

The Chimes

May 3, 2011

Saint Paul's Worship Schedule

Sunday

9:00 am: Holy Communion

*First Sunday of month: Family Worship
(service designed with children in mind);*

Remaining Sundays: service concurrent with Sunday School

10:45 am: Holy Communion

Traditional liturgy

*Saint Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
415 E. Athens Ave., Ardmore, PA 19003
The Rev. Dr. Harry W. McDowell II, Pastor
610-642-3211 610-658-3262 (fax)
www.stpaulsardmore.org*

Memorial Day Celebration at St. Paul's Cemetery

Monday, May 30
11:00 am

*Please come out to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice
for the freedoms and rights that we all enjoy.*

The ceremony at the cemetery follows Ardmore's Memorial Day parade, which ends at the Veteran's Memorial, near the Argyle Road entrance to Saint Paul's Cemetery (parade start: 10:30 am).

Please join us for the dedication of ceremonial wreaths by a Commander of the United States Navy; the Township Commissioners will participate in the laying of wreaths.

You will also want to:

- ❖ Be present for the unveiling of a new monument in honor of those who were killed in World War I. Visit the graves of all the veterans.
- ❖ Join us in observing the 150th anniversary of the beginning of the Civil War.
- ❖ Stop by the Old Dutch Schoolhouse on the cemetery grounds and take some time to explore this fascinating historic structure.
- ❖ Sample the treats at the refreshment table.

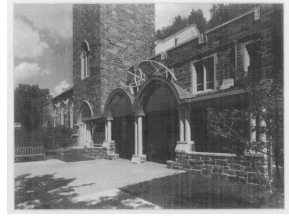
Even if you can't get to the parade, please come to the dedication at the cemetery, tour the grounds, visit the old schoolhouse and enjoy refreshments with all who have gathered to remember and honor the men and women who gave their lives for our country.

Chimes publication
information

The Chimes, the newsletter of Saint Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, is published monthly for the inspiration, education and entertainment of its members and friends. Comments and suggestions are welcome. Just mail, e-mail or deliver them to the church office.

The next issue of *The Chimes* will be published on **Tuesday, June 7**. Your articles are due in the office no later than noon on **Tuesday, May 31**. Thank you!

Thoughts from the Pastor



***This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!
My love, the Crucified, has sprung to life this morrow.
Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day prison,
our faith had been in vain.
But now has Christ arisen!***

Dear Friends:

Every year I find myself, in this week after Easter, reflecting on the worship journey of Lent, Holy Week, and Easter Sunday. And what a journey it has been this year! Our theme, “A Light Shines in the Darkness,” took us on a powerful walk with Jesus, culminating in a musical devotional on the fifth Wednesday, “Light in Deepest Night,” based on the writings of the mystic, Julian of Norwich, led by Andy Heller and the adult and children’s choirs. Thanks to Andy and all the musicians for their leadership in this endeavor.

This year we did something different for our Good Friday Liturgy. We used the ancient service of Tenebrae (Latin: “darkness, shadows”). We began with the large wooden cross up in front of the altar, and a table with eight candles in front of that cross. After each portion of the Passion reading, a candle was extinguished, the lights were dimmed, and we sang an appropriate hymn. It was a powerful experience.

The words to hymn #391 above, reflect what I experienced on Easter Sunday. After the darkness and shadows of Good Friday, entering the church on Easter Sunday was almost overwhelming. The flowers, the brass, the choirs, the “Alleluias” returning. . . all of a sudden you *knew* something had happened. You *knew* there had been a resurrection before a word was spoken or sung.

My thanks to all of you who give so generously of your time and talents to make worship at Saint Paul’s what it is. As I said on Easter Sunday, there are so many people who work behind the scenes to bring our worship to life!

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Skip McDowell". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Pastor Skip McDowell

Birth

Congratulations to Jennifer and Donald Reimer on the birth of their son, **Luke Francis**, on April 4, 2011. Luke joins a sister, Laura, and a brother, Donald III. We rejoice with Jennifer and Donald and pray for God's blessings on their family.

Baptisms

Jacqueline Su Chung, daughter of Jennifer and John Chung, was baptized on April 10.

