



# The Post Newsletter - Pastor Tim Klein

## May/June 2022

A RESOURCE FOR THE CHESTNUT GROVE UNITED METHODIST CONGREGATION

### A Message from The Pastor

I love this time of year of May & June. The grass becomes lush green, the flowers are blooming and the weather is comfortably warm. But more important than these things, May and June each year are months that fall on the empty tomb side of the resurrection of Jesus. Our Lord Jesus is a living savior. Our great King is alive and near us and we can talk with Him every day. And so I am thankful and I hope you are as well.

May & June are also months that we celebrate new birth. We do this on Mother's Day (May 8th) and on Father's Day (June 19th) as we give thanks to God for our earthly parents and the gift of life that they

have had a role in bringing about, at the very least. We thank God for our Moms and our Dads and we offer to the Lord our lives as an offering to Him. But we also give thanks for the birth of the church at Pentecost this time of year (June 5th). On Pentecost, Jesus poured out the Holy Spirit empowering the group of followers to become bold witnesses to Jesus in the world. Let us thank our triune God for the gift of the Holy Spirit to empower us as witnesses of Jesus in this world as well.

These months also speak of growth. As the grass is growing (perhaps a little too quickly 😊), we are reminded that we are to be growing in Jesus. There are various ways that we can grow in Jesus, from taking time each day to

be in prayer, to being in God's Word, to attending a small group or other spiritual discipline. But most importantly, we grow as we abide in Jesus. He is the vine and we are the branches (John 15). Choose to fix your eyes on Jesus each day and live each moment for Him. When we do this, we can't help but grow in Christ.

My prayer, above all things for you, is that these months of May & June may not only be a time to enjoy God's beautiful and flourishing creation, but to do so with Jesus at your side. He loves you very much!

Go with God,  
Pastor Tim



## Egg Hunt - April 16, 2022

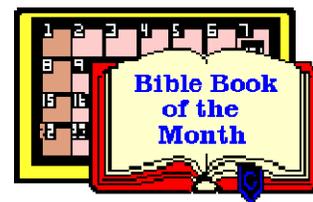
It was great to serve our community with our annual egg hunt again this year. We had 20 children from the community attend and approximately 20 parents. With the 20 helpers from Chestnut Grove Church, there were a total of 60 people here. A huge “thank you” to Dee and all of the help she received with the egg hunt. Thank you to everybody who contributed by giving candy, monetary donations, and/or their time to this community event.

## Westward Road Concert - April 30, 2022

What a great night for Chestnut Grove and the community. It was a pleasure to host the Westward Road Band at our Church, Saturday evening, April 30. We were blessed to have this Christian band lead us in an evening of worship. It was a joy to meet a new family in Christ. And it was a joy to be here with many of you and others from our community to simply gather and worship our great God. There is no time better spent than time in worship. Amen. It was also a blessing to share a meal afterwards with the band and folks who attended our community concert. Thanks to everybody who brought food and stayed for the fellowship time following the concert.

## May Bible Book of the Month - John

I am excited to announce that our Bible book of the month for the month of May is the Gospel of John. John’s Gospel is beautifully written and contains some of the most memorable scenes of Jesus’ earthly ministry, such as Jesus and Nicodemus in chapter 3, Jesus and the woman at the well in chapter 4, the healing at the Pool of Bethesda in chapter 5, the raising of Lazarus from death in chapter 11, Jesus washing His disciples’ feet in chapter 13, Jesus’ extended teaching on the Holy Spirit in chapters 14 & 16, Jesus’ amazing prayer (often referred to as His High Priestly Prayer) in chapter 17, as well as several powerful scenes following Christ’s resurrection.

