

THE mini EPISTLE



June 2024 Highlights

6/1 (Saturday) Girl Scout Clothing Drive: see p. 2.

6/2 Pentecost 2 / Godparent's Day
8:30 & 10:45 - **Holy Communion**
9:45 – **Sunday School / Membership Class**

6/5 (Wednesday) 3:30PM Prayer Group (parlor)

6/9 Pentecost 3 - Praise Service 8:30 & 10:45
9:45 – **Sunday School / Membership Class**

6/12 (Wednesday) 3:30PM Prayer Group (parlor)

6/14 (Friday) 6:30-8:30PM Game Night

6/16 Pentecost 4 / Father's Day
8:30 & 10:45 - **Holy Communion**
9:45 – **Dads & Grads Brunch**

6/19 (Wednesday) 3:30PM Prayer Group (parlor)

6/22 (Saturday) 8:30 Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

6/23 Pentecost 5 - Praise Service 8:30 & 10:45
9:45 – **Sunday School / Membership Class**

6/26 (Wednesday) 10 AM First Summer Bible Study: see p. 5
3:30PM **Prayer Group** (parlor)

6/30 Pentecost 6 – Holy Communion 8:30 & 10:45
9:45 – **5TH Sunday Brunch** followed by 10:30 – **Praise Time**

Council Actions, May 2024

Council voted to welcome the congregation of Pastors and Guardians of Israel as they begin meeting at Holy Cross.

We rejoice that Holy Cross is officially released from the ELCA and accepted in the NALC. Praise God!

We approved the hiring of Karen Brown as secretary/volunteer coordinator.

We continue to look for help with our computers, as well as a church treasurer.

Clean Sweep

Scout Troop 3193 is having a



Used Clothing Drive



Saturday June 1st, 2024

We are collecting used:

- Shoes, Handbags, Backpacks...
- Linens (towels, bedding, curtains...)
- Clothing, Belts (Men's Women's & Children's sizes)
- Bikes (non-working OK) Stuffed Animals & Small Toys



Please place all items into closed plastic bags except bikes. No boxes!

Drop offs can be made:

Date/Time: **Saturday, June 1st, 11-1:30**

Locations: **Heights Market**

9th St & Freemansburg Ave Bethlehem

OR: **First UCC of Hellertown**

501 Northampton St Hellertown

OR: **Blessed Trinity at Rosemont**

1705 W Broad St Bethlehem

OR: **Holy Cross Lutheran Church (until 2pm)**

2700 Jacksonville Rd Bethlehem

Scouts will be present to help unload vehicles!

Home Pick up:

Available: **May 17th 5pm through June 1st Noon**

Email: ScoutTroop3193@gmail.com

Please email your Name, Address, Phone # and choice of pick up date/time and we will confirm your pick up with return email.

Recommended **\$5 Donation to Troop 3193** for home pick up service. Can be left in envelope attached to bags.





Game Night!

Friday, June 14th

6:30-8:30 PM

Fun for the whole family!
Invite your friends and neighbors.
Holy Cross Adult Classroom



Did you hear? Chicken Feet is back!



A Special Day to honor our
Dads and Grads

Come for a
Waffle Breakfast
Sunday, June 16th
9:45 AM



Summer Bible Studies

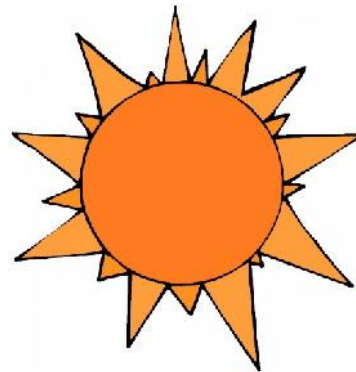
begin Wednesday, June 26th

10:00-11:30 AM

Come hear about the **familiar** (the lion's den & the fiery furnace) and the **mysterious** (visions of beasts, predicting the kingdoms of the earth) as we delve into the book of

Daniel: Faithful Discipleship in a Foreign Land

Come as you are: no homework, just good conversation, fellowship and coffee!



