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We've come a long way! I can still recall the phone in my grandparents' home. The box was constructed of oak and positioned on a wall in the kitchen. You had to use a crank to get the attention of the local operator, who would come online and make the appropriate connection for you. Early this month we were treated to phone calls from deep space, over a quarter of a million miles from earth, as Artemis II circumvented the moon—and much of the mission included live television transmissions from space. We most certainly have come a long way!

The basics, though, remain important and vital! This earth will be a better place when humankind resolves to communicate and work with one another—and to follow the example set by Jesus. Part of good communication involves listening and heeding the voices of others who have wisdom to share and impart. (Did God create us with two ears and one mouth so that we would spend most of our time listening rather than talking?) And when we do disagree may we do so with respect and concern for the other. That has been the critical role of the Church since God chose to visit us on this planet and teach us in word and example how we ought to live to create a world which reflects the world as God first saw it in Genesis 1:31—"And God saw all that He had made, and it was *very good*."

It was Robert Kennedy who shared the thought: "Some men see things as they are and ask 'why?' I dream things that never were and ask 'why not?'"

It is my intention as I work among you as your interim pastor to help you envision not just how to maintain the good things you already do but to envision some new things which will improve life for you and others at the church and in the community. I look forward to joining you in articulating and realizing the dreams we can share.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Keith (Schmitt)

Meet Rev. Keith Schmitt

Rev. Schmitt was born and raised on a farm in Iowa. He received his Master of Divinity from New Brunswick Theological Seminary and his Ph.D. from the University of Leiden – located in the Netherlands. Rev. Schmitt has over 50 years' experience, both as a Pastor and Interim Pastor, and has served churches in varied locations such as the Netherlands, Florida, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey. Most recently, he is completing an Interim Pastorship at First Presbyterian Church of Salem. (NJ)

Ascension, Pentecost and Memorial Day!

May 3- Communion

May 10- Mother's Day

May 17- Coffee Hour

May 24- Memorial Day Weekend, Hymn Requests

May 31- Worship

Blood Drive

On the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend, May 23, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 1-800-RED CROSS or go to RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment.



Leaders

Session- Meets the second Wednesday evening, May 13, at 7pm in the boardroom.

Deacons – Sunday, May 3 after worship

Men's Breakfast

Again, the second Saturday of the month, May 9, at 9:00 a.m. at the Legacy Diner. Join the men of Logan for some food and inspiration.



Audubon Yard Sale

The Township of Audubon will hold their annual town-wide yard sale in the Logan parking lot on Saturday, May 19.

Flowers for the Chancel

Spring flowers are lovely in the sanctuary! Call Lesley in the office (856-547-5571) with the date and dedication you desire. Feel free to leave a message on the phone machine after hours. Cost is now \$20 for each flower arrangement this year.

Thrift Store

We will be open on Saturdays, May 2 and May 16 from 9am until noon.



Clothing and Christmas item donations only are being accepted again starting on May 1. However, donations of any other type are not.

Set up day is every Tuesday from 9 am until noon. We can always use more workers on that day and on opening days.

In His Name,

Sandy Bowen

Zoom Links and Meeting IDs

Worship: Each Sunday Morning 11:00

Livestream on YouTube:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2G_il-p0wlw

Worship and Music

In April we were so blessed to have Dan Pure in the pulpit on Easter with 93 in attendance and Greg Faulkner sharing a truly heartfelt communion with us. They and all the other pastors exposed us and gave us so many different approaches and takes on the Gospel readings. But you, the congregation, are also what sustained us - by continuing to attend church and activities, by helping out when needed, and for providing encouragement to the Interim Nominating Committee.

And now we welcome Pastor Keith Schmitt whose job it will be to guide us through the process of picking a permanent pastor through congregational surveys concerning our hopes for the future and where we see Logan's place in the community. It will be incumbent on all of us to rally together, find a way to contribute in some small way so that we continue to, if not flourish, then thrive, as we have been.

But it also means we have to prayerfully accept and encourage Pastor Keith during this journey, as well as one another. We appreciate everyone who has contributed their time and talents in the past year and we will continue to lean on one another. God has blessed us with a new day.

The choir and Bill continue to amaze us and our interim is willing to take on the role of tenor.

2nd Corinthians 5:17- "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old is gone, the new is here."

Betsy O'Hara

Mission Moments by Lori Corker

As often is the case when focusing on a specific mission for the month, I'm usually trying to tie in a holiday or a relatable experience that is helpful for the congregation to feel connected with each other. After all, God's mission for his people is to gather followers together who are united in bringing his message of hope and salvation to all the world.

May represents one of the most time-honored holidays, namely Mother's Day. According to The Old Farmer's Almanac's website, Mother's Day is celebrated worldwide, but not on the same day or in the same way. While many countries, including the U.S., Canada, Australia, and much of Europe, observe it on the second Sunday in May, others have different dates—like March 8 in many Eastern European countries, or late May in France.

