

## *Mother's Day*

**Worship Theme:** *The scriptures remind us that there is something essential for followers of Jesus: that we recognize his voice. For those of us living far removed from Jesus' physical ministry, that is a unique challenge. How do we recognize his voice amidst the competing claims for what folks believe he calls us to do?*

**Gathering Music:** "Immortal, Invisible (with 'I Could Sing of Your Love Forever')"  
(arr. Tornquist)

**Welcome**

**Sharing the Joy and Peace of Christ**

**Sharing Joys, Introductions, and Announcements**

(Prayer requests will be collected by our ushers along the center aisle and brought forward during the Prelude.)

**Reflections on Mother's Day**

**Prelude:** "Gentle Shepherd" (Gaither) - Ensemble

**\*Words of Gathering:**

One: Jesus said, "I am the Good Shepherd. I lay down my life for the sheep."

People: We remember His life given for us, that we might have life in Him!

One: Jesus said, "My sheep recognize my voice, I know them, and they follow me."

People: In a world filled with many clamoring voices,  
we need to recognize our Savior's voice, still calling us to follow where He leads.

One: Come, you who are known by the Shepherd!

Come and take your place among those who follow and serve the Lamb that was slain!

Listen for the voice of the One who has called you from death to life;

**All: All praise to our Savior and Shepherd, Jesus the Christ, who lives and reigns over all!**

**\*Gathering Prayer**

**\*Hymn of Praise:** "Praise him, praise him!" No. 100

**Scripture Reading:** Revelations 7:9-17 NT p. 249/250

**Sharing our Prayer Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Unison Scripture Reading:** Psalm 23 Reading # 814

**Instrumental Anthem:** "The Gift of Hope" (arr. Swearingen) -Ensemble

**Offering Invitation and Prayer**

**Offertory:** "The New 23<sup>rd</sup>" (Carmichael)

**Scripture Reading:** John 10:22-30 NT p. 103/104

**Time for Children of All Ages**

Children ages 4 to 3<sup>rd</sup> grades are dismissed for Children's Church at this time.

*Hymn of Response:	"Savior, like a shepherd lead us"	No. 355
Message:	"Recognizing the Voice"	-Pastor Keeney
*Hymn of Response:	"My Shepherd will supply my need"	No. 589
*Benediction		
*Postlude:	"Surely Goodness and Mercy"	(Peterson & Smith)

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**May Deacons on Call:**

Stan and Oceana G. // Noah and Danielle M.

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Remembering in Prayer:

**Darlene**, continuing therapy & rehab  
**Shirley**, to be release from rehab to her apartment

**Those others** who are dealing with health challenges and recovery.

**Altar Flower Presentation:**

**Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers, especially mine!**  
*Love, Joshua M. (and in honor of Cara & Rosie)*

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**Happening This Week:**

**Please note: Pastor Del and Lois will be in NC (family visit)  
from Monday through Thursday afternoon of this week.**

Monday: 1pm: Knitting Group in Library  
Tuesday: 6pm-8pm: Council of Church Meeting in Library  
Wednesday: **No Bible Study This Week**  
Meal Prep. For New Hope Banquet  
9am: Quilting in Choir Room  
7:30pm: Chancel Choir Practice  
Thursday: **6PM: NEW HOPE MINISTRIES BANQUET**  
Friday: **JUNE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**  
Saturday: 2:30pm-4:30pm: Youth @ Trindle Bowl  
5:00pm-5:45pm: Youth Dinner  
6:00pm-8:00pm: Youth Rehearsal in Fellowship Hall

**This Sunday: "Mother's Day!"**

8:15am: Early Worship

9:15am: Sunday School

10:30am: Morning Worship Service

**Next Sunday: Youth Sunday**

10:30am: Combined Worship Service

9:15am: Sunday School

**Theme: "Led by Jesus, Not Temptations"**

3:00pm: **Ecumenical Choir Concert** at St. Joseph's Catholic Church (benefits *New Hope Ministries*)

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**CHECK the SIGN-UP SHEETS** (Sign Up Area/bulletin board) for:

- 2019 JUNE Greeters SIGN UPS – See Emma Jane T.
- 2019 Altar Flower SIGN UPS – See Marie H.
- Annual Conference Information (see bulletin board)
- MAY New Hope Ministries half sheet

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**Graduate Information Needed: Deadline: May 17<sup>th</sup>**

The Nurture Team needs your help to identify all of the current graduates in our congregation. **Please notify the church office by May 17<sup>th</sup>** (the deadline for the June Newsletter) of any graduates from high school, college and post graduate studies. Information should include their name, school, degree and future plans, such as college or career moves.

