

FIRST ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Be together at First St. John's - Your Community Church and Your Family in JESUS



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Christ's Ascension



- ▣ It means that the Risen Christ ascended to heaven to take his place at the right hand of the Father.
- ▣ The Ascension is a salvific event for us since Christ's return to the Father was necessary for **sending the Spirit among us**, and for Christ's continued mediating on our behalf as well as for grounding our hope in our own future resurrection.



SUNDAY WORSHIP

BIBLE STUDY 9:00 AM
SERVICE 11:00 AM

"Till all have heard! Thanks be to God!"

REGULAR CHURCH EVENTS AND WORSHIP

Sunday -	9:00 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Sunday Worship
Monday -	PANERA BREAD DISTRIBUTION 9:00-11:00 AM
Wednesday	6:30 PM - Adult Choir
Thursday	6:30 PM - Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

OUR WEBSITE ADDRESS:

www.firststjohns.com

WELCOME

Our calling is for all to know Jesus as Lord and be an effective magnet involving lives for Jesus Christ. Worship should always be focused on God, the time honored traditions of worship are observed here, we want worship to be glorifying to God, honoring to God and reminding us of the greatness and glory of God. People say that they have truly worshipped after our Sunday morning service.

We are a very welcoming church and we want to help you to know Jesus.

Contact Us

Phone 717.843.8597

E-Mail: firststjohns@verizon.net

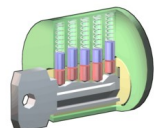
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NEW HIGH SECURITY KEY-LOCKS WERE INSTALLED ON THE FRONT AND BACK ENTRANCE DOORS OF THE CHURCH.

THE NEW KEY FITS BOTH LOCKS.

IF YOU HAVE THE OLD ENTRANCE KEYS PLEASE DISCARD THEM.



SUNDAY SERVICES

Communion and Non-Communion, Services are held during the month, Prayer and Preaching Non-Communion services are held on the 5th Sunday of months with 5 Sundays.

We print bulletins in English (small and large print), and Chinese for morning worship. Please contact us in advance if you need a Spanish bulletin.

PHONE: (717) 843-8597

**COME
WORSHIP**
with us!



If you would like to receive the monthly newsletter by email please contact the church office at (717) 843-8597 or send an email to firststjohns@verizon.net.



If you or someone you know is a shut-in, has an illness or is unable to worship with us due to other circumstances, please call the church office.

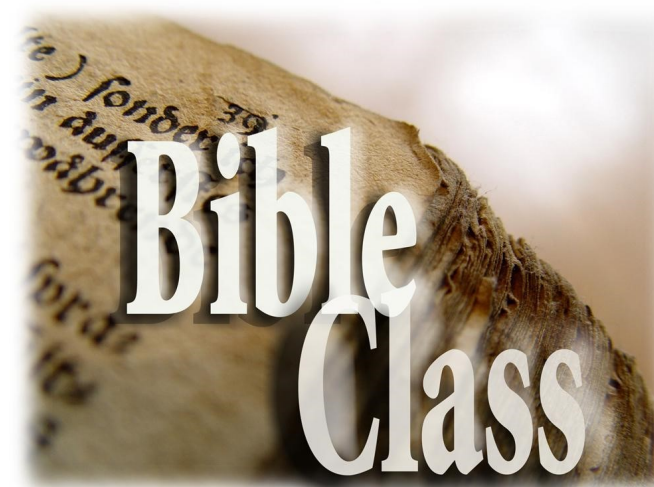
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GET IN TOUCH



BIBLE CLASS

The focus for the next Bible Class will be: "Luther's Small Catechism." A few of the current Bible class participants have inquired about doing a review of what they learned in Confirmation class.

In 2017, an update version of the catechism was released by LCMS and Concordia Publishing House. Martin Luther's teachings have not been altered. What has been done is to cite contemporary issues and how the catechism addresses them.

All six parts of the catechism will be studied: The Ten Commandments; The Creed; The Lord's Prayer; The Sacrament of Holy Baptism; Confession; and The Sacrament of the Altar.

