

# Aston Press

## Monthly Newsletter



### May 2024 Events

- May 2nd - National Day of Prayer at Rose Tree Park
- May 2nd - Learning Center Family Fun Night
- May 5th - Communion Sunday Service
- May 12th - Mother's Day
- May 14th - Session Meeting 6:30pm
- May 15th - PW - MacMurchy Room - 12:30pm
- May 19th - Pentecost Service and Picnic
- May 26th - Trinity Sunday

### Elder of the Month

Staci Gawne

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Tuesdays 10am - 1pm  
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## From the Pastor's Desk

Currently the dogwood trees in the church parking lot are in full bloom. The spring bulbs are about done but many perennials are just beginning to flower. It will soon be time to plant the summer annuals. Spring is my favorite season, all the abundant new life reminds me of God's gift of new life that comes to us through the Holy Spirit.

This month brings Pentecost when we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. I love our church's tradition of having a picnic together on this important day. Also on Pentecost, Peter gave the first sermon and this is considered the birth of the Christian church. In one day the church went from 120 to over 3,000 believers. Now that's church growth!

The Sunday of Pentecost is followed by Trinity Sunday. As I always say in my sermon that Sunday it is the only time we celebrate a doctrine. The Trinity is Christianity's most

unique, defining, incomprehensible, and awesome mystery. This important doctrine or teaching was formally defined at the Council of Nicea in 325 AD. God is one in essence but three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God is an infinite Being existing throughout eternity as three co-equal, infinite Persons, of one being yet distinct in person. If you find this hard to understand don't worry. No one fully understands because God is beyond human understanding. God is to be worshiped and adored, not understood.

I pray that this season of Easter will be a time of renewal and hope for all.

God's blessings to all,

Rev. Christine

# APC Committees



## May Birthdays

- May 9th - Tom Ford
- May 17th - Julianna WorriLOW
- May 24th - Rev. Christine Callaway
- May 26th - James Coia
- May 28th - Jessica WorriLOW

## May Anniversaries

- May 15th - James & Erin Schuler Coia
- May 16th - Libby & John Vasquez
- May 18th - Paul & Bernadette Evans
- May 18th - Cheryl & Denny Ju



## Buildings & Grounds/St. Andrews

Come join the free coffee hour on Wednesday morning at 9:00 am around the "Round Table" in the boiler room of the Church. Be prepared to solve the world's problems.

Contact Bill G if you have questions.

## Mission & Stewardship

The **Food Cupboard** in the Narthex continues each month with all food items (non perishable) being provided to Chester Eastside Ministries. Your continued support of this Mission is appreciated and encouraged.



Aston Presbyterian Church  
Food Cupboard

**Cents-Ability** offerings during **MAY** will be provided to **WORLD HUNGER PROGRAM** through **Presbytery of Philadelphia**.

Take time in your busy schedule to enjoy the beauty of nature around us; flowers in bloom, trees filled with their leaves to provide shade and filter the air, birds busy building their nests to welcome new babies. Enjoy GOD's gifts to us. - Ruth Voss Chairperson Mission & Stewardship Committee

## APC PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The PW's mission project for May, is collecting baby items for the maternity unit at Crozer-Chester Hospital. The items collected can range from the one piece shirt/bottom, one piece outfits, towel, socks, 2 piece outfits, diapers, or any items a new baby would need. The unit allows each mother to choose an item for her newborn. We have also been given knitted or crocheted items (blankets, sweaters, caps) by those talented in these skills. All items are accepted with thanks. We will have a basket in the Narthex the **first two (2) Sundays of May**. Any items you would like to donate will be greatly appreciated by the new mothers through the Crozer Maternity Unit.

Thank You, APC's Presbyterian Women

## May Events at APC



Mark your calendar for **MAY 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Our **Learning Center** will be having its **Family Fun Night**. This event is a fund raiser for the Center BUT it also allows families and **US** to join in the fun. This year they will have activities for the children and baskets that you can bid on full of various goodies and rewards. Light "dinner" offerings will also be available. Take an hour to come and join the fun. The Learning Center is a part of Aston's Mission Program. Hope to see you there.

