



The Open Door - June 2022

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“Striving to Do What Christ Tells Us through Scripture”

Church Clean-Up Day - June 4

On Saturday, June 4th, we will be cleaning up the church grounds, spreading a little mulch and constructing the bell tower, beginning at 9:00 AM.

If anyone has any carpentry experience, that would be so helpful constructing the tower. Also, if you have any yard tools, please bring them with you.



A Breakfast Buffet will be served from 8:30-10:00 AM on Sunday, June 5th.

The Target Shooting Retreat will be on Saturday, June 11th at Steve Schoonover's home starting at 10:00 AM. We'll spend a couple hours of target shooting. At noon, lunch will be provided after which a time of devotions will be held. The retreat is open to all men aged 18 and older. Younger boys who are accompanied by their father or another responsible man are also welcome. In order to provide enough food it is requested that participants use the signup sheet in Rottenberg Hall which will be in place in early May.

Whether or not you want to do target shooting or have any interest in shooting is not a factor. This is a time to get together and get to know one another better and, hopefully, fine tune the life that God would have us live. This is a rain or shine event. Sign up and show up. See Steve or Jonathan Schoonover if you've questions about the event or need directions.



On Target for Men's Shooting Retreat

It will be great to be able to have a Men's Target Shooting Retreat once again this year. Those who have participated in the past have been anticipating the event and it will once again provide an opportunity to share fellowship, food and the understanding of how God blesses all things when we gather in His name.

Articles for the July Open Door are due by Wednesday, June 15th.

Please e-mail them directly to the church office, bshklch@ptd.net or leave them in the church office mailbox in the narthex.

VBS - Mark Your Calendars!

Vacation Bible School will be here before you know it. This year it will be held the week of August 8-12th from 9:00 AM to noon. We will be doing "Monumental - Celebrating God's Greatness!" There will be a closing program on Friday, August 12th at noon followed by a family BBQ.

We are hoping to partner with local churches. Volunteers are needed. See Michele Clark / 570-460-2356.

Financial Report - MaryAnn Conza

04/01/22 to 04/30/22	01/01/22 to 04/30/22
Income \$22,319.61	Income \$63,950.17
Expenses <u>14,564.49</u>	Expenses <u>67,331.66</u>
(\$ 7,755.12)	(\$ 3,381.49)

Our offering income increased this month which reduced the overall deficit quite a bit. We also received \$2,000 this month from the Mary Laurent Trust Fund. The congregation gave \$810 toward the Ukraine crisis. This amount will be matched and sent to the Reformed Church in America for distribution to Ukraine.

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid." **Matthew 5:14**

Blessings to you all,
MaryAnn

Reminder:

There is a Men's Prayer Group that meets every Wednesday at 9:00 AM.
All men are welcome.

Happy Birthday Ceil Martz!



(Picture taken by Steve Schoonover)

Ceil Martz turned 101 years old. Some of the ladies from the Women's Group visited Ceil. She was active in the Women's Fellowship and at one time was the President. She cooked many dinners in the basement of our old church.

Food Pantry Fundraiser - July 2

A Tricky Tray fundraiser will be held on Saturday, July 2nd for Bushkill Outreach, our local food pantry. The Tricky Tray will be held at Middle Smithfield Elementary School, 5180 Milford Rd, East Stroudsburg, 18302.

There will be over 100 baskets. \$15.00 entrance fee includes sheet of 25 tickets. Snacks will be available for purchase; free beverages.

Doors open at 1:00 PM -- drawings held at 2:30 PM.

Missions - Erin Reagan

It is so good to see everything slowly going back to normal. God is good! As we do, missions is also something the deacons would like to get back to. The last mission trip was pre-covid. Our church had "the hippy trip", where members of our congregation reached out to local families to pitch in where needed, fixing this and that etc. The deacons are in very preliminary stages of getting another mission trip organized. We would like to stay on the east coast of the United States and the length would be one week. If you have a heart for missions and would like to serve impoverished areas of our own country please give us your contact information so we can keep you informed of any further progress we make. This is not a sign up sheet to actually go on the trip but just to receive information and give us an idea of interest within the congregation. Remember we are called to make disciples of all nations! There is a sign up sheet in the narthex. Please see Deacons, Kris Drake or Erin Reagan for more information.

Deacons

If you have a mid-week prayer request for our e-mail prayer team please e-mail Jen Schoonover, schooent@ptd.net or call/text her at 570-534-5752

The *Our Daily Bread* devotional is always available in the narthex. Feel free to take a copy and some extras for your family or friends.

Please continue to bring in your Mignosi's Foodtown receipts for 2022. Mignosi's generously donates 1% of the receipts minus several ineligible items. There is a box in the narthex for the receipts. Thank you!