and served by Harry and his "kitchen team".

Starfish Ministries is proud to have become a partner with Community Aid. If anyone donates things to any of their facilities and uses our Partner #50218, we will receive credit quarterly. One more way to get rid of "stuff" and help our nonprofit.

We have now begun a 2nd outreach, the last Tuesday of each month at the Fairview Township Fire Station. It's very limited and small at this point, but we have been able to bless several of the homeless which attend. Please pray for that ministry. I thank you for your continued support in helping those less fortunate. "They may have less than I have, but they are no less than I am." Carol Crossley

## THE PRAISE CORNER

by Todd Davis

*“At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,  
every tongue confess him King of glory now;  
'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,  
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.”*

(Words: Caroline M. Noel, 1870; Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1925)

### CHOIRS

It's May; for me, this is the most wonderful time of the year! The sun, with its warm radiant light, along with the beautiful growth of trees, plants, flowers, and the like make me smile and give me a sense of God's life-giving presence. "For the Lord is a sun and a shield, giving grace and glory" (Psalm 84). These two words, "sun" and "shield," are filled with a lot of profound meaning! We can rest assured that the Lord is our comforting presence and protection.

The Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir continue to prepare for upcoming services. On Thursday, May 2nd, the Chancel Choir will take part in the National Day of Prayer. On Sunday, May 19th, the worship service will highlight the ministries of the choirs and all musicians with Music Sunday! The Chancel Choir will present "Worthy Is the Lamb" by Lloyd Larson, in its entirety, with narrations! The following week, May 26th, the Chancel Choir will sing "A Prayer for Our Time," written by Joseph Martin. The anthem was written in response to the tragic events of September 11, 2001. It's a deeply profound piece. The anthem uses the tune Melita which we know as the Navy Hymn. The Chancel Choir warmly welcomes your voice. Please join us!

### MIDWEEK MUSIC CONCERTS

Midweek Music concerts continue! Many, many thanks to everyone who attends and watches online! This month, we continue with our reading of the Psalms. On February 23, 2022, we began our journey through the reading of the Psalms with Psalm 93. If all goes as planned, we should complete our reading of 150 Psalms on August 7th of this year. What a glorious scriptural journey! Concerts are on Wednesdays at noon and last approximately 30-40 minutes. Come for the reading of Holy Scripture, prayer, great music, and of course, the fun!

### "AT THE NAME OF JESUS"

The hymn quoted above is found in The United Methodist Hymnal, #168. Although it's a hymn we don't often sing, or possibly know, it is a 'hymn' found in Philippians 2:5-11. Some of the issues it addresses are humility and being of one mind in Christ. I urge you to read it, to sing it, to study it, and to add it to your repertoire of hymnody.

On Sunday, May 19th, the Handbell Choir will ring a setting of this hymn as arranged by Matthew Compton. The given title of the arrangement is "Toccata on King's Weston." "King's Weston" specifies the melody used with the text. The word "toccata" is a musical term meaning 'to touch.' Especially in keyboard music, it is a designation for a piece that can be characterized as free, improvisatory, and with fast musical notes and rhythms. It often showcases a performer's ability and technique. The Handbell Choir arrangement uses a driving rhythm throughout the piece with multiple handbell techniques. This sounds like a handbell toccata to me; it should be interesting to hear!

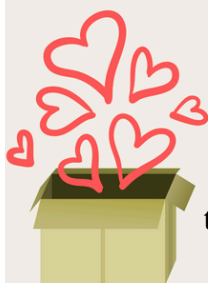
Soli Deo Gloria!

### May 23 from 9:00 - 10:30 AM

Needed: Cereal, canned fruit, vegetables, canned soups, pasta sauce, small boxes of sugar, oatmeal, pancake mix, syrup, hamburg helper, cookies.

We also accept Food Gift Cards.

We have distributed 3,485 love boxes ending the month of April. The team and I would like to say thank you for your generosity in helping the families that receive this food.



**FREE TRINITY LOVE BOXES**

Contact person:  
Carol Evertts 717-774-2307



**May 7 & 14  
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM**

**Needs:  
May 7 - cupcakes  
May 14 - bar cookies**

All baked goods must kindly be at the church by 11:00 a.m. each Tuesday.

