



May 2021

Hayshire United Church of Christ

Pastoral Reflections

Spring is in full swing now; everything is blooming and growing all around us. We will be having our first Hayshire clean-up day for this year on May 1st to remove weeds and trim bushes as we get our church grounds looking beautiful and welcoming for our return to in-person worship on May 2nd. We are, also, beginning to get everything ready for our community garden and new pollinator garden. It's time to till the ground for this year's planting. We will be asking for your help in providing our plants and putting them in the ground again this year. It is an exciting time here at the church!

In this Easter and Spring season, as we prepare to come back together for in-person worship, and as we hope and pray that we are coming out of the worst of the pandemic, the need to make a joyful and joy-filled noise, like the birds, is with me every day. I just can't seem to keep from singing...or dancing.

This year, it seems that Easter has spoken more to my soul than in year's past. Maybe it took a pandemic to help me to wake up to a new understanding of the resurrected life God calls us to. I have been feeling the Spirit's urging to reassess how I, how we – Hayshire UCC – are called to serve, to live into this resurrected life. I have been wondering, as we come back together and things begin to resume a more "normal" routine:

- How are we – Hayshire UCC – going to live into this resurrected life?
 - Will we simply go "back to the way things were before?"
 - If so, I think we are missing out on what the Spirit is urging us to do and be now.
- I think we need to ask ourselves – individual and collectively: Where is God calling us to help, comfort, reassure, challenge, and engage others?
- How are we "to be loving, expressions of the Creator's Divine Plan"?

May this season be filled with joy and the discovery of new opportunities of how you, how we – Hayshire UCC, can live into and share God's love.

Blessings and peace,

Pastor Brenda

Know that the Beloved of your heart is the Divine Presence!

Love created us, and we belong to the Most High; we are to be loving, expressions of the Creator's Divine Plan.

Psalm 100 (Merrill, p196)

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BIRTHDAYS

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|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| 2 • Douglas Wolfgang | 16 • Karl Hassler |
| 4 • Claire Teyral | 16 • Laurie Strausbaugh |
| 8 • Carl Gladfelter | 17 • Helen Bair |
| 9 • Whitney Snyder | 20 • Lois Immel |
| 10 • Susan Herman | 20 • Eric Stausbaugh |
| 11 • Taylor Daniels | 23 • Randall Sipe |
| 13 • Erin Gross | 29 • Harry Householder,
Jr. |
| 14 • Krishan Kumar | |



ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 • Glenn & Lisa Young
- 9 • Tom & Joyce Gross
- 14 • Bob & Mae Duncan
- 18 • Kermit & Bev Hoke



PRESCHOOL NEWS

It is hard to believe I am typing the last newsletter of the school year. It really flew by!

May will be a very busy month for us. The Pre-K classes will be visited by "Creatures Great and Small." All of our classes will be reviewing all we have learned and getting ready for graduation. Our last days are May 25th and 26th. Graduation is always bittersweet. It is hard to say goodbye to our children moving on.

Registration is going very well. We still have openings in some of our classes. Summer Fun is almost full for both the AM and PM sessions.

We are so pleased at how well the school year went. Given the situation, we were not sure how things would go. The staff, parents and children did phenomenal. Everyone did what they needed to do for us to stay open, safe and healthy.

Have a wonderful summer!

//Jackie Bailey, Director



PRAYER CONCERN

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PLEASE SUBMIT ARTICLES TO:
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From your President . . .

As many of you have heard by now, the creative worship team and Council have decided to resume hybrid worship services on May 2nd. I want to ensure everyone that our goal is to have as many people enjoy our services, so you will continue to be able to worship via zoom and conference calls, as well as in-person.

For those of you who have not been part of an in-person service since we shut down in March of 2020, all precautions are taken to make the experience as safe as possible. Nothing is 100% guaranteed, but of all the activities I have participated in since the pandemic hit the US, attending a worship service at Hayshire UCC is the safest that I have felt.

