

The Link



From Pastor Dave: A Mother's Day Dedication

As we head into May and Mother's Day, I'd like to dedicate this Link article to a spiritual mother of mine, Mrs. Joan Janoch, who died this past month. Their youngest Keith and I became the best of friends somewhere around age 13. The Janochs were devout Catholics, and I knew by the way they talked and lived (I was over their house a lot), that Jesus was real to them. I could tell that our Lord was very much a part of their decision-making process in just about everything. Mrs. Janoch was approachable and interested in me as her son's friend, to the point that I'd ask her questions about life that I wasn't ready to ask my own Mom yet. I knew she prayed for me, and I believe her prayers along with the prayers of my parents and other spiritual mentors and family worked God's pastoral calling into me. I give thanks to God for the parents He gave me and for the spiritual parents He enjoins to us. Mrs. Janoch, you will be sorely missed and recalled upon with much gratitude.

Youth Group

The Youth Group is helping South Branch Reformed Church collect diapers this month to aid local families in need. The next time you are shopping, throw a bag of diapers in your cart and help us in this mission. You can leave them in the donations bin in the narthex on the left side. Collections will end on May 5th. Thanks so much for your support!

Elder and Deacon Nominations

Know someone who is a faithful and diligent church leader? Nominate yourself or someone you know to serve as an Elder or Deacon for the upcoming term years by sharing names with any Consistory member now through May 12th.

VBS Registration Now Open

[Click here for details and registration form.](#) 50 spots available!

Meals for Christine Held

<https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/34w2zy> - Sign up for a meal via the Meal Train website. We would like to provide meals 3-4 times per week. Contact Anne Mazer with any questions phone at 908-938-2900 or email andrew_mazer_210@comcast.net.

Upcoming Events

- May 5 Last Day for Diaper Collection
- May 6 Search Committee
- May 11 Progressive Dinner
- May 12 Elder & Deacon Nominations Due Today
- May 12 NRC Women
- May 13 Elder's Meeting
- May 13 Consistory Meeting
- May 19 Last Day of Sunday School
- May 26 Mission Offering
- May 26 Youth Group Master Chef
- May 31 Final payment due for Summer Mission Project

More Important Church News

May Mission– Summer Mission Project

Our offering this month will help support this year's Summer Mission Project trip in July. Church participants will be heading to Connellsville, Pennsylvania, to join up with Connellsville Community Area Ministries. They will spend one week working at residents' homes in need of substantial improvements. Funds raised will help defray some of the additional expenses beyond the cost per person for the week.

This offering will be collected during worship on May 26. Donations are also accepted all month via our E-Giving (online donation) website, the blue Monthly Mission offering envelope or write "May Mission" in the memo section of your check. Thank you for your support!

Sunday School

The last day of Sunday School will be May 19 we hope your children enjoyed participating in either our Children and Worship program or 3rd-5th grade class. We were truly blessed to have an AMAZING group of volunteers. For some, it was their first experience with this program. Thank you to our volunteers for taking time during your scheduled teaching week to review the Sunday materials and plan activities/crafts. Thank you, as well, for coming in early on a Sunday morning to engage with our most precious members. We are grateful for your commitment to this important ministry of our church.

Christian Nurturing Center

CNC is bustling with activity this spring! We had a fantastic response to our annual Gently Used Children's Clothing Sale. Through many donations, volunteer hours to set up and support at our sale we are able to help support our Scholarship Fund as well as provide a source for much needed clothes and children's items to so many in our community. We had many from our church congregation come out to help with our sale setup. Thank you to all for your support!

Easter celebrations around our classrooms included a special musical presentation of "The Tale of the Three Trees" performed by our PreK children as well as fun egg hunts and many special stories of the season that help our children learn the story of Jesus' love and sacrifice. Coming up in May will be special events for Mother's Day, celebrating the transformation of our caterpillars into beautiful butterflies and enjoying the last few weeks of the school year with our special school friends.

Enrollment for the 2019-20 school year is open! Contact Rachel LaRitz, Director, at christiannurturingcenter@gmail.com for more information. Have a wonderful spring!

Sunday Worship Altar Flowers

Please contact Neva in the church office if you would like to order flowers to be displayed during one or more of our Sunday worship services.

Opportunities Available on Sundays

Would you like to be a Greeter/Usher, or help with refreshments after service? Contact the church office for more information or to be added to the rotation calendar.

Hillsborough Food Pantry Most Needed Items

- Laundry detergent
- Shampoo & conditioner
- Cookies & crackers
- Cleaning products
- Boxed pasta
- Coffee

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