

# August 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
<b>3</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost Welcome New Members Social After Church <b>T-Shirt Orders Due</b>	<b>4</b> Devotions & Doughnuts 9-11	5	6	7	8	<b>9</b> Noon-4 PM Learning Center Clean Up
<b>10</b> 9 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost	<b>11</b> Devotions & Doughnuts 9-11	12	13	14	<b>15</b> Starting to accept Yard Sale Donations	16
<b>17</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost (Stump the Pastor) <b>Ice Cream Social</b> <b>7PM</b>	<b>18</b> Devotions & Doughnuts 9-11	<b>19</b> Prayer Requests & Newsletter Articles Due	20	21	22	23
<b>24</b> 11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost  Blessing of the Backpacks Social After Church	<b>25</b> Devotions & Doughnuts 9-11	<b>26</b>  Yard Sale Sorting 4PM-6PM	27	<b>28</b>  Yard Sale Sorting 4PM-6PM	29	<b>30</b>  Yard Sale 8-3
<b>31</b> 12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost	1	2	3	4	5	6

Allow yourself *joy*



# Grace Notes

*Gathering & Growing Together Through Faith*

*Serving our Lord since 1785*

**August 2025**

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**Matthew 6:34 (NIV):**

**"Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."**

# Flohr's Church Information

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## **The Church Staff:**

**Pastor Gene Tucker- Interim Pastor**

**Carrie McDannell - Administrative Assistant**

**Marie Quesinberry-Choir Director**

**Stella Jarvis, Sexton**

## **The Congregation Council:**

**Wayne Haifley -President**

**John Banaszek-Vice President**

**Bob Dwyer- Secretary**

**Bill Bucher, Jay Rohrbach, Todd Boden & Kelly Haifley**

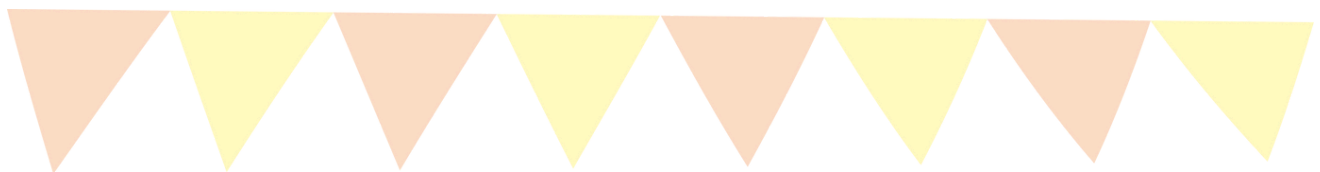
**Bob Dwyer, Property Committee**

**Marie Quesinberry- Worship Committee**

**Janice Miller- Treasurer**

**Bruce Strausbaugh- Financial Secretary**

**Vacant Chairs: Learning Committee, Fellowship Committee, Support Committee, Service & Witness**



# Ponderings of The Pastor

By Pastor Gene Tucker

A recurring column, dealing with various and sundry topics

## **“CATHOLIC” WORSHIP (PART ONE)**

### *Introduction*

In last month’s column, I wrote about the “catholic” faith. At that time, I said that, perhaps, many of you were questioning the use of the word “catholic” (even to the point – maybe – of asking of the Pastor had lost his marbles), since we are Lutherans.

Last month’s column offered some definitions of the word, which means “universal”. Lutheran Christians can rightfully claim to be “universal” in their understanding of the Christian faith. Lutherans can also rightfully claim to be “catholic” Christians, for our worship reflects the practices of the early Church in its formative years.

In this month’s column, we will base our considerations of what constitutes “catholic” worship on the definition of the beliefs and the worship patterns that emerged in the early Church, and especially in the first five centuries of its life. As such, this period, then, predates the formation of what we now normally think of in the context of the use of the word “catholic”. (Recall that, last month, we said that when the word is spelled with a capital “C”, it usually refers to the Roman Catholic Church. When used with a small “c”, it often refers to the use of the word as it means “universal”).

It's important for us to remember that the Reformers of the sixteenth-century, Martin Luther among them, were keenly aware of the early Church’s worship practices. One of the things that Luther did was to rid the Church of the additions to the early Church’s worship that had crept in over the centuries. His reforms, which simplified worship, resonated far and wide in other Christian bodies (the Church of England is one example of a Christian group that was deeply impressed with Luther’s work).

### *Origins of “catholic” Worship*

We don’t know a whole lot about how the very early Church worshipped.

