

Spring Coloring Page



The First Presbyterian Church of Sharon, Pa.

E m p h a s i s

MAY 2026

Hope Anyway

“You can spend your whole life building, Something from nothin’
One storm can come and blow it all away, Build it anyway.

“You can chase a dream that seems so out of reach,
And you know it might not ever come your way, Dream it anyway.

(Chorus) “God is great, but sometimes life isn’t good
When I pray it doesn’t always turn out like I think it should, But I do it anyway.”

It’s a strange thing to hear the gospel when we don’t expect it. And it’s encouraging. Such was the case this afternoon. A song came on the radio when I was driving to the church. It was Martina McBride singing her song “Anyway.” It caught my attention. Her song continues.

“This world’s gone crazy and it’s hard to believe
That tomorrow will be better than today, Believe it anyway.

“You can love someone with all your heart, For all the right reasons
In a moment they can choose to walk away, Love ’em anyway.

(Chorus) “God is great, but sometimes life ain’t good
When I pray it doesn’t always turn out like I think it should, But I do it anyway.”

Disappointments are a part of life. Hurts come. There are no guarantees. But to live a life with fear and bitterness and anger is spiritual death. And so action seems to matter more than results. Doing the right thing seems to mean more than the reward. Hope is more life-giving than cynicism.

And I can imagine Jesus singing this song: build, dream, pray, believe, love. In a world that can at times seem overwhelming, it is a song of defiant hope in God. It’s a song for God’s “Easter People.”

—Listening for the Gospel, Glenn

May 2026 Preaching and Worship Schedule

- 3 5th Sunday of Easter. I Corinthians 15:1-11. Dr. Hink preaching. Recognition of Westminster College Music Scholars. Name Tag Sunday.
- 10 6th Sunday of Easter. I Corinthians 15:12-28. Dr. Crooks preaching. Bible Sunday. Mother's Day.
- 17 7th Sunday of Easter. "Bluegrass Sunday." I Corinthians 15:50-58. Dr. Hink preaching.
- 24 Pentecost Sunday. Communion. John 20:19-23. Dr. Hink preaching. Reception of communicant Ellie Nespor into membership.
- 31 Trinity Sunday. Matthew 28:16-20; II Corinthians 13:11-13; Psalm 96:1-6. Dr. Hink preaching. Memorial remembrances.

Worship Notes

*The Eastertide (Easter to Pentecost) sermon series is on the various resurrection texts in the Bible. Dr. Hink and Dr. Crooks will continue that series in May, preaching on Paul's discussion of resurrection from I Corinthians 15.

*The 1st Church choir and congregation have greatly appreciated the students from Westminster College who sing every Sunday. On May 3rd, we will meet these "Music Scholars" during worship and express our appreciation for their assistance with worship.

*Bible Sunday is May 10th. Any children completing kindergarten and 3rd grade can receive a Bible. If you have a child or grandchild who is one of those grades and would like to receive an age-appropriate Bible, contact Brenda Hall (Director of Family and Children's Ministry) or Nancy Fritz (Office Manager).

*Bluegrass is back!! On May 17th a Bluegrass band with a banjo, mandolin, guitar and fiddle will add the joy of Bluegrass to worship. Following worship there will also be a 30-40 minute Bluegrass concert. Bluegrass worship is part of the Arts@1st program. Come and bring friends.

*Our annual Memorial Service will be May 31st. At this worship service we remember 1st Church members who have passed away in the last 12 months.



Mission Corner

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters, you did for me."—Matthew 25:40

Update!

- ♦ Thank you to all who helped with the Turkey Dinner Fundraiser whether shopping, roasting, baking, crafting, serving, cleaning, etc. A special thank you to the adults who coordinated this event and kudos to our **Mission Kids** who served us. With team effort, they made \$1,532!

What's Coming Up?

