

MUDDY CREEK LUTHERAN CHURCH

JUNE AND JULY 2024 NEWSLETTER

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Community Yard Sale in our Grove on Sat. June 8

On Saturday, June 8 from 7 a.m. to noon, the Evangelism Committee of Muddy Creek is again 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 Will Wood at 717-917-3141, will.wood@live.com.

If you can help make individually-wrapped baked goods (such as cakes, cookies, cupcakes, etc) to donate for the Yard Sale, please call Gail Bare at 717-672-6282. Donated baked goods can be dropped off at the church on Friday evening, June 7th, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. or on Saturday morning on the day of the sale. They may also be dropped off at Gail's house, 935 Lincoln Heights Ave in Ephrata prior to the sale. Please let Gail know if you are interested in helping on Friday evening or Saturday morning with organizing and selling the baked goods.

Help is also needed with setting up and marking the grove, and with directing people on the day of the Yard Sale. If you can help, please contact Brenda Berger (chairperson of the Evangelism Committee) at 717-336-6886, bergerb@dejazzd.com.

And finally, help is also needed on Friday, June 7 at 6 pm to stripe the spots in the Grove to prepare for the Yard Sale. If you can help, please meet in the Grove at 6 pm.

Time, Talent and Interest Survey in June

As part of the Planning for the Future process, in June the Church Council is distributing a Time, Talent and Interest Survey. As we plan for the future and give thanks for all the assets God has given us at Muddy Creek, the Church Council realizes that the people, including you, are our greatest asset! Therefore, we would like each household member to complete the survey, if possible. The survey will be distributed in two ways: paper copies are available on the table under the church mailboxes, and a link to the survey will also be emailed to everyone to be filled out online (this is the preferred method to fill out the survey if possible). Paper copies can be returned in marked box on the table under the mailboxes.

A "Volunteer Fair" is also being planned for Sunday, September 8 (God's Work, Our Hands Sunday) after the 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. services. At that time, there will be an opportunity for you to sign up to volunteer in different areas and tasks of our church life together at Muddy Creek. Thank you!!



Congratulations Graduates!

*Congratulations to Brandon Walzl, who graduated from Penn State Berks Campus with a degree in cybersecurity. Congratulations, Brandon!

*Congratulations to Clayton Hartman, who completed the Bible Certificate from Lancaster Bible College in December. Clayton now has a job working in the insurance field with Matt Williams State Farm Insurance in Stevens. Congratulations, Clayton!

*Congratulations to Kelby Weaver, who graduated with a degree in Fine Art from the Pennsylvania College of Art and Design. Congratulations, Kelby!

Father's Day on June 16th

On Father's Day, Sunday June 16th, we will celebrate in church by having all men and children/youth play a song on the colored bells.

Reminder - Summer Worship Schedule Begins May 26

Just a reminder that from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend, our summer worship schedule is worship at 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.



Peter's Porch Collection

The next food collection for Peter's Porch (our local food pantry) will be Sunday, June 2nd, 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 1:00 p.m. 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 Muddy Creek and are distributed through UNTO (formerly the Gain Warehouse). Any questions – contact Pat Brendle, pattigb@ptd.net, 717-799-2591.

The Prayer Shawl Knitting Group

Muddy Creek's Prayer Shawl Knitting Group meets at Yvonne Weaver's house, on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Contact: Yvonne Weaver, 717-371-6453. All are invited!

Thank You's

A special thank you to everyone who sent cards and messages of sympathy upon the recent passing of my Mother, Betty Ramsey. Mom appreciated all the cards she would receive over the years from the members of Muddy Creek. She would read them over and over again! An excerpt from her journal, Sunday, July 29, 2018 reads: "Went to church with Julie, Dave and Marleise. Great to be there with all my friends. Glad and happy to be in church and see my many friends. I love them all!!!!" She truly loved everyone here at Muddy Creek. Thank you, Pastor Peter, for all the love and support you showed Betty and our family during this journey. We are very grateful.
- Julie Emrhein

I wanted to express my heartfelt gratitude to the Muddy Creek community for the thoughtful care package you sent me during finals week. The snacks were very appreciated and made my study sessions much more enjoyable. Your support and kindness mean a lot to me, especially during such a busy and stressful time. Thanks again for your generosity and thoughtfulness.
- Nick Foulkrod

Thank you to my Muddy Creek family for the snack box. What a nice surprise waiting for me when I returned from being underway for a month in the Caribbean. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated as it is always good to hear from PA. Wishing everyone well.
- Travis Gerhart, USCG Base, Miami Beach, FL

Thank You to everyone who provided the snacks that were shipped to my grandchildren serving in the military: Lydia in the Marines, Joseph and Benjamin in the Army, and Levi in the Air Force. Also, thank you for the snack box sent to Angela, a Junior at Millersville University, who will be a teacher. They all really enjoyed and appreciated receiving them and thank you very much. - Nedra Bearinger

Dear Yvonne and ladies from Muddy Creek in the Prayer Shawl Ministry, A big warm thank you for your donation of prayer shawls and lap blankets for our patients at the Ephrata Cancer Center. Patients love receiving them! Sincerely, Helen Lawson, Social Worker, Wellspan Ephrata Cancer Center

Scout Recognition Sunday was held on May 19



On Sunday, May 19, Muddy Creek recognized Cub Scout Family Pack 3204 of Adamstown, and their family members and its Cubmaster Kevin Grant. Muddy Creek hosts the pack meetings every Sunday night in our Fellowship Hall. Also recognized were its associated Scout Troops: Scout Troop 4318 and its Scoutmaster Mike Marti, and Girls Troop 6759 and its Scoutmaster Korry Stokrp (daughter of the late Brenda Lausch of Muddy Creek). The Scouts all helped with Muddy Creek's Outdoor Spring Cleanup Day, and with the placing of the Veteran's Christmas Wreaths and Memorial Day flags in our Cemetery.