We do know that the celebration of the Holy Communion was central to their gatherings. But we don’t know a lot about the actual texts that were used. (The actual words of worship are known as the “Rite”).

It’s probably a safe assumption to say that the early Church had established patterns in their worship. After all, as the Christian faith emerged from Jewish worship, it probably had a structure that we could call “liturgical”, for Temple worship in Jerusalem was liturgical. (Remember that the word “liturgy” means “work of the people”. Liturgy often refers to established patterns of worship.)

One early source which has been beneficial is the Liturgy of Hippolytus (c.160 – c.235 AD), which was influential in shaping worship practices which followed.

# Ponderings of The Pastor

## Continued

As time went along, variations in the Church's worship were bound to appear. So, today, we can say that various Christian bodies have differences in their worship styles. But, for those bodies whose background is "catholic", there are some commonalities.

To these commonly-used elements, we will now turn.

### *The Gathering Space – the Church Building*

Churches which value their "catholic" heritage often have buildings whose design and purpose are meant to steer our attention to God's holiness, majesty and glory. (To be honest, as newer church buildings are being constructed, they often exhibit less of the distinctive characteristics of older buildings as being "catholic" in their nature.)

*Church architecture* that is often associated with "catholic" worship is often either Gothic or Romanesque. (This is often more-true of older buildings than with newer ones.)

*Stained glass* often portrays various chapters in Jesus' life and ministry, or perhaps heroes of the faith, or other similar subjects.

The *altar* is the focal point of the sacred space, for it is there that the Holy Communion (Eucharist) is celebrated.

A *divided chancel* is often used, with a lectern on the right-hand side (looking forward) and a pulpit on the left.

The *presence light* reminds us of God's abiding presence in the sacred space.

*Candles* remind us of the light of Christ.

### *Other Elements of "catholic" Worship*

Other elements of liturgical worship can be found in various Christian groups and traditions. Among them are:

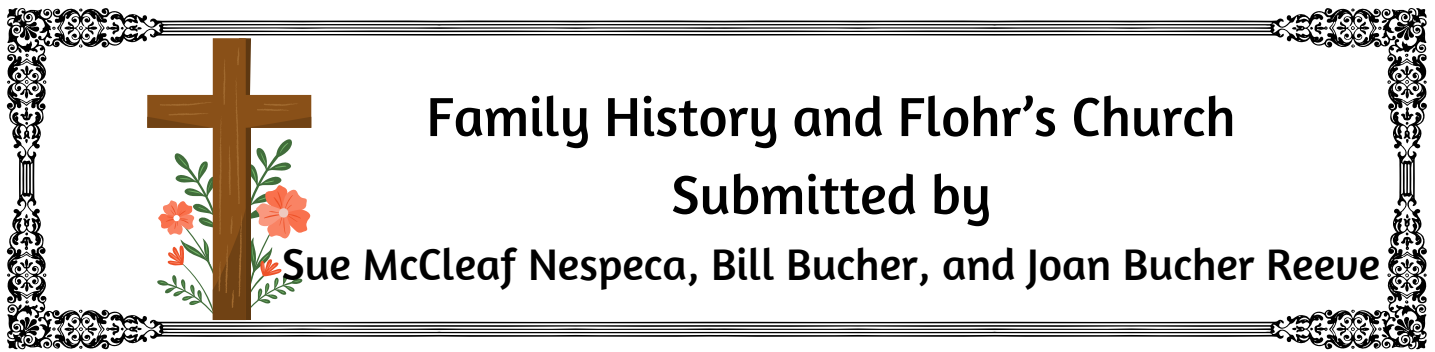
The *Church Year*, which is built around two major festivals, Christmas and Easter. In addition to the season of the year, the Church Year also offers saints' days and holy days.

*Liturgical colors* which change throughout the year. The principal colors are: Violet (or blue in Advent), White, Green and Red.

Use of *vestments*, which identify the roles that various persons fulfill in worship. Many vestments trace their origins to clothing worn by Roman civil authorities (like the chasuble, an over garment which is draped over the shoulders). Others, like the alb (the white, ankle-length garment), come to us from early Church's baptismal practices, where newly-baptized persons were clothed in a white garment.

*Using our bodies* as worship instruments is common to "catholic" worship. So, for example, we sit, stand and kneel (in some places). We sing, we recite responses or prayers. In some places, incense is used (representing the rising of our prayers to God).

Next month, we'll examine how liturgical worship has changed over time.



With our 240<sup>th</sup> anniversary approaching, we thought it would be interesting if members could track their family histories of membership at Flohr's Church.