Materials will need to be ordered for each participant, so I am requesting that if you would like to be a part of the review of the catechism, to please sign up by using the bottom of this article or the form that will be in the back of the church. Return completed form to me or put it in my mailbox in the hallway.

Ken Sanders,

Minister of Music

I, _____(name), will be a part of the next Bible Study on Luther's Small Catechism. I will need the materials for the study.

Music & Worship Notes



The resurrection of Jesus Christ

Easter Sermon

Easter and its note of joy and triumph dominated the spirit of the primitive Christian church to an extent difficult for modern Christians to realize or recapture. The resurrection was the impetus for the missionary activity of the early preachers and the keynote of their sermons. The weekly celebration of the resurrection was the reason for the dedication of the first day of the week, Sunday, to Christian worship.

Easter Day is the "Queen of the Feasts" of the church year. Because our Lord rose from the dead on the first day of the week, every Sunday is an "Easter" and a commemoration of the resurrection, and the meeting of Christians for worship on Sunday appears to have begun on the Sunday after the resurrection.

The date of Easter may occur between March 22 and April 25, and it is the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox.

Ascension was not originally celebrated as a separate event, but simply as part of the fifty-day period from Easter to Pentecost in which the entire redemption as commemorated. It appeared as a separate celebration in the fourth century in the Eastern church. The date - forty days after Easter - was determined by scripture and one of its early names was *Quadragesima* (the fortieth day). Since this day was always a Thursday, Ascension Day was also known as Holy Thursday.

Until well into the Middle Ages, the festival was marked by a procession. In Later times these processions were replaced by the rogation procession on the three days preceding the Ascension. Another custom still followed in the Roman and other churches was the extinguishing of the paschal candle, which had been lighted at each service, after the reading of the gospel for the day.



Ken Sanders,
Minister of Music

THE ADULT CHOIR:: Sharon Hennig, Karen Hildebrand, Lois Hollinger, Lois Stambaugh, Dave Stambaugh, Wally Smith, Quitao Zhang, Ding Wang, Maria Stankiewicz, Brian Stankiewicz



The special offering for the month of

MAY

Armed Forces Ministry LCMS



MAY 2019 PARISH VISITOR

JUNE 2019 DEADLINE

Articles Due May 17th-Friday

Mail Date May 23rd-Thursday

Newsletter



Bible Study

9:00 AM

MEETINGS IN MAY

Worship Committee

Church Council

Future Committee

To be announced

9th-Thursday-5:30 pm

Wednesday-9:00 am



UPCOMING MAY SERVICES

May 5th, Prayer & Preaching, Non-Communion (Third Sunday of Easter)

May 12th, Communion (Fourth Sunday of Easter)

May 19th, Matins, Non-Communion (Fifth Sunday of Easter)

May 26th, Communion (Sixth Sunday of Easter)

