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Bimonthly  
Newsletter

# The Viewpoint

*Christ's Community Church at the Riverview Avenue Community Center*

Rev. Andrew Chapdelaine

Dear CCC Community,

Happy Easter! Jesus Christ is risen! With the change of the seasons, as the world warms up, we see in nature the reality of salvation, of grace, and of new beginnings. Spring continues to burst into new life that once lay dormant, and summer invites us into warmth, growth, and connection. In the same way, God calls us to continually grow in grace, deepen in faith, and produce fruits of the Spirit that mirror Christ's life of justice, peace, healing, and mercy.

There are a few days in the coming months that warrant our special attention. Pentecost Sunday is May 24th, when we remember the gift of the Holy Spirit and the first seeds of the Church universal. Remember to wear red!

The Spirit empowers all followers of Christ, being poured out on all believers, and so it is true for us—we have received the Holy Spirit, and it remains among us for all our lives. As has been written by folks much smarter and more eloquent than I, the PC(USA)'s Brief Statement of Faith reads that "the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace." Friends, I feel these words much more deeply at this time of year. Let us continue to serve the Spirit that inspires us, rules our faith, engages us, claims us, and calls us together in fellowship and oneness with God and our neighbors.

It is also not lost on me that Mother's Day and Father's Day also occur in these two months. Again, I am reminded of the words of the Brief Statement, in which we observe that, "Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home," God is faithful to us regardless of our flaws or missteps. As we celebrate the parents in our lives, be they those that chose us or those that we have chosen, be they with us today or waiting for us in the resurrection hope that we are all promised, let us celebrate the love that we have for them and for one another, grateful for the ways that God, our Creator, makes us and calls us good, equal, loved.

On a personal note, this is a special time for my own family as well. As you may know, my spouse Emily and I are expecting our first child at the end of May. It is a very special and exciting time for both of us, as well as for the church communities to which we belong. If you weren't in church on Sunday, this is a reminder that I will be out of the office for the first four weeks after our baby is born, and will return to the office on a half-time basis from late June until mid October. I will keep announcing this each Sunday, and I am happy to provide my paternity leave schedule in writing to any who would like it. Though there will be some changes, both short-term and long-term, I look forward to raising this child and to serving you, the saints of Christ's Community Church, faithfully and wholesomely.

In faith and fellowship,  
Rev. Andrew Chapdelaine

*Our Vision:  
To Know Christ  
and make Him Known!*



## *Prayer List*

The gift of prayer enables us to join with one another in consecrating our world, our lives, and our ministries to God.

Please lift in prayer: Jean, Abel Mwantembe, Lisa Jeffries, Global neighbors and communities, communities supported by our congregation, victims of war, victims of natural disasters, hate crimes, the homeless, elderly, the hungry, our nation.

## **SESSION 2026**

Moderator: Rev. Andrew Chapdelaine

### **CLASS OF 2026**

Lisa Jeffries

Emmanuel Saylee

### **CLASS OF 2027**

Holton Falk (Clerk)

Sandy Reilly

### **CLASS OF 2028**

Sue Parker

Sheila Cummings

*Stay Informed*

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The first Sunday of every month  
8:00 a.m. | Fellowship Hall

**Meet for Breakfast**

May 10 and June 7  
We serve until 8:40 a.m.

Family and Friends are also invited!

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR**

Coffee hour every Sunday, except the first Sunday when we enjoy breakfast together, following worship service.



**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

11:30am | Parlor

May 2 and 16

June 6 and 20

Newcomers are welcome

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Join the women as they continue the discussion on the book; "Let Justice Roll Down, God's call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation".



May 16 | Library | 9:00 a.m.

June 20 | Library | 9:00 a.m.



**LIFE CENTER MEAL**

Volunteers prepare and serve an evening meal at the 63rd Street Life Center of Eastern Delaware County. **May 30**

**CHURCH MOUSE**

9:30 a.m. — 2:30 p.m.

May 8 and 9

June 12 and 13



Much is happening this spring! We have hired a new music director, Jane Watson, who will start in August. Christine Bodden, who played ably for us but did not want to be a director, will finish with us on August 9. Secondly, we have interviewed a good prospect for sexton and hope to have him start soon, presuming he passes the mandated security checks.



