

## NEWSLETTER

# Wyomissing UCC



## MAY 2017

*Just a reminder:*  
**We need greeters, bulletin & flower sponsors and tri-monthly after worship social hosts!**  
**Please check the sign-up sheets located in the narthex and bulletin board at stairwell landing. Thank you.**

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## A note from Pastor Selina...

Dear Friends in Christ,

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

I recently heard someone say, "The trouble is that I want to be good at things without ever being bad at them." I can totally relate to the feeling. I've given up more than a few hobbies, like knitting and yoga, because I didn't like that I wasn't good at them when I first started learning how to do them.

The truth is, though, that nearly everything we do takes practice and that no matter how much we practice, we'll always need to practice the basics *and* there will always be new things to learn. Seasoned knitters use the same technique to cast on every project and the basic knit stitch never changes, still they can always learn a new stitch or try a new pattern. Yoga experts continue to do daily sun salutes and still they take classes and seek out instructors with more experience.

The spiritual practice of prayer is no different. Whether we are newly committing ourselves to daily prayers or we have been faithfully praying every day of our lives, the Lord's Prayer remains the same *and* there are always new ways to be in conversation with God.

I recently came across a blog post by the Rev. Jess Harren with a suggestion for a new way to pray, a three-sentence prayer to post somewhere you'll see it every day and remember to pray for your life and for your church. Her prayer reminder post-card can be cut out and taped somewhere you'll see it every day, so that you'll be sure to remember to pray. I hope you'll find it helpful.

I know that God listens to our prayers and I trust that God will answer.

In Christian Love,  
Pastor Selina

### Wyomissing United Church of Christ

#### ➤➤➤ Daily 3 Sentence Prayers

Dear God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit,

Please \_\_\_\_\_.

Thank you for \_\_\_\_\_.

And please guide Wyomissing United Church of Christ to discover your will for us and the best ways we can share your saving love with those around us. AMEN

Ex. Dear God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, please help me find my shoes. Thank you that I own shoes. And please guide Wyomissing UCC to discover your will for us and the best ways we can share your saving love with those around us. Amen.

## CONSISTORY CORNER

The Organ installation has been completed and been in use for several weeks now.

As you were informed in a letter from Pastor Selina, she has resigned effective June 4th after the service. The Consistory accepted her resignation with regret. We wish her well as she pursues the next phase as a Pastor in a new congregation.

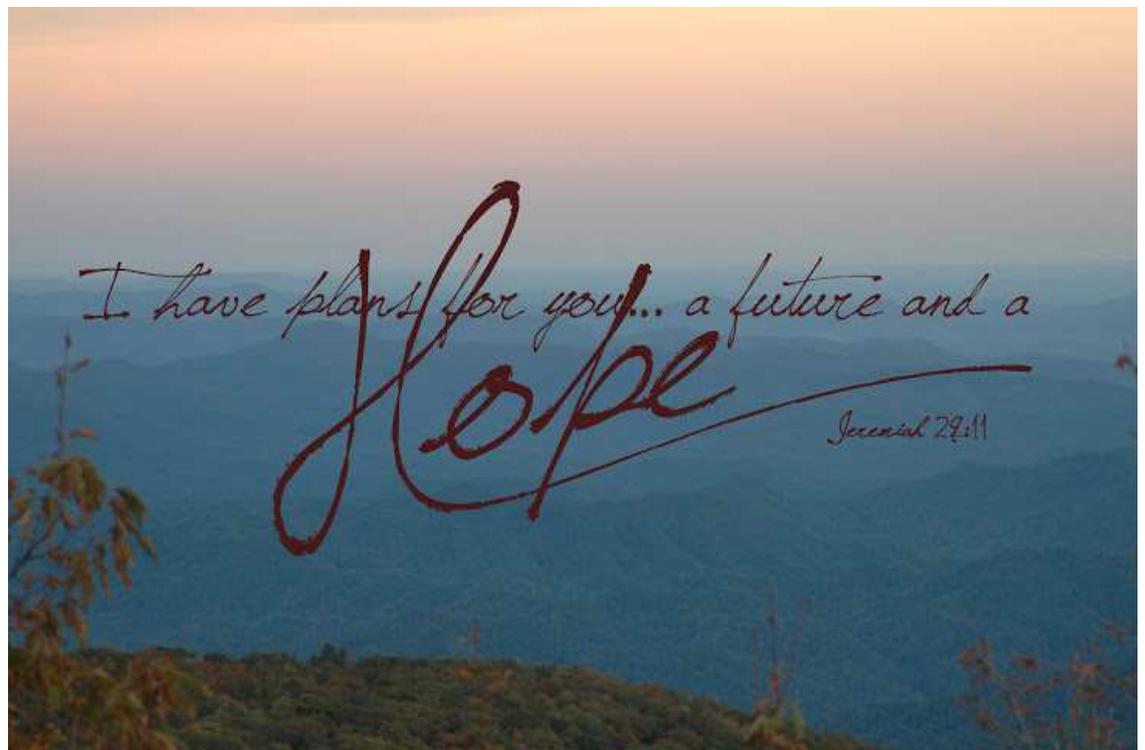
Plans are underway to secure a Supply Pastor to serve Wyomissing UCC after Pastor Selina has left. The Consistory will be meeting with a representative from the conference to outline our next step. The direction we take will be dependent upon the May 21st vote.

