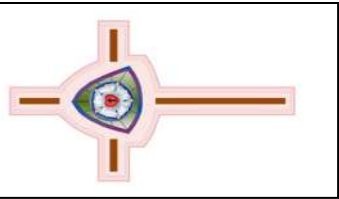


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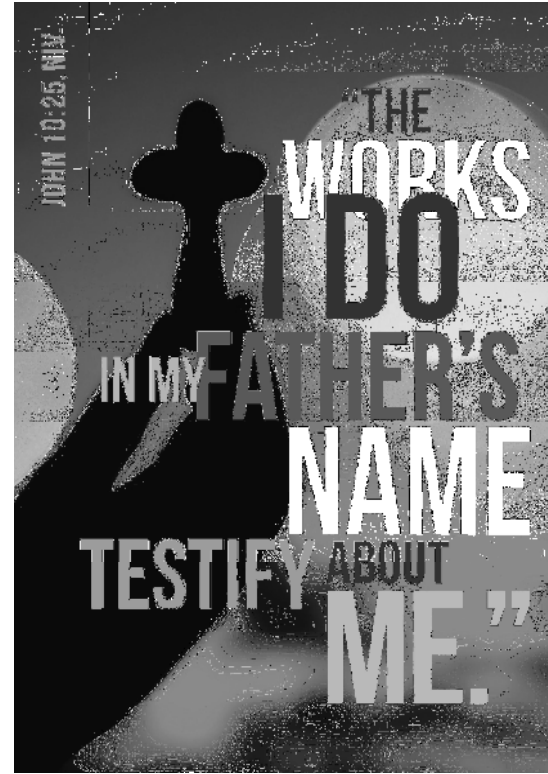
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*Join us for Worship*  
*Saturday at 6:00 p.m. and Sunday at 9:30 a.m.*  
*Sunday School - 10:45 a.m.*



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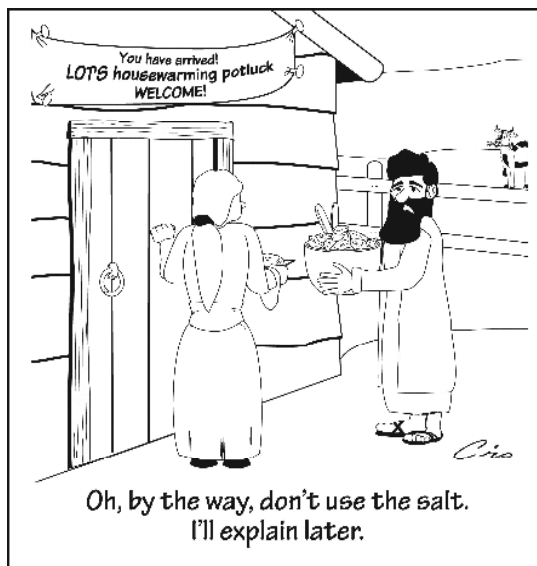
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The May CULC Messenger is sponsored in Honor of Great Grandchildren



## CHURCH COUNCIL 2022

	Phone	Term Expires
John Denchak President	570-875-4970	Feb. 2023
Vivian Brown Vice-President	717-275-5277	Feb. 2023
Angie Berger Secretary	570-875-3598	Feb. 2023
Robert Carl	570-590-7281	Feb. 2025
Ken Dengler	570-875-1119	Feb. 2025
Debra Price	570-875-4272	Feb. 2024
Darlene Stank	570-875-1644	Feb. 2025
Jacob Tice	570-875-2681	Feb. 2024
Dennis Wolfe	570-875-9085	Feb. 2024

Youth Representative - Vacant

### DESIGNATED PASTOR

Reverend Dana D. Heckman-Beil

570-875-0792

### Status of Accounts as of March 31

Balance in Checking Account \$83,255.25.

Amount needed in offerings per month to meet our 2022 Annual Budget of \$185,997.00 is \$15,499.75

March income was \$20,039.32.

Expenses for March were \$9,646.81, resulting in a gain of \$10,392.51.

