

MAY 2022, NEWSLETTER

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PRAYER CONCERNS: Please contact **Ruth Roeder at 610-395-1914** or **Pastor Larry** at the **Church Office 610-285-6157**.

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Please remember our members, friends, and all their families in the service and all those serving in areas of danger. SGT. Garth Ritter (U.S. Army), SGT. Scott Esterly, SGT. Owens, Christopher (U.S. Army). Connor Smith (U.S. Army), Jessica Albright Thomas (U.S. Army), and **All those serving in areas of danger.**

IN THE MAIL:

Thank you for the great luncheon the church members made and helped serve for Oscar Kleinsmith's funeral. Greatly appreciated. Nancy Kleinsmith, Tim, Terry, Ted, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

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We need two new members. Contact Kim Anderson if you are interested. UCC Consistory meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM.

Miracles Happen

I want to take this opportunity to say thank you to the entire Ziegels' family during the time of my surgery and rehabilitation. I also want to thank Rev. Andy Meckstroth for being a trusted colleague and filling in for me. Your thoughts and prayers have meant a great deal and sustained me during this time of repair, recovery, and renewal. It is amazing to me how I now have a new plastic and metal joint implanted into the knee. Even more miraculous is that I left the hospital the next day. My rehabilitation continues and I am getting stronger.

I look forward to seeing all of you on Sunday. This is Palm Sunday, where we celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. It seems almost antithetical to call Jesus' march into Jerusalem a triumphant event. Jesus is a dead man walking. He faces a fickle public that is walking and able to turn on a dime in its attitude toward Jesus. The Jesus story is about the promise of ministry discipleship, betrayal, and the ultimate victory of the resurrection. May the spirit of resurrection live in your hearts even in your disappointment and betrayals.

Peace,

Rev.

Larry

MAY NEWSLETTER, 2022 CONSISTORY MEMBER LETTER

It has been almost a year since I introduced myself on the consistory. The past year has been a learning experience in many ways. Life has been different for sure. COVID 19 continued to hit our lives, isolation and loneliness for some, stressful and feelings of helplessness for others, and some may have been excited and happy to be home with loved ones or children normally in school. Church has been "in person" but still distanced and "quiet", many still not sure of what to do. But then, suddenly, things "went back to normal". No more masks, no social distancing, we can say hello to our neighbors and friends.

I have been thinking about what all of this means to myself and for our church. I found myself being comfortable in my home. Not feeling so motivated to come to church because it wasn't the same. I couldn't sing on the choir or even sing in the pew. I felt distanced and not sure if people wanted to talk or not. Who feels comfortable and who may still want their distance? I have been thinking about these feelings the past few weeks as we have more "normal" every day.

I have concluded that this may have been how Jesus' followers were feeling as well. Should we go out and follow Him? Should we be quiet or sit in the

background? Who can we talk to and with whom should we remain silent? Jesus tells his followers that things are not always easy. There will be tough times but continue to believe and follow.

The past two years have been tough. A pandemic amid world and national turmoil. But we must continue on our journey. Refocus on what is important. Motivate ourselves to get back out and lead. Know that God is always with us and leads us in the right direction if we are ready to follow.

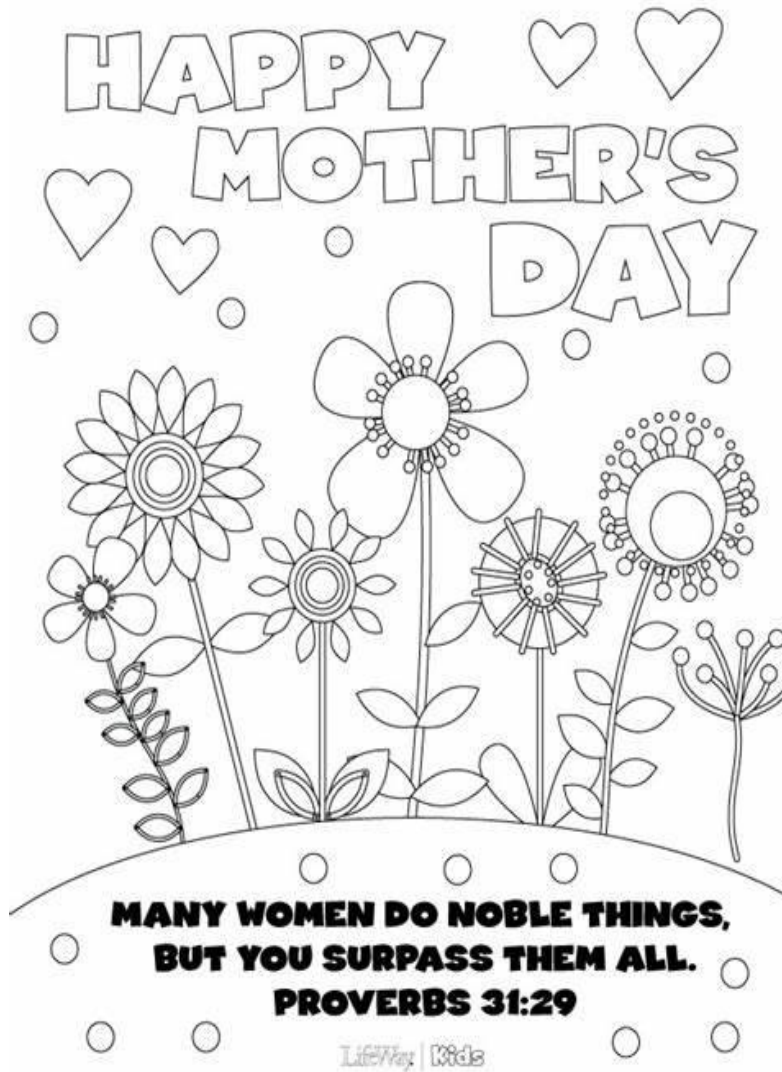
Friends – it is time!

Michelle Cardinale

“I’ve said these things to you so that you will have peace in me. In the world you have distress. But be encouraged! I have conquered the world.” JOHN 16:33

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

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May 16: Love a Tree Day

Even though Love a Tree Day is officially celebrated once a year, you should love trees every single day. To show your appreciation, give your favorite tree a hug. Even better, plant a new tree to be enjoyed in your yard.

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Creating Beauty

Gardening is any way that humans and nature come together with the intent of creating beauty.

-Tina James

What could you plant in your garden to create beauty?

G _____

A _____

R _____

D _____

E _____

N _____

**National Day of Prayer
Thursday, May 5**

National Day of Prayer was founded in 1952, and it was the co-foundee effort between U.S. Congress and President Harry S. Truman.

Goal: unit people through faith and peace. The top thing Americans pray for most is their family and friends.

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May 8: Mother's Day

Mother's Day is a day for honoring the gift of a mother. Someone can be a mother even if they have not given birth to you.





Memorial Day

Memorial Day, May 30, for many Americans, conjures up images of hamburgers, hot dogs, swimming pools, and [summertime](#) . But the last Monday in May serves, most importantly, as a time to honor those who died while fighting in the U.S. Armed Forces. It's a holiday steeped in somber American history and tradition.

The day actually began as “Decoration Day,” following the Civil War, when mourners placed flowers on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers.

Yes, Memorial Day has also come to signify the “unofficial” start of summer, but let's remember the heroes who made it all possible.