

MUDDY CREEK LUTHERAN CHURCH

JUNE AND JULY 2023 NEWSLETTER

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Special Congregational Meeting on June 4

A Special Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, June 4 immediately following the 9:00 a.m. service (at approximately 10:00 a.m.) A vote will be held on June 4 to vote on a motion from church council that we purchase a riding lawnmower at a cost of up to \$20,000. Please mark your calendars and come out to help us have a quorum!

Summer Worship Schedule Begins May 28

On Sunday, May 28 (Memorial Day Weekend), our summer worship schedule returns with services at spoken worship at 8:00 a.m. and a service with liturgy, hymns and music at 9:00 a.m.



Community Yard Sale in our Grove on Sat. June 10

On Saturday, June 10 from 7 a.m. to noon, Muddy Creek is sponsoring a Community Yard Sale in our church Grove. Each space (12 foot frontage) costs only \$5, which goes entirely to our local food pantry, Peter's Porch. The Schoeneck Lions Club will be there with a food truck and our church will be selling baked goods and cookbooks. If you are interested in reserving a spot to sell your items, please contact Pat Brendle at 717-799-2591, pattigb@ptd.net. Rain date is Sat. June 17.

If you can help make individually-wrapped baked goods to donate for the Yard Sale, please call Gail Bare at 717-733-9535. Donated baked goods can be dropped off at the church on Friday evening, June 9 or Saturday morning, June 10 or by arrangement with Gail.

If you can help with setting up the food truck on the evening before the sale or with staffing the food truck on the day of the sale, please contact Pat Brendle (see above).

Help Needed to Put Leaves from the Grove into Trash Barrels

To prepare for the upcoming Community Yard Sale in the Grove, we need volunteers to stuff leaves from the piles around the Grove tree bases into large trash barrels, which we will then haul away. The empty barrels can be found outside behind the Elevator Entrance, and full barrels can be put under the carport by the cornerstone. Call Tim Fritz at 717-335-0776 if you have questions. Thanks!



Summer Family Fun and Ice Cream Evening

On Tuesday, July 25, from 5:45 p.m. – 7:15 p.m., all families with young children and elementary-aged children are invited to Muddy Creek for Summer Family Fun and Ice Cream Evening! Friends, families of friends, and grandparents are invited, too!

We will start out in Fellowship Hall with hot dogs and ice cream. And then we'll enjoy songs, a story, parachute play and coloring pages. We'll end in the church Grove with outdoor play on the playground, including bubbles and water brushes.

Please let Pastor Peter (peter@mclchurch.org, 717-598-5095) know that you are coming and if you can bring any of the following: ice cream, cones, sprinkles, small bottles of water, or bubbles.

See you for Summer Family Fun!



Congratulations Graduates!

Congratulations to Violet Garrison, who is graduating from Cocalico High School.

Congratulations to Will Meckley, who is graduating with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Saxophone Performance from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh. In August, Will is pursuing a Master's Degree at a university in Tennessee.



“Planning For The Future” Committee Update

The Council’s new “Planning for the Future Committee” is continuing its work, looking at long-range planning needs for Muddy Creek in the next few years and beyond. On May 2nd, the Committee met again. On May 11th, it then conducted a Zoom interview with young families from the congregation to get feedback and ideas of future needs. The Committee will be also meeting with staff members to interview them about staffing needs. The Committee will meet again on May 30.

Father’s Day on June 18th

On Father’s Day, Sunday June 18th, we will celebrate in church by having all men and children/youth play a song on the colored bells.

Prayer Shawl Dedication on July 16th

On Sunday, July 16th at both services, we will dedicate newly-knitted prayer shawls made by our Knitting Group. Come and pick up a shawl for anyone you know who could use the warm embrace of God in their life and our prayers to surround them. Or on at any other time, just ask Pastor Peter for the key to the Prayer Shawl room to pick up a prayer shawl for someone.

For all those interested in knitting shawls for our prayer shawl ministry, the Knitting Group meets at Yvonne Weaver’s house, normally on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Contact: Yvonne Weaver at 717-371-6453. All are invited! The next knitting meeting is June 13th, but there will be no knitting meeting of the fourth Tuesday, June 27th.

Redner’s Save A Tape Program

If you shop at any Redner’s Warehouse Markets you can add to the Good Samaritan Fund at Muddy Creek by bringing your register tapes to church and putting them in the Redner’s containers at all entrances. Just be sure to use your Redner’s reward card each time you shop. You also benefit by getting a discount on gas. Bring the entire tape – please do not cut it. The church receives 1% of the Save a Tape amount on the receipt. You can also use the card at Redner’s Quick Shop for prepaid gas, sandwiches, food items etc. Thank you from the Social Ministry committee.



Peter’s Porch Collection

The next food collection for Peter’s Porch (our local food pantry) will be Sunday, June 4th, which is the first Sunday of the month. Food donations can be placed in the bins in the church entrances. (Peter’s Porch distributes the food on the first Saturday of every month from 8-10 a.m. Contact Pastor Peter if you are interested in volunteering with the monthly distribution.)

