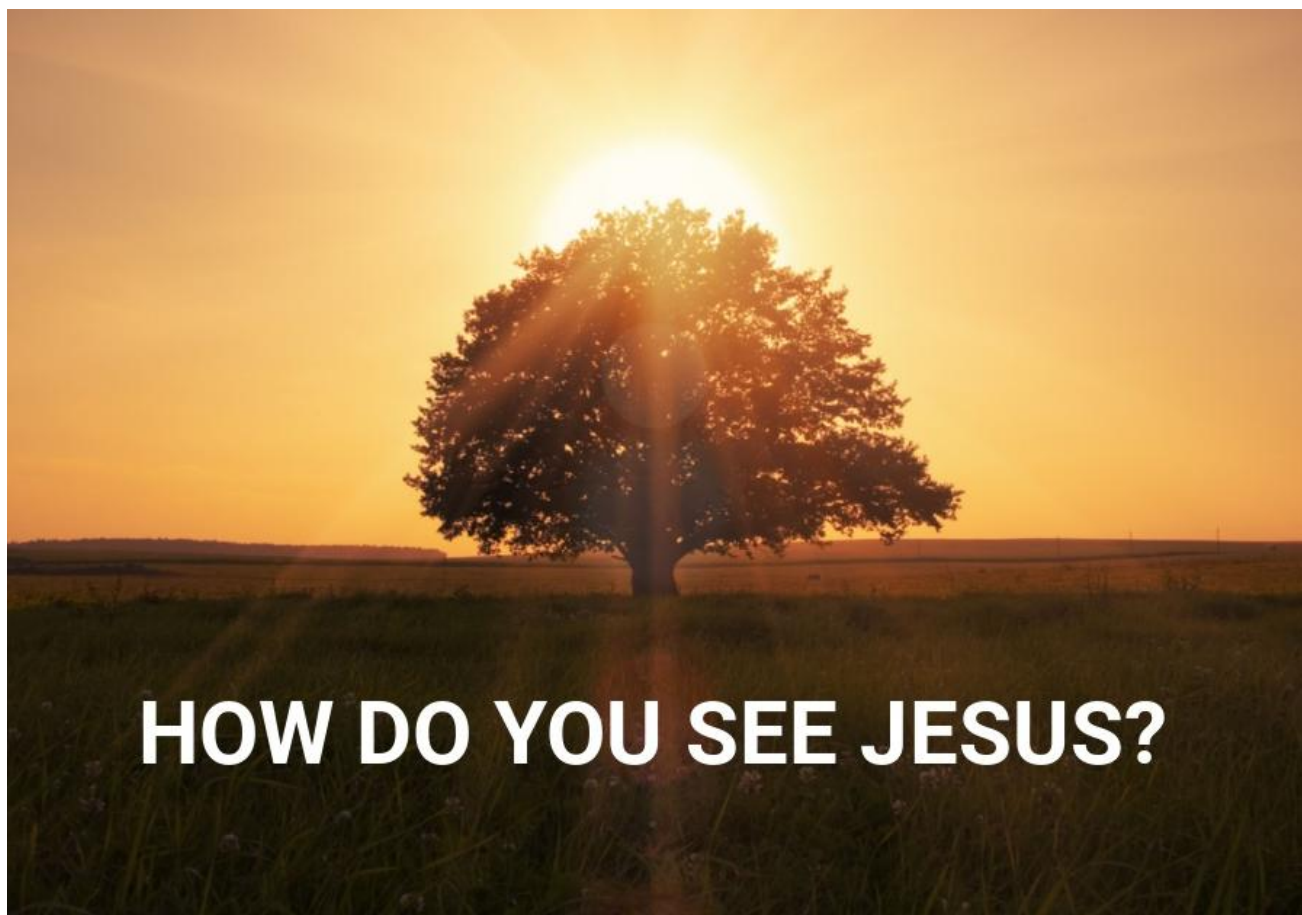


# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



## **Bausman Memorial United Church of Christ**

*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.*



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**May 10, 2026**

**9:30am Worship**

# WELCOME TO BAUSMAN!

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**1<sup>ST</sup> TIME GUESTS:** Most everything you need is found in this bulletin. Plus, those around you are glad to help and an usher is always available at the main rear entrance. If there are ways we can better extend God's hospitality, leave us a note on the Welcome Card. Your insights are essential as we continue to grow into the community God is calling us to be. Thank you!

