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May
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MEMORIAL DAY



Mike will be the keynote speaker at the Glendale Memorial Day Remembrance. He will also read the names of the fallen as he has done for several years.

The Rev. Lang will ride in the parade and give the invocation.

Remembering our Veteran's

- Mike –United States Navy
- Mark –United States Army Band
- Ken –United States Navy
- Addison –United States Army
- Stu –United States Air Force
- Dave –United States Marine Corps
- Mike –United States Navy
- Charlotte –United States Army MP
- James –United States Army
- Gene –United States Navy Hospital Corps
- Dick –United States Air Force
- Tom –United States Navy
- Rich –United States Army
- Craig –United States Navy



Worship Committee

Glendale showcases its natural beauty in the spring season with extravagant display of blooming trees, shrubs, tiny, naturalized violets, and spring beauties to remind us, wherever we look, that Christ is indeed risen!

Amy, our Music Director will present a piano recital in the sanctuary on Sunday, May 19, at 2:00PM. Be sure to mark your calendars for an afternoon of music.

Our choir typically takes its leave for the summer toward the end of May. Fortunately, we can call upon the talents of various musicians, instrumentalist, and vocalists to enhance our worship services.

Amy is anticipating a long-awaited inspection and restoration of our pipe organ. The pipes have not been tended to professionally for a long time. The process is lengthy, necessitating our relocation of the Sunday worship service to the Church House until the restoration has been completed. We are projecting this work will be active during the summer months.

Please join us for worship at The First Presbyterian Church of Glendale in the beautiful month of May!

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From the Minister's Desk

One of the scriptural readings often included in liturgies for the Lord's Supper comes from the Gospel of John 15:5.

Jesus says in that passage:

"Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing."

(New Living Translation)

This axiom of Jesus points to the vital relationship of believers to the Savior. Sarah Koontz explains that relationship this way:

"One of my favorite things about having a massive garden in my backyard is the ability to cut fresh flowers to adorn [my] little red writing desk each week. This summer I grew daisies, giant zinnias, cosmos, yarrow, snapdragons, and several other colorful blooms.

I'd fill a big 5-gallon bucket with freshly cut blooms and invite my daughters to help arrange the flowers in mason jars to set about the house. Nothing brings the joy of summer into my heart and home like fresh-cut flowers in mason jars.



I'm always amazed at how quickly those tender blossoms begin to fade. It shouldn't surprise me.

In order to bring those flowers inside, I've had to cut them off from their true life-source. Their roots. And although the water I provide meets their immediate needs, it's a poor substitute.

In the same way, God designed you and me to blossom and flourish in His garden. And we will flourish! So long as we remain rooted *in Christ*."

Jesus urges his disciples in John's Gospel to remain in a relationship with Him. This relationship is maintained through prayer, Bible study, and the emulation of the example of Jesus.

Rudolf Bultmann, in his commentary on the Gospel of John, references Martin Luther and notes: "Of course (people) can achieve all kinds of technical and moral success (without him). But we are not concerned here 'with the natural and worldly life and being, but with the fruits of the Gospel' (Luther)."

It isn't that people cannot accomplish goals and tasks, unable to achieve success in the various endeavors of life. Jesus is rather getting at the idea that a vital spirituality, an authentic and healthy connection with God, is mediated and maintained by a relationship with Him.

The calling of the Christian is to find their spirituality nourished and vitalized by the person and work of Jesus Christ.

Citations:

Rudolf Bultmann, *The Gospel of John: A Commentary* (Philadelphia: The Westminster Press, 1971), p. 537.

Sarah Koontz, "5 Reasons to Root Your Life in Christ," *By Design*, October 9, 2017, <https://livingbydesign.org>.

DEACONS

Leading through Serving.

The Deacons offer prayer, companionship, rides, or meals, but don't always know where care is needed. If you know of a need (your own or another's), call the church office or any of our Deacons: Susan (moderator), Marianna, Jane, and Diane.



William
Levi
Dottie
Susan
Gene
Charlie
Randy
Bill
Sandra
Carolyn
Katie

Mary and Cru mission team
Kathy's mother and family



Meet the Staff the Rev. Jeffrey Lang

Amy
Director of Music and Organist
Kate
Choir Director and Vocalist
Paisley
Videographer

Clara
Vocalist
Deborah
Administrative Assistant
Logan
Section Leader

Items for the **June** edition of this newsletter are accepted in the church office through **9:00AM, Monday, May 20.**



Early submissions are always joyfully accepted!

Submitted information will be edited for clarity, accuracy, and length.



Mission in Motion...



Thank
you

Dave and Brad delivered a total of 188lbs. of food, personal care items, and cleaning products to Valley Interfaith Community Resource Center (VICRC) in February. 140lbs of that total came from donations for the Pancake Breakfast table centerpieces donated by members and friends.

The 2024 YTD total is 338lbs!

Remember, the monthly food offerings are accepted any day of the month, not just on the third Sunday.



The Mission committee recently approved a financial assistance request from a person in the community who has some connection with the church. Gift cards were provided in an amount to meet the need.

