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"You shall count seven weeks..." Deuteronomy 16:9

It's the BIG 5-0!!!

Easter – it seems to come and go quickly. We celebrate Palm Sunday, remember the meal in the Upper Room and carry the cross on Good Friday. Sunday morning comes and we roll the stone away, marveling and celebrating the resurrection of Jesus. We eat the chocolate bunnies and jelly beans, the leftover ham and rainbow eggs, and then put away the egg dyes and colored grass for another year. As the sun sets, we put Easter away for another year; but the truth is - our Easter celebration should just be starting!

Easter Sunday begins the celebration of the Great 50 Days! This period is "a week of weeks" (seven days times 7 weeks = 49 days) that culminates with the celebration of Pentecost (meaning 50!), the birthday of the church. This stems from seven meaning "fullness or completion." (Remember, God created everything, including a day of rest, in just seven days!)

In ancient Jewish tradition, the season of pentecost was the time of the spring barley harvest that began just after the start of Passover. It also became known as the "Feast of Weeks."

Rev. Dr. Larry Stookey writes, "Fifty also came to be a number of sacred meaning." Leviticus 25 talks about a "Year of Jubilee" every fifty years (yes, this is the source of our term, "Golden Jubilee"!) It is a time of restoration, a time of freedom, a time for great joy.

Our time for great joy, our Great Fifty Days, begins with the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. It continues as we commemorate Christ's Ascension into heaven, generally forty days after the tomb was found empty, and climaxes with Pentecost where we recall the gift of the Holy Spirit to the followers of Jesus as they gathered, once again, in an Upper Room.

This year, it is our hope to have our birthday party for the Church, and honor our graduates, outside on **Sunday, June 5, 2022, at 10:00 am**. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate! Anyway, mark your calendars and come join us as we wrap up the Great Fifty Days of Easter, and gather as a community of the Spirit to celebrate the birthday of the Church!

God's Blessings,
Pastor Laura

PS. Let's make it a potluck: we'll bring chicken and birthday cake!

PPS. It might seem out of season, but what are your favorite Christmas hymns/carols? Text, email, or tell me Sunday. I want to know!

CELEBRATIONS

9- GAIL IDE

25-PASTOR TAYLOR PFAFF

27- AUSTIN SHULTZ

DUE DATES

- Reminder the **newsletter articles** are due to Aimee or Pastor Laura by the 4th Monday of each month (next due date 05/23/22).
- Bulletin **announcements** are due to Aimee or Pastor Laura by the Wednesday prior to the Sunday announcement is to be made, thank you!

EVENTS

Pastie Sale will be Thursday, 5/26. Orders are due by Friday, 5/20 to Jayne at 570-814-8263. If you can help, please let Jayne know. Cost will be \$8/pastie.

The **Step by Step Praise Band** concert is Monday, May 9th, at 7:00, Shavertown UMC.

FREE

If you would like a free TV, please check out the one in the back of the sanctuary or reach out to Pastor Laura or Aimee for details.

MEETINGS

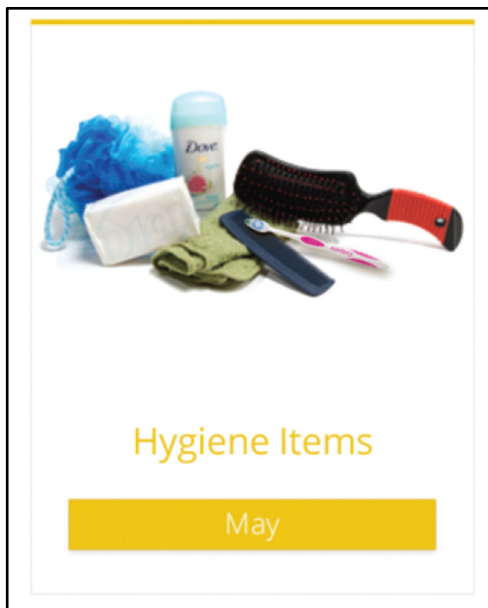
Ad Council will meet via Zoom on Tuesday, 5/10 at 6:30 pm. Reach out to Aimee if you would like the link to join.

The **Why Team** will meet on Monday, 5/15 at 6:30 pm, via Zoom.

Next **UWIF** meeting will be 5/24 at 6:30 pm.

MISSION & OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Operation Christmas Child



Graniteville Recovery Center



OFFERING

The total offering for the month of April was **\$8,177.75**. Our operating expenses for April were approximately **\$12,412.07**.

Thank you all for continuing to give what you can in an economically difficult time. To continue the work God is doing through LIUMC, tithing can be sent to: LIUMC, PO Box 12, Lehman, PA, 18627 or placed in Joash chest in the back of the sanctuary.

PRAYERS

04/24/22 - God Moments & Joys: All who helped with the Sunday School Easter Egg hunt; Joey and others receiving First Communion; Lauren's surgery was successful and it is believed that all the cancer was removed; Jayne, Mary, and others who volunteer in mission at the Meadows; Positive answers to unspoken prayer requests. **Concerns:** Betty and Max; Joey and others taking their initial steps in faith; Richard Burkhart; Elena and others fleeing the Ukraine; Travis travelling to Mexico; Cali; Those affected by the wildfires in the US Southwest; the church of Satan and its followers.

04/17/22 - God Moments and Joys: Seeing faces we haven't seen in a while; Nice to be here to celebrate Easter; Church looks nice and breakfast was a nice spread; the Children's faces. It's Easter! **Concerns:** Bob; Matthew; Unspoken; Colleen and Jim; Aunt Dana; Those in mourning.

