



# Newsletter May 2025

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## FROM THE PASTOR: Rev. Larry Hoffmann

Scripture: John 1:1-5; 8:12

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

In the beginning of time the world was in darkness. God's light came and the creation began, giving order and life to it: land and sea - rivers and lakes - plants and trees - birds, fish and all living things- men and women – all to live in relationship with one another -and God called it all "Good."

During the fifty-day celebration of Easter, we remember that Jesus is God's light to use. In times we experience darkness in our lives. Our day becomes chaotic, and we cannot see our way clearly. It is like being in a deep cavern, like Mammoth Cave, with no flashlight available. We stumble and fall as we continue to walk the path. Yet Jesus is present with us. He is God's light. Jesus brings order to our chaos. He brings light to our darkness, and we can more clearly see the way of life we are to live. Jesus gives us God's life and God's peace.

## FROM THE TREASURER: Kathy Mowry

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering totaled \$869.97. This includes \$51.97 from the Fish Banks!

**SAVE the DATES!** Please mark your calendars for the 2025 Community Play Dates! This year the dates will be June 14, July 12, and August 9 from 10-11:30 am. Flyers with information about the Community Play Dates are available on the back table in the sanctuary and on the website.

## FROM THE MISSION COMMITTEE CHAIR: Judy Turner

Yoga has been scheduled at Bremen Bethel Presbyterian Church beginning May 5 through June 30 at 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm. There will not be yoga on May 12, 26 and June 23 due to Scouts, Memorial Day and VBS. \$10/class. We are working on a daytime class so stay tuned!

## Calendar of Events

**May 11<sup>th</sup>** – Zeta Alpha will meet in the church basement at 9:30 am; Bible Study: Let Justice Roll Down, Lesson 9, the final lesson. All women are welcome to attend.

**May 11<sup>th</sup>** – Mother's Day – *Happy Mother's Day!*

**May 25<sup>th</sup>** – Session Meeting following worship

**May 26<sup>th</sup>** – Memorial Day

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

**May 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Brian Boyd

**May 6<sup>th</sup>** – Cindy Cullumber

**May 6<sup>th</sup>** – Rick & Loretta Dawson

**May 9<sup>th</sup>** – Brice Winegardner

**May 11<sup>th</sup>** – Cenlee Riley

**May 19<sup>th</sup>** – Ron & Cindy Cullumber

**May 24<sup>th</sup>** – Dean Ackerman

**May 26<sup>th</sup>** – George Shreyer

**May 28<sup>th</sup>** – Christa Riley

## May Lay Readers, Communion Servers and Ushers:

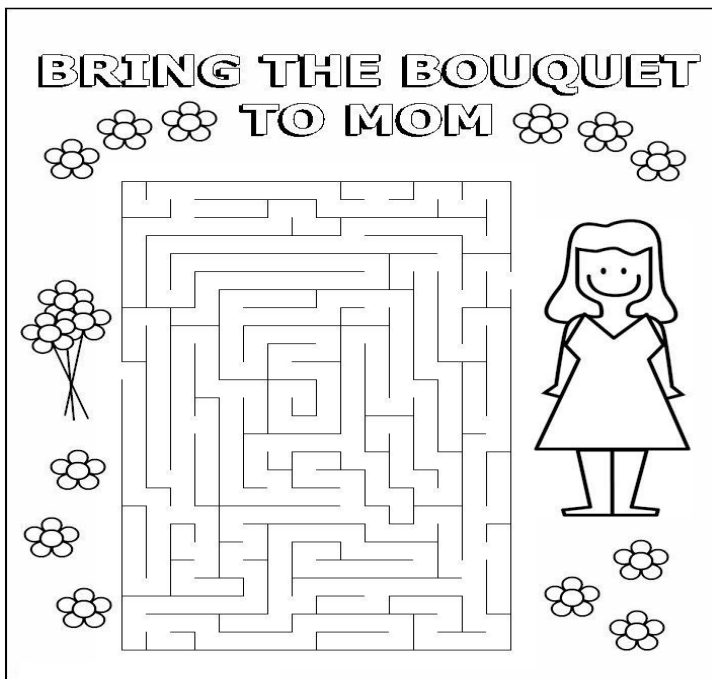
**May 4<sup>th</sup>** – Sharon Ankrom: Lay Reader, Communion Server & Usher  
Tom Ankrom: Communion Server & Usher

**May 11<sup>th</sup>** – Cinda Keller: Lay Reader  
Gene McCandlish & Andrew McCandlish: Ushers

**May 18<sup>th</sup>** – Brenda Winegardner: Lay Reader  
Kerry Boyd & Savannah Collis: Ushers

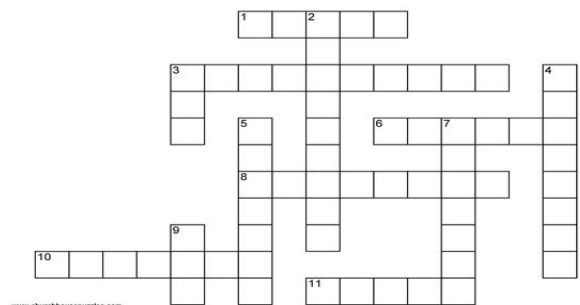
**May 25<sup>th</sup>** – John McCandlish: Lay Reader & Usher  
Kayla McCandlish: Usher

## Kids' Section



## Mother's Day

Matt 19:19 Honour thy father and thy mother...



### ACROSS

- 1 Where did you get the information to honor your mother?
- 3 This is a special day to do things for your mother
- 6 If your mom drinks this you can make it for her
- 8 Tell your Mother this for the being the best mom in the world
- 10 Color one of these and give it to your mom
- 11 Tell this person thank you for the mom that you have been blessed with

### DOWN

- 2 You should try making this for you mom
- 3 This is the name of the person who gave birth to you
- 4 Give your mom a break and do this for her so she can have the day off
- 5 What book of the Bible has the scripture about honoring your mother?
- 7 This is something you can pick and give to your mother for Mother's day.
- 9 This should be the first thing you do when you see your mom.

**WORD BANK:** Bible, breakfast, cleaning, coffee, flowers, hug, Jesus, Matthew, mom, Mother's Day, picture, Thank You.