

Pulpit Supply for May 2019:
May 5th~Worship /Communion at 10:00 am with Reverend Robert Conner.

May 12th~Worship at 10:00 am Reverend William Lupole.

May 19th~Worship at 10:00 am with CLP Charles Johnson.

May 26th ~ Worship at 10:00 am with CLP Charles Johnson.



2019 ~ Lilies Given in Memory of:

Alice & Lawrence Baie, Marjorie & Jack Meredith,
Hazel & Wayne Stryker
Given by: Mary and Dave Stryker

Clyde & Mary MacDougall, Everette S MacDougall
Given by: Herb and Donna Leifheit

Phyllis Shuck
Given by: Patty Bittner-Chentorycki and Pam Mitchell

Susanne Brown, Kristen Barrett,
George & Alice Claybaugh
Given by: Conley Family

Dimon Roberts, Melba Roberts, Nellie Roberts
Given by: Melba Speelman

Paul G. Johnson, Tony & Dixie North
Harry & Betty Houghtby, Keith & Erline North,
Given by: Russell, Johnson and North families

Jack Wild, Janet Wild
Given by: Jay, Christine and Olivia Monteiro

Carl & Marion Larsen, Julius & Marcella Monteiro
Given by: Brent, Jay, Christine and Olivia Monteiro

William & Emiline Rood, Milford Clausen
Given by: John and Sue Rood

Harold & Doris Hunt, Thomas "Dick" Hunt
Given by: Susan and Marius Ellis

Lilies Given in Honor of:

Paul Shuck
Given by: Patty Bittner-Chentorycki and Pam Mitchell

"THANK YOU" to our many "helping hands"

April 7th~Worship/Communion with Reverend Robert Conner.

April 14th ~Worship with CLP Charles Johnson.

April 28th~ Worship with Reverend William Lupole.

Maundy Thursday, April 18th & Easter

Sunday , April 21st~ Thank you~ Rev. Paul Lee for the Lenten and Easter Joint Worship Services.

Thank you to Rev. Conner for sharing your craft of making crosses. It was so interesting for those who attended the Fellowship hour.

As always, Thank You to our church secretary, Michele Houghtby. She always does a great job and keeps all of us on task.

~Please Pray for: The Family of Ryan Boston, The Family of Mildred Martenson, The Family of Barbara Wade, The Family of Vera Jarman, The Family of Walter Herrmann, The Family of Joe Barshinger, The Family of Emily Hardy, The Family of Leona Thompson, The Family of Milford Clausen, The Family of Hazel Stryker, The Family of Natalie Witek, The Family of Emiline Rood, Amber Barshinger, The Family of Tony North, Geri Leonard, Kate Derry (Rev. Lupole's daughter) and Our Church.

Our military personnel: Staff Sgt. Vadon Loudermilk Jr., Major Garrett Slack & Major Bob Mitchell.



Annual Walk/Run for N.I.C.E Center, ~ On March 27, 2019 the NICE Board of Directors voted to replace the Annual NICE 5K Walk with a different type of fundraising community event later in the year. May is a busy month with many school events; proms, graduations, track meets, also Mother's Day & community garage sales etc. All Board members have been asked to bring their ideas to the meeting on Wednesday, May 22 for discussion. A plan will be determined at that time.

**Thank you for you support and dedication,
may God bless each and every one of you!**

~Wednesday, May 29th~
Hope Haven, Waterman Presbyterian
Church's turn to serve.
A sign has been posted.

Monday, May 27thMemorial Day,
Community Choir will meet at 10:15
am for rehearsal at the Waterman
Lions Park before the Memorial Day
Service at 11 am. Pastor Jim Allen is
officiating the Memorial Day Service.

VBS is Coming! VBS is Coming!
Set up day will be Monday, June 24.
VBS days will be Tuesday, June 25
thru Friday, June 28.

More information will be coming
about theme, time, supplies, food and
the need for volunteers. Please
watch your Sunday bulletins and the
June Newsletter.

There are a few churches that support NICE by doing a monthly collection of a named item from their congregations. It is usually an item that is expensive for the Center to buy or that is very popular. **We are now collecting for the month of May and** we will collect Mayonnaise and/or Miracle Whip. The items can be put into the collection box in the Narthex. Watch the newsletter and bulletins for what we will be collecting each month.

Thank you for your support!!

The families that come to the NICE Center are very appreciative of all that you do.



There will be in a flurry of activity on the following dates due to the Waterman all town garage sales.

Thursday, May 2nd through Sunday, May 5th.

Be on the lookout for extra cars and walkers.
The Village of Waterman may be a bit congested!

Congratulations to our secretary, Michele Houghtby!!!
April 22nd, 2019 marked the 10th Anniversary that Michele
began working at the Waterman Presbyterian Church.

We are blessed to have her!!!

