

WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
MAY 4TH, 2025  
3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

# 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, and hope that you'll feel right at home.



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



Friendship Pew Pads can be found in each row.

Please fill them out and pass along to your neighbors.

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



WPC Directory Our church uses the online directory feature of Planning Center.

Find it online or on the Church Center app. Contact the church office with questions.

WPC Happenings Stay informed! Physical copies available out in the Narthex.



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

An All Gender, ADA Restroom is located in the Narthex.



An Infant Changing Station and Quiet Room for parents is located in the Narthex.



Activity Packets are available for children to use during worship.



Fidget Toys for children (and adults) are available at the Narthex entrance.

Gluten Free Cookies are labeled and available during coffee hour.

Communion is served the first Sunday of the month.

WPC uses bread that is gluten free and made without tree nuts or peanuts.

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

## **STAFF & HOURS**

PASTOR: Rev. François Lacroix

- Tuesday, 11:00am-4:00pm
- Wednesday, 10:00am-2:00pm

ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Rev. Taylor Cornelius

- Monday, 11:00am-4:30pm
- Thursday, 10:00am-1:00pm

MINISTER OF MUSIC: Lee Hagon-Kerr

CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR: Nathan Gibson

- Monday-Friday, 9:00am-3:00pm

COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR: Leslie Krowchenko

CLERK OF SESSION: Christine Darr

TREASURER: Todd Darr

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Michelle Hall

## **WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS**

### **This Week**

CHURCH OPENER: Bruce Clark

LITURGIST: Lindsay Gursky

COMMUNION SERVERS: Mary Lou Day

Cyndi Lacroix

Jim Oettinger

Jenny Montague

COFFEE HOUR: Ed Council

### **Next Week**

CHURCH OPENER: Bud Fury

COFFEE HOUR: Worship Council

\*Those who are able, please stand.

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



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### WORDS FOR MEDITATION

In the Sermon on the Mount, Christ is reinterpreting the Law and becoming the True Moses. Whereas, Moses once received the Law upon the mount of Sinai, Christ stands upon the mount to preach to us the Spirit-filled life. Now, post-Easter, we can hear these words in light of how he – through his death and resurrection - has fulfilled these words on our behalf and has become our righteousness.

The Sermon on the Mount is about how to live the Christian life in the here and now. It is a description of what living in the Kingdom of God is like today. It is not a program of salvation by works, but rather the ethic of Christian lives because of salvation. – Grant Castleberry

I do not believe there is a problem in this country or the world today which could not be settled if approached through the teaching of the Sermon on the Mount. – Harry S. Truman

The Sermon on the Mount is Christianity's answer to the greatest metaphysical question that humanity has ever faced: how can we experience true human flourishing? What is happiness, blessedness, shalom, and how does one obtain and sustain it? – Dr. Jonathan Pennington

### GATHERING

#### OPENING SCRIPTURE AND WELCOME

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, you who are poor in spirit,

**Rush to your Risen Savior!**

Come, you who mourn,

**Be wrapped in his embrace!**

Come you who are meek,

**Find strength in his arm!**

Come, you who hunger and thirst for righteousness –

**Be filled with the bread of Heaven! Let us worship God!**

#### \*OPENING HYMN #821

My Life Flows On  
(verses 1, 3 and 4)

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING?

#### TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

*All children are invited to come forward at this time. Parents are encouraged to accompany younger children and sit with them on the chancel steps or in the front seats. Then, children (12 months–11 years) are invited to Sunday School classes or to stay with us in worship. If this is your child's first time going to Sunday School, please accompany them downstairs in order to register your child.*

## WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING

The Sermon on the Mount: Matthew 5:1-7:29

NRSV NT 4

## MISSION AND MINISTRY

CALL TO OFFERTORY



Scan the QR code to give via credit card on the Church Center app

OFFERING

Feed My Sheep

J. Heckler and L. McGlohon

I am going away. If you love me, please hear what I say. Ev'ry man is your brother. Love and keep one another. Feed my sheep. I am going away. If you love me, please do what I say. Lose no soul to the cold night. Use your deep love to hold tight. Feed my sheep. Follow me where I go. Follow me and you'll know how to give, how to grow, how to love others so. I am going away. If you love, please hear what I say. Ev'ry man is your brother. Love and keep one another. Feed my sheep. Follow me where I go. Follow me and you'll know how to give, how to grow, how to love others so. I am going away. If you love me, please do what I say. Lose no soul to the cold night. Use your deep love to hold tight. Feed my sheep, now go and feed my sheep.

\*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 DEDICATION

**Holy Lord, your name is great in all the earth! May these gifts serve to glorify you and bring forth the fruits of love, peace, and hope to all who they reach! Amen.**

## CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

(The opportunity to eat and drink with Christ is not a right bestowed upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. All who come to the table are offered the bread and cup, regardless of their age or understanding. If some of those who come have not yet been baptized, an invitation to baptismal preparation and Baptism is graciously extended. Worshipers prepare themselves to celebrate the Lord's Supper by putting their trust in Christ, confessing their sin, and seeking reconciliation with God and one another. Even those who doubt may come to the table in order to be assured of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ. - W-3.0409 Directory for Worship, Book of Order, PCUSA)

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*Please hold, as we receive the bread together - representing our corporate experience of God.  
You may drink the cup as it comes to you - representing our personal experience of God.*

### CLOSING PRAYER

#### SENDING

\*CLOSING HYMN #353

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less  
(verses 1 and 3)

SOLID ROCK

\*CHARGE, BENEDICTION AND PEACE

\*POSTLUDE #582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

(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.***

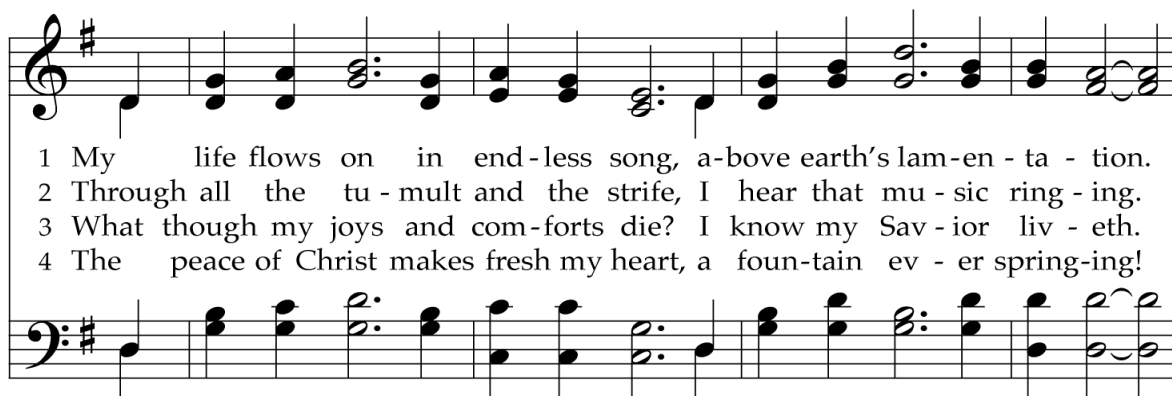
*Thank you to everyone who assisted with worship this morning.*

*This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God by Nancy and Jim Oetinger  
in celebration of the 10 year anniversary of Nancy's bone marrow transplant!*

