

# Tydings

May 2024

## Let The Spirit Flow!

*“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. “I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.” - John 14:15-20, 25-27*

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

As you read this letter, the final days of the Season of Easter are upon us and just a couple of short weeks after this letter is published, we'll engage in the glorious celebration of Pentecost! Yes indeed! The season of Pentecost, which begins with the final day of the Easter Season, will carry us through the summer and fall months until we come back to Advent time in late fall. And if you know me, you know that I get pretty excited for certain things that happen in our faith life and community throughout the church year, and the celebration and following season of Pentecost is no exception to that wonderful sense of excitement!

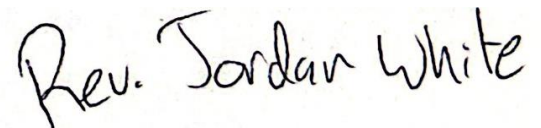
And what is this celebration all about and why is it so cool, you ask?!?! Well then, since you asked, let me tell you! Pentecost and the season that follows is nothing less than the chapter in the narrative of God's love where we find the story of us. Just as we are Easter people, proclaiming a resurrected Jesus, who shows us the way into life-love-light eternal, so too we are Pentecost People, who are assured that we walk this “way” not alone, but accompanied by the great “Spirit of truth,” the “Advocate,” Yeshua's own “Holy Spirit!” It is because of glorious gifts of this very kind that you so often hear me speak of the overwhelming abundance of the goodness of God's love for us. Not only are we given Christ's life, death, and resurrection, we are given the very

Spirit of the divine that indwells completely in Christ and in us, our direct link to God's love-light in our lives!

And what then are the promises we find here? First of all, we are promised that this Holy Spirit “abides” with us and “will be in” us! We never, ever, ever have to walk alone. God is never distant, even in those times that we feel some kind of distance, God's Holy Spirit is right here dwelling within us, loving us from our very core, from within our hearts, souls, minds, and bodies. God is with us! But that is not all, of course! We are also given the promise that through this spirit we will “see” Yeshua and that through Yeshua's living, we too find our own eternal love-light-life! How cool is that? We are invited once again into the way of Christ! And again, that is not all! No, we are also promised that this Holy Spirit will teach us, guide us, remind us, and bring us peace, not worldly peace, but Christly Peace! The real, true, Peace of Christ that rescues our hearts from trouble and convinces us yet again to “be not afraid.”

My siblings in Christ, God is with you in a very very real way. Just as the power of prayer is real, so too is the presence of the very Spirit of Christ in your whole being. In fact, it is through this presence that prayer finds its true power. It is one God, one Christ, one Spirit, one light, and one love that dwells in and around and among us in all times and in all places. So this Pentecost, my friends and neighbors in Christ's love-light: Let The Spirit Flow!!! Amen.

In God The Father, through Jesus Christ The Son, and by the power of The Holy Spirit, Rev. Jordan White



“Since we are living by the Spirit, Let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives.”



**WEST GLENVILLE REFORMED CHURCH'S  
CAMP FOWLER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

May 2024's Mission of the Month offering will be used to fund our own Camp Fowler Scholarship Program. For decades our church has offered partial scholarships to the children of our congregation to help defray the cost of attending Camp Fowler during their summer programs. We would like this program to continue with your help! Please give generously on Sunday, May 19 when the MOM offering for May will be collected.

A little about Camp Fowler:

**HOSPITALITY, COMMUNITY, SIMPLICITY  
CARING FOR THE WORLD**

Camp Fowler is a non-profit children's camp grounded in openness, hospitality and compassionate Christianity.

Fowler functions first and foremost as a summer camp, aiming to provide space for children to be themselves, learn from those who are different from them, and experience wonder and love. Campers, Volunteers and Staff are welcome regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation or religious affiliation.

Fowler is owned and operated by the Reformed Church in America, the oldest continuous Protestant denomination in the United States. Part of that heritage is the understanding that all are welcome at camp, whether you call yourself a follower of Christ or not. And while Fowler's leadership continues to uphold Christ as Lord of our lives, it is their hope that all will find space to worship and practice gratitude.

**REMINDER:**

Please let Sharon Groat (church secretary) or Vicki Hayner (church treasurer) know as soon as possible if your child(ren) will be attending Camp Fowler this summer. It is important that we are aware

no later than **SUNDAY, JUNE 2** so that we can calculate the amount of each scholarship and make arrangements with the Fowler office for crediting same to your account(s). Thank you!



