



# The Messenger

A publication of the Effort United Methodist Church

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## Our Mission

*“The purpose of the Effort United Methodist Church is to know, love and serve God and one another in Christian Community, welcoming all to grow as followers of Jesus Christ.*”

## Ways to Connect:

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Youth Group Instagram: [e.u.m.c.wavewalkers](https://www.instagram.com/e.u.m.c.wavewalkers)

## Help Us to Connect with You:

Should you want to get on our contact list for email, or have a change in your email address (or home address, phone number), please contact Jan at the church office (570-629-1890; [eumc103@ptd.net](mailto:eumc103@ptd.net)).

Newsletter distributed generally monthly via email, at church or via mail. Information for the June 2026 Messenger is due to Roxane Martin by **Memorial Day Monday, May 25, 2026**. Email Roxane at [martgr@ptd.net](mailto:martgr@ptd.net) or place in Newsletter mailbox across from the church office.

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## REMINDERS:

**Office closed Memorial Day Monday May 25.**

**Primary Election day: Tuesday May 19th:** As a reminder, Effort UMC is a voting location for Chestnuthill Township, so all meetings and groups normally scheduled for that day will be cancelled. Share that information with your group. Get out and VOTE!  
(See Upcoming Happenings for ways to help at the election.)

# Pastor's Corner

I know we are all still praising God for the wonderful Easter He provided for us! First and foremost: Christ is alive! Because God raised him from the dead, we have the assurance of eternal life. *“For I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in this body, I live by FAITH in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself up for me” - Ephesians 2:20.* What a blessing! Thank you Lord!

In addition, we celebrated 14 new members who decided to make Effort UMC their church home; and we look forward to six children being baptized on Mother's Day (Sunday May 10) at the 11:00am Worship Service. Friends – God is at work, through you, in powerful ways!

As we turn towards the end of the school year and summer, I want to draw your attention to several upcoming opportunities for you to continue to grow in faith, invite people to Effort UMC, and support the next generation of believers.

- **“The Chosen,” Season 2 Bible Study: Every Wednesday from May 6 – June 24.** Free dinner at 5:30pm, viewing of one episode and discussion 6:00 – 7:00pm. Led by Jeff Albert.
- **Mother's Day Sunday Worship Services (8:30 and 11:00am), and Breakfast Sunday (9:30 – 10:30am) on Sunday May 10.**
- **Free Community Outreach Concert: Saturday June 6, 5:30 – 7:30pm.** Free light dinner and a concert from *“The Kings of Queen Street”* band in the church's outdoor pavilion. Rain or shine! (*More summer outreach events will be announced soon*).
- **Breakfast Sunday: June 14, 9:30 – 10:30am.** A great opportunity to invite someone to church!
- **Finally – a word about Vacation Bible School,** which will be held Monday July 6 – Friday July 10, 9:00am – 12:00pm. This year, we all have an exciting opportunity to support and pray for every child that attends VBS at this church.

In the leadup to VBS, you can sponsor a child for \$20 – donation envelopes can be found on the Welcome Desk in the main entryway of the church. With your \$20 donation, you will be financially supporting a child, who will attend VBS, play the games, make the crafts, enjoy the snacks, and most importantly – hear the message of Jesus Christ.

In the week leading up to VBS, if you donated, you will receive a card with the name of one child who will be attending VBS, so that you can be praying for that child every day of VBS. *This is a great way for all of us to financially and spiritually support the next generation and show them the importance of faith in Jesus Christ.*

Wishing you all a blessed spring. Keep up the good work and keep inviting!

Pastor Scott

# Upcoming Happenings

**Election Day May 19th:** We are looking for several volunteers for 2-hour shifts to assist in the monitoring of the elevator and Wesley Hall entrances. In addition, we are seeking volunteers to person the table wherein pastries and coffee/tea will be available for sale (donations of bagels, cream cheese, pastries etc., are also appreciated). If you are interested or have questions, please contact Bob Decker, Jan Decker or John Audett and we will be glad to help you to help us. (shift availability will come on a first come first served basis).

**Flea Market:** The Effort Women's Group is hosting a Spring Flea Market on **Saturday, May 2nd** from 9am to 2pm. Contact Michelle Wichman at: [mlwich@ptd.net](mailto:mlwich@ptd.net) for more information. Come on out and check out all the vendors!

