

SHELLS MESSENGER

Shells Evangelical Lutheran Church

May 2024

Vibrant Worship + Active Service

Accessible Education + Enriching Fellowship

287 Shells Church Road, Grantville, PA 17028

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We are a community of the Triune God, nourished by Word and Sacrament, sent forth by the Holy Spirit into the Grantville community and beyond to share the life-changing news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed.

THE SEASON OF EASTER

May 5 @ 9am - **Sixth Sunday of Easter** (*Children in Worship with Crowning of Mary Statue*)

May 9 @ 7pm - **The Ascension of the Lord**

May 12 @ 9am - **Seventh Sunday of Easter**

May 19 @ 9am - **The Day of Pentecost** (*Rite of Confirmation for Jacob Mende, Mary Shellenberger, Emily Dupler, and Gabe Gonzales*)

STEWARDSHIP/GIVING (*March 31, 2024*)

2024 Approved Budget \$277,995

Income: \$75,828.37

Expenses: \$66,727.32

Love of Family Contributions: \$0

Local Food Pantry Contributions: \$1,231.14

Capital Improvement Contributions: \$10,320

Abiding Memorial Fund: \$380

Adult Forum: \$186.50

Sub Sale: \$765.50

We love and welcome children in the Liturgy! There are worship bags for children available from the Greeters/Ushers. For parents who wish to make use of it, there is an unstaffed Nursery in the Education Building (down the Narthex staircase and through the Social Hall/Kitchen).

In celebration of Pentecost, on May 19th, we'd like to request donations of red flowers to adorn the sanctuary. The flowers will then be planted outside in the flower beds. Flowers such as red geraniums, petunia's, salvia, celosia or other sun loving annuals are appreciated. Any questions can be directed to Raelene.

There will be a Special Congregation Meeting after Worship on May 19 followed by a potluck to celebrate our new members and confirmands. Please sign up in the Narthex to bring a dish to share.

Be sure to check out the photos in the Social Hall highlighting some Shells Lutheran Church history as we prepare for the 200th Anniversary in 2025. If you have photos you would like to add to the display, please clearly mark them and give them to Diana Budd or Diane Gotshall. We will be scanning the photos to make a digital slide show for the anniversary celebrations. Photos will be returned to you in Summer 2024.

Shells Fun Task Force has met!! We have planned an entire year of fun-filled opportunities for everyone! Our event for July will be a Harrisburg Senators game on Sunday July 21 at 1 pm. We need to know who wants to join this FUN time. Tickets are \$13 in Ollie's Cheap seats. Please let Theresa know if you are interested in attending by May 15. *(If financial help is needed, please let Father Barnes know)*

2024 Shells Fun Task Force Save the Dates

June 8 @ 5:30pm - East Hanover Park Evening

Bring your own meal. Meet at the back pavilion

July 21 @ 1pm- Harrisburg Senators Baseball Game

Please contact Theresa to order tickets by May 15

August 9 @ 6:30pm - Mini golf and ice cream at Challenge Golf in Hummelstown

September 14 - Knoebels Grove

12-2pm hotdogs + provided by church

October 27 - Trunk or Treat

November 23 - Yuengling Brewery tour

December – Christmas Caroling

RACETRACK PROJECT - Thank you to the Congregation and the Adult Sunday School Class for making this year's project such a success. This was the biggest undertaking we have had and you all came through with flying colors. We met our goal with donations and did not have to purchase any items. Wow, what a feat! Special thank you to Diana Budd for keeping us on track and keeping a running count of our items, Linda DeMario for sewing all of the wonderful bags and to my helper and set up girl, Karen Gussler. Everyone did a fantastic job and I appreciate all your help. Since we don't know what our numbers will be going forward, we will continue to collect items as we have this past year.

MAY & JUNE - Deodorant & Shampoo

JULY & AUGUST - Toothbrushes & Toothpaste

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER - Bar Soap & Combs

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER - Tissue & Lip Balm

Thank you all for job well done. Your help and participation is so appreciated.

The Girl Scouts will be collecting sneakers. They can be any size or condition. There is a box in the Narthex.

The 2024 Altar Flower sign up sheet is available in the narthex. The following dates are still available April 28, June 30, October 20, 27. **Please remember to fill out a purple form or email shellsadmin@shellschurch.org with the dedication.**

Scuba – Diving into Friendship with God



Get ready to splash into fun!

Shells VBS – July 7 – July 11, 2024

Meal 5:15 – 6:00pm/Program 6:00 – 8:15pm

Register at – <https://vbspro.events/p/shellsvbs2024>

At Scuba VBS, kids will dive into friendship with God.