Oliver Edward Hagemann, son of Andrea and Ian Hagemann, was baptized on May 1.

Kylie Elaine Williams, daughter of Cynthia and Gregory Williams, was baptized on May 1.

Prayers

Please pray for our men and women in the armed services, especially Michael Burns (son of Linda & Bob Burns); and Brandon Mader (grandson of Wendy Black).

Prayers are also requested for: Charline Allen (friend of Linda Stanton); Fred Bergner (friend of Mark Muller); Bill Buchanan; Charlotte Conybear; Cynthia Diallo (friend of Dottie Buchanan); Nan Gustafson (sister of Barbara Keyser); Mark Kelly (brother-in-law of Carrie Kelly); Kenneth Losey (stepfather of Kim Schumacher); Pauline Loundes (mother of Donna Carstens); Chris Marshall (friend of Erin Denman); John Messer (friend of Claudia Muller); Walter Proschinger (brother of Christa Scheidly); George Rayer (father of Lisa McCabe); Cullen Richards (father of Jim Schneider); Alicia Rossi (friend of Vicki & Jason Sack); Jessie and Marilyn (friends of Mary Lynn Kennedy); and Martha (cousin of Liz Cassidy).

Extend a Saint Paul's Welcome . . .

Help fill their dream house as they begin their new life. Watch for ways to support our newly arriving family. (*See boxed article on page 8.*)

Thank You

(The following letter was received from Gloria Dougherty, Bill Dougherty's wife. Bill, who died on March 27, was Saint Paul's caretaker for 29 years.)

Dear Pastor Skip, St. Paul's employees and our dear friends,

Thank you for your kindness and sympathy at a time when it was deeply appreciated.

*Love,
Gloria and family*



Hallelujah! Christ Is Risen!

And we responded, "Christ is risen indeed! Hallelujah!" Easter at St. Paul's was more glorious than ever this year, and of course the primary reason is found in the opening sentence. However, there were other reasons, thanks to the willingness of many members of our congregation who gave of their time, talents and money to produce such a wonderful worship experience on Easter day. The sermon was absolutely powerful. The music soared, thanks to the newly formed handbell choir so ably directed by Matthew Willmann and to the brass ensemble and adult choir under the talented direction of Andy Heller. And the flowers inside and outside were magnificent. Thanks to Kevin Maurer and Jim Schneider for their beautiful arrangements (on Palm Sunday as well) and to their assistants Bob Burns, Barbara Keyser, Ginger Klepfer and Linda Martin.

All through Holy Week we enjoyed once again the depiction of the events leading up to Easter as artfully displayed by Stark Lash. **Thanks to all who contributed to St. Paul's joyful celebration of our Lord's passion and resurrection.**

New Members Class

The next new members class and luncheon will be held on **Sunday, May 15**, following 10:45 am worship. If you would like to attend, please register with the church office (610-642-3211 or millie@stpaulsardmore.org). New members will be received on **Sunday, May 22**. Questions? Please see Pastor McDowell or email him at pastormcdowell@stpaulsardmore.org.

Bill Dougherty Memorial

Our sexton, Bill Dougherty, passed away on March 27, 2011. He worked diligently at our church for 29 years. A memorial in his honor, in the form of a flowering tree, stone bench and plaque, will be placed in St. Paul's Cemetery. A dedication will be held later this year in the cemetery.

Please consider making a contribution in Bill's name. If you would like to contribute, make your check payable to *St. Paul's Lutheran Church* and write "Bill Dougherty Memorial" on the memo line.

Organ Repair Fund

Dollar-for-dollar donor matching campaign

Received as of May 1: **\$4112**

Goal as of June 30: **\$10,000**

Summer Worship Schedule

Beginning Sunday, May 29 (Memorial Day weekend), Saint Paul's shifts to one service only, at 9:30 am. The summer worship schedule will be in effect through Rally Day (September 11). We return to two services (9:00 and **10:30** am) on Sunday, September 18. (Note that the Congregation Council voted to return to a 10:30 start time for the second service when the regular worship schedule resumes in the fall.)

June Women's Dinner TBA

Planning for the next Women's Dinner is in the works for June 2011, but the date has not yet been chosen. Please watch for information on date, time, location and menu in upcoming Sunday announcements and the June *Chimes*.

