

**HOLY COMMUNION**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**May 21, 2017**

**8:00 am**

**INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY**

Jesus does not leave his followers orphaned. Through the Holy Spirit Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

**SILENT PRAYER**

**PRELUDE:** *Amazing Grace*

Bish

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)**

*Stand*

**HYMN:** *The Day of Resurrection!*

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**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ABSOLUTION)**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hid:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you  
and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

***Kneel/Stand***

**P** Most merciful God,

**C** we confess that we are captive to sin  
and cannot free ourselves.

We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done  
and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,  
so that we may delight in your will  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name.

**Amen.**

**P** In the mercy of almighty God,  
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,  
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.  
As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ,  
and by his authority,  
I therefore declare to you  
the entire forgiveness of all your sins,  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the ✝ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

***Stand***

**GREETING**

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** **And also with you.**

## KYRIE

**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**A** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C** Amen

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

**A** This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**C** Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Power and riches and wisdom and strength,  
and honor and blessing and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God,

and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing and honor and glory and might

be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God,

for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.

Alleluia, alleluia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good things come: Lead us by the inspiration of

your Spirit to think those things which are right, and by your goodness help us to do them; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☩ Amen.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Sit*

### FIRST READING

Acts 17:22-31

*In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the “unknown god” whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.*

Ⓐ A reading from Acts.

<sup>22</sup>Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. <sup>23</sup>For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup>From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup>so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup>For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

<sup>29</sup>Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup>While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Ⓐ The word of the Lord.

**☞ Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:13-22

*Christians have a zeal for doing what is right in God's eyes no matter what the circumstances because in baptism we are saved and made alive. Thus our Christian beliefs and behavior are to be a matter of public record just as our baptism is.*

**Ⓐ** A reading from First Peter.

<sup>13</sup>Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup>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, <sup>15</sup>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; <sup>16</sup>yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup>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, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

**Ⓐ** The word of the Lord.

**☞ Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**☞ Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

## GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

*In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.*

**P** The holy gospel according to John.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>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.

<sup>18</sup>“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>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.”

**P** The gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit*

**SERMON**

Pastor Weleck

*Stand*

*The Nicene Creed or the Apostles' Creed may be spoken. The Nicene Creed is appropriate during Advent, Christmas, Easter, and on festival days; the Apostles' Creed during Lent and at other times.*

**NICENE CREED**

**P** With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**C** **We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,**

**God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge  
the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

- A** With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,  
let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.
- A** Lord Jesus Christ, your love of the Father was lived out by  
obedience to his commandments, and by obedience to your  
commandments we live out our love for you. Renew in us always  
such loving obedience to your Word that, as you have promised, we  
may readily receive another Counselor, the promised Holy Spirit,  
who will be your Spirit in us, now and forever. Lord in your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**A** We pray for the church, for its pastors and bishops, for the newly baptized, for all the faithful, for this congregation here gathered, and for our growth in grace. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**A** We pray for all nations, for all rulers, legislators, and judges, for an increase of justice in our lands, and for all who work for peace among nations and among peoples. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**A** We pray for all in any need, for the hungry and the homeless, for victims of war and injustice, for prisoners, for all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, for the sick and infirm, for all with incurable illness, and for all who this day will die. We pray especially for those we name in the silence of our hearts... Lord, in your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**A** We pray for the members of our armed forces wherever they serve, and especially when they serve in harm's way, that they might speedily complete their mission and be safely reunited with their loved ones. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C** Amen.

## PEACE

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say Peace be with you or similar words.*

## LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR



*Sit*  
**OFFERING**

*Stand*  
**OFFERTORY**



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -  
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,  
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

## OFFERING PRAYER

- A** Let us pray...Merciful Father,  
**C** we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks:*

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And also with you.  
  
**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** We lift them to the Lord.  
  
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*The minister continues with the PROPER PREFACE:*

- P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... *Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding:* ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*The assembly continues with the SANCTUS:*

- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*The minister continues with the WORDS OF INSTITUTION, usually included in a Eucharistic Prayer.*

- P** You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.  
You are most holy,  
and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish  
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world  
to fulfill for us your holy will  
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**☩ Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

**P** Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
his life-giving passion and death,  
his glorious resurrection and ascension,  
and the promise of his coming again,  
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,  
not as we ought but as we are able;  
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving  
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,  
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,  
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ  
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,  
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,  
may be formed to live as your holy people

and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

**C 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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass 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 and ever. Amen.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**P** Behold the Lamb of God,  
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**C Lord, I am not worthy  
that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word  
and my soul shall be healed.**

## **LAMB OF GOD (AGNUS DEI)**

**C Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace.**

**Sit**

## COMMUNION

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*

The body of Christ, given for you.      The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
*and each person may respond*

**R** Amen.

*We Lutherans believe that the Body and Blood of Christ are present “in, with, and under” the forms of bread and wine. We invite to the communion all who are baptized and communing in this or another Christian denomination. We welcome children and others who are not communing to come forward for a blessing.*

**Stand**

## SONG AFTER COMMUNION



**C** Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

**P** The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C** Amen.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**A** Let us pray.  
We give you thanks, almighty God,

that you have refreshed us  
through the healing power of this gift of life.  
In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift,  
in faith toward you  
and in fervent love toward one another;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

## SENDING

### BLESSING (BENEDICTION)

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and **+** give you peace.

