



## Christian or Christ-Follower?

Lately, I have been noticing how the word “Christian” has become something negative. When I hear that word it tends to be used to describe “churchy” people who are bigoted, judgmental, hateful, mean, & nasty. I hear it referring to “churchy” people who are intolerant of non-Christian points of view & are hypocritical since they don’t embody the teaching of Christ.

Since the word “Christian” has become so misunderstood I have been in the process of changing the way I speak. I understand that to many people the word “Christian” is a positive word & only refers to people who have turned their lives over to Christ & are now following Christ. This led me to what I think is a better word than “Christian”, & that word is “Christ-follower”. To me, “Christ-follower” speaks to what those who believe in Christ say they are doing that is truly following Christ. If we are “Christ-followers” then it is clear that we are basing our own actions, thoughts, & lives on following the way of Christ.

By using “Christ-follower”, I think diminishes the negative connotations the word “Christian” can have & at the same time it helps focus us as “Christ-followers” on our true task. A “Christ-follower’s” purpose is to ultimately follow Christ so closely that that person embodies the teachings & actions of Christ, yet as a follower we know that the Spirit is always working on us to change us more into his likeness.

Being a “Christ-follower,” also speaks to the reality that not all “Christ-followers” are following at the same distance. There are some that follow closely & hang on every word; those working to renew their minds & change their actions & hearts. Then there are those followers who are so far at the end of the line. They are following but they can hardly hear Jesus and therefore he has very little, if any, effect on that person at all. And, of course, there are those people who are in between.

Using the word “Christ-follower” brings up one of the ultimate questions in our faith... **“How closely are you following Christ?”**

Blessings and Shalom, Pastor Kevin

# HUNTERSVILLE NEWS

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THANK YOU GOD for bringing us this beautiful weather after such a weird "Winter?" Spring is springing in all it's glory with daffodils, flowering trees, singing birds, beautiful warm days, moonlit nights, & some much needed showers. So, everything seems to be getting back to normal & hopefully that trend will continue for many months to come. I guess we just have to experience rather bizarre weather like last Winter's to really appreciate the variety God provides for us as we live out our lives, & He really does, when you think about it. I think He just likes to keep us from getting bored, & give us all something to talk about over coffee. He is an awesome God!! Now the "News."

Gary & Nancy Housenecht are two of our newer church attendees & two very fine people they are, jumping right in & taking on several activities at HUMC. Gary told me that his grandchildren Emaly, Bethany & J.D. are all involved in competition archery, both local & state, & have done very well in each category. For instance, in one class, Bethany finished #1, & Emaly and J.D. # 2. I can't imagine what their success will be as they get older & more experienced. Congratulations to the kids & proud grandparents!

And, speaking of proud grandparents, Wayne & Cookie Smith's grandson, Keagan, took 2nd place in the Eastern National MAWA wrestling tournament held in Shamokin, PA. on April 16th. He now goes on to Maryland to wrestle in an even more competitive tournament. Congrats to Keagan, & I know we'll be hearing a lot more about him in years to come.

Yours & Mrs. Truly's granddaughter, Megan, has also traveled to other states with the soccer team she's a part of. Those states include New York, Ohio & New Jersey. Her team has done very well in competing with many teams made up of older girls from those & other, states. Kudos to these outstanding girls as well.

Our own Jennifer Pidcoe, although suffering from an injured ankle, has still managed to win several "Dash" races for the High School track team...I've seen her...she's FAST!!

Ron & Deb Mezick have told me that their son Ben & his lady, Claire, will be married on July 30th in Madison, WI. We send heartfelt congratulations to both families & will be waiting to see them joining mom & dad in church some coming Sunday morning.

Prayers go out to Faye Simcox and to Charlie Hall who recently fell & injured his shoulder. But both of these folks still show up in church & we're always so glad to see them.

We were blessed April 17th with a combined choir from HUMC & Heilman UMC presenting four of the selections from the Easter Cantata they performed at Easter time. The word is "Outstanding!" when describing this event & makes one glad to attend our "Special Music" Sundays.

Some dates to remember.....Sat. April 30, our SPAGHETTI DINNER starting 4:00 till 7:00. And, on Sunday, May 15, our 11th annual "GOSPEL SONGFEST with Tom Wetzel, Tim and Shawn McNett, Lenny Weber, The Lauchle Sisters, Dr. Tom & the Spectacles, Bill & Rose Gibson, & Carl & Opal Schlappi. And then on June 4th, our world-famous TURKEY DINNER. from 4:00 to 7:00. Please join us on all three of these occasions.