All are Invited

# PENTECOST PICNIC

Sunday, May 19th

RSVP Your Attendance to the church office by May 15th:  
astonpcusa@gmail.com or 610-494-2634 or 610-357-5648

**PENTECOST is May 19<sup>th</sup>**. Here at Aston we have our annual Pentecost celebration. Please plan to attend worship and join in the celebration with lunch following the service. RSVP by May 15th to the church office.





# MAY memories

Once again, we have reached the merry month of May. The Azaleas are beginning to bloom and the air is becoming warmer as we approach the end of our Spring season. We pause for a few moments to ponder some of the things that happened in the life of our Church during the past months of May.

**Five years ago-2019-** Pastor Michelle Grunsiech wrote in her column where she quoted the following from Rev. Peter Marshall about Easter: "The stone was rolled away from the door, not to permit Christ to come out, but to enable the disciples to come in." Pastor Michell also said: "May we live as His Easter people each day and may God hold us in the palm of His hand." The Adult Class was studying Lee Strobel's book "A Case for Christ." Carol Koffenberger Jones was leading the study. Day care held their Family Night and Basket Raffle on May 2nd, and they celebrated Memorial Day on May 24th with a Red, White, and Blue Day.

**Ten years ago-2014-** Ruth Voss, Clerk of Session in her "From the Clerk's Desk" Column wrote that the Pastor Search Team was reviewing dossiers of prospective

Pastors to fill our vacancy. She also noted that Rev. Doug McPheeters of Middletown Presbyterian had been appointed as our Moderator. The Worship and Music Committee was beginning the search for a new Music Director. The Day Crae held their Art Show on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Fifteen years Ago- 2009-** Rev. Jane Ritterson in her from the Pastor's Desk' column, talked about Pentecost as a celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the Church. She noted that the Holy Spirit reminds us that we belong to God, and we are bound together with believers from every time and place. We celebrated Helen Phillips' 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. The Pentecost Picnic was held on May 31<sup>st</sup>. On May 13<sup>th</sup>, the Day Care students visit the Camden Adventure Aquarium. The DayCare Art Show was held on May 7<sup>th</sup>. At Worship on May 7<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of this Church building on Palm Sunday of 1959. Worship was followed by a luncheon and fellowship time.

**Twenty years Ago-2004-** Pastor Pam Cowan in her "From the Pastor's Hat Rack" column wrote

that we need to prepare each Sunday to be ready to Worship so that we will be renewed, be at peace, and be ready to face whatever life offers in the coming week. The Day Care students during May visited the Philadelphia Zoo and the Delaware Museum of Natural History. On May 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Café by the Creek Greg Austin was the featured musical artist.

**Twenty-five years Ago-** 1999-Interim Pastor Paul Tuttle in his "In Between Thoughts Column" spoke about the 50 Day Adventure study we were embarking on which was titled: "Daring to Dream". He urged everyone to participate in this program. On May 27<sup>th</sup> we celebrated the birthday of Susanna Wolfe who at 103 was the oldest member of our congregation. Pastor Tuttle was beginning class for New Members and for Confirmation. In May we honored Aaron Miller for his 22 years' service as our Financial Secretary. Aaron and his wife, Greta, were leaving us and moving to a retirement community in Elizabethtown. On May 23<sup>rd</sup> Pentecost was celebrated.

**Thirty years ago-1994-** Pasto Scott Cupp's "Ex Cathedra" column spoke about his call to becoming a minister for Jesus Christ and how the Lord led him to that decision. Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit was celebrated with Worship and Communion on May 22nd. On May 21st an all family "Spring Fling" event was held with musical entertainment by the Griener Family. The Voyager Mariners held a Bible Study on May 15th at the home of Ruth and Bill Schuler.







