

BEACON

442 REHOBOTH ROAD
ROSTRAVER TWP., PA 15012
724-929-7020

MAY Issue 2024

Deacons

Annual Spring Craft Show

**Saturday May 11th
9:30AM to 2PM**

*Baked Goods are Needed!
Please consider helping!*

*Please bring in you
items to the church on
Friday night between
5-6:30 pm or Saturday
morning before 9 am.*

**Everyone
welcomed and
encouraged to
attend.**



For information on services and the life of the church,
keep an eye on the following sites:

www.rehobothchurchpa.org

www.youtube.com

Rehoboth Presbyterian Church PA
www.facebook.com/rehobothchurchbellevnonpa

Pastor Don's Yarns
www.facebook.com/RehobothPresbyterianChurch/

Upcoming May Schedule

MAY 9TH DEACON'S MEETING 6:00

**MAY 11TH DEACON'S ANNUAL SPRING CRAFT
SHOW 9:30 – 2:00**

MAY 18TH SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

MAY 21ST SESSION MEETING 6:00

MAY BIRTHDAYS

May 1 st Bill Nicholls	May 20 th Betty Rae Smith
May 3 rd Robert B. Orr	May 25 th Christopher Reeb
May 4 th Edward Moore	May 25 th Carter Risky
May 5 th Mavis Perney	May 26 th Rachael Zenobi
May 18 th David O'Casek	May 27 th Steven Wolfe
May 19 th Zachary Anderson	May 31 st Hayley King

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

May 12th C. Jeff and Allyson Lee

May 18th Bill and Kayla Smith

Rehoboth Deacons

are collecting for the

BAG BRIGADE

We are collecting

Peanut Butter

Single Serving Size

**Help us fight hunger in our
school district!**

Items can be dropped off at the church
or given to a member to bring to church.
For more information call 724-929-7020.



**Sunday School teachers
and assistants for May**

**May 5th Carolyn Smith and
Dean Ripple**

**May 12th Chris and Carter
Stasicha**

**May 19th Nikki Samoda
and Sarah Zundel**

**May 26th Becky and Ed
Moore**

April 23, 2024, Session Highlights

- ★ Session members present: Ken Amrick, Debi Buza, David Vindivich, Bev Reeb, Justin Walsh
- ★ Session member excused: Melvin O'Bryon, Bill J. Smith, Jeff Smith, Bill Welsh
- ★ In attendance: Moderator Rev. Glunt, Sally M Finley Nicholls, Clerk of Session, Bill Nicholls, representing Building and Maintenance Committee.
- ★ Motion made by Justin Welsh, seconded, and passed to give voice to Bill Nicholls representing the Building and Maintenance Committee.
- ★ Motion made by Justin Welsh, seconded, and passed to add Sarah Zundel as a counter for 2024.
- ★ Bill Nicholls reported the church budget was short \$710.87 for March (an immense improvement from past months.)
- ★ Ken Amrick reported our investments with Janney Montgomery Scott accrued \$2200.00 in interest/dividends last month which was deposited in our bank account (great improvement from investments with the Presbyterian Foundation).
- ★ Surveillance Camera System, Ken Amrick, Doug Zundel and Dalton Smith working on this task.
- ★ Motion made by Justin Welsh, seconded, and passed to de-activate the fire suppression system if Session has written confirmation from our insurance company that de-activating the fire suppression system will not harm our insurance coverage.
- ★ Session with Ken Amrick's guidance has studied this fire suppression system for months and has finally felt comfortable making a motion to de-activate the system. The fire suppression system is very expensive for the church with the latest estimate for repairs at \$6600.00. The Session did not approve to have the work done. Our small church can no longer afford this annual inspection/repair expense.
- ★ Bev Reeb, who works for Sprowls Insurance Group, will compare our present church insurance policy with policies from other companies, looking for a better yearly rate. Bev will also check concern about de-activating the fire suppression system and its relationship to an insurance policy/cost.
- ★ Rehoboth experienced a second Power Surge. Bill Nicholls is working on the damage report.
- ★ Bill Nicholls contacted Salvio Heating and Cooling, who installed the heating/air-conditioning mini units) about the recent power surge and damage to the units-again.
- ★ Salvio came and requested the power situation get straightened out first before he again replaces the units. He believes the mini units are still under warranty, since recently re-installed with the first power surge, if true Rehoboth may not have to pay the \$2500.00 insurance deductible to have the units replaced.

