

the Messenger



May 15, 2022
5th Sunday of Easter



OPTIONAL

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Dear Members and Friends of God's Love,

Over the years, I have observed that May 1 – June 15 is probably the most hectic time of the year. Every organization under the sun has some type of major event during this time period. I label it "May mode." This is the stretch when my intercessory prayers for parents become more fervent.

In the May 4, 2022 issue of *Christian Century*, Peter W. Marty tells the story of Michelle Tribout of Belleville, Illinois. She had grown tired of her three kids not carrying their weight around the house or showing more gratitude. Misty, 15; Joseph, 13; and Rachel, 7 had been fighting, talking back, and failing to get out of bed when roused. One day when they came home from school, they found that their mom was up in the tree house. She'd left a note on the mailbox below: "On strike Mom. No cooking, cleaning, doctoring, banking, or taxi service. Out of order."

The kids cooked dinner that night and came out promising Mom they'd be nice. She refused to come down. They then baked her favorite brownies and wrote up a settlement promising they would do the following: "1. Pitch in whenever we see something needs to be done. 2. Act our age, not like we're five. 3. Don't smart off. 4. Come when we're called. 5. We are the kids; you are the parents. 6. Give and take on an equal basis. 7. Ask before we do something. 8. Do not hit or hurt anybody." At 11:30pm they presented their settlement. A contractual agreement was finally signed at midnight, and she came down from the tree house.



I want to give a shout-out and thanks-be-to-God for all our parents. This has been a long stretch with COVID-19, acrimony over the management of schools, and additional friction for many daily activities. Let us give thanks and praise to God for Michelle Tribout and all the company of parents for their spiritual gifts, stamina, creative techniques, and good humor.

Yours in Christ Jesus, *Pastor Dan Whitener*



We welcome the following children to the Lord's Table this Sunday to receive their first Holy Communion:

- Lila Cummons
- Chase Geipel
- Benjamin Smith
- Matthew Smith
- Luke Wischhusen

Keep them in your prayers that they may be nourished through the meal of Holy Communion with God's loving grace.

Congratulations and God's blessings on these children and their families.

Blood Drive Results

On May 10, we took in a **total of 31 pints of blood.**

Five people donated Power Red. We had a full schedule going into the drive but unfortunately had some no shows and several deferrals for various reasons. Thanks to all who signed up! Our next blood drive is scheduled for **July 21**.



CAN2 Update

Workdays are scheduled every Saturday, except Memorial Day Weekend, weather permitting. Join a crew to help turn this container into a medical clinic. Visit GodsLoveNewtown.org/CAN2 or [CLICK HERE](#) to donate or sign up for a crew.

Together we CAN2 make a difference.



NEW Member Orientation

Sunday, June 12 at 10:00am.

Join Pastor Dan in learning more about joining the congregation here at God's Love.

If you are interested, please contact the church office.

Scripture Readings
May 22

Acts 16:9-15
*Lydia's household
baptized by Paul*

Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5
The Lamb is the light of God

John 14:23-29
*The Father will send
the Holy Spirit*

Sunday School End-of-Year Celebration

Sunday, May 15 • 10:00am in Fellowship Hall



Sunday school students, first communicants and their parents are invited to “Journey through the Bible”—an interactive celebration of the end of the Sunday school year. Journey through four craft stations and take your creations home. **Wear flip-flops or sandals!**



We give thanks for all the dedicated adults who have shepherded the children of the congregation through Sunday School and Confirmation classes this year: **Sandy Anthony, Rebecca Blank, Allison Dunkerley, Ingrid Johnson, Frank Kettles, Sarah Ludwig, Nancy Maguire, Glen McDonnell, Samantha Orr, Rebecca Wotherspoon, Nancy Smoose, and Chris Tidd.**

Ministerium Scholarship

The Newtown Yardley Ministerium is seeking student applicants for its annual \$1,000 educational scholarship in honor of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



Interested students should contact the church office for the application and details.

Application deadline: May 31.

The Café at God’s Love is OPEN!

Enjoy some coffee and conversation between worship services. A free-will offering is welcome.

We are scheduled to be open through the month of June and Baristas are needed! SIGN UP HERE

To provide baked goods, **sign up in the café.**

Questions? Contact **Kathy MacDonald.**



“Crossing the River”

Saturday, June 11 • 10am – 3pm

The House Next Door:

A Center for Spirituality and Wellness

Women of God’s Love are invited to participate in a day-long retreat for spiritual renewal.

Registration is required. USE THIS LINK, the Signup Hub, or see the display in the Commons.



May’s Collection Philadelphia Diaper Bank

We are supporting local agencies by collecting Diapers and pull-ups (any size from preemie to adult) and feminine hygiene products (pads and tampons). Open or partial boxes are acceptable.

Place donations in the **Lobby of Love** by the **end of May.**

Questions? Contact **Sandy Anthony.**

HOPE (Help Other People Eat) • JUNE

Want to help the homeless in Bristol

eat? Use [THIS LINK](#) or visit the **Signup**

Hub in the Commons to provide a hot

meal on Sunday or to donate items for

the Wednesday bagged lunches. Place donations in

the **Lobby of Love**. **Questions?** **Sandy Anthony.**



Opportunities Growing in the Good Neighbor Garden

- **Flower Starter Kits:** To attract the pollinators, we will plant flowers along the garden border. Pick up your flower starter kit in the **Lobby of Love**. Return the growing plants when they are about 2” - 3” tall. Or purchase one 6-pack of any type of annual flower from a garden store.
- **Garden Angels:** Once planted the garden will need weekly maintenance— weeding, watering, harvesting and/or delivering produce to local food pantries. [CLICK HERE](#) to choose your week(s) to help. Come to the garden any time during your week when it is convenient for you.

Questions? Contact **Sandy Anthony.**

PROPERTY



Saturday, June 4, 9:00am – Noon

The second property cleanup workday of the season will be held just in time to have the landscaping looking its best for the 50th anniversary festival worship service.

[SIGN UP HERE](#), the **Signup Hub** in the Commons, or visit godslovenewtown.org/signups to let the Property Team

know if you can help. Any amount of time will be helpful. Bring work gloves and garden tools if you have them. Lawn waste bags will be provided. **Questions?** Contact **Joyce Ginelli.**

Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster

Saturday, October 8 • 11:00am

We have reserved a group of tickets for the 11:00am performance of “David”. The cost is **\$84.55 per adult; \$39 for children 3 – 12 and free for children under 3 (on lap).**

[SIGN UP HERE](#) or at godslovenewtown.org/signups. Submit payment by check (indicate “David”). Place in the offering plate or mail to the church

Transportation to Lancaster is on your own. If you would like a ride or carpool, please indicate on the signup. Also Indicate whether you plan to stay for lunch after the show at the Hershey Inn, next to the theater.

Questions? Contact **Sandy Anthony.**



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