## MAY memories

**Thirty-five years ago-1989-** Pastor Scott Cupp's "Ex Cathedra Column" talked about protecting our environment as followers of Jesus Christ. An All-Church Picnic was held on May 21st. A Mother/Daughter Banquet was held on May 13th with the theme being "Reflections". On May 30th, the Presbyterian Women held a covered Dish Dinner where Dr. Gregg Donaldson and his wife Kathy presented a program on the work as missionaries in the Arab Emirates.

**Forty years ago-1984-** Pastor Bob Boell in his column wrote that Jesus' followers during the time between the resurrection and the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost laid the foundation for Christ's church here on earth. He told us that as we move toward Pentecost, let us think about the meaning of Jesus' resurrection and about our place in the Church of Christ today. On May 20th, the Sr. Choir under the leadership of our Music Director, /Edd Paffett presented a concert of special sacred music. Pastor Boell also began a New Member Class on May 20th.

**Forty-five years ago-1979-** Pastor Bob Boell in his column, spoke about planting a Christian Garden in our hearts by planting Christ's love, joy, patience, peace, and love. An all-Church Friendship Calling Program was being planned and visitors were being trained to go out into the

community later in the month. The Mother/Daughter Banquet was held on May 12<sup>th</sup>. Elder William Schuler, Jr. was serving as a Commissioner from Philadelphia Presbytery to the General Assembly which was held in Kansas City from May 22-29.

**Fifty years ago-1974-** Pastor Bob Boell wrote in his column about people wanting to ration Church in various ways. He said that for him and for us there will be no rationing of church because there is no shortage of grace from our Lord Jesus Christ. The Gospel Singers of West Chester presented a concert to benefit our Organ Fund Campaign to refurbish and install the pipe organ given to us by Westminster Presbyterian Church of West Chester. Also, our Special Fund Campaign for a building addition exceeded its goal of \$22,500 by \$1,000.

Now as we travel with the disciples toward Pentecost to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit may these words by R. Kelso Carter grant us the incentive to move forward in calling others to meet and follow our Savior Jesus Christ:

"Standing on the promises that cannot fail, when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail, by the living Word of God I shall prevail, standing on the promises of God."

Grace and Peace,  
Bill Schuler

### Recipe of the Month: Mexican Street Corn

#### Ingredients:

4 ears fresh corn, husked  
Olive Oil for brushing  
1 ½ tablespoons Mayo  
1 garlic clove minced  
1 lime - zested and juiced  
⅓ cup chopped scallions  
¼ cup crumbled cotija or feta cheese  
¼ cup finely chopped cilantro  
¼ teaspoon smoked paprika  
¼ teaspoon sea salt  
1 jalapeno diced

#### Instructions:

1. Preheat a **grill** to medium-high heat. Brush the corn with olive oil and grill for 2 minutes per side, or until char marks form. Remove from grill and set aside.
2. In a **large bowl**, combine the mayo, garlic, and lime zest and juice. Slice the kernels off the corn and add to the bowl along with the scallions. Stir to coat, then add the cheese, cilantro, smoked paprika, jalapeño, and salt. Season to taste and serve immediately or chill until ready to serve.



# Aston Pres. Learning Center



## May 2024 Learning Center Events

- May 2nd - Family Fun Night - 6:00 pm
- May 6th-10th - Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 12th - Happy Mother's Day
- May 16th - LC Board Meeting 7:00 pm
- May 27th - Memorial Day -LC Closed
- May 29th - Parent Appreciation Breakfast



## APC Learning Center

We cannot believe that we are in the home stretch of the school year! This was by far the fastest school year to date! May is an extremely busy month at the learning center. On 5/2 starting at 6pm, we will host our Family Fun Night event! Come on out and take your chances at winning one of over 50 baskets or gift cards! We will have a petting zoo and face painting too! We hope to see you there. Early this month, we will have Teacher Appreciation Week! We love this week and feel so special! Additionally, we will host family conferences this month for the whole school, enjoy a three day weekend for Memorial Day, and host a grab n` go style Parent Appreciation breakfast at the end of the month. We hope to see you at Family Fun Night! Happy Mother's Day to all the ladies that fill that role; you have the most important job!