- ★ Salvio recommended to work with Brent Bera Electrical Service, to install a separate box that protects from power surges so that all equipment in the church and Educational Building is protected if we have another power surge. If there is any damage in the church and Educational Building after a power surge with this separate box in place, the company who makes the separate box would pick up any damage, 100%, from a power surge. The damage repair cost would not go to the insurance company. Bill Nicholls is working with this project.
- ★ On another issue, Electrical Surge Protector Work. An electrician is looking for special parts for our church electrical system setup. Bill Nicholls is working on this project, too.
- ★ Sewage Issue in Educational Building- Exploration- Allan Buza's son who works for Desak's Electric and Plumbing completed a camera and locator inspection of the church sewage line. The sewage tank was located under the walkway
- ★ coming up the driveway near the vestibule entrance. Session had additional questions about the sewage line since we have been having sewage problems in the Educational Building. IT was recommended to have the sewage tank cleaned. Debi Buza will follow up with the answers next month.
- ★ The gutter by the window wells at the back walkway is still leaking; Bill and Carolyn Smith are willing to pay for the repair; Bill Nicholls will talk to Dean Rippel about the gutter work/problem.

- ★ **Another concern is the gutters that lay on the ground at the back vestibule entrance. These gutters re-direct water from the two downspouts on the cemetery side of church for the water to go out away from the church basement. These gutters have never been placed underground. Rev. Glunt will talk to Ed Moore and Allan Buza about the status of this project.**
- ★ **Motion made by Justin Welsh, seconded, and passed to permit the Rehoboth Cemetery Association to use the church dumpster several times a year to deposit used cemetery floral containers, flowers, etc.; the Rehoboth Cemetery Association will share the cost of the dumpster each time the Cemetery uses it.**
- ★ **Moderator's March 2024 Report**
- ★ **Visitation: 5 Counseling: 3 Meetings: 6 Confirmation Class: 1 Events: 5 Continuing Education: 1**
- ★ **Visitations to Jim Orr, Melba Jean Wolfe, Idalee Leeper, Louetta Hayden**
- ★ **Moderator's Items**
- ★ **First Presbyterian Church 150th Anniversary Dinner and Concert, April 7, 2024**
- ★ **Nora and Gabby Maxson Baptism, April 28, 2024**
- ★ **Baccalaureate April 30, 2024**
- ★ **Motion made by Justin Welsh, seconded, and passed for Rev. Glunt to have study leave on June 6, 2024**
- ★ **to participate in a free online class presented by Presbyterian Outlook.**
- ★ **Confirmation will be May 19, 2024.**
- ★ **Church membership of Stashia family and Risky family in near future. Program Committee, Bev Reeb reported Coffee Fellowship on April 28, 2024; Possible Pentecost and Strawberry Festival social on June 2 or June 9, 2024; Church begins at 10:00 AM on June 2, 2024.**
- ★ **Possibility of open house tour of church and cemetery in conjunction with Rostraver Historical Society, Ken Amrick will contact Stu Boyd of the Rostraver Historical Society, update at next meeting.**
- ★ **Nursery School Report- Motion made by Justin Welsh, seconded, and passed to approve Bill Smith Jr. and Becca Reeb sharing the Nursery School treasury report position until the beginning of next year.**
- ★ **Deacons Report-Deacons Donated 10 signs for the Spaghetti Fundraiser at a cost of \$140.00.**
- ★ **The Session reviewed the list of tasks the Deacons need help with for the Craft Show on May 11, 2024; Session members are to contact Carolyn Clark to volunteer. (Carolyn will accept anyone's help, not only Session members).**
- ★ **LIST OF ITEMS THAT THE DEACONS NEED THE MOST HELP WITH**
- ★ **ON FRIDAY, MAY 10 AND SATURDAY, MAY 11 FOR THE CRAFT SHOW**
- ★ **Please let Carolyn Clark know by May 5th if you can help with any of these tasks**
- ★ **Friday evening at 5:30 pm – Setup tables & chairs in the Nursery School Playroom, Fellowship Room and move picnic tables in the Pavilion area and help with set-up of canopy & tables in the cooking area. (approx. 45 minutes – 3 - 4 extra people to help).**
- ★ **Saturday afternoon at 2 pm – Move tables and chairs and all items back in place in the Nursery Playroom, Fellowship Room, and Picnic Pavilion. (approx. 45 minutes – 3 - 4 extra people to help).**
- ★ **Help is also needed on Saturday to help Ed & Becky Moore serve food in the Pavilion. (1-2 people for a few hours would be great between 10 am to 1:30 pm or do a couple hours each.)**
- ★ **We need donated baked goods for our bake sale and items for our Basket Raffle on Saturday, if anyone can help in any way would be greatly appreciated.**