**HOW TO PARTICIPATE:** Congregational readings are in bold with an *All*, *People*, or *Unison* designation. Songs are in the bulletin or pew hymnal. Times for standing and sitting are listed, with it always being okay to remain seated.

**“BUSY BAGS”:** Coloring books and crayons are available in the north narthex (lobby) for use during worship. Please return all items following the service for others to use the following week. See an usher for assistance.

**NURSERY CARE:** Available during worship for children birth-kindergarten. The nursery is past the office, to the right. See an usher for assistance.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Is held during worship for 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> graders, except the first Sunday of the month. Youth meet their teachers after the children's message in the sanctuary. Parents, please pick up your child from the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor classrooms immediately following worship. Follow signs for the office.

**RESTROOMS:** Ladies and a unisex/accessible bathroom (with wall mounted baby changing table) are available through the doors at the front of the sanctuary. Follow the signs to the office. Bathrooms are on the left.

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS:** Contain printed scripture and music, in addition to being in a larger font. Ask an usher for a copy.

**HEARING ASSISTANCE:** Ask an usher at the rear entrance to the sanctuary who will provide you with a device directly tied into the sanctuary sound system. Please return the device to an usher at the conclusion of worship.

**GET CONNECTED:** Use the pew holder Welcome Card to register your attendance, share contact information, ask questions, and more. Once completed, place it in the offering plates during the offering time.

**WIFI & DEVICES:** Thank you for silencing all your devices during worship. Bausman's guest wifi is accessible with the passcode: “gladurhere!”

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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## WE GATHER TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE

**Centering Thoughts:** While teaching new members' classes, I make what I assume is a fairly controversial statement. I tell the participants, "You can believe in Jesus without being part of the church. But without the church, you cannot fully live out a life of faithful discipleship to Jesus." At least you can't be a faithful follower of Jesus unless you ignore most of the readings in the New Testament. For as John's Gospel declares, God's Spirit reveals the living Christ, not within individuals isolated from others, but to, and within, communities of faith who actively live out Jesus' command to love one another with his love.

### Opening Chimes

### Welcome & Announcements

### Sharing of Christ's Peace

*(Rise in body or spirit to share Christ's peace using customary forms of greeting or by using a peace sign. Please be seated once the prelude begins.)*

### **Prelude:** "Trumpet Voluntary" - Gordon Young

*(The acolyte carries the light of Christ into our presence, calling us to worship)*

*(Please rise in body or spirit)*

### Call to Worship

**Pastor:** Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

**People:** Sing the glory of God's name!

**Pastor:** Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of God's praise be heard.

**People:** To the Lord, we give all glorious praise!

**Pastor:** It is God who has kept us among the living and has not let our feet slip.

**People:** Truly God listens to our prayers; God heeds the cries of our heart.

**Pastor:** O God, we come into your household,

seeking the renewal of your love and of your presence this day.

Hear anew our prayers and the longing of our hearts,

as we, your people, gather in the glory of your presence

and the mercy of your love.

