

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

Eblast

June 4, 2026



First Sunday of the Month

This Sunday is the first Sunday of the month, therefore all open plate donations will be designated to The Bridge to help the less fortunate in the Athens, Sayre, and Waverly School District.

THIS SUNDAY is our last Sunday to worship here at 11:00 a.m. before we begin our Summer Worship at St. John. Worship time begins at 10 starting on June 14. We'll be back at the Redeemer on August 2, continuing to worship with St. John congregants through Labor Day weekend.

Wednesday 12:05 pm worship service will continue in Holy Innocents Chapel.

Saturday 5:15 pm worship service will move into the Parlor and worship there in air conditioned comfort during the summer months.

CHOOSING HYMNS: Would you like to choose the hymns for a week in August and the first week in September? Canon Melinda has resources that will assist you in choosing what hymns we sing. See her by July 19th. We'll be sure to publicly acknowledge your efforts.



Belated Thank you

To Diane Siebecker for hosting coffee time on May 24th.



JUNE 13, 2026 PARISH PARK FAIR

Join us for Family Fun and Community Party!

Lots of food to eat, vendors to enjoy, games to play, and new friends to meet at **Howard Elmer Park** in Sayre! Our parishes are hosting an event to celebrate our lives here in the Valley. Whether you're young or young at heart, join us for a day of family fun, activities, entertainment, and good food. Admission, games, entertainment, and fun are free. Blessings and family fun are without price. Delicious BBQ Chicken, Pulled Pork and grilled hotdogs are available for sale. Raffle tickets are also on sale for a chance to win a basket.

BBQ Chicken, Pulled

Pork, Hot Dogs

—
Lots of Games

Bake Sale

—
White Elephant &
Other Vendors

—
Raffle

Baskets

—
Live Music

CHURCH OF THE
REDEEMER
(EPISCOPAL)
AND
ST. JOHN LUTHERAN
CHURCH
Sayre PA

10 am to 3 pm

2026 Parish Park Faire

It's that time of year again. On Saturday, June 13th from 10am to 3pm we, The Church of the Redeemer and St. John's Lutheran, will come together to meet the community at our annual Parish Park Faire in Howard Elmer Park. We will offer delicious food including Pulled pork, BBQ chicken, Hotdogs, and an array of homemade baked goods. We will have local musicians providing live music for us to enjoy. We will have Lisa Cole, a local author and member here to read from her book and introduce us to the book's hero. We will have baby lambs to hold, along with goats and miniature donkeys to meet and pet. All sorts of activities and games for the kids to enjoy at no cost, including prizes. And everyone enjoys shopping at all of the different vendor booths.

It's always so wonderful to see everyone pull together to put this event on. Everyone pitches in, and there is always smiles and laughter, regardless of the weather or our falling behind in getting ready. We show our community just who we are. And that is the whole purpose of this faire.

I encourage everyone to come and be a part of this event. If you are able to lend a hand please just let me know 😊. You can't be too old or too young. There is no age discrimination here!! But you don't **have** to work. Just come. Bring your friends and families. Have something to eat. Enjoy the music, which promises to be special. Watch the kids as they play all of the games put on by the members of St. John's. Listen to the squeals and giggles as they win prizes!! Listen to a story about a very brave donkey. Come and visit Pastor Melinda and receive a FREE blessing and share a prayer on our community prayer board. (There might even be a little gift for you there). Come feel good about who we are and what we represent... a close knit community of believers.

And all Thanks be to God!

Margaret Cole

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DONATIONS WELCOME

We are collecting monetary donations for the purchase of soda for this year's Parish Park Fair. We are asking for monetary donations so as not to have too much soda left over after the event. If writing a check please make it out to Church of the Redeemer with Park Fair Soda in the memo line.



BAKERS NEEDED

We need volunteers to make delicious baked goods for this year's Parish Park Fair on June 13th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Pies, cookies, brownies etc. Your delicious delectables can be dropped off on Friday the 12th between 5:30 & 7 p.m. or on the day of the event starting at 8 a.m. at the Church of the



Redeemer,
downstairs in the
Parish Hall.



*To make other
arrangements please*

contact Margaret Cole at (607) 425-8489



Save the Date

Mark your calendars for June 18th and watch future eBlast's for information about St. Mary's Picnic that will take place at Betsy Schumacher's home.