**FOOD PANTRY NEWS**

Greetings from the Food Pantry.

Well, we had another busy month where the food flew out of the pantry; people are struggling and that has brought us many new clients.

We are so thankful to our donors and volunteers, they work hard and we are very appreciative. A big THANK YOU to our volunteers: Sue Kapusta, Jim Troyan, Doug Bradt, Janice Cooper, Susan Nick, Kathy Gomula, Becky White, Nicole Nelson, Deb Camino and Fe Bishop.

Please contact Susan Nick at 518-852-1743 if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you, Susan Nick

**Treasurer's Report as of  
April 29, 2024**

	Annual Budget	YTD Budget	Total to Date	Over/Under
Cong. Giving	127,950	42,223.50	39,467.00	Under 7%
Other Income*	29,707	9,803.31	10,033.00	Over 2%
Total income	157,657	52,026.81	49,500.00	Under 5%
Expenses	135,429	44,691.57	47,531.00	Over 6%

Does NOT include carryover from 2023 or interest on our investments.



## West Glenville Christian Nursery School

### Nursery School Wrap-Up

The end of another successful year of nursery school is upon us. We would like to thank our fabulous church family for contributing \$762.20 to the Mission of the Month on our behalf! As of this writing, we are expecting to have our outdoor graduation ceremony on Monday, May 20. It has been a year of tremendous growth, discovery, learning, friendship, and fun. This has also been a year of many challenges both for several of our families and for our staff members. We thank Katie Finnegan for her help and contributions behind the scenes. Her love and support were a constant presence in our room. We thank Susan Nick for her willingness to continue her support and to become more than a substitute. Her genuine joy and caring have been deeply felt by our students. We thank Becky White and Lori Habernig for their enthusiasm and willingness to work with our students when needed. We thank Sharon Groat for 'things' too numerous to mention, but always available when we need them/her. We thank Pastors Jordan and Jason for overlooking our loud enthusiasms during their work hours and for providing a good role model of brothers being able to work together (a lesson sometimes needed in our room). Finally, we thank our church family for the many forms of support you have given throughout the year. We wish everyone a safe, happy, and healthy summer.

PS-Keep us in mind if you know any almost 3, already 3 or 4-year-olds for our program.

Linda Davin

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### FELLOWSHIP AND SNACK TIME

Fellowship and snack time after church is missing a essential part.....**THE SNACKS!** The signup sheet will be on the snack table. Please consider taking a Sunday to provide snacks (examples: pub cheese, vegetables, fruit.....).

## Come join us this September at the West Glenville Christian Nursery School!

Registration for the 2024-2025 school year is currently being accepted for three, (nearly 3), and four-year-old children.

We offer two options from 9-11:30 AM:

- 2 day (tuition \$110 per month)
- 3-day Mon, Wed & Friday (tuition \$130 per month)

• Classes meet at the West Glenville Reformed Church (2172 West Glenville Rd.) from September through May. Registration is open to anyone; we will accept children on a first come, first serve basis.

• Call the church office (518) 399-9426 to leave a message or call Ms. Linda (teacher) at (518) 879-9958.

• A non-refundable registration fee of \$25 will be collected with the student's registration form.

The form can be downloaded and additional information obtained from the church website [WestGRC.org](http://WestGRC.org). Take a peek at our room too!



## FREE COMMUNITY MEAL

Community Meal for the spring/summer will be a picnic theme in the gazebo.

- Dates are:
- May 9, 2024 – 5:30 – 7:30 PM
  - June 13, 2024 – 5:30 – 7:30 PM
  - July 11, 2024 – 5:30 – 7:30 PM
  - August 8, 2024 - 5:30-7:30 PM

Hot Dogs and Hamburgers with all the fixings and salad is the menu. Mark your calendars and bring friends & family.

Donations of hot dog and hamburger as well as buns that could be put in the freezer for future use would be appreciated. If you plan to attend and would like to bring a salad or dessert contact Deb Bradt with you contribution.

### Community Meal (cont.)

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions/ideas you may have regarding this fellowship time. Deb Bradt (E-mail [deblbradt@gmail.com](mailto:deblbradt@gmail.com))

Church family, friends, neighbors and community members are invited.



## For Everything There Is A Season

I had a clock that in my Scotia office that I found in one of the church closets. I knew immediately that I wanted to hang it, because it reminded me of the speedometer in classic hot rods that I explored when I was a kid wandering around my grandfather's back field at the annual Norsemen Rod Run. However, even with a new battery, once a week I have to manually dial it ahead a few minutes, because it runs a bit slow. So every week I would wind it forward. Checking in on that clock had become a rhythm of putting things into perspective.