**Mother's Day Bulletin Sponsorship:** Want to honor your mom, grandmother, aunt, sister or any women who has been like a mom to you? For a \$1.00 donation per name, you can do so by sponsoring the Mother's Day Bulletin insert. Forms are available on the Welcome Center or you may call or email Jan in the church office. Email: [eumc103@ptd.net](mailto:eumc103@ptd.net). Place your donation in the offering box marked "Mother's Day Bulletin" by **May 3rd**.

**Graduating?:** Are you or do you know someone who is graduating from High School, College, receiving a Graduate degree or a certification, from a specialized course work program? Well, if so, we want to hear from you so that we can celebrate all at an upcoming service in June. Please fill out the form found on the Welcome Center or contact Jan in the office by **May 3rd** with the particulars and we will take care of the rest.

**Fellowship Breakfast:** will be held on **May 10th, 2026** from 9:30 to 10:30 am in Wesley Hall. Bring the family, a few friends and your appetite for a delicious meal. This is a free will offering event that is open to all. See you there!

**Memorial Day Remembrance Service:** We are planning a special service for Memorial Day weekend and invite you to submit names and photographs in memory of those from your family who were members of our nation's security forces (Army, Air Force, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, National Guard and Navy) who have gone on before us. Forms can be found on the Welcome Center or at the end of the Newsletter. Please have all submissions to the church office by **May 17th**. *(If you have previously submitted information and/or photos, please take note that we do still have them on file and will include them in the presentation).*

**"The Chosen," Season 2 Bible Study: Every Wednesday from May 6 – June 24.** Free dinner at 5:30pm, viewing of one episode and discussion 6:00 – 7:00pm. Led by Jeff Albert.

**Free Community Outreach Concert: Saturday June 6, 5:30 – 7:30pm.** Free light dinner and a concert from "The Kings of Queen Street" band in the church's outdoor pavilion. Rain or shine!

# *Special Notices*

**2026 Offering Envelopes:** If you do not have an envelope and would like one, please see Jan in the office. Likewise, if you have been assigned an envelope number and wish to go to EFT, contact Jan so that the number can be reissued. We are trying to be good stewards of our finances.

**2026 Altar Flowers & Bulletin Sponsors:** The sign up sheets for 2026 Altar Flowers and Bulletin Sponsors are now posted on the bulletin board next to the Library. Altar Flowers are \$30.00 per vase and the Bulletin sponsorship is \$15.00. Hurry on over to sign up for those special dates you want as they go pretty fast.

## *Opportunities to Serve*

**Nursery Volunteers:** The Nursery is normally open only during the 11:00 am service. If you love children and are willing to volunteer one hour of your time to tend for and to care for those little ones in our church. Background checks and clearances are required. If you need background checks, please contact Jan in the office. Thanking you in advance for your support of this ministry.

**Ushers and Greeters:** We have reconvened the use of Ushers and Greeters at our services! This means we will be in need of a few people who would like to participate in accepting the offerings and greet people as they enter the church. If you are interested, please contact Michelle Wichman who will be coordinating this opportunity for service. You can reach Michelle at: [mlwich@ptd.net](mailto:mlwich@ptd.net).

**Liturgist, Scripture Readers, & Communion Stewards:** We are in the process of updating our various lists of volunteers who serve in one or several of the aforementioned areas. Should you be interested in continuing to serve or would like to be added to specific area of serving, please contact the church office and we will get you on the schedule. The schedule will be on a rotational basis. Great opportunity for our young people as well to get involved with service.

**Singers where are you?:** We are calling for all those who love to sing and want to share your gift. If you have sung in a choir, previous cantatas or in the shower or car...we need you to join with Steve Johnson and others who are interested, to sit in the choir area and help lead the signing of the weekly hymns at the 11am service. New voices are welcomed!! See Steve Johnson [sjsa@ptd.net](mailto:sjsa@ptd.net) with any questions.

# Opportunities for Children and Families

## Christian Education

Any questions or concerns, please see Brenda Mitchell, Christian Education Director ([eumchrist@ptd.net](mailto:eumchrist@ptd.net))

**Nursery:** available at the 11:00am service for ages Newborn to 3 years old.

**Sunday School:** Classes are held during the 11:00 am services (September through May).

Classes are grouped as follows:

Body Building—3 years of age through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

Intermediate—3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Middle School—6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> grade

High School—9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade, meeting 2x/month

**Last Day for Sunday School will be Sunday May 31<sup>st</sup>.** There will be a “Moving Up” ceremony that date at the 11am service.