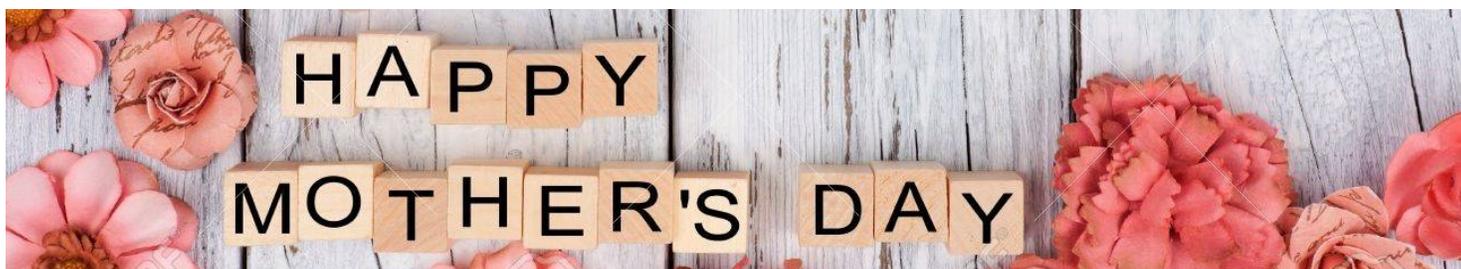


Additionally, John also includes Jesus’ “I Am” statements as well. These very profound words of Christ clearly reveal that He is deity in the flesh and the hope for humanity.

May our Lord bless you richly as you spend some time sitting at Jesus’ feet through this beautiful gospel! For the month of June we will be in the books of **1 & 2 Chronicles**.

## Mother’s Day - May 8

We will honor and celebrate all the ladies of the church with carnations on this special day.



## Sermon Series

We will continue the sermon series “The Hands of Jesus” through **May 8**. It shows how He is light and love.

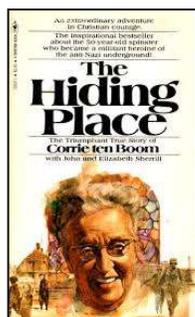


“Journey through James” - From time to time I enjoy taking a few months to walk through a book of Scripture with you. I am excited to begin to do this on **May 15**, as we explore the letter that James, the brother of our Lord, was inspired to write. This is a very important letter and his words are a gift for us to unpack and to be blessed by. I invite your prayers that as we journey through James, our Lord will do great things in and through each and every one of us.

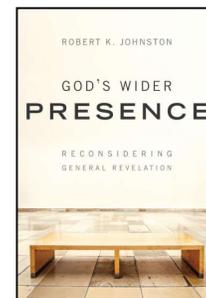
If you are unable to attend worship, Pastor Tim’s message notes are emailed; if you would like be added to this email list, please provide us with your email address. Also, Pastor Tim’s video sermon is posted every week on Facebook and the Website ([www.cgumdillsburg.org](http://www.cgumdillsburg.org)). Be sure to “like” our posts and “share”. You’ll help spread the good news of Jesus Christ!

## Book Study Group

This group will meet **Monday, May 9** at 6:30PM to discuss the book “*The Hiding Place*” (by Corrie



Ten Boom). This book is about protecting the Jews during WWII. The next book discussion is titled, “*God’s Wider Presence*” (by Robert K. Johnston) for our **June 13** gathering. This book is about the ways God reveals himself outside of Scripture. If you need help ordering these books, let Pastor Tim know asap. Also, please contact Pastor Tim if you are interested in attending any of the book studies or would like more information. We would love more folks to be a part of this group!



## Bible Study

One of my biggest joys is digging into God's Word with Sisters and Brothers in Christ. We will be continuing our study of the **book of Matthew**. We meet Thursday mornings at 10:00AM in the Fellowship Hall. We would be glad to have you join in the conversation each week.

## Upcoming Guest Speakers - You’re in Good Hands

We were very blessed to have Pastor Tim’s dear friend, and our brother in Christ, Zachary Vincent, come and share his heart with you April 3. Zach shared some of his story, some of his testimony – and he tied it in with God’s Word from John chapter 9 in the story of Jesus healing the man that was born blind.

