



# Holmes Herald

Holmes Presbyterian Church, PO Box 117, Holmes, PA 19043-0117

Please join us on mornings for...

May 2025

Adult Sunday School: 9:15AM  
Children's Sunday School: 10:30AM  
Traditional worship service: 10:30AM



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Sunday, May 11th, is Mother's Day. Holmes Church is grateful for the opportunity to support the mother's role in the family unit and recognizes the women of our congregation as one of our greatest treasures.

We are thankful for their faith, strength, and leadership and recognize the important contributions made by the women of this congregation.

Please join us in the Social Hall for a Mother's Day Tea immediately following worship on May 11th to celebrate the women of the church.

Our summer worship and Sunday School schedule begins Sunday, June 1st and continues through August 31st. Worship begins at 10:00am instead of 10:30am.



Worship will resume at 10:30am on September 7th. Children's programming is available during worship for students K-5.

## Deacons' Mother's Day Mission

In recognition of Mother's Day, the Deacons are once again collecting items for Mother's Home in Darby. This residential shelter houses women during their pregnancy and for the first 6 months after babies are born.

Collection will take place until May 25th.



# More Than Enough: A Mother's Day Devotional

By Wendi Lou Lee

During the last two months, homemade sourdough bread has worked its way into our home. I suddenly had the time and no excuse but to try. My teenagers love to smooth soft butter over a freshly cut piece right out of the oven. The smell is heavenly and I feel a bit like Caroline Ingalls kneading dough on a floured countertop.

Besides bread, we've made pizza crust and biscuits and garlic dough knots. Up next is pumpkin sourdough bagels and waffles and maybe even salted soft pretzels. Yes, I realize your mouths are all watering by now. Sorry about that!

Last night, just before bed, I was making bread dough. Again. I've found the best time for a twelve-hour rise is while we are all sleeping. Nothing is better than a fresh morning loaf. It had been a long day and I almost skipped it completely. These days of quarantine are relatively empty and that feeling can rub off on my heart. The promise of bread motivated me to persevere.

I reached into the bag of flour, hoping to combat the sticky mess beginning to collect on my hands.

## ***Almost gone? How in the world did we go through that much flour?***

Only a scant cup remained in my third 5lb bag since sheltering at home and there was still kneading to do. As a mom, I've often been in that place—at the end of the flour bag.

## **Can you relate?**

Not enough time or energy. Not enough patience or kind words for your children. Not enough bandwidth to support all the devices downloading and uploading and Zoom-ing. Not enough maple syrup for the pancakes. Not enough chips in the cupboard and for goodness sake, not enough room in the dishwasher for all those dishes.

Crawling into bed with a bowl of dough rising in the kitchen, I couldn't help but think of another bread making story—a not enough moment. This one from 1 Kings 17 in the Bible.

A widow from Zarephath was running out of flour during a great famine. She had enough for only one small loaf to feed her and her son. While gathering firewood before dinner, the widow met the prophet Elijah who asked for some water and a piece of bread. Feeding Elijah would mean starvation even sooner for them.

The prophet said those famous words, words we all need to hear. "Don't be afraid." And then, Elijah gave her a promise she could hang her hope on.

"The flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the Lord sends rain on the land" (1 Kings 17:14).

Turns out, she needed the Lord more than she needed flour. When the woman gave of herself and trusted God to sustain her through the famine, He was faithful to provide what was needed. He always is.

When we trust God, he gives us just enough to bake one more loaf. He gives us enough energy and patience for one more day.

I challenge you, this Mother's Day, if you're bag of flour is almost gone, if you are coming up empty-handed, fix your hearts not on what is lacking but on the little people God has given you to care for. The Lord will sustain you, one day at a time.

Keep loving and keep trusting that Jesus is more than enough.

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**Verses to Ponder**

“But he answered me, ‘My grace is always more than enough for you, and my power finds its full expression through your weakness.’ So I will celebrate my weaknesses, for when I’m weak I sense more deeply the mighty power of Christ living in me.”

*2 Corinthians 12:9 TPT*

“May grace and perfect peace cascade over you as you live in the rich knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. Everything we could ever need for life and complete devotion to God has already been deposited in us by his divine power. For all this was lavished upon us through the rich experience of knowing him who has called us by name and invited us to come to him through a glorious manifestation of his goodness.”

