



May 2023

Lots of special days and occasions this month...

There's more than a few big May holidays for you to enjoy.

Remember to pray on May 4, the National Day of Prayer. Or enjoy Mexican culture and food on Cinco

De Mayo, May 5. We get to honor and celebrate mom on Mother's Day, May 14. We end the month with Memorial Day, May 29, as we honor the veterans who gave the ultimate sacrifice to protect and preserve our liberties and freedom. Memorial Day also signifies the beginning of summer, even though it has not yet arrived meteorologically. But, that's not all May has to offer. There are plenty of May National holidays and international holidays to enjoy.

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Some monthly issues to focus on...

Foster Care Month

Lupus Awareness Month

National Barbecue Month

National Bike Month

National Blood Pressure Month

National Hamburger Month

Older Americans Month

Weekly events...

Be Kind to Animals Week -First week of month

Nurse's Week – first week of month

Wildflower Week – week two

National Bike Week – week three

National Police Week – week three

Emergency Medical Services Week – week four

At Landisville... Sunday, May 14 is Mother's Day. We will celebrate with ALL the ladies from our church family; join us for worship and enjoy delicious snacks in the cafe between worship hours. Sunday, May 28 is Pentecost

Sunday when we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit to the church. In our tradition, we wear something "RED" to commemorate the day!

Pentecost

Pentecost Sunday is a commemoration and celebration of the receiving of the Holy Spirit by the early church. John the Baptist prophesied of the first Pentecost when Jesus would baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire (Matthew 3:11). Jesus confirmed this prophecy with the promise of the Holy Spirit to the disciples in John 14:26. He showed Himself to these men after His death on the cross and His resurrection, giving convincing proofs that He was alive. Jesus told the disciples to wait in Jerusalem for the Father's gift of the Holy Spirit, from whom they would receive power to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:3-8). After Jesus' ascension to heaven, the men returned to Jerusalem and joined together in prayer in an upper room. On the Day of Pentecost, just as promised, the sound of a violent wind filled the house and tongues of fire came to rest on each of them and all were filled with the Holy Spirit. They were given the power of communication, which Peter used to begin the ministry for which Jesus had prepared him. After the coming of the Holy Spirit, the disciples did not stay in the room basking in God's glory but burst out to tell the world. This was the beginning of the church as we know it.

Today, in many Christian churches, Pentecost Sunday is celebrated to recognize the gift of the Holy Spirit, realizing that God's very life, breath and energy live in believers. During this service, John 20:19-23 may be the core of the message about our risen Savior supernaturally appearing to the fear-laden disciples. Their fear gave way to joy when the Lord showed them His hands and side. He assured them peace and repeated the command given in Matthew 28:19-20, saying, "As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." Then He breathed on them, and they received the Holy Spirit (John 20:21-23).

The celebration of Pentecost Sunday reminds us of the reality that we all have the unifying Spirit that was poured out upon the first-century church in Acts 2:1-4. It is a reminder that we are co-heirs with Christ, to suffer with Him that we may also be glorified with Him; that the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good (1 Corinthians 12:7); that we are all baptized by one Spirit into one body (1 Corinthians 12:13); and that the Spirit which raised Jesus from the dead lives inside believers (Romans 8:9-11). This gift of the Holy Spirit that was promised and given to all believers on the first Pentecost is promised for you and your children and for all who are far off whom the Lord our God will call (Acts 2:39).

(Information taken from the website, www.gotquestions.org)

Announcements / Upcoming Scheduled Events

Memorial Day Monday, May 30th: 7am till Noon... You Can Still Participate!

- Individual \$10 Parking Spots Still Available
- Contribute Items to the church tables. (no clothing, tires or large furniture) Drop off in MPR, Sunday, May 29th around church services.
- Volunteer to Setup, Cleanup, Hand Out Water, Watch Church Tables or Restrooms on Monday.
- SHOP – all church proceeds go to Hempfield Food Pantry

Contact Susan Patzer for details susanpatzer@comcast.net / 717-892-1225

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The Church of God of Landisville Scholarship Fund is available to people in our church who have graduated from high school and need assistance to attend an accredited school of their choice. An applicant must be a member of the Church of God of Landisville or have been actively involved in the life of the church. The scholarship fund began in 1992 as a memorial to David Yoder. Contributions have been made to this fund by individuals interested in the education of our youth. The interest from the fund is used for grants to qualified applicants. In order to be able to keep up with the post-secondary education needs of our church family, it is important to continue to increase this scholarship fund. If education is something you are interested in, please consider making a contribution to the Scholarship Fund. Applications are available in the church office and are due by JUNE 30.