This is from Sue McCleaf Nespeca, Bill Bucher and Joan Bucher Reeve.

Sue's Mom, Elizabeth Bucher McCleaf, was a member all of her 103 years of life, from her birth in 1914.

Her brother, Crowell, Bill and Joan's Dad, attended all 97 years of his life, from his birth in 1915.

Elizabeth and Crowell's father, Samuel Gilbert Bucher, was a member for all 83 years of his life, from his birth in 1867.

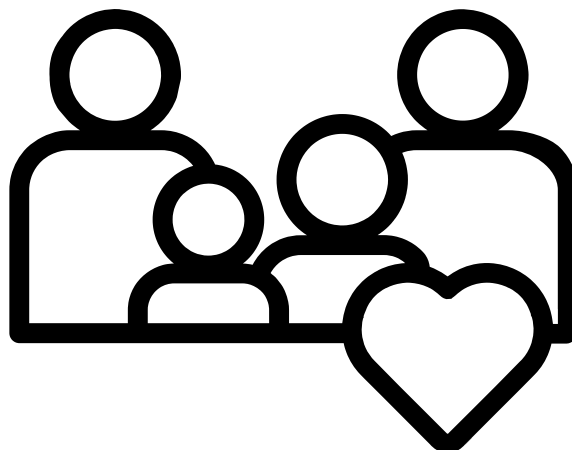
Prior to that, his mother, Anna Crowl Bucher, was a member for many years, and longer than 1867, because Samuel Gilbert was her youngest son, and all her daughters born before him were also members of Flohr's.

She was born in 1820, and quite possibly might have been a member her entire life, but we do not have proof of that. Membership records at Flohr's Church, prior to the Civil War, were believed to have been burnt by the Confederate soldiers to start campfires while they slept in the area around the church. This has been reported in several sources.

We also do not know if any of her relatives were members of the church prior to 1820.

So, we know our family has been members of the church longer than 1867, and possibly since 1820, up to the present day.

We would be interested in hearing about other members' family church history.



# Flohr's Church News

## FINANCIAL NEWS.....

MTD & YTD Income/Expenses as of June 2025

	Jun-25	YTD 2025
Income	\$13,410.12	\$111,502.43
Expenses	\$8,197.76	\$109,535.81
Excess (Shortfall)	\$5,212.36	\$1,966.62

Mission Funds Accounts: \* Designated Funds

	Beginning Balance	Contributions	Withdrawals	Ending Balance
Memorial	\$5,070.80			\$5,070.80
Interest	\$689.60			\$689.60
Parsonage Rent	\$6,406.06	\$1,800.00		\$8,206.06
Improvement*	\$1,891.95	\$20.00		\$1,911.95
Chairlift Repairs*	\$1,873.96			\$1,873.96
Youth*	\$1,253.97			\$1,253.97
Helping Hands*	\$232.67			\$232.67
Music*	\$1,860.13			\$1,860.13
Prayer/Memorial Garden*	\$2,399.72			\$2,399.72
A/C Replacement - Church*	\$2,342.09			\$2,342.09
Totals	\$24,020.95	\$1,820.00		\$25,840.95



Welcoming new members to our congregation

ON SUNDAY AUGUST 3<sup>RD</sup>,  
WE WILL FORMALLY WELCOME  
SEVEN NEW MEMBERS AS  
MEMBERS OF FLOHR'S CHURCH:  
ERIC, CARRIE & PHOEBE  
MCDANNELL;  
ETHAN & SUZANNE NICHOLS;  
AND TIM & REBECCA REHFELD.

WELCOME,  
EACH ONE OF  
YOU,  
FORMALLY, TO  
OUR PARISH





# August 2025 Lay Assistants



## **Worship Assistant:**

3 Liam Dwyer  
10 Sue Nespeca  
17 Gina Dwyer  
24 Bill Bucher  
31 Liam Dwyer

## **Lectors:**

3 Tina Wallech  
10 Tim Rehfield  
17 Kelly Haifley  
24 Janice Miller  
31 Rebecca Rehfield

## **Deacon:**

3 Bill Bucher  
10 Todd Boden  
17 Kelly Haifley  
24 Bob Dwyer  
31 Jay Rohrbach

## **Ushers:**

\*Bill Bucher & John Banaszek

\*denotes Head Usher

## **Altar Guild:**

Janice Miller \* Need Volunteer

## **Financial Stewards:**

Janice Miller & Bill Bucher

## **Flower Sponsors:**

3 Bill & Grace Kidwell  
10 Darrell & Helen Woerner  
17 Eric & Carrie McDannell  
24 Jay & Aimee Rohrbach  
31 \*\*Need Volunteer\*\*

## **Bulletin Sponsors:**

3 Bill & Grace Kidwell  
10 Darrell & Helen Woerner  
17 Eric & Carrie McDannell  
24 Jay & Aimee Rohrbach  
31 \*\*Need Volunteer\*\*

## **Sanctuary Lamp Candle:**

Jay & Aimee Rohrbach

THANK  
you

Thank you for adding to the  
meaningful spirit of our weekly worship of God.