**Children’s Choir**—Will sing at the 11am service on **May 24<sup>th</sup>**. Practices are being held on **Sunday mornings at 10am** in the Youth Room. All ages are welcome to join us. Contact Miss Brenda for more informaton and we hope to see you there!

**Vacation Bible School** will be here sooner than you think!



It runs from **July 6<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup>** and theme is “Rainforest Falls- Exploring the Nature of God”.

So mark your calendars and reserve the dates!

For more information, contact Deb Audett, [daudett@ptd.net](mailto:daudett@ptd.net).

Want to volunteer? Check with Deb as clearances are needed.

**NEW THIS YEAR:** There are opportunities to Sponsor a child or children for VBS! Your donation of \$20 will help offset the costs associated with VBS and we will provide you with the name of a child(ren) that you would be encouraged to pray for that week. Sponsor envelopes are available on the Welcome Center.

## Preschool at Effort UMC

Do you know of anyone looking for a wonderful Pre-school program or if you have any questions about either the 3 year old or Pre-K programs, please call the church office or speak with Miss Gail by calling 570-629-1890 ext. 201. The last day of class is **Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>** with graduation scheduled on **Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>** at 10:00am. Classes will resume on September 14<sup>th</sup>!

## Wavewalkers Youth Group

Hello and Happy May Effort United Methodist Church. The Wavewalkers hope everyone had a blessed and wonderful Easter.

There was only one meeting in April and the Wavewalkers went out in the church van and took our very first Prayer Tour of our community in Brodheadsville. Alison Laxton and Melissa Roberti traveled around with 10 of our youth. We stopped at several small businesses and 2 schools and even our district court office. At each location we discussed what that particular business or establishment provided and why it is important to pray over our community. We emphasized that prayer is the most powerful thing that we can do for our neighbors and community and we should always ask the Lord to bless our small businesses and keep our neighborhoods safe. We started our tour at the middle school and then the high school. We prayed over the students, teachers, and staff. We prayed for seniors who are graduating and starting their young adult lives. Then we headed to Cartesion Dance Studio where several of our girls go for dance classes. In our prayer we thanked God for the beautiful art of dance and music. We headed down Rt 209 and stopped at Baileys Candy Shop and prayed for the wonderful owners and their tasty talent for creating confections. Next, was the Magistrates office. Then we headed over to our most popular grocery store, ShopRite, where we ran into our very own PV Bears football team! We prayed over ShopRite and Spinelli's. Our last few stops were at Sabor Caribeñ, Grapevine Antiques, Signature Gym, and West End Dance. We have such an array of restaurants, retail shops, and places to grow our talents, how could we not ask the Lord to watch over our little town and bring safety, love, and blessings to our businesses and schools and all of those who enjoy these places. Even though it was pretty chilly and drizzling our youth did a great job going around and praying for our hometown.

In May we have meetings on the 3rd and the 17th. We will also have a table at the flea market on May 2nd. Please come see us and say hi. We will be selling donated items to help fund some of our fun activities that the teens love to take part in. Thank you for taking the time to read up on what we are doing with the youth and please continue to pray for the Wavewalkers as we are so grateful for the prayers.

And even though we have so many active and faithful youth, we are always looking for new faces. If you know someone you think would be interested in our group or needs a positive social group that encourages following Jesus, please see any of our leaders. We are full of all the important information. Remember anyone from fourth grade to a senior in high school is welcome to participate.

As always, thank you for your prayers and support.

Our meetings are normally the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month.

**May 3rd and 17<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 to 2:30 pm**

Contact Alison Laxton, [alaxton@ptd.net](mailto:alaxton@ptd.net), Deb Audett, [daudett@ptd.net](mailto:daudett@ptd.net), Theresa Mayo, [mayo43093@aol.com](mailto:mayo43093@aol.com) or Melissa Roberti, [mlejr@frontier.com](mailto:mlejr@frontier.com) for additional information.

## Youth Mission Trip-2026

Wallingford, Connecticut, here we come! At the moment, there are 10 youth and 6 adults registered to serve This Youth Mission Trip will be held the **week of June 28<sup>th</sup> to July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

There will be a “Commissioning to Serve” service held during the 8:30 and 11:00 am services on **Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>**. We would love to have you there!