Benevolence Gifts through March was \$2,879.00

(19% of our Benevolence goal of \$15,000.00 for 2022)

### STAFF

<b>Parish Administrator</b>	Debbie Hall	570-875-1591
	office@christsunited.org	570-789-9722
	Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:30-3:00	
<b>Director of Music</b>	Jamie Johnson	570-590-1678
<b>Treasurer</b>	Ann Marie Dillman	570-449-2021
<b>Indoor Custodian</b>	Ann Ray Begis	570-590-2729

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## Christ's United Ministry Teams

Christian Education  
Evangelism/Outreach  
Lutheran Church Men (LCM)  
Social Ministry  
Stewardship  
WELCA  
Worship & Music  
Multimedia Ministry  
Safety and Security Team

## Christ's United Committees

Auditing & Finance Committees  
Endowment Fund  
Mutual Ministry  
Nominating  
Personnel

## *Christ's United Lutheran Church*

### Mission Statement

*We the members of Christ's United Lutheran Church, Ashland, desiring to be blessed together with Word and Sacrament and to become more perfectly the Body of Christ in our world, do hereby commit ourselves to a mission which includes a creative re-examination of our worship life; a quality educational program for all ages; intentional witnessing; a serving spirit; and an integrated support system which will undergird our program and the maintenance of our facilities as it encourages improved stewardship.*

**ROBE**—A robe, specifically one that's new and white, symbolizes the righteousness we receive through Jesus' death and resurrection. Isaiah 61:10 speaks of "the garments of salvation" and "the robe of righteousness." In Revelation 6:11, faithful martyrs each receive a white robe. People who are being baptized or confirmed often wear white robes as a sign of purity.



## *From our Director of Music...*

One of my favorite sayings is, "When words fail, music speaks". I suppose this comes as no surprise to those that know me well. I can't think of a time that music hasn't been with me, childhood songs, dinner music, songs sung with friends and family, celebrating at weddings and holidays, watching T.V. and movies. Music has been with me at my happiest and my most devastating moments. It's like a forever friend always there with me no matter what is going on or how I am feeling. Even as I sit here writing, I am surrounded by the songs of nature sung by birds! I cannot imagine a life without music. It makes me wonder, does music speak to everyone? I certainly believe it can!

Let's take a look at what happens when you hear music. Does it get your toes tapping or your hands clapping? Do you feel the urge to move and sway to the rhythm? Do you get the chills? Does it bring you to tears? Does it make you smile? Does it bring back a favorite memory? For even just one moment, are you transported to a time in your past? Are you suddenly lifted up with hope and motivation? Chances are you have experienced at least one if not all of these and more! Music is everywhere around us. It's on our T.V. and throughout our favorite movie. It's at weddings and funerals. It's used in schools, hospitals, nursing homes, and churches! Music is something we hear, but it is also something we feel! Even people with hearing loss can enjoy the experience of literally feeling music and watching



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To me, the beauty and power of music is no chance thing in our lives. To me, only God could have made something so simple and yet so complex, so seemingly small and yet so powerful. Whether you play an instrument, sing, or are just simply listening, music is most certainly a gift. It's a gift that can teach us, heal us, and comfort us. It can lift our spirits or give us time to grieve. It is one of the many ways God can guide us through our lives. It's a way to help us celebrate something wonderful or help us through something unfathomable. It's a way to feel and express love. It's a way to gain wisdom and even strength.

I am eternally grateful for the gift music has been and continues to be in my life. I invite you to always keep your mind, body, and spirit open to the gift of music. Whether it is a simple song or a complex masterpiece, feel the music. Listen to the words if there are any. Let it take you where God wants you to be or knows you need to be. Feel the happiness or sadness. Let music heal you, teach you, move you, lift you. Feel the power and love expressed. Let it remind you of the many wonders God has created. Let music speak to you.

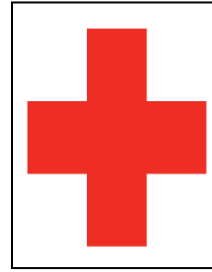
What song is God playing for you today?