One Book, One Family in God



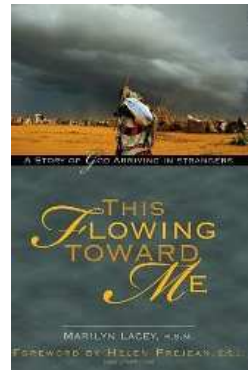
We await the arrival later this year of our refugee family from Iraq. This family will face many barriers and hurdles as they adapt to life in suburban Philadelphia. To understand better their challenges and to help us prepare ourselves to support them, we are asking you to consider reading the following book:

This Flowing Toward Me: A Story of God Arriving in Strangers, by Marilyn Lacey

Excerpt from a book review by Elizabeth Dossa:

In *This Flowing Toward Me*, Mercy Sister Marilyn Lacey, former director of refugee services at Catholic Charities in San Jose, Calif., has both written her own spiritual journey and brought to vivid life the tortured paths of many of the world's refugees. In her graceful telling, we meet the "lost boys of the Sudan," a Laotian family living in an American convent and many others who are bruised and battered from living in camps all over the world. They become particular people who open our hearts. Marilyn is ablaze with purpose and passion as she works in refugee camps in Thailand and in Kenya, and she brings us with her in exacting detail. As she

meets suffering and violence, she struggles to understand how a loving God can exist in the face of such deprivation. In the midst of revealing cruelty, she also manages humor Her spiritual journey is also a wonderful read. She brings us to understand how essential it is for us as individuals and as a culture to "welcome the stranger."



Copies of the book are available in our library.

**We invite you to join us for a discussion of this book:
Wednesday, May 11th in the Kugler Room
7:00 pm**

Join us even if you haven't finished the book—we expect the conversation to be illuminating.

As God has taught us to welcome the stranger, let us prepare our hearts and minds to welcome our family.

MEET THE ALBAHADILY FAMILY

Hussain is 33; he taught English in Baghdad and managed a gas station in the Green Zone. His wife **Hannan** is 29, and she cares for their children—**Mohammed** age nine, **Manar** age six, and **Ali** who will be two in October.

As you watch the children of St. Paul's playing at coffee hour, imagine Mohammed and Manar giggling and running as Ali toddles by his mom's feet. Please keep Hussain, Hannan, Mohammed, Manar and Ali in your prayers. We pray that they are safe and have enough to eat. We pray that they receive travel clearances quickly. We pray that they arrive safely, and we pray that God opens our heart to welcome them.

"I've seen and met angels wearing the disguise of ordinary people in ordinary lives." Tracy Chapman



Stephen Ministry *So no one has to hurt alone.*

Are You Caught in Life's Storms?

What is Stephen Ministry?

Stephen Ministry is a confidential, Christian, caregiving ministry offering one-to-one care by trained lay people to individuals experiencing various life difficulties such as:

- ◆ Separation/divorce
- ◆ Terminal Illness
- ◆ Bereavement
- ◆ Job Crisis
- ◆ Loneliness/Depression
- ◆ Hospitalization
- ◆ Spiritual Crisis
- ◆ Prodigal Children

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How Does a Stephen Minister Help?

Those who receive care from a Stephen Minister learn to more effectively deal with their situations by:

- ◆ Developing stronger ties with a community of Christians
- ◆ Understanding the role of suffering in life
- ◆ Accepting and giving forgiveness and grace
- ◆ Starting a relationship with God or growing stronger in their Christian walk
- ◆ Learning positive attitudes, healthy expectations, and a realistic self-image

If you or someone you know could use a Stephen Minister, talk to one of our Stephen Leaders: Pastor Skip McDowell (610-642-3211), Beth McElvenney (610-853-2444) or Hazel Pelletreau (610-284-6835). Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!

Lutheran Charities 21st Annual SteepleChase Bike Ride plus Fun Ride & Walk

Saturday, June 25 at 7:30 am
Save the date!



Bikers, walkers, and volunteers welcome!

Starts at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Audubon, Pa.
Benefits Lutheran Social Service Agencies

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans
(Lower Montgomery County Chapter 31014 provides program support.)

