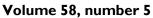
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May 2022



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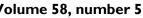


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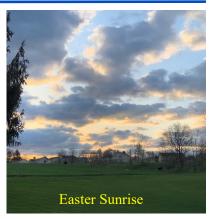


MSPC chefs making breakfast delectables!

Photos courtesy of Gilda Blank.



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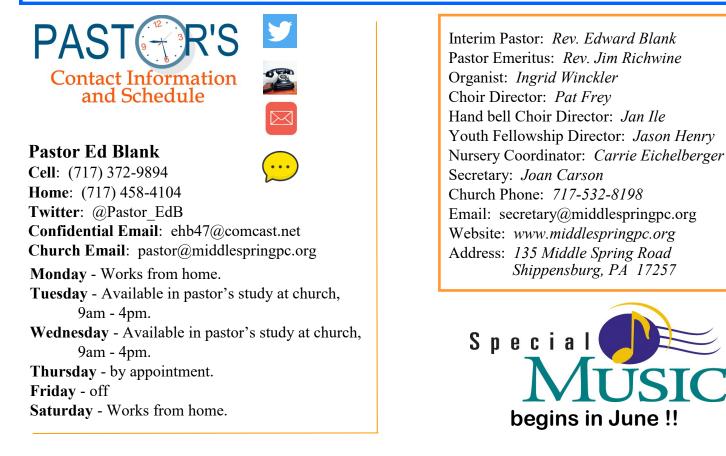
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May

Worship Ministry

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May Worship Participants

	Liturgist	Elder	Acolyte	Ushers	Greeters
01-May	Larry Singer	Quay Stolte - CE	Maddie Porter	Bradley & Sue Beidel	Jeanette Chamberlin & Pat Deustch
08-May	Fred Nordai	Park Bierbower - Fron	Larry Singer	Bradley & Sue Beidel	Mavis Karper & Quay Stolte
15-May	Kemper Dyson	Dane Bricker - CE	Kemper Dyson	Bradley & Sue Beidel	Ron and Bonnie Reed
22-May	Greg McMullen	Don Cover - Front	Evan Mosher	Bradley & Sue Beidel	
29-May	Jan Ile	Kemper Dyson - CE	Brad Beidel	Bradley & Sue Beidel	

OPEN FLOWER DATES: The

weekly flower sign up still has open dates. The dates still open are: **July 17** and **October 30**. If you would like to sign up to give flowers on any of these Sundays please contact Jill Corwin. May 1 - Jim and Jill Corwin

May 29 - Jeanette Chamberlin

May 8 - Peggy Groce

May 15 - Elizabeth and Dane Bricker

May 22 - Janet Sailhamer & Dyson family

Flower Calendar

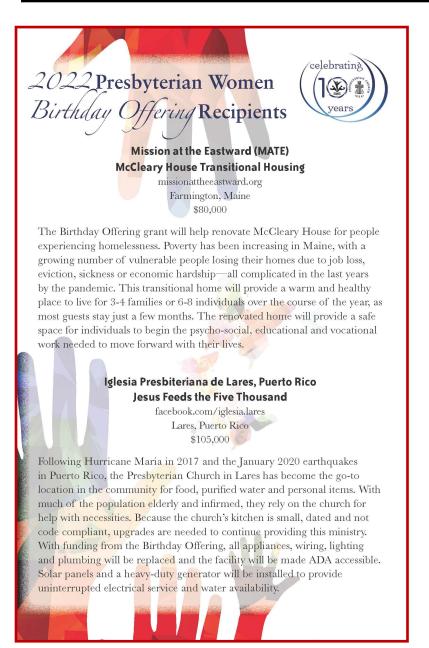
You may pay for flowers by mailing a check for \$40 to Gary Russell or by placing the check in the offering plate. Please note on the memo line for "flowers."

Worship Ministry



Please join us Wednesday, May 18 at 6:30 pm for our annual Memorial Day service. The service will be outside, weather permitting. Our guest speaker is Park Bierbower III, a Purple Heart veteran of the war in Afghanistan.

The Shippensburg Band, directed by Carl Sponenberg, will provide music, and the honor guard of the American Legion Post #223 will perform the salute and Taps.