Deacon's Minutes April 11, 2024

- ★ **PRESENT:** Carolyn Clark, Jannine Blacka, Nikki Samoda, Colleen Ress, Ed Moore, Penny Moon **DEVOTIONS:** Nikki Samoda MINUTES: Submitted by Colleen Ress **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Carolyn Clark
- ★ **MAIL:** Thank you's Bag Brigade and City Mission. Info from Barb Crouch about Operation Christmas Child.
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- ★ **OLD BUSINESS:** Donated 24 boxes of cereal to Bag Brigade. Carolyn ordered material for Blanket Sunday for June; Deacon's will match whatever is collected from the church. Geraniums for Pentecost on May 19th will be \$3 for a 6"pot, signup sheet to be placed in the vestibule and info to be in the Sunday bulletins for April. The Lenten Lunch went well with app. 35 in attendance. The daffodils on Palm Sunday were nice pots were taken to Bonnie, Louetta, Melba Jean, Lida, and Idalee. Yard signs for the Craft show were updated and signs for the Spaghetti Dinner were ordered and picked up. All tables for the craft show have been sold.
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- ★ **NEW BUSINESS:** Carolyn received an e-mail from Pine Springs Camp about adopting a staffer again this year. Ashley Ewing who was our person last year will be our adopted staffer again this year. Carolyn ordered 1000 envelopes for \$830. Talked about food for the Craft Show—Ed and Becki to cook, Nikki will get the buns, condiment and water, Jannine the nacho's, cheese and sauerkraut, Colleen the hot dogs and Ed the hamburgers, Carolyn the pop and ice. Discussed how the Session members can help with the show—we will find a job during the show if any care to help, we always need help cleaning up after the show, any Session member willing to donate a basket to our raffle would be appreciated. Penny to work on Samaritan's Purse—we will have a 'Christmas in July' to ask for donations. We will meet on Thurs. May 2, 2024, at 6:00 to check on containers for the bake sale and the kitchen for the Craft Show.
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- ★ **DONATIONS:** Westmoreland Co. Fook Bank \$200, Samaritan's Purse \$200, Wounded Warriors \$150.
- ★ Prayer requests offered and Ed closed with prayer.
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Next regular meeting May 9. 2024, Colleen has devotions.

Pastor's corner

"April showers bring May flowers..." So, the saying goes. And it's certainly true around here. The trees and flowers are beginning to move into full bloom as April's record rain for the area has given them the boost that they needed to make May's flowers.

Now that we are out of Winter's doldrums, the renewal of nature is evident all around us. The beauty surrounding us is truly inspiring. For the believer, the bursting of out of the Spring season can bring an awakening and an awareness of God's power to restore that which was thought lost. This transformation in nature from Winter's apparent death to glorious renewal in Spring is a gift from our loving Lord to give us hope.