**MY TESTIMONY**

by Jamie Bream

*"...return home and tell how much God has done for you." So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him."*

*Luke 8:39 (NLT)*

Elevation Worship released a song in 2020 titled "My Testimony". As the title indicates, the song testifies to Christ's payment for humanity's redemption and justification, the Holy Spirit's power, names etched in the Lamb's Book of Life, and God's continuance of His good work in those who believe in Him. The lyrics from the chorus are written below:

*This is my testimony from death to life/  
'Cause grace rewrote my story I'll testify/  
By Jesus Christ the righteous I'm justified/  
This is my testimony/This is my testimony*

These lyrics tell the basic story of salvation for every Christian since the beginning of... well, Christianity, and my story is no different. Born into a Christian family, the story of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection was taught as fact, but whether I believed it or not was still a decision I had to make for myself. I made that decision in the Spring of 2004 after attending an Easter drama at Christian Life Assembly. During one scene, the actor playing the part of Satan had a soliloquy, and I (at six years old) happened to be paying attention at that part. I asked my mom who the character was, and that evening my dad and her explained the full story of the Gospel to me. That was the night I accepted Jesus as my Savior.

Though I became a Christian when I was six years old, I did not accept my calling into worship ministry until my junior year of college. Prior to college, I began to feel a pull towards worship ministry, but being a stubborn teenager, I ignored that calling and instead chose to enter my freshman year at Liberty University as a music education major. The pull continued to get stronger throughout my freshman and sophomore years and was made clear to me through conversations with my friends and professors, but I continued to ignore it until one day in the fall of my junior year, when I was tutoring an elementary school student. The student did not want to do his homework and made it clear by stabbing me in the thigh with his pencil. This is what I refer to as my "snap point", at which God made it unmistakably clear that music education was not the path He had set for my life, and He knew that I knew the path that He had. That same evening, I went home and changed my major to Music and Worship and, following Christmas break, joined the worship team at Hyland Heights Baptist Church, a large church just down the road from Liberty. I served here throughout the remainder of my time in college, and I also joined the worship team at Christian Life Assembly. During the summer of 2021, I completed an 11-week worship internship at Beach Road Baptist Church in Southport, NC, and during the summer of 2022, I served as the worship interim at Red Lane Baptist Church in Powhatan, VA. I came on-staff at Trinity in November of 2022 and have seen God do amazing things through the church ever since then, from completely funding the Fellowship Hall renovation project to allowing our worship team multiple out-of-church outreach opportunities to providing two different 11-member orchestras for two separate Revive services. It has been an amazing privilege to see my testimony unfold through God's will for my life, and I am expectant of all He will continue to do. *"And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns"* (Philippians 1:6, NLT).

**ALL CHURCH RETREAT****Theme: You Belong****Saturday, June 8****9:30 am – 3:30 pm****Bongiorno Retreat Center, Carlisle**

A fun day of fellowship, worship,  
scripture, conversations, and food.

To register use sign up forms/  
Go online to [www.trinityonbridge.com](http://www.trinityonbridge.com)

**SECRET SISTERS:****MAY 18 @ 10 AM**

In honor of National Pizza Party Day, Secret Sister's will be celebrating with pizza games and door prizes. Bring your best kitchen apron for an apron contest & prize. Will be playing pizza trivia and of course eating lotza pizza! We'll be ordering cheese & pepperoni pizzas. Bon appétit! Please RSVP to Vicky Forman by 5/15 text to 717-623-6568





## HIGHLIGHTS AND SURVEY OF WEDNESDAY EVENING LENTEN SERIES

What a joy it was for more than 60 individuals to gather in the Fellowship Hall during the Lenten Season to participate in a video series by Max Lucado, “In the Footsteps of the Savior”. We first enjoyed a meal prepared by Carol Everetts and her Caring Ministry Team, watched an inspiring video teaching and walk with Max Lucado through the Holy Lands, and finally broke into eight small groups with leaders guiding us as we shared together our insights and discipleship journey.

As a result of the survey conducted at the conclusion, a sample of many participants said the following, “I really enjoyed Max’s explanations”; “it helped me dwell more deeply on parts of Jesus’ ministry”; “I’ve begun to pray more”; “I am reading the scripture more”; “I liked the continual action of opening the Bible every night”; “I want to walk like Jesus”.

We also asked participants if they would like to do a study like this again and perhaps even more often during the year (not just at Lent). Overwhelmingly, the response was positive with 56 people saying “yes” with the majority responding twice a year. We also asked what subject they would like to study the next time, giving them seven suggestions to check or add their own.

The top 4 suggestions were: #1) How to Handle Challenges God’s way as we age  
#2) How to Study the Bible #3) A Specific Bible Book Study #4) Prayer

These suggestions are all worthy of study, even the ones that didn’t make the top of the list. We now have good ideas for study throughout the next year. And of course we all look forward to eating a meal together before we study on a Wednesday night. So look forward to the next study to take place this coming fall with an opportunity to sign up. If there is sufficient interest, we will likely have more than one study at a time so you can choose the one you are most interested in, each with a designated leader.

It was such a blessing to see so many people come to study every Wednesday night during the Lenten Season. The desire to fellowship together was contagious and hunger for the word of God was even more inspiring. We hope you will consider signing up for the next session. There is always room for more!