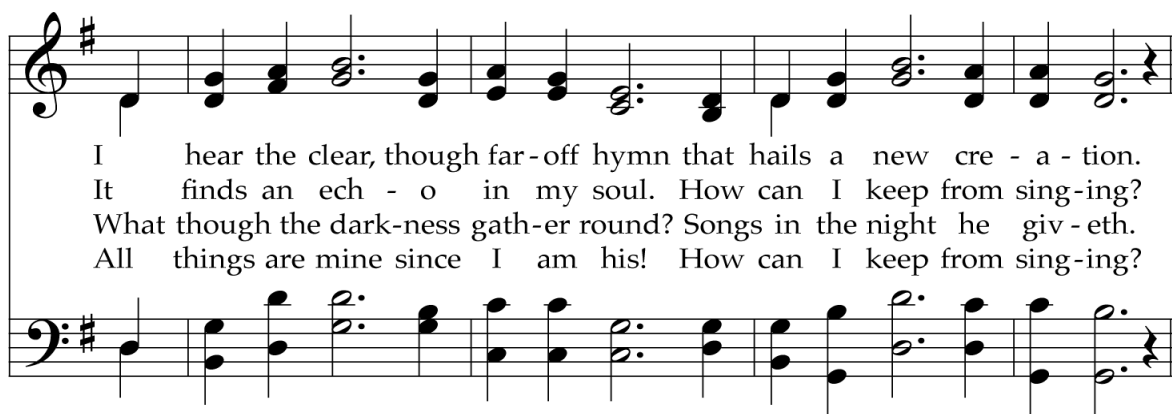
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# My Life Flows On

## How Can I Keep from Singing?

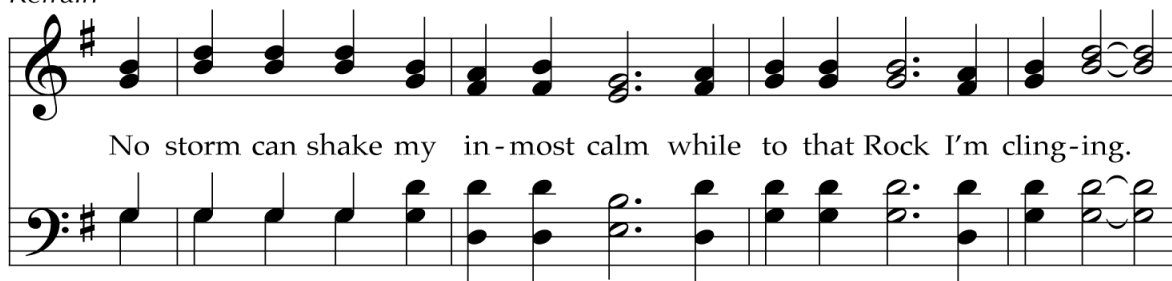


1 My life flows on in end-less song, a-bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion.  
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.  
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? I know my Sav - ior liv - eth.  
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!



I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.  
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?  
 What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.  
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

### Refrain



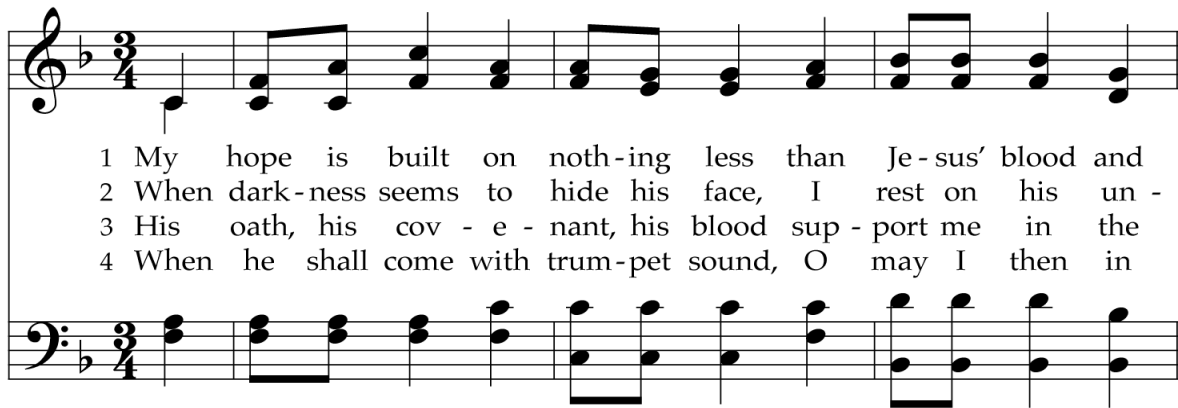
No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