Scuba is filled with awesome Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, and touch! Hands-on science experiments, team-building games, unforgettable Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life—something we call God Sightings®. Get ready to hear that phrase a lot!



Parents, grandparents, and friends are invited to join us at Fin-tastic Finale each night at 7:45pm, for a wrap-up of all the day's excitement.

So mark these dates on your calendar: July 7-11, 2024. We dive in each night with a light meal being served from 5:15 – 6:00pm in our Social Hall, followed by our program beginning in the Sanctuary at 6:00pm and re-surface at 8:15pm.

Scuba is for kids from preschool, 3 yrs. of age, to 5th grade(Grade completed). Kids 6th grade and older can join us as volunteers!

Register for this deep-see adventure at <https://vbspro.events/p/shellsvbs2024>

Paper registration forms are also available in the narthex.

If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions, please contact Barb Dupler, 717-991-8862 or Sandy Mader at 717-856-2713.

SHELLS MUSIC MINISTRY

*“Sing a new song to the Lord,
who has done marvelous things,
shout with joy to the lord, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.”*

Psalm 98, v. 1, 4

The **Senior Choir** will continue to lead worship through the Sundays of Easter and the Day of Pentecost. A special thank you to our Senior Choir for lifting their voices in song, rejoicing and singing praise, as they share in our music ministry! It is with sincere thanks and much appreciation that we acknowledge the time, commitment and leadership the choir provides each Sunday!

Our ***Children in Worship*** Sunday School music program continues for our children in preschool through sixth grade. It has truly been a joy to work with the children, as they have shared in our music ministry. I am so proud of all their contributions as they enhanced and joined in worship each month. Our *Children in Worship* series will conclude with the children participating in worship for the month of May on Sunday, **May 5**.

Our Children & Youth **Handchime Choir** for grades 2nd through senior high youth continues with rehearsals the **first and third Sunday** of each month. We rehearse in the choir room immediately following worship. We are working on music for the Easter season. Please join us to discover handchimes!

Please don't hesitate to call, text, or email if you have any questions: cell phone, 717-991-8862; home phone, 717-469-0127; or email at scdbjd@aol.com.

With joyful songs and praise,
Barbara Dupler
Director of Music

CHOIR SCHEDULE:

May 5 – *Children In Worship – Shells Bells – “Beautiful Savior”*

May 12 – *“Lord of the Dance” – Senior Choir*

May 19 – Pentecost – *“The Gift of Love” – Senior Choir;*

“Jesus, the Very Thought of You” – Handchime Choir

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES – MAY

*Erica Strang
Jeremy Longreen
Nora Holler
Holly Roush
Tami Crow*

*Nicole Long
Cory O'Brien
Zane Stayton
Lincoln Leese
David Terry*

God will never forget that you are his child.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

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| May 6 | Christian Stremmel | May 18 | Caitlin Holland |
| May 8 | Ava Espenshade | May 21 | Carrie Leese |
| | Linda Longreen | | Joshua Murphy |
| May 11 | Colin Blair | May 24 | Gracelyn Hilbert |
| | Benjamin Rodemaker | May 26 | Keith Espenshade |
| May 14 | Schenley Layton | May 28 | Catherine Germann |
| May 16 | Diane Suhr | | Crist Espenshade IV |
| May 17 | Chris O'Brien | May 31 | Matthew Terry |

Prayer List: Betty Espenshade, Don Espenshade, Ed Fake, Mim Fake, Al Germann, Angie Gonzales, Alfred Howard, Doug Howard, Jr., Nancy Iachini, Keira Karijomenggolo, Iva Rodemaker, Lucas Smith, Larry Suhr, Bev Ulsh, Jack Ulsh, Our Shells Family Shut-ins, Our Law Enforcement Officers and Service Women & Men, especially Matt Gordon, Crist Espenshade, Nikolas Jaggan, James Hess, Keegan Neiswender, Stephen Lugovich, Blake O'Brien, Michael Knaub, John Thomas, and Chris O'Brien.

Those who have died:

Those in the Shells Church Catechumenate Process (please pray for the formation of those preparing for full Confirmed/Voting membership in this congregation): Emily Dupler, Jordan Frye, Gabe Gonzales, Jacob Mende, Mary Shellenberger, Lexi Frye, and Nora Holler.