Presbyterian Women Bírthday Offeríng will be received May 15.

Session

Session Highlights for April 2022

The April Session meeting was held April 5 in person the library/meeting room. Warren Jones led devotions and opened the meeting with prayer.

The *Clerk's report* indicated that Sunday worship in March continued to be in person but was also offered live at 10:30 AM through Facebook and available on the church's YouTube channel and website. The average sanctuary attendance in February was 60. Communion was celebrated on March 6 with Pastor Ed officiating. Ash Wednesday Service was held on March 2 with 31 in attendance for the service. It was noted that 55 people were served at the March 24 Community meal.

The *Treasurer's Report* for **February was**: Year-to-date income \$68,126.13; year-to-date expenses \$57,018.28; Checkbook Balance \$139,9220.05; available cash \$83,455.07; e-giving year-to-date \$6,210.30. **March report** was: Year-to-date income \$81,083.24; year-to-date expenses \$81,158.09; Checkbook Balance \$128,725.01; available cash \$72,272.40; e-giving year-to-date \$9,341.41.

The deacon's report was received with thanks. The deacons will be hosting a "Spring Fling" luncheon on May 22 following worship.

James Wilson and Troy Porter presented their faith statements and were examined by Session members. Their requests to become members of the Middle Spring Presbyterian Church were unanimously approved. They will be received into membership on Easter Sunday, April 17. Don Cover will serve as a mentor for Troy Porter and Quay Stolte will serve as a mentor for James Wilson.

Troy Porter, son of Megan and Troy Porter, and Noland Michael Evanchak, son of Ryan and Lindsay Evanchak, will be baptized during worship on Easter Sunday, April 17.

BUSINESS:

- Fellowship following worship will begin on April 24 and every third Sunday thereafter. Brett Chamberlin will be conducting Blood Pressure Screenings during the fellowship on April 24.
- The passing of the offering plates, fellowship pads, and passing the peace resumed during the month of March. Communion will be served in the pews beginning in April.
- The Chancel Choir will present their first anthem in over two years on Easter Sunday.
- Summer Worship hours will begin at 9:30 AM during the months of June, July, August, and Labor Day.
- The men of the congregation will serve the breakfast following the Easter Sunrise Service.
- The May Session meeting will be held on May 17 because of a conflict with the Presbytery Meeting.
- Discussion was held regarding how we can as a congregation and session help with the relief for the Ukrainian people. It was suggested that we ask the congregation for donation and the session will match those donations up to \$5,000. The agency or organization to receive the donation will be discussed later after research so that the Ukrainian people receive the entire benefit.
- The transition team gave a summary of what they will be presenting at the upcoming congregational gathering on April 21.
- A Study Leave for Pastor Ed was approved for April 18 through May 1.
- Contributions were distributed to several of our local mission organizations. In conjunction with the Partnership for Better Health and the Shippensburg Community Resource Coalition, a check was mailed to the Partnership for Better Health and the funds were matched by the Partnership and the Shippensburg Coalition.
- Mike Denning, Technical Personnel, presented a proposal for a new sound board system. This was tabled for further discussion at the May 17 meeting. (Continued on next page)

Session

- A request for a full scholarship for one of our youth to attend Camp Krislund was approved.
- Joan Carson was hired to be our Church Secretary/Office Manager. She began working on March 7.
- Don Cover gave a summary of the Special Presbytery meeting held on March 15. Don Cover and Kemper Dyson will be the commissioners for the May 3 Presbytery Meeting. This will be a zoom meeting.

The meeting was closed with concerns of session members and were lifted in a closing prayer.

Deacons



It is time to celebrate Spring. We as deacons are called to help improve the spiritual well being of the congregation. There is not better way than to plan a social gathering. Please plan to join us on May 22nd following the church service (11:45ish) for a "Spring Fling Luncheon". We will be serving the following: pork and brisket sandwiches, macaroni & cheese, cole slaw, carrots & celery, chips, water and cup cakes. Make plans to join us at the

pavilion to celebrate warmer weather, friends and our church community.

Spring Fling Luncheon

Sponsored by the Deacons

Congressional get-together following worship on May 22, 2022

Menu: Pork and Brisket Sandwiches Macaroni & Cheese Cole Slaw Carrots & Celery

Chips Water Cup cakes

Come and join us celebrate Spring and enjoy some fellowship in the pavilion, weather permitting.



