





## From the Pastor's Desk

### PSALM 23

1 THE LORD | IS MY SHEPHERD;  
I SHALL NOT | BE IN WANT.  
2 THE LORD MAKES ME LIE DOWN | IN GREEN PASTURES  
AND LEADS ME BE- | SIDE STILL WATERS.  
3 YOU RESTORE MY | SOUL, O LORD,  
AND GUIDE ME ALONG RIGHT PATHWAYS | FOR YOUR NAME'S SAKE.  
4 THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH, I SHALL |  
FEAR NO EVIL;  
FOR YOU ARE WITH ME; YOUR ROD AND YOUR STAFF, THEY | COMFORT ME.  
5 YOU PREPARE A TABLE BEFORE ME IN THE PRESENCE | OF MY ENEMIES;  
YOU ANOINT MY HEAD WITH OIL, AND MY CUP IS | RUNNING OVER.  
6 SURELY GOODNESS AND MERCY SHALL FOLLOW ME ALL THE DAYS | OF MY LIFE,  
AND I WILL DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE | LORD FOREVER.

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"THOU PREPAREST A TABLE BEFORE ME IN THE PRESENCE OF MINE ENEMIES.  
THOU ANOINTEST MY HEAD WITH OIL' (PSALM 23:5 KJV).

THIS IS A DESCRIPTION OF THE HOSPITALITY OF THE DESERT PEOPLE. IF I WERE  
BEING PURSUED BY MY ENEMIES, AND CAME TO YOUR CAMP, YOU WOULD HAVE  
TO WELCOME ME, AND YOU WOULD HAVE TO KEEP ME FOR TWO NIGHTS AND A  
DAY. THE ENEMY WOULD HAVE TO WAIT FOR ME OUTSIDE THE CIRCLE CAST BY  
THE FIRELIGHT OF YOUR FIRE. IMAGINE THAT.

AN ENEMY WOULD HAVE TO BE PATIENTLY WAITING. IN THE MIDST OF WAITING,  
PERHAPS ANGER AND RAGE WOULD TURN TO FRUSTRATION. PERHAPS  
FRUSTRATION WOULD CHANGE INTO TIREDNESS. AS THE ENEMY WAITED OUTSIDE  
THE CIRCLE OF FIRELIGHT, THERE WOULD BE TIME FOR REFLECTION AND EVEN A  
CHANGE OF HEART. AND MAYBE THE ENEMY COULD BECOME A FRIEND, AND BE  
WELCOMED TO DINNER. NOW, THAT IS A TRANSFORMATION!"

-PATRICIA E. DE JONG, "WE SHALL NOT WANT," MAY 3, 1998.

PEACE AND BLESSINGS THIS DAY.

PASTOR V.



IN-PERSON WORSHIP

THE HOLY SPIRIT GATHERS PEOPLE AROUND THE MEANS OF GRACE—  
THE SAVING WORD OF GOD AND THE SACRAMENTS.

FEATURED THIS WEEK:  
SATURDAY SPOKEN WORD  
5 P.M. - IN-PERSON

THE SUNDAY ASSEMBLY

9:45A.M. - IN-PERSON SERVICE AND LIVESTREAM  
BROADCAST ON OUR [FACEBOOK PAGE](#) AND ON OUR WEBSITE!



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SATURDAY MAY 2 @ 5PM  
ALICE COOLEY - ASSISTING MINISTER



SUNDAY MAY 3 @ 9:45AM  
RON WIRTH- USHER  
KRISTEN HOCHULSKI- USHER

ALTAR GUILD FOR MAY:  
BARBARA KWIECINSKI  
SYLVIA DELANEY



**ANNOUNCEMENTS &  
UPCOMING EVENTS**

**BIBLE STUDY @ 6PM  
MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>, 14<sup>TH</sup> & 21<sup>ST</sup>**

**NEW MEMBERS INFORMATIONAL MEETING  
MAY 17<sup>TH</sup> @ 11AM**

**THANKSGIVING AT RETIREMENT OF DEBT  
MAY 24<sup>TH</sup> @ 10AM**

**ONE SERVICE AT 10AM WILL  
START MAY 10<sup>TH</sup> AND CONTINUE  
THROUGH SUMMER**

**WORLD LABYRINTH DAY MAY 2ND**

WORLD LABYRINTH DAY AND OPEN HOUSE IS SATURDAY MAY 2ND, 12PM-2PM, WITH A GROUP PRAYER TO "WALK AS ONE FOR PEACE AT 1PM"