**C Amen.**

### DISMISSAL

**A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:** *Chaconne*

Couperin



**The Easter Cycle** celebrates the events surrounding our Lord's passion, death, and resurrection. Beginning with Ash Wednesday, the Easter Cycle includes the Lenten season, Holy Week, and the Easter Season. This cycle concludes with the Day of Pentecost, as the culmination of the resurrection through the coming of the Holy Spirit to Christ's followers.

**The Paschal Candle**, symbolic of our Lord's resurrection, is positioned on the Gospel side of the altar and is lighted at all services during the Easter season (up to and including the Day of Pentecost).

**The liturgical color white**, symbolic of purity, joy, and the light of Christ, is used on the festivals of Christ.

**Assisting in the Service:**

Acolyte: Shayna King

Crucifer: Ally Napier

Torch Bearers: Sarah Interrante and Ashley Tighe

Greeters: Youth Group

Ushers: Dave Schweitzer, Ed Funk, Pat O'Hara, and Dick Allebach

Lectors: 8:00 am: Ron Hess

10:30 am: Jeannie Funk and James Lorah

Communion Assistants: 8:00 am: Debra Augustine

10:30 am: Barbara Birch and Janice Reiff

Altar Guild: 8:00 am: Sally Sweeney

10:30 am: Mike VanBlaricum

Offering Tabulation: Janet Stokes, Jack Schatz, and Gary Wessner

The Altar Flowers in the Upper Nave are given to the glory of God by Renata and Dieter Markert in loving memory of our parents Hedy and Max Reimer and Friedchen and Willi Markert.

The Worship Bulletins are given to the glory of God by Jeannie and Ed Funk, in honor of our son Brian and all the graduation seniors in the Youth Group: Skylar Althouse, Ben Dogonniuck, Riley Schmidt, and Ashley Smith.

The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God by Leon Linsenbigler in loving memory of wife, Leona Linsenbigler.

Bulletin Sponsors Sought: Donors are needed to sponsor our weekly bulletins. This is a great way to remember or honor someone special or to commemorate a life milestone! Contact Dot Opperman for more information at 610-489-4514.

Parents of children aged three through sixth grade: Please feel free to relax in the Fellowship Hall with coffee and other parents while your children are in Sunday school. Or, join the adult Bible study class that meets during the Sunday school hour. Take-home activity pages are available at the registration desk so that you can reinforce the story with your children at home, and the Spark Bible, with all our Sunday school stories, is available for purchase at <https://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/8122/Spark-Story-Bible-Sunday-School-Edition>.



Prayer Chain: Did you know we have a Prayer Chain at Augustus? Well, we do! If you would like our Prayer Chain ladies to pray for you or a family member, please call Carol Oelschlager to have their name added to the list. Carol can be reached at 610-489-3109.

Altar Guild Needs Your Assistance!! No experience necessary. We fill the candles with oil, the pitchers with wine, and put flowers in the vases. We work in partners and serve two or three times in a year. Please call Donna Beishl at 610-350-0238 to have any questions about this function answered.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS			
Sunday	5/21	8:00 am	Holy Communion in the Chapel
		9:00 am	Sunday School CARNIVAL
		10:30 am	Holy Communion in the Upper Nave
		4:00 pm	Choir Spring Concert – Muhlenberg’s Playlist
Monday	5/22	2:00 pm	Staff Meeting
		7:00 pm	Scouts
Tuesday	5/23	9:00 am	Upper Montgomery Pastors’ Meeting
		7:00 pm	Boy Scouts
Wednesday	5/24	6:00 pm	3-in-1
Thursday	5/25	11:00 am	Happy Days T-TH Awards Ceremony
		7:00 pm	Adult Choir
Friday	5/26	2:00 pm	Happy Days M-W-F Graduation
Saturday	5/27		
Sunday	5/28	8:00 am	Holy Communion in the Chapel
		10:30 am	Holy Communion in the Upper Nave

Communion Assistants Needed: Please consider becoming a communion assistant and serve our congregation during Sunday services. You may serve as often or infrequently as meets your schedule. Training will be provided. Contact the church office or Karen Lachenmayer at 610-715-489-4850 or karenlachenmayer@gmail.com.