Zach shared that while his story certainly does involve the cerebral palsy that he has, he does not let that define his life. Rather, his life is defined by knowing and loving Jesus Christ. Everything else fits into that, including his disability. And going by all the heart-felt comments from many of us, there was power in his testimony.

May 29 – I will be away on **May 29**, but am thankful that Brother **Blain Bargo** will be leading the worship service on May 29. Blain, as you all know, is a faithful servant who knows and loves and is eager to share God’s Word. We are blessed to have him as part of Chestnut Grove Church. We will be moving communion to Sunday, May 22 this month.

June 26 – I will also be away **June 26**, but am thankful that **Pastor Larry Parlett** will be leading the worship service for me. Larry is a long-time friend of mine who has pastored several years and is now retired and living in York. Larry is a joyful and passionate lover of God who also is faithful to the Scriptures. Larry is also a very good softball player, as I played with him for a number of years. I am thankful that he is able to come to Chestnut Grove on June 26. We will be moving communion to Sunday, June 19 this month to make it easier on Larry filling in for Pastor Tim June 26.

## **Bonfire In The Grove - May 20**

The Outreach Committee is preparing for a bonfire fun event for the community here at the church Friday, **May 20**. Come join us for a campfire, singing, guitar music, s’mores, hotdogs, games, and fellowship. Chestnut Grove IS the light on the hill, sharing the love of Jesus Christ! Let us join together to make this light burn brighter for all to see! Invite your friends and neighbors to join us in this fun, Christian fellowship event!!



## **The Chosen - Season 2**

We are adding four dates in June for everybody who has only seen Season 1 of The Chosen to join us in watching Season 2. We will watch two episodes each gathering which will be from 9:30AM – 11:30AM on the following Tuesday’s: **June 7, 14, 21, & 28**. All are welcome to attend.

## **Ice Cream Social - June 12**

Join us for more fellowship and celebration after worship Sunday, **June 12**, for an ice cream social. This will be to celebrate all June birthday’s and enjoy a tasty, refreshing summer treat!

## **Father’s Day - June 19**

We will honor and celebrate all the men of the church with donuts for dudes on this special day.



## Men's Ministry Group at Chestnut Grove

The church is in the early stages of planning and starting a men's ministry. "Come follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." We are called to make disciples, and a men's ministry is an important part of accomplishing that mission. Christ will be at the core of the ministry. We aim to encourage and facilitate meaningful spiritual, mental, and emotional growth among the men of the church.

God is capable of amazing work when men pray together in unity. "Therefore, confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is very powerful in its effect." James 5:16. Prayer of righteous, unified men in Christ is powerful beyond our means. Relationships take time, honesty, and patience. We hope to build an effective men's ministry with activities and settings that encourage bonding to take place.

Our mission will be to make disciples of the men we engage, equip the men in our ministry to do the same, and put service to our Lord at the forefront of everything we do. Nathan Eldon Tanner is quoted as saying "Service is the rent we pay for the privilege of living on this earth." What better way to pay our "rent" than to discover ways to serve each other, our community, and most importantly our Lord and Savior.

We invite you to pray on this, and if you feel moved to participate, we welcome any ideas, feedback, or input you have regarding launching this important ministry. To communicate interest or feedback, please contact Bryan Crone ([bcrone0612@gmail.com](mailto:bcrone0612@gmail.com)) and/or Pastor Tim ([tklein@susumc.org](mailto:tklein@susumc.org)). Thank you.

*"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you." Deuteronomy 31:6.*

## Volunteers Needed for Cleaning

Just a few more volunteers are needed to help clean 1 or 2 Saturday's this year. The remaining open dates are **July 2, October 8, and November 19**. Thank you so much to **Carol Clayton** who has volunteered to take several of the extra open days. Thanks also to **Gretchen Grozalis and Tammy Strayer** who have volunteered to take an open date. Please consider volunteering to help those who have faithfully participated in cleaning the church in the past. If you don't want to clean by yourself, ask another person to help you.