*2 Peter 1:2-3 TPT*

Post-Easter Re-Cap and Thanks



Thank you to everyone who made the Lenten Season/ Easter Holiday so special. Thank you to Mark Kalbach and the Chancel Choir for lending their voices in song and praise On Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter. Thank you to Dyan White for singing “The Palms” on Palm Sunday, and “Lamb of God” on Good Friday. Thank you to Debbie Oliver for arranging all the Easter Flowers so beautifully for Easter Sunday. Thank you to the OTHG for putting up the cross on our church campus and to all of our friends and members who adorned the Resurrection Cross so beautifully on Easter. Once again neighbors and people from the community commented how unique it was! Thank you for everyone in giving your time and talents to our church and to our Lord.

Easter Egg Hunt Re-Cap

We had to postpone the original Easter Egg Hunt date of April 12th, 2025, due to cold and wet weather, and it was re-held on Saturday, April 19th, 2025. God certainly blessed us with a beautiful day! Over 225 parents and children lined our sidewalks to find 3,177 eggs filled with candy, toys, and scripture verses. Mrs. VanGeyten read the “God Loves Easter” book to children on our front steps. Carol Lo Castro and Vi Jolly passed out snacks to the families. Barb Zimmerman passed out informational brochures of our church. Dyan White, Elaine VanGeyten, Angelo LoCastro, Dave Jolly, and Gene Zimmerman helped the youth group before the event by spreading out all the eggs on the church campus. A fun day was had by all!

A big thank you to everyone who supported this endeavor by donating candy, filling eggs, and coming out the day of the hunt to help in any way possible. Thanks also to Amber Sprameli, who donated Great Clips hair cut coupons and candy-filled Easter eggs to our event.



As a Christian family we offer our heartfelt sympathy to Beth Beaston and Sondra Gingerich. Their mother, Isobel Beaston, went home to be with our Lord on April 20th. Isobel was a long standing active member of Holmes Church. Over the years, she served the Lord and the church in many different ways. A memorial service will be held here on May 31st. Details to follow.



50 days after Easter (Resurrection Sunday) the Christian church observes Pentecost. Please join us as we celebrate the Birthday of the church with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on June 8th.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries in May:

### Happy Birthday to...

- 2 Debbie Oliver
- 3 Suzi Waldie
- 26 Barbara Zimmerman

### Happy Anniversary to..

- 7 Lisa & Ed Taylor
- 13 Debbie & Joe Lucas
- 23 Dante & Kay Caruso



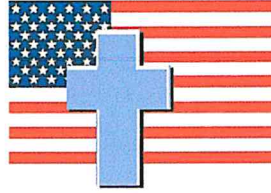
On May 1st, Holmes Church will be observing the National Day of Prayer. The Sanctuary will be open for prayer from 9am-9pm. Everyone is invited to come and offer prayers for our nation. (use Holmes Road door)

## A Day to Remember

"There is a day we stop and remember,  
The men who fought with bravery,  
Those who shed their blood and lost their lives,  
So our country could live in liberty.  
There is a day we stop and remember  
The colors that we love.  
The red, white and blue of freedom,  
That fit our country like a glove.  
White for purity of purpose,  
Red for valor during battle,  
Blue for justice paid to those who threaten us,  
Are the gifts our Lord blessed upon our men.  
There is a day we stop and remember,  
That our men have not died in vain.  
For after every battle is won,  
Our country's standards reign.  
Wave a flag,  
Place a flower upon a grave,  
Say a prayer of thanks on Memorial Day.  
For the price of freedom was freely paid."

## We Remember

### MEMORIAL DAY



More than 150 years ago, Memorial Day took shape amid the backdrop of the U.S. Civil War. Before it ended, women began decorating the graves of the fallen soldiers. In 1868, when May 30th was designated as Decoration Day, loved ones placed flowers on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers alike.

By 1882, Decoration Day became known as Memorial Day, and soldiers who died in other wars were honored too.. Over time, it became a day to remember all loved ones who had died in war and otherwise. In 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be observed on the last Monday in May. On Memorial Day, we pause to remember people who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country and for our freedom. We also pray for those who continue serving, especially those in harm's way.

Holmes Church is grateful for the sacrifices made by our military and their families to keep us safe and maintain our freedoms. We remember those who gave their lives for this cause and pray for the families and friends they have left behind.

On Sunday, May 25th, 2025, we will recognize the veterans who served our great country of the United States of America. After the service, we will meet outside to say the Pledge of Allegiance, and then place US flags surrounding our church campus. We hope you will join us in this special ceremony.





