

First Presbyterian Church
of Meadville, Pennsylvania
May 3, 2026

We welcome you as we gather in the name of Christ! If we can be of service to you, contact the church office by phone (814-333-2161) or via the contact form on the church's website (www.meadvillefpc.org).

Serving Us This Morning:

- **The Liturgist** is Nancy Smith.
- **The A/V Operator** is Ryan Claspy (11:00).
- **The Pianist** is Lois Kafferlin.
- **The Cantor** is Nancy Smith (11:00).
- **The Greeters** are Kendra Fischer and Brandi Schutz (8:30); Tim and Kandy Davis and Marie Feltz (11:00).
- **The Acolyte** is Molli Schutz (8:30); Emmet Stoner (11:00).



The Chancel Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Evee Fischer's 9th birthday, given by Bob and Vickie Fischer.

Please Pray For:

† **Our friends and members who are hospitalized, ill, and recovering:** Ruth Cooper, Bob Aiken, Kathy Sivik, Joyce Ladner, Scott Douglass, Marilyn Stallard, Linda Bennett, Marilyn Robb, Jeremy Pruskowski, Carol Young, and Cheri McFate.

† **The concerns of the Lake Erie Presbytery:** Rev. Richard 'Skip' Noftzger Jr., Stated Clerk of the Synod of the Trinity; Rev. Sylvester Gawuga, WA District Pastor, EPCG; Rev. Seth S. Nipani, Bimbilla District Pastor, EPCG.

† **The work at Fairview/Fairmont Family Center** Staff: Rosanne Sommers, Family Center Director; Emily Seibel, Assistant; and Allegheny Bonner students Azalia and Niyah.

† **Our Mission Committee Focus for this month:** Women's Services need paper products, laundry

and dishwashing soap, and personal hygiene products.

May 3 - Worship in the Chapel (8:30); Adult Sunday School; Children's Sunday School & Youth Group (9:45); Worship in the Sanctuary (11:00 AM)

May 4 - Bell Rehearsal (5:30)

May 5 - Praying for Children (1:00)

May 6 - Session Meeting (5:30); Soulstice (7:15)

May 10 - Mother's Day

Sunday School & Youth Group (9:00);
Worship with Communion (10:00);
Jason Gray Concert (6:00)



Stephen Ministry: If you have an immediate prayer need, contact the on-call Stephen Minister listed below. **For this week, the on-call Stephen Minister is Veronica Asay.** She can be reached at 814-336-5408.



Children's Sunday School meets at 9:45 AM. In May we will continue our study of The Armor of God. "Because Jesus loves me, He equips me with His armor to face any spiritual battle!" We'll talk about the Belt of Truth, Breastplate of Righteousness, Shield of Faith, Helmet of Salvation & Shoes of Peace. Check out the bulletin board by the Youth Room as each week we add a new piece of armor. Sunday School moves to 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM on May 10th. Our last Sunday School lesson will be on May 17th.



Blast Meets Sunday Mornings at 9:45 AM in the Youth Room. Starting on May 10th we will meet at 9:00 AM. We will be planning on going to breakfast on May 17th to wrap up this school year.



The Adult Class will be studying *The Forgotten God* by Francis Chan, through May 17. This study offers us a compelling invitation to understand, embrace, and follow the Holy Spirit's guidance in our lives. Through solid scripture and a lively narrative, Chan returns us to the Holy Spirit as the Bible described Him. Chan reminds us that we were not created and saved merely to survive our time on earth. In this season following Easter, we will expand our understanding of how the Lord intends for us to live a Spirit-filled life.



Please help us care for our church building by checking the doors when you leave. If you are using the church during the week or in the evening, take a moment before you go to make sure all exterior doors are securely locked. This simple step helps keep our church safe and secure for everyone. Thank you for your help and attention!



GRADUATES! Do you have someone special graduating this year? Call the church office so we can share this good news. Please send your information to the church office by May 19th.



Church Picnic: Our church picnic will be on Sunday, July 12th starting at 11:30 a.m. at the Kenneth A. Beers Jr, Bicentennial Park. Bring a side dish or dessert to share.



Hope Bible Study will start meeting at 1:00 PM in May, continuing our study on the book of John. Lesson 7 includes Chapter 13:1-38 & 14:1-31. If you want a copy of the study questions let Mary Truran know.



Come celebrate women's fellowship & summer! Have Lunch at Venango Valley Inn with other church women. Wednesday, June 10th @ 12:00 PM. More info coming in June.



ELEVATOR UPDATE:

After some unexpected delays, the upgrades to our elevator are nearly complete! The elevator should be back in service on Sunday, May 10th: the same day we switch to our summer worship schedule (**one service at 10:00 AM**).



Our next monthly Soulstice gathering

will take place on Wednesday, May 6. We invite you to join us in the downstairs chapel at 7:15 PM for a time of music, prayer, candlelight, and silence.



"April Showers bring May Bookworms." If you love reading, we have many great books for you! Come in and check them out!!



KNIT UNTO OTHERS:

Get your needles and yarn out! Knit Unto Others meets on the second Wednesday of every month in the church library. The next scheduled gathering is May 13th at 1:00 p.m. If you have any questions, you can contact Kandy Davis at ksdavis70@zoominternet.net or 814-807-0156.



Praying for Children will not meet on May 5th but will meet on May 12th at 1:00 PM. A luncheon will be held on May 19th. More information to come on location and time.