

May 2018

# GOOD NEWS

**Verse of the Month:** “The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face to you and give you peace.” ~ Numbers 6: 24-26



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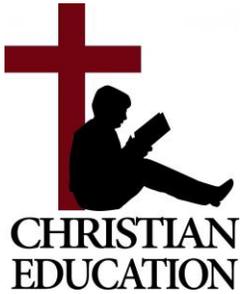
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## May News from Christian Education

By Priscilla Schultheis



### Upcoming Events

- Our last day of Sunday School will take place on Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Youth Recognition Day will take place on Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at the 10 am service.
- Graduate Sunday will take place on Father's Day, June 17<sup>th</sup> at the 10 am service.
- Pool party for one and all at the Galloway Swim Club on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Details to follow.

**Rock Solid** continues to study the book of Matthew with leadership from Anna Mae Werner and Tina Harvey. Jackson Harvey has stepped up his role in leadership and enjoys leading the group's meeting after Bible study. We will meet 3 more times on Monday evenings with our closing ceremony on May 21<sup>st</sup>. We have a busy day planned for May 19<sup>th</sup>! We will spend several hours volunteering at the Community Food Bank. Later that day, we will head to Camp Haluwasa for a night of "Mission Impossible". We will have a pool party at the Gillis' house on Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 3:00-6:00 pm. Several events are in the works to keep the kids connected over the summer. These include a day at Egg Harbor City Lake and the Ocean City Boardwalk. We have had a terrific year and many thanks are extended to our volunteers who kept the program exciting.

**King of Kings** is now learning of the earliest miracles performed by Jesus. We'll have our final lesson on Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. On Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, Camp Haluwasa will arrive at our church to perform puppet shows and sing songs with the kids. We will have our closing ceremony on Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Our pool party will take place on Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Gillis' house from 3:00-6:00 pm.

**Sunday School** continues to meet in the Game Room for a Bible Study with Tina Harvey. We range in numbers between 3-10 youth who attend for the lesson and mission project or craft to follow. We'll be working on this program in hopes to be strong in the fall. We'll be looking to give 4<sup>th</sup> graders their very own Bible on Rally Day.

**The Sunday morning Bible Study at 8:50** taught by Anna Mae and Vic Werner is wrapping it up for the year. It is likely that choir will practice in the lounge at this time next year so the adult Bible study will change its format and time next year. Anna Mae and Vic Werner did a tremendous job leading this Bible study for years. It was greatly appreciated by many!

**The Wednesday evening Bible Study at 7 pm in the Cobb Lounge** is off to a good start with members taking turns with leadership of the lesson. Jackson Harvey is taking leadership along with many adults in this group. Exciting things are happening here.

**The Martha Circle** - meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs of each month, 10 am at Gerry Reedell's house

**The Ruth Circle** - meets 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month, 1 pm at Betsy Cunius' house

These circles are currently studying the Letter to Hebrews. Groups meet 9x throughout year skipping January, July, and August. Gerry always presents art to go with her lessons. She hopes more women, even men, attend. Recently the Martha Circle added 2 new members.

Our next **Christian Ed Committee** meeting will take place on June 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Cobb Lounge following the Sunday morning worship service.

To God be the Glory,  
Priscilla Schultheis

## Women's Circles



This month as we continue our study of the Letter to the Hebrews, the author makes a comparison between the work of Jesus and the work of angels. The Old Testament often mentions angels as bringing messages from God to humans. These messages were often so special they changed the life of the person who received a visit from these spiritual beings. While angels are spirits sent to care for people, Jesus as the Son of God, is the only one who sits in the place of honor at the right hand of God. The scripture records that "God never said to any angel what he said to Jesus: 'You are my Son.'"

The Ruth Circle will meet at 1:00 p.m. Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at the home of Betsy Cunius. The Martha Circle will meet at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at the home of Gerry Reedell. All women of the church are encouraged to join us at the circle of your choice. We will be happy to see you and will welcome you warmly.