Muddy Creek Repackages Food at Blessings of Hope

On Monday evening, May 20, twenty volunteers from Muddy Creek repackaged food at the Blessings of Hope warehouse on Becker Road in Brownstown. The reclaimed food gets distributed to local food banks. The event was sponsored by the Social Ministry Committee.

Grocery Bill Assistance Now Available Through Muddy Creek

If you or anyone you know needs financial assistance purchasing groceries, Muddy Creek is now registered as an organization with the Blessings of Hope Food Distribution Center, 515 N. Franklin St., Lancaster (between McDonalds and McCaskey High School). Food may be purchased there for 30 cents a pound. Contact Pastor Peter or Nancy Beck (Social Ministry Chairperson) to make arrangements to borrow the church's access card.

Congratulations



Congratulations to Emma Tafuri-Carretta, who was confirmed at the 8:00 a.m. service on May 19. Congratulations, Emma!

(pictured: Pastor Peter, Emma, and parents Kris Tafuri-Carretta and Tom Carretta)

*Congratulations also to Terese Staszko, who joined Muddy Creek as a member. Welcome, Terese!

*Congratulations to Lindsay Strauser and Aaron Marsh from Reinholds, who were married by Pastor Peter in Reading on May 16, 2024.

Condolences

Our deepest condolences to:

*The family of Betty Ramsey, who passed away on May 10, 2024. Funeral was on May 16, 2024 (which would have been the day of Betty's 97th birthday).

*The family of Lucy Snader, who passed away on May 22, 2024. Funeral was on May 28, 2024.

Worship Helpers

- June 2 8 am Communion Assistant -
 9 am Communion Assistant and Acolyte - Grace Youndt
 9 am Lay Reader – Joe Sanchez 9 am Cantor - Pastor Peter
 9 am Money Counters - Linda and Tim Fritz, Bread Baker - Marliese Smith
- June 9 9 am Acolyte - 9 am Lay Reader - Brad Rauch
 9 am Cantor - David Sensenig
 9am Money Counters - Gail and Ted Bare
- June 16 9 am Acolyte -
 9 am Lay Reader - Fred Hainley
 9 am Cantor - Gail Bare
 9 am Money Counters - Nick Duong and Thai Phan, Pat Brendle
- June 23 9 am Acolyte - Cannon Youndt
 9 am Lay Reader - 9 am Cantor - Greg Gehman
 9am Money Counters - Jeanette and Mike Leid
- June 30 9 am Acolyte -
 9 am Lay Reader - Will Wood
 9 am Cantor - Hollie Kemper
 9 am Money Counters - Marie Buehl, Connie Hoover, David Sensenig
- July 7 8 am Communion Assistant - Scott Strickland
 9 am Communion Assistant and Acolyte- Kelby Weaver
 9 am Lay Reader – Doris Rauch
 9 am Cantor - Pastor Peter
 9 am Money Counters - Brad and Doris Rauch
 Bread Baker - Marliese Smith
- July 14 9 am Acolyte -
 9 am Lay Reader - Brenda Berger
 9 am Cantor - David Sensenig
 9 am Money Counters - Brenda Berger, Judy Nichol, Audrey Noll
- July 21 9 am Acolyte -
 9 am Lay Reader - Nancy Beck
 9 am Cantor - Gail Bare
 9 am Money Counters - Ray and Susan Sweigart
- July 28 9 am Acolyte - Jack Lammey
 9 am Lay Reader - Hollie Kemper
 9 am Cantor - Greg Gehman
 9am Money Counters - Linda Gerhart, Hollie Kemper

“Brenda and Friends” Bus Trip Schedule

June 1, 2024 – One Day Mystery Trip
 June 11, 2024 – “Weekend Comedy” at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse
 June 21, 2024 - “The Highwaymen Live” - Willie Nelson, Waylon Jennings and Johnny Cash
 Tribute at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse
 June 29, 2024 - Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Air and Space Museum in Chantilly, VA,
 and Davis Mansion At Morven Park in Leesburg, VA
 July 18, 2024 - “Daniel” at Sight and Sound Theatre with meal afterwards at Hershey Farms
 August 8, 2024 - “Always....Patsy Cline” at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse

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.

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 28, 8 a.m. – 34, 10:15 a.m. – 48	21 (includes livestream)
Hymn Sing, April 28, - 40	68 (includes livestream)
May 5, 8 a.m. – 21, 10:15 a.m. – 45	49 (includes livestream)
May 12, 8 a.m. – 32, 10:15 a.m. – 60	47 (includes livestream)
May 19, 8 a.m. – 31, 10:15 a.m. – 66	18 (includes livestream)

(There are currently 99 subscribers to the Muddy Creek Lutheran YouTube Channel, and 211 followers on the Muddy Creek Facebook Page.)

Offering

Income to General Fund in April: \$12,588.61

Expenses to General Fund in April: \$17,309.38

Income to General Fund Year-to-Date as of end of April: \$66,403.79

Expenses to General Fund Year-to-Date as of end of April: \$66,109.73