

# THE mini EPISTLE



July 2023

## Monthly Highlights:

Every Wednesday from 6/28 - 8/2 - Summer Bible Study

6/30 & 7/1 Outdoor Community Concerts - 6:30-8 PM

7/2 Pentecost 5 Holy Communion

7/8 Men's Breakfast & Bible Study - 8:30 AM

7/9 Pentecost 6 Praise Service

7/14 Hearts of Fire Virtual Event - 6:30 PM

7/16 Pentecost 7 Holy Communion

VBS WEEK 7/16-7/21 - SUNDAY-FRIDAY - 6:00-8:30 PM

7/23 Pentecost 8 Mission Service

7/29 Men's Breakfast & Bible Study - 8:30 AM

7/30 Pentecost 9 Holy Communion / Fifth Sunday Brunch

# Council Actions

## Council Highlights from June 2023:

- Unanimously accepted the Denominations Task Force's recommendation that Holy Cross affiliate with both Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ and the North American Lutheran Church. More details will be presented at a congregational forum to be held soon. A congregational vote will be scheduled in a month or so.
- "Hearts of Fire" live-stream event, sponsored by Voice of the Martyrs, will be held at Holy Cross on Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM. All are encouraged to attend!
- We still need someone to serve as Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair.

# JULY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

## BIRTHDAYS

1 – Dawn Mickleson  
3 – Orlo Hulock / Crissy Stokes / Sarah Barlow  
6 – John Fuesler  
9 – Kelsea Warren  
14 – Ed Tkacik / Jan Stryker  
16 – Alan Gilbert / Jonathan Miller  
19 – Berlina Trapp  
20 – Melissa Kulesza  
21 – Carole Franceski  
22 – Jeremiah Brown

24 – Ron Ballek  
25 – Pastor David Brown  
26 – Bryan Himmelwright

## ANNIVERSARIES

Jason & Megan McKnight – 7/3/11  
Ken & Cindy Yoxheimer – 7/19/75  
Michael & Penny Miller – 7/20/96  
Brian & Michelle Yeakel – 7/25/98

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# Summer Wednesday Morning Bible Studies

begin:

**June 28<sup>th</sup>, 10:00-11:30 AM**

**See how Jesus  
whispers His Name  
(Name Above All Names!)  
in every book of the Bible.**

**Six dates...come to one or all:**

**June 28, July 5 through 26 and August 2**

Relaxed atmosphere, no homework, come as you are, good  
fellowship and coffee!



IN CONJUNCTION WITH BLAZING  
GLORY MINISTRIES



# OUTDOOR LIVE

# CONCERT

COME & ENJOY INSPIRATIONAL,  
OLDIES, & PATRIOTIC MELODIES



PLEASE BRING LAWN CHAIR

2 NIGHTS - FRIDAY & SATURDAY -  
JUNE 30 & JULY 1 - 6:30-8PM

Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church  
2700 Jacksonville Rd. Bethlehem, PA 18017

FREE REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED





JOIN US FOR THE

# Hearts of Fire

V I R T U A L E V E N T

*Hear inspiring testimonies of costly faith from four courageous women.*



**GRACIA BURNHAM**

Held captive in  
the Philippines



**ANITA SMITH**

Husband martyred  
in Libya



**HELEN BERHANE**

Imprisoned  
in Eritrea



**SUSANNA KOH**

Husband abducted  
in Malaysia



*Worship Music by Michael W. Smith*

**Hosted by Holy Cross Church  
Friday, July 14, 2023 at 6:30PM  
Refreshments Provided**

Pick up your FREE Ticket at church or call the church office (610)867-6231.



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# Need space this summer?

Come to VBS 2023  
Sunday, July 16--Friday, July 21  
6:00-8:30 PM

Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church  
2700 Jacksonville Rd., Bethlehem, Pa.18017

Games, gizmos, Bible stories,  
tasty treats and unforgettable music!

VBS will be out of this world!

