



# HOLY HAPPENINGS

**We are an ELCA,  
Reconciling in Christ,  
and Rejoicing Spirits,  
congregation.**

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## Upcoming Events

### May 11

VBS Decorating Session

### May 11 & 13

Faith & Civic Life  
Bible Study

### May 15

ASD "Serve Day"

### May 17

New Member Welcome  
Rejoicing Spirits

### May 25

Church Office Closed

### May 31

Last Day for Faith  
Formation  
Youth Sunday  
Graduate Recognition

## Sunday, May 10, 2026

**\*8:30 am Worship and Praise**

**9:30 am Adult Faith Formation,  
Cat Class, HS Connect**

**9:45 am Family Worship**

**10:15 am Sunday School  
Sermon/Gospel Replay**

**\*10:45 am Worship**

**Nursery Care is available at all  
morning services in Room 113.**

**\*Worship service will be on Zoom**

If you are worshipping with us on Zoom,  
please remember to have bread,  
grape juice, or wine available and ready  
for communion.

[Zoom Link](#): Meeting ID: 511 504 8051  
Audio only: 929-205-6099

Bulletins are available on the [website](#)  
prior to the Sunday service for those who  
wish to follow along.

If you are interested in watching the  
Pastor's sermon and listening to the  
Gospel, please visit our [website](#) and  
click on the "Watch a video recorded  
Sunday service" button.

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

<b>May 3, 2026</b>	<b>In Person</b>	<b>Zoom</b>
<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>9:45 am</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>10:45 am</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>10</b>

<b>WORSHIP HELPERS</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>9:45 AM</b>	<b>10:45 AM</b>
<b>Assisting Ministers</b>	Diane Evans		Alice Mudge
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Beth Fatzinger Dave Fatzinger	Jennifer Wetzel Melanie Werley Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
<b>Readers</b>	Becky Keane	Amelia M.	Julie Timmcke
<b>Children's Message</b>		Baptism	
<b>Greeters</b>	Sue Smith	Malkovsky Family	Nancy Slimmer
<b>Ushers</b>	Rob Smith	Malkovsky Family	Victor Schmidt
<b>Production/Technology</b>	Bill Keane Kristen Newill Bill Newill Eric Kahler	Craig Kauffman Eric Kahler	Craig Kauffman Volunteers Needed

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION – SUNDAY AT 9:30 AM**

**Sunday, May 10, 2026, at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Center**  
**Connect to Faith – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Seminary:** Moravian University, School of Theology, Lee Barrett, Professor of Systematic Theology will be here.

**Sunday, May 17, 2026, at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Center**  
**Connect with One Another – New Member Welcome Breakfast**  
 During Fellowship today, we welcome our new members to the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit. May we take these important moments to introduce ourselves and get to know one another as we join our mission to travel together, loving and serving God in our world.

**Sunday, May 24, 2026, at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Center**  
**Connect to the Generations – Pentecost Intergenerational Event**

We will learn together through hands-on activities about this important time for the church. The Holy Spirit is at work around and among us. Please set aside time not only to learn, but to be in conversation with all members. At 9:30, we will begin with some instructions on what will be taking place and how you might help guide this session. We will all worship together at 9:45 during Family Worship, then return to the Fellowship Center for guided small-group conversation and activities.

**Sunday, May 31, 2026, at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Center**  
**Connect to Community – PA Warrior Project**

Join us as we hear about the mission of the Pennsylvania Wounded Warriors, which is to help restore our veterans to good physical, mental, and emotional health. Pennsylvania veterans have served in every conflict. Many are recovering at military hospitals, Veterans' Administration medical facilities, or with their families at home, and need support.

**LAST VBS DECORATING SESSION – Monday, May 11 at 6:00 pm:**



Come out, think summer, and connect with others as we finish the decorations that will be used for Vacation Bible School. It's a wonderful fellowship opportunity. No artistic skills are required. Middle school youth are welcome to attend with an adult. Please enter at the church office entrance as we will meet in the Fellowship Center.

*Thank  
you!*

Thank you to all who came out to help clean up the church grounds by spreading mulch, weeding, trimming, planting, etc. You did a fantastic job, and your efforts are greatly appreciated. Thank you again.



We are planning on a Fall Clean-Up – watch for more details in September.



