**UPCOMING DATES OF INTEREST IN JUNE:**

4th Begin 10am service for summer months through Aug. 27

4th Communion service

6th M & E meeting @ 7:30pm

7th, 14th, & 21st C3 Café @ 8:30am-10am

10th Hall & Pavilion Reserved-Elizabeth Love Grad Party

10th Springfield Township cleanup-8am-3pm

11th Hall Reserved-Georgia Yeager Grad Party and/or parking

12th GriefShare Gathering @ 6pm

12th-15th VBS on site for grades 5 and below

13th & 27th Lions Club @ 6pm

16th-17th HS CAMP-location TBD

**Please do not send anything to the OLD church email (**[**leesburgchurch@yahoo.com**](mailto:leesburgchurch@yahoo.com)**)**



**The current church email is:**

[**leesburgecochurch@gmail.com**](mailto:leesburgecochurch@gmail.com)

**The old email is not used any longer.**



Leesburg ECO Presbyterian Church

1831 Perry Highway

Volant, PA 16156



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George & Linda Selden – Florida & Europe

**April 25– May 1**

Judy Steele, P O Box 102, Volant 16156

Jon & Karen Stewart, 208 Woodland Ave., GC 16127

**May 2-8**

Katie Stewart, 415 Memorial Ave., Grove City 16127

Paul & Kay Nock, 134 Wick Rd., Slippery Rock, PA 16057

**May 9-15**

Bob Thompson, 197 Orr Rd., Mercer 16137

Bill & Mary, Scott Turner, 1585 Perry Hwy, Volant 16156

**May 16-22**

Gene Applegate, 272Gill Rd., Grove City, PA 16127

Merle & Barb Verner, 2403 Leesburg-GC Rd, Mercer 16137

**May 23-29**

Pat & Prugh Barger, 13 Hassler Way, Mercer, PA 16137

Travis & Beth Weller, Hannah, Abby, Amelia, Liam, 203 State St., Grove City, PA 16127

**May 30-June 5**

Frank Voltz, 66 No. 2 Mine Rd., Volant, PA 16156

Patty Wilson, 427 Old Mercer Rd., Volant, PA 16156

*Do you have a musical talent and would like to share it on a Sunday in the summer months, please let Pastor Jeff know? We would love to have you share with our congregation.*



** Springfield Twp. Annual Clean Up Day** **ANNUAL BULK CLEAN UP DAY!!!**Springfield Township, Mercer County Residents**Only**

Saturday, June 10, 2023 from

8am - 12pm

at Tri-County Industries, Inc.

**ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED:**

Batteries, Tires, Dirt or Sod,

Construction Debris-Lumber, Brick, Stone, Concrete, drywall, etc.

Liquids-Paint Cans permitted ONLY if *Completely* Dry Inside

Hazardous Materials/Chemicals

Florescent Bulbs

Propane Tanks

E-Water-TV's, Computers, Printers, Monitors, Mouse, Keyboard, etc.

Items Containing Freon - A/C Units, Refrigerators, Freezers, Dehumidifies

(*unless certified coolant has been removed*)

YOU MUST SHOW A VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE OR CURRENT UTILITY BILL!

If you have any questions, please call Tri-County Industries, Inc. at 724-748-4705

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Description automatically generatedThe Heart to Heart, secret sister group is in the planning stages for a gathering in May/June. Watch the weekly bulletin for more details.

**Spread the word about our Annual**

**TOUCH A TRUCK EVENT**

**August 19th10 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

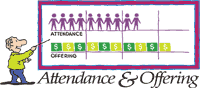
 **EVERYONE IS INVITED!**

**We are seeking interesting vehicles of all kinds. If you or anyone you know would like to bring a**

**vehicle, ("anything that goes"), please register your vehicle by contacting the church office at 724-748-4670 or by email to:** [**bpsmith83@zoominternet.net**](mailto:bpsmith83@zoominternet.net)

