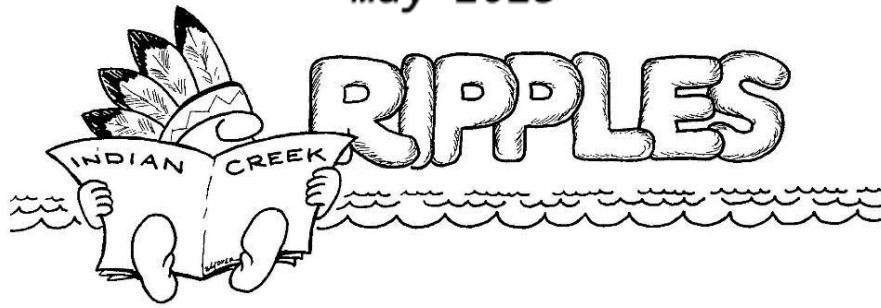


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Indian Creek Church of the Brethren
821 Main Street, Harleysville, PA 19438

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Church Staff

Tim Moyer

Interim Pastor

Courtney Covell

Administrative Assistant

Don Ziegler

Custodian

Kathy Moyer

Wee Folk Director/Teacher

Heather Thomsen

Wee Folk Assistant Teacher

I Gently Formed You in Your Mother's Womb

Psalm 139:13 (WEB) *"For you formed my innermost being. You knit me together in my mother's womb."*

The New International Version Bible says Psalm 139:13 this way... *"For you created my innermost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. The New Living Translation says... You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb."* No matter which translation you prefer, this is a gentle picture of God's loving creation process.

You were not blasted into creation, but gently formed in your mother's womb by a loving God who took the time to delicately knit all your inward parts together. May the revelation of your creation bring a sense of well-being to your soul. You were not a mistake. God planned you just the way you are before the foundation of the world, and He determined the exact time of your birth.

One of the greatest tragedies in today's world is the feeling that our lives are a mistake. Some people were even told this by their parents. The truth is that no life is ever a mistake. Each person ever created was made with intention by the One who is love itself.

God gently formed you in your mother's womb, and He is the One who brought you forth on the day you were born. (Psalm 71:6) There is absolutely no doubt about it!

Responsive Prayer: *"Father, thank you for knitting me together in my mother's womb and for being the One who welcomed me on the day I was born. I know that in your great love, you specifically chose me to be part of your family so that I could truly know your unconditional love. I pray that I will always remember that I was tenderly created by love and for love, and that my eternal destiny is to live in your love forever. In Jesus' name, Amen."*

Happy Mother's Day!

Submitted and edited by Courtney Covell

Search Committee Update

There are no updates from the search committee.
Blessings,
Sarah

Nurture Nook

Article and pictures by Donna Parcell

Our focus for April was, of course, Easter! After spending time preparing our hearts and minds during the season of Lent, it was time to celebrate our risen Savior!

Our first activity was the no-age-limit egg hunt! We gave personal invitations to our Wee Folk families and our Loss and Longing Moms families. We were “eggcited” to have so many friends join us! The most popular guest by far was Felicia the dog. Some children even missed their egg hunt turn because they were so busy petting the dog! But no worries, they got to go with another age group. There was plenty for everyone.

We had three different age groups - 3 and under, 4-9, and 10-100. So much candy and so much fun! There was a lot of laughing, candy eating, playing on the playground, and even some prizes!

Our second activity was teaming up with the youth to supply a continental breakfast after the Easter sunrise service. We enjoyed a time of refreshment and fellowship as we reflected on the service and prepared for the day.



Youth Group News

Article and pictures by Donna Parcell



April was a month of service for the Indian Creek youth. Our first opportunity was the annual Perkiomen Clean Up. This is one of our favorite things, and we were disappointed that most of us were unavailable on the scheduled day. Jadon kept the tradition alive and braved the rainy/snowy weather to collect trash along the creek. The find of the day was an old steering wheel!