**People:** Amen!

## **WE CONFESS OUR NEED FOR HEALING & GRACE**

### **Call to Confession**

#### **Corporate Confessional**

**All: Almighty God, in Jesus, you have given us one commandment,  
“love one another as I have loved you.”  
You have proclaimed that those who love you  
will live out Jesus’ command. And yet, we fall short.  
We fall short of our love for one another  
as we fall short in our love for Jesus,  
because we have chosen to devote our love to other things.  
Forgive our foolishness and our folly.  
Forgive us our adulterous hearts.  
And in your mercy, send your Spirit upon us,  
that our hearts might be turned to you, and in our turning,  
our eyes opened to the risen Christ here in our midst.  
In Jesus’ name, we earnestly pray. Amen.**

#### **Personal Silent Confession**

*(Personal prayers for God’s healing and redeeming peace)*

#### **Assurance of Grace**

**Pastor: ...but always in the merciful care of Christ,  
who continues to call us and saves us to life.**

**People: Glory be to the resurrected Son,  
whose mercies raise us from our sin  
to a life lived in the fullness of God’s care.**

**All: Amen!**

## Confession Response (Unison)

*Leader*  
Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Equal voices*

*Mixed voices*  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*(Please be seated)*

## WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S LIVING WORD

### Message for the Young & Young at Heart

*(All youth are invited to come forward to the front steps. Those in 1<sup>st</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grades are dismissed to Sunday School or back to their guardians following the message.)*

### Prayer of Illumination

**All: Lord God, you have declared that your kingdom is among us.**

**Open our eyes to see it, our ears to hear it, our hearts to hold it,  
and our hands to serve it.**

**Let us receive your living Word**

**that we may share in the way and the truth of the resurrection.**

**Through Christ Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

### Epistle Lesson: 1 Peter 3:8-18 (p. #234)

Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse, but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing. It is for this that you were called—that you might inherit a blessing. For

“Those who desire to love life and to see good days, let them keep their tongues from evil and their lips from speaking deceit; let them turn away from evil and do good; let them seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit,

**Gospel Lesson:** John 14:15-24 (p. #109)

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.” Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, “Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us and not to the world?” Jesus answered him, “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words, and the word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon:** “How Do You See Jesus?”

**Chancel Choir Anthem:** “Lord, Build Our House” - Schram/Lorenz

**WE RESPOND TO GOD**

*(Please rise in body or spirit)*

## **Statement of Faith – Apostles Creed**

**All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:  
And in Jesus Christ His only begotten Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

## **Prayers of the People**

### **The Lord's Prayer (sins)**

**All: Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## **Receiving of Tithes and Offerings**

*(Electronic & physical giving options are available through the pew envelope.  
Register your attendance with a Welcome Card or using Realm's mobile check-in.)*

**Offertory:** “Come, Ye Disconsolate” - Tune: CONSOLATOR - Samuel Webb,  
arr. by Emma Lou Diemer

*(Please rise in body or spirit)*

## Offering Response (*Unison*)

Musical score for Offering Response (Unison) in G major, 4/4 time. The score consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, you heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost." The music is a simple, unison setting of the hymn.

## Prayer of Dedication

**All:** Blessed God, in the joy of Christ's resurrection  
we offer ourselves, and our gifts, for the service of your reign.  
Multiply these our offerings  
for the purposes of bringing life out of death, hope out of despair,  
joy out of grief, that through our faithfulness  
all creation may come to know and rejoice in you.  
Through Jesus' glorious name, we pray. Amen.

## WE GO WITH GOD'S CALLING

**Recessional Hymn:** "God Made From One Blood" (p. #427)

*(The acolyte carries the light of Christ into the world, as the choir leads us in the way.)*

## Commissioning & Benediction

### Chimes

**Postlude:** "I Love to Tell the Story" - Dale Wood

*(As the postlude concludes, go in peace to love and serve at the calling of God.)*