**The Promise of Life Network** will host a 5K run and walk on Saturday, May 20th at the Grove City Memorial Park. Registration for the 5K run is at 8:30am and the 5K walk is at 9:45am. The run begins at 10:00am and the walk at 10:00am. You can also register to be a sponsor. Call 724-794-3325 or visit promiseoflifenetwork.org for more information or a paper registration. There will be food for sale, basket auction, and family activities throughout the day

**Plain Grove Presbyterian Church** is offering a concert with Jonathan White with a free will offering. The concert will be held on May 21st at 6:30pm. For more information call 724-530-2144

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Jim Schepp

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5th Jim & Kathy Schepp

12th Pat & Prugh Barger

19th George & Betsy Horchler

26th Frank Baker

**** Please join Pastor Jeff each Thursday morning at 9:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall for coffee and conversations! Pastor Jeff will lead the time; hope you are able to come and enjoy a purposeful and meaningful time of learning and growing together. The bible study will not meet on May 5th and will end for the summer on May 25th.

CALLING ALL KIDS, AGES 3 THROUGH 5TH GRADE…



for VBS! Please keep this ministry in your prayers & consider putting it on your calendars! Tentative dates are June 12-15. Stay tuned for more information & registration. Reach out to Jodi Hensel or Pastor Jeff with any questions.

**SAMARITAN SHOEBOX DONATIONS**

THANK YOU for your continued support of donations. This month, May, we are asking for your donations of **small toys and stuffed animals** The following items will continue to be accepted:

coloring books & crayons, toothbrushes, washcloths & “BAR” soap, small toys, stuffed animals. “The more we get, the more shoeboxes we can fill” - We can NO LONGER accept toothpaste or candy.



1st Jodi Smith 18th Katie Stewart

4th Mike Meals Kara Miller

5th Nathan Collins Katie Hurst

9th Beth Hilmar Kay Nock

15th Bill Morgan 19th Sue Mathieson

Carson Baker Tammie Bobbert

Jerry Hurst 22nd Alexis Jaszemski

Krissy Hurst Owyn Harris

16th Ken Brown 28th Cody Latimer

17th Caden Ifft 29th Hannah Weller

Jamie Filer



5th Chad & Jodi Smith

6th Nick & Kara Miller

24th Travis & Beth Weller

Tom & Teresa Gomola

31st Jon & Karen Stewart



Our condolences are extended to Amy Smith

and family on the passing of her grandmother.



***DID YOU KNOW?***

The church van is a great resource for group or committee activities, but there are guidelines in place for its’ use.

* Permission for use must be approved through the trustees
* A sign-up calendar is on the wall behind the office door
* Use is limited to church activities and Scout events
* Mileage must be logged on the small clipboard located in the van
* The van must be filled up with fuel upon return from use. The group using the van is responsible for the fuel used and its cost
* No luggage is permitted on the roof
* No towing of any item permitted
* Seat belts must be used by all passengers
* At least 2 adults in the van when operating with child passengers
* Maximum of 12 passengers, and ideally, minimum of 5 passengers
* All drivers must be approved and submit a copy of their driver license and personal auto insurance to the church office
* Minimum age of 25 to be an approved driver

**\*\*all drivers must submit their driver license and personal insurance card for copying. All current drivers are out of date and must be updated by June 1st. Please see Tracy with any questions.**

**YOUTH GROUP MAY GATHERING:**

A few details......



**When:** Wednesday, May 10th

**Time:** 6:30 pm

**Where:** The church fellowship hall/pavilion

**Who:** The youth in grades 5th through 12th

**What to bring:** Yourself and invite a friend

We are looking forward to a fun evening with the youth playing and fellowshipping with one another.