Lessons for June 6 & 7

First Lesson: Hosea 5:15 - - 6:6; Psalm: 50:7-15

Second Lesson: Romans 43:13-25 Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26



June Birthdays

Marylou Ranck	6/6
Nancy Whitt	6/6
Emily Garrity	6/7
Scott Johnson	6/9
Norma Stevens	6/9
Bruce Carpenter Jr.	6/11
Betsy Schumacher	6/12
Eric Davenport	6/13
Ellen Croft	6/14
Nathan Prickitt	6/15
Abigail Prickitt	6/15
Linda Murrelle	6/17
Jack Wheeler	6/18
Erin Wayman	6/21
Chelsea McCutcheon	6/22
Janet Lewis	6/24
Kayla Marshall	6/26
Paul Romano	6/25
Louise Morningstar	6/27
Rosemary Firestine	6/27

June Anniversaries

Kevin & Jen Prickitt	6/24
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David & Lisa Cole	6/29

Scripture Reflection

In Psalm 50 we hear that God knows all the birds, "all that moves in the field," the wild animals, and the cattle. How does this intimacy between God and creation include your life? What "sacrifice of thanksgiving" would you find worthy of so great a link between you and your creator?

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Don Phykitt for being named Team Doctor of the Year by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

SAVE THE DATE for **NEPA Gives**, a 24-hour online giving event taking place from **7:00 PM on Thursday, June 4, 2026, through 7:00 PM on Friday, June 5, 2026.**

While our Annual [Gratitude Gala](#) and [Golf FOrE Kids Classic](#) remain our largest fundraising events each year, [NEPA Gives](#) offers a unique opportunity to maximize the impact of every donation through additional prize funding and stretch pool opportunities awarded during just 24 hours of giving.

In 2025, 159 children impacted by allegations of child abuse came through our doors seeking safety, support, and healing.

When a child discloses abuse, they are often facing one of the most difficult moments of their life. At The Children's House, children and families are met with a coordinated, child-focused response designed to reduce trauma and promote healing. Through forensic interviews, family advocacy, medical examinations, trauma-focused mental health services, multidisciplinary team coordination, and prevention education, we help children find their voice, access support, and begin their journey toward healing.

By bringing together law enforcement, child protective services, prosecutors, advocates, medical providers, and mental health professionals, we help ensure children and families receive comprehensive support without having to navigate the process alone.

Despite this critical work, The Children's House receives only **\$50,000 annually in state funding**, generated through fees collected from certified birth certificate copies. To continue providing these services throughout Bradford, Sullivan Counties, we must raise more than **\$300,000 each year** through grants, fundraising events, and community support.

On average, it costs approximately **\$1,500 to serve each child** who comes through our doors.

That's what makes NEPA Gives so important.

During the event, The Children's House is eligible to compete for an additional **\$4,450 in prize funding**, as well as stretch pool dollars, which means a donation made at the right time can help your generosity go even further.

Prize opportunities include:

 **1954 SACF Founding Year Award – \$1,000**


Donation made closest to **7:54 PM on Thursday, June 4**

 **2002 Community Foundation for the Twin Tiers Founding Year Award – \$500**

Donation made closest to **8:02 PM on Thursday, June 4**

 **Center City Print Award – \$500**

Donation made closest to **1:19 AM on Friday, June 5**

 **NEPA Gives 6:05 Award – \$1,000**

Donation made closest to **6:05 AM on Friday, June 5**

 **15-Minute Frenzy Awards – \$950 each**

Randomly awarded to organizations receiving donations during:

- **8:30 AM – 8:45 AM**
- **3:30 PM – 3:45 PM**

on Friday, June 5

 **Community Foundation for the Twin Tiers Afternoon Stretch Award – \$500**

Awarded to the Twin Tiers organization with the most donors between **3:00 PM and 5:00 PM on Friday, June 5**

Would you consider making a **strategic gift of \$10** during one of these prize periods?

A donation of any size can help us compete for thousands of additional dollars, allowing your generosity to have an even greater impact on the children and families we serve. Sometimes, a \$10 gift made at the right time can help unlock hundreds—or even thousands—of dollars in additional funding.

Save this link for June 4-5:

<https://www.nepagives.org/organization/chcac>

Warm regards,
Brittney

"Every child deserves to be heard, believed, and supported on their path to healing."

