

# CHURCH – A HOUSE UNITED



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**CLC WEEKLY UPDATE**  
**2nd Sunday after Pentecost**  
**June 6, 2021**

**IN PERSON WORSHIP**  
**This Sunday, June 6, at 9:30AM**  
**Pastor Erin Evans presiding**

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# WORSHIP WITH US

**This 2nd Sunday after Pentecost!!**

First Reading: Genesis: 3:8-15

Psalm 130

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:13--5:1

**Gospel: Mark 3:20-35**

**Pastor Erin Evans preaching**

Hymns:

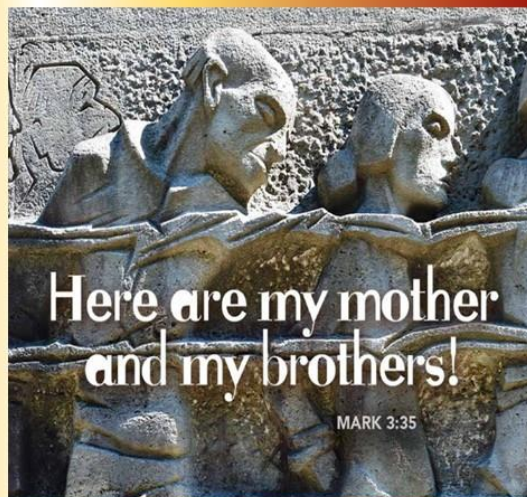
"The Church's One Foundation"

"All Are Welcome"

"Table of Plenty"

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

A house divided against itself cannot stand. Jesus makes this observation in light of charges that he is possessed. He is possessed, not by a demon, but by the Holy Spirit. We who have received the Holy Spirit through baptism have been joined to Christ's death and resurrection and knit together in the body of Christ. Those with whom we sing and pray this day are Jesus' family. With them we go forth in peace to do the will of God.



MARK 3:35



**Taize Summer Services**  
Wednesdays at 7:00pm beginning June 16th

# coming soon!

## TAIZE PRAYER

Wednesdays @ 7:00pm

Taizé Prayer is evening prayer for all Christian faiths. It is a simple, meditative form of worship, calling us to dwell deeply on Christ's presence around and within us. Repeated melodies and refrains, prayerful silence, and short readings guide the focus of the prayer in a candle-lit environment.

### **Zoom Bible Study Tuesdays at 7:00pm**

Join us for this weekly look at the Gospel reading for the upcoming Sunday. Pastor Erin will walk through the scriptures verse by verse, as well as provide pertinent background info and context to the text.

*No experience necessary.*

[CLICK HERE TO Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 834 0225 8973

Passcode: evergreen

### **Meet with Pastor Erin Evans**

If you would like to meet with Pastor Erin as part of her 60 People in 60 Days goal, please call the office or call her cell (412.580.7773) to schedule a time. Her next few weeks have a lot of availability!

## Anchorpoint Returns!

Weekly counseling sessions with Anchorpoint Counselors will begin again at CLC starting Wednesday June 9th, from 4pm-8pm. This valuable ministry and resource serves people of all ages in our community, who might be unable to afford counseling or find transportation to a counselor's office. There is a flier available with all information, or call Anchorpoint Counseling Ministries at 412-366-1300.



# Millvale

COMMUNITY COUNSELING CENTER



### AFFORDABLE COUNSELING IN YOUR COMMUNITY

The Millvale Community Counseling Center is a safe and welcoming place where Children, Teens, Parents, Adults, Couples and Families from Millvale, Etna, Shaler and surrounding neighborhoods can find comfort, support and healing from life's struggles.

Are you struggling? We can help you with:

- Anxiety
- Depression
- Loneliness
- Grief
- Low Confidence
- Low Self-Esteem
- Family Conflict
- Abuse
- Marriage & Relationships
- Past Trauma
- Peer Pressure
- Bullying
- Parenting Difficulties
- Faith & Spiritual Development
- And many more

- ▶ Convenient walkable location—Easy to access by bus or car
- ▶ Licensed and experienced counselors available to meet your needs
- ▶ Affordable sliding-scale fees based on your income and household size

**Open Wednesdays from 4-8 PM  
starting on June 9**

Schedule your appointment today:

**Call Anchorpoint  
Counseling Ministry at  
412-366-1300**

and ask about the Millvale Community  
Counseling Center

Millvale Community Counseling Center  
at Christ Lutheran Church Millvale  
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*The Millvale Community Counseling Center is made possible by Christ Lutheran Church Millvale and the Portiuncula Foundation.*



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## Food Pantry News

Our Condiment Collection is underway, and we need mustard! Any size, standard varieties, would be great! Bring your **MUSTARD** or chosen condiment to church on Sunday and drop in the collection bin in the narthex.