We wish to thank everyone who supported our fundraisers! The funds raised will greatly help to offset the costs associated with the trip. If you are so inclined, I ask that instead of sending cards or notes of encouragement to the Mission Team members at the school, that perhaps you would write them ahead of time and give them to me one week prior to our trip. I can then distribute them during the week at camp as a little extra touch from home. Trust me when I say, the kids look forward to these notes—Jan.

*Those serving this year are:* Jaylee Belstra, Jasmine Broome, Claire, Corbin & Melissa Roberti, Sharon & Josh Gerhart, Jesse Laxton, Evan James, Allison Mayo, Emma, Katie & Ron Wichman, Jada Timothy, Kelsey Washbourne, Jan Decker.

## *Continuing Fellowship/Bible Study Opportunities*

**RightNow Media:** Did you know that we have a place that you can go to on line and seek out a multitude of Bible studies and information? If not, why not check it out. All you have to do is provide the office (or Pastor Scott) with your email address and an invitation to join in and peruse the many studies and information available.

**Basement Bunch:** Basement Bunch Bible Study/Sunday School class meets from 9:45 until 10:30 am in the former Day Care Kitchen area from September until May. Coffee, tea and some sort of goodies are always available. We would love to see a few more people join us. There is a book that we follow that you can read ahead or just look at it once we are in class. Come on out and learn a little bit more about the Bible. Hope to see you there! Please contact Steve Johnson at [sjsa@ptd.net](mailto:sjsa@ptd.net) to register and/or if you have any questions. (NOTE: Last meeting pre-summer is May 31<sup>st</sup>.)

**Christian Connection:** A group designed specifically for fellowship and sharing. This group welcomes all to share and to let you know you're not alone. Meetings are on Mondays from 12:00pm to 1:00pm and will be held in the Library. Bring a lunch and join them in a relaxed atmosphere of sharing God's love. If you are interested in participating, please contact Betsi Bradrick at: [duckharbor21@gmail.com](mailto:duckharbor21@gmail.com)

## **Financially Speaking:**

We would like to thank each and every one of you for your continued financial support of your church whether it was through the US Mail, EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer), in person, by giving through or Pay Pal.

### **Extra Mile--**

Reminder that Extra Mile Giving (either through your envelopes or EFT) are greatly appreciated. All Extra Mile Giving goes directly to the General Fund for general operating expenses (electric, oil, office supplies, youth education and youth group, etc.) and is in addition to your weekly tithes and offerings. An extra few dollars goes a long way! Please consider going that “extra mile”. Contact Finance Chair for any questions—Bob Decker, [bdecker@schiffs.com](mailto:bdecker@schiffs.com)

### **Finance Committee Update—**

Thank You for the support of our annual chicken barbecue fundraiser. Be it by baking a dessert, serving at the dinner, helping with food preparation, or contributing to offset the food costs, and best yet, by purchasing and enjoying a dinner. We netted \$3675 profit to support the general fund of the church.

*DID YOU KNOW?* Just some enlightenment on a few expenses

Snow plowing- Unpredictable \$\$

Office supplies -Paper/ Stamps/printer cartridges/bulletins etc. \$245 per month

Flood Insurance- \$625 per quarter

Property/Liability Insurance- \$940 per month

Bank fees/ EFT fees- \$120 per month

*YOU CAN HELP!* When you go grocery shopping, you can save your register tape and bring them to church. There is a receptacle in the Welcome Center. Kinsley’s Shop Rite and Weis Markets (any location) give back 1%, with some restrictions on certain products. We have a crew (and you can join to help) who tabulate the receipts every 2 months (marking off the ineligible items and getting the final tally for our rebate check). The receipts are only good for 365 days, so please submit them in a timely manner.

*ANNUAL FINANCIAL REVIEW:* Are you financially savvy? Would you like to do our annual financial review. We have a procedure with instructions, and you work with the treasurer and financial secretary and review our financial operation and follow a few transactions from start to finish and ensure that financial procedures are followed properly. If you would like to serve the church in this role, please contact myself or the church office.

Thank you for your support.

Bob Decker Finance Committee chairman and the Finance team.

**Food Pantry (SFRC):** Member of Feeding America through Second Harvest Food Bank

The Lord inspired us to help feed families who have need, that are not eligible for local, county or state programs. The program serves the communities of Albrightsville, Blakeslee, Brodheadsville, Effort, Gilbert, Kunkletown, Kresgeville, Saylorsburg and Sciota on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of each month, from 10:00 am to noon.