Deacon of the month for May is Janet Sailhamer

(717) 477-8893

Egg Cartons

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Please



drop off your empty egg cartons. We now take them to Shippensburg Produce Outreach (SPO) on South Penn Street.

to



Jean Wenger Room 140 Celebration Villa of Shippensburg 129 Walnut Bottom Road Shippensburg, PA 17257 Violet Barr 1001 Oregon Road Lititz, PA 17543

...called together by God to worship, grow, and serve

Presbyterian Women's Association



The Presbyterian Women's Bible Study Group will meet in the **church library** (Election Day) on **Tuesday, May 17 at 1:00 pm**. We will be continuing our Horizon study, "*What My Grandmothers Taught Me*". We will be discussing lesson number eight, "*Mary in the Faith and Tradition of the Church*", based on Luke 1:26-56; 2:1-52 and John2:5; 19:25-27. This is a n of the Mary story we studied in lesson seven. We invite all women of the church to join us in

continuation of the Mary story we studied in lesson seven. We invite all women of the church to join us in fellowship and the study of God's word. If you have any questions please contact Jill Corwin at 717-532-8747. Thank you and we hope to have you join us.

Presbyterian Women 100th Birthday Offering on May 15

The Presbyterian Women's Association is celebrating a century of giving and receiving. For 100 years, Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering has helped fund mission projects that improve lives. The 2022 Birthday Offering recipients are: Mission at the Eastward, McCleary House Transitional Housing with \$80,000 and the Iglesia Presbiteriana de Lares, Puerto Rico, Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand with \$105,000.

Growth Ministry

Friends in Fellowship

Come join us for lunch and fellowship around the table on Wednesday, May 18 at 11:30 am at Greenvillage Diner. Let Jan Ile know by May 15 if you plan to come. She can be reached at 717-423-6226 or 717-977-7670. Hope to see you there! All are welcome!





Krislund Camp

Hey kids (entering grades 3-12)! Want a great experience for a week this summer? Consider spending it at a Krislund residential camp situated in 800 acres in scenic Centre County near Madisonburg, PA. Camps are held during the months of June thru August. The camp adventures include hiking, rock climbing wall, outdoor

activities and a 65' swing just for starters. There are also family camps available. You can check out all the great things available during these camps at **www.krislund.org**. Early bird discounts are available through April 1. The registration form is also on the website. A request for a full scholarship for one of our youth to attend Camp Krislund was approved by Session.

Service Ministry

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Shippensburg Area Community Meal

The next community meal will be May 26 at 5:00 pm. If you would like to volunteer, donate or need more information, contact Brad Beidel at 717-423-6705 or 717-729-1983.

Cell Phone Collection

Reminder: The Service Ministry at Middle Spring Church is collecting used or broken cell phones



for the military. The Military Mama Network collects them and turns them into Calling Cards for deployed military members and their families. If you have a phone to contribute please contact **Brad Beidel at 717-423-6705** for pickup. There will also be a box at the church office.



Trade School for Children in Haiti

Ron Fink of Shippensburg is asking for prayers! He is thinking of starting a trade school for the children in Haiti where he ha supported and helped build a school for the children and has gone there several times!!! Please pray for guidance of his decision!

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee will be meeting following Church Service on Sunday, May 15th.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

The greatly anticipated Middle Spring Presbyterian Church Annual Yard Sale will be July 14, 15, and 16!

Donations will be accepted starting **July 3** right after worship, so start cleaning out cupboards, closets and attics...basements too! All clothing should be clean and in good repair, no mildew, cigarette or tobacco product odors or stains.

All appliances should be in working order and be complete with cords or lids.

ABSOLUTELY NO TVs!

Contact Jeanette Chamberlin at (717) 360-3809 if you want to volunteer!

Stewardship Ministry

Manse Renovation News

PROGRESS AT THE MANSE: **Manse Update:** Slow and steady wins the race. As with most renovations, your thought of completion dates and reality do not always match. We are continuing to work on completing the upstairs bathroom and bedroom. The spackling and sanding are in progress. The vanity is built and flooring purchased and ready for insulation once the walls are completed.