To register, call 610-867-6231



**STELLAR**

SHINE JESUS' LIGHT

# JULY 2023 SERVANTS OF THE LORD

		<b>7/2 PENTECOST 5</b>	<b>7/9 PENTECOST 6</b>	<b>7/16 PENTECOST 7</b>	<b>7/23 PENTECOST 8</b>	<b>7/30 PENTECOST 9</b>
<b>Children's Chat</b>	8:30		Ruthann Kistler		Ruthann Kistler	
<b>Communion Servers</b>	8:30 10:45	Patty Stein, Faith Miller, Bella Zyskowski Marianne Sands		Jonathan Miller, Mike Zyskowski, Josh Miller Lyn Stryker		Seth Miller, Patty Stein, Jonathan Miller Lyn Stryker
<b>Communion Visitors</b>		Pastor David Sharon Branigan				
<b>Grass Cutters</b>		Chris Chmela, Pat Chmela, Jim Steiner	Gary Moser, Mike Miller, Nick Wechsler	Tom Barlow, Larry Wonderly, Melissa Yalch	Rich Stein, Jonathan Miller	Lyn Stryker Bruce Landis Melissa Yalch
<b>Greeter</b>	8:30 10:45	Sally Stein Sharon Branigan	Skylre Hahn Irene Graham	Adam Barlow Irene Graham	Sarah Barlow Darlene Treisner	Adam Barlow Sharon Branigan
<b>Lector</b>	8:30 10:45	Penny Miller Marianne Sands	Alyce Stein Kathy Ballek	Ruthann Kistler Lyn Stryker	Lauri Barlow Jim Femister	Jim Femister Lyn Stryker
<b>Liturgist</b>	8:30 10:45	Patty Stein Marianne	Faith Miller <b><i>VOL NEEDED</i></b>	Jonathan Miller Lyn Stryker	Pat Gilbert <b><i>VOL NEEDED</i></b>	Seth Miller Lyn Stryker
<b>Live Stream</b>	8:30	Mike Zyskowski	Mike Zyskowski	Jan Stryker	Mike Zyskowski	Jan Stryker
<b>Prayer Care</b>		Sharon Branigan	Ruthann Kistler	Pat Gilbert	Darlene Treisner	Jan Stryker
<b>Projector</b>	8:30 10:45	Karen Brown Jim Femister	Karen Brown Jim Femister	Karen Brown Jim Femister	Karen Brown Jim Femister	Karen Brown <b><i>VOL NEEDED</i></b>
<b>Song Leader</b>	8:30	Nancy Cook	Pastor David	Bella Zyskowski	Mike Zyskowski	Nancy Cook
<b>Sound</b>	8:30 10:45	Chris Chmela Ken Yoxheimer	Chris Chmela Ken Yoxheimer	Chris Chmela Ken Yoxheimer	Chris Chmela Ken Yoxheimer	Chris Chmela Jim Steiner
<b>Usher</b>	8:30 10:45	Mike Zyskowski Sharon Branigan		Jan Stryker Irene Graham		Mike Zyskowski Sharon Branigan

**Altar Guild:** Sharon Branigan, Irene Graham

**Phonetree:** Jonathan Mosebach

**Counters:** Karen Brown, Jan Stryker

**Prayer of the Church:** Mike Zyskowski

# JULY 2023

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THUR.	FRI.	SAT.
						1 6:30-8PM Outdoor Concert 7:30PM AA (TR)
<b>2 PENTECOST 5</b> 8:30AM Communion 9:45AM Sunday School 10:45AM Communion	3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY - HAPPY 4 <sup>th</sup>  9PM Possible Fireworks at Church	5 10:00-Summer Bible Study  3:30PM Prayer Group  7PM Property Cmte 7:30 PM AA (TR)	6 12N AA (TR)  6PM Worship and Music Cmte	7 10AM Bulletins	8 8:30AM Men's Bible Study Breakfast 9AM--3PM Material Girls (ASSR)  7:30PM AA (TR)
<b>9 PENTECOST 6</b> 8:30AM PRAISE 9:45AM Sunday School 10:45AM PRAISE	10	11 4:30PM Colonial Quilters 6PM Finance / Stewardship	12 10AM Summer Bible Study  3:30PM Prayer Group 6:30PM Christian Ed	13 12N AA (TR)	14 10AM Bulletins  6:30PM "Hearts of Fire" (ASSR)	15 mini-Epistle deadline  7:30PM AA (TR)
<b>16 PENTECOST 7</b> 8:30AM Communion 9:45AM Sunday School 10:45AM Communion  <b>VBS 6:00-8:30PM</b>	17  <b>VBS 6-8:30</b>	18  <b>VBS 6-8:30</b>	19 10AM Bible Study  3:30PM Prayer Group  <b>VBS 6:00-8:30</b> 7:30PM AA (TR)	20 12N AA (TR)  <b>VBS 6:00-8:30</b>	21 10AM Bulletins  <b>VBS 6-8:30</b> 7PM VBS Closing Program	22  7:30PM AA (TR)
<b>23 PENTECOST 8</b> 8:30AM Mission Service 9:45AM Sunday School 10:45AM Mission Service	24	25	26 10AM Bible Study 3:30PM Prayer Group 5PM Outreach / Publicity 6:30PM Church Council 7:30PM AA (TR)	27 12N AA (TR)  6:30PM Staff Meeting	28 10AM Bulletins	29 8:30AM Men's Bible Study Breakfast  7:30PM AA (TR)
<b>30 PENTECOST 9</b> 8:30AM Communion 9:45AM 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Brunch 10:30AM Praise Time 10:45AM Communion	31	<p>Due to VBS, there will be no checks issued the week of 7/16/2023. The bookkeeper will issue checks on 7/14/2023 so please plan accordingly. Thank you in advance!</p>				

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