# THIS WEEK AT BAUSMAN

## **Sunday, May 10 – Mother's Day**

8:30 AM Chancel Choir

9:30AM Worship, Sunday School, Nursery

## **Monday, May 11**

8:15 AM 815 Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall

9:00 AM Exercise Group – Upper Level

11:00 AM Turning Point Group, AA – Fellowship Hall

## **Tuesday, May 12**

8:15 AM 815 Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall

## **Wednesday, May 13**

8:15 AM 815 Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall

9:00 AM Exercise Group – Upper Level

11:30 AM Turning Point Group, AA – Fellowship Hall

## **Thursday, May 14**

8:15 AM 815 Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall

10:30 AM Women's Recovery Group, Fellowship Hall

6:30 PM Bell Choir, Sanctuary

7:30 PM Chancel Choir, Sanctuary

## **Friday, May 15**

8:15 AM 815 Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall

11:30 AM Turning Point Group, AA – Fellowship Hall

## **Sunday, May 17 – Congregational Meeting Following Worship**

8:30 AM Chancel Choir

9:30AM Worship, Last Day of Sunday School, Nursery

4:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 1159

# PRAYERS & CARES

## **Congregational Cards of Care**

God invites us to share life-giving love through our faith. One way to do this is to weekly join in our “Cards of Care” ministry. This week we are uplifting Ellis & Jeanne Kirk, who are two of our Home Congregants. Stop by the table in the front left corner of the sanctuary to add your name and care to this week’s card. Thank you!

## **Prayer Requests**

Thank you for joining in the joy and care of others by including the following prayers in your prayer times. Submit your prayer requests by using a Prayer Card, contacting the church office, or the prayer chain coordinator (Cece Wagner). Prayer requests are maintained for up to four weeks and can be resubmitted an unlimited number of times. When possible, please check with the person before submitting their name.

**Praise & Celebrations:** St. Paul’s UCC, Fleetwood & Pastor Rose Shepley; Gifts to Bausman's Endowments

**Healing & Strengthening:** Helen Fisher; Kathy Bailey; Eileen G.

**Care & Support:** Randy Ulmer; Commander Alison (Derr) Maruca & Family; Discernment for May 17th Congregational Meeting; VBS Planning; Peaceful resolution to conflicts in the Middle East; Carolyn Fisher

**Comfort In Time of Loss:** The Family of Priscilla Walsky; The Family of Rev. Millard Fisher

## **Birthdays Celebrated this Week**

5/11 Chris Robert Wertz

5/14 Peggy Mathis

## **Anniversaries Celebrated this Week**

5/10 Ron & Mary Rebecca Keller

5/15 Eric & Toulia Miller

# Worship Information

## Sponsorships

**Bulletins:** To the Glory of God by Barbara Voelker.

## Today's Worship Leaders

Ministers: All Members

Head Usher: Dale Derr

Ushers: Vicky Derr, Jennifer Joiner, Jack Joiner, Natalie Motz

Acolyte: Kaitlyn & Avery Reardon

Reader: Bibba McKemy

Welcome: Bob Showalter

Minister of Music: Sharon Luyben

Preacher: Rev. Joseph Motz

Nursery: Amalia Cannon

Livestream: Kyla Andre

Sound: Rod Baer

Altar Guild: Michele Wolfskill

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## Last Week's Worship

**Worship Attendance:** In Person: 70

Online: 14

## **Offerings Received for God's Ministry:**

General Fund: In person \$2924    Online: \$3526

Disaster Relief: \$110

**“LOOK AND SEE”  
WHAT IS HAPPENING AT BAUSMAN!  
MAY 10, 2026**

(Visit [bausmanucc.org](http://bausmanucc.org) and sign up for the weekly e-blasts as well)

**Special Congregational Meeting – May 17, Following Worship** - Mark your calendar to attend a special congregational meeting that will directly impact Bausman’s ministry for the next 10-20 years. In other words, this is a really important special congregational meeting. The primary focus is to evaluate Consistory’s recommendation to move forward with a building site assessment and accessibility study that will serve as the basis for beginning a major capital campaign, in the next 1-3 years, to begin implementing needed care and improvements to the church building. Members are welcome to attend the meeting in person or online. Look for a special member communication with additional details on the proposal, the full meeting agenda, and guidance on how to participate remotely.