Next, we have reached a draft agreement with T-Mobile for the next 25 years of telecom lease of our tower. We got all of the terms we wanted and found a reasonable balance to the rental fee so we are quite pleased with the outcome. The amendment to our original contract is going to Presbytery on our side and through management on their side and should be ready to sign soon.

Then, we recently learned that our lease of the former Calvary building to Bethel Community Baptist Church is no longer valid. We plan to formally terminate that lease promptly, and simultaneously hold discussions with Bethel on where both sides go next. As we are already struggling to keep our own building well maintained, we are leaning towards the sale of the building in the near future. Please provide any thoughts you have on this topic to one of the Elders.

Finally, we have reached agreement with Pastor Andrew Chapdelaine on his planned paternity leave. The plan is for him to start his leave on Monday 5/25 and continue full time through Sunday 6/21. We will get stated supply pastors to preach and Pastor Art Tung will provide pastoral care during this time. Then on Monday 6/22, Pastor Andrew will return to work half time through Monday October 12. His duties in the half time work period will include preaching on Sundays and attending any meetings held on those days, plus one day a week in the office (mostly Mondays) and providing pastoral care. The one exception will be August 10 - 16 when Pastor Andrew will be full time in order to better coordinate with the new music director. This will be followed by the August 17-23rd week where he will not be working at all. Keep Andrew, Emily and baby Chapdelaine in your prayers!

Holton Falk  
Clerk of Session

"Nothing teaches us about the preciousness of the Creator as much as when we learn the emptiness of everything else."  
— **Charles Spurgeon**, Morning and Evening, Based on the English Standard Version

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Our last repairs to the roof seemed to have fixed some if not all of the latest roof leaks. With a roof as big as ours, and with that many seams and types of roofing, we will likely be seeing new leaks soon. We hope to explore a larger and longer term solution too to the flat roof sections over the rooms at the back of the building. We are also preparing to make some outdoor changes, to the side yard off Riverview Ave. mostly, as we start the CLEAR project (the Villanova sponsored spiritual and environmental program).



*Property Team Members: Holton Falk & Woody Johnson*

As Christ has directed us to feed the hungry, our Mission budget has now doubled for 2026 for The Upper Darby Emergency Food Cupboard. Because of the holidays people tend to donate at that time out of gratitude so the pantry has many donations. But as the year advances the cupboards become lean as donations drop off. So let us remember Christ's directive and continue to bring canned goods and other non perishables to church throughout the year, especially remembering once school is out in June homes will have children to feed who no longer get lunch at school.



Items especially requested include pork and beans, canned beans, pasta and pasta sauce, applesauce and other canned fruits and soups. All food is welcome and is distributed at the Bethel Community Baptist Church location on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10:00am to 12:00pm.

Asher and August enjoying their Sunday breakfast in Fellowship Hall. The table's just right for Asher, but for August...???



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Our elementary-aged Sunday School class is spending the Easter Season reading and roleplaying the Easter morning stories of Matthew, Luke and John. We began with John's. Enjoy the photos of our roleplay!



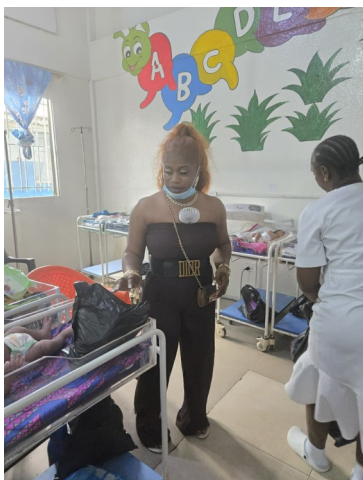
Mary finds the tomb open and Jesus' body gone. Peter and John run to see for themselves. They look in and see only the grave cloths. They leave, confused.



Outside of the tomb, Mary sees Jesus, but mistakes him for the gardener. When she asks him about the missing body, Jesus simply says, "Mary." Mary's eyes are opened and she joyously cries out, "Teacher!" Mary returns to the other disciples to share the Good News: "HE IS RISEN!"