Pauline Peifer, Discipleship Coordinator



**Revive  
worship:**  
growing by  
God’s grace  
(above pictures)

**Lenten  
Breakfast Bible  
Studies:**  
Some of the  
team behind the  
breakfasts  
(pictures to right)




**DUTIES FOR MAY 2024**


	<b>GREETERS</b>	<b>WORSHIP LEADERS</b>	<b>CHILDREN'S TALK</b>	<b>CLOSING</b>
<b>MAY 5</b>	Keith/Nancy Turner	Patricia Stacey	No Children's Talk	Scott Bankert
<b>MAY 12</b>	Jane/Rick Bittner	Missi St. Cyr	Kaylynn/Angel Snyder	John Mickle
<b>MAY 19</b>	Kathy Miller	Nancy Turner	Barbara Hawk	Rich Jones
<b>MAY 26</b>	Kathy/Larry Miller	Sharon Sheffer	Marissa Gable	Beth Sider
	<b>USHERS</b>	<b>9:30 NURSERY</b>	<b>11:00 NURSERY</b>	<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>
<b>MAY 5</b>	Daryl Potteiger Jed Beshore	Jan Snyder Betty Caboot	Jan Ocamb Charlotte Wagoner	Jane Gable
<b>MAY 12</b>	Daryl Potteiger George Karnes	Jan Snyder Millie Walter	Nancy Turner Jodi Walters	
<b>MAY 19</b>	Jed Beshore John/Barb Mickle	Jan Snyder Dianne Schofield	Sandy Williams Missi St.Cyr	Jean Ruth
<b>MAY 26</b>	Jed Beshore Gordon Taylor	Jan Snyder Nina Stoner	Tracey Williams Jane Gable	Kathy Brosius

# CALENDAR FOR MAY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</b> 8:15 - Adult Sunday School 9:30 - Traditional Worship 10:30 - Coffee Fellowship 11:00 - Revive Worship and Children's Sunday School		1 12 PM FB Live Music 6 PM Youth Group	2 <b>National Day of Prayer</b> 10 AM So 'n Sews 10:30 AM Celebrate from Heart & Spirit (LL)	3	4 9 AM Communion Prep
5 Communion	6 6 PM Leadership Team (Board) Meeting	7 10:00 AM TMG 11:30 AM DDB 8 PM FB Live Prayer	8 12 PM FB Live Music 6 PM Youth Group	9 10:30 AM Celebrate from Heart & Spirit (LL)	10	11
12 <b>Mother's Day</b> 12 PM Starfish Ministry	13 2 PM Worship Committee Meeting	14 10:00 AM TMG 11:30 AM DDB 8 PM FB Live Prayer	15 12 PM FB Live Music 6 PM Youth Group <b>TIDINGS DEADLINE</b>	16 10 AM So 'n Sews 10:30 AM Celebrate from Heart & Spirit (LL)	17 10 AM Grandparent's in Prayer Retreat	18 10 AM Secret Sisters
19	20 2:30 PM Pray & Go 6 PM Leadership Team (Board) Meeting	21 10:00 AM TMG 6 PM Walk thru Prayer Time NO FB Live	22 12 PM FB Live Music 6 PM Youth Group	23 9:00 AM Love Boxes 10:30 AM Celebrate from Heart & Spirit (LL)	24	25
26	27 OFFICE CLOSED	28 10:00 AM TMG 8 PM FB Live Prayer	29 12 PM FB Live Music 6 PM Youth Group	30 10:30 AM Celebrate from Heart & Spirit (LL)	31	



**PRAY & GO**  
 The Outreach Program for EVERYONE  
 Contact Sharon Sheffer for more information.  
**MAY 20TH**  
**@ 2:30 PM**  
 If that date/time does not work for you and you walk at another time, please e-mail Sharon Sheffer.



**Celebrate from Heart & Spirit Bible Study**  
 The Believer's Authority:  
 Luke 10:19  
 Contact Cindy Durborow  
 717-574-0445

**Thursdays**  
**10:30 AM - 12 PM**  
**Lion and Lamb room**

**Dated Material**

**FORWARDING SERVICE  
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**THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER  
THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024**

*LIFT UP THE WORLD - LIGHT UP THE WORLD*  
2 Samuel 22:29-31

**PRAYER VIGIL**

Wednesday, May 1 at 6 PM to Thursday, May 2 at 6 PM

**COMMUNITY PRAYER RALLY**

Thursday, May 2 at 6 PM

**PRAYING GROUPS and PRAYER WALK**

Thursday, May 2  
Following Prayer Rally



**FACEBOOK  
LIVE**

*time of prayer*

**TUESDAYS @ 8 PM**

June 17  
June 21

Pre K -  
8th grade

5:00 -  
8:30 PM

FREE  
Dinner

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