No matter our age, time is a funny thing. If you're enjoying yourself and look up at the clock, you'd say, "My, how time flies!" If you're finding no joy in what you're doing, you'd say, "How can it be only 2pm?!" Clock time schedules our busy lives and keeps us moving from point A to point B. We now keep our phones, with their always perfect time either near us or in our hands the majority of waking (and sleeping) hours, constantly aware of the time, the things we have done, the things we have yet to do, and the deadlines of life. But we must be reminded occasionally, perhaps by a slow clock on the wall, that time is not so rigid.

Listen to the words of Ecclesiastes 3, "for everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." The passage then mentions the physical and emotional rhythms of our lives including birth and death, planting and harvesting, finding and losing, listening and speaking, and mourning and dancing. These words of wisdom cause us to remember that we

cannot determine the times for most of the important things in life. God has worked these patterns into the fabric of life. Ellen Davis writes that, "when we learn to discern the pattern, then we see that there is a place for every essential aspect of life. Note that there is no right time for oppression or wretched suffering, foolishness or deceit."

I suppose what we have most control over is our posture towards these rhythms of life, and whether we will resist them, or dance to them. I'm about to learn if I can dance to a new rhythm with a baby soon to Arrive! If we can dance to them, we're afforded the gift of being more present to God and the world around us. It's as if we exist out of time and the constraints modern time puts upon us. God's greatest work "in time" was the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. But his life of love, compassion, and hope is timeless. It's easy to get caught looking to the past or squinting toward the future. When I've found myself looking to the past wishing some things hadn't happened, I try to step out of the time-thoughts that are pushing me this way and that, and be present. If I start looking too far into the future, worrying about how different things will be, I do the same. God's work in Christ is timeless, and the things Jesus had faith in like compassion, love, and forgiveness are ever-present. We exist in our 24/7 time, but at the same time, exist in the presence of a God who is always there, a God beyond time, whose ideals are not restricted by schedules and busy thoughts. Maybe all it will take for us to be reminded of that is an old clock that can't quite keep up.

Rev. Jason White, Congregational Care Director

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**HELP!!!!**

**VBS Volunteers-We Need YOU!**

When: Monday, July 22 through Friday, July 26

9:30 AM to 11:30 AM daily

One, two, three, four or five day Positions-all open



Calling all kids from nursery/preschool to grade 5 (as of September)!! Would YOU like to learn how to help other people and be a superhero for Jesus? If you would, Vacation Bible School is a place for you! We will learn about so many exciting things this year and all you need to do is ask your parents to send an email to: [WestGRC-VBS@hotmail.com](mailto:WestGRC-VBS@hotmail.com) to request a registration form. **PRE-REGISTRATION is required this year-deadline is Wednesday July 17.** **(If in doubt, please register! We will understand if your plans ultimately change.)**

VBS will be held at our church from Monday July 22-Friday July 26, 9:30am-11:30am daily. There will be a \$15 fee per child to help cover the cost of snacks and materials. Scholarships are available if needed.

July/TBD

August/TBD

September/TBD

October 5th- Fall Festival

**Fall Festival (to be combined with Cemetery Fundraiser)-Jennifer Kenneally**

October 5th- 1-6pm

Co-chairs- Barb & Autumn

**Election Day Spaghetti Dinner**

November 5th- 4-7pm

Co-chair Sue Kapusta & Sue Nick

## FUNDRAISER NEWS



Exciting news! **WGRC's 2024 fundraising events** have been planned. More details on each event will follow.

Thank you to those who were able to make the planning meeting. If you see something that you'd like to get involved with please reach out to Sharon Holbrook-Ryan. Thank you.

### 2024 Fundraising Events

#### **Town of Charlton Garage Sale (see enc. flyer)**

May 17 & 18-9am-3pm

Co-Chair Sue Nick & Lois Hayner

#### **Summer Concert Series**

(Begins in June and runs until October)

#### **Summer Concert Series Kickoff**

June 8th- 4:00 PM

“SING FORTH THE KINGDOM” CONCERT

featuring WG Choir and WG Praise Band

Co-Chair- Rose Holbrook Ryan/Julie Payton/Jennifer Kenneally

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### *Two more aisles . . .*

A man observed a woman in the grocery store with a three year old girl in her basket. As they passed the cookie section, the little girl asked for cookies and her mother told her no. The little girl immediately began to whine and fuss, and the mother said quietly, “Now Monica, we just have half of the aisles left to go through; don’t be upset. It won’t be long.”