You can serve our men and women in uniform...

Did you know we have a ministry for our service men and women at our ERC? I was privileged to go to the annual Church Conference this year and this is where I heard of the ministry. We had two military chaplains speak and it really opened my eyes to a great discipleship need for those who so willingly sacrifice their lives for our freedom. I am researching opportunities for us as a body of Christ to give back to these men and women. Stay tuned...

Donna Williams
Congregational Care

Shine Kids / Shine Kids Preschool

Cooking Camp is coming soon... a camp for elementary children in the evening and for preschool children in the morning. Elementary cooking camp is Sunday, July 9 to Wednesday, July 12 from 6:00 to 8:30pm. Volunteers need to be in the MPR and ready to go at 5:30pm. Children begin coming in at 5:45pm. We need two adult volunteers with each group. One adult should be ready to lead the cooking recipe for the evening and the other adult should be ready to take attendance and lead the small group time and assist with cooking. Both require preparation ahead of time. Kitchen volunteers are also needed each night. If you can come one or all three nights we'd be grateful to have you! All ingredients are provided by the church but leaders will need to make sure that their area is prepared and ready for the evening. Preschool cooking camp is in the morning from 9:30 to 11:30am. Volunteers need to be ready to go at 9:15am. All preschoolers will meet together and be divided for centers. All cooking will take place in one room.



Cooking Camp Volunteer training is Thursday, June 22 at 6:30pm. All volunteers need to be there! If you can not come you will need to meet with Jen Rhine individually. Clearances are required and are free online. Please go to the welcome center and sign up to be a volunteer!

Club 456 and Youth group meetings... the first and third Sunday nights of every month from 6-8p.m. Kids in grades 4-6 are welcome to join "club". Students in grades 7-12 are welcome to hang out with Katie and Montana for fun, food and surprises. We are meeting May 7 and 14.

Youth Ministry Staff

Each month... Youth Sunday school meets every Sunday at 9:30a.m. Missy and Brian teach the first and third Sundays of each month; Katie and Sharon teach the second and fifth Sundays of each month; Kristin and Craig teach the fourth Sunday of each month. Youth group meets the first and third Sunday evenings from 6-8p.m. in the youth room unless we take a "road trip" which we'll tell you about ahead of time!

Over the summer, we will have Sunday school every Sunday and schedule some special events on various days and evenings of the week. Stay tuned for details.

Worship / Discipleship Opportunities

We are celebrating the Easter season with a sermon series entitled, Turning Points. Here is the schedule for Sundays.

May 7... Brad Rhine Preaching; Donna Williams assisting in worship.

Scripture texts: Ps. 31:1–5, 15–16; John 14:1–14; Acts 7:55–60; 1 Peter 2:2–10
“No matter what life throws at us, no matter how uncertain the future may be, we can be confident that Jesus will lead us to safety; he will bring us home.”

May 14... Happy Mother’s Day. Pastor Tim will be preaching.

Scripture texts: Psalm 66:8–20; John 14:15–21; Acts 17:22–31; 1 Peter 3:13–22
“If you want to experience God, obey him; if you want to know his love, love him and love others.”

May 21... Pastor Tim will be preaching.

Scripture texts: Ps. 68:1–10, 32–35; John 17:1–11; Acts 1:6–14; 1 Peter 4:12–14; 5:6–11. “We should find comfort in knowing that Christ is praying for our obedience, endurance, and unity in him.”

May 28... Pentecost Sunday! Wear something “RED” for worship.

8:30a.m. - traditional worship in the Sanctuary.

10:00a.m. - contemporary worship at Landisville Camp Meeting tabernacle.

(Note the time change)

We will begin a new sermon series entitled, Set Free! “This sermon series centers on Pentecost season. This series on Pentecost will emphasize the fact that we have been set free from the power of sin and are called to live new lives in Christ through the Spirit.”

Sunday school classes for all ages... all groups meet at 9:30a.m.

Sunday mornings. Everyone is welcome to connect with one of these groups.