We have heard from the cabinet maker; he plans to start building our cabinets in early May. So, we need to begin demo on the kitchen, a workday is set for May 4th. We will demo the kitchen on <u>Wednesday, May 4</u> starting at 8:00 AM. Lunch will be provided. Bring all the tools you think you may need - claw hammer, small saw (we need to open the floor so the electrician



can do his work), sledgehammers, gloves, etc. The cabinets and paneling will need to be removed so the electrician can make the needed updates. If you can help or have questions, contact Jan Ile.

As always, we thank our volunteers for their time and patience during this project.

Introducing... James Wilson, Gilda Blank and Troy Porter





Noland Michael Evanchak and Troy Porter



...called together by God to worship, grow, and serve

Photos courtesy of Gilda Blank.

Stewardship Ministry

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General Fund Balance

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Middle Spring Presbyterian USA - Shippensburg PA Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2022

Tuesday, April : Account #	Account Name	Page 1 of YTD Balanc
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Assets		100 50 50
1.50.000	General Fund Checking Acct	128,735.0
1.70.000	Capital Fund Checking Acct	31,499.6
1.80.000	Youth Fund Checking Acct	13,057.1
1.90.001	Church Endowment Investment Acct.	954,374.9
1.90.002	Church Un-Restricted Investment Acct	406,127.4
1.90.003	Church Youth Endowment Acct	11,897.4
1.90.004	Church Building Investment Fund	61,651.2
1.90.010	Electronic Giving Clearing Acct Total Assets	0.0
Liabilities	1 otal Assets	\$1,607,342.8
2.01.000	Exployee Withholdings	
2.01.000	FIT Withholdings	0.0
2.01.002	FICA Withholdings	
2.01.002	Medicare Withholdings	0.0
2.01.003	State Tax Withholdings	0.0
2.01.004	Local Tax Withholdings	0.0
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2.01.006	LST Tax Withholdings	0.0
2.01.010	FSA Health Care	169.9
2.01.015	403(b) Withholdings	0.0 \$ <i>169</i> .9
	Total Exployee Withholdings	\$109.9
2.02.000	Reserved/Specified Givings **	
2.03.001	Library Use	55.5
2.03.002	Youth Scholarships	0.0
2.03.005	Peacemaking Offering-Local Portion	140.5
2.03.006	Pentecost Offering-Local Portion	0.0
2.03.009	Bell Maintenance Resv	1,650.0
2.03.010	Bell Choir Use **	2,206.3
2.03.011	Chancel Choir Use **	438.6
2.03.012	Church Music Program **	349.3
2.03.015	Community Emergency Fund **	848.6
2.03.016	Pastor's Continuing Education **	2,000.0
2.03.020	Ground Care Equipment	4,397.7
2.03.021	Parking Lot Seal/Re-line	1,802.0
2.03.022	Office Equipment	3,923.1
2.03.023	Seal Brick-Church/Manse	2,510.0
2.03.024	Family Fund **	2,040.7
2.03.025	Heifer Project **	408.8
2.03.026	Maintain/Replace Choir Robes	4,041.0
2.03.027	Memorial Fund	17,586.0
2.03.029	Mission-Specified **	0.0
2.03.031	Puppet Fund	1,019.0
2.03.032	June Weber International Scholarship **	3,000.0
2.03.033	Van Rental	3,400.0
2.03.035	Rental Maintainence	3,000.0
2.03.036	Venture Crew/Scout Use	1,474.9
	Total Reserved/Specified Givings **	\$56,292.0
2.10.001	Accounts Payable/Vendors	0.0
	Total Liabilities	\$56,462.6
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Stewardship Ministry

Tuesday, Apr	Page 2 of 2		
Account #	Account Name	YTD Balance	
3.70.000	Capital Fund Balance	31,499.67	
3.80.000	Youth Fund Balance	13,057.10	
3.90.001	Church Endowment Fund Balance	954,374.95	
3.90.002	Church Un-restricted Investment Acct Balance	406,127.43	
3.90.003	Church Youth Fund Endowment Acct Balance	11,897.42	
3.90.004	Church Building Investment Fund Balance	61,651.26	
	Total Fund Balances	\$1,550,880.23	
	Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$1,607,342.84</u>	