The pantry will be open as follows for the month of May 2026: **May 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10 am to noon.**

**Volunteers:**

Youth: Must be in high school. If 16-17, must complete volunteer paperwork, but background checks are not required.

Adults: Must complete volunteer paperwork. Must complete state background checks (and Federal checks if not in Pennsylvania for 10 years). Must complete youth protection training. Contact Jan Decker for all volunteer paperwork at: [eumc103@ptd.net](mailto:eumc103@ptd.net) or 570-629-1890 ext. 103.

**Our biggest volunteer need continues to be associated with picking up items from our suppliers. These are often mid-day/mid-week activities and require flexibility with time. Please contact Deb Audett (570-350-0335) if you can make a bi-weekly commitment.**

SFRC is seeking donations for the month of **May:** Pasta and Pasta Sauce. And always we can use canned goods and/or any non perishable item. (See a good sale? Bring it for SFRC!)

**Ladies Retreat:** Reservations for the 2026 Ladies Retreat are in process. There has been a change in how Pocono Plateau is requesting deposits and payments so it is important that deadline dates are met. Final payment will be due just prior to the retreat dates of **September 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>** A registration/sign-up sheet can be found on the Welcome Center. Any questions, please contact Janet Pierson at: [janetp@ptd.net](mailto:janetp@ptd.net)

**Men's Group:** The next meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>** at 9:00 am in the former Day Care Kitchen area. (There are always snacks and coffee available). Our meetings are normally held on the third Saturday morning of each month. For more information contact Steve Johnson at [sjsa@ptd.net](mailto:sjsa@ptd.net) (Note: Men's group meets in June, but will be off for July/August.)

**Missions:**

Joyful Noise Offering during worship services for May 2026:

**5/3 - Hillside Cemetery**

**5/10 - Monroe County Meals on Wheels**

**5/17 - Connectional Ministries**

**5/24 - Outreach**

**5/31 - Pastor's Discretionary Fund**

**Mission Outreach Auction--**Thank you to everyone who supported the Mission Outreach Auction, whether it was by donating, purchasing or just coming out to have great fellowship. The total proceeds were \$3,120.00. These proceeds will go to The Zimmerman's on the US/Mexico border, the Mission trip coming up in June and to Outreach at the church.

Other important dates to keep in mind are: Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> for the Fall Family Fun Day, and Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> for the Family Christmas Celebration Dinner.

**Pastoral Care:** If you know of someone from our congregation that would like a visit from the Pastoral Care team or Pastor Scott, please contact Dee Juris and she will make arrangements for those who may need a cheerful visit. Dee can be reached at: [deedoloresj24@gmail.com](mailto:deedoloresj24@gmail.com),

For Mother's Day, **May 10<sup>th</sup>**, we will be distributing carnations at both the 8:30 & 11am church services to women 18 years & older.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** The Prayer Shawl Ministry group meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm. If you knit or crochet or would like to learn, please join the ladies they would love to welcome you and have you join the group. Contact Joyce Aylsworth 570-643-3334 for more information.

Our next meetings are scheduled for: **Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. NO meeting on May 19<sup>th</sup> due to election.**

The ladies of the Prayer Shawl Ministry would like to extend a gracious and heartfelt “thank you” to all who have donated yarn and/or monetary donations in support of this ministry. We couldn’t do this without you and God’s grace.

**Seekers:** Just come on out and join them on Monday mornings at 10:00 am in Friendship Hall. Starting May 4<sup>th</sup>, the group will begin a new book, “Experiencing the Heart of Jesus”. Please note that the last meeting is May 18<sup>th</sup>. Seekers will **resume September 14<sup>th</sup>.**

**Women’s Group of Effort:** The next meeting will be held on **Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.**

Devotions: Jan Decker

Hostesses: Eva Martin & Dottie Jeker

We are always looking for others to join in on the fun with us and to serve as part of a group that supports the church and various mission projects! Our meetings are generally held the second Monday of each month at 7:00pm.....come on out... there’s always terrific food! Contact Sharon Gerhart, [idohair191@yahoo.com](mailto:idohair191@yahoo.com), for more information.

**Flea Market:** The Effort Women’s Group is hosting a Spring Flea Market on **Saturday, May 2nd** from 9am to 2pm. Come on out and find some treasures! Baked goods and food are available for purchase.

