



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
PENTECOST  
MAY 28, 2023



# Welcome to Wallingford Presbyterian Church



Members and friends gather here each Sunday morning (and lots of times during the week!) to celebrate and serve. We rejoice that you are here with us, and hope that you'll feel right at home.

**Please take a moment to silence your cell phone.**

Face Masks for personal protection are optional for all activities on our campus. If you would like to wear one, we have KN-95 masks available for your use when you come to worship.

Friendship Pew Pads can be found at the end of each pew. Please fill them out and pass along to your neighbors.

Visitors are encouraged to reach out about activities they may be interested in attending.

Visual Worship Schedules are available upon request.

If You Need a Little Help Hearing, portable listening devices are available.

If a Fidget Toy Would Be Helpful For You, they are available at the Narthex entrance.

An All Gender Restroom is located in the Narthex.

An Infant Changing Station and Quiet Room for parents with little ones is located off the Narthex.

A Parents' Room Is Available downstairs for those with small children,

Activity Packets are available for children to use during worship.

Gluten Free Cookies will now be available during coffee hour. The tray of yummys will be marked – please save them for those with specific dietary restrictions.

Chancel Flowers are sponsored under a suggested donation of \$50. To order, use the Church Center App, the chart in the Fellowship Hall, or visit <https://bit.ly/3Wzyj1l>

***Please ask an usher if you need help; we are here to assist you!***

## **Sunday, May 28**

- 9:00 am- Kids Make Music
- 9:30 am- Chancel Choir
- 10:00 am- Young Disciples Sunday School
- 10:00 am- Worship
- 11:00 am- Coffee Hour

**Monday, May 29** - Church Office Closed

## **Tuesday, May 30**

- 4:00 pm- Private Flute Lessons

## **Wednesday, May 31**

- 9:00 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner
- 3:00 pm- Private Brass Lessons
- 4:00 pm- Private Flute Lessons

## **Thursday, June 1**

- 6:30 pm- Bell Choir
- 7:30 pm- Choir Practice
- 7:30 pm- BSA 277/2019

## **Friday, June 2**

## **Saturday, June 3**

## **Sunday, June 4**

- 9:30 am- Chancel Choir
- 10:00 am- Young Disciples Sunday School
- 10:00 am- Worship
- 11:00 am- Coffee Hour

***A community where all who seek God are Welcome...***



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## WORDS FOR MEDITATION

"Pentecost" comes from the Greek word meaning fiftieth day. On this day, the Holy Spirit came with wind and flame, empowering the disciples to proclaim the good news of the risen Lord to all people. Falling on the fiftieth day of the season of Easter, Pentecost represents the culmination of the church's seven-week celebration of Christ's resurrection. As the Lord's Day is sometimes called the "eighth day" of creation, Pentecost is a Day of new creation -- all things transformed and made new by the Word and Breath of the living God. On the Day of Pentecost we give particular thanks for the gift of God's Holy Spirit, who gathers the church as the body of Christ and sends us to share in Christ's mission throughout the world (Book of Common Worship, PCUSA).

## GATHERING

### WELCOME, HYMN, PRAYER, AND CONFESSION

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### OPENING SCRIPTURE



Psalm 104:31-34, 35b



NRSV OT 555

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Friends in the Risen Lord, Jesus invites all who are thirsty to drink deeply of the Holy Spirit.

#### **Alleluia!**

Let your hearts overflow with the living water that renews the face of the earth.

#### **Alleluia!**

Come Holy Spirit!

**Give us your peace.**

Come, Holy Spirit!

**Give us your power.**

Come, Holy Spirit!

**Grace us with your presence.**

Let us worship God together.

#### OPENING PRAYER

#### \*HYMN #289



On Pentecost They Gathered



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#### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### SILENT CONFESSION

## UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of new creation, we confess that we have failed to trust your bountiful goodness.

**By the power of the Holy Spirit you brought forth the earth and all creation in abundance. Yet, we hoard earth's resources and refuse to share our gifts. Too often we dishonor your generosity by withholding our charity to those in need. We betray your kindness by dealing harshly with others, even our siblings in Christ. We disregard your compassion by severely judging the sins of others. Forgive us. By the power of your Spirit renew our hearts and free us from sins that we may enjoy the fullness of your blessing upon us and all creation. Amen.**

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Sisters and brothers, God offers forgiveness of our sins and the grace of repentance. Let us joyfully accept God's grace, repent of our sin and be restored to abundant life.

