

## Today

Happy Mother's Day! We are grateful for the ladies who bless our lives in so many wonderful ways!

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus asked his disciples who they say He was. Peter rightly stated that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of the Living God. Jesus, commending Peter stated that He would build His church and the gates of hell shall not overcome the church. (Matthew 16)

Today, using the text of Ephesians 1:15-23 and Matthew 16:18, Pastor David will encourage the church to reclaim its surrendered ground in society. The title of today's message is "Rabbit or Rhinoceros?"

## This Week

May 15-20

### MONDAY

6:30 p.m. Softball Game, Promiseland

### TUESDAY

8:00 a.m. Koffee & Konversation, Hellertown Diner

### WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m. Women's Banquet, Borderline Restaurant

### THURSDAY

7:30 p.m. Worship Team Practice

### FRIDAY

4:45 a.m. Men's Fishing Trip

## This Week's Let's Read the Bible Together Plan

May 14	Deuteronomy 27-28, 1 Corinthians 14
May 15	Deuteronomy 29-30, 1 Corinthians 15
May 16	Deuteronomy 31-32, 1 Corinthians 16
May 17	Deuteronomy 33-34, Psalm 89, 102-103
May 18	Psalm 104-108
May 19	Psalm 31, 68, 111, 113, 2 Corinthians 1
May 20	Joshua 1-2, 2 Corinthians 2

## 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.

The **SCMC Softball Team** has started the season with 3 wins, no losses, and with very many different players contributing! Come out to cheer on the team this Monday evening at 6:30 p.m. at Promiseland.

**SCMC Fall Cruise to the Bahamas** - If you have interest in going on this four-night cruise, October 16-20, 2017, AND HAVE NOT SIGNED UP, please do so **immediately**. Staterooms will need to be booked by May 15th.

All of the tickets for **SCMC Family Night at the Iron Pigs** have been sold. If you haven't already paid, please use the envelope in your church mailbox and place the payment in the offering **today**. Thank You!

The **Women's Banquet** is this **Wednesday evening** at the Borderline Restaurant in Bethlehem. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m.

**Attention Men!!** The **Men's Deep Sea Fishing trip** is this **coming Saturday**. Please meet at the church at **4:45 a.m.** We will be carpooling to get there - let Kevin Olsen or Pastor David know if you would be willing to drive. Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer if you would like to attend.

Our **May Lunch Bunch** will be Wednesday, May 24, at 12 noon. We will be going to Diana's Cafe in Center Valley. The restaurant is located at 4907 Rt. 309 in Center Valley. If you would like to attend, please sign up on the sheet provided in the foyer.

**Wednesday, May 24**, is our last night of **Youth Group and Good News Club** for the school year. We will be having a picnic that day at Louise Moore Park - pavilion #3, 151 Country Club Rd. Easton, PA 18045. The picnic begins at 5:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. Please sign up to bring a side item or dessert by May 21. This is open to all Youth Group and Good News Club families!

**Summer School begins June 4 at 6:30 p.m. with the book study of BEFRIEND by Scott Sauls.** Please indicate your interest by signing up on the sheet provided in the foyer. This helps in preparing for the class. The following is taken from the back cover of the book:

*We live in a world where real friendship is hard to find. Suspicious of others and insecure about ourselves, we retreat into the safety of our small, self-made worlds. Now more than ever, it's easy to avoid people with whom we disagree or whose life experiences don't mirror our own. Safe among like-minded peers and digital "friends," we really don't have to engage with those who can challenge and enhance our limited perspectives. Tragically, even the church can become a place that minimizes diversity and reinforces isolation.*

*Jesus models a much richer vision for friendship. In BeFriend, popular teacher, Scott Sauls, invites us to see and savor the broad and deep love of God. In twenty-one eloquent meditations on what God's love can look like in our everyday lives, Scott invites us to expand our circle of friends.*

*Scott has met too many people whose first impulse is to fence off their lives with relational barriers that only end up starving their own souls.*

*Yes, it's true: Real friendship is costly. Love does make us vulnerable. But, without risk, our lives will remain impoverished.*

*Join Scott in BeFriend as he summons you toward diverse friendships that can enrich your life and, in the process, reveal a better version of yourself.*

**Your help is needed to make VBS a success for the children!** VBS will be June 26-30 from 6:30 until 8:30pm. Volunteers can sign up to help on the bulletin board in the chapel. There is also a snack sign-up sheet to donate snacks. You can also purchase music CD's, DVD's, or music download cards of all the VBS music. Sign-up sheets for that are on the bulletin board as well. Flyers to hand out to friends, family, neighbors are available in the foyer as well as registration forms. Online registration will be opening soon. Begin praying now for the children and families that will be impacted!

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Becky Thatcher – May 14  
Darion Cela – May 14  
Leidon Cela – May 14  
Lucy Litke – May 15  
Diane Cassel – May 16  
Denise Korpics – May 17  
Mark Walters – May 18  
Bonnie Rohn – May 19  
Tiffany Faust – May 20

## Attendance and Giving

OFFERING ON MAY 7: \$4997.89

ATTENDANCE ON MAY 7: 155

## Serving Others

	<u>TODAY</u>	<u>NEXT WEEK: (May 21)</u>
<b>Nursery</b>	Rose Szabo Elizabeth McSloy	Sue Reed Rachael Litke
<b>Greeters</b>	Phil & Lena Lakjer	Harold & Bertha Lehman
<b>Worship Ldr.</b>	Kelly Schoch	Dan Reed
<b>Ushers</b>	Greg Feenstra Bobby Kempf Scott Richards	Lee Walters John Cressman Randy Willard
<b>Children's Message</b>	Kelly Schoch	Sue Reed

## Information

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## Sunday School Information

### 2-3 YEAR OLDS

Led by Deanna Olsen  
Upstairs Nursery

### PRE-K

Led by Becky Lesser  
& Lois Halsel  
Aid, Danielle Mangione  
Room B6

### KIND. & GRADE 1

Led by Becky Thatcher  
Helper, Lucy Litke  
Room LL1

### GRADES 2 & 3

Led by Katrina Schmidt  
& Lydia Mohler  
Room LL2

### GRADES 4 & 5

Led by Randy Willard  
Room LL3

### GRADES 6-10

Led by Sandy Faust  
Room LL4

### ADULT CLASS & 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> GRADES

Led by Pastor David  
Chapel



## *“Rabbit or Rhinoceros?”*

Ephesians 1:15-23, Matthew 16:18  
Pastor David K. Kochsmeier



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May 14, 2017

**Everyone. Everyday. Everywhere.**