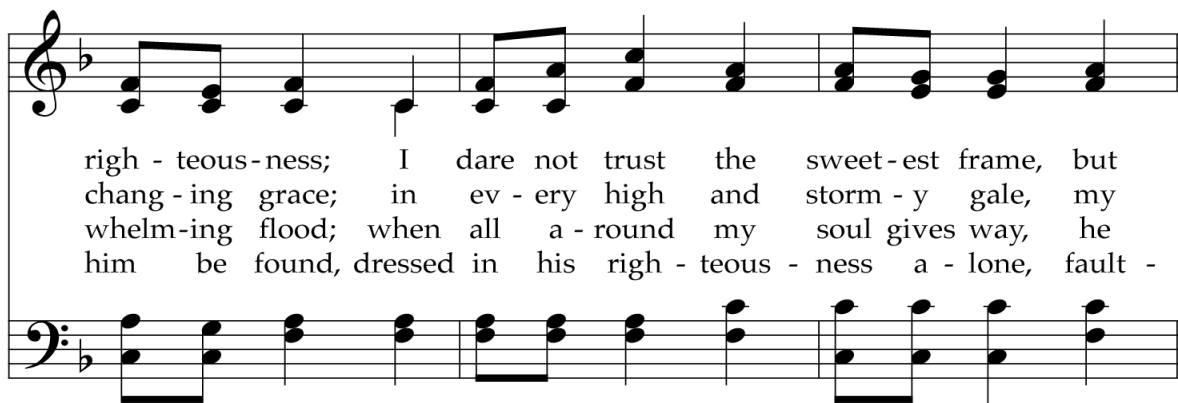
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

In the *New York Observer* of August 7, 1868, this text was titled "Always Rejoicing," and was attributed to "Pauline T." This may well be where the Baptist pastor and musician to whom it is usually credited encountered the words that he later published with his tune.

# My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less 353

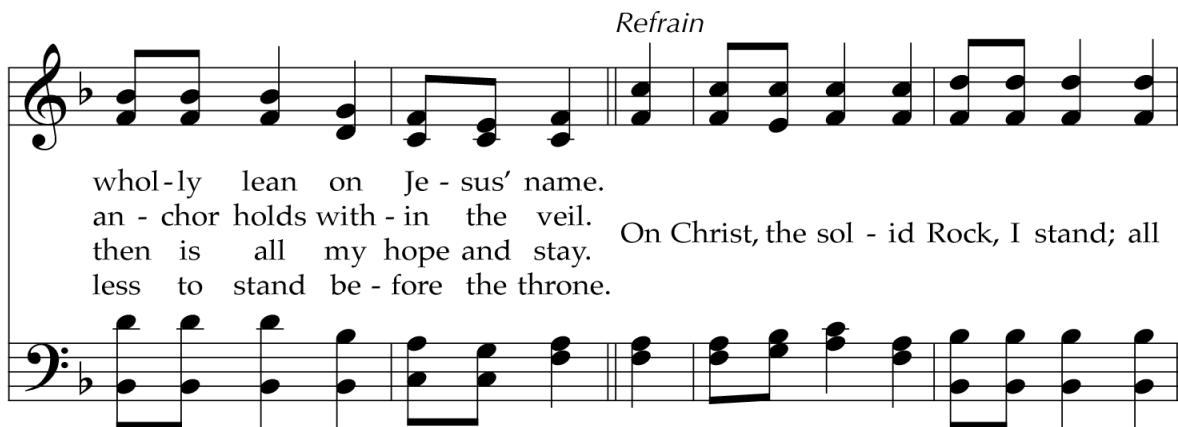


1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and  
 2 When dark-ness seems to hide his face, I rest on his un -  
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the  
 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in



right - teous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but  
 chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my  
 whelm-ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he  
 him be found, dressed in his right - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