**Alleluia! Amen!**

\*RESPONSE 582                      Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me                      GLORY TO GOD (VASILE)

***Glory to God whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.***

***As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.***

***World without end, without end. Amen (x3)***

***As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.***

## WORD

### A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

*All children are invited to come forward at this time. Parents are encouraged to accompany their younger children and sit with them on the chancel steps or in the front pews. The Young Disciples Room (ages 18 months - 5 years) is open during the duration of worship time. Our Junior Disciples (ages 6-12) are invited to either stay and worship or be a "shepherd" to the toddlers downstairs. There are updated activity packets at each entrance for children to enjoy during worship time.*

## MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

WORD WIND



The Presence of God's Spirit Throughout Scripture



NEW TESTAMENT READING



Acts 2:1-21



THE MESSAGE, EUGENE PETERSON

ANTHEM

O Happy Day/There is Gonna Come a Day

Mary McDonald

There is gonna come a day when the glorious Christ will come through the sky and we will rise! Ev'ry eye will see, ev'ry knee will bow, ev'ry tongue will sing: He is the King of kings, on that glorious day! There is gonna come a day when the trumpet will sound, we will all be changed, and we will rise! E'vry eye will see, ev'ry knee will boy, ev'ry tongue will sing: He is the King of kings, on that glorious day! O happy day, when Jesus washed my sins away. He taught me how to watch and pray and live rejoicing ev'ry day.

## HOMILY



### MISSION AND MINISTRY



#### INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

*There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit.*

*There are varieties of services, but the same Lord.*

*There are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates them in everyone.*

*How will you use your gifts in the service to God?*

#### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

With thanksgiving for God's gifts to us, let us offer ourselves and the fruits of our labor for God's work in the world.

#### OFFERTORY



If you wish to give electronically from your smartphone or tablet, please scan the box at the left to go to the website where you can give to WPC via credit card, or give via the Church Center app.

#### \*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION



**Almighty God, we have opened our hands to you, and our hands have been filled with good things. Receive the gifts we bring in gratitude for your care for us, and help us to bless you with the dedication of our lives.**

Sisters and brothers in Christ, siblings of the Risen One, at our baptism, God calls us into the ministry of the body of Christ, and with the gift of the Spirit, the Lord equips us to fulfill our callings in every dimension of life. Although the common usage of the word vocation pertains to that of our work, the Christian definition of vocation (which means “calling”) includes all of life. As our Book of Order says it, vocation is “honoring and serving God in personal life, in household and families, in daily occupations, in community, nation, and the world.” In other words, our entire life is our vocation as an offering of thanksgiving to God for calling us in Jesus Christ. Having been baptized into Christ we know that all of our life—at work or at rest, professional or personal—all of our life abides in Christ. I ask you therefore, on this Pentecost Day when we celebrate the presence of God's Holy Spirit, as a member of the body Christ, will you seek to follow Jesus and seek his Word in order to do his will?

**I will with God's grace.**



**SENDING**

\*CLOSING HYMN #295, verses 2 and 4  Go to the World! 

SINE NOMINE

\*BLESSINGS AND PEACE

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you**

*(Please exchange with one another, by words and gestures, signs of peace and reconciliation.)*

***\*Those who are able, please stand.***

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*Thank you to our Don Killian, and all who assisted with the worship service this morning.*

*This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God by Lin and Harold Floyd,  
in memory of our mothers, Betty Elsaesser Axaemethy and Mary Schuster Floyd*