- ♦ Front Lawners begin their work in May to prepare our adopted Lot. Mowing this space creates a safe place for neighborhood children to play.
- ♦ In April the Mission Committee met with Dr. Bill Crooks and Debbie Derrenbacher to explore "What Is Mission"? Mission members continue to ask questions about what Christ calls our members to do in HIS service.
- ♦ May begins the Fun! During this month our Mission Committee prepares to throw a big party—a Fifth & Fullerton Block Party. There will be grilling, music, games, activities, cookies, and time to sit and relax with friends. We want our neighbors to know that our church family sees them and cares about them.

How Can I Help?

Save The Date June 25th for the Block Party and attend with your family. There will be a circular van route for those who wish to ride to and from the church.

Outside Opportunities!

Sharon Beautification Commission works tirelessly to restore beauty to downtown Sharon along State Street, Chestnut Street, and River Gardens Park. Support this organization or volunteer your special gifts.

Remember Our Shut-Ins

Ridgewood 724-347-0998

**One Elston Way,
Hermitage, PA 16148
Gail Hink, 206**

**308 W. Warren St., Rm. 108
Cadiz, OH 43907
Betty Hudson**



5 Kristen Patton	17 Susan Wolf
5 Natalie Macosko	17 Keith Lucas
5 Lori Woods	18 Nathan Clark
5 Lisa Walker	19 John Rose
8 Paula Haehnel	19 Ellie Nespor
9 Kathy Heasley	21 Kimberly
11 Mark Wilson	McCullough
13 Lorenzo Heard	22 Jessica Goodwin
15 Judy Achre	23 John Woge
15 Bill O'Donnell	25 Chelsea Rose
15 Patti Keath	25 Katie Jurenovich
16 Sally Young	26 Donna Heard

Puzzle!

In spring and summer, we remember mothers and fathers with special days. Find the parents of these Biblical children. Check the verse given for help.



Joash (2 Kings 11:2)	A	_____
Obed (Matthew 1:5)	B	_____
Joseph (Genesis 35: 22-24)	C	_____
John the disciple (Matthew 4:21)	D	_____
John the Baptist (Luke 1:13)	E	_____
Lo-Ruhamah (Hosea 1:6)	G	_____
Jezreel (Hosea 1:4)	H	_____
Esau (Genesis 25:28)	I	_____
David (1 Samuel 16:19)	J	_____
Jacob (Genesis 25:28)	K	_____
Samuel (1 Samuel 1:19-20)	L	_____
Gershom (Exodus 2:21-22)	M	_____
Samuel (1 Samuel 1:19-20)	N	_____
Jesse (Matthew 1:5)	O	_____
Gershom (Exodus 2:21-22)	P	_____
Joseph (Genesis 35: 22-24)	R	_____
Isaac (Genesis 21:3)	S	_____
John the Baptist (Luke 1:13)	T	_____
Jonathan (1 Samuel 14:1)	U	_____
Solomon (1 Kings 2:1)	V	_____
Jesus (Matthew 1:18)	Y	_____
James (Matthew 4:21)	Z	_____

Special Dates in May

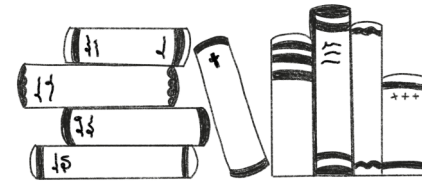
- National Day of Prayer, *May 7*
- Mother's Day, *May 10*
- Armed Forces Day, *May 16*
- Day of Pentecost, *May 24*
- Memorial Day, *May 25*

A Look Ahead at Worship

*Summer Worship will begin June 7, 14, or 21 depending on the weather. If June is hot we'll move to the a/c of Fellowship Hall "sooner than later." Summer worship will begin at 10AM in Fellowship Hall and includes digital projection and a "more casual" style.

*Graduate Sunday is June 28. If you have a child or grandchild graduating from high school, trade school, community college, college, or graduate school and would like to have him/her recognized please contact Brenda Hall (Director of Family and Children's Ministry) or Nancy Fritz (Office Manager).

