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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>WORSHIP SERVICE</i> 9:30 AM STARTING JUNE 11TH</p> <p>SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER WITH RALLY DAY!</p>				1	2	3
				<p>1</p> <p>SYNOD ASSEMBLY</p>	<p>2</p> <p>SYNOD ASSEMBLY</p>	<p>3</p> <p>SYNOD ASSEMBLY</p>
<p>4</p> <p>- Last day of SS 9am VBS Kick off -Worship with Holy Communion 10:15am -Exec Cmte Mtg</p>	<p>5</p> <p>-AA Mtg 9am (FH)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>-A Place to Belong Sr. Center 10am-2:30 pm (FH) -GSCNS Summer Pro- gram starts</p>	<p>7 -Finance Mtg 11am -Quilters 9:30am-12:30pm -Staff Mtg 5pm -Bell & Chancel Choir 6-8pm (S) -Girl Scouts 6-8pm (FH)</p>	<p>8 -Council reports due -Veteran's Group 10am- 12pm (L) -Food Pantry 6-7:30pm -Fellowship & Community Building Meeting 6pm</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>  <p>The Hymnal Drive continues! Our goal is 60 hymnals - we are at 55!</p>
<p>11</p> <p>-Worship 9:30 AM with Holy Communion -Property Mtg -Iron Pigs ticket orders and payments due!</p>	<p>12</p> <p>-AA Mtg 9am (FH) -Food Pantry Deliv- ery 9am</p>	<p>13 -A Place to Belong Sr. Center 10am-2:30 pm (FH) w/ Fire Dpt Talk 11am - Council mtg 6pm</p>	<p>14</p> <p>-Quilters 9:30am-12:30pm (QR) -Girl Scouts 6-8pm (FH)</p> <p>FLAG DAY</p>	<p>15</p> <p>-Safe Harbor meal Delivered -Food Pantry 6-7:30pm</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL 12-4 PM</p> 
<p>18</p> <p>-Worship with Holy Communion 9:30 AM</p> <p>HAPPY FATHER'S DAY</p>	<p>19</p> <p>-AA Mtg 9am (FH)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>-A Place to Belong Sr. Center 10am-2:30 pm (FH) -July newsletter information due</p>	<p>21</p> <p>-Quilters 9:30am-12:30pm (QR) -Girl Scouts 6-8pm (FH)</p>  <p>FIRST DAY OF SUMMER</p>	<p>22</p> <p>-Stewardship Mtg 6pm</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25</p> <p>-Worship with Holy Communion 9:30 AM -Worship & Music Cmte Mtg</p>	<p>26</p> <p>-AA Mtg 9am (FH) -GSCNS Board Mtg 6pm (L)</p>	<p>27 -A Place to Belong Sr. Center 10am-2:30 pm (FH) -Evangelism Mtg 6pm</p>	<p>28 -Quilters 9:30am-12:30pm (QR) -Ladies' Bible Study 12pm -Girl Scouts 6-8pm (FH)</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	
		<p><u>SAVE THE DATES:</u> JULY 10-14 VBS DINNER 5:30PM VBS 6-8:30PM</p>	<p>JULY 14 MISSION DISTRICT NIGHT AT THE IRON PIGS!</p>	<p>JULY 30 SERVICE OF HEALING & CHURCH PICNIC AT MEUSER PARK 10:15 AM</p>	<p>S Sanctuary FH Fellowship Hall K Kitchen L Lounge</p>	<p>SS Sunday School CR Choir Room QR Quilters Room NS Nursery School O Main Office</p>



**WE MATTER TO THE WHOLE CHURCH:
A STORY FROM OUR SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD**

Being a member of a congregation council is significant in the life of a disciple. Serving as a leader in a congregation is rewarding, terrifying, awe-inspiring and messy. You are among friends, family and your community of believers, and are chosen to lead in your congregation. It’s just a few times a month, but as Barbara Nugent, a synod vice president, shares, “Then life happens, and you find out the reporting required. Situations occur; personalities clash; decisions need to be made. Who do you go to for direction?”

The Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod provided that direction in February when it offered training to 70 congregational lay leaders that strengthened each person’s skills and faith. From evangelism to the ELCA constitution and bylaws, they gathered to meet the passions and needs, offering workshops with special breakouts for presidents, vice presidents, secretaries and treasurers that covered such topics as worship and music, communications, advocacy, stewardship and social justice/anti-racism. The day started with Bishop Kurt Kusserow encouraging these valued leaders to keep the focus on our purpose:

“Your leadership in the life of your congregation ought always to bear in mind that your congregation finds its fulfillment in the universal church, and that the universal church exists in and through congregations such as yours. I think this means addressing local questions and concerns in the life of your congregation as if they matter to the whole church (because they do).”

Everyone was hungry to gather ideas, consider future steps but also have an opportunity to connect, be empowered, feel valued and cared for and remember the excitement of being church. Rev. Melissa Stoller, director for evangelical mission, said it this way: “The day was a very visible yet not necessarily quantifiable force that we are church together. Wandering but not alone. Feeling worry, power, uncertainty, and joy as one.” Central to this gathering was living into the mission of this synod “to serve, connect and equip congregations of the SWPA synod to tell the story of Jesus.” Everyone knew that the synod was there for the congregations with staff, volunteers and greater church support, not only this day but in the days to come, and synod staff are supported through the generous mission support of congregations allowing them to be there for our leaders. One leading Scripture for the day reminded each leader of their value: “Therefore, friends, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word” (Acts 6:3-4). Hoping each of our synods are seeking ways that work for them to encourage and empower congregational leaders. Knowing that we are church together, church that supports each other across the whole church prayerfully, financially, emotionally and with a hope for renewal.