

Today

"For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." (Philippians 1:21 ESV) These words reflect the deeply held belief of the Apostle Paul. Pastor David will bring this morning's message of encouragement, "The Best of Both Worlds", from this scripture text.

Today is special in our congregational life as we celebrate the baptism of Elizabeth McSloy, Alyssa Richards, Emma Rohn and Tim Troxell. May their baptism cause us to consider our personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

6:30 p.m. "I AM N" Study

This Week May 2-7

MONDAY	
7:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting
8:00 p.m.	Softball Game, Forks
TUESDAY	
8:00 a.m.	Koffee & Konversation, Hellertown Diner
WEDNESDAY	
6:30 p.m.	Women's Banquet
THURSDAY	
6:30 p.m.	Softball Game, Promised Land
7:00 p.m.	Prayer Service
7:30 p.m.	Worship Team Practice

This Week's Discipleship Journal Reading Plan

May 1	Catch up day
May 2	Mark 10:1-16, 2 Corinthians 1:12-24, Psalms 96, 1 Samuel 3-5
May 3	Mark 10:17-34, 2 Corinthians 2, Psalms 97, 1 Samuel 6-8
May 4	Mark 10:35-52, 2 Corinthians 3, Psalms 98, 1 Samuel 9-10
May 5	Mark 11:1-11, 2 Corinthians 4, Psalms 99, 1 Samuel 11-13
May 6	Mark 11:12-26, 2 Corinthians 5, Psalms 100, 1 Samuel 14
May 7	Mark 11:27-33, 2 Corinthians 6, Psalms 101, 1 Samuel 15-16

Announcements

We have **Hearing Assist Units** available for those who may have difficulty hearing the service. Please speak to the person in the sound room to receive your unit for the morning.

We have a **Staffed Nursery** to care for your children through age three. In addition, there is a **Cry Room** at the rear of the sanctuary to attend to the needs of infants.

We have **Sunday School** for all ages. Please refer to the back of your bulletin to see where each class will be meeting.

Church Council will be meeting tomorrow evening, May 2, at 7:00 p.m.

Our annual **Women's Banquet** is this Wednesday, May 4 at 6:30 p.m. This will be a catered event here at the church. The cost is \$10. If you would like to attend, please sign up **today**.

The National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 5. There will be a focused prayer gathering that evening at 7:00 pm, to pray for our nation. The time is now to pray with one voice for the direction of America. Bring your children, for what a powerful example to them is seeing a mom or dad praying for the nation.

The Worship Commission is hosting a **Worship Team Appreciation Dinner** on Wednesday, May 18, 6:30 pm, at the Hellertown Diner. Our musicians, vocalists and sound room technologists are SO VERY important to our worship experience and we want to take this opportunity to say "Thank you". Worship team members please mark this event on your calendars.

In case you missed the **Business Meeting**:

1. Significant cleaning, repairs and painting will be happening to the exterior of the building.
2. New playground equipment has been selected and is being priced from Green Acres. Hopefully, this can be in place by Vacation Bible School. It will cost roughly \$4,500. There is a fund raiser planned to help defray this cost.
3. Conservative Mennonite Conference Annual Gathering will be held in Greenwood, DE August 4-7, 2016. Annual Conference will not get any closer to us in the near future, so make plans to attend. The only cost associated with this is transportation and lodging. Lodging should be secured soon as summer hotels fill quickly.
4. **Randy Willard** was unanimously affirmed to serve as an Elder.

We are having a **SCMC Family Night at the Iron Pigs Stadium** on Saturday, July 2!! Tickets are first come, first serve, so sign up today!! The game begins at 6:35 p.m. The tickets are \$10 each, which includes a \$2 food voucher. All sign-ups and money are due by May 29. Please give cash or checks made payable to SCMC to Tara Willard.

Ministry Opportunities & Events

It is time to employ the saying, "Many hands make light work". On Saturday, May 14, starting at 9:00 a.m. we will have a **Spring Cleaning Work Day** here. There are many things around the church that need organizing, cleaning, wiped down, repaired, etc. Being a part of a congregation also means that we actively care for the physical building. Lunch will be provided.

All you can eat Pancake and Sausage Fundraiser to Support the Youth Group! This will be held on Saturday, May 21 from 8-11 am. Adults 11 and older \$5, Children 3-10 \$3, 2 and under are free. Tickets will be available between church and Sunday School for the next few weeks and tickets will also be available at the door.

There will be a **Playground Fundraiser at YoFresh Frozen Yogurt**, Hellertown on Sunday, June 5 from 5:00-9:00 pm. YoFresh will donate 20% of all purchases during that time. This will be a great evening of fellowship and fundraising. Invite friends to lend their support to this event!

Sign up today in the chapel to help out with Vacation Bible School ! The theme is Cave Quest - Following Jesus, the Light of the World. VBS will be held June 20 - 24 from 6:30-8:30 pm for children ages 2 through finishing 5th grade. There is also a sign-up sheet to pre-order DVD's and CD's of the music. DVD's are \$15 and CD's are \$7. Please give the money to Tara Willard and she will give you the CD or DVD.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Nathan Bergey – May 4

Attendance and Giving

OFFERING ON APRIL 24: \$4948.61

ATTENDANCE ON APRIL 24: 162

Serving Others

	<u>TODAY</u>	<u>NEXT WEEK: (May 8)</u>
Nursery	Yen Truong Sue Reed (Alt.)	Rose Szabo Jaylen Lesser
Greeters	Larry & Denise Korpics	Phil & Lena Lakjer
Worship Ldr.	Sandy Faust	Robert Bergey
Ushers	Bobby Kempf Scott Richards Lee Walters	John Cressman Randy Willard Neal Kempf
Children's Message	Lisa Walters	None

Information

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Sunday School Information

2&3 YEAR OLDS

Led by Becky Lesser
Helper, Lydia Lesser
Upstairs Nursery

PRE-K/KINDERGARTEN

Led by Becky Thatcher
Helper, Mary Lou Shimko
Room LL1

GRADES 3-4

Led by Chip Shimko
Helper, Rose Szabo
Room LL3

GRADES 8-12

Led by Greg & Rachel
Feenstra
Youth Room

ADULT CLASS

Led by Pastor David
Sanctuary

3&4 YEAR OLDS

Led by Nancy Walters
Helper, Lucy Litke
Room B6

GRADES 1-2

Led by Randy Willard
Helper, Nick Mace
Room LL2

GRADES 5-7

Led by Sheryl Richards
Room LL4

ADULT CLASS

Led by Joel Mohler
Chapel



“The Best of Both Worlds”

Philippians 1:21
Pastor David K. Kochsmeier



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