## Mission/Evangelism Committee Updates

### Wrapping Up

The used shoe drive has been discontinued. The last boxes of shoes that you donated will go to our sister church in Brigantine to be sold at nominal prices in their thrift store. Thanks again to JoAnn Sabo for Pennies for Pins which raised enough money to make 144 hygiene kits for disaster relief which were mailed to Church World Services. We also donated \$400 toward Mark Holland's mission trip to Italy. Mark is part of the Holland family that occasionally regales us with their musical talents and shares God's word from our pulpit.

### Bakely House

This mission can present significant challenges that stretch our capabilities to fulfill it, as we are presently learning. Your Mission/Evangelism Committee is currently engaged in helping the family living in the house navigate through very difficult financial, health, and employment issues. We ask for your prayers while Christ works through us all to achieve a wonderful recovery for these people in our care.

### Presbytery Gift

Our Presbytery made a gift of \$5000 to each church in it. It is to be used to expand our missionary and evangelistic outreach into our community. Our committee and all the others are being polled for ideas as to how to best put this money to good use. Session will make the decision at its next meeting.

In His Name, please keep these efforts in your thoughts and prayers.

Leo Ransone

Mission/Evangelism, Chair



## News from the Deacons

May 2018

Deacons wish to thank you from our hearts for your monetary donations as we are solely funded by you. Thank You!! Our deacons are: Russ Adkisson, Jaqueline Bhatti, Naida Burgess, Betsy Eberhard, Laurie McManus, Loretta Metz, Karen Muldoon, Alice Smith, and Debora Wong.

Communion may be received by anyone who has been baptized and believes in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. This month we invite you to share the feast of Communion on May 6. Setting the communion table will be Karen Muldoon and Betsy Eberhard. Karen Muldoon is also Deacon of the month. We celebrate the body of Christ with bread and the blood of Christ with grape juice. If you are an ordained Deacon or Elder (past or present) and wish to help serve Communion please let Naida Burgess know as she is looking for servers. Some Deacons are now taking Communion to homebound members; if you would like a Deacon to bring Communion to you please let us know.

Thank you for your continued donations to the Food Bank! They Love Us!! We have donated 184 pounds of nonperishable food items to date. Please remember no glass jars or expired items (the Food Bank also takes laundry detergent and disposable baby diapers).

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 1 at 6 pm in Fellowship Hall, directly following our meeting we will meet with session and present our Annual report.

Thank you for your continued support during this time as our church seeks a new called Pastor. We continue our prayers for the Pastoral Nominating Committee and are **all called to Pastor and pray for each other** not only during this time but always. Through Jesus all things are possible. Amen

In Christian service and love,  
Naida Burgess, Moderator  
Karen Muldoon, Vice Moderator

### A Note from Lisa, May 2018

This spring has been very full as I have traveled to teach in Discipleship Training Schools (DTS) in Oregon, Wisconsin and Croatia. I've trained staff and presented curriculum in Spain and Finland. I am also preparing to kick off a summer season at the Turquoise Table in my front yard!

In the DTSs I taught on the topics of the Life of Jesus and Biblical Worldview. A common feedback from these weeks of teaching is: "I love the way we keep going back to scripture". I have noticed that this generation is hungry to delve into the Bible. That makes me so hopeful. The Word of God is powerful and as long as we soak in scripture, meditate, study and learn the stories, we give God a huge open door to show us more of Himself and His ways.

In the training times we are also looking at the Bible, but looking at it from Eternity to Eternity. The curriculum we use for our schools is embedded in the Story of God. The staff gets so excited as we walk through history and see God's hand at work. It is powerful for them to see themselves in this larger than life story that is full of hope, full of forgiveness, full of purpose. It really is so much fun to see the staff come alive as we talk about how they can disciple others, helping them see their place in God's story.