## August Birthdays & Anniversaries



5<sup>th</sup> Eric Rohrbach

6<sup>th</sup> Aimee Rohrbach

10<sup>th</sup> Eloise Topper

17<sup>th</sup> Dawn Six

17<sup>th</sup> John Banaszek, II

22<sup>nd</sup> Nancy Hartzel



15<sup>th</sup> John and Alice Banaszek

30<sup>th</sup> Victoria and Gary Deardorff

We ask for your assistance: Please notify the church office of any incorrect or missing lists of birthdays and anniversaries. Thank you for helping to keep our lists current



A Huge Thanks to Our Clean-Up Crew!

A massive thank you to everyone who helped out on Clean-Up Day! Your hard work made a real difference, and we truly appreciate you pitching in to make our community shine.

# Bits & Pieces



## Devotions & Doughnuts: A Sweet Success!

We're so grateful for the wonderful success of "Devotions & Doughnuts"! This fellowship time has quickly become a beloved weekly gathering, bringing joy, connection, and meaningful conversations to everyone who joins.



### Exciting News from Flohrs Church: Welcoming a New Homeschool Co-op!

We're absolutely thrilled to announce a wonderful new initiative here at Flohrs Church that will benefit many families in our community! Starting September 9th, we'll be hosting a Homeschool Co-op one day a week right here in our learning center! We can't wait to open our doors and provide a supportive space for homeschooling families to connect, learn, and grow together.

#### **We Need Your Help to Get Ready!**

To make this new venture a huge success, we're reaching out to our amazing church family for assistance. We have a few important dates coming up where your help would be invaluable:

#### **Learning Center Classroom Clean-Out & Pre-Sale!**

This is your chance to find some treasures before the public does! On Sunday, August 3rd, the learning center classroom downstairs will be open for church members to look through items. There will be various materials and supplies that you're welcome to take if they would be useful to you. Think of it as a special pre-sale just for our members! Anything remaining after August 3rd will be saved for our upcoming yard sale.

#### **Learning Center Clean-Up Day!**

Let's get this space sparkling for the kids! We're hosting a Clean-Up Day on Saturday, August 9th, from 12 PM to 4 PM. We'll be tidying up and preparing the learning center so it's ready and welcoming for the new homeschool co-op students. Your hands make light work, and any time you can spare would be incredibly helpful.

This new Homeschool Co-op is an exciting way for Flohrs Church to serve our community, and we are so grateful for your continued support and willingness to lend a hand. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Devotions & Doughnuts

Start your week with Coffee, Community, and the Word

**EVERY MONDAY MORNING**

**Doors Open from 9:00AM-11:00AM**



Come and enjoy a doughnut and a cup of coffee while you pick up a free devotional to guide you through the week. Each devotional is based on Sunday's scripture, to help you stay rooted in faith as the week begins.

- ✓ Free weekly printed devotionals
- ✓ Fresh doughnuts & coffee
- ✓ Friendly Fellowship

**ALL ARE WELCOME--- BRING A FRIEND!**

**At Flohrs Church in McKnightstown**

## Pastor Tucker's Sermons

If you missed a sermon, or would like to read a version of it, please visit the blog site;

[friartucksermons@blogspot.com](mailto:friartucksermons@blogspot.com)

The version might differ from the version that was presented on a Sunday Morning. The basic ideas and flow of them will be there, however.

Hope this is of interest. Hope also that it'll be helpful.

## AUGUST 17TH 7PM ICE CREAM SOCIAL

AT FLOHRS CHURCH  
MCKNIGHTSTOWN, PA

BRING A TOPPING TO  
SHARE

CONTACT HELEN  
(717)334-4293 FOR MORE  
INFORMATION

FEEL FREE TO  
BRING YARD  
SALE DONATIONS  
TO DROP OFF

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To host our yard sale;  
We need volunteers to help with  
the following;

**8/26 and 8/28 from 4-6PM**  
Organizing and Pricing

**8/30**

Set Up Signs and Final Set up  
(6:30-8AM)

Cashier and Helpers (anytime  
from 8AM- 3PM)

**8/31 \*Half Off Sale After Church**

Cashier and Helpers (10:15-  
11:15AM)

Clean Up Crew (11:30-1:00PM)

Please contact Carrie if you are  
able to fill any of these roles.