Food Pantry hours are 9:30am-11:30am Monday-Tuesday & Thursday-Friday.

You can volunteer to help at the Food Pantry; contact Dorie Budzik for more information (412)874-0083.

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## FOOD PANTRY

### CONDIMENT COLLECTION

*Add your donation to our pantry and help us "ketchup" with the needs of our community!*

Bring donations this summer: mayo,  
mustard, syrup, jelly, and of course,  
ketchup!

LOOK FOR REGULAR FOOD  
PANTRY NOTES IN THE  
WEEKLY UPDATE TO KNOW  
WHAT WE ARE MOST IN  
NEED OF!



## GOING GREEN

Joseph Imhoff

We hear and read quite a bit about going green, protecting the environment, using green products for cleaning, less polluting sources of energy, re-using and recycling things instead of discarding them. The Church has been going Green the Sunday after The Holy Trinity for centuries. Beginning this Sunday the paraments and vestments will all be green from now until Advent with the exception of festivals and commemorations. It seems all the important events in the life of the Church have taken place so it will be one boring Green Sunday after another.

"Now the green blade rises...Love is come again like wheat arising green!" One half of the Church year has passed, from the Birth of Christ to the Holy Spirit descending on Pentecost and the beginning of the Church. Now is the time of the Church, much work needs to be done.

I used to enjoy the column that Colin McNickle wrote for the Tribune-Review on Saturdays. During the summer it was about his garden and how it was growing. Gardening is hard work, tilling the soil, watering, fertilizing, cutting away dead growth, and even worse, pulling weeds.

The Bible is full of images of seeds, trees, roots, vines, and branches, not to mention the caretakers. In a sense we as Christians have been chosen to be caretakers, CLC is our orchard, our vineyard, our garden; we have our work to do in order to cultivate it and have it bear fruit in season. We are in Millvale to stay, not just to grow at 917 Evergreen, but to broadcast seed, cultivate new fields, nurture that which is already growing. We have an expert gardening consultant to rely on, The Holy Spirit! ~

## Protective Detail?

The crowd gathering around Jesus today is not entirely friendly. Some are attacking him as having “gone out of his mind” (Mark 3:21). The scribes accuse him of being demonic. His family tries to restrain him. They see the hostility, perhaps feel the danger. They love Jesus and do not want to see him harmed.

As is his habit, Jesus responds with wit and wisdom. The passage ends with Jesus surrounded by a crowd that seems safer. His family approaches again, and they hear a tough, dismissive word: those who do the will of God are my family. Scripture is consistent in its witness that the will of God is the path to life. Jesus does not need to be protected; he is working to bring the gift of life into the world in a new way.

How often do we find ourselves trying to protect Jesus? Maybe you have had a fight about faith with a family member. Maybe you avoid an acquaintance because of challenging conversations about beliefs. Maybe you have “agreed to disagree” because politics and faith have proved too divisive. Maybe you have experienced the split of a congregation or a church because of differences of opinion about how the gospel calls us to live.

From the book of Acts to present-day denominational struggles, church debates have often been about two sides claiming to be right about Jesus. We stand our ground and resist or demand change. In this we find a mixture of protecting ourselves, protecting our faith, protecting our understanding of Jesus, protecting Jesus.

In today’s story Jesus reminds us he does not need protection. He is not going to get it on the cross. Instead, he wishes life for us, dies to make life for us, lives to make life for us. All of this so we can live to help make life for others. ~

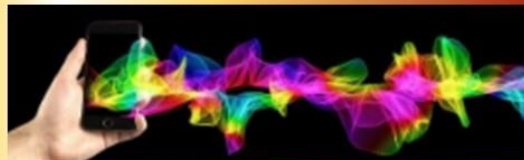
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