- Room 110 - “Busy Women” discussion group.
- MPR/Gym - Discussion group for parents of all ages.
- Room 105 - Faith Builders discussion group; bring your Bible.
- Room 109 - Gary Bender is teaching on the meaning and significance of the stained glass windows in our building.
- Shine Kids for children - children’s area in the basement under the Sanctuary.
- Youth for kids in grades 7-12 - youth room in the basement under the gym/MPR.

Ministry Teams / Ministry Staff

Leadership Team meets the first Monday of every month at 6:30p.m. Dwight Forry, President; Sue Patzer, Vice President; Deb Snavelly, Treasurer; Laurie Rogers, Recording Secretary; Kerri Steel; Elders... Robin Bender, Dwight Forry, Linda Grube



Ministry Staff...

Kym Foster - Nursery/Preschool
Jen Rhine - Children's Ministry / Brad Rhine - Praise Team leader
Lucy Robbins - Organist
Donna Williams - Congregational Care

Support Staff...

Julie Atkins and Ted Miller - Custodians
Kelly Forry - Bookkeeper
Candice Robbins - Office Administrator / Donna Williams - Office Volunteer

Ministry Team meetings and a brief synopsis of what's on their agenda.

Leadership Team - Dwight Forry, President... next meeting, June 5.

- Reviewing and rewriting church-wide polices and procedures.
- Purchase/install of a new industrial stove for the church kitchen; end of April.
- Expanding the playground in the backyard

Property - Mark Haldeman, Team Leader

Finance - Deb Snavelly, Team Leader... next meeting, May 22.

- Reviewing budget and funds; writing new policies for designated gift giving.

Outreach - Laurie Rogers, Team Leader

- Events and projects for spring and summer. Stay tuned for details.

Family Life - Sharon Bistline, Team Leader

- Saturday, May 20th - Game Night; 6:00 – bring your favorite game. Family Life will provide snacks, popcorn & slushie.
- Sunday, June 18th - Father's Day; Ice Cream and salty snack in café.
- Saturday, June 24th - Barnstormers baseball game. Herr's pavilion – night of food, fellowship & baseball! Tickets pre-purchased; stay tuned for details.
- Sunday, July 30 - worship at Landisville Camp Meeting @ 10:00am; church picnic to follow worship.

Children's Ministry Team - Jen Rhine / Robin Bender

About Prayer... Excerpt from a new book entitled, Pray This Way to Connect with God by Dr. Hal Green

Here are ten categories of prayer, with examples from the Psalms:

1. Adoration/awe/love/reverence/worship: I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live (116:1–2).
2. Thanksgiving/praise/gratitude: I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds. I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord (116:16–17).
3. Lament/complaint/cry for assistance: Do not forsake me, O Lord; O my God, do not be far from me; make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation (38:21–22).
4. Confession/contrition/regret/forgiveness: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me (51:1–3).
5. Intercession/petition/prayer for others: Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; deliver us, and forgive our sins, for your name's sake (79:9).
6. Healing/well-being/hope: Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am languishing; O Lord, heal me, for my bones are shaking with terror . . . Turn, O Lord, save my life; deliver me for the sake of your steadfast love (6:2, 4).
7. Guidance/discernment/wisdom: You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me with honor (73:24).
8. Protection/safety: You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust" (91:1–2).

9. Comfort/assurance/peace: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me (23:4).
10. Presence/knowledge of/naked desire for God: Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire other than you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever (73:25–26).

Those who need ongoing prayer for life-changing circumstances and health related issues...

Bob Bradley; Tammy and Chuck Frank; Lois Groff (recovering from neurological disorder); Hershey Groff (resident at Mennonite Home) Harriet Hill; Rhonda Miller (dementia); Melvia Neideigh (cancer); Joanne Peters; Dennis and Carol Regitz; Nancy Reitz (dementia); Cheryl Scott (dementia); Lochlan Shiel, son of Missy and Brian (health issues, making positive progress); Shirley Smith; John Yoder

Extras...

Submissions for newsletter... Contact Candice or Pastor Tim to submit your information for the newsletter. We will review and edit as needed and share it with our church family in a timely fashion. You must submit your information by Tuesday at NOON to ensure that it gets into the newsletter by the weekend or in the Sunday bulletin. Space is limited in the bulletin.

Connect with us... Are you trying to connect with Donna or Candice in the church office? Do you have questions? All your questions can be answered by our dedicated office staff. Send your emails to, office@landisville.church or call the office phone, 717-898-8144.