In closing,, I was talking to my friend Lukie the other day & he told me he went to his doctor who told him he should take something for his cold, so, Lukie told me he took the doctor's coat! (...probably not what the doc had in mind!)

Till next time, may God bless you richly,  
Carl Schlappi, Huntersville Newsguy



# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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## WE NEED YOU! GREETERS & USHERS

### Greeters and Ushers are Ministers of Hospitality!

The Communications and Hospitality Team at Pennsdale Trinity is actively recruiting additional Greeters & Ushers for our 9am Sunday worship service.

What are the responsibilities of a Greeter or an Usher?

Greeters are the first contact with church members and guests, they offer a warm welcome, assistance if needed, and hand out the bulletins. Ushers are responsible for assisting those who need help finding their seat in the sanctuary as well as helping with the offering.

If you would like to sign up, the sheet is on the pedestal outside of the sanctuary along with the monthly sign-up sheets for Children's Moment & Acolyte, and we will contact you with more information and a training date. Thank you!

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## **NEW MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY AT HUNTERSVILLE** **-- CONGREGATIONAL CARE BY PHONE CALLS**

Huntersville UMC is looking for people who enjoy talking of the phone! We are seeking volunteers who are willing to call up to 10 families of the congregation once every three months to ask just three questions :

- 1) How are you and your family members (if applicable)?
- 2) How is with your relationship with God?
- 3) Is there anything the congregation can lift up in prayer for you?



We hope that this help our small congregation stay connected to each other. If you have any questions or would like to be part of this important ministry opportunity, please contact Pastor Kevin.

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# CHARGE MISSIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## CELEBRATION OF WOMEN BANQUET

Please join us to celebrate ourselves & the wonderful women around us!  
Ladies of all ages welcome!

**DATE:** Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at 6pm

**LOCATION:** Pennsdale Trinity Fellowship Hall

**COST:** FREE!!! Donations accepted

**TO REGISTER:** Please call the charge office at (570) 546-2619 by  
**deadline: May 1st**  
or use the sign-up sheets at Pennsdale Trinity or Huntersville UMC

**ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:** Banquet catered by The Country Store in  
Pennsdale, Scripture, Door Prizes, Games, & More!



## PENNSDALE TRINITY'S "ALL YOU CAN EAT BUFFET"

**May 25, 2016 4pm-7pm**

- Hot & Sweet Italian Sausage with Sautéed Onions & Sweet Peppers
- Baked Beans
- Endless desserts
- BBQ Chicken Quarters
- Potato Salad
- Cole Slaw
- Hot & Cold Beverages

**\$10 for Adults**

**\$5 for children age 5 to 10**

**Children age 4 & under are FREE!**

**TAKE-OUT AVAILABLE!**



# CHARGE MISSIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



## 2SOL at PENNSDALE TRINITY

Kelsey from 2Seconds or Less will be at Pennsdale Trinity May 1st during adult Sunday School, 10:30-11:15AM, to share all the details of this wonderful program with our church! They are dedicated to ending childhood malnutrition with sustainable solutions to hunger. The organization now has a year round presence in Zimbabwe! So join us with this wonderful group of self-proclaimed Jesus-loving, world changing youngsters after church on May 1st!

## POTLUCK SUPPER, SLIDE SHOW, & GUEST SPEAKERS

**May 1, 2016 at 5pm  
at Pennsdale Trinity**

All are welcome! Join us for a potluck supper & slide show along with a presentation by Jay & Sonya Hunter titled, "God's Work." Please bring a dish to share & we hope to see you on Tuesday, May 1st!

**GOD is  
SO GOOD!**



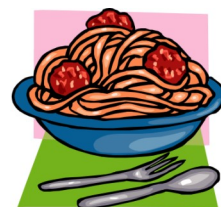
## PENNSDALE TRINITY IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE...

We were approved by the Council to have projection/television screens for the Sanctuary in Pennsdale Trinity! There is a capital funds campaign to raise \$8,000 to pay for this project. If interested in donating to this fund please make sure to write "CFC" (Capital Fund Campaign) in the memo box on the check.