## **SEEKING THE WELL-BEING OF ALL – FAITH AND CIVIC LIFE BIBLE STUDY**

How does our faith inform, intersect and interact with our role as citizens of this nation? Join us for this timely study of the foundations and content of our ELCA's latest social statement.

**Week 5: May 11, 7:00 p.m.** Constructive Relationships Between Religious Organizations and Political Authority Section 5 Annotated Guide. How might the testing of Jesus (Matthew 4:1-11) speak to this issue? How might the church work with civil authorities in areas of mutual endeavor? What are the boundaries to such interaction? What is the Johnson Amendment? What is the difference between healthy patriotism and Christian Nationalism?

**Week 6: May 13, 2:00 p.m. or May 18, 7:00 p.m.** Selected Contemporary Concerns in Civic Life - Section 6 of the Annotated Guide. How might we counter hyper-partisan polarization? How does the Eighth Commandment relate to this? How can we avoid contributing to hyper-partisanship in society and our congregation? How might we deepen our commitment to robust civic engagement?



Rejoicing Spirits will celebrate Mother's Day on May 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm in the Worship Center. A reception will follow the service.  
Please join us and bring your family and friends.

Mark your calendars for our upcoming Rejoicing Spirits services:

June 7<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> year anniversary service at 10:45 am (note time change)  
This service will NOT be live streamed.

July 12<sup>th</sup> – Celebration of July 4<sup>th</sup>

August 9<sup>th</sup> – Faith and God's Love is the message

**SEE HOW THE VISION GROWS  
AND THE CHILDREN THRIVE  
MAY 13<sup>TH</sup> in the FELLOWSHIP CENTER – 7 PM**



## **KAFIKA HOUSE**

The Founder of Kafika House, Sarah Rejman, will be visiting Holy Spirit on **Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**. She will talk about what Kafika House is doing each year to bring hundreds of children with treatable disabilities back to full life in their local communities. And be prepared – she will fill you with her vision of what an expanded Kafika House can become and the transformative impacts it can have. Hear powerful stories of barriers overcome, surgical care and rehabilitation completed, and visions being realized. A light supper is being planned for those who may be interested in arriving at about 6 PM. Please let Rick or Ruth Doty, Pr. Tami, or Nikki Clark know if you are interested in attending the supper before the presentation begins at 7:00PM.

**POP QUIZ!** This is the second in a series of questions about the LCHS Memorial Garden, arguably one of our most important ministries. Take a guess at the correct answer: How many people have had their remains interred in the LCHS Memorial Garden over the past 25 years or so?



- A. 10
- B. 23
- C. 38
- D. 52
- E. 70

Check page 12 of today’s Holy Happenings for the correct answer.

***Be watching for question #3 next week!***

### **COLLECTION FOR LEHIGH COUNTY CONFERENCE OF CHURCHES**

**We are collecting new ADULT socks, underwear and bras** for the Lehigh Conference of Churches. Due to the items we are collecting, all items must be **new with tags or new in packages**. The Lehigh Conference of Churches (LCC) is a faith-based, nonprofit agency connecting basic human needs to the most vulnerable people in the Lehigh Valley. Collection boxes are outside the Fellowship Center. Thank you for all the donations thus far. For more information on this outreach opportunity, please contact Brenda Truhe at [bltruhe@hotmail.com](mailto:bltruhe@hotmail.com).

### **HOLY SPIRIT NURSERY SCHOOL REGISTRATION**

Let your friends and family know that registration for the 2026-2027 school year is now occurring. **Limited openings remain.**

Please contact [Karin Kahler](#) if you are interested in scheduling a tour. Or visit our website at [www.lchsemmaus.org](http://www.lchsemmaus.org) to register.



### **PRIME TIMERS’ MAY EVENTS**

**Tuesday, May 19 – MOVIE** – “*Eleanor the Great*” at 10:00 am in the All Saints Room. We will have lunch afterwards.

**Wednesday, May 27 – COFFEE HOUR** at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Center. Join us for fun, try trivia, hear about coming summer activities, baked goods, fruit, coffee and fellowship. We have a wonderful time!



## **BLOOMIN' FAITH MINISTRY**

We continue to be blessed by an outpouring of goodwill, both from those involved in this ministry, and those receiving the flowers. Thank you for your part in helping us spread the healing power of flowers. Some ways you can support our ministry, deliver small bouquets to members; donate flowers from your garden; help make the bouquets the Friday before we deliver.