*There will be a time of devotions!*

*Please mark your calendar and join us!!*

**2023 CHURCH STAFF AND OFFICERS**

Minister Pastor Jeff Hurst Treasurer Kathy McConnell

Secretary Tracy Jaszemski Financial Secretary Julie Mayberry

Custodian Sophia Martin

**ELDERS**

Jodi Smith Sue Mathieson Kevin Jaszemski **Jr CE**

Jon Stewart Bertie Hensel Mark Lowry Katie Wilson

Patty Wilson Missy Davies Billie Jo Saccol Billie Jo Saccol

**DEACONS**

Kathy Riley Stacey Booth Cindy Barcheck **Sr CE**

Dotty Lewis Karen Stewart Lynn Doerr Jen Corll

Maryann Collins Barb Verner Tracy Jaszemski

**TRUSTEES**

Frank Baker Doug Latimer Jen Corll

Warren Enscoe Greg Kingsley Rick Martin

**WORSHIP COMMITTEE**

Sandy Yarian Charlotte Yeager Cindy Barcheck

Bertie Hensel Kevin Jaszemski Jodi Smith

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE CHRISTIAN ED COMMITTE**

Session Missy Davies All Sunday School Teachers

Trustee Doug Latimer Kathy Schepp Karen Stewart

Deacon Kathy Riley Connie Lowry Katie Wilson

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Trustee Frank Baker

Session Jon Stewart & Missy Davies **MISSION & EVANGELISM**

**AUDIT COMMITTEE** Jon Stewart Dotty Lewis

Tammy Rynd Connie Lowry Karen Stewart

Stacey Booth Jack Riley Mark Lowry

Doris Steffan Sue Mathieson Bertie Hensel

**CONNECTION TEAM CHURCH NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Brad Smith Billie Jo Saccol Session: Kevin Jaszemski, Mark Lowry Jack Riley Kathy Riley Trustee: Greg Kingsley, Deacon-Cindy

Patty Wilson Jodi Smith Barcheck, Congregation at large: Carol

Lynn Doerr Tracy Jaszemski Harris, Jerry Hurst, Wilma Frisk,

Bob Doerr Ellie Sieg Phyllis Smith, Bob Doerr

**MISSION SHAPED CHURCH COMMITTEE**

Deacon: Dotty Lewis, Trustee: Rick Martin, Session: Sue Mathieson, Congregation at large: Pat Woods, Liz Kingsley, Phyllis Smith

Doris Steffan, Bill & MaryAnn Collins, Patty Wilson, Jeff & Janice Patterson,

James Schepp

**Easter Flower Memorials**

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| DONOR | IN MEMORY | IN HONOR | FLOWER |
| Dave & Elizabeth Love | Emily (Mama),  John & Esther and Eric Hardisky |  | 2 tulips |
| Julie & Sally Moya-Mendez | Clifford, Mae & Sam Sonntag |  | 1 tulip |
| Chad, Amy, & Evelyn Smith | Debbie Vandegrift  Samuel Smith | Our beloved family & friends | 3 tulips |
| Sheri Koprivnak | Frandie, Tressa, & Ronald DiBartolomeo,  Bill Tighe |  | 1 tulip  1 lily |
| Steve & Holly McAllister |  | Connie Lowry | 1 lily |
| Barney & Ellie Sieg | Harold & Evelyn Orr,  Byron & Ann Sieg |  | 2 tulips |
| Harold & Margaret Ifft | Loved Ones |  | 1 tulip |
| Charlotte Yeager |  | Loved Ones | 2 tulips |
| The Harris Family | Loved Ones |  | 1 tulip |
| Mark & Connie Lowry | Parents |  | 2 tulips |
| Kathy & Paul McConnell | Jason McConnell,  Liz Pearson |  | 1 tulip  1 lily |
| Brenda Baughman | Dorothy Baughman,  Wanda Webb |  | 1 tulip  1 lily |
| Pat & Prugh Barger | Parents |  | 1 lily |
| Dick & Judy Welton | Bob & Lou Welton, sister Eleanor, Glen & Marie Sonntag |  | 1 tulip  1 lily |
| Chad &Jodi Smith & family | Gerald & Charlotte Fisher,  David Smith |  | 1 tulip  1 lily |
| Teressa Burk | Ray Cross Jr., Agnes Clark, Opal Cross | Raymond & Pat Cross | 2 tulips  1 lily |
| Shirley Rider | Ella Palmer, Mert McGill |  | 2 tulips |
| Taylor & Andrew Lucco | Pap |  | 1 tulip |
| Jimmy, Niki, & Titus Schepp | All grandparents | Jim & Kathy Schepp | 1 tulip  1 lily |
| The Corlls | Our grandparents | Our grandmothers | 2 tulips |
| Douglas Latimer Family | Joyce Brest, David & Joyce Latimer |  | 1 tulip  1 lily |
| Richard & Julie Harris |  | Linda Harris, Ron & Eunice Rankin | 2 tulips |
| Renae Shawgo | Judy Applegate |  | 1 tulip 1 lily |