Sincerely,

Jamie Johnson,  
sic



Director of Music



## American Red Cross Community Blood Drive Christ's United Lutheran Church

437 Airport Road (Gordon)  
Ashland, PA 17921

**Monday, June 6, 2022**  
**1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

Please contact Debbie Hall or call  
1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2676) or visit  
[www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)  
to schedule an appointment.



## **CULC** **YOUTH GROUP** **Activities**

**CULC YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES FOR 2022**  
**ALL ARE WELCOME - BRING A FRIEND**  
**PARENT/GUARDIAN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**May** - Mother's Day, Father's Day crafts along with Tie dye shirts and snacks at the church - Date to be determined.

**June** - Knoebels and Mini Golf - Date to be determined

**July** - Hot dog and S'mores at Tice's - Date to be determined.



## Church Council Highlights from April

- Ken Dengler repaired the parking lot lights and he and the Johnsons replaced the office door.
- Checks were received from the insurance company for the property damage and stolen items from the February 25th burglary.
- Wi-Fi extender was purchased and installed by Erik Tice.
- Debbie Hall will instruct the First Holy Communion Class. Motion was made and passed to allow Debbie to purchase the instruction kit.
- It was unanimously decided that a security system is needed for the church. It will be referred to the Property Committee to obtain



## May Council Contact of the month is Robert Carl

The Council Contact of the Month is the “on call” member of council, the person to contact if you have any concerns (other than pastoral concerns), or need access to the building. If you need to contact Robert,



Council Member  
of the Month



# PUZZLE

## A VALUABLE *command*

God instructs children how to relate to their parents.

*Directions: Arrange the words in alphabetical order. Then insert the circled letters in order to complete Exodus 20:12, NIV.*



son	mother	father
daughter	honor	home
respect	family	obey
	love	

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EXODUS 20:12, NIV

Answer: 1. daughter, 2. family, 3. father, 4. home, 5. honor, 6. love, 7. mother, 8. obey, 9. respect, 10. son; Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

## We Offer our Prayers to...

**April 24** – Cheryl Varndell  
Dan Wiener  
Jessica

*Family of Fred Herb*

**April 17** – Joe O'Donnell  
William O'Donnell (J. Denchak)  
John Towey  
Kevin Connor (T. Wolfe)  
Mary (T. Wolfe)  
Larue Machamer  
Delores Huntsinger-health problems  
William Denchak (J. Denchak)

*Families of Ken Montgomery*

Kim Miller  
Harvey Green  
Kevin (Peck) Melochick  
Frank Brown (J. Denchak)

**April 10** – Jim Neumeister  
*Family of John "Jack" Johnson Jr. (E. Tice)*

**April 3** -- Jessica Connor (T. Wolfe)  
Jack Houser (T. Houser)  
Tara Houser  
Jim Houser (T. Houser)  
Jim Gruber  
Rick (Fish) Herring  
Dr. George Tenedios (G. Marquardt)

**Please continue to pray for:** Corrine & Josh Coward, Jim Hepler (P. Hepler), Annette Houser, Jennifer Koch, Carl (Mickey) Lute, Bobby Liem, Dianna Monaghan, Irene Morgan, Linda Zerby  
Michelle Ambrose, Robert Beecher, Donald Bulla, Arlene Chillis, Joe Ferraro Jr., Harry Fishburn (G. Marquardt), Bob Griffiths (I. Morgan), Dan Grow, Minah Horan, Pastor Bob & Donna Hughes, Ron James (V. Brown), Kay Keefer (D. Calhoun), Lou Ann Olson, Danny Quick, Elizabeth Smith & family, Judy Trautman, Karyssa Wenrich



**Are you or is someone you know graduating this year?**

Please tell us about it! This includes all graduates from high school, college, or any higher education. We would like to include information about all our graduates in the June newsletter. Also, on Sunday June 5th we will be honoring all graduates as part of our worship service with a special Blessing. Please plan to attend.