Brittney L. Mink, DCFI

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EMBRACING AGING

Epiphany Roman Catholic Church and Valley United Presbyterian Church are working together again to feature local speakers as they teach us how we can appreciate and embrace aging.

A freewill offering will be collected to support Chow for Children. Chow, a ministry supported by both churches, provides weekend meals to families in Sayre-Athens Head Start.

MAY 20TH – AGING AND WELLNESS

Speaker: Andrew Wales

Location: Valley United Fellowship Hall

JUNE 17TH – COMING TO TERMS WITH AGING

Speaker: Nicole Mullen

Location: Epiphany Parish Hall

JULY 22ND – UNDERSTANDING PALLIATIVE CARE

Speaker: Carli Yeager-Hall, PA

Location: Epiphany Parish Hall

AUGUST 19TH – MANAGING COGNITIVE DECLINE

Speaker: Katherine Lincoln, DO

Location: Valley United Fellowship Hall

Dinner and fellowship start at 5:45pm.

**AGE IS SIMPLY THE NUMBER OF YEARS THE WORLD
HAS BEEN ENJOYING YOU!**

-UNKNOWN



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Helping the Sick

The Calling of Matthew



Complete the paragraph by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the story.

As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named _____ sitting at the tax collector's booth. "_____ me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

While Jesus was having _____ at Matthew's house, many _____ and " _____ " came and ate with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your _____ eat with tax collectors and 'sinners'?"

On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the _____ who need a _____, but the _____. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

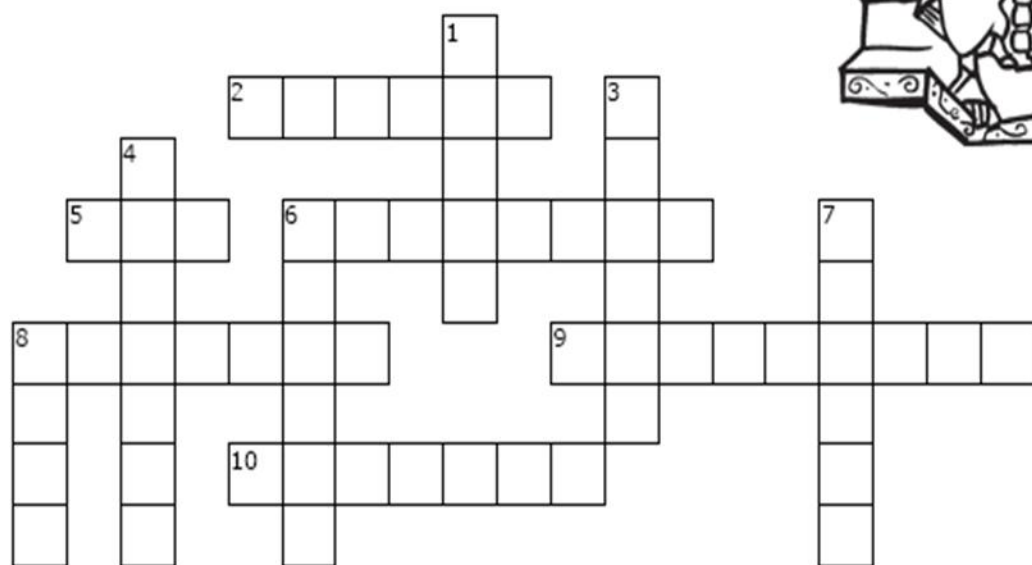
Matthew 9:10-13 (NIV)

collectors	doctor	healthy	sick	teacher
dinner	Follow	Matthew	sinners	tax

The Calling of Matthew

"For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."
Matthew 9:13b (NIV)

Based on Genesis Matthew 9:9-13 (NIV)



ACROSS

- One who refuses to obey God's laws
- An amount of money paid to the government
- One of the twelve chosen to follow Jesus
- The opposite of standing
- A person who accumulates items (stamps, for example)
- Strong and free from illness and disease

DOWN

- Kindness and forgiveness shown toward someone
- To walk behind someone
- The first book of the New Testament
- The main meal of the day
- A person who treats people who are sick or injured
- To be affected with disease or ill health

DISCIPLE
SICK
SITTING

DINNER
MERCY
MATTHEW

DOCTOR
SINNER
HEALTHY

COLLECTOR
FOLLOW
TAX