**The Resurrection Changes Us! By:**[**ECO Team**](https://eco-pres.org/author/eco/)

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! This simple but profound proclamation is one of my favorite parts of the Easter service. I love echoing with the congregation this core truth of our faith. When I was a local church pastor, I often reminded the congregation that this profound truth *changes everything*. We aren’t remembering a cool “magic show” but are remembering a truth that fundamentally changes everything at the core. Here are three things I hope the resurrection changes for us in this coming year:

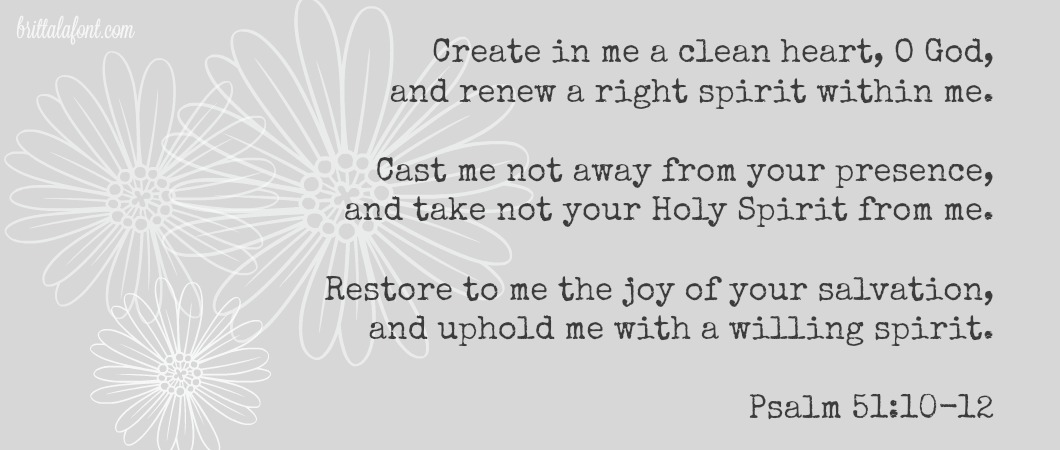
1. **I hope the resurrection gives us new identity** – John 1 gives a bit of an overview of Jesus’ life from a theological perspective. We are reminded that the light shone in the darkness but the darkness didn’t overcome it. It also reminds us that when we receive him we have a new identity as a child of God. Our culture is asking a lot of questions now. Who am I? Who are you? How do we define and classify ourselves? It may sound simple and even trite but if we as believers embrace our primary identity as children of God, it would bring such unity in the church and a powerful witness to the world.
2. **I hope the resurrection gives us a new perspective** – 1 Peter 1:3 tells us that he gave us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection. It is hard sometimes to have hope. There are new tragedies everyday. The recent shooting in Nashville hit home for many. Many of our ECO pastors have personal connections with the church or its leaders. For those who didn’t have personal connections, it is easy for us to identify with the victims. I certainly never want to minimize tragedies like this or those that happen in our personal lives, and there is little comfort that this world can provide in these situations. We therefore cling to an eternal perspective given to us by the resurrection.
3. **I hope the resurrection gives us a new purpose** – I love the repeated pattern in the resurrection accounts of Jesus. The pattern is that he gives peace to those who are startled by his presence. He then commissions those he interacts with saying things like “Go tell the others,” “As the father sent me so I send you,” and “Feed my sheep”.  Like the image in ECO’s vision statement, we are to be scattered like dandelion seeds by the Holy Spirit in whatever context God has placed us. We are called to be and share the good news of Jesus to those around us. May the resurrection continually change and mold our purposes individually as well as collectively in our churches.

