



# Aston Press

## Monthly Newsletter



### May 2026

May 3rd - Communion Sunday  
 May 7th - National Day of Prayer  
 May 7th - LC Family Fun Night  
 May 10th - Mother's Day  
 May 24th - Pentecost Sunday  
 May 25th - Memorial Day  
 May 30th - Trinity Sunday

### Elder of the Month

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## From the Pastor's Desk

It is May! The cold days of Winter are past and the warmth of Spring is here. I love the way everything comes to life in the Spring, flowers in bloom, trees budding, new life everywhere. It always help me remember the new life we have in Jesus Christ..

We are now in the church time called Eastertide. It includes the seven Sundays between Easter and Pentecost. This is a time of hope and joy as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

On the twenty-fourth of May we will celebrate Pentecost when the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples with tongues of fire. This is considered the birthday of the Christian church.

As a follow up on our flower cross I thought you might like to know that during Bible Time the Learning Center children got to add flowers to the cross too.

The war with Iran continues, now over seven weeks. Let us pray an end to war, not only the one our country is involved in but to all wars around our world. Let us pray that all those in our armed services will be protected and come safely home. Let us pray for those who have been wounded in this war and pray for the families who have lost loved ones. Let us pray for the people in all the countries caught in this conflict. May peace come to this region of the world that has seen such fighting through all the centuries.

God's blessings to all,

Rev. Christine

# APC Events



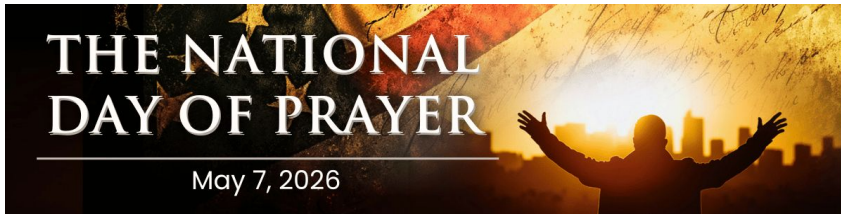
## May Birthdays

- May 9th - Tom Ford
- May 16th - Brian Jones
- May 17th - Julianna Worriow
- May 21st - Savanna Ju
- May 24th - Rev. Christine Callaway
- May 26th - James Coia
- May 28th - Jessica Worriow
- May 29th - Denny Ju



## May Anniversaries

- May 15th - James Coia & Erin Schuler
- May 18th - Denny & Cheryl Ju



# Financial Corner

Financial Corner as of March 31, 2026

How are we doing?

	Budget	Mar
Envelope Giving	13,750.00	14,955.00
Loose Offering	150.00	10.00
DC Learning Ctr	3,987.50	3,600.00
DCLCtr (shared exp.)	-	306.00
Building Use	250.00	99.00
Initial Offering	100.00	90.00
Per Capita	300.00	230.00
Investment Fund Div.	875.00	833.54
Misc. Income	62.50	-
<b>Income</b>	<b>19,475.00</b>	<b>20,123.54</b>
Local Expenses	23,265.23	23,348.32
Mission Giving	678.12	-
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	<b>23,943.35</b>	<b>23,348.32</b>
<b>Surplus (Shortfall)</b>	<b>(4,468.35)</b>	<b>(3,224.78)</b>
Other Mission & Special Offerings		\$ 275.94

Our March 2026 YTD financial results are shown here. We are showing a shortfall compared to budget of \$3,224.78. Expenses are in line with this time of year. We are tracking as expected.

Our Cents-Ability offering for March is designated for Delco Helping Hands. April Cents-Ability will be part of One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS).

Philippians 4:19 - "And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his Glory in Christ Jesus."

Respectfully submitted Michele Kane



**We welcome the month of May** as we journey through the Eastertide towards Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit. May is the time to celebrate that Christ is Risen, and to celebrate the Holy Spirit. It is a time of renewal as the beauty of Springtime shows forth. It is also a time to renew our commitments not Jesus Christ as Savior and to His Church. But now we take a few moments to reflect on past years at Aston Presbyterian Church.

**Five years ago -2021-** Ruth Voss, Clerk of Session, wrote about the joy and light of Easter. She asked: How do we thank God for His great gift of salvation through Christ. She asked: How do we thank God for His great gift of salvation Through Jesus. Ruth gave thanks to all our members who serve with dedication and commitment to proclaim Christ's saving love to our community. She noted that it takes all of us to carry out the ministry of Aston Presbyterian Church. Day Care had a visit from Safari Parties who brought various types of animals to the Center for the students to meet.