Vero Saylee's Trip to Liberia



The Delaware County Observance of

# THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

★ THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026 ★

Celebrating 250 Years of Prayer in America

**YOU ARE INVITED!**

**ALL WELCOME!**

**GLORIFY GOD AMONG THE NATIONS**



**75<sup>TH</sup>**  
25 YEARS OF MOBILIZING PRAYER FOR AMERICA  
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER  
ESTABLISHED INTO LAW 1952

75 Years of Mobilizing Prayer for America

**SEEKING HIM IN ALL GENERATIONS**  
I CHRONICLES 36:24 NASB  
THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026

**WORSHIP MUSIC!**

**HEALING PRAYER!**

**PRAYERS OF REPENTANCE!**

★ COME AND PRAY FOR NEIGHBOR AND NATION! ★

## ROSE TREE PARK in MEDIA, PA

Prayer & Worship Beginning at  
**11:30 AM on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Scan or Visit: [www.NationalDayOfPrayerDELCO.com](http://www.NationalDayOfPrayerDELCO.com)



**SCAN ME**

 **FREE PIZZA**

 **FREE ICE CREAM**

 **FREE SOFT PRETZELS**

 **FREE RESOURCES & MATERIALS**

*\*Bring a lawn chair, blanket, and picnic lunch for comfort!  
Come when you can. Leave when you must . . . \**

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Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.  
In-Person and on Zoom

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Presbyterian Church USA

Instagram: [CCChurch\\_DrexelHill](https://www.instagram.com/CCChurch_DrexelHill)

*Happy Birthday to you!*

**MAY**

- 4 Greg Jones
- 10 Niza Mwanembe
- 12 Hannah Sawatzki
- 13 Antoinette Beweh
- 16 Pat McCoyd
- 17 Harriet Hughes
- 29 Chawezi Mwanembe
- 30 Sandy Reilly



**JUNE**

- 1 Webster Quiah
- 8 Hank Engell
- 9 Kevin Engell
- 14 Shane Tilmon
- 19 Ada McDevitt

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." — **Maya Angelou**

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**May/June  
Weekly/Monthly Meetings**

Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Monday  
Tuesday

Wednesday  
Thursday

**May**

- May 1, Friday
- May 2, Saturday
- May 3, Sunday
- May 7, Thursday
- May 8 and 9
- May 10, Sunday

May 16, Saturday

May 17, Sunday

May 19, Tuesday  
May 24, Sunday

- May 25, Monday
- May 30, Saturday
- May 31, Sunday

**June**

- June 5, Friday
- June 6, Saturday
- June 7, Sunday

June 12 and 13  
June 14, Sunday

June 15, Monday  
June 19, Friday  
June 20, Saturday

June 21, Sunday

June 28, Sunday

Informal Worship

Virtual Worship Service

6:30 p.m., Girl Scouts

7:00 p.m., Al-Anon in the Parlor

7:00 p.m., NA in Fellowship Hall

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9:00 a.m., Cooking in Community

11:30 a.m., Men's Fellowship

9:30 a.m., Worship Service

National Day of Prayer

9:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m., Church Mouse

8:00 a.m., Breakfast in Fellowship Hall

9:30 a.m., Worship Service

**Happy Mother's Day**

11:15 a.m., Session Meet

9:00 a.m., Women's Bible Study

11:30 a.m., Men's Fellowship

9:30 a.m., Worship Service

May Birthday Celebration

Election Day

9:30 a.m., Worship Service

**Day of Pentecost**

Memorial Day Holiday—Office Closed

Life Center Meal

9:30 a.m., Worship Service

9:00 a.m., Cooking in Community

11:30 a.m., Men's Fellowship

8:00 a.m., Breakfast in Fellowship Hall

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July/August Viewpoint Deadline

Juneteenth Holiday—Office Closed

9:00 a.m., Women's Bible Study

11:30 a.m., Men's Fellowship

12:00 noon, Dance Recital

9:30 a.m., Worship Service

**Happy Father's Day**

June Birthday Celebration

9:30 a.m., Worship Service