Middle Spring Presbyterian USA - Shippensburg PA Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2022



Middle Spring Presbyterian USA - Shippensburg PA Consolidated Fund Activity Report as of 03/31/2022

Tuesday, Ap	ril 5, 2022					Page 1 of 1
Account #	Account Name	Beg Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Transfers/JE's	End Balance
3.10.000	General Fund Balance	72,347.25	81,083.24	81,158.09	0.00	72,272.40
3.70.000	Capital Fund Balance	36,665.84	1,430.12	6,596.29	0.00	31,499.67
3.80.000	Youth Fund Balance	13,835.07	10.00	787.97	0.00	13,057.10
3.90.001	Church Endowment Fund Balance	1,004,050.75	(37,125.17)	12,550.63	0.00	954,374.95
3.90.002	Church Un-restricted Investment Acct Balance	410,373.82	883.28	5,129.67	0.00	406,127.43
3.90.003	Church Youth Fund Endowment Acct Balance	12,458.45	(561.03)	0.00	0.00	11,897.42
3.90.004	Church Building Investment Fund Balance	64,185.18	(2,533.92)	0.00	0.00	61,651.26
Total		\$1,613,916.36	\$43,186.52	\$106,222.65	<u>\$0.00</u>	\$1,550,880.23

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Milestones & Thanks

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My deepest appreciation for the cards and phone calls from my church family, your prayers and thoughtfulness during the month of my losses. *Eileen Moore*



From your soon-to-be ex-secretary...It's been a wonderful 5 years here at Middle Spring! I loved every moment of it! I enjoyed taking care of the congregation and friends of Middle Spring Presbyterian

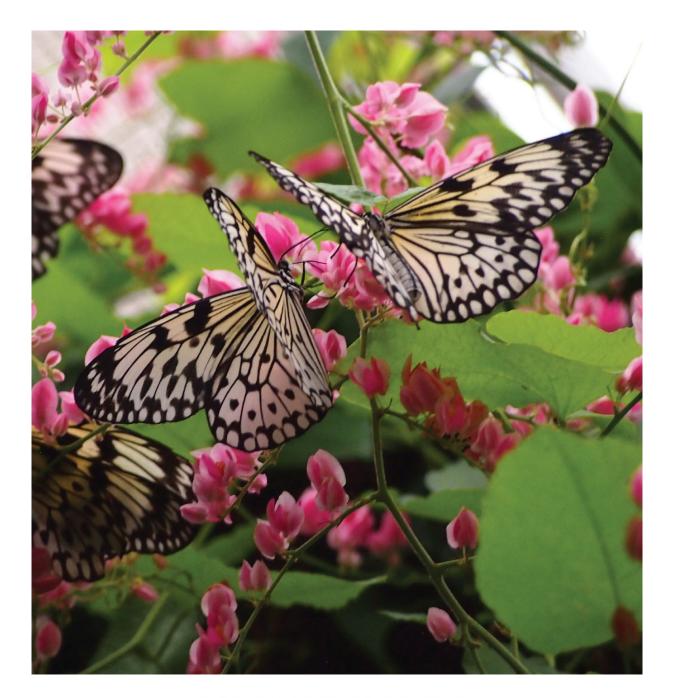
Church and I *loved* coming to work every day. I'm flattered by your words of appreciation and grateful for your very generous gifts. My thanks to you for letting me be a part of your church family. It's been a pleasure!



We would like to thank everyone for thier donations We are very thank for and grateful. We really are thankful for all the Prayers. God Bless from: Michael, Lestine and Celest We love you all



Warren and Kyla Jones	05/01
Dennis and Julie Drachbar	05/11
Danny and Regina Chamberlin	05/12
Howard and Doe Davis	05/20
Dane and Elizabeth Bricker	05/21
Kenneth and Judy Weller	05/22
Tim and Christine Wyrick	05/25
Tracy and Debra Coover	05/29



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Phone #'s and email addresses are available in the church directory