717-334-3992

[floherschurch@gmail.com](mailto:floherschurch@gmail.com)

## BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

**AUGUST 24<sup>TH</sup> AT 9AM**  
**AT FLOHRS CHURCH**  
ALL STUDENTS WELCOME

STAY AFTERWARDS FOR FOOD, A SOCIAL  
AND GAMES

BRING A FOOD ITEM TO DONATE TO  
FRANKLIN FRIENDS

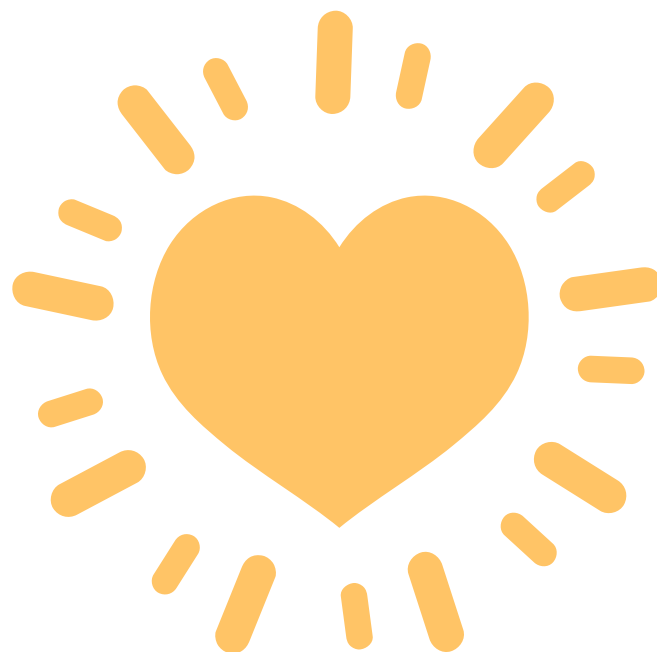
NEEDED ITEMS: GRANOLA BARS, INDIVIDUAL  
FRUIT JUICES, APPLESAUCE CUPS,  
INDIVIDUAL MAC AND CHEESE, CHEF  
BOYARDEE CUPS



# YARD SALE

AUGUST 30TH  
8-3  
FLOHRS CHURCH  
595 FLOHRS CHURCH RD

ITEMS FROM FAMILIES  
OUTSIDE AND CHURCH  
SALE INSIDE



## YARD SALE DONATIONS NEEDED

WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE WILL BE  
HOLDING A YARD SALE AUGUST 30  
WE ARE COLLECTING DONATIONS OF GENTLY USED ITEMS

SUCH AS:  
HOUSEHOLD GOODS  
CLOTHING  
TOYS & GAMES  
TOOLS  
BOOKS & MEDIA  
SMALL FURNITURE  
DECOR

IF YOU ARE CLEANING OUT , WE WOULD LOVE TO TAKE  
ANY TREASURES YOU NO LONGER NEED. ALL PROCEEDS  
WILL SUPPORT OUR OUTREACH MISSION.

PLEASE DROP OFF IN THE FELLOWSHIP ROOM ANY TIME  
OR MONDAY MORNINGS 9-11AM STARTING AUGUST 15TH

IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE WITH ITEM PICK UP OR DROP  
OFF TIMES PLEASE CONTACT CARRIE  
FLOHRSCHURCH@GMAIL.COM  
717-334-3992



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\*\* If your interested in setting up your own yard sale outside just give Carrie a call or email

# Flohers Lutheran Church

## 240<sup>th</sup> Anniversary T Shirt Fundraiser

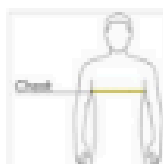


Contact Carrie with questions [floherschurch@gmail.com](mailto:floherschurch@gmail.com) or 717-334-3992  
[Online Order Form- Click Here](#)

Seller Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name	Phone #	Size	QTY	Total	Paid

#### HOW TO MEASURE



#### CHEST WIDTH

Measure under the arm and around the fullest part of the chest  
with arms down, keeping tape horizontal

#### SIZE CHART

	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL
Chest	32-34"	34-36"	40-42"	44-46"	48-50"	52-54"	56-58"