Look for registration information in the June *Chimes*

June Birthdays

- 1 Jane Brophy
- 3 Lovisa Gustafsson, Andy Heller
- 4 Donald Erickson, Katherine Erickson, Kenneth Moran
- 6 Erika Bierschwale, Olivia Luistro, Edward Tintera IV
- 7 Jordan Parman
- 8 Mary Ellen Frey, Erik Johnson
- 9 Katherine Dewey, Stefan Muller
- 10 Allison Billingsley
- 11 Eleanore Flom, Shane Leinhauser
- 12 Joan Copeland, Alexander Scota
- 13 Linda Bjorkquist, William Lukasiewicz, Thomas Stellwagen V, J. B. Tintera
- 14 Megan Schuster
- 15 Carleen Aleardi, Abigail Krissinger
- 16 Beth Ann Schuster
- 17 Dillon Perry
- 18 Kevin Pringle, Shelby Smyrl, Linda Stanton
- 20 Jeffrey Conybear, Lisa Lexa Wilson
- 21 Melanie Kolb
- 22 Spencer Schumacher
- 25 Don Legreid, Margaret Tintera
- 26 Courtney Tintera, John Tintera II
- 27 Vicki Sack, John Weldon
- 28 Anna Manning, Gerd Naydock
- 29 Karen Joyce
- 30 Laura Reimer, Florence Siegel

Attention: Families of 2011 Graduates

If you, or a family member, will be graduating from high school, trade school, college, or other post-secondary program, celebrate the accomplishment with a notice in the June issue of *The Chimes*. Simply provide the information indicated below and forward to the church office no later than noon on Tuesday, May 31.

Graduate's name _____

Graduating from _____

Degree/honors _____

Plans for September _____

“Raising Dough”— A Path to Inspirational Giving

“Raising Dough” introduces gift planning concepts and opportunities in a recipe format. These opportunities range from gifts during your lifetime to gifts made at or after death. This is the eleventh in a year-long series of recipes for inspirational giving that the Stewardship Committee is presenting each month in “The Chimes.” Feel free to contact either Carol Hammarberg or Don Parman if you would like to receive the complete “recipe box” to see which opportunities might best fit your individual situation. Individual counseling through professional advisors is available at no cost if you have questions.

Month 11 – Donor Advised or Endowment Fund

The Generous Family, headed by Allen and Ellen, were serious about stewardship. They thought that tithing was just the beginning of giving, not the end. Second Corinthians 8:3–4 had this family in mind: *For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints.* The Generouses always lead the way at their church, talking about stewardship year round and asking about the congregation’s wish list. Perhaps the most important thing they did was establish a Donor Advised Fund at the ELCA Foundation. They started it with \$10,000 and made contributions later. Each year an advisor from the foundation contacted the family, reported the earnings that were available, and asked to which ministries of the church they wanted to send those dollars. Allen and Ellen had two children and each year the entire family would talk about those ministries and decide where to direct their gifts. This proved to be a powerful tool for modeling stewardship for the next generation.

The Recipe

Ingredients:

- ❖ Cash or securities, usually minimum of \$10,000

Tools Needed:

- ❖ Donor Advised Fund—Charity decision each year
- ❖ Endowment—Charities identified at beginning

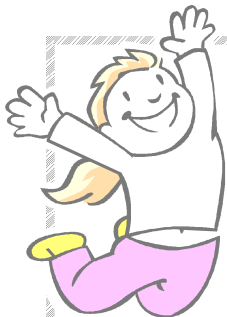
Results:

- ❖ Annual income to charities
- ❖ Immediate income tax deduction

Cost:

- ❖ Annual administrative fee

“For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints.” (2 Corinthians 8:3–4)



Picnic & Moonbounce!

Final event of the season for Families with Young Children

Monday, May 23
6:00 – 7:30 pm

Pizza provided. Families, please bring the following items:

A – M side dishes

N – Z desserts

Please register with the church office by Thursday, May 19
(610-642-3211 or millie@stpaulsardmore.org).

Family & friends are welcome.