LADIES! SAVE THE DATE:

SATURDAY, MAY 17TH

9:30am - 1:00pm

Please plan to join us as we begin a new adventure together. Some may call it a "Women's Bible Study", some will describe it as a "coffee clutch". Truth be told, it will be whatever it becomes, as we share our faith, and look to the Lord for guidance, strength, and hope for the future. Saturday, the 17th of May, is our start up date and the goal is to explain the vision, ask for suggestions, and look into what it is we want or need. It will be a chance to learn more about one another, and begin to bond. Please plan to come. Bring your own morning beverage.... We will provide a few snacks. Hope to see you then. UPCOMING EVENTS IN MAY:

THURS. MAY 1: NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

SAT. MAY 3: COMPASSION SALE AND FREE CLOTHING GIVE AWAY

SUN. MAY 11: MOTHER'S DAY -celebrating mothers ; tea following service

SAT. MAY 17: WOMEN'S NEW ADVENTURE 9:30AM-1:00PM

MON. MAY 26: MEMORIAL DAY

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THINGS ARE **LOOKING UP**, IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR :

## **KIDS STUFF 2025**

### **A MUSICAL THEATER CAMP FOR KIDS**

DATES: WEEK ONE: JULY 29,30,31;

WEEK TWO: AUGUST 4,5,6,7

WEEK THREE: AUGUST 11,12 AND 13 ( PERFORMANCE ON THE 13TH)

TIME: 9:30am -NOON

LOCATION: HOLMES PRES. CHURCH

AGES: 3RD THRU 8TH GRADERS

COST: \$ 200.00 PER CAMPER \*\*

WE'RE CELEBRATING 35 YEARS THIS SUMMER AND WE'VE PLANNED A SUPER SPECTACULAR CAMP; FILLED WITH ALL OF THE "MUSICAL THEATER" MAGIC KIDS CAN IMAGINE! \*\*BE SURE TO CHECK OUT OUR CAMP DATES; WE'VE ARRANGED OUR SCHEDULE TO ACCOMMODATE THOSE WHO NEED TO MISS A FEW DAYS DUE TO VACATION PLANS. BE SURE TO ASK HOW THIS WORKS; AS WELL AS ABOUT OUR FAMILY DISCOUNTS. WANT TO KNOW MORE? NEED A REGISTRATION FORM? SEND US YOUR NAME AND EMAIL ADDRESS AT [suziwaldie3@gmail.com](mailto:suziwaldie3@gmail.com), OR MESSAGE US ON FACEBOOK. CAMP SIZE IS LIMITED SO RESERVE YOUR SPOT ASAP! HOPE TO SEE YOU " **LOOKING UP**" SOON.

# YOUTH NEWS

The youth group had a very busy April, filling Easter Eggs and helping with the Easter Egg Hunt. We had our own Easter Scavenger Hunt which the youth always look forward to each year. Of course, the youth learn that Easter isn't just about candy, Easter Eggs, and bunnies. It's all about the saving work of our Lord Jesus Christ, who died and rose again on the cross to give us eternal life!

Our young people will be assisting with the Compassion Flower Sale on Saturday, May 3rd, 2025. We just can't believe it's May and our year is winding down. Where did this year go?

Pray that we can finish the year strong, and that school and extracurricular activities do not unduly obstruct our scheduling plans. We are in a constant struggle for the hearts and minds of our youth. As always, we thank the congregation for your continued prayers and support.

In Christ,  
Mark and Becky



## Mr. Morrison's Memorial Service

On Saturday, April 26th, 2025, friends and family paid tribute to honor our dear friend and member of 61 years, Mr. James Morrison. It was a beautiful service, with testimonials given by family and friends. The meditation was given by his long-time Pastor and friend, Dr. Carpenter. We praise God for the wonderful Christian man that Mr. Morrison was, and for his dedication and service to this church he loved.

After the service, family and friends met outside to dedicate the Eastern Redbud tree that the Morrison family donated in Jim's memory that is located on the front lawn.

We are thankful as a church family for the life and witness of our brother in Christ, Mr. James Morrison.

## Isobel Beaton Memorial Service

Late on Easter Sunday, April 20th, 2025, our dear sister and friend, Elder Isobel Beaton was called home by our Lord. Her memorial service will be held here at Holmes Church on Saturday, May 31st, 2025. Details about her service will be forthcoming.



On the Holmes Road side of the church, there are some new landscaping additions to the church property. Thank you to Dr. And Mrs. Carpenter for donating the trees to help beautify our church campus.



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