Properly understood, Springtime can quicken the believer's faith and provide a firm foundation of trust in the Lord's promise of a better tomorrow. All it takes is a little flower to arrest our attention and teach us the following lesson:

Jesus said, "Consider how the lilies of the fields, how they grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom." Luke 12:22-32

The message of Jesus is the message of Spring. Life has swallowed up death. We need not fear, no matter how bleak things may look, because God has promised us an eternal inheritance. No storm or setback can deny us this blessing. It will come. Just hold fast to the Faith and look to the creator of all the beauty around us.

May you be blessed as you seek God's presence,

Pastor Don

A Cheeky Little Plant

I roam the woods each April in search of spring ephemerals, hoping to come across something I've never seen before. A few years ago, I did find something new: a small, alien-looking flower on a pale and leafless stem. It was far from pretty.

From the moment I saw it, I knew that it would not be one of my favorite flowers. And as I researched it, I found that it didn't improve upon acquaintance. For one thing, it had rather unfortunate common names: broomrape and cancer root.

What's more, such names were not unearned. The plant is parasitic. Rather than bothering with the pesky business of producing chlorophyll and absorbing energy through photosynthesis like most other plants do, broomrape steals what it needs from other plants.

In the botanical world, a native parasitic species is just part of a healthy ecosystem—a plant with its role to play. However, when we encounter people who suck energy from those around them, it feels very unhealthy and far from natural.

As Christians, it can be particularly difficult to know how to deal with seemingly “parasitic” people. Social wisdom tells us to cast them out of our lives, but that hardly seems like the loving thing to do. Plus, we have Bible verses about “turning the other cheek,” which often make us feel like we're obligated to be doormats who shrug off abusive behavior.

Jesus' teaching about “turning the other” cheek is part of a larger passage in the Sermon on the Mount that culminates in an exhortation to “Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you” (Matthew 5:43). In *What If Jesus Was Serious*, an exploration of the Sermon on the Mount, Skye Jethani notes, “To love a person is to seek what is good for him.”

Letting someone injure us or someone else isn't good for anyone, which means that seeking good for a person may mean being firm and not passive.

In a February 21, 1993, sermon called *Loving Your Enemies*, Tim Keller further explained the concept of “turning the other cheek.” He noted that Jesus is saying, “...my followers are not concerned with how they look. They are not concerned about personal affronts. They are passionate about justice, but they go about it without the slightest bit of vindictiveness or vengefulness or spite.”

In other words, we should not retaliate against personal insults. But we should take a stand when we see injustice.

