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## May 2026

### Living out our faith

Being the hands and feet of Jesus, serving with open minds and hearts.

We exist to be a community of welcome and worship where people find peace, purpose, and power through Jesus Christ.

It's May, and another church year cycle is beginning to show signs of winding down. That makes for exciting times as we celebrate so many of the good things happening here at First Church!

During the next several weeks, we will be cheering our Youth as they lead our worship service on May 3rd. Later this month on the 31st, we will honor our graduates from high school and post-high school. That day we will also recognize our Christian Education leaders who have worked hard this year to help us all better understand God's Word.

How can all of that NOT make for an exciting time? To express that in scriptural terms, "Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof..." (Ecclesiastes 7:8a- KJV).

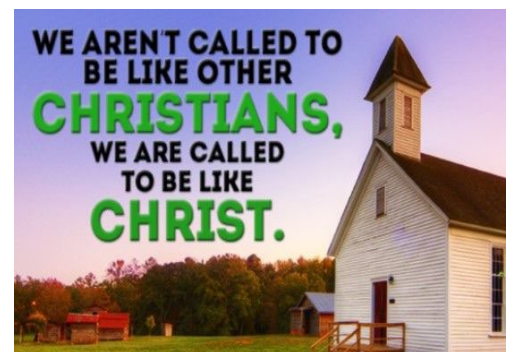
But May is also filled with beginnings, as we rejoice together in the potential of new family and new opportunities! To cite just one example, May 10th we will include child dedication into our Mother's Day worship.

Both of those --- the beginnings and the ends --- should remind us of the proper attitude we need to enjoy our relationship with Jesus Christ, who says "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end". (Revelation 22:13)

Both of those --- the beginnings and the ends -- are exciting. But even more exciting is that God is with us in both. And He is there in the middle as well! It is easy to see Christ in new babies and proud parents and families. It is likewise easy to see Christ in our youth stepping up to take what they have learned to help lead us closer to Him. We can also see Christ in the efforts of so many servants in this church who find multiple ways to honor Christ.

But don't forget to make it a habit to look for Him, and to expect Him to show up every day, in all things. Look for. Expect. And find encouragement in Christ's promise that "And surely I am with you always," – Matthew 28:20.

*-Pastor Dave*





# Leadership Team

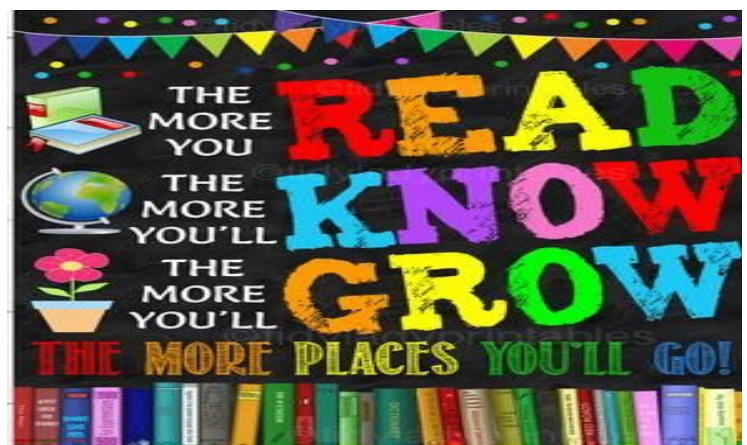
*The Leadership Team did not have an in-person meeting in April and there are no highlights to report. Next meeting is May 5th at 6pm.*

## Children's Church

Everyone is encouraged to visit the Children's Prayer Tree in the hallway near the nursery. Each month, Children's Church learns about the value of prayer by adding prayer requests to the tree. This photo is the Prayer Tree from Children's Church on Easter Sunday.



The Church's Children's Library is also in this same hallway. A sign out sheet is with the Library for anyone wishing to borrow a book.



*Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, we will recognize volunteer teachers/helpers for Sunday School, ReCharge, and Children's Church. Your dedication and service are truly appreciated!*

# HELPING HANDS IN MAY

Greeter  
Deacon Greeter  
Fellowship Time

Sandy Burket & John Holsinger  
Travis & Angie Russell  
Alpha Class

	3	10	17	24	31
Candlelighter					
Organist		Cathy Petre	Cathy Petre	Terry Hershberger	Cathy Petre
Pianist	Brenda Fluke-Garber	Cathy Neal	Cathy Neal	Jill Delozier	Marcia Fleck
Worship Leader	Youth Sunday	Bobbi Beers			
Storyteller	Betsy Garach	Pastor Dave	Sandy Norris	Cindy Shaw	Betsy Garach
Children's Church	N/A	Jodie & Bella Dellinger	Angie Russell	Terra Gartmann Melinda Green	Amy Nooyen
Welcome Center	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland	Darlene Wyland	
Parking Lot Greeters	Don Myers	Isaac Snowberger			
Flowers		Tammy Dell to All Mothers, Grandmothers and Substitute Mothers	In Memory of Nancy Hoover		
Bulletins	Bella Dellinger & Terra Gartmann		Dottie Dubois & Lois Lynn	Jona Gartmann & Melinda Green	Abe Russell & Mike Burns



**Good Grief**  
Tuesday, May 12th at 6:30 pm



*Love Them Through It*  
Monday, May 18th @ 6:30 pm



Join Us For  
Breakfast

Join Us Thursdays  
@ 9am at Traditions



Ladies Aide Quilting  
Wednesdays 9 am – Noon



Knitting Group  
Thursdays at 6:30 pm



Revelation 3:20  
By His Invitation  
First Sundays 6 PM-7:30 PM  
Contemporary Christian Music

## Office Closed

Courtney will be out of the office May 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>. She will return May 18<sup>th</sup>.