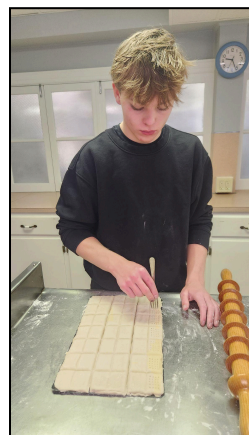
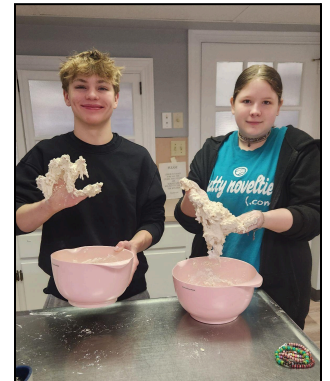
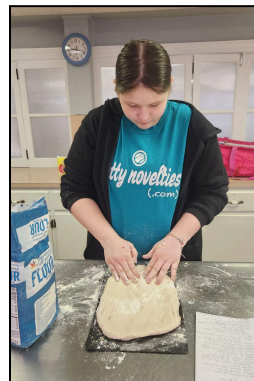


There was a lot to do this Easter season. On Good Friday we delivered Easter flowers to the church and placed them in the sanctuary. Then we had a time of reflection, visiting different stations prompting us to pray and reflect on the meaning of Easter.

We ended our time with a “guess the flavor of the peep” game.

On Saturday we had lots of fun at the egg hunt!

Earlier in April we heard a rumor that help was needed making the unleavened bread for communion, so we quickly volunteered. Alas, we are busy people, so Jadon and Kadlin were the lone bakers, but they did a great job. It was a little messy but they were quick learners, and expertly prepared enough for communion. Everyone is excited to try this, so we have offered to be the new communion bread makers!



Small Talk

by: Heather Thomsen

Greetings from Wee Folk Nursery School! What a joy it was to watch the children embrace the Easter story. We journeyed around the church completing our "What Do I See at Easter" treasure map for Holy Week and Easter. Thank you Indian Creek Church of the Brethren for providing the treasure maps, as well as for hosting the Easter egg hunt, which many of the Wee Folk children were delighted to attend. We finished our Easter season with our Bible verse, "This is how we know what love is...Jesus Christ laid down his life for us" 1 John 3:16.

As we now prepare for graduation and our picnics honoring summer birthdays, we joyfully reflect on what a wonderful year it has been. We ventured week by week through the alphabet and will be wrapping up our alphabet adventures with "Z for Zack the Zebra." As we have our Kindergarten bound students slide

down the sliding board at our graduation ceremony, we pray for them to always keep Jesus in their hearts, and to take everything they have learned at Wee Folk into their future Kindergarten classrooms.

Pastor Tim will be visiting the classroom for his final Bible lesson of the year. The children are always so excited to see him, not to mention their anticipation of what balloon creation he will make for them to compliment the Bible story.

Thank you, Pastor Tim, for being so involved with the Wee Folk this year and bringing such excitement to the children, while continuing to spread the Good News. We feel grateful and blessed to all of you for your continued support of Wee Folk Nursery School!

Wee Folk Nursery School





Deacon Ministry

Submitted by Sue Moyer

Grandma's Off Her Rocker

"There was a time when uncles, aunts, brothers, and sisters were available to give parents a helping hand with child rearing. But more typically today, the extended family is spread all over the continent.. Even grandparents are sometimes unavailable because they're just as busy as their kids. Let me share a humorous poem that describes this situation. I have no idea who wrote this little piece, but I think you'll enjoy it. It's called, "Where Have All the Grandmas Gone?"

In the dim and distant past,
When life's temp wasn't fast,
Grandma used to rock and knit,
Crochet, tat and baby-sit.

When the kids were in a jam,
They could always call on "Gram."
In that day of gracious living,
Grandma was the gal for giving.

BUT today's she's in the gym,
Exercising to keep slim.
She's off touring with the bunch,
Or taking clients out to lunch.

Going North to ski or curl,
All her days are in a whirl.
Nothing seems to stop or block her,
Now that Grandma's off her rocker!

