



# The Grape Vine

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## Worship This Week

**May 31**

**The Day of Pentecost**

Facebook live feed 9 am

**Text            Acts 2:1-21**

**“ Empowering Transformation:  
God Present as Mystery ”**

Theme: God's Presence with us in relationship brings an empowering transformation in our lives as it did for the First Generation of Christian disciples. How do we open ourselves to this transformation, especially if we grew up in the Christian Faith?

### *Mask Photo Gallery*

The pictures below are shown in the order they were received in the church office. Can you guess who is behind each mask?

## Re-Opening Task Group Update

The Re-Opening Committee met this week to review the survey responses.

First, the group is thankful for the excellent response. There were 47. That may not sound like a very large number. In the world of statistics, a response of 25-30% of the “population” is considered good. Our average Sunday worship attendance prior to COVID19 was around 65. Forty-seven responses is almost triple of what the expectations would be. So, the committee is very appreciative of the participation.

There is overwhelming support for returning to face-to-face worship and for everyone’s safety. The group talked about outdoor vs. indoor services and the challenges that emerge from both perspectives. At this time, the consensus is to not have in person services before Lebanon County is in the green category.

Of importance was the expression of value and gratitude for the Sunday live streaming service **and** the ability to see it at a later time. There is support for continuing the live stream and recording beyond the end of the pandemic.

If you have comments and suggestions, please send them to the church office. They will be forwarded to the committee. Again, thank you so very much for your energy and commitment to the ministry of Myerstown United Church of Christ.



### Birthdays

28 Emma Behm



8 Noah Blystone  
9 Stephanie Bohannon  
11 Braden Bohannon  
21 Ernest Firestine  
26 Trudy Yeager

NOTE: If your birthday is **not listed**, please contact the church office and provide the month, day and year. Shhh! We won't tell anyone the year - honest!