A reminder that on May 7th we will be dedicating the two memorial trees out front, as well as the new kitchen cabinets. I hope that you can be present to pay tribute to the members being honored.

The insurance committee met with a representative of our insurance company and did an in-depth review of our coverage. The review revealed we must implement some changes, as well as complete a content inventory.

It is my hope and prayers, as well as my trust in God, that our church will move forward if each of us as members does their part to continue to keep Wyomissing UCC the GREAT church it is. The survival of our church is not only the responsibility of the elected consistory, but also the responsibility of each and every one of us as members.

- BOB MOHN





## MUSIC NOTES.....

### Have you thought about becoming an Organ Donor?

I hope you got the bit of humor in that title. I came up with that on my own, so there is only one person to blame and that is me. (LOL) I wanted to give everyone an update as to where we are with the new organ. After the 10:30AM Easter service, two people came up to me and said "It sounds like we have a full orchestra in the Sanctuary." I responded, "That's because we DO!" With the new digital sounds that I have access to on the organ, there is actually a String Orchestra that I have used along with clarinets, flutes, French horns and many more instruments that I can use to enhance many different kinds of music. I have only made a tiny dent into what the new organ is capable of doing. Over the past month I have had more adjustments done by Doug Wimer of Rodgers Organ. May 13th a gentleman from South Carolina is coming to do the final and much more complicated adjustments that will complete the installation. As many of you have noticed the organ is now starting to settle into the sanctuary. Over the past month, I have had numerous people sit at different spots in the Sanctuary to listen for volume and different aspects of the organ and I have made the appropriate adjustments.

Playing the new organ is certainly a pleasure, from week to week. I try something new that I learned during the week. There is an infinite combination of sounds that I have access to. Many have asked about the bells they heard during the last verse of the hymns on Easter Sunday. It is called a Zimbelstern. The Zimbelstern (Meaning "Cymbal Star" in German, also spelled Cymbelstern, Zymbelstern, or Cimbalstern) is a "toy" organ stop consisting of a metal or wooden star or wheel on which several small bells are mounted. When engaged, the star rotates, producing a continuous tinkling sound. It was common in northern Europe, Germany in particular, throughout the 16th, 17th, and 18th centuries. After about 1700, the bells were tuned to particular notes. It is used primarily for festivals of the church such as Easter, Christmas and other liturgical festivals. Of course now it is Digital, and with a touch of a button we have something that started in the 16th Century.



A big thanks to Kathy Hartman who made the great posters with a thermometer on them and Organ Fund envelopes. I have no doubt that in the very near future we will reach our goal of \$69,900 and have the organ paid off.

We will be having a Dedication and concert service in the fall. A concert organist from Juillard by the name of Greg Zelek will be playing the concert and I am told that he plays the entire concert from memory! He arrives in town with his suitcase and a memory stick with the settings he uses on the organ and not one piece of music. Now that is talent! I nearly have a heart attack if something happens to my music while playing!