Please have all information into the church office by May 15<sup>th</sup> for inclusion in the Newsletter and Bulletin.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

What school are you graduating from \_\_\_\_\_



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The next Women of ELCA Meeting  
will be May 4th at 6:00 pm.

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## First Holy Communion Instruction

Christ's United Church looks forward to celebrating the First Holy Communion of children on Holy Trinity Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at our 9:30 a.m. service.

The class is for children in the first grade and older. Teaching sessions will take place during the Sunday School hour on May 22 and 29. On Sunday, June 5 we will enjoy baking the bread for Holy Trinity Communion services on June 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. If you have children who would like to participate, please call the church office by

## God's hands



Exactly a century ago, Irish physician Alexander Irvine published *My Lady of the Chimney Corner*, a book dedicated to his saintly mother. The protagonist, Anna, lives and ministers to others as Irvine's own mother had done.

In the story, Anna visits a neighbor who has just lost a son at sea. After talking for a while, Anna suggests they pray together. With heads bowed, she reaches to place a loving hand on the grieving mother's forehead. Afterward, the woman says, "I think I felt his touch upon my brow," referring to God.

Anna says, "God is everywhere looking for hands to use. Sometimes he takes the hand of a doctor and uses it in healing. Sometimes he takes the hand of a mother to soothe the brow of a fevered child. And sometimes he takes the hand of an old critter like me to bring a bit of help and comfort to a neighbor. But they are all God's hands, and God is everywhere looking for hands to use."

## Praying Through the Directory

Each month we will be listing three of our church faith families. We ask that you take the time and uplift them in prayer for their needs and spiritual journey.

*This month we pray for:*

The McCormick Family - Tyler, Katelyn & Oliver

The Troup Family - Samuel Jr. & Kelly

The Yoder Family - Michael

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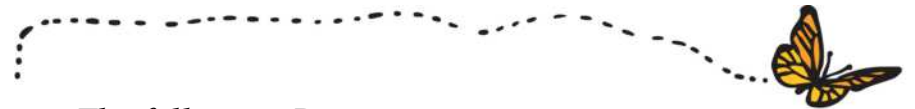
## PRAYER CHAIN



Each day members of Christ's United bow their heads and lift their hearts in prayer for the ministries of this congregation and people in need.

A copy of the Prayer List is available at worship services each weekend. You may also have an email sent to you on Fridays with a list of those in need of your prayers. A phone chain notifies you of immediate needs. Please call the church office for more information.

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*The following Donation was given  
to Christ's United's Memorial Fund  
since the last issue of the Newsletter:*





- 3 Brian Wetzel
- 4 Ann Marie Dillman  
Tina Wolfe
- 6 Bryonna Bolich
- 7 Brittany Harhigh  
Cory Lindenmuth  
Gary Weinreich  
Devan Fetterolf
- 8 Muoi Cunningham  
Taryn Wilson
- 9 Joan Wolfgang  
Erin Werner
- 10 Nina Britton  
Katelyn Houser  
Joshua Smith  
Logan Walacavage
- 11 Cole Johnson  
George Kosmisky  
Kevin Sweinhart
- 12 Patricia Hepler  
Jonas McGrath
- 14 Christine Klouser
- 15 Ralph Johnson

- 16 Susan Edmonson  
Jeff Hostetter  
Beau Little
- 17 Kelly Dziadosz
- 18 Eli Rothermel
- 19 Barbara Anczarski  
Michael Hudock  
Steve Wilson
- 21 Sophia Wessner
- 22 Kaiden Dillman  
Derek Whritenour
- 23 Chase Lower
- 25 Cory Weikel Jr.  
Dustin Wolfgang
- 27 Jason Brown  
Sarah Stehr  
Amy Wahalec
- 31 Mark Stump



# Spaghetti & Meatball Supper

Saturday, May 21, 2022

Sponsored by  
**Christ's United Lutheran Church Men**  
437 Airport Road, Ashland, PA 17921

## DONATIONS NEEDED

- \_\_\_\_\_ Cakes
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12 or 24 Pack Soda (Any brand or flavor)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 24 Pack Bottled Water
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cash Donation

Donations may be placed on the center island in the kitchen. Please attach your name to your donation. All donations must be in no later than **SUNDAY, April 15**. Baked goods may be brought in on Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, between 9:30 a.m. & 3:00 p.m. Baked goods may also be brought in before noon on Saturday prior to the dinner.