04/10/22 - God Moments and Joys: Today is Ruth's birthday; Heather's tulips are ready to bloom; Dallas High School musical; Jeanne B. was able to meet her grandson's girlfriend via ZOOM; Bob celebrated his birthday and his son's birthday with 3 grandchildren; Soup sale raised over \$700 for ministry; Linda's prelude was beautiful; Tim is hoping to be discharged; Kelly's grandson and family had a near-miss with a serious automobile accident. **Concerns:** Phyllis; Bev W.; Debbie J.; Mike; Jesse; Those who are mourning, particularly the family and friends of Dwayne Haskins; Pastor Carol; Lauren; Bridget; Kelly; Ryley; Tina; Kim.

04/03/22 - God Moments and Joys: Choir able to continue practicing in spite of a power outage; Cali had an unexpected visit to CHOP; During prayer time at The Meadows Nursing Home; Being in the right place at the right time; Jesse on his first day of fishing; Lori has been released from PT; we collected \$350 for UMCOR. **Concerns:** Tim; Bev W.; Sabrina's Aunt Sandy; Darwin's daughter, Katelyn; Shannon; Caryl; Ryley; Mike and others who mourn, including the families of Joe and Ashley.

Ongoing: Alex Savage; Brooklyn; those battling depression; Juliette and other non-believers; Korri & Family; Travelers; Tim Nulton; Shut ins and those who are isolated; Peace and understanding; For Protection of Communities; An end to systemic racism; Families who've been economically affected; Peace in Turbulent times; + Unspokens.

****Please alert our prayer team of new requests: Kendra Cosgrove (570) 675-2024****

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

The following is effective immediately at LIUMC: Masks are recommended but not mandatory at all of our worship services, meetings, and gatherings. In our times together, please continue to practice social distancing. Those who are vulnerable or sick please, for your health and safety, do not attend in-person worship at this time, please choose our Zoom option.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult and Children Sunday school continues on Sundays after worship service, 10:30-11:15 am.

Adult Sunday School:

- We will continue reading 'Adam Hamilton's Confronting The Controversies: Biblical Perspectives On Tough Issues. Reach out to Aimee or Pastor Laura if you would like a copy of the book.

Children's Sunday School

- 5/15 is the last day of Sunday School and the children will participate in worship service this day

Mother's Day - #438 (Book of Blessings, USA, 20th cent., alt.)

Hear us, O Lord, as we pray, for our mothers, who have given us life and love, that we may show them reverence and love. We pray to the Lord...

- For mothers who have lost a child through death, that their faith may give them hope, and their family and friends support and console them.
- For women, though without children of their own, who like mothers have nurtured and cared for us.
- For mothers, who have been unable to be a source of strength, who have not responded to their children and have not sustained their families.

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth, grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Churches for the week of May 1 - 7

Queen UMC, Claysburg
Millerton UMC, Millerton
Daleville UMC, Covington Township
Christ UMC, Shippensburg
Thompsontown UMC, Madisonburg
Coolidge Hollow UMC, Wellsboro
Elimsport UMC, Allenwood
*Runville UMC, Bellefonte
** Hope UMC, Hanga - Sierra Leone*
First UMC, West Pittston
Bethlehem UMC, Codorus
Greene Hills Camp & Retreat Center, Alexandria



Churches for the week of May 22 - 28

Community Church Great Bend Church, Great Bend
Ebenezer UMC, Middletown
Laporte UMC, Laporte
Christ UMC, Selinsgrove
Fairview UMC, Altoona
Milesburg UMC, Milesburg
*Bethany UMC, Red Lion
** Gomer Memorial UMC, Shenge - Sierra Leone*
Mount Calvary UMC, Harrisburg
East Canton UMC, East Canton
Knobsville UMC, McConnellsburg

Churches for the week of May 29 - June 4

Buckhorn UMC, Bloomsburg
Heshbon Park UMC, Williamsport
Curwensville UMC, Curwensville
Luzerne UMC, Luzerne
*Summerdale UMC, Summerdale
**Warner Memorial UMC, Mano - Sierra Leone*
Salem UMC, Blairs Mills
Druck Valley UMC, Hellam
St. Paul's UMC, Sandy Ridge
Rome UMC, Rome
South Auburn UMC, South Auburn
Wesley Forest Camp & Retreat Center, Weikert

Churches for the week of May 8 - 14

Jonestown UMC, Orangeville
West Hill UMC, Carlisle
Howard UMC, Howard
Shirleysburg UMC, Shirleysburg
Prospect UMC, New Park
Liverpool UMC, Liverpool
Mill-Green UMC, Millville
Clearville UMC, Clearville
Faith UMC, Montoursville
Shehawken UMC, Starrucca

Churches for the week of May 15 - 21

Pine Creek Valley UMC, Gaines
St Pauls UMC, Red Lion
Hope in the Valley, Cassville
Trinity UMC, Lewistown
First UMC, Pittston
*New Creation Community Church, Dover
** Bishop Bangura Memorial UMC, Motema - Sierra Leone*
Summerhill UMC, Berwick
Trout Run UMC, Trout Run
Snyders UMC, New Bloomfield
Clifford UMC, Clifford
Mount Asbury Camp & Retreat Center, Newville

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OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST UNIVERSAL.

CONNECT WITH US! Visit us at LIUMC.net or on our Facebook page (@Lehman.Idetown)
Miss a Sunday Service? Sermons will be uploaded to our website & Facebook page.

Want to join us? Please come check us out at 9:30 on Sundays, in-person or via Zoom. Link to service can be found on our Facebook page.

What's Happening? Our calendar of events can be found on our website and Facebook page. Dates subject to change.

Stay Connected? Send us your email or mailing address and we will include you our 'happenings'.

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