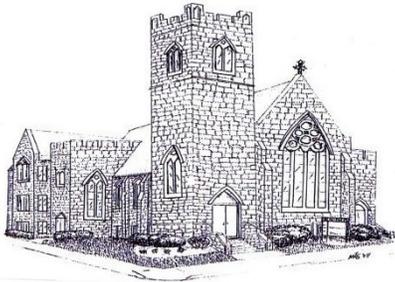


Rosedale United Church of Christ

# Rosedale Visitor



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May 2018  
Issue IV

## Sundays at Rosedale

**7:45 am**

Spoken Service with  
Communion

**9:00 am (Sept. to May)**

Sunday School

**10:30 am**

Choral Service with  
Communion

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### Pastor

Rev. Selina Hamilton

### Organist/Choir Director

Dr. Brenda Leiby

### Assistant Organist/Director

Judy Becker

### Secretary

Marcia Reinert

### Treasurer

Timothy Becker

### Income Secretary

Cindy Vesper

### Sexton

Carl Wolfe

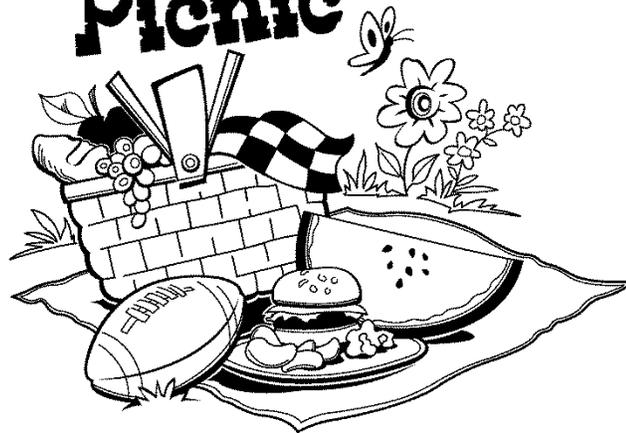
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### June Newsletter

**Deadline**

**May 15, 2018**

## Church Picnic



### All are invited to the Church Picnic

We have reserved Pavilion 2 at Jim Dietrich Park in Muhlenberg Township from 1:00 to 7:00 pm. There are rest rooms, a kitchen, a basketball court, and a roof over the picnic tables in case it rains. We're asking each family to please sign-up on the sheet in the rear of the sanctuary and note what you would like to bring.

Come and eat, play, talk, laugh, and enjoy!

## Leadership

### Consistory President

Steven Schory

### Consistory Members

Alexis Ames

Robert Ames

Jonathan Becker

Joanne Bilski

Michael Fowler

Michael Heller

Margaret Hoyt

Karen Sandman

Helen Schory

Susan Smith

Terry Ventresca

### Webmaster

Betsy Blankenbiller

### Facebook Editor

Alexis Ames

### Sunday School Director

Robert Ames

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We are a welcoming community of faith open to all. We would love to have you worship with us!

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Dear Friends in Christ,

“There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.”  
Ephesians 4:4-6

In the sacrament of baptism, we remind ourselves and we remind one another that we belong to our one God. In the sacrament of baptism, we remember that we are unified in our faith, brought together in one hope, and that we are brought together in the same calling. In the water, we are brought together and we are reminded of all that makes us equal and unified.

For many years, Rosedale UCC highlighted the unity of our faith in baptism by blessing baptismal water that was collected by members and brought together. Just as we gather our lives to bless one another with prayer and witness, just as we gather our gifts to bless our congregation, we gather our water to bless our newest siblings in Christ through the sacrament of baptism.

This year, we are going to renew this tradition of merging the baptismal waters. You are invited to bring water from somewhere that is special to you, whether it's from your travels or from your home or from your favorite fishing pond. In the fall, we will collect all of the water and bring it together to bless it in a special service.

There will be small plastic bottles available in the back of the sanctuary beginning in May. They hold up to 2 ounces, so they are small enough to be brought through TSA lines in your carry-on bag if you are flying with them. You are also more than welcome to bring water in your own container. We'll ask for them to be returned to the church in September, watch our newsletters and announcements for a “due date” and the date of the special services when we will merge and bless the water.

Please do make a note of where your water came from. Sticker labels will also be available to make it easier for you. I look forward to living into this tradition together, and to hearing about your travels!