Please return this sheet to the church office or place it in the box located on the table in the narthex.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_



**WELCA**

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**SPAGHETTI  
& MEATBALL  
SUPPER**

**SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2022  
3:00-6:00 PM**

**~Eat in or take out~**

**Christ's United Lutheran Church**  
437 Airport Road, Ashland  
(570) 875-1591, www.christsunited.org

**Sponsored by Lutheran Church Men's Group**

Adults: \$11.00  
Children 6-12: \$4:00  
Children under 6: FREE

**Dinner Includes:**  
Spaghetti, Meatballs  
Tossed Salad,  
Bread & Butter  
Dessert  
Beverage

Limited tickets will be sold at the door. Buy your tickets from LCM members, or call the Church Office.



**BAKE SALE**

**Sponsored by WELCA**



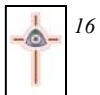
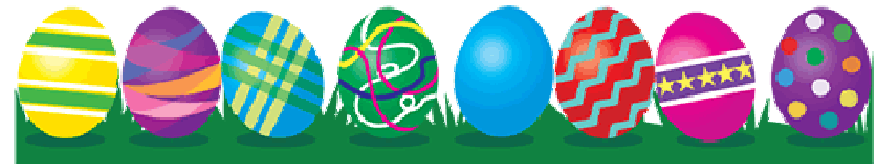
- 05/04/85 Ted & Penny Shadle
- 05/10/08 Robert & Jessica Nagle
- 05/14/05 Allen & Cheryl Klinger
- 05/16/14 Chad & Natasha Weikel
- 05/18/02 Todd & Kim Walacavage
- 05/19/73 Dale & Holly Bolich
- 05/20/12 Ryan & Jodi MacNamara
- 05/21/88 William & Tammy Harris
- 05/27/93 Steve & Bernice Wilson
- 05/27/17 Bryon & Jessica Wallace
- 05/28/83 Ken & Tammy Dengler
- 05/28/83 Kenneth & Kimberly Zweizig

We want to thank everyone who helped with the Easter Egg Hunt in any way. Your contributions of time, monetary gifts, and snack/gift donations were a big help and greatly appreciated. We think the egg hunt was a success with 101 gift bags filled and with approximately 85 children participating in the egg hunt. Thanks for all you do to help educate our youth on the word of our Lord.



Barbara Stepanchick &

Easter Egg Hunt Committee





to you all.

Many, many heartfelt thoughts of appreciation for the card shower of well wishes for Jim and the birthday greetings to me. We can never express how much that meant to both of us!

What a wonderful church family we have at Christ's United! Our love is sent

## GERANIUMS

Day of Pentecost  
June 5, 2022

If you wish to order Geraniums for Sunday, June 5th, please sign up on the bulletin board. The cost of each Geranium is \$5.50. Checks should be made payable to Christ's United.

**Deadline to order is Sunday, May 15th.**



## **Ascension Day**

Forty days after each Easter, many Christians around the world celebrate the Ascension. It's the day when the resurrected Jesus was raised up from the earth into heaven. The Ascension is the prelude to Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came upon a gathering of people, including the apostles, in Jerusalem.



The Ascension is more important than many Christians realize. In his human body, Christ could be in only one place at a time. The risen Christ, however, can be spiritually present in any place at any



## **2022 Sponsorships**

on The new sponsorship sign up sheets are now posted the bulletin board. Sign up for:



Altar Flowers \$35.00\*  
Worship Bulletins \$15.00  
Special service bulletins \$10.00  
Sanctuary Candle \$10.00  
Children's Bulletins \$10.00  
Monthly Newsletters \$40.00.