## HUNTERSVILLE SPAGHETTI SUPPER

**April 30, 2016  
4pm - 7pm**

Please join us for this delicious event! The menu includes spaghetti with your choice of meat sauce, meatballs, or sausage, rolls, salad, beverages, & homemade desserts for just \$8 for adults, \$5 for children ages 6-12, and free for the little ones age 6 & under.



# CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## FATHER-SON BANQUET

Please join us to celebrate ourselves & the awesome men around us! Men of all ages welcome!

**DATE:** Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at 6pm

**LOCATION:** Pennsdale Trinity Fellowship Hall

**COST:** FREE!!! Donations accepted

**TO REGISTER:** Please call the charge office at (570) 546-2619 by  
**deadline: June 6th**

or use the sign-up sheets at Pennsdale Trinity or Huntersville UMC

**ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:** Banquet catered by The Country Store in Pennsdale, Scripture, Door Prizes & Entertainment!




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## MARCH 2016 BUFFET STATISTICS

March's AYCE Buffet at Pennsdale Trinity served 510 people & raised \$3,118.50 for the church & \$346.50 for future missions at Pennsdale Trinity. Thank you to everyone who brought baked goods, volunteered, &/or attended!

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## FAITH FINDERS UPDATE!

Pennsdale Trinity 's elementary youth group is hoping to return Fall 2016, updated and refreshed!  
Please stay tuned for more details...



# CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## SUMMER DAY CAMP AT HUNTERSVILLE UMC

June 13, 2016 - August 12, 2016

Monday through Friday 8am - 4:30pm



Christian-based activities for children ages 4-12

Snacks will be provided. Each child needs to pack their own lunch

Cost is \$75 for the first child per week and each sibling is reduced by \$25 (so \$50 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> sibling per week, \$25 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> sibling per week, & the 4th or more siblings are free!).

Please contact Lori if interested in providing snacks or helping with crafts

**Please call Lori at 570-435-0508 to register!**

**SPACE IS LIMITED!**

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## JUNE NEWSLETTER & BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Do you have important church or charge information or a special announcement for June's newsletter? Please have your submission into the charge office during office hours, Monday through Thursday 10 -2pm, or slide it under the door if before or after office hours. If the deadline of 2pm on May 16th is not met then the submission will have to go into July's Newsletter instead (if still applicable).

If you have an important tidbit for the bulletin, please give the information to Sara in the charge office by noon on Tuesday of the week prior in order for it to be added to the coming Sunday's bulletin. Thank you for your cooperation!

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## PICTURES NEEDED FOR THE CHARGE WEBSITE



Lori Neiswender is currently looking for pictures from/of events at both Huntersville & Pennsdale Trinity to add to the site. Please make sure there is permission granted to take & post the pictures from everyone involved. Thank you for sharing!

The pictures can be sent via email to Lori at

[lori.neiswender@gmail.com](mailto:lori.neiswender@gmail.com).

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# CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS & A CHUCKLE

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## HUNTERSVILLE UMC GOSPEL SONGFEST

**MAY 15, 2016 at 7pm - 9pm**

Performers include: Tom Wetzel on piano, Tim & Shawn McNett, Lenny Weber, The Lauchle Sisters, Carl & Opal Schlappi, Dr. Tom & The Spectacles, and Bill & Rose Gobson.

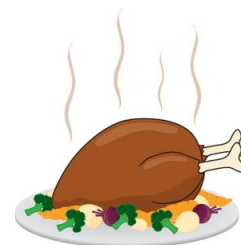
This is sure to be a really great night of music!

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## ANNUAL HUNTERSVILLE UMC TURKEY DINNER

**June 2, 2016 at 4pm - 7pm**

Huntersville is pleased to announce they will again be hosting their annual, **WORLD FAMOUS, All you Can Eat Turkey Supper!!!**



Menu includes an all you can eat roasted turkey supper with all of the trimmings, and endless, homemade desserts & beverages. Carl Schlappi made a point of telling me to advise everyone that, "You do NOT want to miss this one! This is the good stuff!"

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## A GOOD CHUCKLE

Submitted by Nathan Haas II

What do you call a cow without any legs? - Ground beef!

What did the big flower say to the little flower? - Hello bud!

Which dinosaur knew the most words? - The Thesaurus!

Where do bees go to the bathroom? - At the BP station!