I think it's wonderful that older people are busy and productive. But if that means they don't have time for grandkids, we all lose out. Children need not only mothers and fathers who are dedicated to them but also older adults who invest in their lives."

Being a grandmother is a very rewarding gift from God! It has brought smiles and tears- but God is Good! Enjoy your children and their children; they are extra special!

"And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:19 NIV





ICCOB May Birthdays

2	Janet May	21	Ruth Baker
4	Jeanette Kirk	27	Debbie Kane
9	Chester Detweiler	29	Dale Galecki



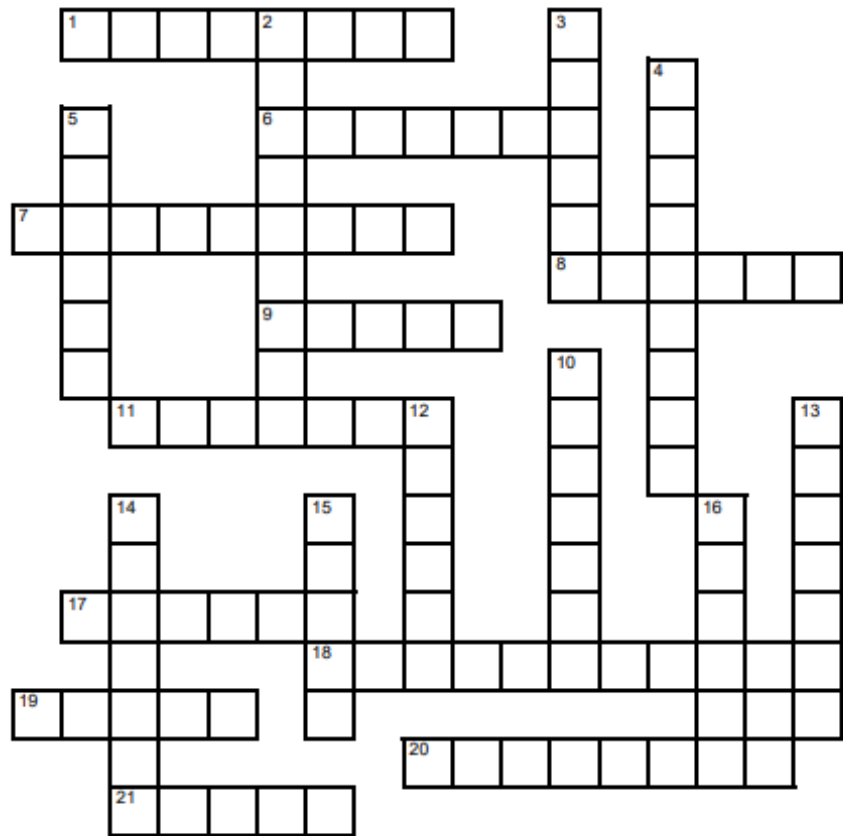
ACROSS

1. Sport played on a diamond.
6. ____Appreciation Day falls on Tuesday of the first full week in May.
7. Buzzing insect.
8. Astrological sign for the end of May (twins).
9. May is the ____ month of the year.
11. Small red insect with black dots.
17. She is celebrated on the second Sunday in May.
18. Annual Mexican celebration on May 5th.
19. Most lawns are this color in May.
20. Celebrated on the last Monday in May: ____ Day.
21. Plant these and you may get some flowers.

DOWN

2. What a caterpillar becomes.
3. Season in which May falls in the Northern Hemisphere.
4. Use this to trim the lawn.
5. Astrological sign for the start of May (bull).
10. May birthstone.
12. Place where you might grow flowers.
13. Flower of a plant.
14. Tulips, daisies, roses, etc.
15. May the ____ be with you.
16. Might be filled with candy and broken as part of a May celebration.

Merry Month of May



Baseball	Green
Blossom	Ladybug
Bumblebee	Lawnmower
Butterfly	Memorial
Cinco de Mayo	Mother
Emerald	Pinata
Fifth	Seeds
Flowers	Spring
Force	Taurus
Garden	Teacher
Gemini	