Family & Friends: Sandy Mort Backauskas, Fern Baker, Saadia Baker, Nancy Balmer, Skip Balmer, Bill Birtle, Billie Jo Blatt and family, Tom Boblitz, Dawn Brink, Anna Buck, Owen Burns, Cory Cerperich, Verna Ebersole, Joan Espenshade, Michael Gelehorte, Anne Gordon, Tom Gussler, Emily Hand, Rob Herman, Michael Hudak, Lydia Joy Konisiewicz, Lee Lippi, Larry, Eileen Longreen, Paul Longreen, Chris Kelly, Dan Martin, Barb Morrow, Amanda Peck, Maisie Peeler, Lisa Pesta, Tony Prisco, Michael Riley, Laura Lou Rinker, Ken Rebeck, Molly Reinhart, June Rohrbach, Yvonne Rosenberger, Raymond Rowe, Ryan, Suzanne Shaeffer, Bill Shultz, Janet Shultz, Kathy Spangler, Jay Stahl, Matt Stayton, Steve Tentylo, Stephanie Wagner, Kyle Wentz, Carol Wilson, and Jennie Womack.

Anyone wishing to place someone on the prayer list may call Theresa at Shells office, at 717-469-2586 or email at shellsadmin@shellschurch.org. Also, please remember to remove the names when it is appropriate.

Worship Assistants Schedule: May/June

| | Assistant | Lector | Acolyte | Communion Assistant | Greeter /Usher | Altar Care |
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| May 5 Sixth Sunday of Easter | Karen Gussler | Jordan Frye | Jacob Mende, Mary Shellenberger, & Gabe Gonzales | Louise Murphy | Rick & Linda Blair | Diane Suhr & Terry Kamerzel |
| May 9 Ascension Day 7pm | Karen Gussler | Steve Espenshade | Ellie Frye, Douglass Howard, & Anna Iachini | Dick Wenner | Joe & Diana Budd | |
| May 12 Seventh Sunday of Easter | Sherry Ulsh | Diane Gotshall | Lexi Frye | Don Whitehaus | Bert & Karen Gussler | Steve, Kathy & Bethany Espenshade |
| May 19 Day of Pentecost | Karlene Jaggan | Karen Gussler | Abigail Blair, Ellie Frye, Anna Iachini, & Nora Holler | Dick Wenner | Tom & Sandy Mader | Sandy Mader & Katie Shellenberger |
| May 26 Holy Trinity | Gen Whitehaus | Nadine Espenshade | Jacob Mende, Mary Shellenberger, & Gabe Gonzales | Audrey Neiswender | Joe & Diana Budd | Diana Budd & Carol Gordon |
| June 2 Corpus Christi (Hymn Procession) | Raelene Smith | Brenda Frye | Lexi Frye, Douglass Howard, Abigail Blair, Ellis Frye, & Mary Shellenberger | Louise Murphy | Bert & Karen Gussler | Raelene Smith & Janet Klos |
| June 9 Ordinary Time 10 | Karen Gussler | Steve Espenshade | Jacob Mende | Dick Wenner | Rich & Nadine Espenshade | Louise Murphy, Karen Gussler & Bobbie Boyer |
| June 16 Ordinary Time 11 | Sherry Ulsh | Erica Strang | Anna Iachini | Audry Neiswender | Tom & Sandy Mader | Diane Suhr & Terry Kamerzel |
| June 23 Ordinary Time 12 | Karlene Jaggan | Ed Fake | Nora Holler | Louise Murphy | Joe & Diana Budd | Steve, Kathy & Bathany Espenshade |
| June 30 Ordinary Time 13 | Gen Whitehaus | Raelene Smith | Jordan Frye | Don Whitehaus | Bert & Karen Gussler | Sandy Mader & Katie Shellenberger |

If you are unable to fulfill your assigned duty, please find a replacement and notify the Church Office.

MAY 2024

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 Shells A.R.M.Y. Lock In |
| 5 Easter 6 <i>Children in Worship</i> 10:30am Hand Chime 10:45am Adult Forum 6pm Boy Scouts | 6 6:30pm Bible Study @ Shells | 7 | 8 6pm Girl Scouts | 9 6pm Cub Scouts 7pm Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord | 10 | 11 |
| 12 Easter 7 9am Sunday School & Confirmation 10:45am Adult Forum 6pm Boy Scouts | 13 6:30pm Bible Study @ St. John | 14 6:30pm Parish Council Meeting | 15 6pm Girl Scouts | 16 6pm Cub Scouts 7pm Choir Rehearsal | 17 | 18 |
| 19 Pentecost <i>Confirmation</i> 9am Sunday School <i>Congregation Meeting and Potluck</i> 6pm Boy Scouts | 20 5pm Race Track Meal 6:30pm Bible Study @ Shells | 21 6:30pm VBS Meeting | 22 6pm Girl Scouts Food Pantry | 23 6pm Cub Scouts Food Pantry | 24 Food Pantry | 25 |
| 26 Holy Trinity | 27 | 28 | 29 6pm Girl Scouts | 30 6-7pm Cub Scouts | 31 | |

Father Barnes will be on vacation from April 28-May 3. Please contact the Church Office with any Pastoral Emergencies.

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