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! This is not just a truth we proclaim with our lips but a truth we proclaim with our hearts and our lives as we go into our world.

In Christ,  Dana

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\*\*MAY ADULT MEMORY VERSE(S)

\*\*for an increased challenge, add PSALM 91:14-16(ESV) “Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name. 15 When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him. 16 With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.”

Mark your calendars for the 2024 ECO National Gathering. It will be held in Greenville, South Carolina



**CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER:**

Amelia Weller has had an outstanding year competing in Band and Choral festivals through PMEA. For District and Regional Band, she placed 1st chair French Horn. For District and Regional Choir, she also placed 1st chair Second Soprano. She attended the PMEA All-State Chorus where she scored sixth in the state in her section!



Madi Jaszemski and her cheer team from Thiel College received a bid to attend the college cheer nationals in Daytona Beach, FL. Madi and her team had 2 days of perfect performances and came home as the 1st place winner and national champion for their division. Great way to end her 18 years of being a cheerleader. She will begin a new chapter in her cheer career as she has been hired by Laurel school district as a coach for their high school, middle school, and youth programs.

***A Dinner Theater Thank You to all ages who helped with the Spring Production***

Here are some of the areas you may or may not have thought about:

Director Reservation Coordinator

Church Secretary Custodian

Stage set up crew Mission Comm. Treasurer

Actors/Actresses Make-up crew

Kitchen Coordinator Prop & Costume overseer

Those who donated items Caterer

Endless kitchen jobs

Dining room set up & decorations

Stage lighting and special effects crew

Those who helped clean kitchen prior to event

Those who ordered and gathered supplies

Those who served our guests

Those who helped clean up

Those who took items home to launder

Those who graciously accepted left-over food

Those who took home garbage when our can was full

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Well, we’ve just finished an amazing dinner theater and been strengthened in our faith throughout the Lent and Easter season, culminating with 200 in attendance on Easter Sunday! But now as the school year begins to wind down and the days lengthen and temperatures rise I can’t help but look forward to the summer. There are so many things to anticipate during the summer months at Leesburg, but I also know that many of us may have a special vacation in mind or some time dedicated to being at the camp or the beach.  I hope you have an opportunity for rest and relaxation this summer, and while we are looking forward to several events and activities, as a church we generally do slow down a little from the hustle and bustle of the busy school year.

As we close out the Spring there are couple ways we will loving our neighbors that I hope you have an opportunity to enjoy.  On Wednesdays, beginning in May, we will be opening our doors to the community for coffee, & conversations.  Also, on May 20th we will be hosting a Community Day filled with exciting learning opportunities.  Then, on May 21 our Grove City Community Outreach team will be ministering to the families at Glen Lake Estates.  As June rolls around we will host VBS and our service times will change for the Summer as we hold just one service each Sunday at 10:00 AM with Sunday school at 9:00 AM for the months of June, July, and August.  Let’s pack the pews all summer and enjoy the opportunity for togetherness! I want to encourage you that if your plans do call for travel and you have the opportunity, attend another vibrant church while you’re on vacation.  You will be encouraged to see how God’s kingdom is growing beyond Leesburg, and you will probably come back with some great ideas for ministry or hospitality that will benefit our congregation.

Let’s make this the best Spring & Summer ever!

Blessings,

Jeff

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DO YOU HAVE A HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE GRADUATE



Please make sure the church office knows so that we can honor all of the graduates in June. This would include those who graduated in December 2022.

Please send information about where they graduated from, their graduation plans (schooling, work, etc.), and any awards/recognitions they received.

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Description automatically generatedThe Nursery needs your help!! Would you please consider volunteering for a Sunday to help with the young ones of our church? We need to cover the 10am services each week for the summer and we need to cover when Connie will not be here for the 11am services. There is a sign-up sheet on the countertop in the welcome area or you can contact the church office at 724-748-4670. Please consider covering 1 Sunday so that our little ones can enjoy a time of fun and the parents can sit through a full church service 😊