Volunteers - Sunday, May 12
Greeters: Bev Elbert, Jeanne LeBoeuf, Jo Groce, Carol Griffith
Ushers: Shelagh Wirth, Ron Kesterson, Kitsie Miller
Attendance: Martha Hallbick, Shelagh Wirth
Counters: Jeanne LeBoeuf, Tish Lowe,
Children's Church: Kitsie Miller, Carol Griffith
Time With the Children: Rev. Jana Creighton
Nursery: Amy Schwartz
Sound: Ken Watkins
Acolyte: Finn Bundrick

Volunteers - Sunday, May 19
Greeters: Jack Noe, Heather Noe, Jean Mandeville, Richard Brinkley
Ushers: Guy San Fratello, Judy Barnes, O.B. Drayton, Finn Creighton, Sandra Johnson, Pete Spearman, Jacob Schwartz, David Waugh
Attendance: Robert Miller, Brenda Turner
Counters: Kathy Morganelli, Jack Noe
Children's Church: Sue Kesterson
Time With the Children: Tish Lowe
Nursery: Amy Schwartz
Sound: Marty Hilyer
Acolyte: Megan Shuler

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Kathy Keane - Christian Education Chair
Jim Taylor - Good News Chair
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Tish Lowe - Missions Chair
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Mark Wishart - Fellowship Chair
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John Whitfield - Missions
Shelagh Wirth - Building/Grounds Chair
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Marjorie Claytor, Rosemary and Tom Falls,
Nan Foster, Joe Gause, Ben Killian, Kathy Killian,
Marsha Phillips, Dick and Barbara Schneider

THIS WEEK AT SOPC

May 12, Sunday - Mother's Day
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
12:15 pm Covenant Ringers
6:00 pm Chin Worship Service
Chin Mother's Day- Fellowship Hall

May 13, Monday
10:30am Bible Study
7:00pm NANA

May 14, Tuesday
11:00am Mary Martha
11:00am Presb. Commun.
2:30pm Rachel Circle
7:00pm Yoga & NANA

May 15, Wednesday
12:15pm Chair YOGA
6:00pm Chin Bible Study
7:00pm NANA
7:30pm Chancel Choir

May 17, Friday
6:45am Lanterns
7:00pm Chin Band
5:30pm Elder Training- Presbytery office

May 18, Saturday
9:30am Elder Retreat- Presbytery office

May 19, Sunday
9:45am Sunday School*
11:00am Worship Service*
PW Honorary Life
Humor Sunday- Cookout
6:00pm Chin Worship

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SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Worship Service
May 12, 2019 - 11:00 a.m.

Welcome to
Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church.
We pray that you will truly experience God's love and grace as you worship!

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

STRIKING OF THE HOUR
CALL TO WORSHIP: *Alleluia, Let Us Rejoice!*

MOMENT OF HOLY LEARNING — Dr. Lloyd Pilkington
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: — Rev. Jana Creighton
(Please sign the Friendship Register)
PRELUDE: *Come, Christians Join to Sing* — *arr. Mary McDonald*
*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS:
ONE: As Abraham welcomed the strangers, and Moses led God's people.
ALL: So God welcomes us.
ONE: God greets us with joy
ALL: and says, "rest here for awhile."
ONE: God brings out water to wash our dusty feet.
ALL: God prepares a meal to nourish our weary spirits.
ONE: So let us receive the gracious hospitality of our God.
ALL: Let us rest in this holy place where there is shade and water, food and laughter.
*HYMN # 307 *God of Grace and God of Glory*
*PRAYER OF THE DAY
CALL TO CONFESSION — Rev. Alice Odell

HYMN # 243 *Be Not Afraid*
Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
We come, O Lord, on this day of glory to confess our lack of trust. While we sing of your lordship over all creation, we have too often acted as though you are powerless in the face of today's events. Help us to live with confidence in your presence today and in hope for life with you forever (*time of silent confession*) **Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

HYMN # 243 Be Not Afraid
CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION — Elder Judy Barnes
A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN — Rev. Jana Creighton

ANTHEM: *Ubi Caritas* Becky Mayo
Chancel Choir
Leland Greene Oboe

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Rev. Jana Creighton

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Acts 9:36-43
OLD TESTAMENT READING: Exodus 7:1-7,14:10-25
MESSAGE*:* "By Faith... Moses!"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*HYMN # 52 *When Israel was in Egypt's Land*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Alice Odell

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Rev. Alice Odell

OFFERTORY: *King of Kings and Lord of Lords* arr. Martha Lynn Thompson
Covenant Ringers

*CONGREGATION RESPONSE #606:

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN # 684 *Faith Begins by Letting Go*

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE *The Lord Above Bless You*

*POSTLUDE *Praise Him! Praise Him!* Arr. Terry Osman

**Please stand in body or in spirit*

During the Welcome and Announcements please pass the Friendship Books to record your presence here today. You are invited to greet each other with the love of Christ after worship.