Help Make Hygiene Products for Women in the Developing World

Everyone is invited to come on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month from 9 a.m. to noon in the Fellowship Hall to help make feminine hygiene pads out of cloth for women in the developing world. The pads are made by volunteers with LCBA and distributed through UNTO (formerly the Gain Warehouse). Any questions – contact Pat Brendle, pattigb@ptd.net, 717-799-2591.

Thank You's

I wanted to thank you and the individuals who helped pack the snack boxes for finals week, as well as those who donated the food. It was nice to once again have some food to snack on. Everything in the box was very good and helped me to stay up late while studying for all of my finals. Once again, I appreciate the church sending the box very much.

Thank you, Brandon Walzl

Muddy Creek family – Many thanks for the visits, prayers, and cards during Linda Martin's illness and death. As we mourn our loss, we rejoice in the new life Linda has now in the presence of the Lord. God bless you all, Josephine, Michael and Lori Martin

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that sent birthday wishes and cards to our Mom, Betty Ramsey. The cards brightened up her day and she reads them over and over again! Thank you again for your thoughtfulness on her 96th birthday! Muddy Creek has always been a special place for her! -The family of Betty Ramsey

Congratulations



Congratulations to Asia Breidenstein, Riley Beichner, and Wyatt Hanney who were confirmed on Sunday, May 14th. Thank you as well to them for sharing their Faith Statements with the congregation!

Condolences

Our deepest condolences to:

*The family of Harold Weinhold, who passed away on May 4. The funeral was held on May 19

*To Audrey and Roger Noll at the death of their nephew, Steve Unangst, son of Audrey's sister Pat Kagarise.

*To Colleen Oberholtzer on the death of her mother, Lucy Shimp, on May 13.

Worship Helpers

June 4 Bread Baker - Marliese Smith 8:00 am Communion Assistant -
 9 a.m. Communion Assistant - Zach Sheaffer
 9 a.m. Acolyte - Mason Sheaffer 9 am Lay Reader – Nancy Beck
 9 am Cantor - Gail Bare 9 am
 9 am Money Counters - Nick Duong and Thai Phan, Pat Brendle

June 11 9 am Acolyte -
 9 am Lay Reader - Hollie Kemper
 9 am Cantor - Greg Gehman
 9am Money Counters - Jeanette and Mike Leid

June 18 9 am Acolyte -
 9 am Lay Reader - Fred Hainley
 9 am Cantor - Hollie Kemper
 9am Money Counters - Marie Buohl, Connie Hoover, David Sensenig

June 25 9 am Acolyte -
 9 am Lay Reader - Joe Sanchez
 9 am Cantor - Pastor Peter
 9am Money Counters - Brad and Doris Rauch

July 2 8:00 am Communion Assistant - Scott Strickland
 9 a.m. Communion Assistant and Acolyte- Sophia Dimitris
 9 a.m. Acolyte -
 9 am Lay Reader – Brad Rauch
 9 am Cantor - David Sensenig
 9 am Money Counters - Brenda Berger, Judy Nichol, Audrey Noll
 Bread Baker - Marliese Smith

July 9 9 am Acolyte -
 9 am Lay Reader - Lynn Breidenstein
 9 am Cantor - Gail Bare
 9am Money Counters - Ray and Susan Sweigart

July 16 9 am Acolyte - Mason Sheaffer
 9 am Lay Reader - Will Wood 9 am Cantor - Greg Gehman
 9am Money Counters - Linda Gerhart, Hollie Kemper

July 23 9 am Acolyte -
 9 am Lay Reader - Doris Rauch
 9 am Cantor - Hollie Kemper
 9am Money Counters - June and Neal Leid

July 30 9 am Acolyte -
 9 am Lay Reader - Brenda Berger
 9 am Cantor - Pastor Peter
 9am Money Counters - David and June Sloat

Office Hours

Office hours are Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Please use the intercom button by the elevator entryway, and our Administrative Assistant, Linda Mohn, will buzz you in. Feel free to use the elevator to come to the 2nd floor!

Altar Flower Sign-Ups

If you wish to sponsor altar flowers or bulletins (you may make them in honor of or in memory of someone if you wish), please sign up in the binder located outside Pastor Peter's office. Cost is \$45 to sponsor altar flowers or \$15 to sponsor bulletins. Call the church office at 717-336-2770 if you have any questions.

Attendance

Worship Attendance

Viewed on Muddy Creek YouTube Channel and Facebook

April 30, 8 a.m. – 15, 10:15 a.m. – 41	39 (includes livestream)
May 7, 8 a.m. – 24, 10:15 a.m. – 51	14 (includes livestream)
May 14, 8 a.m. – 38, 10:15 a.m. – 72	53 (includes livestream)
May 21, 8 a.m. – 23, 10:15 a.m. – 39	30 (includes livestream)

(There are currently 85 subscribers to the Muddy Creek Lutheran YouTube Channel, and 200 followers on the Muddy Creek Facebook Page.)

Offering

Income to General Fund in April: \$22,150.77

Expenses to General Fund in April: \$15,244.07

Income to General Fund Year-to-Date as of end of April: \$63,112.49

Expenses to General Fund Year-to-Date as of end of April: \$66,394.16