

The Caller



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From the Pastor:

In his popular seminars on leadership, management guru William A. Cohen often asks his audience if they can think of any organization which has all these attitudes:

- The workers work very hard physically, including weekends, with little complaint.
- The workers receive no money and little material compensation for their services.
- The work is dangerous and workers are frequently injured on the job.
- The work is strictly voluntary.
- The workers usually have very high morale.
- The organization always has more workers than can be employed.
- The workers are highly motivated to achieve the organization's goals.

The executives attending Cohen's seminars are frequently stumped, thinking there is no organization like this on earth. But Cohen knows of one such organization: A high school football team.

Christians know another: the church.

But it is not always easy to keep all these attitudes on our mission as a church unless we keep the flames of the Holy Spirit alive within us and among us. Like the disciples on the first Pentecost Day, we as a church need a rebirth of the spirit, where souls are on fire with the love of Christ, where barriers are broken down and superficial divisions which divide people are bridged through a unity of the Spirit. Today more than ever the church needs to recapture the fires of Pentecost so that souls can break free from bondage, and the healing, deliverance, and full power of God's anointing can be experienced in every medium and every dialect by people filled with Holy Spirit madness.

How do we keep the flame of the Spirit burning! The Lord teaches us to pray—pray together in unity to keep the flame alive. Let us pray together ceaselessly, that we may remain alive in faith and witness to our Living God in this world. While praying together, let us also ask ourselves, "Are we filled with Holy Spirit madness?"

Blessings to all,
Sukja

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Thank You for Your Service!



Readers:

May 6:
May 13:
May 20:
May 27:

Children's Message:

May 13: Rich Cresson
May 20: Janice Ciampa
May 27: Sukja Bang

Ushers:

May 6: Andy Lewis and Bev Stewart
May 13: Rick Sultzer and Susan Kelly
May 20: Bev Stewart and Susan Kelly
May 27: Wes Hutchinson and Christine Hutchinson

Fellowship:

May 6: volunteers needed for the full month of May
May 13:
May 20:
May 27:

Counters:

First Sunday Andy Lewis
Second Sunday Rick Sultzer and Hogie Hansen
Third Sunday Bill Flick and Harriet Hudgins
Fourth Sunday Barb Weir and Charlie Hoover
Fifth Sunday Bill Flick and Harriet Hudgins

Altar Flowers:

May 6: Honor of sons Peter and Jonathan, by the Tobin Valley family
May 13: Celebrating the birthdays of Lindsay and CharlottePage, by
The Charlton Page family
May 20: needs a volunteer
May 27: needs a volunteer

Please call Peggy Mattox at the church office (610-543-2110) to let her know if/when you cannot serve on the date for which you signed up so that a substitute may be arranged.



All the World's a Stage Theater Groups at SUMC



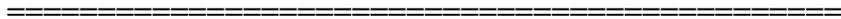
MARPLE-NEWTOWN PLAYERS-SPOTLIGHT THEATER

Performances at Swarthmore UMC

UPCOMING EVENTS AT SUMC

Please join us for the following events:

- May 6: ASP Fun Fair, Swarthmore
- May 8: Finance Committee, 7:30pm, Centennial room
- May 9: Senior Citizens, 7:30-9:00pm, Centennial room
- May 14: Trustees, 7:30pm, Centennial room
- May 16: PBJ Night, 7:45pm, Centennial room
- May 19: ASP Meeting, 10-12 noon, Centennial room
- May 21: Admin Council, 7:30pm, Centennial room
- May 28: Memorial Day



Deadline for the June Caller is Tuesday, May 18th

Be sure and let the Church office know about any events you would like published



WORSHIP NOTES

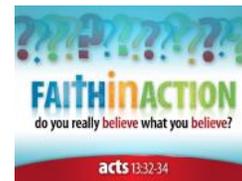
- May 6: Acts 10:44-49, Ps. 98, 1 John 5:1-6, John 15: 9-17
- May 13: Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26. Ps. 1, 1 John 5:9-13, John 17:6-19
- May 20: Ps. 104:24-34, Romans 8:22-27, John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
- May 27: Isa. 6:1-8, Ps. 29, Romans 8:12-17, John 3:1-17

Faith and Life Class

May is the month to take your faith and life out into the world to be with those you love and to participate in community:

- May 6: TBA
- May 13: No Faith and Life Class (Mother's Day)
- May 20: No Faith and Life Class (Swarthmore Fun Fair)
- May 27: No Faith and Life Class (Memorial Day Weekend)

*He has showed you, O Mortal, what is good.
And what does the Lord **require** of you?
Just this: To do Justice; To love Kindness; and to walk, humbly, with your God.*



OUTREACH—Touching Lives for Christ

For as much as you have done unto these, you have done unto me.



OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES May 2018

May marks our springtime collection for “Reach Out and Read.” We welcome your donations of gently used books or cash donations to buy books that will be given to the outpatient clinic at St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children in North Philadelphia. The goal of the doctors there is to enhance literacy by making available for free a book to every child at every clinic visit. They hand out thousands of books each year. This is a win-win for everyone—you can clear out books you no longer need and others can enjoy them for the first time. There will be a collection bin in the Centennial Room or you can make a cash donation with your Sunday offering.

Continuing our tradition of several years, we will be offering Mother’s Day cards for sale on May 6th and May 13th. Proceeds from the sale of the cards will go to support the children’s summer camp at Chester Eastside, Inc. The Rev. Zuline Wilkinson is planning a day camp during the month of July that is a collaborative effort of Chester Eastside, two other churches in Chester and a youth sports league. The cost per week for one child to go to camp is approximately \$50. We would ask a minimum donation of \$10 per card.

Our final PBJ sandwich-making night for the spring will take place on Wednesday, May 16th at 7:45 p.m. Bring two loaves of sliced bread and we provide the peanut butter and jelly. Sandwiches go to the Life Center of Eastern Delaware County and City Team in Chester. All are welcome.

Every week is a good time to donate to City Team Ministries with food or toiletries or items for mothers and babies. The collection table is in the narthex.

Remember to support our ASP Team at the Fun Fair in Swarthmore on May 20th!

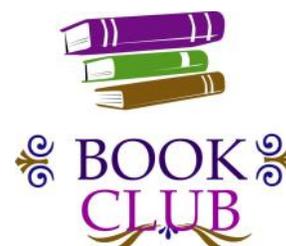
SUMC Book Club Dates

Meetings are the **second Wednesday** of each month at 7:30pm

May Book club meets on May 9th at Judy Luzak’s home for potluck dinner and book selection.

Judy’s address is 712 Beechwood Road, Media, PA 19063.

The discussion book is titled, “My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She’s Sorry,
By Fredrik Backman



SPRC Announcement

New Appointment for Pastor Sukja

Our District Superintendent, Rev. Dawn Taylor-Storm, has announced that Pastor Sukja will be appointed to the Ackermanville Church beginning in July. Ralph Ciampa, chair of the Staff Parish Relations Committee, shared the announcement at morning worship on April 15, thanking Pastor Sukja for her profound sermons week after week and her faithful ministry year after year. An opportunity to celebrate Pastor Sukja's five years with us will be planned and announced.

We expect a new appointment for our church to be announced in the near future.

Thanks from the Trustees

Thanks to the crew of people that showed up April 14th to help clean up the church. The sanctuary got a shining and the outside was spruced up with lots of weeding, trimming, planting, and mulching. There's still a little more to do, but SUMC is looking good!

PENTECOST

by Edward Potts

We went to Jerusalem just like He said,
For forty days we wondered what lies ahead,
We sang, we prayed, and recalled each word,
That Jesus told us, and the miracles we've heard.

There was, Peter, John, and Mary Magdalene.
Who told us of many things they had seen,
Jesus told us that in Jerusalem we would receive power,
We waited with patience for His promised hour.

"Let not your heart be troubled, nor let it know fear,
I go to my Father, but you will stay here,
I'll send you a comforter while I am away,
Just go to the Jerusalem and wait for that day.

As we sang and prayed our spirits did soar,
Suddenly the room was filled with a roar,
Great tongues like fire came like the wind,
As fire set on each one, His power came in.

We sprang to our feet and in language unknown,
We gave praise and honor to God on His throne,
Some people thought we had lost our mind,
But they didn't know we had drank His new wine.

As we prophesied in the word long ago,
God was pouring His spirit on people below,
Jesus had redeemed the world Adam lost,
That day in God's word is called Pentecost.



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