In Christ's Peace,  
Pastor Selina



## Sundays in May

### Easter 6 May 6

Acts 10:44-48  
Psalm 98  
1 John 5:1-6  
John 15:9-17

### Ascension Sunday May 13

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26  
Psalm 1  
1 John 5:9-13  
John 17:6-19

### Pentecost Sunday May 20

Acts 2:1-21  
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
Romans 8:22-27  
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

### Trinity Sunday May 27

Isaiah 6:1-8  
Psalm 29  
Romans 8:12-17  
John 3:1-17

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## ***Do we have your email address?***

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**Blood Drive** May 2 at Good Shepherd UCC between 2:30 and 7:00 pm. Call Wendy Sharp at 610-929-3726 to schedule.

## **Church In Society**

We collected \$108.78 in the baby bottles for **Mary's Shelter**. The offering collected at the Wednesday night Lenten gatherings was also given to Mary's Shelter. This money totalled \$215.60. Thank you to all who contributed!

We continue to collect hygiene items year-round for **Students Experiencing Homelessness**. Thank you to all who add items to the basket in the back of the sanctuary.

We hope to have our first **Rosedale Fair** in the fall. This would include kids' games, food, a white elephant table, petting zoo, etc. Start saving any white elephant items you would like to donate as well as gently used books for a book sale at the fair.

### **May Food Pantry**

Rosedale UCC hosts the Muhlenberg Churches Food Pantry in May. If you would like to help at the pantry contact Brenda Leiby. The date in May is the 17<sup>th</sup> and help is needed between 2:15 and 6:00 pm.

### **Sunday School**

We would like to thank everyone who donated to make Easter a huge success for our kids. We were able to put together 10 large Easter baskets. A special thanks to Eva Fox for donating all the candy. Despite the weather, we had a fantastic turn out and everyone had a great time.

Our last Sunday School class for the season will be May 27<sup>th</sup>. We will be off for the summer months and begin again on September 9<sup>th</sup>.

Bob Ames  
Sunday School Director

### **Thank You Notes**

Thank you for all the cards and prayers. I received a lot of nice cards and appreciate your cards and notes very much.

Barbara Quinter

Thank you to our mulch spreaders: **Bob & Bonnie Coller, Curt Hoyt, Phil Giles, Bob Henn, Larry Kirk, Dennis Blair and Steve Schory**. They came early one day in April and spread fresh mulch on our church gardens to make our yard look beautiful.

Thank you to **all** who made Lent a meaningful season. We thank the sanctuary decorators, the Women's Guild for the Holy Wednesday luncheon, the choir who sings & the directors who plan music for many services, Selina for making the services so



We would like to send more information by email. Please consider giving us your email address. Contact us at [rosedaleucc1301@yahoo.com](mailto:rosedaleucc1301@yahoo.com) or [church@rosedaleucc.com](mailto:church@rosedaleucc.com).

Would you be interested in visiting homebound members?

If you are interested, please let Marcia know in the church office.



**Rosedale Readers**  
Don't forget to pass your books on May 6th!

Mother's Day is May 13<sup>th</sup>. Bring your mother to church!



meaningful, the palm cross makers, the egg hunt planners, the acolytes and crucifers who come for extra services and the offering counters. Thank you!

Thank you to **Terry Ventresca, Judy and Tim Becker, and Curt & Peg Hoyt** who cook, call volunteers, roast meats, set up tables, etc. for our dinners.

Curt would like to thank the following who came Thursday morning to peel potatoes: **Joanne Bilski, Dennis Blair, Anna Brobst, Faye Cochran, Phil & Elinor Giles, Larry Kirk, Glenn & Sylvia Knouse, Brian Moyer, and Ed Stewart.**

Thank you to **all the volunteers** who bake, help in the kitchen, wait tables, scrape plates, wash dishes, pack take-out dinners, clean up, etc. It takes a lot of people to make our dinners run smoothly!

**Worship Resources**

**Mother's Day Carnations**

Would you like to sponsor the Mother's Day carnations in memory or honor of a loved one? They will be \$50.



Please let Marcia know if you are interested.

**Altar Flowers**

We have several dates open to sponsor the altar flowers. The following are dates that will be coming up soon: 6/10, 7/1, 8/12, & 9/30. The cost is \$30. Please sign the flower chart in the rear of the sanctuary or call the church office if interested.

**Pentecost Geraniums**

Let's turn our sanctuary red on Pentecost, May 20<sup>th</sup>! Wear red to church that day, and purchase geraniums now to brighten the sanctuary. Please use the order slip below. The cost of the geraniums is \$8. – 6"pots. (You may leave plants to be planted in the church gardens.)

