

THE CHURCH CANDLE

MAY 2026

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



FEED THE HUNGRY

“Food Pantry Sunday” will be observed on Sunday, May 3rd. For the month of April twenty-three (23) items were collected. Received from the Athens Methodist Church — *“Thank you for your recent donation to our Feed My Sheep food pantry. We are thankful for your items that help to refill our shelves, as we have been busy! In His Service, AUMC FMS Food Pantry”*

Give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good.
Psalm 106:1

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

(Formerly Endless Mountains Pregnancy Care Center)

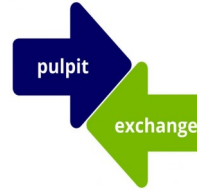
Hopegate is a local non-profit, Christ centered mission that specializes in helping women and men deal with pregnancy related issues, including but not limited to, abortion. They are here to help expectant mothers and fathers deal with the stress and emotions that accompany pregnancy.

Donations for May and June will be given to Hopegate. Baby bottles will also be provided, which can be filled with a donation. Thank you all for your support.

CONGRATULATIONS to Oliver

McKeithan, who is now a volunteer advocate at Hopegate in Towanda. After receiving training, he is prepared to meet with fathers and their partners who come to Hopegate.

MARTHA'S MISSION BIN ... will be collecting All Purpose Cleaner for the month of May. The Helping Hands Furniture Ministry will receive this cleaner.



Sunday, May 3rd, we welcomed Pastor Charlotte to the pulpit to deliver the message. The worship service was led by the Elders. Pastor Paula traveled to the First Christian Church of Alba to provide their message. Thank you Pastor Charlotte.

Thank you!

“for the gift card. It is very useful at this time. We lost about everything on the first floor. So, thank you again. Bev and Jim”
So blessed you're that people for me — and that I get to be that person for you.

DISTRICT CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP DINNER MEETING

of the East Central District will be held on Tuesday, May 19th at the Sayre Christian Church (DOC). The menu will be: Meatballs, Baked Pasta (with sauce), Tossed Salad, Applesauce, Rolls and Dessert.

The dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. All members and guests are welcome.

An FYI ... The next Seed Faith Circle dinner-out, will be held on Tuesday, June 16th.

THE PENTECOST OFFERING will be received on Sundays, May 17th and 24th. Offering envelopes and inserts will be available for you. This offering is divided equally between the PA Region and the New Church Ministry.



PAULA'S PAGE

Dear Church,



Grace and peace to you from our Lord Jesus Christ. Easter week is behind us, but the Easter season isn't over, and we continue to celebrate the Risen Christ in our worship until we reach Pentecost, which falls on May 24th. It is a busy season of the year for Pastors and for churches including our own. Something to note is our ECD Pulpit Exchange which we scheduled for Sunday, May 3rd. Charlotte Morse from the Alba Christian Church will preach the message in this church on that day while I travel to the Christian Church in Alba. It is always good when the church can hear different voices proclaim the Gospel. In addition, our Spring Congregational Meeting is scheduled for after worship on May 3rd.

We continue with Sunday School at 9:15 on Sunday mornings – our focus for that class is the book of Daniel and we use a study guide from NavPress. This is a twelve-week study which began April 12th so there is still time to join us if you desire. The book of Luke is the focus for our Wednesday morning bible study group; we look at one chapter per week. The lesson we use is from the Right Now Media Source – if you are not familiar with that source the link is located “On the Web” at sayrechristianchurch.org. I have study guides available for the participants in that study. The participants in the Sunday School and Wednesday groups choose these lessons based on their interest and curiosity.

We have a summer full of opportunities for fellowship and giving. Vacation Bible School starts in July – this year we include not only youth but also older adults in an intergenerational study. For giving opportunities, we can assist Camp Laurelview with donations for their various necessities like – food, paper products, and soap. Your Pastor is chair of the Youth Commission and can help you with donations. The Needhams are performing in concert on Thursday, July 10th at 7:00 p.m. and Daryl Mosley in concert on Friday, August 14th at 7:00 p.m. These musicians always provide enjoyable entertainment as well as inspirational stories of Good News.

Finally, I ask you to pray for this church and its leaders. In our board meetings we talk about building maintenance and improvement. This church needs people that are able to help with that, including yard maintenance for both warm and snowy weather. It is good to discuss these church needs, but this church also needs a plan for worship and ministry that builds not only this congregation but the community where we reside.