**Ten years ago -2016-** Pastor Graham Robinson wrote about his study leave time at Columbia Seminary. He noted that his class began each session by praying these words from Psalm 103: "Bless the Lord O my soul, and all that is within me, Bless God's Holy Name." Day Care Events: May 5th - Family Night, May 27th - Red,

White, and Blue Day. On Sunday afternoon May 15th Erin Schuler and James Coia were united in marriage in the Sanctuary by Pastor Graham Robinson.

**Fifteen years Ago - 2011-** Rev. Jane Ritterson in her "From the Pastor's Desk Column" wrote about the joy of Easter. She said that we were in the season of Eastertide which lasts until Pentecost. Rev. Jane invited each of us to ponder the mystery of God's love through the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering for 2011 was \$1,100.00, Day Care Events: May 5th Art Show, May 11th a visit to the Delaware Children's Museum, May 18th a visit to Insectarium, May 25th - Red, White, and Blue Day. On May 22nd a joint Choir Concert was held at Middletown Presbyterian Church featuring the Aston and Middletown Choirs.

**Twenty years Ago -2006-** Bill Schuler, Jr. Clerk of Session wrote in the "From the Clerk's Desk Column" about the great Easter season we had at Aston Presbyterian Church. He asked us to continue to be Easter people as we worship, fellowship and witness or Christ our Lord. The following were the pulpit supplies for part of May: May 5th - Elder Shawn McAnally, Lay Pastor and on May 21st - Rev. Bob Boell. Day Care event: May 10th Art Show. The 2006 One Great Hour of Sharing Offering was \$2,450.00.

**Twenty-five years Ago-2001 -** There was no Newsletter in the file for May 2001.

**Thirty years ago -1996-** Pastor Scott Cupp's "Ex Cathedra Column" was about the erosion and decline of Church membership. Pentecost was celebrated at Worship on

May 26th followed by the annual picnic. In the Church Family: Susanna Wolfe celebrated her 100th birthday, Karen Gordon was honored as Outstanding Librarian and Media Specialist for Delaware Schools, Chris Smith of Boy Scout Troop 292 was awarded the Eagle Scout rank at a Court of Honor held in April.

**Thirty-five years ago -1991-** Pastor Scott Cupp in his "Ex Cathedra Column" wrote about an increase in the Penn-Delco School Tax and about proposed cuts in programs within the District. He asked the congregation to pray for the School Board and for the District Administration. Pentecost Worship was celebrated on May 19th followed by a picnic. Chris Smith, the Scout Master of our Troop 292 was named Scout of the year by the Miniquis District. The Deacons "Who's Who Column" featured Marth Garris Schuler, a member since 1917 who also serves as a Deacon. To Contract Dining's General Student Manager at James Madison University.



## Mission Committee

**Cents Ability - during March** was designated for Delco Helping Hands. The photo shows your wonderful response to this mission. The items ranged from cleaning supplies, pet food, baby diapers and wipes, creams and ointments, as well as nutrition packets, oral hygiene items, razors, and hand wipes. What a wonderful response. THANK YOU ALL!



**One Great Hour of Sharing** start on Ash Wednesday. Monetary donations were received on Palm Sunday and Easter with the Minute for Mission collections. The OGHS campaign continues for the month of April as any Cents Ability monies received during April will also go to the OGHS Fish Banks that were distributed to the congregation and the APCLC. As the Minute for Mission advised, these funds are used to fight hunger, provide clean water, assist after disasters such as fires, floods, etc.. and help with development of skills so people can grow crops, obtain and use sewing machines to make clothing and then sell the items to provide necessities for their families. This is a world wide mission with many religions joining together. Thank you for reaching out to help others.



May's Cents Ability are designated to Presbytery's HUNGER Campaign. We will be joining with other Presbyterian congregations across the country in this endeavor.

Sharing with others helps us follow Christ's command to help one another whenever possible. Thank you for being such great HELPERS.

## Recipe of the Month - Black Bean Salsa

### Ingredients

- 2 cans black beans
- 1 can white beans
- 1 can whole kernel corn
- 1 bottle salsa pico de gallo
- 1 medium/large cucumber diced
- 1 medium/large green pepper diced
- 2 Tbsp Goya Recaito (rounded Tbsp)
- 3 Tbsp pickled jalapeno slices, chopped
- 2 tsp. minced garlic
- 1 Tbsp chili powder
- 2 tsp. cumin
- 4 oz shredded cheddar cheese
- Fresh cilantro to taste
- Adobo seasoning to taste



### Directions

Step 1 - Drain and rinse all canned beans. Dice and chop all vegetables.  
 Step 2 - Mix everything together but the cheese in a bowl  
 Step 3 - Top with cheese and serve with Tortilla chips and enjoy