**Geraniums for Pentecost – Deadline May 13**

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of, in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

# plants to take home \_\_\_\_\_

# plants to remain at church \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of plants \_\_\_\_\_ Total paid \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit payment with order.



**Giant & Redner's**

Buy gift cards to use at Giant and Redner's to help Rosedale financially. Rosedale then gets 5% of the gift card sales. It is money you will spend anyway, so why not help Rosedale at the same time? Cards are available in \$25, \$50 and \$100 amounts.

If you have a Save-A-Tape card at Redner's, and you hand in your grocery receipts to us, we receive 1% of the total submitted.



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**Helping Hands**

Rosedale has many senior members who may need help around the house or in the yard, or even getting to doctor appointments. Would you be interested in offering a helping hand for one of our members? If you are, please let us know in the church office.

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Our **"Members in the News"** bulletin board is now in the Ridgeway stairwell.

**Greeters Needed**

We are always looking for friendly faces to serve as Greeters at our worship services. Anyone interested in serving as an occasional greeter please contact Alexis Ames or the church office.

**Rosedale Happenings**

**Rosedale Scholarship**

If you are continuing your education past high school and are a member of Rosedale, you can apply for a scholarship. Applications are available in the church office and are now due.

**Ladies' Night Out**

We met at Shirley's Café in April – 20 ladies! We will not meet in May – come to the church picnic instead on May 19. We plan to meet next on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Let Alexis know if you are interested.



**Rosedale Members' Lunch**

Thank you to all who came to Margherita's for lunch April 17! It was a nice break in the middle of our day - let's do it again!

**What do you love about Rosedale?**

Thank you to all who submitted answers to this question which were posted on the bulletin board near the library. Some of the answers were: the people, the beauty of the church, the liturgy, the fellowship, the welcoming pastor, acceptance, the music, the love, weekly communion, the positive attitude and the food.

Spread the word about Rosedale!

**Ascension Sunday – May 13**

On Ascension Sunday join us for a short service in the church yard at 9:30 am to celebrate the Ascension of Jesus by sending bubbles into the sky.

**Grads Names Wanted**



Please let us know if you or someone in your family is graduating from high school, college or technical school. We will announce their names in our newsletter and recognize them in church on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**June Vacations**

Please note that our secretary will be on vacation June 3 to 10 and our pastor will be away June 8 to 22. Rev. Rebecca Brenner will preach and be available for pastoral care needs during Pastor Selina's absence.



## **UCC Updates**

### **Theology With A Twist**

May 8 – TBA

The second Tuesday of the month. 7:00 – 8:30 pm  
Kutztown Tavern, 272 Main St., Kutztown, PA 19530

### **Spirit on Tap**

May 29 – Melissa Haydt – *Protecting Our Children.*

Spirit on Tap is usually held the last Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Doubletree, 701 Penn St., Reading, 19601.

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### **Check This Out**

[www.NewSacred.org](http://www.NewSacred.org)

#NewSacred

New Sacred is where progressive religion and progressive culture collide. They feature writers from popular sites such as *Huffington Post Religion*, *Religion Dispatches*, and *For Harriet*, as they tackle the taboos of church culture, trending topics, and personal triumphs and tragedies.



**A United Church of Christ Blog**

### **Facebook Prayer Circle**

On Facebook, Rosedale has a group exclusively for Rosedale members. We also have a prayer circle. When a prayer request is listed, each member who sees the prayer request would then say a prayer for that person. That way many prayers would be sent for that person or situation. All you have to do is join the Rosedale Group on Facebook to participate.

### **Women's Fellowship**

Greetings from the Women's Guild!

Thank you to everyone who came out, helped, cooked and made our Holy Wednesday service and luncheon a great hit!

Mark your calendars for our next Italian & Ham Sandwich Sale on May 12<sup>th</sup>. As a special treat we will also be selling homemade soup made fresh by our ladies of the Guild. We will feature 6 kinds of soup: New England Clam Chowder, Turkey Chili, Chicken Corn Noodle, Beef Barley, Vegetable Beef, and Chicken Broccoli Alfredo Soup. Quarts are \$6, Pints are \$3, Clam Chowder Quarts are \$7 & Pints are \$3.50.



Browse through our RADA Cutlery Catalogue in the back of the Sanctuary and stock up on fabulous kitchen knives and gadgets. Please place your order with any one of us by the end of May.

Would love to see some new faces at our next meeting Tuesday May 8th, 6:30 pm, in the library.

Watch for our Margherita's fundraiser, bake sales which will return in September, Friendly's fundraiser, a quiche sale, and much more.