### **\*2022 Altar Flowers Procedure:**

Please sign up for week(s) you would like to sponsor Altar Flowers and call "Flowers From the Heart" 570-339-2519 to place order. **Cost is now \$35.00.** Please place order and make payment directly to the florist.

## ***Give Electronically***

**Checking/Savings      Credit/Debit Card**  
***Christ's United accepts electronic donations***

Electronic Giving is a convenient way to provide consistent financial support to our church. Go to [www.christsunited.org](http://www.christsunited.org) or scan the QR code to learn how you can participate.



# SOCIAL MINISTRY



**Fellowship Hour** will be held after worship on only the first Sunday of each month. See schedule below for your committee's turn to serve. Please sign up on the bulletin board to help.

~ 2022 ~  
**May - WELCA**  
**June/July/August -**  
 No Social Hour

**September-** Choir/Worship & Music/LCM  
**October-** Church Council  
**November -** Evangelism/



We will be collecting the following items for May:

## Cereal & Oatmeal

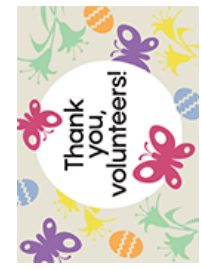
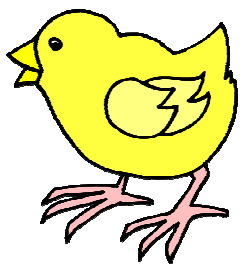
Please place your donations in the shopping cart.

Thank You!

The next food distribution date is Thursday

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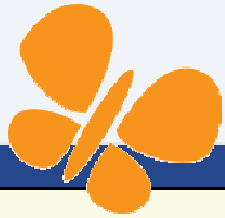
Buy your paper chick for \$1.00, put your name on it, and color it. Help us support this ELCA cause today! The real chick goes to a family in need and, when it starts laying eggs, helps provide them with income and food for their family. Chicks are available in the Narthex after worship.







## Serving Our Community of Faith in May:



Date	Supply Pastor/ Worship Leader	Congregational Rep/ Announcements	Lector	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Acolyte(s)	Crucifer
May 1	Dr. Kay Berner	Vivian Brown	Sally Tice	Tyler Wolfgang b Thomas Wolfgang b Allen Johnson c/d John Wolfgang so Cheryl Vardell g	John Towey AM Barb Stepanchick Barb Anczarski	Maura Sweitzer	Kayla Werner
May 8	Vivian Brown		Erik Tice			Logan Walacavage	
May 15	Rev. Kathleen Ash-Flashner	Jacob Tice	Mark Vardell			Hayden Marlow	Raven Marlow
May 22	Erik Tice		John Towey			Dylan Buhay	Mason Buhay
May 29	Rev David Werley		Donna Wallace			David Cunningham	



# May 2022

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9:30 Worship W / Holy Communion 10:30 Fellowship Hour 10:45 Sunday School 5:00 LCM 6:00 Property Committee	<b>2</b> 7:00 Church Council	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 10:00 Seniors  6:00 WELCA 6:30 Choir Practice	<b>5</b> Cinco De Mayo <b>National Day of Prayer</b> 	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 6:00 Worship
<b>8</b> <b>Mother's Day</b> 9:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday School 	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 10:00 Seniors  6:30 Choir Practice	<b>12</b> 10:00 – 11:30 Christ's Cupboard	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 6:00 Worship
<b>15</b> 9:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday School	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 10:00 Seniors  6:30 Choir Practice	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <b>Armed Forces Day</b> 3:00 – 6:00 Spaghetti Dinner 6:00 Worship
<b>22</b> 9:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday School 10:45 First Holy Communion Instruction	<b>23</b> 7:00 Social Ministry	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 8:30 Newsletter Assembly 10:00 Seniors  6:30 Choir Practice	<b>26</b> <b>Ascension of Our Lord</b> 	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 6:00 Worship
<b>29</b> 9:30 Worship 10:45 First Holy Communion Instruction	<b>30</b> <b>Memorial Day</b> 	<b>31</b>	