Blessings to you all, Pastor Paula

FROM THE BOARD CHAIR ...

As the Board Chair, I would like to thank the following people who assisted when one of our congregants became ill, on Sunday, April 12th, during the service:

Jerry Cron, Karen Bennett, Mark and Julie Allis, Ed Brittain and Sue Hurd. When the member was seen to have a medical issue and passed out, they rushed to his side and called the ambulance, staying with him until it arrived. Fortunately, he was discharged from the Emergency Room later that day and is doing okay.

We are blessed to have helpful people in the congregation who can be called on to render assistance in time of need.

Oliver McKeithan

Answer to Trivia (from another page) ... "Luke 2:28 - Simeon, Luke 2:36 - Anna the prophet and widow (You would know this from the Wednesday bible study group)"

GIVING REPORT FOR March 2026 ...

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

March 2026	
For Current Expenses	\$6,851.50
Designated	\$3,141.00
World Outreach	\$200.00
Local Outreach	\$150.00
Building Fund	\$2,033.00



- 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



Celebration Sunday will be held on **May 31st** 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.

A LITTLE

(See answer on another page in the Newsletter)

Who greeted the child Jesus when his parents presented him at the temple?



LET US PRAY ...

- Ric Rava
- Bonnie Beley
- Anthony Stella
- Bob Felt
- Brett Lattimer
- Mike Spencer
- Ed Kretsch



WHERE HAVE YOU SEEN GOD?

- *I thank God for the joy he provided for a child having a difficult time. His smile is amazing to see.*



***Sunday,
May 10th***



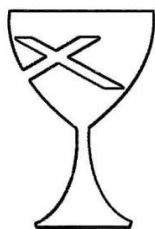
Guthrie Hospice Butterfly Release and Memorial Service ...

Sunday, June 14th 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.)



Monday, May 25th

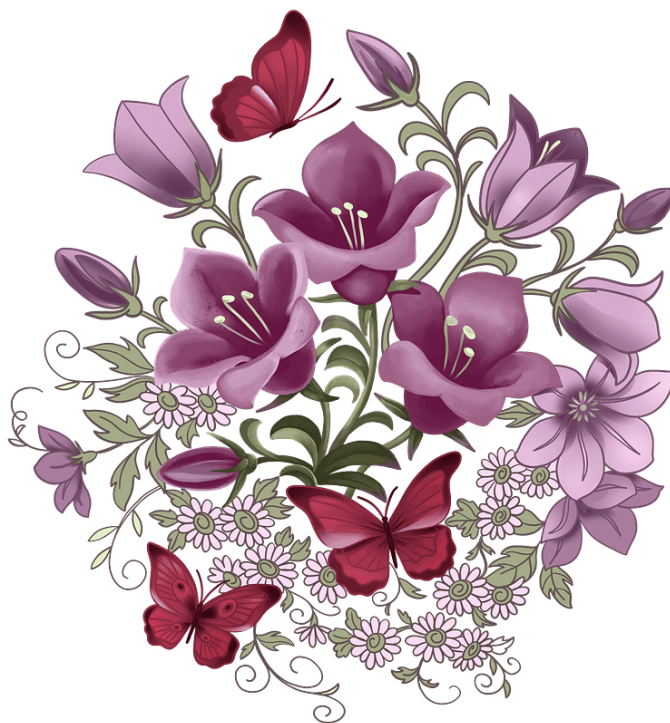


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UPCOMING DATES ...

Sundays, May 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st - Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. / Worship at 10 a.m.
Sunday, May 3rd - Fifth Sunday of Easter / Please welcome Pastor Charlotte to the pulpit this morning / Spring Congregational Meeting (following worship) / Food Pantry Sunday / Pastor Paula to travel to Alba to provide the message.
Tuesday, May 5th - Elders/Deacons Meeting at 3:00 p.m.
Wednesdays, May 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th - Bible Study at 1 p.m.
Sunday, May 10th - Sixth Sunday of Easter / **Mother's Day**
Tuesday, May 12th - Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 17th - Seventh Sunday of Easter / Service at Elderwood at 12 Noon
Tuesday, May 19th - DCF Fellowship Dinner / Sayre Christian Church at 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 24th - Pentecost Sunday
Monday, May 25th - **Memorial Day** / Church Office Closed
Sunday, May 31st - Trinity Sunday / Celebration Sunday / Worship Service Athens Healthcare at 1:30 p.m.



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