# 2017 MISSION TRIP **GOLF OUTING**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 2017**

12:00 pm Registration

1:00 pm Shot Gun Start

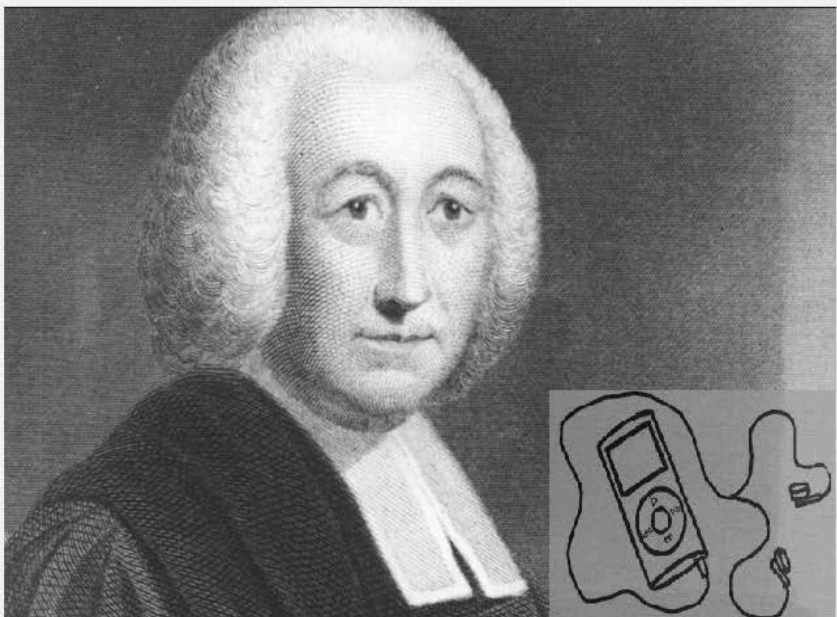
## **Butter Valley Golf Port Barto, PA**

**\$90 / Golfer**      Greens Fees, Cart, Food  
Beverages, Soda, Water,  
Steak Dinner & Gift Bags

**MISSION TRIP**      **\$40 / Dinner Only**      6:30 pm Dinner  
and Festivities at  
the Pavilion

MORE INFO: CALL FIRST UCC AT 215-536-4447





If Muhlenberg had an ipod, what would be on it?

## **Muhlenberg's Ipod Playlist**

### **Concert and Sing-In**

*Laurie Mueller, Organist and Director*

Augustus Lutheran Church

717 W. Main St., Trappe

**Sunday, May 21, 2017 4:00 PM**

*A free-will offering will be received*



# Geranium Sunday

*Flowers can now be ordered for Pentecost!*

All members of the Congregation are invited to order Geranium Plants as a memorial to or in honor of Loved Ones/Friends to decorate the Church Sanctuary in celebration of Pentecost, May 15, 2016. The Women of ELCA will take responsibility for their planting on church grounds. The Geranium project has always been a huge success. Please include payment with your order.

*Make Checks payable to: AUGUSTUS FLOWER FUND*

**Last day to order is May 28, 2017**

*Mail to:* Karen Lachenmayer

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Dartmoor Road

Schwenksville, PA 19473

*Phone:* 610-287-2827

*E-Mail:* [kal412@comcast.net](mailto:kal412@comcast.net)

## GERANIUM ORDER FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Red Geraniums Only

Quantity

\$5.00 each

Total:

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I would like the bulletin acknowledgement to read:

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# Old Church Model

2018 is the 275th anniversary of the Old Church. Order this treasured keepsake to commemorate this special event. The Old Church metal model, first produced in the 1960's has been re-cast.

This beautiful metal reproduction of the Old Church can be purchased in two finishes: metallic finish like the 1960's run, or done in a hand-painted color finish.

Solid Black Finish: \$30

Hand-Painted Color Finish: \$40

We have 20 models in production in this first production run. We will take pre-orders for a second production run. Place your order for a 2017 delivery of the Old Church Model. Money will be collected when you pick up this keepsake.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity:

\_\_\_\_\_ Solid Black (\$30)

\_\_\_\_\_ Painted (\$40)

Total Cost: \_\_\_\_\_





**Norristown Hospitality Center**

# YARD SALE



**SATURDAY MAY 27<sup>th</sup>  
10 a.m. – 1 p.m**

**New Life Plaza**

Parking Lot  
25 E Marshall St., Norristown

**SALE WILL INCLUDE:**

Men's & Women's  
Clothing  
Shoes  
Hats, Gloves, Scarves  
Small Appliances  
Children's clothing  
Home Goods

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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**SHOP**

**SAVE**

**All proceeds benefit the Hospitality Center.**