**William N. Luyben Memorial Scholarship** - Next Sunday is the last day to submit an applications for the William N. Luyben Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship is to be presented to members of Bausman Memorial United Church of Christ seeking further education following graduation or enrolled in a post-secondary education program. For the full list of qualifications and the application, please scan the QR code or contact Jodi Reardon.

**Last Day of Sunday School will be May 17** - Sunday School will resume on Sunday, September 20, 2026.



**Memorial Day Sunday—Honoring of Loved Ones** - This year, Memorial Day Sunday & Pentecost Sunday fall on May 24. To help us honor both, we are seeking the names, rank, and branch of service of Bausman’s members, friends, and family members who served in the United States Military and are no longer alive. Individuals need not have died in active service, nor in an armed conflict. The names will be included in a special Sunday insert and uplifted during the prayers of the people. The information for your loved ones and family members can be shared through the QR code or by contacting the church office. ***Please submit all names by Monday, May 18.***

**Wear Red for Pentecost - May 24, 2026** - Sunday, May 24, we along with Christians across the world will celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit into the lives of Christ’s followers and the birth of God’s church. This movement of the Spirit is liturgically symbolized by the color red. Let’s celebrate together by wearing red this Pentecost.

**Strengthen The Church Offering** - From May 3-31, 2026, we will be collecting for our 2<sup>nd</sup> UCC offering. The Strengthen the Church offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities. Please join us in planting the seeds needed to grow and sustain our denomination by making a gift to the Strengthen the Church Offering.

**Looking for Summer Musicians** - Bausman is asking our members – children and adults – to play for Sunday Worship during the months of June, July and August. Instrumentalists, pianists and singers of all abilities are invited to play for the Special Music segment of our church service during the summer months. Please contact our Minister of Music, Sharon Luyben (610-334-6479) to choose a date to share your talent.

**Summer Nursery - No Nursery Attendants Available** -Starting June 7 there will not be paid or volunteer attendants in the nursery. Parents and guardians are welcome to use the nursery so long as they provide supervision for their children while they are in the nursery. The worship service audio is directly broadcast into the nursery so parents can continue to be connected to the worship service. Nursery attendants are tentatively planned to resume on September 20.

**Seeking Nursery Attendants - This is a Paid Position** - We are so thankful for the service provided this past year by Amalia Cannon and Ella Anders as our paid nursery attendants. With both of them graduating this spring, they will not be returning this fall to serve in this role. Therefore, we are seeking new nursery attendants to support our nursery ministry starting this fall. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please contact Mary Rebecca Keller to learn more.

**Seeking Partner Leaders** - Vacation Bible School planning is moving into high gear. Bausman's young families have selected the week of July 12-16, 5:30-8:00pm, the curriculum is being selected, Volunteers are beginning to sign up, and registration is planned to open by early May. If you are interested in helping, contact Pastor Joe. We are still seeking volunteers for: **Meals | Games | Crafts | Decorations | Teaching.** (Note: PA criminal history and PA child abuse clearances less than 5 years old are required for all volunteers except the decorating team. Clearances are free for volunteers and easily completed online).



# The Keystone Connection

## A Message to the Conference

**Mya 05, 2026**

**Members and Friends of Keystone Conference,**

*I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. (John 14:18)*

The Gospel reading from John appointed for May 10 contains one of the most searching and uncomfortable statements Jesus ever makes: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." It is a simple sentence, but not an easy one. We UCCers are often more comfortable discussing belief than obedience. Yet Jesus does not say, "If you love me, you will admire me," or "If you love me, you will attend worship occasionally." He speaks instead about commandments — about an entire way of life.