## Psalm 104:31-34, 35b

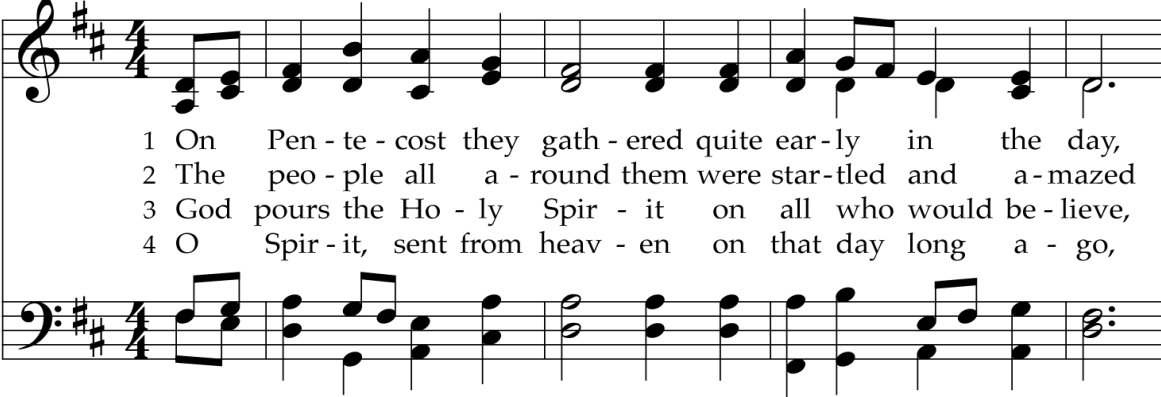
<sup>31</sup>May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works—  
<sup>32</sup>who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.  
<sup>33</sup>I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.  
<sup>34</sup>May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.  
<sup>35b</sup>Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!



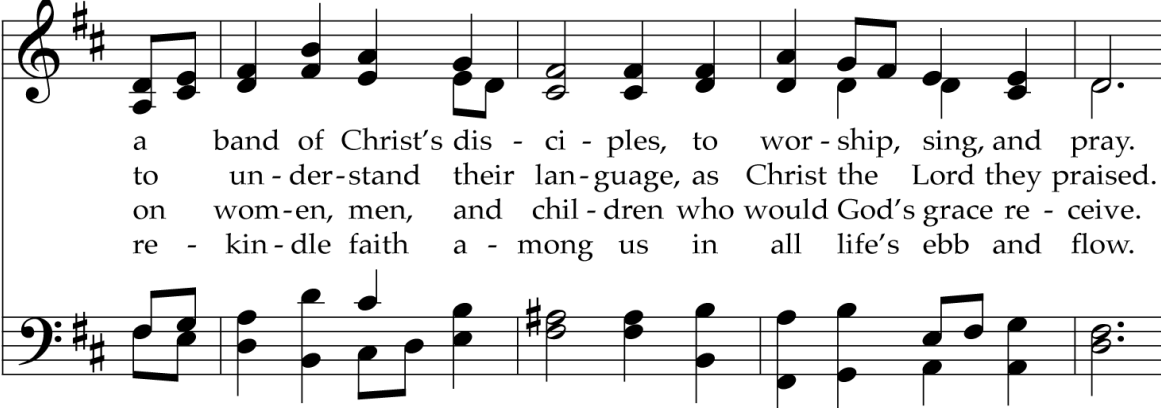
## Acts 2:1-21

<sup>1</sup>When the Feast of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>Without warning there was a sound like a strong wind, gale force - no one could tell where it came from. It filled the whole building. <sup>3</sup>Then, like a wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks, <sup>4</sup>and they started speaking in a number of different languages as the Spirit prompted them. <sup>5</sup>There were many Jews staying in Jerusalem just then, devout pilgrims from all over the world. <sup>6</sup>When they heard the sound, they came on the run. Then when they heard, one after another, their own mother tongues being spoken, they were thunderstruck. <sup>7</sup>They couldn't for the life of them figure out what was going on, and kept saying, "Aren't these all Galileans?" <sup>8</sup>How come we're hearing them talk in our various mother tongues? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; Visitors from Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene; <sup>11</sup>both Jews and proselytes; Even Cretans and Arabs! "They're speaking our languages, describing God's mighty works!" <sup>12</sup>Their heads were spinning; they couldn't make head or tail of any of it. They talked back and forth, confused: "What's going on here?" <sup>13</sup>Others joked, "They're drunk on cheap wine." <sup>14</sup>That's when Peter stood up and, backed by the other eleven, spoke out with bold urgency: "Fellow Jews, all of you who are visiting Jerusalem, listen carefully and get this story straight. <sup>15</sup>These people aren't drunk as some of you suspect. They haven't had time to get drunk - it's only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>This is what the prophet Joel announced would happen: <sup>17</sup>"In the Last Days," God says, "I will pour out my Spirit on every kind of people: Your sons will prophesy, also your daughters; Your young men will see visions, your old men dream dreams. <sup>18</sup>When the time comes, I'll pour out my Spirit On those who serve me, men and women both, and they'll prophesy. <sup>19</sup>I'll set wonders in the sky above and signs on the earth below, Blood and fire and billowing smoke, <sup>20</sup>the sun turning black and the moon blood-red, Before the Day of the Lord arrives, the Day tremendous and marvelous; <sup>21</sup>And whoever calls out for help to me, God, will be saved."