Nursery: A nursery is available in building A for ages 0 - 3. If you have any questions please see any one of our volunteers with an "ASK ME" badge.

Children's Worship: Every Sunday following "A Time with the Children", ages 4–4th grade can either choose to continue to worship with their families, or go to Children's Church. Please pick up children from Building "A". Worship Bags for wiggly children ages 4-12 are hanging on the coat rack in the narthex.

Guests are invited to stop by the Guest Table in the narthex. Please leave your information when you take a goody bag as a reminder of God's love. If you have questions please ask an Elder with an "ASK ME" badge.

Flowers: The flowers in the sanctuary last week were given to the Glory of God by Ed & Kathy Keelen in appreciation for Relay for Life and all they do for cancer research.
The flowers in the sanctuary today were given to the Glory of God and in Honor of all the mother's at Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church, by the Rachel Circle.

Music Notes: We welcome Leland Greene, and thank him for sharing his talents with us today! *Ubi Caritas* is a hymn passed down from the early church. The opening Latin phrase means, *"Where there is charity and love, God is there*." The offertory is based on a tune written by Nomi Yah when she was age 13. The title refers to the name given to Jesus in Isaiah 9:6, 1Timothy 6:15 and Revelation 19:16. The postlude is based on a Fanny Crosby hymn whose opening verse is: "*Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer! Sing, ye saints! His wonderful love proclaim! Hail Him! Hail Him! Mightiest angels in glory; Strength and honor give to His holy name!*"

Missions Collections: Canned vegetables and fruit, any kind for Sharing God's Love. Every day collections: Pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House and Box Tops for Education for SOES.

Bagging Volunteers are needed to work in the Mission Lexington (formerly LICS) Thrift Store on Thursday, May 30 from 9 am-12 pm or 12 pm -3 pm. The thrift store sells all sorts of merchandise including everything needed to set up housekeeping on a budget, jewelry, furniture and of course all sorts of clothing. We need two people to help with either shift and all they need to do is bag merchandise. Please contact Robert or Kitsie Miller if you're willing to help. Robert 807-7380 or Kitsie 463-6958.

Mothers Day Offering collection today: These donations support older adults at Presbyterian Communities who have outlived their savings.

PCSC has had a long standing commitment to care for residents who can no longer pay for such services. All funds collected via the Mother's Day Offering are set aside strictly for this purpose. Thank you for your contributions.

Sound System: Given the ongoing concerns some have expressed with difficulty hearing and understanding the spoken Word and music during worship we have contacted several acoustical and sound system consultants. They have provided both physical adjustment suggestions and additional options to correct equipment issues. We continue to carefully examine the acoustics in the sanctuary. Our goal is to be certain that everyone hears clearly in every part of our worship space.

Women's outing this year will be to Columbia's Historical Homes on Saturday, May 25, $45.00, including lunch. Today is the last day to sign-up.

HUMOR SUNDAY Come DRESSED DOWN or wear a costume. *The theme is the resurrection butterfly* this year. Bring a joke, a practical prank, and a sense of humor!

Humor services not only give Christians an opportunity for ongoing celebrations of the greatest miracle in human history - Jesus' resurrection - it also gives each of us an opportunity to celebrate and give thanks for our own smaller resurrections in this world and this life.

For centuries in Eastern Orthodox, Catholic and Protestant countries, the Easter Season was observed as "days of joy and laughter" with parties and picnics to celebrate Jesus' resurrection. Churchgoers and pastors played practical jokes on each other, drenched each other with water, told jokes, sang, and danced. The custom was rooted in the musings of early church theologians (like Augustine, Gregory of Nyssa, and John Chrysostom) that God played a practical joke on the devil by raising Jesus from the dead. "*Risus paschalis* - the Easter laugh," the early theologians called it.

In 1988 the Fellowship of Merry Christians began encouraging churches and prayer groups to resurrect Bright Sunday celebrations and call it "Holy Humor Sunday," with the theme: "Jesus is the LIFE of the party." See you (and a friend) there!

Picnic under the Pavilion: Please join us under the Pavilion on May 19 for a cookout. The Fellowship Ministry is asking members to bring their favorite side dishes to share. Fellowship will provide the Hamburgers & Hot Dogs with all trimmings, and drinks. Please stop by the Narthex and sign-up for the dish you want to share. We do want to manage it so we don't end up with 14 versions of Potato Salad!