Just a handful of Jesus' commandments are enough to occupy us for a lifetime: love God with all your heart; love your neighbor; forgive seventy times seven; feed the hungry; welcome the stranger; pray for those who persecute you; love your enemies. That last commandment alone could consume years of spiritual struggle and practice. I fear we sometimes spend more energy on institutional concerns, internal conflicts, or political ideology than on wrestling seriously with the actual commandments of Jesus. Last week, for the first time in 40 years of ministry, I heard a prayer for enemies included in the Prayers of the People at a church I visited. Yet this remains one of the clearest commands Jesus ever gave.

Perhaps we avoid some commandments because we know how demanding they are. They require letting go of grudges, resentments, and hurts that become woven into us. We may find it easier to pray for neighbors than for enemies. Left to ourselves, we quickly discover the limits of our hospitality, generosity, and mercy.

The Christian life is not mastered through occasional exposure. Someone once told me that you cannot become a golfer by taking one lesson a week and never practicing in between. The same is true of discipleship. We are shaped by repetition, habit, failure, correction, and practice. Becoming Christian is not merely agreeing with ideas about Jesus; it is learning, slowly and imperfectly, to live as he taught.

That is why the promise of the Holy Spirit — the Paraclete — matters so much in John's Gospel. Jesus does not command his followers to live a certain way and then abandon them to frustration. He promises the Advocate, the Comforter, the Spirit who teaches, encourages, and remains with us. The commandments of Jesus are impossible as mere moral achievements. They become imaginable only through the continual work of the Spirit within ordinary people like us — a Spirit of truth and love that transforms hearts through prayer, grace, and persistence.

The church will never embody Jesus' commandments perfectly. But perhaps faithfulness begins with taking them seriously enough to struggle with them honestly. To pray for help where we resist. To practice love where it feels costly. To trust that the Holy Spirit is still shaping imperfect people into disciples. And perhaps, step by step, that is how the church becomes recognizable as the body of Christ in the world.

Peace,

Carrie

Rev. Dr. Carrie Call

Transitional Executive Conference Minister

Keystone Conference UCC

**Keystone Conference of the United Church of Christ's first Annual Meeting** will be held June 5-7 at Millersville University in Millersville. Overnight accommodations will be on campus as well as the DoubleTree Hilton in Lancaster. Registration is now open! Register here: <https://keystoneconference.regfox.com/2026-spring-meeting> (or go to [keystoneucc.org](http://keystoneucc.org) and click on the Annual Meeting tab under News & Events.)

Our theme is "Joy at the Table Together" and our centering scripture is Acts 2:46-47 "Every day they met together, breaking bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God." The meeting will include a Service of Consecration for Keystone Conference.

Speakers will include Rev. Dr. Marcia McFee, author of Think Like a Filmmaker: Sensory-Rich Worship for Unforgettable Messages; Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson, General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ; Rev. Dr. Mary Luti, author of Do This: Communion for Just and Courageous Living; Rev. Greg Edwards, Executive Director of POWER Interfaith, Secretary Russell Redding, PA Secretary of Agriculture, and Rev. Freeman Palmer, Conference Minister for the Central Atlantic Conference.

### 50 Days of Easter Food Challenge

A People of the Table Mission Project for Keystone Conference's 1st Annual Meeting

The Challenge: Churches across the Conference are challenged to donate non-perishable food to a local food bank between Easter (04/05/2026) and Pentecost (05/24/2026) and to report the quantities of their donations.

Each church will report its totals (by category) via a web link, and the Conference-wide total will be revealed at the 1st Annual Meeting, June 5-7, 2026. Using categories such as canned fruits and vegetables, cereal, pasta and rice, toiletries, and more will provide an easy-to-visualize picture of the breadth of donations.

Learn more at [keystoneucc.org/people-of-the-table/](http://keystoneucc.org/people-of-the-table/)

### Attention Youth Campers and Families,

Please read the following information carefully, as the Conference policy for supplementing youth summer camping has changed.

For the 2026 summer season, the Keystone Conference will campership or reimburse 30% of the cost for one youth to attend one summer camping experience. If a youth attends more than one camp during the summer, only one camp will be eligible for the 30% reimbursement. Please use the application for additional camps if this creates a hardship.