JUNE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

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|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 – Alexia Tsamoutalidis | 18 – Jacqueline Fenicle |
| Katie Buttillo (nee Souders) | Amber Steidinger |
| 3 – Raymond Schoch | Charles Vetter, Jr. |
| Oliver Weber | 22 – Shirley Stuber |
| 4 – Wendi Wonderly | 23 – Rachel Steiner |
| 9 – Margaret Woynovich | 25 – Barb Gubich |
| Brian Yeakel | 26 – Crystal Wagner |
| 11 – William Stout | 28 – Debbie Mosser |
| 13 – Tyler Szulborski | 29 – Courtney Wagner |
| Kathy Ballek | 30 – Patricia Stein |
| 15 – Steven Westwood | Richard Stein |
| 17 – Kayla Valenti | |

ANNIVERSARIES

- Charles & Linda Vetter, Jr. – 6/5/1971
- Robert & Shirley Stuber – 6/7/1958
- Ervin & Ruthann Kistler – 6/10/1967
- Tom & Lauri Barlow – 6/13/1998
- Don & Yvonne Frankenfield – 6/20/1959
- Chris & Becky Bennett – 6/20
- Bill & Carol Stout – 6/23/1956
- Bob & Carolyn Buzzard – 6/23
- Nancy & Robert Porambo – 6/25
- Gary & Debbie Mosser – 6/28/1975
- Michael & Beverly Monaghan – 6/30/1972

God Bless Your Special Day!

looking for oceans of fun?



we hope to "sea" you here!

New friends - Amazing experiments - Creative games
Super-fun snacks - Surprising adventures - Incredible music

Location: Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church
(church name)

Save these dates: Sunday, July 14 through Friday, July 19
(VBS dates)

Each day's fun happens from: 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM
(daily start and end times)

**Do you know someone who would enjoy diving
into God's word with us?**

Give them the registration form on the back page of
this newsletter, or pick up one in the Gathering Place at
Holy Cross.



Holy Cross is going to see the premier showing of

DANIEL

at Sight and Sound in Lancaster

Thursday, August 8, 2024

**followed by a smorgasbord dinner
at the newly rebuilt Hershey Farms**

Adults: \$167.00

Children 12 and under: \$110.00

Final payment due July 14, 2024

Price includes bus fare, show and dinner.

You may submit partial payments in marked envelopes.

See Ruthann Kistler or call/text 610-217-0397

You're invited to participate in the

Lehigh Valley Bible Reading Marathon

August 2-11, 2024 from 12 Noon till 9 PM each day

(Coincides with Musikfest, rain or shine)

We will publicly read the Bible from Genesis 1 to Revelation 22

Where: Johnston Park in Bethlehem, Pa. 18018

Johnston Park is located directly behind Moravian House (737 Main St.) in Bethlehem

- Participants will select 15-minute reading periods and start reading from the place the previous reader ended.
- You may select more than one 15-minute reading period.
- We will read only the 66 books of the Bible. No commentary or preaching.
- You can help with reading, set up, tear down, hospitality table or all.
- Please: Be respectful, Be reverent, Be modest, Be joyful, Be a good example.
- Register at [SignUp Genius.com](https://www.signupgenius.com)

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Questions? Call Mike O'Hare 484-894-6973 or email mikeohare316@gmail.com

Psalm 138:2, Proverbs 1: 20-21, Isaiah 55:11, Jeremiah 23:29, 1 Timothy 4:13, 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Giving Opportunity

BRIGHTHOPE BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN runs from Mother's Day through Father's Day. Pick up a bottle to collect your spare change. Please return your bottle on June 16th. Thank you.

JUNE 2024 SERVANTS OF THE LORD

		6/2 2 ND Sunday after PENTECOST	6/9 3 RD Sunday after PENTECOST	6/16 4 TH Sunday after PENTECOST	6/23 5 TH Sunday after PENTECOST	6/30 6 TH Sunday after PENTECOST
Communion Servers	8:30 10:45	Patty Stein Marianne Sands		Mike Zyskowski Marianne Sands		Patty Stein Marianne Sands
Communion Visitors		Pastor David Sharon Branigan				
Grass Cutters		Mike Miller Nick Wechsler	Tom Barlow, Larry Wonderly, Melissa Yalch	Rich Stein, Jonathan Miller	Lyn Stryker, Bruce Landis, Melissa Yalch	Sam Glasmire, Rich Stein
Greeter	8:30 10:45	Adam Barlow Irene Graham	Sarah Barlow Sharon Branigan	Sally Stein Irene Graham	Diane Hahn Irene Graham	Adam Barlow Sharon Branigan
Lector	8:30 10:45	Ruthann Kistler Marianne Sands	Penny Miller VOL. NEEDED	Alyce Stein Marianne Sands	Patty Stein Lyn Stryker	Jim Femister Marianne Sands
Liturgist	8:30 10:45	Patty Stein Marianne Sands	Seth Miller VOL. NEEDED	Mike Zyskowski Marianne Sands	Pat Gilbert Lyn Stryker	Patty Stein Marianne Sands
Live Stream	8:30	Jan Stryker	Mike Zyskowski	VOL. NEEDED	Mike Zyskowski	Jan Stryker
Prayer Care		Sharon Branigan	Ruthann Kistler	Pat Gilbert	Darlene Treisner	Jan Stryker
Sexton		VOL. NEEDED	VOL. NEEDED	VOL. NEEDED	VOL. NEEDED	VOL. NEEDED
Song Leader	8:30	Bella Zyskowski	Pastor David	Nancy Cook	Pastor David	Bella Zyskowski
Sound	8:30 10:45	Josh Miller Ken Yoxheimer	Josh Miller Ken Yoxheimer	Josh Miller Ken Yoxheimer	Josh Miller Ken Yoxheimer	Josh Miller Ken Yoxheimer
Usher	8:30 10:45	Jan Stryker Irene Graham		Karen Brown Irene Graham		Jan Stryker Sharon Branigan
Altar Guild: Alyce Stein, Patty Stein		Counters: Karen Brown, Jan Stryker		Children's Chat:		
Phonetree: VOL. NEEDED		Prayer of the Church: Mike Zyskowski			Ruthann Kistler	