*Refrain*



whol-ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; all  
 then is all my hope and stay.  
 less to stand be - fore the throne.



oth-er ground is sink-ing sand; all oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

This hymn develops the imagery of Jesus' remark (Matthew 7:24-27/Luke 6:47-49) that those who believe in him and act on that belief are like someone who builds a house on a rock. The text is set to a tune created for it by a prolific 19th-century American composer and editor.

## **PNC update, April 27, 2025**

Good morning,

The Pastor Nominating Committee, the PNC, wanted to report on our progress to find a new pastor. This will be a regular alphabet soup of a report. The MDP (Ministry Discernment Profile) – basically a job description -- is now live on the CLC—the Church Leadership Connection--the Presbyterian Church (USA) service to help congregations find pastors. We already have over 30 PDP's (Personal Discernment Profiles) from potential candidates for initial review. The PNC is now deciding whether to request a full application from these candidates.

So how did we get here and what comes next? The Congregation elected the 10 of us to the PNC on March 9. We had our kickoff meeting on March 12, meeting with representatives of the COM--the Commission on Ministry of the Presbytery of Philadelphia--which is guiding us through this process. We now meet weekly on Sunday evenings.

Our first task was to draft the MDP—job description. We were given a form to complete and questions to answer, and we were able to do that with extensive use of the Mission Study Team report that you all contributed to a few months ago.

We submitted the MDP to Session and it was approved in a few days, on April 6. Then, our Clerk of Session submitted it to the COM, who approved it on April 13. We then uploaded it onto the CLC website job bank, and it had to be approved again by COM. It was released to the public on the CLC website on April 17. If anyone knows of potential candidates in their networks, please refer them to the website, or ask us for a copy of the MDP.

What happens now? The CLC has sent us 25 “matches”, that is, pastors who they know are looking for a new position. (Although, these pastors don't know that their information was sent to us.) In addition, pastors who are checking the website can send their own info to us, and we have received 8 of those so far. We are reviewing all of these and then, after discussion and discernment, we will invite some candidates to submit full applications. We will then review those applications and decide if we want to proceed further. In addition, we can request more “matches” from the CLC if we feel like we need more options.

We will keep you posted but note that we will not have much to say while we reflect and consider the possibilities before us, being guided by the Holy Spirit and your prayers.

Many thanks to our hardworking PNC: Ken Kerr, co-moderator, Michelle George, Erin Vaccone, Bob Kenworthy, Don Killian, Shirley Rudd, Anna Warley, Ben Drane, and Lise Meloy. Our goal is still to call someone before Francois retires, but that is, literally, in God's Hands...

Thank you



# **STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL**

**STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS** The Strawberry Festival is Monday, June 2 and YOU make it a success! Sign up in Fellowship Hall starting **TODAY** to volunteer. If you prefer, call/email the church office to request a time for a particular activity (sell/setup attic treasures, books, plants; bake a cake; cut strawberries; serve food; sell tickets).

**STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL ITEMS** Start saving:

Books – kids, fiction and non, cookbooks

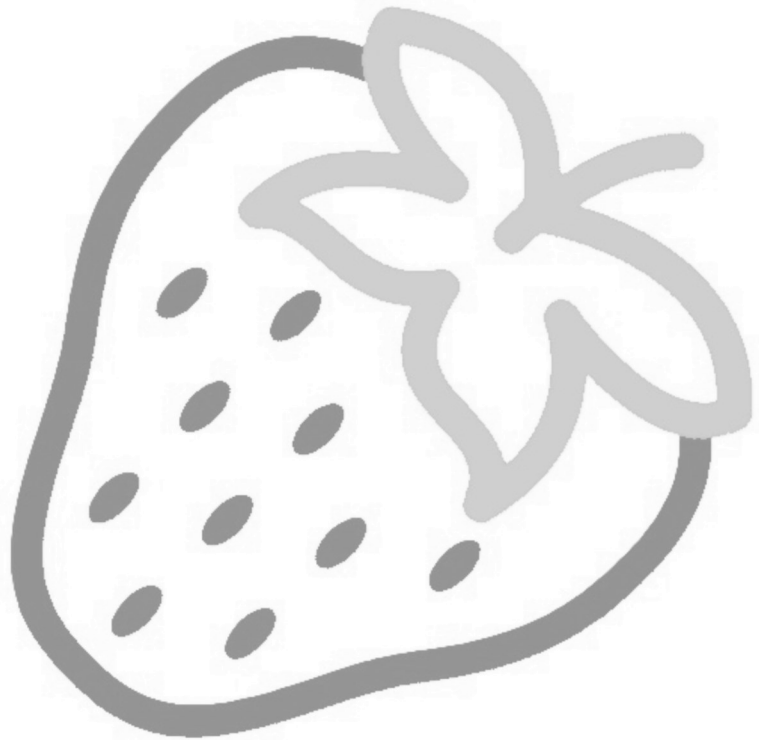
(no encyclopedias, textbooks, VHS or CDs)

Attic Treasures – household items, collectables, jewelry

(no glassware, mugs, sets of china or picture frames)

Plants – perennials, vegetables, herbs, garden tools, pots

(mark with name of plant, sun/shade)



**COVID-19 TESTS** COVID-19 tests are available in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall for your use.

**CALLING ALL GRADS** If you or a loved one is graduating from high school, technical school, college or grad school, we'd like to celebrate! Email/call the church office with the grad's name, school and degree. For HS, include their plans for the fall. **Deadline – Monday, May 12.**

**BREAKFAST CLUB** Tweens and teens – meet in the youth room, **10am today, Sunday, May 4,** for breakfast, a discussion about the week's video and games. Open to students grades 6-12.

**FAMILY BINGO PIZZA LUNCH** Bingo and pizza for families of all ages, **11:30am-12:30pm today, Sunday, May 4.** The event is free of charge, with prizes for the winners.

**VBC ZOOM MEETING** Like to help with Vacation Bible Camp (decorating/undecorating, registration, AV, crafts)? Attend the first VBC zoom meeting, **8pm, Thursday, May 8,** to hammer out the details of "Camp Firelight." Zoom details available in WPC Happenings/WPC Facebook page.

**PAPER SHREDDING AND DRUG TAKE BACK EVENT** Protect your identity and get rid of unneeded medications, **9am-noon, Saturday, May 10.** Free and open to the public. Held at Upland Park (280 6th Street, Brookhaven).

**PRIME TIME** Lenny Davidson, former owner of the Neon Museum in Philadelphia, will talk about old store signs in Philadelphia, focusing heavily on neon signs, **Tuesday, May 13. Lunch begins at noon; the talk, 12:30pm.**

**W.O.W.** Spring Dinner Enjoy our potluck appetizer, salad and dessert supper in the Manse garden, **6 m, Wednesday, May 14.** Bring a dish to share and a chair. All women in the congregation are invited.



**SCOUTING AMERICA TROOP 2019 PLANT SALE** Order collections, perennials, seeds and mats and more. Proceeds will help fund summer camp at Resica Falls and other troop adventures. Use the QR code to order. **Deadline – Thursday, May 15.**

**COURAGEOUS CONVERSATIONS – ANTISEMITISM IN DELCO** Delve into the origins and history of antisemitism, how the tropes have evolved online and in our communities and how we can combat them, **7-9pm, Thursday, May 15.** Sponsored by Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, Delaware County Kehillah, Jewish Community Relations Council, Delaware County District Attorney's Office, FUSE and SAMi. Held at Twentieth Century Club (84 S. Lansdowne Avenue, Lansdowne).