Learn more and download the application under the campership section of [keystoneucc.org/mission-grants-committee/](http://keystoneucc.org/mission-grants-committee/)

### Living Waters Camp & Conference Center Schellsburg, PA

Trustin' Jesus! Summer Camps

Fishing Camp - June 28 to July 2, for grades 6 to 12

Primary (grades K - 3) - July 5 to 11

Elementary Camp (grades 4 - 6) - July 5 to 11

Junior-Senior High Camp - July 12 - 18

Grandparent / Grandchild Camp is July 12 to 15

Learn more at [livingwaterscamp.org](http://livingwaterscamp.org)

**HC Spirit Camp** is hosted at Hartman Center Campground, Milroy, PA. The theme for HC Spirit 2026 is "In the Wilderness." Camp runs from July 26 - August 1, 2026. Registration is now open—check [hcspiritcamp.org](http://hcspiritcamp.org) for more info and registration.

O God, Whose Steadfast Love

Gen. 18:9-15; 1 Sam. 1:1-20; Luke 1:26-56; 2:1-7

James L. Haddix, 1986; rev. 1994

1 O God, whose stead-fast love true moth - er - hood has blessed;  
 2 Your prom - is - es, O God, so sure through-out the years,  
 3 In your great love, O God, full par - ent - hood is known:  
 4 May your house-hold of faith one fam - i - ly be - come,

who shields the in - fant small up - on its moth - er's breast:  
 have lived in moth - ers' hearts, have bloomed from moth - ers' tears.  
 a fa - ther mourns his child, a moth - er's strength is shown.  
 that love may be in - creased and none may be a - lone;

Em - brace us, too, O God, our God, and hold us in your  
 So Sar - ah laughed, and Han - nah wept, and sing - ing Mar - y  
 Let par - ents' faith - ful lives un - bind your love that through them  
 That moth - er's love and fa - ther's care and chil - dren's joy we

lov - ing arms, and hold us in your lov - ing arms.  
 se - crets kept, and sing - ing Mar - y se - crets kept.  
 we might find Christ's deep - er love for hu - man - kind.  
 all may share, and chil - dren's joy we all may share.

United Church of Christ minister James Haddix wrote this text for the "Festival of the Christian Home." It was dedicated and sung to his mother, Margaret Ann Lewis Haddix, at a reception in Missouri recognizing her thirty-year career as a first-grade teacher.

Tune: RHOSYMEDRE 6.6.6.6.8.8.8.  
 John D. Edwards, c. 1840

# God Made from One Blood

Thomas H. Troeger, 1988

1 God made from one blood all the fam - ilies of earth,  
 2 We turn to you, God, with our thanks and our tears  
 3 Through fam - ilies we've tast - ed the val - ue of trust  
 4 Help fam - ilies in all of their var - i - ous forms

the cir - cles of nur - ture that raise us from birth,  
 for all of the fam - ilies we've known through the years,  
 and felt what it means to be lov - ing and just,  
 to face with in - teg - ri - ty strug - gles and storms;

Com - pan - ions who join us to work through each stage  
 The in - ti - mate net - works on whom we de - pend  
 Yet fam - ilies have al - so be - trayed their best goals,  
 Grant peace to our homes that will nur - ture the bud

of child - hood and youth and a - dult - hood and age.  
 of par - ents and part - ners and chil - dren and friends.  
 mis - treat - ing their mem - bers and bruising their souls.  
 of peace for the fam - ilies you made from one blood.

*This text was commissioned by Yale University Press for A New Hymnal for Colleges and Schools (1992) to provide a hymn that recognizes the many different kinds of families that are represented when a campus congregation gathers to worship.*

Tune: ST. DENIO 11.11.11.11.  
 Adapt. from a Welsh ballad in John Roberts' Caniadaeth y Cysegr, 1839