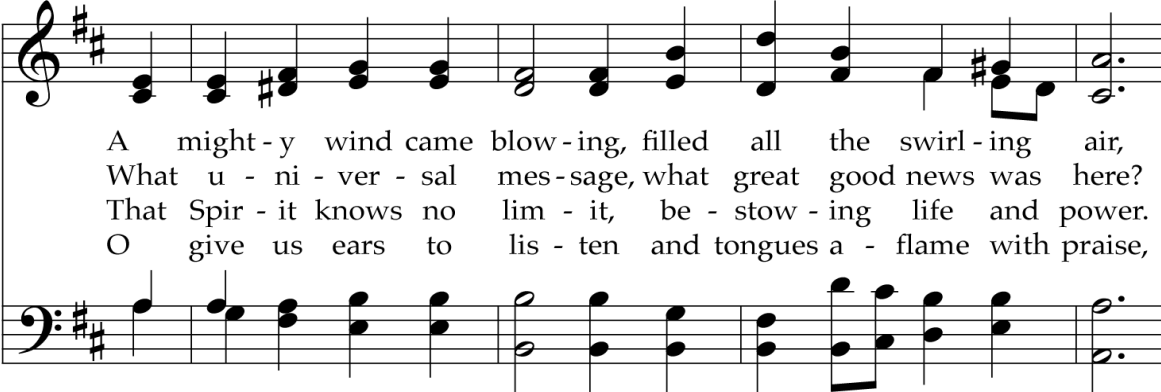
## 289 On Pentecost They Gathered




1 On Pen - te - cost they gath - ered quite ear - ly in the day,  
 2 The peo - ple all a - round them were star - tled and a - mazed  
 3 God pours the Ho - ly Spir - it on all who would be - lieve,  
 4 O Spir - it, sent from heav - en on that day long a - go,



a band of Christ's dis - ci - ples, to wor - ship, sing, and pray.  
 to un - der - stand their lan - guage, as Christ the Lord they praised.  
 on wom - en, men, and chil - dren who would God's grace re - ceive.  
 re - kin - dle faith a - mong us in all life's ebb and flow.



A might - y wind came blow - ing, filled all the swirl - ing air,  
 What u - ni - ver - sal mes - sage, what great good news was here?  
 That Spir - it knows no lim - it, be - stow - ing life and power.  
 O give us ears to lis - ten and tongues a - flame with praise,



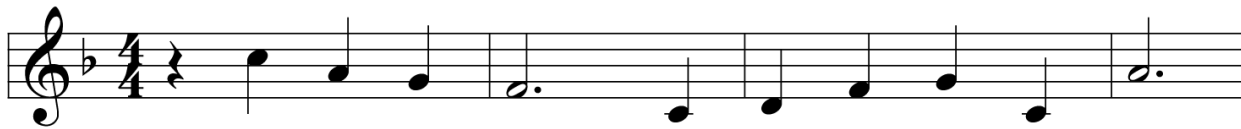
and tongues of fire a - glow - ing in - spired each per - son there.  
 That Christ, once dead, is ris - en to van - quish all our fear.  
 The church, formed and re - form - ing, re - sponds in ev - ery hour.  
 so folk of ev - ery na - tion glad songs of joy shall raise.

This narrative and interpretive text was written to fill what the author perceived as an unfortunate gap in available hymns concerning the Holy Spirit in general and Pentecost in particular. The setting of a 17th-century German tune is from Mendelssohn's oratorio *Elijah*.



## Go to the World!

295



1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.  
 2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.  
 3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;  
 4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,  
 Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.  
 the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.  
 for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.  
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.  
 As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.  
 when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"