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

6 pm

*The Dream*

RSVP to Janet Imes

or Valerie Smith

by May 17<sup>th</sup>

**ALL LADIES WELCOME!**



**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

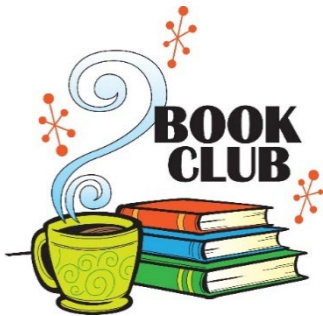
May 16, 2026

8 am

Breakfast at

The Dream

All men are welcome!



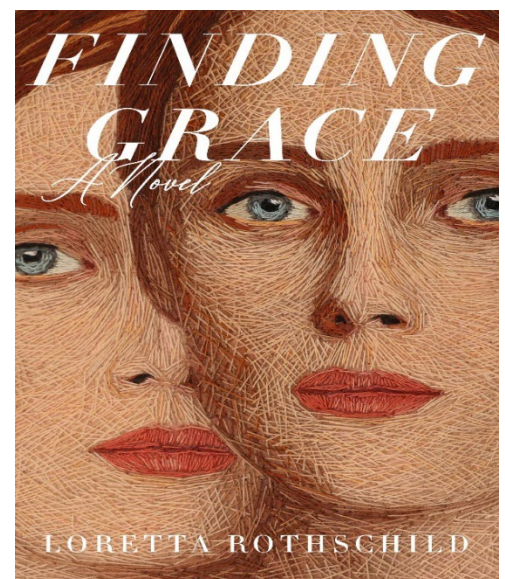
Meetings are the third Monday of each month at 10 am in the Parlor.

Join us as we discuss the monthly selection on May 18, 2026.

## Finding Grace by Loretta Rothschild

Honor seems to have everything. She adores her daughter Chloe and her husband Tom (even if he does work one hundred hours a week). But her longing for another baby threatens to eclipse all of it—until a shocking event changes their lives forever.

Years later Tom makes a decision that ripples through their families' lives in ways he could not have foreseen. As the consequences of that fateful choice unfold, two women's paths become irrevocably intertwined. But when old love clashes with new, who will be left standing? And what happens when your secrets come back to haunt you?





5/1 Fred Beers

Jim Hoover

Travis Wagner

5/6 Grant Avvampato

5/7 Cynthia Shaw

Tommy Smith

5/9 Alex Nooyen

Tammy Dell

5/11 Christine Smith

5/14 Willow Miller

Jean Eichelberger

Abe Russell

5/17 Carter Keith

5/18 Ezekiel Walter

5/20 Terry Hershberger

5/21 Jill Brumbaugh

Ella Gartmann

5/22 Bill Grubb

Carol Strum

5/24 Greg Smith

Nittany Smith

5/25 Angie Russell

5/26 Bailey Musselman

5/28 Jodie Dellinger

5/29 Zachary Croft

5/30 David Smith

5/31 Sharon Hammel

## MUMs Group

### *Mothers Uplifting Mothers*

This is a group of women who encourage and support each other while sharing the journey of motherhood and serving others. The group is a great place for moms of all generations to share their experiences and faith while developing friendships and supporting each other. M.U.M.s group meets regularly to build relationships amongst the women, to encourage the importance of self-care, and to serve the church and community.



5/1 Ben & Emily Brumbaugh

5/2 Dan & Carol Emerick

5/3 Alan & Susan Musselman

5/6 Dan & Jane Brumbaugh

5/10 Dave & Janis Loucks

5/23 Mitchell & Emma Frederick

5/26 Bill & Bobbi Beers

5/29 Keith & Kristen Hall

5/31 Bryce & Amy Nooyen



Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>

The Office will be closed in observance of the holiday.



Thank you to everyone who donated items and/or assisted with the Easter Egg Hunt. Thank you also to everyone who purchased flowers to decorate the sanctuary for Easter. Your contributions are much appreciated!