Free-will offering

Tuesday, May 24th

Pottery Painting at *Color Me Mine*

7:00 PM



Please join us for an evening of Lutheran Ladies fellowship on May 24th at 7:00 PM at *Color Me Mine* in Wayne. Ladies of all ages will gather over light refreshments, soft drinks, and wine to paint pottery, make mosaics, or just to socialize. **Children welcome!** Register with the church office or Lisa Lexa. Cost: \$7 plus the price of pottery or tiles. Questions to Lisa (610-527-9315 or baldwin2020@gmail.com). Check out www.wayne.colormemine.com.

Still
St. Paul's▲ Got Talent!

Sunday, June 5, 2011

Dinner at 5:00 PM

Talent show from 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Have fun and fellowship!

Arts & Crafts Corner for Kids and Adults

New Feature: Silent Auction!

Lend your support by donating such talents as cooking lessons, handmade crafts, digital photography lessons, paintings or a meal cooked in your home.
(See registration form for donating to silent auction on page 15.)

Register to attend the event on Sundays after both services.

One dollar will be added to all prices when paying at the door.

Show only

Student (age 6-18)—\$5.00

Adult—\$10.00

Family—\$25.00

Dinner and show

Student (age 6-18)—\$10.00

Adult—\$15.00

Family—\$40

No charge for children 5 and under.

Proceeds will benefit the organ repair fund.

To register an act, complete form below & return to church office by May 29.

Name_____ Phone_____

E-mail address_____

Type of act_____ Approximate length_____

Special needs (accompaniment, microphone, etc.)_____

Save the Date



**American Red Cross Blood Drive
1:30 ~ 7:30**

Monday, June 6th
St. Paul's Lutheran Church

**The #1 reason donors say they give blood is because they
“want to help others.”**

Be the one we can count on

Eligibility Requirements:

***Whole Blood Donation* - Every 56 days (To donate on
June 6th, cannot give after April 10, 2011)**

***Double Red Cells* - Every 112 days, up to 3 times / year
(to donate double red cells on June 6th,
cannot give after February 13, 2011)**

Gifts of Flowers for the Altar

Consider becoming a weekly or monthly sponsor of altar flowers for Sunday morning worship. The cost of the flowers is \$25 per week, \$100 or \$125 per month. A sign-up chart for sponsoring altar flowers is available in Fellowship Hall, or you may call Dottie Buchanan at 610-789-8092 to make your request. Once you have signed up, you will receive confirmation of your sponsorship and information about how to make your payment. The dedication(s) for your flowers will be published in the appropriate Sunday bulletin(s).



SAINT PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Organ Repair Fund Silent Auction Donation Form

Silent Auction to be held Sunday, June 5th 2011,
during the Talent Show

Donation Information

(Please complete one form per donation, **by May 28**)

Please Print

Title of Donation: _____	Estimated Retail Value: \$ _____
Donation Description: _____	

Outings/dinners, etc. # of spots: _____	
Note any limits, restrictions or expiration date: _____	

Donation Information: (check all that apply)

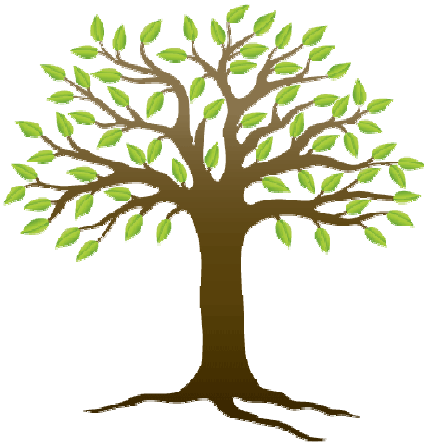
If attached with form, donation is: <input type="checkbox"/> a physical item <input type="checkbox"/> gift certificate <input type="checkbox"/> use this form as gift certificate
If NOT attached with form: <input type="checkbox"/> Donor will deliver item <input type="checkbox"/> Please contact donor to pick up the item

Donor Data

Contact Name & Title: _____
Address _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

Donor Signature:

Please make a copy of this completed form for your files and return to St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church; 415 E. Athens Avenue, Ardmore, PA 19003; Telephone: (610) 642-3211; Fax: (610) 658-3262. All donors will receive a formal letter from the church recognizing their donations for tax purposes following the auction.



Vacation Bible School Volunteers Needed!