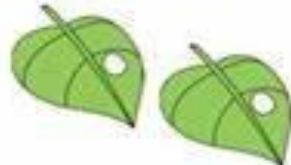
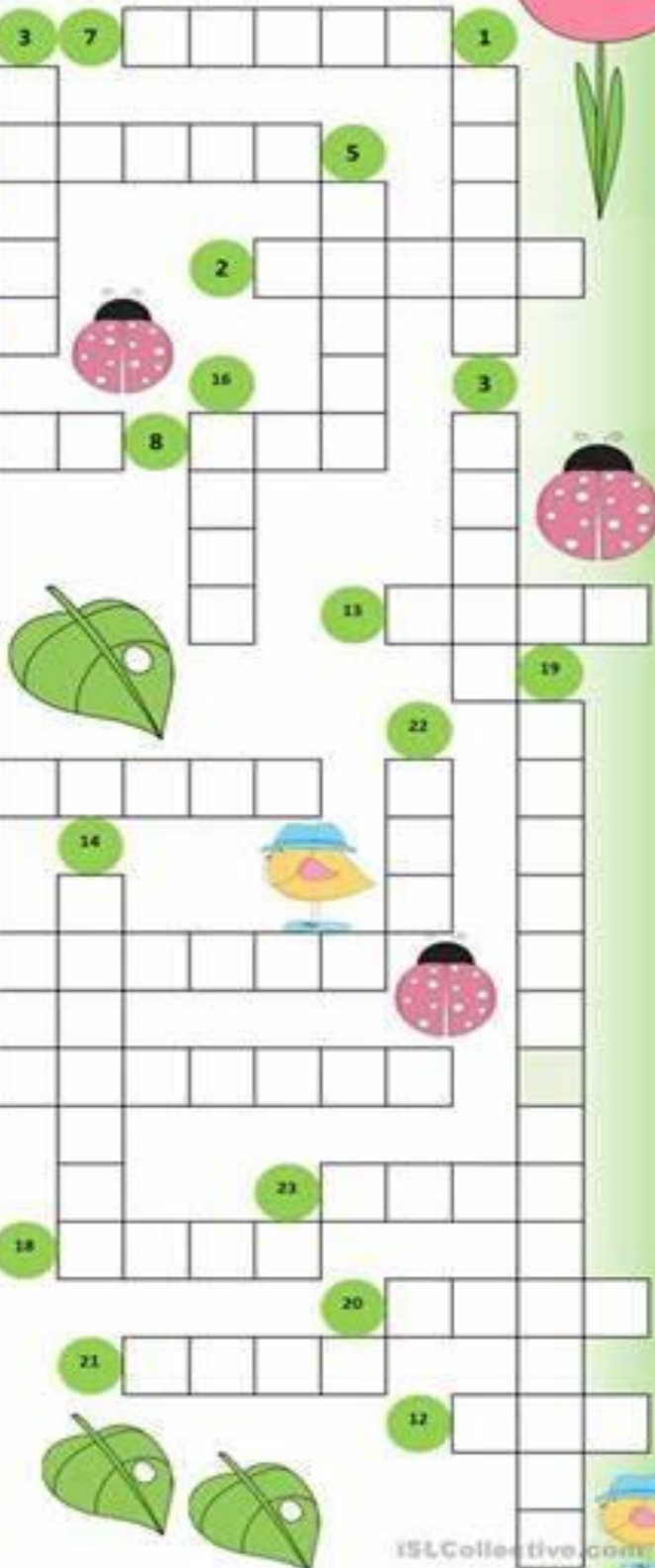
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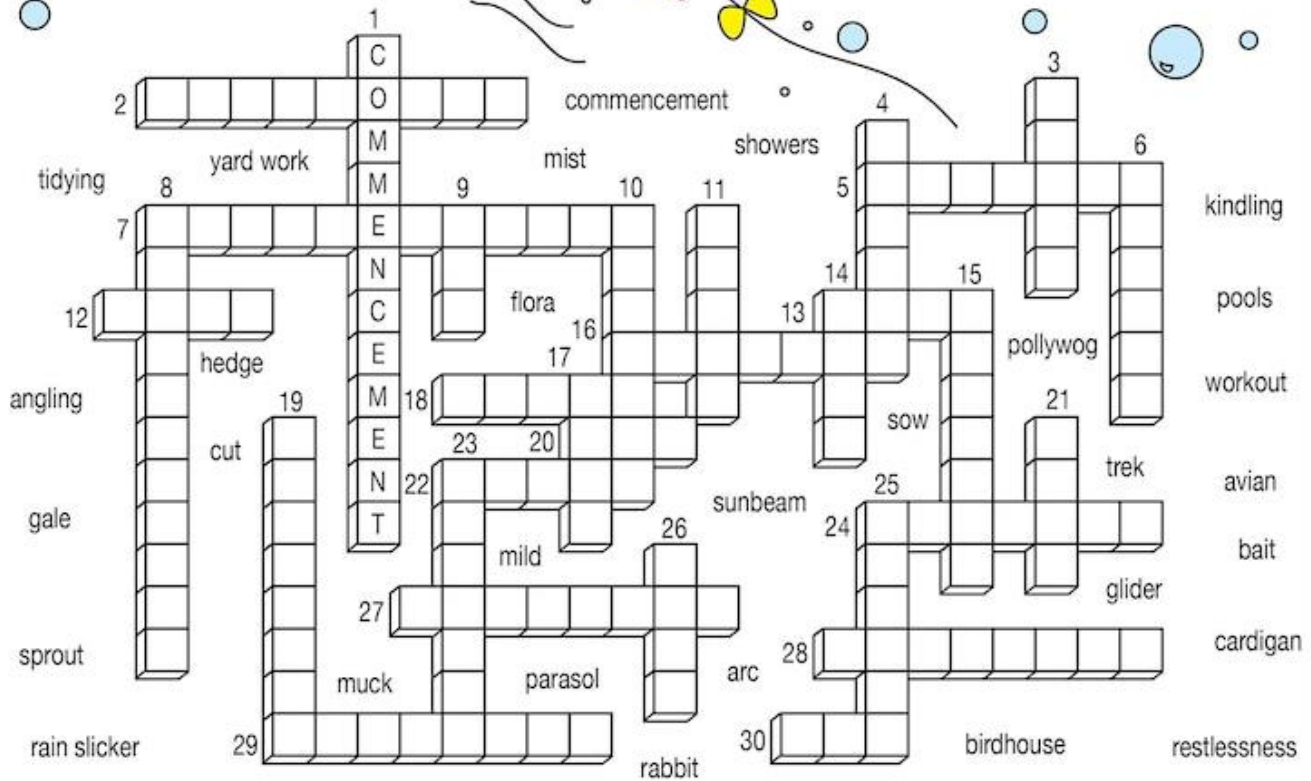
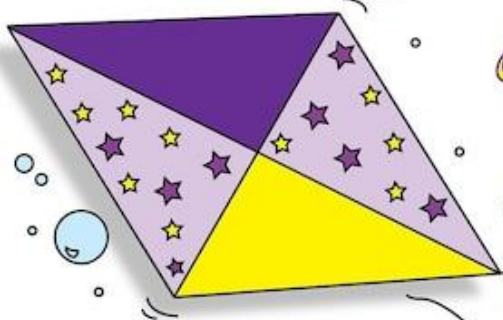
1. A spring month.
2. A spring flower.
3. The young of a chicken.
4. A colour of spring.
5. A young rabbit.
6. A flower especially of a fruit tree.
7. Plants that have narrow green leaves, that are eaten by cows, sheep, horses etc.
8. The fifth month of the year.
9. To come out of an egg.
10. See picture.
11. A rounded part of a plant that is under the ground and that grows into a new plant during the growing season.
12. A baby goat.
13. The place where a bird lays its eggs.
14. See picture.
15. Spring, winter, summer, fall!
16. What snow does in spring.
17. When the sun shines.
18. A long, thin animal that has a soft body with no legs or bones. It lives in the ground.
19. An indoor or outdoor spring activity.
20. To stop being frozen.
21. A baby sheep.
22. A small part that grows on a plant and develops into a flower, leaf, or new branch.
23. A baby horse.