## Vacation Bible School

Registration is now open for Vacation Bible School 2022 **Discovery on Adventure Island: Quest for God's Great Light!** This adventure includes exciting music, creative crafts, tasty snacks, fun recreation, and memorable Bible stories that will help children know and share the light God shines in the world. Our island adventure will take place from 6:30 to 8:30PM on **July 17-21**. VBS is open to children from age 4 through 5th grade. Pick up a registration form at the church or sign up online at <https://www.myvbs.org/cgumcdillsburg>. Hope to see you there!



## Traditional Communion

We are planning to transition to more traditional methods of communion in the month of **July**. We will, however, continue to have the sealed elements available for those who prefer to continue using them.



## 2022 Directory

If you have not picked up your 2022 copy of the Church Directory, please pick one up in the lobby.

If your contact information changes during the year, please email [omcgumc@gmail.com](mailto:omcgumc@gmail.com) or call the office 717-432-8243 with your contact information. Thanks in advance for your support and cooperation in helping with this valuable resource tool. The changes I have been made aware of since the new directory came out are as follows:

- Page 25 – Health South Rehabilitation of Mechanicsburg Acute Facility has a new name and it is: **Encompass Health Rehab Hospital**; phone number is 717-691-3700
- Page 25 - Health South Rehabilitation of Mechanicsburg Renova Center **has closed** so you can **delete** this entry from the directory.

## Upcoming Meetings/Events/Worship

Thursday	5/5	10:00AM	Bible Study – Matthew
Sunday	5/8		Mother’s Day - Carnations
Monday	5/9	6:30PM	Book Study
Thursday	5/12	10:00AM	Bible Study – Matthew
Monday	5/16	6:15PM	HH School Board Meeting
Wed	5/18	6:30PM	HH Graduation in Sanctuary
Thursday	5/19	10:00AM	Bible Study – Matthew
Friday	5/20	7-9:00PM	Bonfire In The Grove
Sunday	5/22	10:10AM	Communion
Wed	5/25	6:15PM	Leadership Team Meeting
Thursday	5/26	10:00AM	Bible Study – Matthew
Sunday	5/29	10:10AM	Blain Bargo Lead Worship
Wed-Fri	6/1-6/3		Annual Conference at Hershey Lodge
Tuesday	6/7	9:30-11:30AM	The Chosen – Season 2
Thursday	6/9	10:00AM	Bible Study – Matthew
Sunday	6/12	After Worship	Ice Cream Social
Monday	6/13	6:30PM	Book Study
Tuesday	6/14	9:30-11:30AM	The Chosen – Season 2
Thursday	6/16	10:00AM	Bible Study – Matthew
Sunday	6/19		Communion & Donuts with Dudes – Father’s Day
Tuesday	6/21	9:30-11:30AM	The Chosen – Season 2
Thursday	6/23	10:00AM	Bible Study – Matthew
Sunday	6/26	10:10AM	Larry Parlett Lead Worship
Tuesday	6/27	9:30-11:30AM	The Chosen – Season 2
Thursday	6/30	10:00AM	Bible Study – Matthew
S-Th	7/17-7/21	6:30-8:30PM	Vacation Bible School



# Spiritual Principles

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**Prayer Chain** - To share a prayer need with the email prayer chain, contact Pastor Tim at 717-600-6139 or tklein@susumc.org

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## 2022 2<sup>nd</sup> MILE MISSIONS

(April–September designations have changed)

**Jan, Feb, March** – New Life for Girls - \$1,112.00

**April, May** – *The Chosen*

**June, July** – *A Compassion Child*

**Aug, Sept** – Operation Underground Railroad

**Oct, Nov, Dec** – New Hope Ministries

## Thank you Corner

Dear Friends in Mission, The people you just helped with your gift of \$1,128.80 to UMCOR may never have the opportunity to meet you, but if they did, I am certain their response would be – *Thank you!*

Since 1940, UMCOR has served as the humanitarian agency of the United Methodist Church, providing disaster response and relief to areas impacted by natural and man-made disasters around the world. And through your financial support, you are serving within a vital network of interactive relationships as UMCOR responds to increasingly-frequent and destructive storms – sharing 100% of donated funds with those in need!