The proclaimer for May is Reverend Stephen B. Schafer

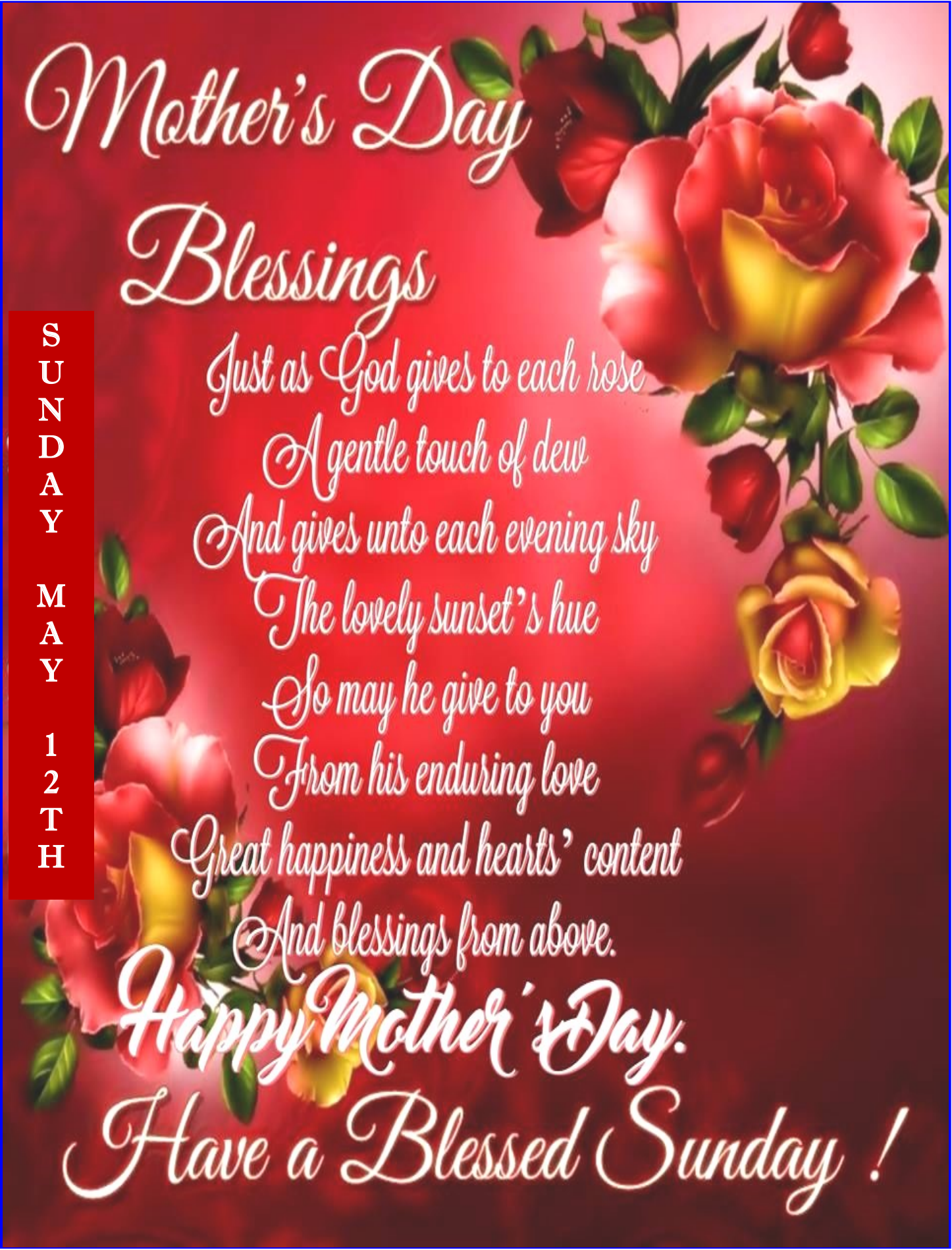


OPPORTUNITIES TO KNOW JESUS
Bible Study 9:00 AM
Sunday Morning Service 11:00 AM

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140 West King Street, York, PA 17401 / 843-8597
For updates refer to Website calendar at
MAY 2019

CHURCH OFFICE
Phone Number 717-843-8597

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Bible Study- 9:00 am. Morning Worship-11:00 am. The fifth Sunday of the month (months with five Sundays), will be a Prayer and Preaching Service.			1 Adult Choir- 6:30 pm	2	3	4
5 3rd Sunday of Easter Prayer and Preaching NC/White	6 Panera Bread 9:30-11:00 am	7	8 Adult Choir- 6:30 pm	9 CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING 5:30 PM N. A. Mtg. 6:30 pm	10	11
12 4th Sunday of Easter MOTHER'S DAY C/ White	13 Panera Bread 9:30-11:00 am	14	15 Adult Choir- 6:30 pm	16 N. A. Mtg. 6:30 pm	17	18
19 5th Sunday of Easter Matins NC/ White	20 Panera Bread 9:30-11:00 am	21	22 Adult Choir- 6:30 pm	23 N. A. Mtg. 6:30 pm	24	25
26 6th Sunday of Easter C/ White	27 Panera Bread 9:30-11:00 am	28	29 Adult Choir- 6:30 pm	30 ASCENSION DAY	31	
		LAY READER Marie Stankiewicz	USHER	ALTAR GUILD Carla Allison		SPECIAL MISSIONS OFFERINGS May Armed Forces Ministry LCMS



STEWARDSHIP: MAY 2019

Stewardship is not just about giving money to the church. It includes this, to be sure, but it is not limited to it. Stewardship involves our whole life – everything we have and everything we are.