A special thanks to all of you that participated in the survey. We had close to 50 responses. After hearing on Easter Sunday the results of a poll that a major network did, I wasn't sure what to expect with our survey. The network stated that only 27% of people expected to go to church in 2021. My first thought involved skepticism as to why I was given a number without being told who was involved in the poll. Did only regular or semi-regular churchgoers take part? Or was anyone who would normally attend a minimum of 2 services a year included? If anyone with a pulse, who had no intention of attending church with or without COVID, participated, I would think the number would be below 27%. Our numbers indicated approximately 80% of the respondents were either planning on coming back or starting to feel at least somewhat comfortable in coming back. For some of our members, it may be a very difficult decision as to when they come back. Please make sure you feel totally comfortable before attending in-person service. As a famous football coach used to say, "I would rather play a younger player two weeks after they were ready to play, than one week before they were ready".

A majority of the respondents have either received the vaccination or are planning on getting the vaccination. I understand both sides of the debate. Medication affects different people in different ways. There are many questions that will take months or even years for the medical field to know the answer.

There are two stories that I would like to share

with you. Within a year after I graduated from college in 1982, my college roommate's father was diagnosed with stomach cancer. Within a few months of the diagnosis, he died. It was not the cancer that killed him, but the chemo. The same drugs that saved or prolonged other people's lives ended up shortening his life. Please note that I understand that without the medication, the cancer would have caused his death. We just never know how our bodies will react to certain medications.

The other story involves my father and his reluctance to have surgery on his knee. When my father was in his mid-seventies, he had severe pain in his one knee. There is a very good chance that surgery would have eliminated most, or all, of his pain. My father decided not to have surgery. He knew of someone that had knee surgery and developed blood clots. He survived, but in my father's mind, the risks of having surgery outweighed the benefits. Due to the pain in his knee, my father ended up spending a lot of time on his recliner. A few years later, due to his lack of activity, he ended up being hospitalized with a congested heart condition followed by a stroke a few months later. His health continued to deteriorate over the next few years until he passed away. Not having surgery on his knee, may have cost my dad a couple of years off of his life.

I am really looking forward to seeing some of you on May 2nd and even more of you in the months ahead. Continue to enjoy good health and stay safe.

God bless,
Scott Shue



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- We are starting a pollinator garden. See Glenn and Lisa Young for ways to help.
- The Preschool still has openings for fall.
- May 1st, 9am is property clean-up day for the outside of the church.

Virtual Table Talk (VTT)

May 7th, 6:30-7:15pm

As we gather again in the month of May, we would like to invite you to an opportunity to connect with other church members and friends around discussion of current topics. In the past, we have hosted Table Talk on Friday evenings and it may not have been convenient for members to be present at the church. What we have discovered is that virtual capabilities allow people to connect on a more informal basis in their own homes for a short period of time. Once again, we will gather via Zoom using an abbreviated version of the "Wired Word" format from Sunday, May 2nd as our guide. Other issues may be discussed as determined by the group.

Here's how to join our Zoom Meeting:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3047880373?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3047880373?pwd=ZlNFOWZBL2hzBFJqdjdKWjJwZHpfFZz09)

Meeting ID: 304 788 0373

Passcode: 588702



Virtual Messy Church

Friday May 14th 6:00-7:15pm



Join us for our 7th Virtual Messy Church that includes crafts, storytelling, food and more. We will provide a supply kit for this event that you can pick up at the church starting Sunday afternoon May 9th, and Monday - Thursday May 10th -13th 9am-noon.

Join the Zoom Meeting at: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3047880373?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3047880373?pwd=ZlNFOWZBL2hzBFJqdjdKWjJwZHpfFZz09)
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Hayshire Community Garden

Following the success of last year's community garden, we have decided to make it a Hayshire annual event. With the assistance of our resident horticulturalist, Sally Dietz and others, we need your help to make this a reality. Please join us **Sunday, May 16th** to plant this year's garden. **Save the Date.** Additional information will be provided as the plans are finalized.