**WPC SENIOR PROM** Enjoy a night of music, dancing and finger food at Starlight Serenade, WPC's first Senior Prom, **7:30pm, Wednesday, May 21**. Festivities will include a photo booth, refreshments and raffle. Guests 18+ are invited (beer, wine and non-alcoholic beverages will be served). Dress code is formal, so feel free to don your favorite evening attire.

Use the QR code to bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

**BOOKLOOK** Discuss "Nudge" by Richard Thaler and Cass Sunstein, a New York Times bestseller about how we make [everyday] choices and how we can make better ones, using dozens of eye-opening examples and drawing on decades of behavioral science research." (Amazon), **7:30pm, Wednesday, May 28**. Contact Walt Kaminski to order – the cost is approximately \$5.

**SPRING CLEANUP** Lend a hand to help tidy up the beds and spread mulch, **9am to noon, Saturday, May 31**. Bring your own rakes and gloves, light refreshments included.

**ABILITIES INITIATIVE CHILDREN'S SERIES** After Time with Young Disciples, (**Sundays, June 8, June 22, July 13 and July 27**), kids in grades K-5 are invited to the Reception Room to explore differences related to vision, hearing, speech and physical abilities through books, discussions and other fun activities. The purpose is to educate our children on sharing basic knowledge and compassion regarding individual diversity. We can't wait to see you there.

**VBC Kids** – spend a week at Camp Firelight with stories, crafts and songs based on the Bible verse "Whenever I'm afraid, I put my trust in You." (Psalm 56:3), **6-7:30pm, Monday, July 14 – Friday, July 18**. End the week with a hot dog dinner and closing program. Open to kids ages 4-11 (grouped by age for stories/crafts).

**RED WAGON** WPC supports 3 food pantries – Chester Eastside, LifeWerks & Media Food Bank. LifeWerks is requesting:

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| -Cereal (kids' and whole grain adult)   | -Soups                           |
| -Condensed (any kind)   | -Chunky                          |
| -Beef (any combo with potatoes and veggies)   | -Chicken (any with noodles)      |
| -Sausage (any type)   | -Chowder (New England, corn)     |
| -Italian Wedding, minestrone, lentil  | -Canned vegetables, tomato paste |
| -Condiments (ketchup, mayo, BBQ sauce)  | -Salad dressing (all varieties)  |
| -Crackers (Ritz, Triscuits, Wheat Thins, Nut Thins, graham)                                   |                                  |
| -Skin care products (body lotion, hand cream, wet wipes)                                      |                                  |
| -Bladder control products (medium, heavy-long pads)   |                                  |
| -Feminine hygiene products (tampons, mini-pads, maxi-pads, overnight)                         |                                  |
| -Household cleaning products (multi-purpose spray/disinfectant, laundry detergent, dish soap) |                                  |

## WPC Week at a Glance

<b>Sunday, May 4</b>	<b>Wednesday, May 7</b>
09.30am- Chancel Choir	03.00pm- Flute Lessons
10.00am- Breakfast Club	07.30pm- Valley Voices
10.00am- Worship	<b>Thursday, May 8</b>
11.00am- Coffee Hour	04.30pm- Ballet Academy
11.00am- Kids Café	07.30pm- Chancel Choir
11.30am- Family Bingo Pizza Lunch	07.30pm- BSA 227/2019
<b>Monday, May 5</b>	<b>Friday, May 9</b>
10.00am- Adult Bible Class	<b>Saturday, May 10</b>
03.00pm- Flute Lessons	11.15am- Ballet Academy
07.00pm- Connections	<b>Sunday, May 11</b>
<b>Tuesday, May 6</b>	09.30am- Chancel Choir
07.00pm- Ballroom Dancing	10.00am- Worship
07.30pm- Peacemaking and Social Justice	11.00am- Coffee Hour

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