On a more personal note, I would like say thank you to my mom, Rosalie and Jeff for helping while I am out for surgery. As some of you already know, it was found that I need to have my spleen removed. I was hoping that it would be a simple surgery but as my luck goes, it won't be an easy surgery. I will be at Hershey for the surgery and then when I am able, return home to finish my recovery. Everything that I can pre-plan is already in place so things will be easier for my mom, Rosalie and Jeff while I am out recovering.

On June 11th, we will celebrate one of God's wonderful creations, Music. The kids and Senior Choir will sing, the Adult and Youth Bell Choir will be playing. Our Church has a very rich history of music and is an intricate part of our worship. Let us give thanks and praise for all that God has blessed us with and the time and talent that we have here at Wyomissing U.C.C.

Blessings,  
Archie III

Happy Birthday!



**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

- 5/2 Eleanor Mosser
- 5/4 Kelly Payne
- 5/9 Alfred Glase
- 5/10 Tammy Ebersol
- 5/11 Ronald Reisch
- 5/16 Gloria Brendle
- 5/17 Brandon Fisher
- 5/20 June Fink
- 5/20 Megan Kern
- 5/25 Marion Shirk
- 5/26 Tom Sadowski
- 5/29 Laura Seda
- 5/31 Dennis Swartz Jr.

**ACOLYTES**

- 7th - Hailey Payne
- 14th - Katie Ebersol
- 21st - Brandon Taylor
- 28th - Hailey Payne

**Social Ministries**

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped make our candy project a success! We made 1,482 lbs. of eggs and 29 boxes of chocolate coated marshmallows in 7 days. We missed one day due to the snow storm. Many church members and friends helped make the candy. We had a profit of \$10,858.09. 31 lbs. of candy were delivered to Bethany Children's Home and Children's Home of Reading.

**UPCOMING DATES:**

- Craft Meeting—May 2 @ 10:00 am
- UF Meeting—May 9 @ 10:00 am



**HILLTOPPER'S HAPPENINGS...**

- May 4**—12 noon—Everybody's Birthday Party. Music by Piano Man after lunch.
- June 1**—11:30 am—Annual Picnic at Mohnton Park
- July & August**—Summer Break!

**Sunday School Happenings**

**SHOO-FLY PIE SALE.....**

Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 9 – 11 am.  
Sign-up sheets are posted in the Narthex and Kitchen.  
Pies are \$9 each.

**Deadline for orders is SUNDAY, APRIL 30<sup>th</sup>.**

*Help is needed to bake pies on Thursday & Friday, May 11 & 12 starting at 8 am!*



**No Sunday School Board Mtg. in May.**

**Sunday School Year-End Celebration** will be *May 21st*.  
Details to follow in bulletins.

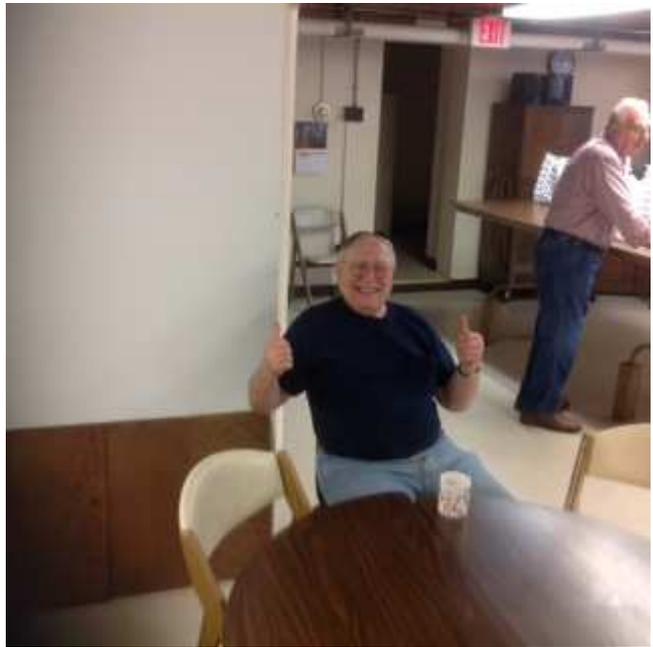
**Bike-a-thon** will be *May 28th*.  
Details to follow in upcoming bulletins.