# Introducing



Linda Claycomb was received by transfer



Susan & Alan Musselman were received by transfer



Jess & Evelyn Messick were received by transfer



Bobbi & Jerry Albright were received by transfer



Tyreke Green was received by baptism



Growing in Faith Together

## “ Quotable Quotes ”

**“A growing church is a sign of a praying church.”**

**“The Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.” – Acts 2:47**

**“Growth is not about numbers, but about lives transformed.”**

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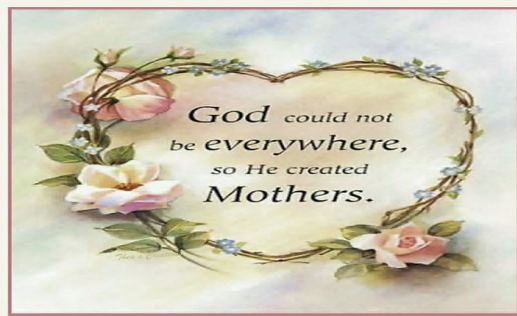


**Youth Sunday Practice  
and Fun Night** Friday,  
May 1<sup>st</sup> 6-11 pm

**Youth Sunday Service**  
Sunday, May 3rd



Bowling Fun Night has been  
rescheduled for Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>  
from 6:30-8:30 at Memorial Park in  
Martinsburg



We have traditionally  
dedicated babies and children  
on Mother's Day, and this year  
is no exception. If you are  
interested in having your  
child/ren dedicated to God on  
Sunday, May 10, 2026, please  
be in contact with Pastor Dave  
so they can be included.

## 4th ANNUAL CARNIVAL DAY FOR THE COMMUNITY

Saturday, May 16th, 2026 from 10am until 2pm at the  
Albright Church, 1245 Bloomfield Road,  
Roaring Spring, PA 16673. (Rain or Shine)

Sponsored by:  
The Roaring Spring First Church of the Brethren.

## TOUCH-A-TRUCK



Food Truck by Belly Buster Foodtruck,  
Different Games, Face Painting, Cotton Candy,  
Candy Apples, Snowcones, Popcorn,  
Entertainment: Horseshoe Cloggers at 11am,  
Balloon Legends twist at 11am-2pm,  
Petting Zoo and More!!!

**Everyone Welcome - All Ages  
Open to the Public!!!!**

**Volunteers are needed for the Carnival Day to  
assist with games. Please let someone from the  
Hospitality Committee know if you can help.**

### Middle PA District Offerings:

- [Exploring Sunday School Ideas for Adults](#) May 12, 2026 • 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM A Zoom session led by Brethren Press Looking for new ideas for adult Sunday school classes? Brethren Press offers a variety of curriculum options for adults and youth. This webinar provides an overview of available resources, sample materials, and examples of how congregations have used them. Registration Cost: FREE • No CEUs offered
- **Please mark your calendars and watch for more details for the following Zoom sessions led by Julie Guistwite.**
- June 3, 2026 • 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM  
Congregational Ministry to Members  
Navigating Divorce Experiences

# May Continued



The Women's Fellowship is hosting a meal Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> following Sunday School. Cost is to assist with funds for the new roof.



## Summer Edition!

Join us Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 for an Ice Cream and Game Night at the Ponderosa Pavilion in Roaring Spring! Contact Angie Russell for more details at (814) 327-0145



Known High School graduates have been sent a form to return so we can include them in our celebration and the June newsletter! Graduates from July of last year forward, from trade schools, universities, colleges or special programs, are encouraged to share their information with the office so they too can be included in the celebration.



***WE WILL CELEBRATE OUR GRADUATES WITH A LUNCHEON ON SUNDAY, MAY 31<sup>ST</sup> FOLLOWING SUNDAY SCHOOL.***

## Heritage Fair Scarecrows



We need to collect the following items:

- Used or new pantyhose
- Used or new long sleeve shirts and pants – children's size to adult size
- Used Children's one-piece sleepers
- Ball caps and hats

\*Sometimes clothing and items can be found at yard sales for free or cheap – Be on the lookout!

We also need to borrow a pop-up tent, donated straw, and volunteers to help at the Heritage Fair **Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**. Contact Sandy Norris (814) 935-2582

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>26</b> 9:25 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 9:30 am Bible Study	<b>29</b> 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Quilting 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:15 pm Virtual Bible Study 6:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice	<b>30</b> 9:00 am Breakfast Fellowship 9:00 am Bulletin Submission Deadline 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Knitting Group in Parlor	<b>1</b> 6:00 pm - 11:00 pm Youth Practice & Fun Night	<b>2</b> 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Annual Bowling Party
<b>3</b> Youth Sunday 9:25 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm By His Invitation	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 9:30 am Bible Study	<b>6</b> 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Quilting 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:15 pm Virtual Bible Study 6:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice	<b>7</b> 9:00 am Breakfast Fellowship 9:00 am Bulletin Submission Deadline 6:00 pm Cove Cause For Cancer Meeting 6:00 pm Christian Ed Meeting 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Knitting Group in Parlor	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Fellowship Hall reserved for Public Fundraiser
<b>10</b> Food Bank Collection Mother's Day Baby Dedication 9:25 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School	<b>11</b> Church Secretary on Vacation					<b>16</b> 8:00 am Men's Fellowship Breakfast 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Carnival @ Albright Church
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# MAY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6


HOLIDAYS AND OBSERVANCES: 5: CINCO DE MAYO, 10: MOTHER'S DAY, 25: MEMORIAL DAY

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