WE NEED YOUR HELP

in creating the NEW Community Pollinator Garden at Hayshire UCC!

Why is a Pollinator Garden important? Bee

and butterfly population in decline. It is pretty likely you have heard this, but the populations of a lot of common pollinators are in decline.

Bee populations are in decline globally which is something that needs to be fixed. Some other pollinators, less important than bees but still important, like Monarch butterflies have seen a 90% drop in their population over the last 20 years or so.

The main reasons that pollinator populations are in decline is because of increased use of pesticides (insect killers) and herbicides (weed killers) accompanied by an ever-increasing destruction of habitat due to urban sprawl and agricultural development. The loss of habitat is a serious blow to pollinator's abilities to nest, feed, and shelter but the increased use of pesticides and herbicides in both rural and urban settings has taken an already bad situation and made it much worse. Where bees, butterflies, and other pollinators lived is now mostly urban developments or corn fields.

Combating these potentially devastating losses requires a combination of multiple methods.

Education: Learn more about it and teach those around you. Demonstrate to your community how to grow a pollinator-friendly garden.

Practice what you preach: Stop using pesticides or herbicides in your own garden. Let native flowers and grasses grow to support pollinators (hint: big expanses of green lawn do not help many creatures!)

Key Points in Pollinator Gardening

- Use plants native to the region
- Plant in drifts (groups of 3-5-7) for best impact
- Use nectar and pollen rich flowers with a range of shapes sizes and colors
- Avoid modern hybrids
- Plan different plant bloom seasons- Early

(April/May/June); Mid (July/August); and Late (September/October)

Possible Varieties of plants for PA:

EARLY Season

Wild Columbine, False Blue Indigo, Dwarf Tickseed, Threadleaf tickseed ,Dutchman's breeches, Wild Geranium, Golden Ragwort, Calico Penstemon, Smooth White Penstemon, Moss Phlox, Creeping Phlox, Wild Blue Phlox, Spreading Jacob's Ladder, Bloodroot, Foamflower, Violets, Golden Alexander.

MID Season

Anise Hyssop, Nodding Onion, Swamp Milkweed, Common Milkweed, Butterfly Weed, Pink Tickseed, Purple Coneflower, Joe Pye, Boneset, Helen's Flower, Perennial Sunflowers, False Sunflower, Blazing Star, Cardinal Flower, Great Blue Lobelia, Scarlet Bee Balm, Wild Bergamot, Obedient Plant, Mountain mint, Spiderwort, Culver's Root.

LATE Season

Blue Mistflower, White Wood Aster, Thorough-wort, Maximilian's Sunflower, Brown Eyed Susan, Fireworks Goldenrod ,Zig Zag Goldenrod, Smooth Aster, New England Aster, New York Aster.

Local Native Plant Sales

Lancaster Native Plant and Wildlife Festival – Sat. April 24 8am-12 noon.

Manheim Township Overlook Park, 2040 Lititz Pike, Lancaster, 17601-3802

Horn Farm Native Plant Sale – Saturday, May 1st 9am -3 pm

4945 Horn Road, York, PA 17406 717-757-6441
Vegetable, herb, and flower starts for your garden

Meadowsweet Native Plant Farm - by Appointment

5605 Waltersdorf Road, Spring Grove, PA 17362
717-487-3612



Calling all Graduates!

Are you graduating this year or have a child, grandchild, niece or nephew - a close family member who is graduating this year? Please send your information to Dawn in the office by May 19th. She will need the following information about your grad: their NAME, SCHOOL they are graduating from, DEGREE they are receiving (diploma, BS, Masters, etc.), and PLANS for the future along with your name and how they are related to you. This is a big achievement and we want to celebrate with you!

We will lift up all our grads during worship on May 23rd - whether we are worshiping in person or via digital means. And their information will be shared in the June Haylo.



