



## The Open Door - July 2024

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*"Striving to Do What Christ Tells Us through Scripture"*

Reminder:

Communion is now being served using  
gluten-free bread only.

The Thursday Community Dinner  
has been postponed until further notice.

We will hold a Community Yard Sale on  
Saturday, July 6th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Spaces are \$15.00 each.

There will be food for sale in the church kitchen.

**All proceeds will go to the mission trip for  
summer 2025 to a reservation out west.**

\*\*\*Please only yard sale items ...

**NO businesses, NO exceptions \*\*\***

Volunteers are needed for parking and  
helping in the kitchen.

For a spot or any questions,  
please call Kristen VanWhy 570-994-3056.



We will be serving breakfast on Sunday,  
July 7th from 8:30-10:00 AM.

Articles for the August *Open Door* are due  
by Monday, July 15th.

Please e-mail them directly to the church office,  
[bshklch@ptd.net](mailto:bshklch@ptd.net), or leave them in the church  
office mailbox in the narthex.

### All Night Prayer Vigil - Erin Reagan

**Friday, July 19th - 9:00 PM**

Do you need a personal breakthrough? Does  
a loved one need healing? Are you searching for  
growth in your spiritual life? We as a Church are  
searching for a new Pastor.

If this sounds like something you'd like to be  
a part of, please join us! We will be praying and  
fasting (sleep), worshipping, sharing testimonies  
and giving a Word. There will be three sessions:  
9:00 PM -12:00 AM, 12:30-3:00 AM and 3:30-  
6:00 AM. We ask if you just want to stay for one  
or two session, you come and go during one of  
the breaks.

Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex!  
Also if you're able, bring a snack to share with  
about a dozen people!

### Prayer Retreat - September 21

We will hold a Prayer Retreat, "The Vine" on  
Saturday, September 21st in our church from  
9:00-3:00 PM. The fee is \$10 per person with  
breakfast and lunch included.

There is a sign-up poster in the narthex;  
please sign up so we can plan more effectively.

Very happy birthday wishes to:

Mary Scarnecchia - July 6

Lisa Niper - July 16

Wayne Taylor -- July 23



## What's in a Name!!!

Reformed, Catholic, Baptist, Pentecostal, Nondenominational, Presbyterian, sure we might all have different names but as we are told in God' Word there is only one name above all names as it says in the following verses:

Matthew 1:21: <sup>21</sup> She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.

Philippians 2:9-11: <sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

John 20:31: <sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

1 John 3:23: <sup>23</sup> And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us.

And the list goes on and on. Think about this when we gather together to celebrate Thanksgiving Eve as two or three churches; we don't go around saying I'm this or I'm that. Actually we don't say anything because we know who we all belong to and that is Jesus Christ our Lord. We aren't there to say mine is better than yours or this is who I am. We know we are children of God and we belong to Him who made us and to Him who died on the cross for us. We aren't mightier than the next person. If we are thinking that way we are already in the wrong spot, as we are told to love one another. There isn't any part of love where we might think we are mightier, better than the next person because of our religion, or the branch we belong to. There are so many Bible verses to go along with what I am saying. You just need to read or search your Bible or Google it. We are all called to love one God, and not put ourselves on a pedestal because I am Reformed, I am Catholic, I am fill in the blank. I was baptized Roman Catholic, but I chose to

find a branch where I could love my Lord my God, and where I could experience His love for me as well. James 1:19-27 says this:

<sup>19</sup> My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, <sup>20</sup> because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. <sup>21</sup> Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

<sup>22</sup> Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. <sup>23</sup> Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror <sup>24</sup> and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. <sup>25</sup> But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it - not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it - they will be blessed in what they do.

<sup>26</sup> Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless.

<sup>27</sup> Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

So let's remember we are all here to love the Lord our God, and to love one another.

Amen.

Elder Bob Craver

## Financial Report - MaryAnn Conza

5/01/24 to 5/31/24	1/01/24 to 5/31/24
Income \$ 14,299.47	Income \$64,970.36
Expenses <u>23,680.07</u>	Expenses <u>90,507.35</u>
<b>(\$ 9,380.60)</b>	<b>(\$25,536.99)</b>

If there is a shortfall by the end of the year, money will be taken from the Lewis Fund. At this time the income is not keeping up with the expenses. We are blessed to have the Lewis Foundation Trust Fund. God always provides.

*Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box, and he saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. And he said, "Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."*

Blessings to you all,  
MaryAnn

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 Congregational Care Team sends cards, makes calls or just offers a listening ear. If anyone would like to join this vital ministry, see Dorothy Bush or call her at 201-926-0452

Please bring in your Mignosi's Foodtown receipts.

Mignosi's generously donates 1% of the receipts minus several ineligible items. There is a box in the narthex for the receipts. Thank you!

The Angel's Closet has been busy making 91 bundles so far this year.

Any and all donations are appreciated, however, they are especially in need of sleepers in newborn and 0-3 months for both boys and girls as well as infant socks, and diapers size 2 and size 4. Quilts for boys or in neutral colors are also needed.

There is a bin in the narthex for your donations. Thank you!