Reading Club Fun!



“Spring Words” (Synonym Fun)

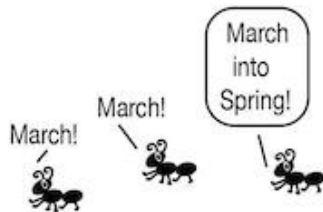


Read each numbered word below, then find the other word or phrase scattered around the puzzle that means almost the same thing (a synonym). The first one is done!

1. graduation
2. nest
3. bird
4. bunny
5. fishing
6. kite
7. spring fever
8. raincoat
9. plant
10. rain

11. flowers
12. warm
13. fog
14. mud
15. cleaning
16. exercise
17. wind
18. trim
19. lawn care
20. rainbow

21. hike
22. puddles
23. umbrella
24. sunshine
25. bud
26. lure
27. sweater
28. tadpole
29. sticks
30. mow



Summer Gardening

A Tasty Word Search

S G B N N B I H A L S G R W K G M
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GARDEN
HOE
RAKE
PLANT
SOIL
WEEDS
PLOT
VEGETABLES
FRUIT
LEAVES
ROOTS
FERTILIZER
SEEDS
SEEDLINGS
BUSHES

VINES
BUSHELS
HARVEST
PLANTING
BASKETS
GROWING
FOOD
SUMMER
CORN
BEANS
SQUASH
CUCUMBERS
MELONS
TOMATOES
POTATOES