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Save the Date 2024

**June 26, July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 –
Summer Bible Study on Daniel.**

July 14----19 *Scuba* VBS!!!

August 6 – National Night Out

**August 8 – Sight & Sound Trip
(Daniel)**

August 16 – Game Night

August 25 – Backpack Blessing

JUNE 2024

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THUR.	FRI.	SAT.
						1 7:30-6PM Colonial Quilters (Parking lot for Bus Trip) 11AM-2PM Girl Scouts Clothing Drive- (Front Porch) 7:30PM AA (TR)
2 PENTECOST 2 GODPARENT'S DAY 8:30AM Communion 9:45AM Sunday School/ Membership Class 10:45AM Communion 12:30PM Pastors and Guardians of Israel-(SANCT)	3	4 6:30PM Colonial Quilters (FH) 7PM PROPERTY	5 3:30PM Prayer Group 7PM Pastors and Guardians of Israel-(CHOIR/YOUTH) 7:30PM AA (TR)	6 12N AA (TR) 6PM Worship & Music	7 10AM Bulletins 5:30PM Pastors and Guardians of Israel (Worship Prac)	8 9AM--3PM Material Girls (ASSR) 7:30PM AA (TR)
9 PENTECOST 3 8:30AM PRAISE 9:45AM Sunday School/Membership Class 10:45AM PRAISE 12:30PM P&GI (SANCT)	10	11 4:30PM Colonial Quilters	12 11AM Benevolence @ Wonderlys 3:30PM Prayer Group 4:30PM Outreach/ Publicity 6-9PM Colonial Quilters 6:30PM Christian Ed 7PM P&GI (CHOIR/YOUTH) 7:30PM AA (TR)	13 12N AA (TR)	14 10AM Bulletins 5:30PM P&GI (Worship Prac) 6:30-8:30PM Game Night	15 mini-Epistle deadline 7:30PM AA (TR)
16 PENTECOST 4 8:30AM Communion 9:45AM Dad's & Grads Brunch 10:45AM Communion 12:30PM P&GI (SANCT) FATHER'S DAY	17	18	19 3:30PM Prayer Group 6PM Executive Committee 6:30PM Church Council 7PM P&GI (CHOIR/YOUTH) 7:30PM AA (TR)	20 12N AA (TR)	21 10AM Bulletin 5:30PM P&GI (Worship Prac)	22 8:30AM Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 7:30PM AA (TR)
23 PENTECOST 5 8:30AM Praise Service 9:45AM Sunday School/ Membership Class 10:45AM Praise Service 12:30PM P&GI (SANCT)	24	25 6PM Finance/ Stewardship Meeting	26 10AM Summer Bible Study 3:30PM Prayer Group 6:30PM Staff Meeting 7PM P&GI (CHOIR/YOUTH) 7:30PM AA (TR)	27 12N AA (TR)	28 10AM Bulletins 5:30PM P&GI (Worship Prac)	29 7:30PM AA (TR)
30 PENTECOST 6 8:30AM Communion 9:45AM 5 th Sunday Brunch 10:30AM Praise Time 10:45AM Communion 12:30PM P&GI-(SANCT)0						



VBS 2024 REGISTRATION FORM

Child's name	Last Grade	Age	Birthday	M/F
1.				
2.				
3.				

Name of parent(s)/guardian _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home Church: _____

Permission to use child's image only (no names) on church social media (facebook,

website...) YES NO

Primary phone number: (_____) _____

Secondary phone number: (_____) _____

Home email address: _____

Allergies/medical conditions: _____

Emergency contact (if primary contact cannot be reached):

Phone: _____ Relationship to child: _____