Let us not, though, fall into the trap of thinking that because we give of ourselves in one area we can neglect giving in another. Stewardship is not stealing from Peter to pay Paul. It is not a game we play whereby we justify ourselves in not giving a tenth of our income because we have given in some other way. This is why our Lord warns:

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others.” (Matthew 23:23)

We are given to do both – tithe of ourselves and what we have. And so it is that St. Paul makes his appeal to us:

“I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.” (Romans 12:1-2)

We are to present our bodies as a living sacrifice to God. We are not to have the mind of the world, where we exchange equal weight of this for an equal weight of that, and then think that we have done what God has required.

Our whole life is given over for service in and for the Church of God. This is to be done in thanksgiving for what God in Christ has accomplished for us. This is our spiritual worship, the reasonable response to what He has done for us – not one for the other, but all in all.

But what does this look like? St. Paul never lays down a general principle without also giving us some practical application of what shape that principle is to take concretely. He gives the general principle that our bodies are to be living sacrifices to God, and, after admonishing those who have been given particular gifts of grace to serve the church, St. Paul then speaks generally of what is expected of all. He says:

“Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.” (Romans 12:9-13)

This is what it looks like to present your bodies as living sacrifices. This is how we live out the grace of God here in time.

Let us then heed the apostle’s teaching. Let us present our bodies – everything that we have and everything that we are – as living sacrifices to God, our reasonable response to what God in Christ Jesus accomplished for us by His death and resurrection.

Through this we have forgiveness of sins, a new life in Christ, and eternal salvation. And through this worship, the grace of God is made manifest in His saints – for the church and the world.

**Bonnie Abendschoen**

138 Crown Pointe Drive
York, PA 17402

Birthday--September 30th

Joyce Devan

2408 Lovegren Court
York, PA 17404

Birthday--February 20th

Dawn Frey

382 West North Street
York, PA 17401

Birthday--April 21st

Williard Starner, Sr.

820 Gunnison Road
York, PA 17404

Birthday--June 4, 1938

**Bill Hildebrand**

3530 Fox Run Road
Dover, PA 17315

Birthday--September 17th

Gloria Whitekettle

2361 Log Cabin Road
York, PA 17408

Birthday--November 23rd

Ruth Hermann

Lutheran Home Skilled Care
Room 404A

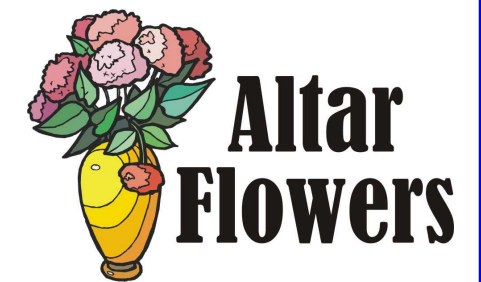
1801 Gladfelter Circle
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Birthday--Feb 11th

If you are aware of any changes with those on the list please contact the church office.

We encourage you to drop a card or letter to our shut-ins to let them know that they are missed and a valued member of the congregation.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS on Palm Sunday were given to the Glory of God and in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Luther Little, and Merl, Lewis, Ruth, and Mildred Little by the Little Family.



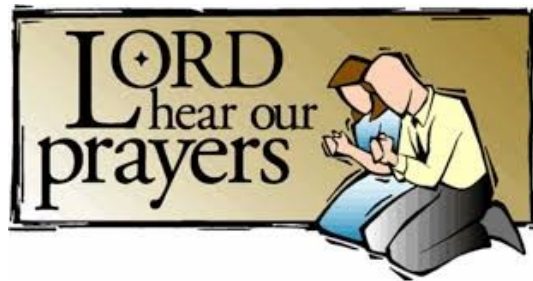
In Memoriam

GARY LEE FOGLE

Condolences and prayers are extended to the family of Gary Fogle who was called home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, April 2, 2019.