**Upcoming delivery dates are May 30, June 27, July 25 and August 22.**

Please sign up to help by [clicking here](#).

## **Summer is coming and so are Summer Breakfasts!**



We are looking for sponsors to sign up to host a summer breakfast. Breakfasts will be held on: June 14 & 21, July 12 & 19, Aug 2, 9 & 16

Hosting means your group will prepare food, serve and cleanup. Upon signup, you will receive an information sheet to help you prepare.

Please [sign up here](#) to sponsor a breakfast.

For more information on this outreach opportunity, please contact Brenda Truhe [bltruhe@hotmail.com](mailto:bltruhe@hotmail.com).

## **DON'T MISS OUT - GET YOUR IRON PIGS TICKETS!!**



for the Saturday, August 1st game starting at 6:35 pm. Gates open at 5:15 pm. Tickets are \$11/person and include \$2 to spend at concessions. Only 70 tickets are available.

[Sign up using the google form link](#): or by contacting the church office.

Payment is due by **Sunday, June 21st** and can be made via cash, check (payable to LCHS), or online. Please be to **mark Iron Pigs** on the payment.



## **SIGN UP NOW FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**June 15 – 19**  
**9:15 am – 11:45 am**

**VBS VOLUNTEERS:** VBS provides an opportunity for teens and adults to serve in a variety of ways. Please [click here](#) to complete the Volunteer Interest Form. Our Protection of Minors Policy and the PA Child Protective Services Law requires VBS volunteers to have current background clearances. Please contact Carol Osenbach or Nikki Clark in the office to inquire about the process.

### **We are looking for volunteers to be:**

- Group Leaders/assistants (Take a group of children to each of the planned rotations)
- Storytelling participants (read parts from a prepared script)
- Music Assistants

**VBS REGISTRATION:** Children age 3 ½ - entering grade 5 are welcome to join us for VBS. Please [click here](#) for the Participant Registration Form. We ask that you **return the form by June 1st** so that we can adequately plan for supplies. Feel free to invite a friend! **Paper forms** are also available on the information table in the Worship Center Lobby.

**Mark your calendars for VBS Volunteer Meetings:**  
**June 1 at 6:30 pm OR June 4 at 7:00 pm.**

**VBS SNACK DONATIONS** We are collecting donations of individually wrapped items for use at VBS. Please use this [link](#) to sign up. We are also collecting snack donations for our volunteers (fruit, homemade goodies, cookies, granola bars, etc.). Items should be dropped off at the church office by Wednesday, June 10.

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOUTH VOLUNTEERS (Grade 6 and above)** in the Nursery! We could use one or two helpers during the 8:30 service to support the nursery. If you're interested in helping, [click this link](#) to sign up! You'll be contacted with a date to volunteer afterwards.

**LET'S GO TO THE BEACH!**



Our Annual Youth **Bible at the Beach** Trip is coming up and you don't want to miss it! From June 26th-29th, students in grades 6th-12th as well as college age mentors and parents are welcome to join us in Ocean City New Jersey for a time of fun, fellowship, and faith formation at the beach! Please click [this link to access the permission slip](#). Make a copy of the document to write on it and share it to [obrien@holyspirit-emmaus.org](mailto:obrien@holyspirit-emmaus.org). Click on "[Kull Youth Center](#)" to see more about the space where we'll stay! We hope you'll join us!



**CALLING ALL GRADUATES!!!**

Please notify Amber O'Brien (<mailto:obrien@holyspirit-emmaus.org>) if you are graduating from high school or college this spring so we can inform the congregation of your accomplishments! Please include your name, school graduating from and date, any activities, your picture, and your future plans. The submission deadline is May 24th! Also, you are invited to join us on Sunday, May 31st to be recognized for your accomplishments! Help us celebrate you!



**ELCA YOUTH GATHERING 2027**

Interested in attending the ELCA Youth Gathering 2027 in Minneapolis? Want more information? Mark your calendar for an info session on June 14th to learn more! Anyone entering 8th grade through 12th grade in the fall of 2026 is eligible to attend!

## The Ringers Are Coming! The Ringers Are Coming!



If you like handbells, then YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS THIS!!! On **Tuesday, June 30th**, the Raleigh Ringers will be coming to town!! In a concert co-sponsored by LCHS and First Presbyterian in Allentown, the Raleigh Ringers will present a one-time concert at 7:00 pm at First Presbyterian Church at Tilghman & Cedar Crest!

