

THE CHURCH CANDLE

MAY 2025

A Newsletter of the Sayre Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)



May

PULPIT EXCHANGE FOR MAY ...

Please welcome Pastor
Charlotte Morse to the

pulpit on May 4th. Charlotte travels from the
Alba Christian Church in Alba, PA.

Pastor Paula will be traveling to the
Williamsport Christian Church that Sunday.



MAY 4TH ...

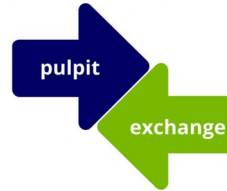
“Food Pantry
Sunday” is ob-
served on the first
Sunday of the
month. Each
family is asked to
bring a non-

perishable food item for the Athens United
Methodist Church on South Main Street.
For April they responded: “Sayre Christian
Church, We’re ... so grateful for your recent
donation of food items to our Feed My Sheep
food pantry. At our March Distribution we
served 144 families with 338 people. This
month we will have two food pantries. Thank
you for being so faithful in giving to this minis-
try. In His Service, AUMC Food Pan-
try.” (Twenty-eight (28) food items were col-
lected in April.)

COINS FOR CAUSE AND BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN FOR HOPEGATE ...

(Formerly Endless Mountains Pregnancy Care Center)

During the month of May, the donations from our
“Coins for a Cause” program will be given to
Hopegate. Place your spare change in the jar lo-
cated on the table in our sanctuary. Hopegate will
also provide baby bottles which you can take
home and fill with coins, dollars and checks.
Hopegate is a local non-profit, Christ centered
mission that specializes in helping women deal
with pregnancy related issues, including but not
limited to abortions. The donations you provide
support this ministry and help provide life-saving
alternatives to abortion in addition to helping ex-
pectant mothers deal with the stress and emotions
that accompany pregnancy.



The DISTRICT CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP DINNER MEETING

of the East Central District will be held on
Tuesday, May 20th at the Canoe Camp
Church of Christ (DOC) in Mansfield, PA.
The menu is: a selection of Casseroles,
Broccoli salad or Coleslaw, Rolls and a
choice of Pies. Melvin Hall of the Canoe
Camp Church will provide the program.

The dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. A group will
carpool to Canoe Camp. Please see more
information in the May bulletins. All men
and women of the church are encouraged to
attend.

SEED FAITH DINNER-OUT ...

We will gather on Tuesday, May 27th at
Tomasso’s Restaurant in Chemung, NY /
5:30 p.m. (Please note change of date) All
women of the church and friends are wel-
come to join us for dinner and fellowship.
Each person orders from the menu and
pays for their own meal. Please contact
Wendy McKeithan if you plan to attend at
570-596-4008.



PAULA'S PAGE

Dear Church,



We had good opportunities to worship during Easter week, but the Easter season isn't over, and we will continue to celebrate the Risen Christ in our worship until we reach Pentecost, which falls on June 8th. It is a busy season of the year for Pastors and for churches including our own. Something to note is Pulpit Exchange will be Sunday, May 4th and Charlotte Morse from the Alba Christian Church will preach the message on that day while I travel to Williamsport. It is always good when the church can hear different voices proclaim the Gospel.

We continue to have Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings – we are also continuing our focus on the Psalms with a book from Max Lucado (which you can purchase from Amazon). The focus for our Wednesday morning bible study group is on miracles. The lesson we will use is again from the Right Now Media Source – if you are not familiar with that source there is a link located "On the Web" at sayrechristianchurch.org. This study will take ten weeks with each video being 15 – 20 minutes. We will hear Dr. Mark Scott (New Testament faculty at Ozark Christian College) unpack the miracles of Jesus in the gospels allowing us to discover their nature and purpose. I will have study guides available for the participants in that study. These lessons are chosen by the participants in the Sunday School and Wednesday Morning groups based on interest and curiosity.

Camp Laurelview will begin its camping season with Family Camp over Memorial Day weekend. I am going to that camp to assist the director in whatever way I can and to take the donations we prepared for the campers to enjoy. Camp Laurelview is entirely self-sustaining however donations are gladly accepted – financial donations to pay for food and supplies are especially appreciated.

Finally, I am asking you to pray for this church and its leaders. In our board meetings we talk about a five-year plan, and the focus is on building maintenance and improvement. That is wonderful, we need that, but we also need a plan for worship and ministry that builds not only this congregation but the community where we reside.