Long before Americans celebrated Mother's Day, Europeans honored their mothers on Mothering (or Simnel) Sunday, the fourth Sunday of Lent. During the Middle Ages, laborers, apprentices, and servants—mainly daughters who had gone to work as domestic servants—would be given a holiday on the fourth Sunday of Lent to return to their mothers and the “mother” church. Family reunions were the order of the day, with sons and daughters assuming all household duties and preparing a special dinner in honor of their mother. Sometime during the day, the mother would attend special church services with her family. The Lenten fasting rules were relaxed for that day. (Often, the gospel for the day was about Jesus feeding the crowd with loaves of bread.)

It seems to me that not much has changed since the Middle Ages on how we feel about our own special mothers and how we want to honor them. However, some Mom's may be too embarrassed to ask for help when it comes to sensitive issues, such as having to choose between putting food on the table or buying basic menstrual supplies. Enter Church World Services' (CWS) Period Packs.

What is a Period Pack? A CWS Period Pack is a thoughtfully assembled kit of menstrual and hygiene supplies. These packs are shared through trusted partners with people navigating difficult circumstances—right when they're needed most.

We will collect the following items until Sunday, May 31.

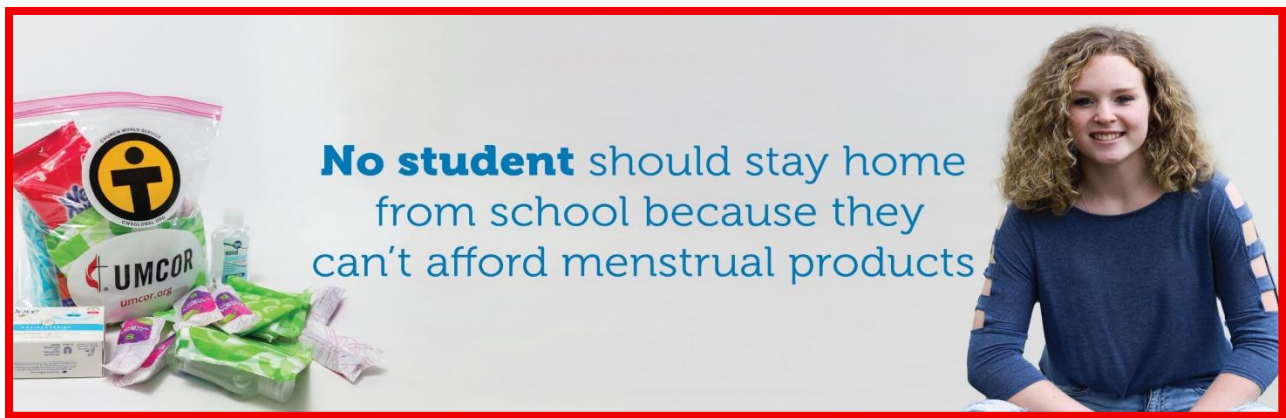
PLEASE use the correct box when donating items.

1-gallon re-sealable plastic bags	Regular-absorbency tampons
2 oz bottles of hand sanitizer	Super-absorbency tampons
4-gallon bathroom trash bags	Sanitary pads (unscented)
Travel-size pack of antibacterial hand wipes (about 20 wipes, unscented)	One bath-size bar of soap (3 oz or larger; keep in original wrapping; avoid Ivory or Jergens)
Flushable wipes (unscented, 42 wipes or fewer)	Fragrance-free laundry sheets

NOTE: EACH KIT COST \$2.00 TO SHIP.

TO DONATE MONEY: SEE LORI CORKER OR





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MISSION UPDATES

March—Lenten Soup Suppers: Thank you to everyone who participated in our Soup Suppers. We raised \$133 for IMA World Health (<https://imaworldhealth.org/>), an international, nonprofit health care service organization. This faith-based charity offers sustainable and efficient solutions to health-related problems in the developing world.

May Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 4 Gladys Miller
- 5 Al and Meg Murray 
- 6 Carol Cashman
- 8 Samuel and Donna Bunnell 
- 11 Steve Gregory
- 12 Harry and Marilyn Martin 
- 16 Al Harris
- 17 Linda Goulburn
- 18 Becki Szkotak
- 20 Michael Smith
Bill and Amanda Evans 
- 23 Les Spositi
- 26 Stanley Hanna, Jr.
- 28 Renato Latini
- 30 Richard Aungst







MAY 2026



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 Thrift Store 9:00 a.m.-noon
3 <i>Communion</i> Choir 10:30 Worship 11:00 <i>Deacon's Meeting</i>	4	5 Thrift Store Workers 9:00 a.m. - noon	6 Choir 6:30 p.m.	7	8 <i>Cards</i>	9 Men's Breakfast 9:00 a.m.
10 <i>Mothers' Day</i> Choir 10:30 Worship 11:00	11	12 Thrift Store Workers 9:00 a.m. – noon	13 Choir 6:30 p.m. <i>Session 7:00 p.m.</i>	14	15	16 Thrift Store 9:00 a.m.-noon
17 Choir 10:30 Worship 11:00 <i>Coffee Hour</i>	18 Deadline for June newsletter articles	19 Thrift Store Workers 9:00 a.m. – noon	20 Choir 6:30 p.m.	21	22 <i>Cards</i>	23 Blood Drive 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
24 <i>Pentecost</i> Choir 10:30 Worship 11:00	25 	26 Thrift Store Workers 9:00 a.m. - noon	27 Choir 6:30 p.m.	28	29	30
31 Choir 10:30 Worship 11:00						