This fabulous, virtuoso, handbell group has several albums and DVDs to their credit and do a fair amount of traveling, but don't get to the Northeast very often, so DON'T MISS THIS!! You can purchase tickets from any member of the Spirit Ringers, from Reylene, scan the QR Code, or [online](#).



For more info about this wonderful group, go to [www.rr.org](http://www.rr.org) or listen to them on YouTube!

## WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteer to be a **Communion Assistant** at one of our Sunday morning worship services by [clicking here](#)

Volunteer to be on the **Production/Technology Team** by [clicking here](#).

**Want to help with worship services once a quarter?** Consider being an **Usher or Greeter** for one of our services. As a volunteer you only need to arrive 20 minutes before the service you prefer to attend. Prior to the quarterly schedule being prepared, you would receive an email asking for dates you are unavailable. Both volunteer opportunities are easy and training is available. Our July-August-September schedule will be prepared in mid-June. Thank you to all the current Ushers & Greeters! Any questions please contact [Brenda Truhe](#).

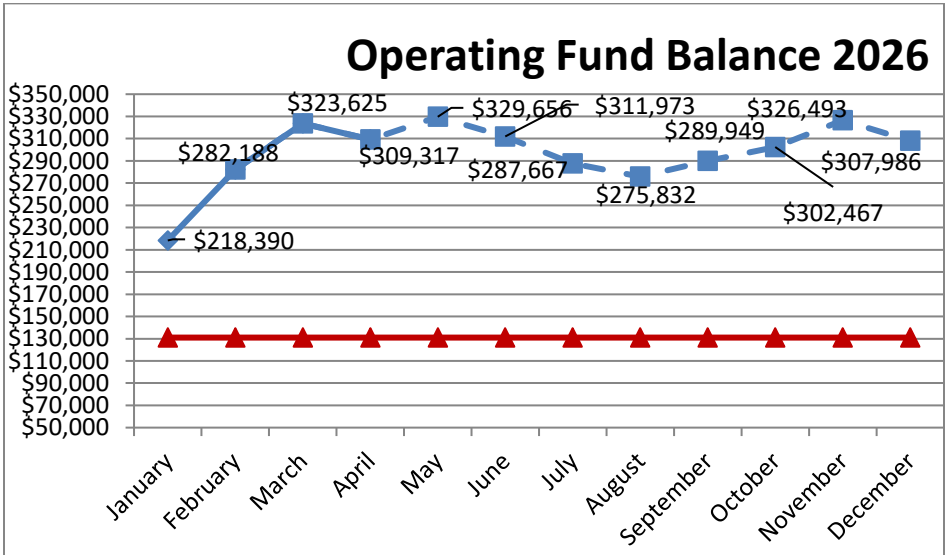
Volunteers choose what days they would like to serve, and training is available. You can also **call the church office** if you are interested in volunteering and Nikki will add you to the list.

## Financial Results and Discussion – April 2026

**Operating Performance:** April income was \$60,466, \$10,495 or 14.8% below budget. Operating expenses were \$74,774, \$4,867 or 6.1% below budget. We finished April with a \$14,308 deficit, compared to a budgeted deficit of \$8,679. The graph below presents our operating cash balance shown against our monthly cash requirement **January - December**.

Thank you to everyone that continues to share their financial gifts in support of our ministries!