# Miscellaneous

**Space available for rent:** Looking for a comfortable and friendly place to hold your next party, family gathering or meeting? Look no further! EUMC has the perfect areas for such events. Wesley Hall (seats 125) and an outdoor Pavilion available to rent to non-profit organizations. Fees are: \$75 for Church members and \$100 for non-members with an additional \$50 for the Custodian. Contact the church office at 570-629-1890 for availability and additional information.

**Shop Rite and Weis Market Register Tapes:** The church is still collecting the register tapes from Shop Rite (Brodheads ville store only) and Weis Market (from any store). The church receives 1% of each qualified amount. As with all things, there are some guidelines and restrictions. One of which is that *we cannot submit a tape that is more than one (1) year old*. The Shop Rite and Weis register tapes may be dropped off in the box in the Narthex, on the Welcome Center.

**Upper Room Devotionals:** Just a reminder that the Upper Room Devotionals are located in the back of the Narthex. To help offset some of the costs, a donation of \$1.50 for the smaller books and \$1.75 for the large print is requested. Thank you.

**Recycling:** We do recycle plastics (including bottles), glass and cardboard and to use the appropriate recycling bins located in both Wesley and Friendship halls. Please *DO NOT* throw in the regular trash or garbage cans. Thank you.



## 2026 May Birthdays

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05/01 Erica Binkley  
05/02 Benjamin Jochen, Tayte Belstra  
05/05 Bob Decker  
05/09 Zachary Jochen, Cecelia Benincasa  
05/10 Charles Conklin, Pastor Scott  
05/11 Bob Argot  
05/13 Dave Riddell  
05/14 Jan Decker  
05/15 Linda Silverberg  
05/17 Thomas Conklin  
05/21 Rodney(Butch) Everett  
05/22 Laura Catina  
05/23 Rick Wagner  
05/25 Adam Johnson

## June

06/01 Brenda Falco  
06/02 Brittanie Farrington, Trenton Laxton  
06/04 Heather Daube  
06/06 Thatcher (TJ) Roberti  
06/08 Amy Binkley, Bill Brangan

### **Card Showers: (send cards and shower them with love)**

Phyllis Conklin, c/o Mrs. Bush's Personal Care Home, 302 Kunkletown Road, Kunkletown, PA 18058  
Lucille Smith, 1308 Brian Lane, Effort, PA 18330  
Mert & John Wolfe, 3215 Cherry Road, Kunkletown, PA 18058  
Sarah Brecht, 800 Houseman Road, Apt. 387, Allentown, PA 18104  
Tammy Graeber, 2556 Rising Hill Drive, Saylorsburg, PA 18353  
Ann Sanders, Sunrise at Randolph, 648 NJ-10, Randolph, NJ 07869 Room 322



## Special Memorial Day Service

Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026

We are planning special services Memorial Day weekend and invite you to submit names and photographs in memory of those from your family who were members of our nations' security forces (Army, Air Force, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, National Guard and Navy) who have gone on before us.

\*Photos may or may not be used in the service, depending on the number of those who respond. *(Note: if you have previously submitted information, there is no need to re-submit as we have kept them on file)*

**Please fill in the information below:**

**Full Name of Service Member & Rank:**

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**Dates of Service:**

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**Branch of Service:**

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**Submitted by:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return completed forms to the office by: May 18<sup>th</sup>*



**Paul's House Veterans Sanctuary** is located at the Old Jonas Hotel location, 1130 Scenic Drive, Kunkletown, PA. We can accommodate up to 13 Veterans a day with meals provided. We are set up to accept Veterans with pets as well.

**V.A.L.O.R. Clinic Foundation Mission - Veterans Assisted Living Out Reach**

Valor Clinic Foundation is a Pennsylvania-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to serving veterans who are homeless, at-risk, or struggling to regain stability.

We provide **non-medical support services** including outreach, shelter support, food assistance, benefits navigation, peer-to-peer support, and referrals to trusted VA and community partners.

**Our mission is to meet veterans where they are, remove barriers, and help them regain dignity, stability, and independence.**

We assist Veterans with temporary shelter @ Paul's House, assist them in finding a job, and eventually they move into an apartment of their own.

**With this our needs are great.** In addition to Clothing, we accept and are in need of any and all (in good condition), household goods, kitchen goods, appliances, and even vehicles. Yes, many of our residents are in need of a vehicle as well.

We have an ongoing need for Volunteers as well. If you are looking for a great way to serve your country and the great men and women who fought for your freedom, come check us out.

**If you have any questions, please dial (570) 664-6468 or to arrange a pick-up of furniture, please dial (570) 534-2854.**