Soon they came to the candy aisle, and the little girl began to shout for candy. And when told she couldn’t have any, began to cry. The mother said, “There, there, Monica, don’t cry—only two more aisles to go, and then we’ll be checking out.”

When they got to the check-out stand, the little girl immediately began to clamor for gum and burst into a terrible tantrum upon discovering there’d be no gum purchased. The mother patiently said, “Monica, we’ll be through this check out stand in 5 minutes and then you can go home and have a nice nap.”

The man followed them out to the parking lot and stopped the woman to compliment her. “I couldn’t help noticing how patient you were with little Monica,” he began.

Whereupon the mother said, “I’m Monica . . . my little girl’s name is Tammy.” Author Unknown

## "HIPPA" Reminder

### Important Reminder

**If you are visiting** the Church building when office staff are in on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 AM – 5 PM, and Nursery School is in session on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon, please announce yourself to them. It helps for security reasons to know whose feet they are hearing above them.

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### When Leaving the Church Building

Please remember to check all doors to see if they are locked, all lights are turned off in the **ENTIRE** church/hall/office building.

We need to be diligent in making sure our church building is safe and secure.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

As we continue our journey together as the people of West Glenville Church, please be reminded of the following contact people:

For information regarding our programs, please contact the following chairpeople:

Pastor: Pastor Jordan White @ 518-461-8427  
Congregational Care...Rev. Jason White @518-491-0626  
Vice President...Ken Hayner @ 518-496-3563  
Artisan Ministry...Lois Hayner @518-399-9492  
Bereavement...Lois Hayner @ 518-399-9492  
Christian Education...Sharon Holbrook Ryan @  
518-428-9560

Endowment... *Finance Committee*  
Facilities Liaison...Jennifer Kenneally @ 518 577-6332  
Fellowship...Debora Bradt @ 518-399-2391  
Finance Committee... Bruce Hodgkins @518-847-5587  
Fundraising...Sharon Holbrook Ryan @ 518 -428-9560  
Mission Co-Chairs... Jennifer Kenneally @ 518 577-6332  
Lois Hayner @ 518-399-9492

Music Director...Jordan White @ 518-461-8427  
Nursery Care...*Worship Committee*  
Personnel...Ken Hayner... @ 518-496-3563  
Stewardship...Bruce Hodgkins @ 518-847-5587  
Worship... Debora Bradt @ 518-399-2391  
Youth Education/VBS...Linda Davin @ 518-885-8089  
Clerk of Consistory...Sharon Groat @ 518-212-5755  
Treasurer...Vicki Hayner @518-495-9436  
Pledge Recording Secretary...Jeanine Flinton  
Secretary...Sharon Groat @ 518-212-5755  
Church Custodian...Lois Hayner @ 518-399-9492  
WG Christian Nursery School – Linda Davin 518-885-8089

Please remember that because of the HIPPA confidentiality laws we ask that you call the church office or any member of the consistory...if you or a family member is in the hospital. Hospitals are now very cautious about giving out any information about their patients, so your assistance is greatly appreciated in this matter.

### ON-GOING FUNDRAISER

**The Giving Bean Fundraiser is still active and, YES, you can re-order your favorites or try something new by going to [givingbean.com](http://givingbean.com)**

When you get to the website, click on the store, choose and purchase your products and they will be shipped directly to your home. **Remember to choose First Reformed Church of Glenville as the "partner" that you are supporting.** Our church will receive 25% of every order that is placed. In addition to coffee (ground, whole bean or K-cups) and tea, they offer cookies and biscotti, chai, and cocoas. This is a good way to keep your cupboard stocked up and help our church at the same time. If you have any questions, please reach out to Becky White. Thank you in advance for your help with this.

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## SOME FUN FACTS

- The average lead pencil will draw a line 35 miles long or write approximately 50,000 English words.
- The flea can jump 350 times its body length. That is like a human jumping the length of a football field.
- The characters Bert and Ernie on Sesame Street were named after Bert the cop and Ernie the taxi driver in Frank Capra's "It's A Wonderful Life".
- In 1400 B.C., it was fashionable for a rich Egyptian woman to place a large cone of scented grease on top of her head and keep it there all day. As the day wore on, the grease melted and dripped down over her body, covering her skin with an oily, glistening sheen and bathing her clothes in fragrance.
- February 1965 is the only month in history that had no full moon.
- There are approximately fifty Bibles sold each minute across the world.