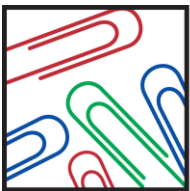
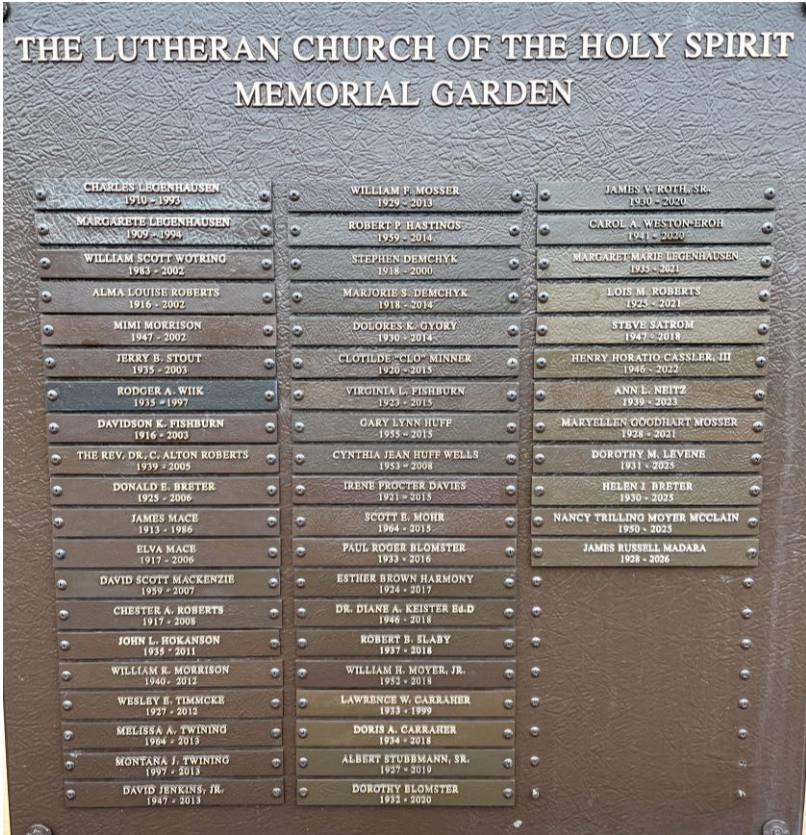
- **Straight Line at \$131,000:** Represents our 6-week cash requirement to operate the church.
- **Upper Straight Line:** Represents our **current** operating cash balance at the end of each month.
- **Upper Dotted Line:** Represents our **projected** operating cash balance through year end.



**Building Fund:** The building fund increased \$5,865.50 during the month and has a balance of \$11,428.94.

**Mortgage Update:** The mortgage balance as of April 30, 2026, is \$317,637.12.

**Correct answer to this week's LCHS quiz question:** As of today, 52 members of the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit family have had their ashes interred in our Memorial Garden. If you visited the garden this week, did you notice the plaque listing the names of those interred there? How many of the names might you recognize?

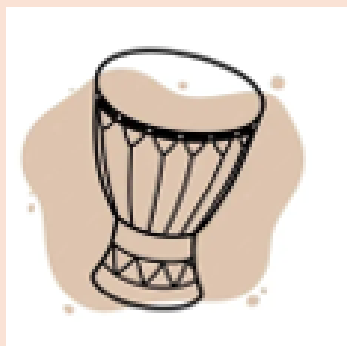


## NEW Office Hours

Effective May 1, 2026,  
the church office hours will be:

Monday – Thursday  
8:00am – 4:00pm  
Friday 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

# Holy Spirit Drum Circle



Are you looking for a way to de-stress, connect with others, and tap into your creative side? We'd love for you to join our upcoming **Drum Circle**.

**Why Join Us?** It's more than just noise - it's about finding a collective heartbeat. Drumming is a fantastic way to boost your mood, reduce anxiety, and meet some truly wonderful people.

## JOIN US ON THESE DATES:

**MONDAYS AT 1:00 pm**  
**June 15 & 29 / July 13 & 27 / August 10 & 24**

**For more information, contact**  
**Melanie Werley / [kupamom@aol.com](mailto:kupamom@aol.com)**



**Please remember these members and friends of Holy Spirit in your prayers.**

**Our homebound members:** Gayle, Joan, Dick, John, Gordon, Christopher, Darla, Larry, Jean, Norine, Billie, and Bob.

**Pray for God's healing for our members and friends:** Bill, Al, Janet, Phyllis, Joe, Donna, Ron, Ric, Robert, Dayton, Lisa, Greyson, Terry, Janie, Laura, Vee, Cathy, Betty, Laura, Reena, Deb, Deb, Ricki, Jim, and Don.

On Sunday, **we celebrate the baptism of** George B., Gabriella M. and Caroline W. We welcome them into the body of Christ and our fellowship here at Holy Spirit.

**In times of joy** for Arlene and Harry Schell's 69<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and for Pat and Frank Mattes' 68<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**In times of joy and celebration** for the birth of Theodore Vaun to parents Patrick and Michelle, grandson of Bill and Kristen.