Blessings to you all, Pastor Paula

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER ...

THURSDAY, May 29th — Our church will be sponsoring a free community dinner at the Church of Redeemer on South Wilbur Avenue on the last Thursday of the month. The Local Outreach Fund provides \$150 for the food. Three (3) or four (4) volunteers are needed to help serve the meal which is held from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Volunteers should arrive by 3:45 p.m. Desserts are needed, preferably cookies or brownies. If you would like to serve or provide a dessert, please contact Wendy McKeithan at 570-496-4008.



**Sunday,
May 11th**

Not sure what to get
Mom for Mother's Day?

"Gathered Around the Table Delectable Dishes from the East Central District of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in PA" cookbooks are available to purchase. It would make a great Mother's Day gift! (Cost \$20)


Simon... "Answer to Trivia (from previous page) 27-32" Matthew 27:32" the Cyrene

GIVING REPORT FOR

March 2025:

The following income for our church came from the weekly offering on Sunday and payments from the groups who use our building weekly:

March 2025	
For Current Expenses	\$6,390.00
Designated	\$1,910.00
World Outreach	\$160.00
Local Outreach	\$160.00
Building Fund	\$2,122.50

 **Celebration Sunday** will be held on **May 25th** following the Worship Service. Everyone who is observing a Birthday or Anniversary in May will be honored. Please bring a snack, to be shared with others.

WHERE HAVE YOU SEEN GOD?

* *After many hours of worry, I finally realized I should let go, and let God. God knows and will take care of things in His time.*

* *Aren't you excited? The Spring flowers are beautiful!*



07 ~ Mike Setzer
 09 ~ Albert Corneby
 10 ~ Marty Glose
 10 ~ Diane Carney
 15 ~ Richard Stanton
 17 ~ Marcus Allis
 22 ~ Wendy McKeithan
 22 ~ Bonnie Beley
 29 ~ Rachel Cain
 30 ~ Virginia Johnston



Anniversaries for May ...

06 ~ Ed and Eva Kretsch
 12 ~ Art and Marty Johnson
 15 ~ Joseph and Paula Kraus
 16 ~ Richard and Tamara Stanton
 26 ~ Anthony and Jean Stella
 26 ~ Roger and Gayle MacDowall

LET US PRAY ...

Ric Rava
 Bonnie Beley
 Mike Spencer
 Brett Lattimer
 Diane Vreeman



A LITTLE

(See answer in the Newsletter)

What is the name of the man who carried the cross for Jesus?



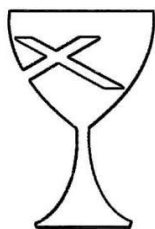
Guthrie Hospice Butterfly Release and Memorial Service ...

Sunday, June 8th at Mt. Pisgah State Park, 28 Entrance Road, Troy, PA at the Lakeside Pavilion at 2:00 p.m. The service is held to remember and celebrate the lives of loved ones who have passed. For a memorial donation of \$12.50, we will release a live butterfly in your loved one's memory.

(Please see Margo in the Church Office for a Memorial Donation Form.)



Please Note: Margo is out of town from Saturday, May 3rd thru Saturday, May 10th. The Church Office will be closed on Friday, May 9th.



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UPCOMING DATES FOR MAY ...

- 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th - Sunday School / 9:15 a.m.
- 4th - Pulpit Exchange / Pastor Charlotte to give the message
Food Pantry Sunday
- 6th - Elders/Deacons Meeting / 3:00 p.m.
- 7th, 14th, 28th - Bible Study / 10:00 a.m.
- 9th - Church Office Closed
- 13th - Board Meeting / 6:00 p.m.
- 18th - Mental Health Sunday - Worship Service
- 20th - ECD Fellowship Dinner at Canoe Camp /
6:30 p.m.
- 21st - NO Bible Study
- 25th - Julie Allis / Pulpit Supply / Celebration Sunday
- to honor May Birthdays and Anniversaries -
please bring a snack to share.
- 25th - Worship Service Athens Healthcare / **1:30 p.m.**
- 26th - **Memorial Day** / Church Office Closed
- 27th - Seed Faith Dinner-Out at Tomasso's/5:30 p.m.
- 29th - Community Supper at the Church of the Redeemer, sponsored by Sayre Christian Church / 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.



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