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# WEIS GIFT CARD PROMOTION



Pennsdale Trinity UMC has teamed up with Weis Markets to bring you a phenomenal deal! For every \$50 Gift Card purchased from **Virginia Bitler (570) 584-4524**, you can earn your gas rewards (10 points for every \$50 spent) AND earn money for our church missions! Weis gift cards can be used at any Weis Markets location without any surcharges to purchase your groceries as well as purchase gift cards to just about anywhere you can imagine to use as gifts for family, friends, teachers, bosses, secretaries, co-workers...just about anyone you can think of!

## UPDATED LIST of all gift cards stocked regularly at Muncy & Montoursville Weis:

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|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Aeropastale         | Cheesecake Factory | iTunes              | Petco                |
| Advanced Auto Parts | Chilli's           | JC Penny            | Petsmart             |
| Amazon              | Coldstone Creamery | Jo-Ann Fabrics      | P.F, Chang's         |
| Amazon Kindle       | Cracker Barrel     | Kindlefire          | Playstation          |
| Amazon Toys         | Dave & Buster's    | Kohl's              | Pottery Barn         |
| Amazon Video game   | DICK'S             | Lane Bryant         | Red Robin            |
| AMC Theaters        | Disney             | Little Caesar's     | Regal Cinemas        |
| American Eagle      | Dominos            | LL Bean             | Ruby Tuesday         |
| Applebees           | Ebay               | Longhorn Steakhouse | Sears                |
| Babies "R" Us       | Express            | LOWES               | Sephora              |
| Banana Republic     | Facebook           | Macy's Marshall's   | Southwest            |
| Barnes & Noble      | Fandango           | Michael's crafts    | Spafinder            |
| Bass Pro Shop       | Finish line        | Nike                | Staples              |
| Bath & Body Works   | Footlocker         | Nintendoshop        | Starbucks            |
| Best Buy            | Forever 21         | Nordstrom           | Stubhub              |
| Bob Evans           | Friendly's         | Old Navy            | Subway               |
| Bonefish Grill      | GAP                | Olive Garden        | Target               |
| Bon Ton             | Gamestop           | Quiznos             | Texas Roadhouse      |
| Boscovs             | GNC                | Red Lobster         | TGI Fridays          |
| Build-a-Bear        | Goodle             | Outback             | The Children's Place |
| Burger King         | Gymboree           | PacSun              | Ticketmaster         |
| Cabela's            | Home Depot         | Panera Bread        | Toys R Us            |
| Carnival            | HOSS'S Restaurant  | Papa John's         | Xbox                 |
| Carrabba's Italian  | Ihop               | Payless             | Zappos.com           |
| Carter's/Oshkosh    |                    |                     |                      |



**PLEASE CONTACT VIRGINIA BITLER TO BUY YOUR WEIS GIFT CARDS!**

## 2015 END OF YEAR GIFT CARDS STATISTICS

SOLD \$ 18,595.00  
 PTUMC PROFIT \$ 929.75

# FAMILY PROMISE

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## FAMILY PROMISE IS AT PENNSDALE TRINITY

MAY 1 - 8, 2016

Multiple families will be joining us the week of May 1st - May 8th and you can be part of this national program that is in 42 states with 192 established chapters.

**The goal is to be able to close chapters because  
there is no more homelessness!**

Volunteers are needed for drivers & overnight evening hosts. Please contact the charge office at 570-546-2619 if you can help these families in need!

### **REQUESTS:**

The Day Center needs: kitchen & bathroom size garbage bags, women's deodorants, paper plates, & all size Ziplock baggies.



Building Communities, Strengthening Lives

## **NEEDED! 2016 FAMILY PROMISE FOOD + VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR**

Pennsdale Trinity is in need of a volunteer to coordinate meals, food preparation, & volunteers for the next 2 weeks PTUMC will be hosting these wonderful families. The dates are May 1-8, August 28-September 4th & November 13-20. If you can volunteer to coordinate the schedule for even just 1 of the weeks or both weeks, please call Sara in the charge office at (570) 546-2619 or Janet Patterson at (570) 971-5637 & we will gladly show you how easy it is to make a huge difference in your community by helping others, starting right here at our church!



