

May 7, 2017

Attendance: 63

Church Fund: \$2218.05

Missions Fund: \$166.95

Total Offering: \$2385.00



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Congregational Spiritual Director

May 14, 2017

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Doreen Miller (717) 926-9197

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Prelude

Welcome

Congregational Singing

The Children

Offering

Children's Worship

Carol Hershey

Nursery

Diane Hoover & helper

Scripture Reading

Pastor Jim Schwenk

Sermon

*Lessons from the Monastery-
Old Testament Background*

Song of Response

Sharing Time

Closing Song

Benediction

For church openings in May, please contact

Jerry Layton: 610-216-2796

WEEK ACTIVITIES

Thursday, May 18 Prayer Meeting 7 pm

Pastor's office hours: Mon - Thur 8-1 pm
Church office hours: Wed & Fri 8-10 am

Bulletin deadline this week is Friday @ 8 am

May 21, 2017

Worship Leader: Jim Schwenk
Service:
Music:
Sound: Ed Copenhaver
Nursery: Elaine Freed & Lois Diem

Announcements

A refugee resettlement Welcome Team orientation has been scheduled for May 23 at 6:30 pm at Freedom in Christ Fellowship, 118 North 14th Street, Lebanon. If you are interested in going to the meeting please RSVP to Tom Turley by May 17 so that he can let Freedom in Christ know how many to expect.

Due to Doug and Diane Garrett's upcoming relocation, Doug has announced his resignation from the Elder team effective July 15. We are sad to see Doug leave this position, but also see it as an opportunity for others to step into leadership. Beginning next Sunday, May 21, we will start receiving nominations for new members for the Elder team. Nominations will close on June 4. Please pray for Doug, Diane, and the new members God will bring to the Elder team.

MCC Relief Kit Bag Bash- Saturday June 10, 2017- 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Everyone (women, men, friends, family, sewers & non sewers) is invited to help construct MCC relief kit bags. At the kit bash, the bags will already be cut to size and ready for construction. Sewing and non-sewing volunteers are needed to measure, pin, sew, cut strings, and string the bags. A light lunch will be provided-so chefs are needed too! A signup sheet is on the bulletin board so we can plan and organize the day. All the sewing supplies will be provided. Bring your own sewing machine or check with Ruth to use one of her machines.

Additionally, MCC is in need of filled Hygiene Kit Bags. If you want to help, bring along to the Kit Bag Bash, good quality nail clippers and toothbrushes in their original packaging and bright colored hand towels. Bars of soap will be available to add to the bag. If you will not be at the bash but still want to help fill kit bags, a designated box is in the narthex to place the nail clippers, towels and toothbrushes. For additional information, contact Ruth Runion-Slear at 533-9423 or singchorale@hotmail.com

The 2nd Annual All Creatures Great and Small 5k run/walk and the 1 mile fun run/walk will be held on Saturday October 14, and we need your help! We are asking our artists to contribute possible designs for the race t-shirt. We will be offering all walkers and runners a long sleeve TEC shirt. This year the color is forest green with ivory lettering. The artwork is up to you! We envision a cartoon monk (St. Francis?) running a race with some animal friends (a cow would be great, but the animal friends are up to you!) Electronic submissions are the best and can be sent to jimschwenk@comcast.net. Paper submissions can be hand delivered to Pastor Jim. To be considered, all submissions must be in hand by July 1. Please share this with your artistic friends too! The selected artist will receive two free shirts, recognition in the race packets given to each participant, and will be welcome to set up a display table at our All Creatures event on October 14.

Summer reading in the Rabbit Room

Monday May 22- The Zookeeper's Wife

Monday June 26- Is there a book that has make a positive difference in your life? Did it help you break a destructive habit, or help you see yourself and or others in a different light? Perhaps there is a book that set you on a career path or moved you to take action concerning a problem facing society? Was there a book you read that helped you grapple with life's big questions? Books have life-changing power! Which ones have changed yours? If a book has changed your life, bring it to the Rabbit Room, we'd love to hear your story!

Monday July 24- Rewilding the Way: Break Free to Follow an Untamed God by Todd Wynward. In his book Todd tries to answer these questions: How did we get so tame and how have we "tamed" God? God's dream for human society is far wilder than we can imagine. So, why are we so tied to the American Way of overconsumption, status-seeking, gadgetry, and fossil fuels? How might we break free? Pastor Jim has three copies of this book ordered. They are available to anyone interested on a first come, first served basis. Cost is \$15.

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