Second Half of Calendar of Events



- 6/11 (Fri) Virtual Wired Word 6:30-715pm
- 06/13 (Sun) Summer Worship hours 10:00am
- 06/18 (Fri) Virtual Messy Church 6-7:30pm
- 7/20 (Fri) Messy Church 6-7:30pm
- 08/28 (Sat) 3rd Annual Car Show (Rain date 09/04)
- 09/12 (Sun) Outdoor Worship
- 9/17 (Fri) Messy Church 6-7:30pm
- 10/23 (Sat) Holiday Bazaar 9 am
- 10/31 (Sun) All Saints Day
- 10/31 (Sun) Trunk or Treat 6 pm
- 11/19 (Fri) Messy Church 6-7:30pm
- 12/04 (Sat) Cookies w/ Santa 4 pm
- 12/17 (Fri) Messy Church 6-7:30pm
- 12/24 (Fri) Christmas Eve Service 7:30 pm

Real-Life Benefits of Exercise and Physical Activity

Lack of physical activity can lead to more doctor visits, more hospitalizations, and more use of medications.

Staying active can help you:

- Keep and improve your strength
- Have more energy
- Improve your balance and lower risk of falls and injuries
- Manage and prevent some diseases like arthritis, heart disease, stroke, type 2 diabetes, osteoporosis, and 8 types of cancer
- Sleep better
- Reduce levels of stress anxiety
- Reach and maintain healthy weight
- Control blood pressure
- Improve or maintain some aspects of cognitive function
- Perk up your mood and reduce feelings of depression

Research has shown that exercise is not only good for physical health, but also supports emotional and mental health. So, next time you're feeling down, anxious, or stressed, try to get up and start moving!

Making a Difference

Are you having trouble communicating with a loved one with dementia or wondering what to expect as the disease progresses. Register for a free seminar via Zoom on Friday, May 14th from 8:30am-12:30pm. You will hear of techniques and approaches for different stages, simple games and activities to bring joy to caregiving. Register by going to makingadifferenceindementia@gmail.com to receive the Zoom link.

Keynote speaker is author, caregiver, and motivational speaker Loretta Woodward Veney.

Hayshire's One Great Hour of Sharing

Once again, Hayshire has responded in our exceptional way with our giving to March's One Great Hour of Sharing: a total of \$905.

The following is our giving to this effort for the past few years:

2016 — \$354

2017 — \$406

2018 — \$559

2019 — \$436

2020 — \$210

2021 — \$905



Thank you for caring so much for our neighbors in need!

// JoAnn Stoner

Hayshire Cleanup

Spring is here, and it's time to spruce up our church grounds.

May 1st, 9:00 am, we hope that everyone will join in the real life opportunity to visit with friends outside in fresh air, while we work to trim bushes, pull weeds, and beautify Hayshire's grounds.

Bring your garden gloves, digging tools, and clippers, and enjoy honoring our God, thru caring for His grounds.

//JoAnn Stoner

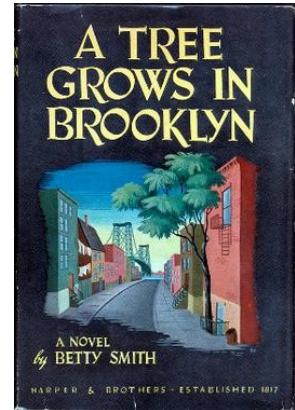
Give a Gift of Connection

Throughout the pandemic we have all felt a bit disconnected. For some, the inability to see friends and family has affected their health and mental well-being. Simply reaching out to someone can be a gift.

Some of the many things we can do to stay connected: Send a letter-writing kit, share a recipe, make a keepsake, write a legacy letter, set up a connection hub.

Book Club

The April 8th Zoom meeting of the Hayshire Book Club was well-attended. Nine people joined in discussing "American Dirt." The next Zoom session will be May 13th at 7 P.M. The book for discussion will be "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn" by Betty Smith. Perseverance through hardship. This **theme** relates closely to the American dream motif and the symbol of the **tree**. The strength of the Rommely women suggests that they can withstand any hardship.