*Thanks to all who participated in the Easter Egg Hunt, which was enjoyed by the children, their families and teachers!*

**Mark your calendars....**

**June 4**—Confirmation and "50 year plus" member catered luncheon after Worship.







**REMINDER.....Keep saving REDNER'S TAPES.**

**The last bunch that were sent to Bethany Children's Home totaled \$4,582.17, of which Bethany gets 1%.**

**This money helps to provide for the needs of 75-100 children on a daily basis.**

## Save the Date....

**June 11**—Summer Worship Begins

**June 18-22 6:30 to 8:00 pm**—  
Vacation Bible School with Trinity Lutheran if enough interest. ( Please see sign-up sheets in Narthex or Ed Bldg)

**July 9**—Outdoor Service & Picnic

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH FOLKS HAVE INVITED US TO JOIN THEM FOR A COVERED DISH PICNIC TO BE HELD AFTER WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, MAY 21<sup>ST</sup>, AT GOUGLERSVILLE FIRE COMPANY PAVILION.

More information will be available in Sunday Worship Bulletins.

*"No winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn"  
- Hal Borland*

### Consistory Greeters

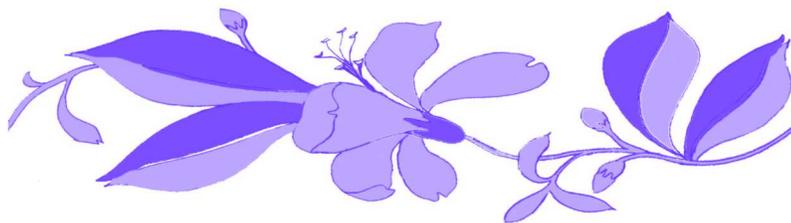
**May 7 & 14**  
*Jim Turner*

**May 21 & 28**  
*Bob Hartman*

### March Stewardship Report

Monthly Budget Guideline	\$ 11,739.00
March Offerings	\$ 6,228.00
March Monthly Difference	\$ -5,511.00
March Average Attendance	59

## Usher Schedule



**May 7th**—Bob Mohn, Bob Hartman, Kathy Hartman, Daryl Showalter, Sherrie Taylor, Stephanie Ulrich

**May 14th**—Daryl Showalter, Sally Colamarino, Kenny Blimline, Harvey Ebersol, Tammy Ebersol, Daryn Ebersol

**May 21st**—Janet Blimline, Kenny Blimline, Dennis Swartz, Archie Ulshafer, Jim Turner

**May 28th**—Richard Diedrich, John Weitzel, Daryl Showalter, Stephanie Ulrich, Daryn Ebersol



# Spring Word Search



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APRIL  
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# KID'S CORNER...



HEY KIDS...HERE'S A PICTURE TO COLOR FOR MOM!



# MAY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Consistory Mtg. @ 7 pm	2 Craft Time @ 10 am	3	4 12 Noon—Hilltopper's (Everybody's Birthday)  7:15 pm Sr. Choir	5	6 8 am—Consistory, etc., clean up outside of church
7 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship  After Worship— Dedication of Trees and Cabinets	8	9 Social Ministries @ 10 am	10 <b>Clean Up Your Room Day!</b>  	11 Bake Shoo-fly Pies @ 8 am  7:15 pm Sr. Choir	12 Bake Shoo-fly Pies @ 8 am	13 9—11am Shoo-fly Pie Sale
14 <i>Mother's Day</i> 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	15 <b>Chocolate Chip Day!</b> 	16	17 June Newsletter Articles Due	18 7:15 pm Sr. Choir	19	20 <b>Be a Millionaire Day!</b> 
21 9:15 am Sunday School Year-End Celebration 10:30 am Worship  After Worship— Congregational Mtg.	22 <b>Buy a Musical Instrument Day!</b> 	23	24 <b>Scavenger Hunt Day!</b> 	25 7:15 pm Sr. Choir	26	27 <b>Sunscreen Day!</b> 
28 9:15 am Bike-A-Thon 10:30 am Worship	29 	30	31 <b>Macaroon Day!</b> 			