Together, may we continue to reveal the love of God for men, women, and children of all ethnic, racial, cultural, and national backgrounds and to demonstrate genuine love for our neighbors.

Grace and Peace,  
 Roland Fernandes, UMCOR



### May

12 – Audree Bush  
 25 – Mya Klein  
 28 – Charles Fisher

### June

2 – Sharron Lerew  
 7 – Paula Pyper  
 8 – Kathi Chambers  
 8 – Betty Jane Diven  
 9 – Patsy Kellison  
 9 – Lucy Leer  
 15 – Dolores Kirkland  
 17 – Emma Crone  
 19 – Karen Angell  
 28 – Betty Wolf  
 29 – Sandy Fisher  
 30 – Ashlee Bargo-Davis

### July

28 – Bill Minnich  
 29 – Kayla Klein

**2022 Teller Schedule**

Date	Head Teller	Assistant Teller
5/8/2022	Tammy Strayer	Angie Thompson
5/15/2022	Wendy Bargo	Carolyn Myers
5/22/2022	Wendy Bargo	Betty Jane Diven
5/29/2022	Tammy Strayer	Angie Thompson
6/5/2022	Wendy Bargo	Angie Thompson
6/12/2022	Tammy Strayer	Carolyn Myers
6/19/2022	Wendy Bargo	Betty Jane Diven
6/26/2022	Tammy Strayer	Angie Thompson
7/3/2022	Wendy Bargo	Carolyn Myers

**2022 Liturgist Schedule**

Date	Liturgist
5/8/2022	Keith Albert
5/15/2022	Candace Gerber
5/22/2022	Kyra Gerber
5/29/2022	Blain Bargo
6/5/2022	TBD
6/12/2022	Steph Reynolds
6/19/2022	Keith Albert
6/26/2022	Candace Gerber
7/3/2022	Kyra Gerber

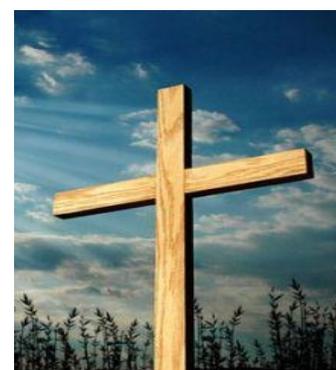
**2022 Soundboard/PowerPoint**

Date	Soundboard	PowerPoint
5/8/2022	Candace Gerber	Bryan Crone
5/15/2022	Bryan Crone	Sue Mowery
5/22/2022	Blain Bargo	Candace Gerber
5/29/2022	Candace Gerber	Bryan Crone
6/5/2022	Bryan Crone	Sue Mowery
6/12/2022	Blain Bargo	Candace Gerber
6/19/2022	Candace Gerber	Bryan Crone
6/26/2022	Bryan Crone	Sue Mowery
7/3/2022	Blain Bargo	Candace Gerber
7/10/2022	Candace Gerber	Bryan Crone

**2022 Cleaning Schedule**

Date (Sat.)	Volunteers
5/7/2022	Gretchen Grozalis/T. Strayer
5/14/2022	N/A
5/21/2022	Brian & Dee Gerber
5/28/2022	N/A
6/4/2022	Tammy Strayer
6/11/2022	N/A
6/18/2022	Bill Minnich/Patsy Kellison
6/25/2022	N/A
7/2/2022	TBD – Need Someone
7/9/2022	N/A

**Vision Statement: *Our Vision as Chestnut Grove Church is to be a light on a hill sharing the love of Jesus Christ!***





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