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**MAY COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**

Join us for an outing to T.J Rockwell's. We will be ordering from the menu. Reservations are under Phyllis P. **Please sign up on the sheet by the office window before you leave TODAY.** Afterward, check out items at Ashcombes.

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MCOB will again be participating in the **"BackPack Beginnings"** event. The donations will be taken to Annual Conference in July 2019 by a delegate. Pick up a complete list with the containers placed in the narthex and the back-gathering area to receive your donations. **Deadline for donations is Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>.**

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**71<sup>st</sup> Annual Women's Camp Retreat**

**"Lord, Speak to Me"**

June 10 & 11, 2019 at Camp Eder

Guest Speaker: Amy Gall R.

**NOTE: Registration Deadline: May 15, 2019**  
**See the bulletin board for poster and pamphlet.**

### Interested in Volunteering at Hershey Park?

5-hour shifts earn \$30 for the church and 1-3 tickets for entrance to Hershey Park for up to 18 months after earned. See Jill R. if interested. **Lots of triple ticket opportunities in May!**

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### Mechanicsburg Area Ecumenical Choir Concert

Next Sunday, May 19, 2019 – 3:00 PM

St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 410 E. Simpson St.

Musical Director – Eric D.

Accompanist – Mindy M.

Free Will Offerings benefits New Hope Ministries, Inc.

### Singers from our own congregation include:

Margie Fultz, Annette L, Arlene J, Reta M, Cheryl R, Diane R, Deb W, and Pastor Del.

*We can affirm that the selection of music for this year's concert is exceptional and will be an inspiration for those who can attend!*

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### First Meeting Date Changed for the BOOK CLUB:

In May the date is: **Monday, May 20<sup>TH</sup>** (due to the Memorial Day Holiday). Future Dates are in the library at 7:00 PM for about 1 ½ hours on the last Monday of each month (except December). We will be selecting new books. Contact Vicky K. for the book title and more information.

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### LOOKING AHEAD: AUGUST 25<sup>th</sup> YARD SALE

You can start bringing items for the yard sale beginning **June 1<sup>st</sup>**.

Put your donations in **Room 129** located in the back hallway.

Please stack items **NEATLY** as far back and as high as you can. See the May Newsletter for details on wanted and unwanted items.

**QUESTIONS? Contact ROGER C.** Let him know if you need any of the following: Transporting items to the church, unloading or getting material to the room. He will have a hand truck and a wheeled cart/wagon there for your use. Contact Roger if you need help. (You may also contact the church office (weekdays – 9am to 1pm) with questions and we can reach Roger for you.)

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### NOAC – September 2-6, 2019 Lake Junaluska, NC

NOAC is an event for folks over fifty who want to worship, learn, reflect, pray, serve, rest and fellowship in a beautiful setting. Registration underway now. Go to [www.brethren.org/NOAC](http://www.brethren.org/NOAC).

**NEEDED: Summer Volunteers for Children's Church**  
on Sundays in June, July and August. Contact Shelly H.

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**A request from Waneta B. of Harrisburg First COB:**

**“Harrisburg First Church** has had a series of staff medical issues that have impacted our Brethren Community Ministries funds. **One of our fundraisers is the Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community which takes place on May 18.** I will be walking to raise funds for Brethren Community Ministries and would welcome sponsors. If you would like to sponsor me for any amount, please call me eMail me, or simply send a check. Checks should be made out to “BCM Peace” and can be sent to the First Church of the Brethren, 219 Hummel Street, Harrisburg, PA 17104. I am an old lady and am willing to walk and I hope you are willing to support me in that walk! All funds will go to support Brethren Community Ministries.”

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<b>Our Stewardship for Last Sunday, May 5, 2019</b>		
<b>REGULAR GIVING:</b>		
Last Week:	Rec'd: \$8,107.00	Budget: \$7,161.26
Special Donations Received:		
Altar Flowers:	\$20.00	
Family Promise:	\$120.00	
Youth (Giant Cards):	\$100.00	
Kitchen:	\$10.00	
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED:</b>	<b>\$8,737.00</b>	
<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	Sunday School:	8:15 Worship – 22 10:30 Worship - 96