THE MUSTARD SEED  
PLANTING THE SEEDS OF FAITH

# CHARGE CELEBRATIONS

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## MAY BIRTHDAYS



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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 02 – Abigail Wingfield | 13 – Ron Ott Sr.         |
| 03 – Corey Palmatier   | 14 – Donnie Trimble      |
| 03 – Deb Muffly        | 17 – Josh Dauberman      |
| 04 – Brenda Shaffer    | 21 – Barbara Glidewell   |
| 06 – Jennifer Thompson | 27 – Marcia Saam         |
| 07 – Pat Lamoreaux     | 27 – Leonard Gallick Jr. |
| 10 – Darren Mensch     | 28 – Reyn  Artley        |
| 10 – Chad Harris       | 28 – Brittany Bergquist  |
| 11 – Jesica Kerstetter | 30 – Savannah Thompson   |
| 12 – Wayne Smith       | 30 – Carol Bower         |
| 13 – Lucille Lupold    | 31 – Dorothy Mensch      |
| 13 – Bill Middlesworth | 31 – Timothy Hill        |

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## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

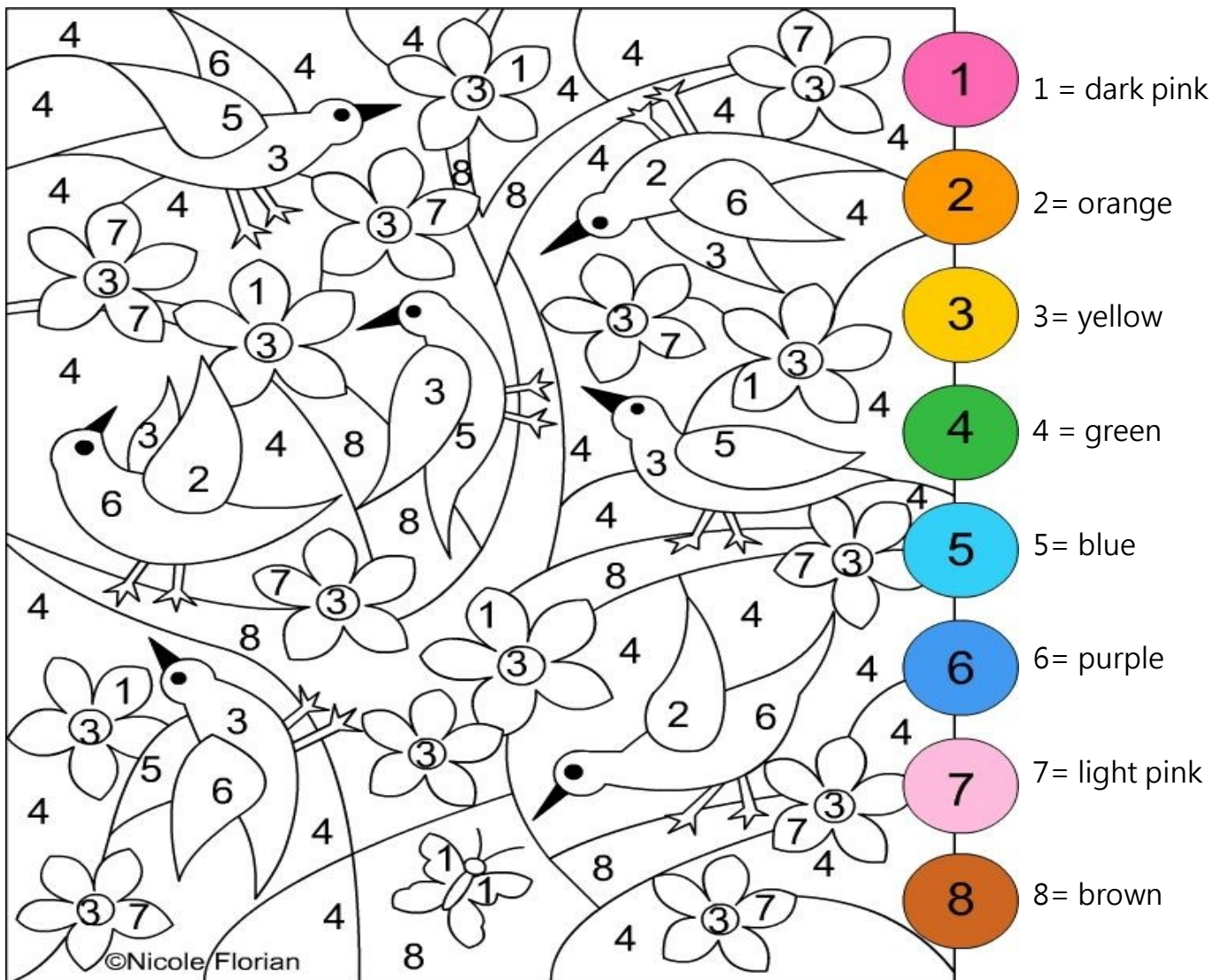


- 15 - James & Karen Russell
- 16 - Robert & Shawna Phelan
- 17 - Tom & Deb Fry
- 25 - Rob & Grace Marie Ransom
- 27 - Ronald & Mary Ann Ott Sr.