Save these dates

Wednesday, June 5—Fellowship Dinner at Meritage

Saturday, June 15—Fill the Glendale Village Square with Food

Wednesday, July 17—Fellowship Dinner at Montgomery Inn

Wednesday, August 21—Fellowship Picnic at the Lyceum

Saturday, September 21—Twenty-seventh Annual Golf Outing



Women's Book Club

All women are invited to gather in the church library with your favorite morning beverage at 10:00AM. The books for the next few months are ...



Wednesday, May 8

The Sentence by Louis Erdrich

A small independent bookstore is haunted from November 2019 to November 2020 by the store's most annoying customer. Flora dies on All Souls' Day, but she simply won't leave the store. The book's mystery and proliferating ghost stories during this one year propel a rich, emotional, and profound narrative.



Wednesday, June 12

Have a Little Faith by Mitch Albom

A book about life's purposes; about losing belief and finding it again; about the divine spark inside us all. It is one man's journey, but it is everyone's story.



Wednesday, July 10

The Summer of '69 by Elin Hilderbrand

As the summer heats up, Ted Kennedy sinks a car in Chappaquiddick, man flies to the moon, and Jessie and her family experience their own dramatic upheavals along with the rest of the country. This historical novel is rich with the details of an era that shaped both a nation and an island thirty miles out to sea.

Wednesday, August 14

Warrior of the Light,
by Paulo Coelho



In his own unique way, Paulo Coelho

helps bring out the Warrior of the Light within each of us. He also shows readers how to embark upon the way of the Warrior: the one who appreciates the miracle of being alive, the one who accepts failure, and the one whose quest leads him to become the person he wants to be.

Wednesday, September 11

The Nature of Fragile Things
by Susan Meissner



The fate of three women intertwined on the even of the devastating

earthquake in San Francisco (April 18, 1906), thrusting them into a perilous journey that will test their resiliency, resolve, and their belief that love can overcome fear.



Peter	2
Lee and Anthony	3
Craig	7
Mike	14
Robert	15
Marianna and Matt	16
Phoebe	17
Jerry	18
Kimberley	22
Matt	26



Men's Lunch

All men are invited to gather for lunch at Gold Star on Springfield Pike in Springdale, Wednesday, May 8.

Fellowship begins when you arrive; lunch begins at 12:30PM.

*Men's Campfire Circle
Tuesdays, May 21, and June 18
at 6:00PM*



All men are invited to gather for fellowship in the churchyard. Bring your own beverage and lawn chair. Snacks provided.



A Word from the Human Relations and Administration committee



After eight years with The First Presbyterian Church of Glendale as Administrative Assistant, Debbie's last day in the church office will arrive on Thursday, May 16. The congregation extends its heartfelt thanks to Debbie for her many years of faithful work with and for the members of FPCG and the church's varied ministries and wishes her the best in retirement.

A retirement dinner to honor Debbie will be held on

Wednesday, May 15 at *BRAVO! Italian Kitchen*, 9436 Water Front Drive, West Chester, at 6:00PM. A sign-up sheet for RSVP is posted on the Church House bulletin board.

The new Administrative Assistant, Carolyn, will be in the office with Debbie beginning May 1. Carolyn arrives at FPCG after almost thirty years as an Executive Assistant with Proctor & Gamble from which she recently retired.

Carolyn is a dog mom to Copper and Jasper and a cat mom to Joey B. She is an avid book reader and goes to the library about once a month to get her hands on the 'real' thing. Carolyn adores her mom and spends a lot of time with her. She loves working in her yard and attending nieces' and nephews' sporting events. Carolyn enjoys helping with shower, wedding, party, and event planning.

This calendar is a living document
 subject to frequent changes.
 Check the website
 (firstpresbyterianglendale.org)
 for the most accurate calendar.
 Please call the church office with
 calendar updates.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 6:30PM - Choir Rehearsal	3	4
5  10:30AM- Worship	6 9:00AM- Session reports due 2:00PM- Squirrely Stitchers 3:00PM- Mission mtg	7	8 10:00AM- Women's Book Club 12:30PM- Men's Lunch 6:00PM- Session mtg	9 6:30PM - Choir Rehearsal	10	11
12 10:30AM- Worship Archibald Fund Offering 	13	14	15	16 6:30PM - Choir Rehearsal	17	18
19  10:30AM- Worship Archibald Fund Offering 2:00AM- Piano Recital	20 9:00AM- Newsletter items due	21 6:00PM - Men's Campfire Circle	22	23	24	25
26  10:30AM- Worship	27 Office Closed 	28	29	30	31	



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Worship begins at 10:30AM
Sunday, September 10, 2023 through
Sunday, June 2, 2024.

Worship begins at 10:00AM
Sunday, June 9, 2024 through
Sunday, September 8, 2024.

Church Office Hours

Monday, 9AM-3PM, Tuesday, 9AM-1PM
Wednesday, 9AM-1PM, Thursday, 9AM-3PM
The office is *closed* every Friday.

Shared with you in Christian love