The Prophets



The Old Testament prophets are fascinating. And the Old Testament prophets are also challenging. It is critical to understand the historical context and theological themes to interpret them. Dr. Crooks and Dr. Hink began the Sunday School Class with the 8th C BCE OT prophets (Amos, Hosea, Micah). The discussion has been so interesting that the class has continued in the prophets with Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel. Come and share in the discussion. Everyone is welcome. The class meets in Fellowship Hall from 10:00-10:45AM. Coffee optional.

Worship Online

The 1st Church Worship Techs do a tremendous job producing the church worship service online. The best estimates are that 75-100 watch 1st Church worship each week, either live or later in the week as a recorded service. We are thankful to have this option for so many people.



1st Church worship online is found on the 1st Church You Tube channel. To find the channel, go to the 1st Presbyterian Church of Sharon Facebook Page, click on the You Tube link and click “live.” Or go to the 1st Church website, click on “FPC Videos,” and click on “live.” Either way gets you to worship online.

Also, pass this information on to family and friends who might be interested. We would like to grow the 1st Church online ministry.

Church Attendance for March 2026

2025		2026		Online
2nd	76	1st	81	53 views
9th	68	8th	70	82 views
16th	77	15th	86	92 views
23rd	88	22nd	86	66 views
30th	<u>82</u>	29th	<u>104</u>	Palm Sunday 64 views
	391	30%	427	36%



Tea Party

Presbyterian Women
of First Presbyterian Church

Invite you to a tea

Sunday, May 31, 2026 12:15 PM in Fellowship Hall
Sign-Up sheet available in the Library until May 21 or
call Nancy in the Church Office

Financial Giving News
March 2026

Operations Budget		Mission Budget	
1st Sunday	4,976.30	1st Sunday	351.00
2nd Sunday	4,519.70	2nd Sunday	263.50
3rd Sunday	2,227.38	3rd Sunday	163.50
4th Sunday	1,412.70	4th Sunday	153.50
5th Sunday	<u>3,256.70</u>	5th Sunday	<u>113.50</u>
Total for March	16,392.78	Total for March	1,045.00
Budget for March	15,718.42	Budget for March	1,333.33
Balance for March	674.36	Balance for March	(288.33)
Total for Year to Date	42,845.76	Total for Year to Date	4,438.00
Budget for Year to Date	47,155.25	Budget for Year to Date	4,000.00
Balance for Year to Date	(4,309.49)	Balance for Year to Date	438.00

MISSION TEAM PRAYER PROGRAM



Sharon Police Department
May Adopt-a-Cop
Sgt./Det. Ryan Chmura

Sharon Fire Department
May Adopt-a-Firefighter
Joshua Herald



Good Advice

I try to watch the words I say,
And keep them soft and sweet;
For I don't know from day to day,
Which ones I'll have to eat.



Try this craft as a reminder that we need to continue to grow in God's Word.

What you need:

- Small terra cotta pot and plate
- Acrylic paints (various colors)
- Paper plate
- Potting soil (enough to fill the pot)
- Small inside plant or packet of seeds
- Newspaper or paper
- Paintbrush
- Cup of water
- Permanent black marker



What you do:

1. Spread some newspaper out on a table for your working area.
2. Squeeze the paint colors that you wish to use onto your paper plate.
3. Paint designs on the pot and plate.
4. When the pot is dry, take the black marker and on the top part of the pot write: Growing in God's Word.
5. Pour a small amount of potting soil into the bottom of the pot. With adults help, place your plant into the pot and surround your plant with the rest of the soil. If planting seeds, follow the packet instructions.
6. Water your plant so the soil is moist. Check your plant everyday and keep the soil moist.
7. Enjoy watching your plant grow, and remember that you too, need care as you grow in God's Word.

2 Peter 3:18 NIV

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.



Arts@1st

The Arts@1st program brings the beauty of art to 1st Church and the Shenango Valley community. Arts@1st includes the Shenango Valley Chorale "Messiah" and Christmas concerts, the Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival, an annual Christmas concert, occasional brass and string ensembles in worship, "Jazz" and "Bluegrass" Sundays in worship, harp and violin accompaniment, a harp concert, theatre performances by The Black Sheep Players, and much more.