We commend his family members and friends to the comfort and care of our Lord and Savior, who is the Resurrection and the Life





PRAYERS

Ruthetta Fogle
 Christians especially in the Middle East– persecuted
 Prayer Warriors—Spirit is moving
 Becky Lupp-illness
 Angie Linebaugh-Illness
 Susan Null-Cancer
 Helen Wu-Husband in nursing home
 Marianne DeModena-Cancer
 Patti Tripp-COPD
 Christine Neal (Bonnie Abendschoen's cousin)-Flu.
 Brenton Allen-Needs new kidney and pancreas
 Olivia Stankiewicz-Healing (Grand-daughter of Brian and Maria Stankiewicz)
 Beth Smith
 Anna vanDyk
 Bill Hildebrand
 Julia
 Pastor Jay Mazikas (nephew of Sylvia Barclay)- Severe Headaches
 Susan Perergoy-Problems with knee surgery
 Nancy Hildebrand

FIRST TIME REQUESTS

Rich Holen-Serious health problems (Son-In-Law) of Sylvia Barclay
 Wally Smith

SHUT-IN MEMBERS

Bonnie Abendschoen Dawn Frey Joyce Devan Gloria Whitekettle
 Bill Hildebrand Ruth Hermann Williard Starner, Sr.

LEADERS

Church Pastor, Minister of Music Ken Sanders, Lay Leaders, Pastor Cosgrove, Pastor Nzinski, Pastor Zimmerman, Pastor Brasso, Pastor Koontz, Pastor Merrell, Pastor Banach, Pastor Robertson, Pastor Schaefer. Sally Hiller, David Maack. District President John Denninger

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

For all of God's Gifts
 Norma Null
 Terry Storms

SPIRITUAL NEEDS

For all those who do not know Jesus as Lord
 For our "action" committees/task forces
 Our Community and Families

We remember in prayer those who are in need of God's special presence in their lives due to special needs:



1st - Daniel Stambaugh
10th - Rodney Billet
29th - Rebecca Taylor



Please Note - On the 1st Sunday service of the month the birthdays for the month will be read. The Birthdays for the current month will be posted on the bulletin board

Early June Birthdays

4th - Willard Starner, Sr.

PRAYER LIST (cont.)

MILITARY

Kevin Kuhn	U.S.C.G.
Lindsay Wood	U.S.A.F.
Dakota Kaufman	U. S. Army in Kuwait
Matthew Holland	U. S. Army
Chuck Barrows	U. S. Army
Megan Messersmith	U.S.A.F.
Krista McKenzie	U.S.A.F.
Jonathan Cosgrove	U.S.M.C.
James Bova	U. S. Navy
Dylan Moynihan	U. S. Navy
Tyr Abendschoen	U. S. Army



POLICE

Jonathan
 Jason Berger



FREE BREADS AND DESSERTS



DONATED WEEKLY BY: PANERA BREAD

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EVERY MONDAY

From 9:00 through 11:00 am - Pickup at the church

DOORS OPEN AT 9:00 AM



COFFEE CUPS / DEER TRACKS are for sale. The cups have our church name on them and the deer tracks are a painted wooden cutout of the church. Call or leave a message on the church phone-(717) 843-8597.

Coffee cups are \$6.00

Deer tracks are \$12.00.



ALTAR FLOWERS: \$35 per Sunday (Share a Sunday-1 vase \$ 18).

There are many dates open for 2019.

Please contact Nancy Hildebrand at (717) 292-4113 for the dates that are available and to schedule a date/s.



Altar Flowers

Women's Care Center
Pregnant?

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formerly Pregnancy & Family Resource Center

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York, PA 17404

Phone: (717) 854-6285