Please join us for this book discussion. We will continue Zoom meetings until we feel it is safe to meet at the church. Enjoy the book.....and our discussions are even better! An email reminder will be sent out the day before the meeting with the Zoom link. If you are not on this list and want to be, please contact the church or Barb Crum to be added.

//Jean Carotenuti & Barb Crum

Emmanuel UCC's return to Worship



Our friends at Emmanuel UCC will be coming back to worship here a Hayshire starting May 23rd. They will be holding their services outside on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of June, July and August - weather permitting. Stay tuned for more details on where they will be located—church lawn or a parking lot.

Please help welcome our Emmanuel friends back!



MONTHLY SCRIPTURE

May 2, 2021
Fifth Sunday of Easter
 Acts 8:26-40
 Psalm 22:25-31
 1 John 4:7-21
 John 15:1-8

May 9, 2021
Sixth Sunday of Easter
 Acts 10:44-48
 Psalm 98
 1 John 5:1-6
 John 15:9-17

May 16, 2021
Seventh Sunday of Easter
 Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
 Psalm 1
 1 John 5:9-3
 John 17:6-19

May 23, 2021
Pentecost Sunday
 Acts 2:1-21
 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
 Romans 8:22-27
 John 15:26-27

May 23, 2021
Trinity Sunday
 Isaiah 6:1-8
 Romans 8:12-17
 John 3:1-17

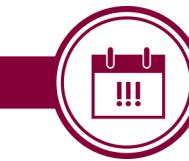


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 Julie Klinedinst

Worship News

Join us as we break bread together by celebrating communion during worship on:

May 2, June 6, July 4



UPCOMING EVENTS

May 7	Virtual Table Talk 6:30-7:15PM
May 14	Virtual Messy Church 6-7:30PM

In-person Worship update

As you may already know, on Sunday, May 2nd we will be returning to in-person worship. With this in mind we need your help to keep everyone safe.

- A mask will be required to be worn at all times while in the building.
- Hand sanitizer and wipes are provided to use prior to entering the sanctuary.
- Please place your offering in the plate on the black table in the Gathering Place prior to entering the sanctuary.
- To help you maintain a safe distance please sit in the “Open” areas only.
- We will not be staffing the nursery at this time, but parents are welcome to use the room as needed.
- We encourage chatting outside, in the fresh air, before and after worship, but still recommend no handshakes or hugs. Please keep conversation to a minimum indoors.
- Please take your bulletin with you when worship service is over.

Thank you for taking these few measures to help keep everyone healthy and safe. See you in church!



CALENDAR //May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Church clean-up Day 9AM
2 Returning to In-person Worship 10:30AM Communion	3	4	5	6	7 Virtual Table Talk 6:30-7:15PM Office CLOSED	8
9 Mother's Day	10 Council Meeting 6PM	11	12	13	14 Virtual Messy Church 6-7:30PM Office CLOSED	15
16	17	18 York Association Council Meeting 6:30PM	19	20	21 Office CLOSED	22
23 Pentecost Sunday Celebrate Grads	24	25 Preschool Graduation	26 Preschool Graduation	27	28 Office CLOSED	29
30	31 Memorial Day Office CLOSED					



WORSHIP SUPPORT //May

Nursery will not be staffed but parents are welcome to use the room.

	May 2	May 9	May 16	May 23	May 30
Worship Leaders	Barb Crum	Austin Waltz	Lisa Young	Margo Peace	Cheri Klinedinst
Greeters					
Nursery					
Bulletin Sponsor	* Be a Sponsor	Mr. & Mrs. Freedman Kottmyer in memory of father. Paul Schrum, Sr.	* Be a Sponsor	* Be a Sponsor	* Be a Sponsor
Altar Flower Sponsor	* Be a Sponsor	* Be a Sponsor	* Be a Sponsor	* Be a Sponsor	* Be a Sponsor
Altar Guild			Sue Herman		
Head Usher			Scott Shue		
Newsletter Sponsor					

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