

LECTIONARY FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

MAY 5

Acts 1:9-15; Psalm 67
Revelation 21:10,22-22:5 ; John 14:23-29

MAY 12

Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97
Revelation 22:12-14,16-17. 20-21; John
17:20-26

MAY 19

Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34,35b
Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-17

MAY 26

Proverbs 8:1-4,22-31; Psalm 8
Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15



LECTIONARY FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

June 2

I Kings 18:20-39; Psalm 96
Galatians 1:1-12; Luke 7:1-10

June 9

I Kings 17:8-24; Psalm 146
Galatians 1:11-24; Luke 7:11-17

June 16

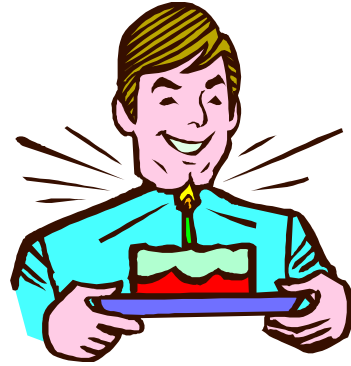
I Kings 21:1-21a; Psalm 5:1-8
Galatians 2:15-21; Luke 7:36-8:3

June 23

I Kings 19:1-15a; Psalm 42
Galatians 3:23-39; Luke 8:26-39

June 30

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20
Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62



HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAY TO:

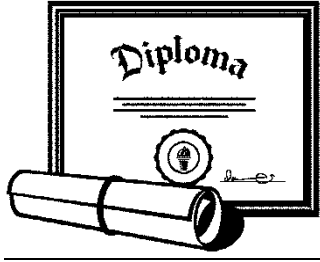
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<i>Richard Woodsfield</i>	4
<i>Irene Mudra</i>	4
<i>Curtis Burns</i>	5
<i>Nancy Martinson</i>	5
<i>Carolyn Franz</i>	7
<i>Joyce Car hart</i>	7
<i>Lorraine Car hart</i>	8
<i>Ethel Strand</i>	9
<i>Bridget Cresco</i>	10
<i>Patricia Martinson</i>	16
<i>Ed Burns</i>	18
<i>Richard Brickman</i>	20
<i>Evan Schickel</i>	20
<i>Alan G. Woodfield</i>	26
<i>Theresa Heinaman</i>	27
<i>Courtney Martinson</i>	28

HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAYS TO:

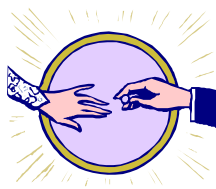
<i>Philip Karpa</i>	3
<i>Jessica Faith Mannino</i>	4
<i>Brian Stamer</i>	7
<i>Lynette Joy Carhart</i>	9
<i>Glenn Curtin</i>	9
<i>Douglas Martinson</i>	13
<i>Dorothy Gerbounka</i>	18
<i>Kacie Ann Gmitter</i>	23

.....and many, many more!!!!

BITS AND PIECES



Bill and Sue Henel's son, Matthew graduated in March, 2013 with various honors from Universal Technical Institute in Exton, Pa. In addition to graduating with a 3.98 GPA AND 99.97 % attendance, he received three "Student of the Course" awards (earning the highest grade of the course and was nominated into the Alpha Beta Kappa Honor Society. He is now attending Mercedes Benz School at the Universal Technical Institute campus in Norwood, Mass. It is an intense twelve week program broken into four 3 week courses and he already is the "Student of the Course" for the first course he took. He will be graduating on June 14th.



In between graduating from the Exton campus and starting at the Norwood campus, he and his girlfriend, Jamie Van Salisbury of 5 years, got engaged. He took her to NYC for dinner at Bobby Flay's Bar American and followed that with a carriage ride in Central Park where he proposed. She is currently working for CSI Group, a Certified Public Accountant firm. Once

Matt finishes school they will begin to make wedding plans.

There is a lot going on in Christ Beyer's life. He was awarded a Deans scholarship at St. Peter's University in Jersey City which he accepted and he will be commuting to that college. He was on Linden High School boys varsity basketball team and they won a state championship, North Group 4, Section 2, Champions 2013. He is in the National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, ranked 37 in his class of 2013 played three varsity sports and was awarded Linden High School's Union County male scholar Athlete of the Year. On May 8th a dinner will be held of the Westwood in Garwood to receive the Union County Award.

He is also the highest ranking in the listed person in the ROTC at LHS.

His sister, Brooke, was also one of the winners in the 2013 Earth Day Poster Contest.

His parents, Louise and Donald Beyer, are both very proud of Christ and Brook – and so are the members of their church family!

After a few months spent in Texas with family members, Marie Dziamba has returned home again. Her son, Michael accompanied her on her trip to Texas and her daughter, Diane, flew out for a few weeks to make the return trip to Linden with her mother. Marie misses being with family members in Texas but it are always good to return home again.

We are thrilled to have our Sunday School classes start up again, and especially pleased to have Megan Stamer and Jackie Lyu serving as teachers. The children love them and we encourage any families with young children to bring them to the classes. They meet at the same time as our church worship service – 10:30 a.m. Come join them!!!

THE NEW CHURCH SECRETARY IS JAMILLA LASHLEY. WE HOPE SHE WILL ENJOY THE POSITION AND MORE INFORMATION WILL BE LISTED IN FUTURE MESSENGERS.

SCHOLARSHIPS TO BE PRESENTED

As was announced a few months ago, with interest rates so low, there has been hardly any growth from interest to present any scholarships in 2012 or this year, 2013. We were very fortunate to have MaryJean Barnes give the church a very generous donation in memory of her mother, Mary Barnes. This donation is to be presented this spring to those applying to the church, and filling out an application, for financial aid.

The applications are available from the church secretary and are in the file cabinet in the church office. If you have need for financial aid please fill out an application and give it to Lorraine Carhart immediately. You will be notified after the Scholarship Committee meets.

Grants are open to members of the United Methodist Church of Linden who are pursuing the goal of a meaningful vocation through vocational and technical schools, colleges at the undergraduate level or other continuing education institutions. Previous recipients may re-apply for consideration. If you have someone in your family that qualifies for a grant, please pick up your application as soon as possible.

ADMINISTRATION COUNCIL

During the winter, a recommendation was made to the Administration Council that the Council meet every other month rather than quarterly. This motion was passed and we would like to remind all members to watch for the announcements of the meetings. All chairperson of committees and members of any committees are members of the Council. There is always lots of business to be discussed and we urge

all to make every effort to attend. We look forward to seeing you.



CHURCH SECRETARY RETIRES

2013 marks the 45th year that Doris Henel has served as church secretary of the United Methodist Church of Linden. Although she was originally hired for one month back in 1968, the years passed quickly and now she can look back at the happy memories of the past 45 years.

Doris began to have deep back pain and ended up in Rahway Robert Wood Johnson Hospital for almost a month. When she returned home she had the help of a RN, aide, and physical therapist for about three weeks and it was then that she realized she no longer had the strength to continue as church secretary and sent a resignation to the pastor (chairperson of Nominating Committee) and Doris Stamer (chairperson of Pastor/Parish).

During this time, she had many notes, telephone calls, visits, and cards from family, church members, previous members and present and previous pastors which were all appreciated and she thanks everyone for their love and caring.

A day of appreciation with a program and luncheon was held on Sunday, May 5th at 10:30 a.m. to honor Doris. All were invited. A special "thank you" to her family who were there almost every day to support and care for her. How lucky she was!!