Arts@1st is based on the conviction that art celebrates the beauty of God's creation and invites the community to its best self. Thanks to Stephen Barr (Director of Music), Nicole Cochran (organist and pianist) and Dr. Glenn Hink (Senior Pastor) for directing the Arts@1st program. Everyone is encouraged to support the Arts@1st program by attending events and bringing friends.



Join Us Saturday May 9th 9:00 am
in Fellowship Hall

A presentation from
St. Paul's Speaker's Bureau.
Sharing knowledge. Inspiring community.

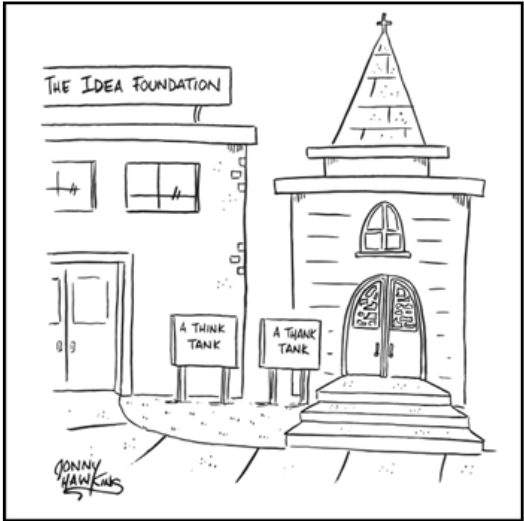
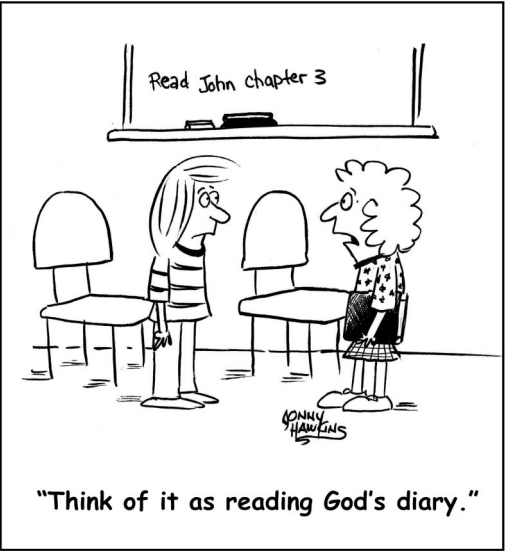
Topics to be discussed include:

Don't Get Hooked by Phishing Scams
5 Ways to Help You Cut Down on Unwanted Calls

Sign up in the Library or
contact Brenda Hall at (724) 866-2638

A light breakfast will be served upon arrival.

May Merriment



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sundays in May 9:00 Choir Practice—303 10:00 Adult Sunday School—FH 11:00 Worship in Sanctuary 12:00 Fellowship@First FH = Fellowship Hall CR = Conference Rm.					1	2
3 12:30 Carillon Choir Rehearsal-206	4 6:00 Scouts	5 11:30 Memorial Committee-106	6 1:00 Staff-106 5:00 Safety Team-106	7	8	9 Adult Seminar-FH
10-Mother's Day 10:00 D&M Team Library 12:00 Worship Team-Parlor 12:00 Mission Team-FH 12:30 Carillon Choir Rehearsal-206	11 5:00 Operations Team -CR	12	13 7:00 Men's Fellowship-Panera 12:00 Mary Martha Circle -FH 1:00 ProgramStaff-106 5:00 Admin. Team-CR	14	15	16 10:00 SVC Board-206
17 Bluegrass Sunday And concert after worship 12:00 Deacons' Mtg.-106 12:30 Carillon Choir rehearsal -206 6:00 Session-206	18 5:00 Churchyard Clean-Up	19 1:00 PWCT-106	20 1:00 Staff Meeting-106 5:00 Property Team-106	21	22	23
24 Pentecost 31 12:00 PW Spring Tea-FH	25	26 6:00 Amateur Radio-FH	27 7:00 Men's Fellowship-Panera	28	29	30