Coming up this month, I will have a bit of a front yard, opening day party at the Turquoise Table. Since putting this simple, bright colored table in my front yard last year, I have had a lot of positive feedback - some have stopped by for a chat, some have ridden past and waved and others have just been inspired to engage with their neighbors in a more meaningful way. I decided this year I will have a purposeful opening day with refreshments, games and an open invitation to neighbors and anyone passing by. I figure if the Phillies can have an opening day, so can the Turquoise Table!

As of now, I am planning to do it on Sunday, May 27th!

Please feel free to drop by from 3pm-6pm and enjoy a few moments at the Turquoise Table!

Thank you for praying for me and all the different ministries in which I get to be involved. Your support is so important and such an encouragement.

Much Love,  
Lisa



Discipleship Training School, Madison, Wisconsin



### **Evergreens Spring Luncheon May 30**

Evergreens will have their Spring Luncheon at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, at Historic Smithville Inn. Cash reservations may be given to Fran Weir or Betsy Eberhard by May 25<sup>th</sup>. Please use the sign-up form to choose your meal option.



### **Lunch Bunch May 2**



Lunch Bunch will meet on Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, at Naomi's Café, 801 Tilton Rd., Northfield. Naomi's is located in the shopping center where Tilton Beauty Supply is located. The van will leave the church at 11:30 for anyone who needs a ride. All are welcome if able!



**In Our Father's House**

Edna Brown  
13 Jan 1917 - 18 Apr 2018

Condolences can be sent to  
Mr. & Mrs. Howard Taylor  
211 Country Lane  
Port Republic, New Jersey 08241



Evergreens 2018 Spring Luncheon  
Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 12 Noon  
Smithville Inn, Smithville, NJ

Menu Choices -- Choose one (includes Mixed Green Salad & Lemon Raspberry Cake)

Smithville Chicken	\$23.00
Pan Seared Salmon	\$23.00
Maryland Crab Cake	\$24.00

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Menu Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of People: \_\_\_\_\_ Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

Give **Cash Only** to Betsy Eberhard or Fran Weir no later than May 25<sup>th</sup>.

## Serving in May

### Lay Assistants

06 David Burgess  
13 David Burgess  
20 TBA  
27 David Burgess

### Head Ushers

06 Vic & Rita Abelson  
13 Elaine Risley, Ginny Davenport  
20 Bob & Barbara Hudak  
27 Mary Bew, Betty Lloyd

### Offering

06 Joan Nale, Franklin Nale  
13 Jack & Dee Heil  
20 Greg Hamaty, Edith Budd  
27 Ann Wallace, Betty Price

### Acolyte

06 Franklin Nale  
13 Jackson Harvey  
20 Jacob Sabo  
27 Jack Little

### Deacon of the Month

Karen Muldoon

### Nursery

06 Jennifer Platt  
13 Gloria Achamizo  
20 Jennifer Platt  
27 Gloria Achamizo

### Van Drivers

06 John Channell  
13 Tina Brown  
20 Tina Brown  
27 Vic Abelson

### Refreshment Hosts

06 Elaine Risley  
13 Scott & JoAnn Sabo  
20 Darla Hand  
27 Fellowship Committee

### Breakfast Club Kitchen Crew

06 Set-up: Priscilla Schultheis  
Cook: Melvin Washington  
Clean-up: Deb Wong, Betsy Eberhard  
13 Set-up: Kris Jenoriki  
Cook: John Channell  
Clean-up: Vic & Rita Abelson  
20 Set-up: Donna Hughes  
Cook: Dirk Williamson  
Clean-up: Jim McManus, Rob Perry  
27 Set-up: Edith Budd  
Cook: Leo Ransone  
Clean-up: Olga Davies, Jean Delesantro

### Counters

06 Kirk & Nancy Conover  
13 Dave & Judy Stebbins  
20 Barbara & Bob Hudak  
27 Barb & Dan Hughes