**In times of sorrow** for the family and friends of Phelma Hinderliter, Glenn's mother and for the family and friends of Marissa, Mike Quinn's niece, and the family and friends of Angela Walton, mother-in-law of Lisa Walton.

**Prayer Request Reminder:** Prayers requested for a particular individual will be spoken by name at Sunday worship for one month following the date of the request. Should prayers be desired beyond this initial period, another request may certainly be made. The names of our homebound members will be offered in worship at least once a month.

**In the Event of a Pastoral Emergency** If you are in *emergency* need of having a pastor contact you, please call the church office at 610-967-2220 and press the number 3 after the general announcement.



## COLLECTION FOR THE ALLENTOWN ECUMENICAL FOOD BANK

The following is a list of the most needed foods at the pantry. Please remember to ***check the best by dates*** before dropping off any contributions. Thank you!

### Most Needed Foods:

- Canned fruits, packed in natural juices preferred
- Individual fruit cups
- Shelf-stable individual microwavable meals such as Dinty Moore Stew or Mac 'n Cheese cups, or Hormel Completes
- Packages of precooked rice, grains, or pasta
- Ready-to-drink breakfast protein drinks
- Jelly
- Flour
- Sugar
- Vegetable oil
- Low-sugar cereal such as cheerios, bran flakes, etc.
- Oatmeal
- Condiments such as salad dressing, ketchup, mustard
- Hearty soups
- Mac 'n cheese cups
- Toothpaste
- Bars of soap
- Diapers Size 5, 6, 7
- Feminine care products

### **Foods NOT Accepted:**

- Home cooked, processed, or baked foods
- Foods in open containers
- Foods with best buy date less than 6 months

Please place your contributions in the benches located in the Fellowship Center Lobby. The benches are marked.

Thank you for your continued support.

## CALENDAR

Sun. 5/10	1:00 pm	Zumba Class (SC)
	6:00 pm	Youth Hang Out (SC)
Mon. 5/11	9:30 am	NS Moving On Practice (WC)
	9:30 am	Stitch-n-Chat (113)
	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	11:00 am	Pastor's Meeting (Office)
	6:00 pm	Total Body Toning Class (SC)
	6:00 pm	VBS Decorating (FC)
	6:30 pm	Outreach Mission Team (Zoom)
	7:00 pm	Faith & Civic Life Bible Study (110/112)
Tues. 5/12	1:00 pm	Staff Meeting (116)
	6:30 pm	NS Board Meeting (116)
Weds. 5/13	11:00 am	NS Moving On Practice (WC)
	2:00 pm	Faith & Civic Life Bible Study (110/112)
	2:30 pm	Rejoicing Ringers (WC)
	5:00 pm	Faith Formation for Adults (Zoom)
	6:00 pm	Global Missions – Kafika House (FC/117/119)
	6:30 pm	Spirit Ringers (WC)
Thurs. 5/14	6:00 pm	Children's Choir (WC)
	6:30 pm	NS Open House (lower level)
	7:00 pm	Spirit Voices (WC)
Sun. 5/17	1:00 pm	Zumba Class (SC)
	1:50 pm	Rejoicing Ringers (WC)
	2:30 pm	Rejoicing Spirits (WC & FC)
Mon. 5/18	9:30 am	NS Moving On Practice (WC)
	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	11:00 am	Pastor's Meeting (Office)
	11:00 am	LCHS Book Group (110/112)
	6:00 pm	Total Body Toning Class (SC)
	6:00 pm	Finance Committee (116)
	7:00 pm	Stephen Ministers (ASR & 117/119)
	7:00 pm	Faith & Civic Life Bible Study (ASR)
Tues. 5/19	9:30 am	NS Moving On Practice (WC)
<b>Election Day</b>	9:30 am	Prime Timer's Movie (ASR)
	1:00 pm	Staff Meeting (116)
	6:30 pm	Community Justice Panel (SC)
	7:00 pm	Congregation Council (117/119)
Weds. 5/20	9:30 am	M&M's Too (117/119)
	11:00 am	NS Moving On Practice (WC)
	6:00 pm	Preparedness Team (116)
	6:30 pm	Spirit Ringers (WC)
Thurs. 5/21	10:00 am	NS Moving On Ceremony (WC)
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir (WC)
	7:00 pm	Spirit Voices (WC)
Fri. 5/22	9:00 am	Decorating Team
Sat. 5/23	9:00 am	Praise Band (WC)