CONTACT BETH V. (716)-445-5006 OR EMAIL  
PRAYERLABYRINTHWS@GMAIL.COM WITH QUESTIONS  
WE ARE LOOKING FOR A FEW VOLUNTEERS TO GREET THE  
COMMUNITY AND TALK ABOUT OUR PRAYER LABYRINTH AT ST.  
JOHN'S. NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED.



# **THIS WEEK 5/3- 5/9**

## **TODAY:**

9:45 A.M. AGAPE MEAL  
7 P.M. TRY AGAIN (AA)

## **MONDAY:**

10 A.M. SPROUTS  
1 P.M. ARTHRITIS WALKING GROUP  
6 P.M. KNITTING GROUP  
6 P.M. SPROUTS  
6:45 P.M. ZUMBA  
7:30 P.M. AL-ANON

## **TUESDAY:**

9 A.M. ZUMBA  
12 P.M. TAI-CHI  
6:30 P.M. SA BUFFALO

## **WEDNESDAY:**

1 P.M. ARTHRITIS EXERCISE GROUP  
7 P.M. CHOIR REHEARSAL

## **THURSDAY:**

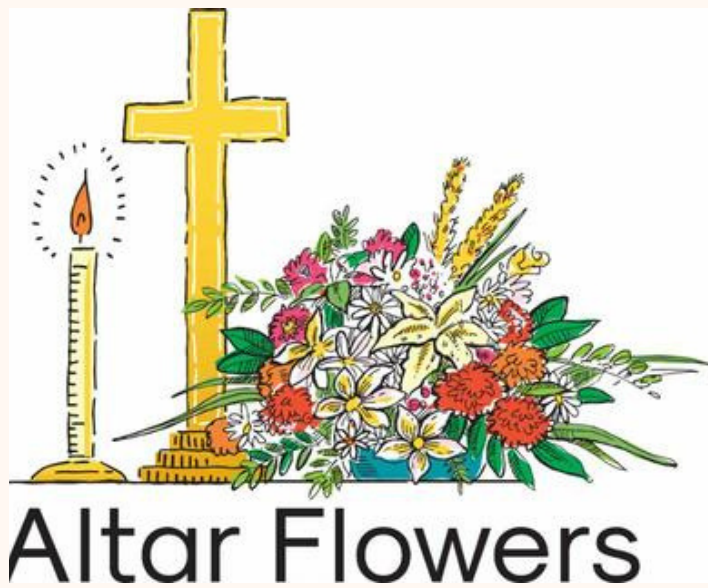
9 A.M. ZUMBA  
12 P.M. NA  
5 P.M. ZUMBA  
6 P.M. BIBLE STUDY  
7 P.M. WORSHIP & MUSIC  
7 P.M. NA

## **FRIDAY:**

10 A.M. ENJOY LIFE (NA)  
10 A.M. SPROUTS  
7:30 P.M. GARDENVILLE GROUP (AA)

## **SATURDAY:**

9 A.M. ZUMBA  
5 P.M. WORSHIP



# Altar Flowers

## **TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

YOU CAN REMEMBER OR HONOR A LOVED ONE OR A SPECIAL OCCASION BY ORDERING A FLORAL ARRANGEMENT USING THE ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR LOCATED IN THE NARTHEX.

## **BOOK AND PUZZLE SALE**

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED, SORTED, SET UP, CLEANED UP OR HELPED OUT AT THE BOOK SALE.  
WE RAISED \$731.85 FOR THE BUILDING FUND.

## **THANK YOU**

SHIRLEY JOHNSON WOULD LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU TO ALL OF THOSE THAT STOPPED BY FOR COFFEE AND CAKE FOR HER BIRTHDAY. ALSO TO ALL THOSE THAT SENT BIRTHDAY WISHES.

SHE HAD A WONDERFUL TIME WITH EVERYONE.  
A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO CONNIE ARNOLD FOR SUCH AN AMAZING CAKE!