Congratulations

Open Hands Preschool May 2019 Newsletter

“Play turns out to be so stunningly essential to childhood, it’s like love, sunshine, and broccoli all juiced together!” –Lenore Skenazy

What We've Learned

During the month of April, we talked about baby animals on the farm, Easter, and weather! We read lots of silly books about farm animals and talked about the sounds these animals make! In the sensory table, we use our motor skills to play with popcorn kernels and Easter Eggs. The Tuesday/Thursday class even got to have baby chicks in the classroom for the day! Thank you to the Maxwell family for bringing them in!

When it came time to talk about weather, we were able to relate to what was happening outside... snow to 80 degrees within a week makes this an easy theme to discuss!

We also discussed storm safety and used our science skills to recreate rain clouds.

We enjoyed learning all about Easter and what Jesus did for us. While we decided that it is fun to search for eggs and see the Easter Bunny, we know that Easter is all about celebrating Jesus!

Good to Know

Our graduation will be on Friday, May 24th, 2019 at 10:00 AM. This is for BOTH classes! We are looking forward to celebrating our classes and the end of a successful school year. It is amazing what preschoolers learn in a year!

May 22nd: Last day of class for our M/W/F class.

May 23rd: Last day of class for our Tues/Thurs class.

As the year winds down, we want to give a HUGE thank you to all who have helped this school year! We are so blessed to have all of the generous help and donations..

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

What we are Learning

During the month of May, we will learning all about insects and plants! We have caterpillars in our classroom, and will be watching them grow into butterflies! We will be taking time to learn the life cycle of a butterfly, as well as other insects.

We will also learn what makes a plant grow- starting from a seed to a plant. What do plants need to survive? What grows on trees and in a garden?

We are busy practicing our songs for graduation and can't wait to sing them for all of you!

We enjoyed our trip to the library- it was a WONDERFUL experience for both classes! Growing a love for books at a young age is essential!

Thank you to the Clinton Township Public Library for graciously accommodating us!



Tulips

by Edgar A Guest

Bulbs I planted in the fall,
Covered them, and that was all;
Bitter Blew the wind that day
As I smoothed the bed of clay,
But I whispered; “In the spring
This will be a lovely thing.”

Then the winter came and frowned
On that little patch of ground
Covered it with ice and snow,
Uglier it seemed to grow;
Black and desolate and bare
As if death itself were there.

Now the sunbeams come to toil
Busily above my soil,
And with sculptor’s blows precise
Now they chip away the ice,
Melt with torch the frost and snow
So that every bulb may grow.

Through the black earth I can see
Beauty coming back to me,
Life in blossom shall unfold,
Red and pink and yellow gold!
Thus my tulips in
the spring
Prove the faith to
which I cling.



*Submitted by
Melba Speelman*

UMPEC: The Presbyterian Church is looking for volunteers to help with UMPEC. There are no meetings, but most of the correspondence is done either through phone call or e-mails. The busiest time is around Christmas with Holiday food baskets. Marilyn & Jack Ryen have been participating in this for many years.

With Many, Many Thanks, we appreciate Marilyn & Jack's dedication and years of service.

Please contact Melba Speelman if you wish to volunteer at: 815-758-5953.

Open Hands Preschool Escript Program

Thank you for having a Schnucks' eScrip card and registering it under Open Hands Preschool. Just a review, Schnucks donates 1% of your qualifying purchases to Open Hands Preschool.

Contributions this past year totaled \$156.64 to .08, for a total of \$622.70 for 2018. These dollars are a boost to our budget. Thank you for shopping at Schnucks and supporting our preschool.

January 1st Schnucks ended their gas discount program. Their new program consists of putting your phone number in the cc machine, earning you dollars off your purchases at the store. I am not positive of all the workings of that program, but do know that in order for your purchase to go towards Open Hands you still have to present your escrip card at the time of your purchase. They are two different programs.

The following information is what I copied off of the Schnucks web site.

The question "Do eScrip and Schnucks awards work together?"

"At this time, you are unable to do both. You must choose to either earn rewards or donate to a charity of your choice.

If you are a member of our eScrip program and have our Schnucks Reward app, you will be able to select if you would like to earn points or continue donating to your charity. In the app, you will be prompted to choose to either a) earn points or b) donate to your charity of choice. If you are not prompted, you can find that option in the "more" tab of the app. Please know that you are able to toggle between the two. Meaning during some purchases you can choose to earn points and others you can choose to donate. The choice is up to you!

If you do not have our app downloaded, and wish to continue to donate to your charity, scan your eScrip card at checkout without entering your rewards phone number. If you'd like to earn points, just enter your phone number on the pin pad without scanning your eScrip card."

We hope your choice is to still use your eScrip card at check out. We wanted to make sure you were aware of what your choices are.

Thank you!

Mary Stryker

Open Hands Preschool

Chairperson