June 20 – 24, 2011
9:00 am – 12:00 noon

This year we will participate in ReNew: the Green VBS. ReNew is about hope, opportunity and service—kids will serve their community and demonstrate that being green can be easy and fun! Children will play, learn, sing, and work to ReNew our congregation and community.

We will need help in the following areas to make this fun-filled program a success:

- I will be a VBS leader.
- I will assist in a classroom (must be going into 7th grade or higher).
- I will assist in an activity center (crafts or recreation).
- I am available to help distribute snacks during VBS.
- I will help with opening day registration on Monday, June 20, from 8:30 to 10:30 am.
- I will help at the closing picnic on Friday, June 24.
- I am willing to help in whatever way is needed.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

Please call or give this form to: Claudia Muller (610-446-7077) or Melissa Gale (610-642-1198)



Vacation Bible School Registration at Saint Paul's Lutheran Church

415 East Athens Avenue
Ardmore, Pa.

June 20 – June 24, 2011
9:00 am – 12:00 noon

*** ONE FORM PER CHILD ***

Name of Student: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Grade entering in the fall (K through 6): _____

Preschooler (must be at least 4 yrs. old): _____

(VBS classes are for children from 4 yrs. through those entering 6th grade)

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Cell phone #: _____

E-mail: _____

Allergies or medical needs: _____

In the event of an emergency, every effort will be made to contact the parent or guardian at the above number. I give my permission to the VBS staff to authorize proper medical care until such time as I can be contacted.

(Signature of parent or guardian)

Please return this form and payment (\$20 per child, \$30 per family) to the church office by June 15. Checks should be made out to *Saint Paul's Lutheran Church*.

JUNE CALENDAR

Saturday, June 4

8:30 am

Men's Bible Study/Kugler Room

Sunday, June 5—*Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Day*

9:30 am

Holy Communion

5:00 pm

Pre-Talent Show dinner/Fellowship Hall

6:00 pm

**St. Paul's *Still Got Talent*—talent show /
Sanctuary**

Monday, June 6

1:30 – 7:30 pm

**St. Paul's Red Cross Blood Drive /
Fellowship Hall**

Tuesday, June 7

TBA

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7:00 pm

AA/2nd floor Meeting Room

Thursday, June 9

7:15 pm

Council meeting/2nd floor Meeting Room

Saturday, June 11

8:30 am

Men's Bible study/Kugler Room

Sunday, June 12

9:30 am

Holy Communion

Tuesday, June 14

7:00 pm

AA/2nd floor Meeting Room

Saturday, June 18

8:30 am

Men's Bible Study/Kugler Room

Sunday, June 19—Father's Day

9:30 am

Holy Communion

TBA

**Cooking for the hungry/St. Paul's
basement kitchen**

Monday, June 20

9:00 am – 12:00 noon

**First day of Vacation Bible school /
whole church**

Tuesday, June 21

9:00 am – 12:00 noon

Vacation Bible School

7:00 pm

AA/2nd floor Meeting Room

Wednesday, June 22
9:00 am – 12:00 noon
Thursday, June 23
9:00 am – 12:00 noon

Vacation Bible School
Vacation Bible School

Friday, June 24
9:00 am – 1:30 pm

Last day of Vacation Bible School /
closing picnic

Saturday, June 25
7:30 am

Lutheran Charities SteepleChase Bike
Ride & Fun Walk/Run

8:30 am

Men's Bible Study/Kugler Room

Sunday, June 26

9:30 am

Holy Communion

Tuesday, June 28

12:00 noon

Deadline for July *Chimes*

7:00 pm

AA/2nd floor Meeting Room

**SENIOR FRIENDS
FINAL EVENT OF THE SEASON!
TUESDAY, MAY 17
12:00 NOON IN FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Catered lunch: \$10 per person
Presentation by Gene Hale of the Heritage Foundation

The Heritage Foundation is a group that portrays and tells the stories of real people from the Civil War period. Gene Hale portrays Major Raphael Jacob Moses of Columbia, Georgia. He tells the story of the last official order of the Confederate government, in the Major's own words. Question & answer period will follow the presentation.

Please contact the church office if you plan to attend (610-642-3211).

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Change Service Requested
Time Dated Material