**MAY**

- 2. Carly Piper Beers  
Joe and Jules Constantine, Anniversary
- 3. Otto Matthew Loiacono  
Kathy Van Flue
- 6. Jack Ryan
- 7. Linda Davin
- 9. Deb Camino
- 14. Cliff & Denise Townsend, Anniversary  
Dale and Amber Trojan, Anniversary
- 16. Darryl and Kelly White, Anniversary
- 18. Katie Donnan Lindsey
- 20. Brian Mead
- 21. Pat Merritt  
Bill Faulkner
- 22. Jessica Demarest  
Robert and Sandy Page, Anniversary
- 24. David and Bette Conde, Anniversary
- 27. Joe Farina
- 28: Charlie and Andrea Beers, Anniversary
- 29. Pat and Katie Finnegan, Anniversary
- 30. Leigh Schrader  
Spencer Feulner  
Jim and Rose Holbrook, Anniversary
- 31. Henry Robert Schrader

**May 1:** CAPSTONE @ 10 AM  
Choir @ 7:30 PM

**May 5:** Communion Sunday/Worship 10 AM  
Church School 10:30 AM  
Fellowship Hour following worship

**May 8:** Choir @ 7:30 PM

**May 9:** FREE COMMUNITY MEAL

**May 11:** Home Bureau – use of Poff Hall – 10:30 AM

**May 12:** Worship 10 AM  
Church School @ 10:30 AM  
Fellowship Hour following worship

May 14: Boy Scouts – Poff Hall 6 – 9 PM

**May 15:** Choir @ 7:30 PM

**May 19:** Worship @ 10 AM/ MOM offering received  
Church School 10:30 AM  
Fellowship Hour following worship

**May 20:** Nursery School Graduation @ 6 PM

**May 26:** Outdoor Worship Begins  
Worship 10 AM  
Fellowship Hour following worship

**May 31:** Last day of Nursery School

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**June**

- 1. Charlie Beers  
Bill and Karen Faulkner, Anniversary
- 2. Justin Reynolds
- 3. Edwin and Laura Lake, Anniversary
- 4. Nicole Hayner
- 5. Kathy Urbanski  
Neil Wright
- 7: Lilia White  
Tom Fantozzi  
Douglas and Debora Bradt, Anniversary
- 10. Pete and Becky Bednarek, Anniversary
- 14. Christy Schrader  
Sandi Hicks
- 18. Brian and Laurie Mead, Anniversary
- 19: Kyle Donnan
- 26: Anne Bednarek
- 27. Lois Hayner
- 30. Tyson Hayner  
Bexley DeGrasse

**June 2:** Communion Sunday/Worship @ 10 AM  
Fellowship Hour following worship

**June 5:** CAPSTONE @ 10 AM  
Choir – 7:30 PM

**June 8:** “SING FORTH THE KINGDOM” at 4 PM  
beginning of summer concert series.

**June 9:** Worship @ 10 AM  
Fellowship Hour following worship

**June 11:** Boy Scouts 6 – 9 PM – Poff Hall

**June 16:** Worship at 10 AM  
Fellowship hour following worship

**June 19:** Tydings Information due in church office

**June 23:** Worship @ 10 AM  
Fellowship Hour following worship

**June 30:** Worship @ 10 AM  
Fellowship Hour following worship

WEST GLENVILLE REFORMED CHURCH

# GARAGE SALE

Friday, May 17 & Saturday May, 18  
9am-3pm (both days)



Food & drink will  
be available for  
purchase.

Restrooms will  
be open to the  
public!

2172 WEST GLENVILLE RD.  
WEST GLENVILLE, NY 12010

WESTGRC.ORG



**You do a little SPRING CLEANING.....now what  
to do with the items that you no longer need or  
want.**

**We have the answer.**

Purchase a space (table 10 x 10) for just \$15...bring your items, set up your space and let's make this sale a blast! Whatever does not sell, you take back home with you.

Enjoy this stop on Charlton's Annual Town Garage Sale. Maps with details on where sales will be happening can be picked up at the West Charlton Fire Department. Bring your friends, grab some lunch and shop with us at WGRC. Let's make some memories together!

Please contact: [sharonholbrookryan72@gmail.co](mailto:sharonholbrookryan72@gmail.co), to reserve your space or for more information.