Session	Deacons Sue Beidel, Moderator	Prayer Chain "If in my name you ask me
Jan Ile , Clerk	Janet Sailhamer, Co-Moderator, Co-	for anything, I will do it."
Dane Bricker, Stewardship Minis-	ordinator of pastoral care and com-	John 14:14
try, Building and Grounds Commit-	munion	Kathy Bierbower
tee Chair	Howard Davis, Secretary	Regina Chamberlin
Susie Rohr, Growth Ministry, Co-	Joe Brett, Transportation	Jill Corwin
Chair, Children's Gathering Coor-	Jeanette Chamberlin, Christmas fruit	Howard Davis
dinator	baskets, funeral flowers, and commun-	Jan Ile
Kemper Dyson, Growth Ministry,	ion supplies	Arlene Keer
Co-Chair Park Bierbower, Worship Minis-	Jill Corwin, Holiday and seasonal	Pat Mahan
try, Chair	arrangements of sanctuary flowers and Care and Share	Eileen Moore
Warren Jones, Service Ministry,	Pris Gould, Care and Share	Stevie Nordai
Co-Chair	Jerry Judy, Medical equipment	Ethel Palmer
Eileen Moore, Personnel Chair	Mavis Karper, Medical equipment	Dorothy Reese
Quay Stolte, Service Ministry Co-	Maury Mahan, Pulpit scarfs and	Dorina Saul
Chair	banners	All members of the Middle
Don Cover, Nominating Chair	Kathy Palmer, Milestone recognition	Spring Presbyterian community
Alice Judy, Manse Renovation	and representative to nominating	are invited to be part of our
Team Chair	committee	prayer chain. Weekly emails
	Joyce Russell, Care and Share	are sent out to update prayer
		joys and concerns.

Mission and Vision

Middle Spring Presbyterian Church called together by God to worship, grow, and serve

<i>To worship</i> , we gather
to praise and glorify God
to be transformed by the Spirit
to forgive and to be forgiven
to witness to our faith in our triune God
to pray for guidance in our lives
as we meet life's challenges
and care for God's world and God's children
In worship, we experience God's presence inviting us to grow. [Colossians 1:10]
<i>To grow</i> , we seek
to read the Bible for understanding and reflection
to learn about our Christian faith and Reformed tradition
to be open to new ways the truth is revealed in the world today
to share our faith journey with one another
to become more committed to Christ's mission
In growing, we hear God's invitation to respond and serve. [John 17:18]
To serve, we reach out
to proclaim the good news of the saving grace of God
to share our blessings
to offer hope and comfort
to experience fellowship with others
to improve the lives of those in need around the world,
heeding Christ's call to "Tend my sheep." [John 21:16]

Church Calendar

2022

CALENDAR YEAR

MAY CALENDAR MONTH

Middle Spring Presbyterian Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
01 9:15am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship in person and online Children's Gathering COMM CARES COLLECTION	02 10am-3pm Secretary hours	03 10am-3pm Secretary hours 10am Bible Study via ZOOM	04 8am Manse Kitchen Demolition w/lunch 10am-3pm Secretary hours		06	07
08 9:15am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship in person and online Children's Gathering MOTHER'S DAY	09 10am-3pm Secretary hours	10 10am-3pm Secretary hours 10am Bible Study via ZOOM 6pm Deacon meeting 7pm MSWA	11 10am-3pm Secretary hours	12 10am-3pm Secretary hours	13	14
15 9:15am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship w/ <u>communion</u> in person and online Children's Gathering Nominating Committee meets after worship	16 10am-3pm Secretary hours	17 10am-3pm Secretary hours 10am Bible Study via ZOOM 1pm PW Study Group 7pm Session meeting VOTE !!	18 10am-3pm Secretary hours 11:30am Friends in Fellowship at Greenvillage Diner 6:30pm Memorial Day Service	19 10am-3pm Secretary hours	20	21
22 9:15am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship in person and online Children's Gathering SPRING FLING after worship		24 10am-3pm Secretary hours 10am Bible Study via ZOOM	25 10am-3pm Secretary hours	26 10am-3pm Secretary hours 5pm Community Meal	27	28
29 9:15am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship in person and online Children's Gathering	30 10am-3pm Secretary hours MEMORIAL DAY	31 10am-3pm Secretary hours 10am Bible Study via ZOOM	01 10am-3pm Secretary hours	02 10am-3pm Secretary hours	03	04