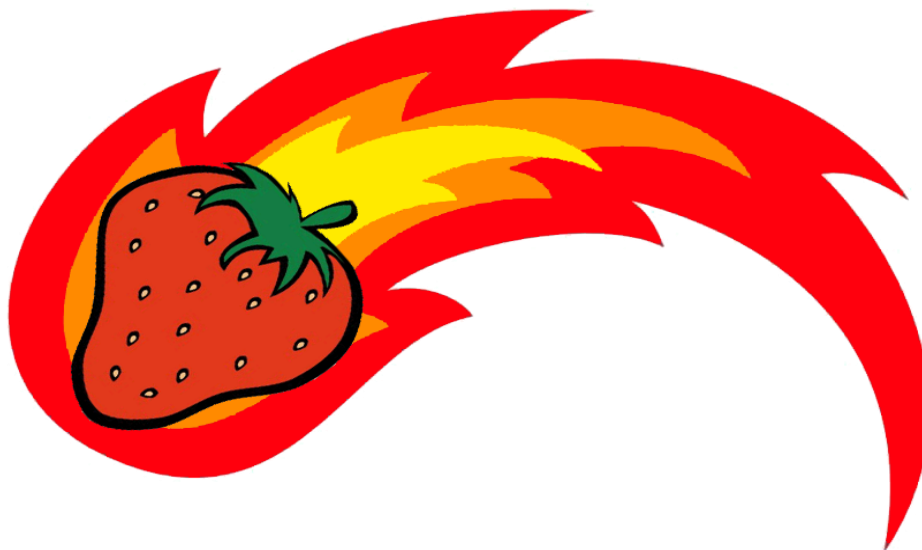


Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Based on Christ's great commission (Matthew 28:19–20), this text was written for a Convocation of Emmanuel College in Toronto, the largest theological school of the United Church of Canada, a denomination formed by the union of Methodists, Congregationalists, and Presbyterians.

TEXT: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1985  
 MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906  
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SINE NOMINE  
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## STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

5-8pm, Monday June 5th

YOU make Strawberry Festival a success!

### Volunteers Especially Needed:

- Bake a cake
- Pick up tables/chairs, strawberries
- General Setup
- Serve desserts
- Setup/sales for Attic Treasures
- Clean up

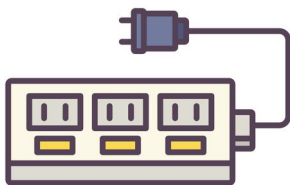


Sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall or Use Church Center app ->

We're asking everyone coming to the festival to bring the following for the Red Wagon:



- non-perishables
- cleaning products
- feminine hygiene products
- diapers/wipes



### Extra Items Needed for Donation

Extension cords/card tables/refreezable ice packs  
Leave in Library through Monday, June 5

### Attic Treasures

Kitchen items, knickknacks, kids items

**Drop in rear of Fellowship Hall**

**Wednesday, May 24-Sunday, June 4**



### Jewelry

Necklaces, bracelets, pins, accessories

**Weekdays – bring to Church office**

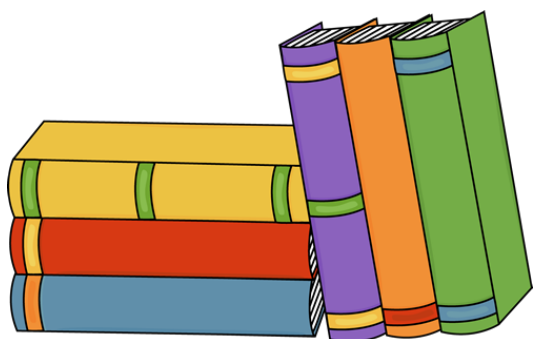
**Sundays – give to Alva**

### Larger Attic Treasures

Only accepting those which one person can carry  
(side chairs/tables, tools)

**Drop outside office entrance**

**Sunday, June 4 and Monday, June 5**



### Books

Kids, fiction and non, cookbooks, etc.  
(no encyclopedias or textbooks)

**Drop in church library**

**Wednesday, May 24-Sunday, June 4**

### Plants

Perennials, vegetables, herbs (mark with type of plant, sun/shade),  
garden tools, pots

**Drop in Courtyard**

**Sunday, June 4 and Monday, June 5**



**SUMMER PLANS FOR KIDS** Kids – get ready for new opportunities this summer! (**Sundays Memorial Day – Labor Day, plus VBC**)

- Young Disciples (18 months – four years) – room open during worship
- Junior Disciples (K-fifth grade) – be a shepherd for the younger children or remain in the service (with new activity bags including toys, learning pages and even sticker books!)
- VBC “Twists and Turns” (6-7:30 p.m., July 17-21) – play games of all kinds (indoor and out) while learning how Jesus guides you through the twists and turns of life. Open to kids ages 4-11

**WEAR ORANGE PEACE WALK** Wear orange and join other walkers as part of National Gun Violence Awareness Day, **10 a.m., Saturday, June 3**. Make SoulBoxes to commemorate victims of gun violence and hear speakers including Congresswoman Mary Gay Scanlon (PA-05). The event will offer refreshments, games for kids and food carts. Meet at 9th and Kerlin Streets, Chester. Sponsored by Chester Community Coalition, CeaseFirePA and the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia.

**STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL** Games, food, books, plants, attic treasures – everyone’s favorite community-wide event will be **5-8pm Monday, June 5**. Start saving books, attic treasures and plants and volunteer using the Church Center app or signup sheet in Fellowship Hall.

**COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESSMENT** The Delaware County Health Department is surveying residents to help determine community health priorities for county health initiatives. It takes only 15 minutes and is for adults (ages 18+) who live, work, go to school or receive services in Delco. Use the link in WPC Happenings to complete the survey by **June 30**.

[https://delawarecountyhealth.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_8ALZrgxWhjUZkz4?Q\\_CHL=qr](https://delawarecountyhealth.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8ALZrgxWhjUZkz4?Q_CHL=qr)

**SUMMER WEDNESDAYS @WALLINGFORD** Mark your calendars for the summer version of W@W. The lineup begins **June 28** with a Karaoke Night, followed by a showing of “Inherit the Wind” (**July 12**) and a Coffee House (**August 16**). Watch for details.

**CONTAINER WATERING** The containers outside the Narthex have been planted – now they need to be watered. Pick a week – it just takes 10 minutes, twice a week (unless there is rain). Register using the Church Center app.

**THE 36-HOUR DAY** The Disabilities Initiative bookshelf now contains copies of “The 36-Hour Day,” by Nancy L. Mace, MA and Peter Rabins, MD, MPH, which reviews ways to improve the lives of people with dementia and those caring for them. The book is considered THE resource for families and friends – review the content or borrow it from the church library.

**PEWS FOR SALE** Have you ever thought how much more beautiful your home would be if it had more wood furniture in it? Or maybe you'd like to be reminded daily of your church home? Well, now you can have both! The pews, chairs and other pieces of church history that are currently located along the walls in the Fellowship Hall need a new home. Send your offers to Church Office.

**BOOKS ABOUT DISABILITIES** The church library now has a collection of books addressing various disabilities. The books for kids (autism spectrum, cerebral palsy, diversity, Down Syndrome, dyslexia, visual/hearing impairment) and adults (Alzheimer's disease, autism spectrum and dementia), which may be checked out, provide a kinder, softer approach for talking about difficult situations with siblings and other relatives. The book cart will be in the Fellowship Hall during Coffee Hour **every Sunday**. Suggestions are welcome on additional topics, as are monetary donations for future purchases.

**CONGRATS TO OUR WPC GRADS!** Sheila and Jeff Elmhurst's son, Ryan Jordan, is graduating from Strath Haven High School. Nancy Oetinger's daughter, Claire, is graduating from Columbia University with a Masters of Science in Nurse Anesthesia. Kevin Borden is graduating summa cum laude from Widener University with a Bachelor's degree in Digital Media Informatics. Deb Dunbar is graduating from the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing with a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree. Her dissertation is titled "Cultural Responsiveness Training for Research Staff on Caring for Transgender and Gender Diverse Persons."

**CALL FOR NEW USHERS** Ushers who volunteer to serve on a date that is convenient to them, are needed for Sunday worship services. Ushers arrive at the church by 9:40 am, welcome members and visitors, hand out bulletins, offer any needed assistance to worshippers, etc. After the service, the ushers check pews for trash, books out of order, extinguish all lights in chancel, sanctuary, narthex, etc. Please contact Judy Kenworthy if you are willing to offer this service to our congregation.

**RED WAGON** The Red Wagon pop-up for Chester Eastside resulted in 21 bags of food – its shelves are much fuller thanks to everyone's generosity! LifeWerks needs similar support – it is requesting the following items:

- Soups
  - Condensed (any kind except cream of chicken and chicken noodle)
  - Chunky
  - Chicken Noodle
  - Chowder (New England, Manhattan, corn)
  - Beef – sirloin burger, pot roast
  - Italian wedding, minestrone, lentil
- Crackers (Ritz, Triscuits, Wheat Thins, Nut Thins)
- Condiments (ketchup, mustard, BBQ sauce)
- Salad dressing (all varieties)
- Evaporated and dry milk
- Household cleaning products (spray/disinfectant, laundry detergent, dish soap, cleaning sponges/wipes)
- Paper goods – tissues, toilet paper, paper towels