# CHILDREN'S FUN PAGE

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## MOTHER'S DAY UNSCRAMBLE

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ANSWERS: love, teacher, hugs, cookies, nurse, advice, silly, listen, Mommy, patient





# May 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1 F Promise Begins  Pot Luck 5pm (P)	2 Trustees 7pm (P)	3	4 Choir 7pm (P)	5 Thursday Praise Service 7pm @PT	6	7 Men's Breakfast 8am @PT	
8 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY! F Promise Week ends	9 Ad Board 7pm (P)	10 Women's Banquet 6pm @PT	11 Worship Team 6pm (P) Choir 7pm (P)	12 Thursday Praise Service 7pm @PT	13	14 United Methodist Women 8am @PT	
15 Mental Health Awareness Sunday Gospel Songfest (H)	16 June Newsletter submissions due by 2pm in charge office	17	18 Choir 7pm (P) Worship Team 6pm (P)	19 Thursday Praise Service 7pm @PT	20	21	
22 Peace w/Justice & Prison Awareness Sunday	23 CoM 7pm (P) Trustees (H) 6:30pm Ad Board (H) 7PM	24	25  AYCE Buffet 4-7pm @PT	26 Thursday Praise Service 7pm @PT	27	28	
29	30 (H) Spaghetti Supper 4-7pm	31  Memorial Day					

# MAY'S SPECIAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS

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## Mental Health Awareness Sunday May 15, 2016

May is Mental Health Awareness month so the first week of May is Children's Mental Health Week to increase the public awareness of well-being and human development of our nation's children and youth. Our faith communities help provide services, support, & education to those who suffer with depression, anxiety, conduct, eating and/or attention deficit/hyperactivity disorders, as well as relationship difficulties and grief.

Green signifies new life, new growth, & new beginnings. Please wear a green ribbon and give generously on May 15th to help raise public awareness to better the lives of children and youth with serious emotional disorders and to show our support for these children and their families.

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## Peace with Justice & Prison Awareness Sunday, May 22, 2016



Your contribution encourages living a gospel of peace. The United Methodist Peace with Justice and Prison Awareness Sunday offering makes a difference through ministries in the US & around the world. Thank you for your generous gift!



# FELLOWSHIP & WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

## May 2016 WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

9am at Pennsdale Trinity

10:30 at Huntersville UMC

\* Children's Church available \*



### May 1st

John 14:23-29

Called for Peace

### May 8th

TBA

(Pastor K on vacation)

### May 15th

John 15:5-8

Living it Up

### May 22nd

1 John 4:7-19

The Gift of Love

### May 29th

Luke 10:25-28

Gift Return



## WE OFFER CHILDREN'S CHURCH DURING SUNDAY SERVICE

**9:15-10AM AT PTUMC**

**10:45-11:30AM AT HUMC**

Please join our very qualified & loving teachers after the Children's Moment during Sunday service for singing, crafts, bible teachings, scripture, fun games, yummy snacks, & more!

## THURSDAY PRAISE SERVICE

7pm

Come see how much fun we have celebrating our Lord through upbeat Christian songs! Join Pastor Kevin at Pennsdale Trinity Thursday evenings at 7pm!



**WORSHIP**





Pennsdale Trinity/Huntersville UMC

**PTUMC Lay Leadership**  
Butch Dauberman, Council Co Chair  
Cathy Dauberman, Co Lay Leader  
Phil Glasser, Missions Team Chair  
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Joanne Lockard, UMW President  
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Ken Varke, Finance Committee Chair  
Jane Waldman, Education Team Chair  
Mary Walters, Co Lay Leader

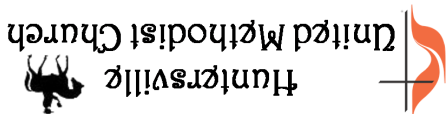
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Artie Fetterman, Ad. Council Chair  
John Neiswender, Lay Leader  
Russ Pidcoe, Trustee Chair

**Charge Lay Leadership**  
John Lamoreaux, SPRC Chair

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