For more information contact Alexis Ames, president of Women's Guild! May blessings and smiles be yours!

### **By-laws Meeting Reminder**

Please be sure to look over the by-laws revisions that were mailed to you with the April newsletter. A vote will be taken after each worship service on April 29<sup>th</sup> on the revisions. If you need another copy there are some in the back of the sanctuary, or one can be emailed to you.

*"Adopt the pace of nature: Her secret is patience."*

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

May

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Property Committee
- 8<sup>th</sup> – Women’s Guild
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Sandwich & Soup Sale
- 13<sup>th</sup> – Mother’s Day  
Ascension Sunday
- 17<sup>th</sup> – Muhlenberg Pantry
- 19<sup>th</sup> – Church Picnic
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Pentecost Sunday  
Worship/Music Comm.

**Join a committee – get involved!**

- Worship/Music Committee
- Evangelism Committee
- Executive Committee
- Property Committee
- Finance Committee
- Social Committee

- Or –
- Join Women’s Guild.
  - Help at a dinner.
  - Express an interest in serving on Consistory.
  - Volunteer to be a counter.

**Looking Ahead**

**June 1-3** is the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference meeting to be held at West Chester University.

**Father’s Day** - June 17

**June 24** - Celebrate Rosedale’s 97<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Financial**



**Facts ‘N Figures  
April 2018**

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Income</u>
4/1	7:45 AM - 60	\$ 1,971.00
	10:30 AM - 96	2,092.00
4/8	7:45 AM - 16	
	10:30 AM - 81	2,982.34
4/15	7:45 AM - 23	
	10:30 AM - 49	2,178.43
4/22	10:30 AM - 73	2,634.00
	Direct Deposits – Interest	1,588.57

Ave. Sun. Attendance – 100 Total \$13,446.34 (as of 4/23)

**Current Operating Statement**

Total “Current” Income – Mar.	\$10,898.60
Total “Current” Income – YTD	\$31,174.33
Total “Current” Interest Income – Mar.	\$449.19
Total “Current” Interest Income – YTD	\$2,310.59
Total Transferred to 2015 Debt	\$ .
Total Transferred to 2016 Debt	\$ .
Total “Current” Expenses – Mar.	\$13,241.38
Total “Current” Expenses – YTD	\$38,453.14
Total Variance – over/(short) – Mar.	(\$1,893.59)
Total Variance – over/(short) – YTD	(\$4,968.22)
Total Debt Outstanding	(\$20,215.55)

**There is now a donate button on our website for your convenience!**

**Gift Card Proceeds**

As of March 31:	2015	2016	2017	2018
	\$300	\$400	\$500	\$400

Buy gift cards from Larry Kirk any Sunday. They are available in \$25, \$50, and \$100 amounts.



**Strengthen The Church**

In this mailing you have received an envelope for Strengthen the Church, which will be collected on Pentecost, May 20th.

Through our past support our congregation contributed to the continued expansion and revitalization of the United Church of Christ. Half of our offering supports ministry in our local conference, while the other half goes towards supporting the strengthening of the church nationally.

Prayerfully consider what you are able to put in this envelope and bring it to church on the 20<sup>th</sup> or any Sunday in May.

# HEART LIGHT

This Mother's Day, make a bright gift for someone special in your life.



## What you need:

- Scissors
- Cardstock
- Tape
- Mason jar
- Primer paint
- Acrylic paint (3 colors)
- Paintbrushes
- Battery-operated tea light
- Paper and pen
- Hole punch
- Twine

## What you do:

1. Cut out two cardstock hearts and tape them to the jar sides, near the bottom.
2. Paint the entire jar with primer paint. Let dry.
3. Paint splotches of acrylic paint over the primer. Let dry. Remove the heart shapes.
4. Place the tea light in the jar.
5. Write a note that says, "Mom, you're the light of my life!" Punch a hole in one corner of the note, thread twine through the hole and tie the note around the jar's neck.



# WORTHY OF RESPECT

On Mother's Day, we celebrate our moms and everything they do for us. How does God tell us to treat our moms?



Directions: Using the key below, fill in the blanks to complete Deuteronomy 5:16, NIV.

A	C	D	M*	N*	O*
E	F	G	P*	R*	S*
H	I	L	T*	U*	Y*

" \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_  
 and your \_\_\_\_\_,  
 the \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ has  
 \_\_\_\_\_."  
 5:16, NIV

Answer: "Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you." Deuteronomy 5:16, NIV

Can you find the Lamb of God in our sanctuary?