Note - all products are Goya (except cheese)

Submitted by Pat Zebley



**Forty years ago -1986-** Pastor Bob Boell in his column wrote about the roots of Pentecost being in the Jewish Festival of “Shavuot”. Which occurs on the 50th day after Passover and it commigrates the giving of the law to Moses on Mt. Siani. Christian Pentecost celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit and the Birth of the Christian Church and is celebrated 50 days after Easter. The 1986 One Great Hour of Sharing Offering was \$2,536.50. Pentecost Worship and Communion was celebrated on May 18th. The Adult Class study was titled: “What Do I Have To Offer” and was led by James Singley. Our organist Alicia Dove was resigning because she and her husband were moving to Colorado. The Mother & Daughter Banquet was held on May 10th. In the Church Family: David Schneeman was promoted by Contract Dining’s to General Student Manager at James Madison University.

**Forty-five years ago -1981-** Pastor Bob Boell in his column wrote a modern adaptation of Jesus’ Parable of the Good Samaritan. On May 4th a Praise-a-Thon was held to sing through the Hymnbook.

**Fifty years ago - 1976-** Pastor Bob Boell wrote about new programs our congregation has joined to help our Church grow.

The program comes from our Synod of the Trinity and is called “Risk Evangelism.” The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering was \$1,450.00. On May 23rd, our former INTERIM Pastor Rev. Robert Tignor led us in worship while Pastor Boell was on study leave. On May 6th, the True-Blue Class provided dinner for the Senior Choir in appreciation of their contributions to our worship services.

Now as we journey through the month of May, may we keep raising the praise to Jesus Christ our Risen Savior and let us prepare to celebrate the Holy Spirit as we approach Pentecost. May this Hymn by Bill and Gloria Gauthier entitled: “Because He Lives” inspire to greater witness and service for our Savior:

“God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus, He came to love, heal, and forgive; He lived and died to but my pardon, An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

“How sweet to hold a new-born baby, And feel the pride, and joy he gives; But greater still the calm assurance, This child can face uncertain days because He lives.”

“And then one day I’ll cross the river, I’ll fight life’s final war with pain; And as death gives way to victory, I’ll see the lights of glory and I’ll know He lives.”

Chorus: Because He lives, I can face tomorrow, Because He lives all fear is gone; Because I know He holds the future. And life is worth the living just because He lives.

I can face tomorrow; Because He lives all fear is gone; Because I know He holds the future. And life is worth living just because He lives.”

May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all, Bill Schuler, Jr.

## Easter Egg Hunt 2026



# Aston Pres. Learning Center



## May 2026 Learning Center Events

May 4th - 8th - Eric Carle Week

Star Wars Day, Mixed Up Monday, Pancake  
Tuesday, Bug/Butterfly Wednesday, Spider  
Day, Seed/Floral Day

May 5th-7th - Scholastic Book Fair

May 7th - Family Fun Night - 6-7pm

May 10th - Mother's Day

May 13th - Apple Pie Day

May 19th - Instrument Petting Zoo

May 20th - World Bee Day

May 21st - Board Meeting

May 22nd - Red, White & Blue Day

May 25th - Closed for Memorial Day

May 27th - Chick's Arrive

May 28th - National Hamburger Day

## APC Learning Center

Happy May! Spring is here and we hope the warm days stay! Our little ones are already overjoyed enjoying freeze-pops on the playground with their classmates. This month is going to fly by with all the fun excitement going on around here. We have been busy collecting raffle baskets and donations ready to prepare for our annual Family Fun Night at 6pm on May 7<sup>th</sup>. We have so many fun things to look forward to this year in addition to the baskets including a Scholastic Bookfair, Touch a Truck as our little ones explore different vehicles in our community, and a shoes/clothing drive. We are looking forward to Star Wars Day, Apple Pie Day, World Bubble Bee Day, PJ Day, and Red, White and Blue Day for Memorial Day weekend. We are busy at work making our mothers and grandmothers special surprises for Mother's Day to show how loved they are; the extra reminders go a long way. We are excited to welcome our guest performers, The Instrument Petting Zoo where our children are given the opportunity to learn and explore various forms of instruments as they get hands-on experience playing. It's a busy month ahead as we also prepare for family conferences and end our month welcoming baby chicks for a few days. We hope you all have a blessed month ahead!

For all the wonderful Mothers, Grandmothers, and maternal figures in our lives, thank you for all you do! Happy Mother's Day! We hope you get the opportunity to be spoiled and take the time to spend with your families.