



Pastor Matlack

The Dead Sea Scrolls began on April 15 & continues through May 20th!

What Are the Dead Sea Scrolls?

The Dead Sea Scrolls are a collection of over 100,000 fragments of papyrus and leather (sheep and goatskin), even forged copper, that scholars have pieced together into over 900 documents. The Dead Sea Scrolls are witness to an ancient library, which many scholars believe belonged to the Essenes (a Jewish sect living at Qumran on the shores of the Dead Sea, about 8 miles south of Jericho and 15 miles east of Jerusalem). This library contained both biblical and non-biblical materials. Among the biblical manuscripts were a complete scroll of the prophet Isaiah as well as fragments of every book of the Hebrew Bible except Esther.

Why are the Dead Sea Scrolls Important?

The Dead Sea Scrolls are now the oldest form of the Hebrew Old Testament. Prior to the discovery of the Scrolls in 1947, the oldest complete Hebrew manuscript of the Old Testament was the Leningrad Codex (which was copied in Cairo in AD 1008, often called the Masoretic Text or "MT").

The texts of the Hebrew Old Testament discovered at Qumran date from the third century BC to the first century AD. This transports us an entire millennia closer to the actual composition of the Scriptures themselves. However, the Dead Sea Scrolls contain a relatively small portion of the Hebrew Old Testament (compared to, for example, the Leningrad Codex). For this reason, though the Dead Sea Scrolls have improved our reading of the Old Testament, the Leningrad Codex (reflecting the Masoretic Text) remains our primary source for the text of the Old Testament.

Join us on ZOOM - Thursdays @ 10 am to learn more about the Dead Sea Scrolls!: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81454508990?pwd=L3o5VGVjQXdFVVZKa21paUxOUgtlZz09>

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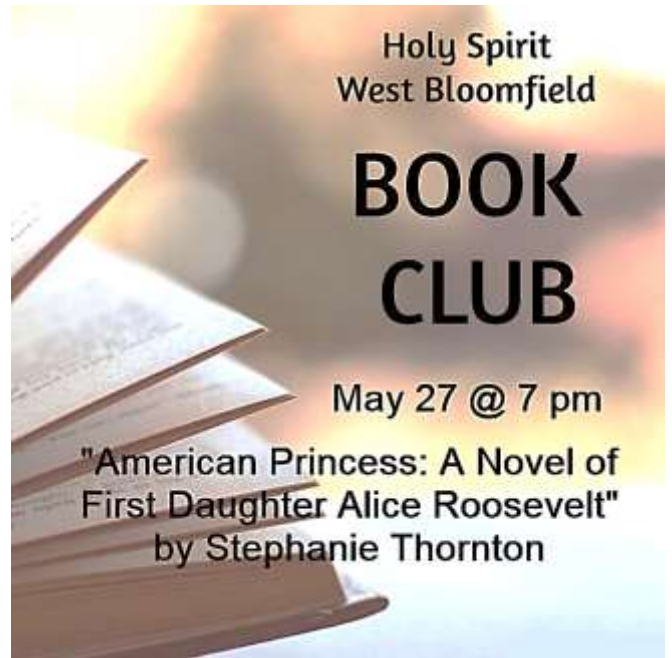
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WORSHIP NEWS: At the April Council Meeting, the decision was made to have a Parking Lot Worship on May 16 @ 10 am. We will be Celebrating "The Ascension of Our Lord."

On May 23 @ 10 am, we will meet in the Sanctuary for the First time! COVID Protocol will be observed. Masks must be worn. You must pre-register and also sign in on that day.

May 30 will be a recorded Worship for Holy Trinity Sunday. Once we have met in person on May 23, a decision will be made regarding in-person Worship in June!



Birthdays & Anniversaries

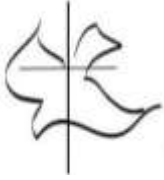
Birthdays

Harison Kern	May 2
Jackie Parko	May 10
Ann Elliott	May 12
Nicole Yohn	May 12
Jeanne Freed	May 13
Brett Meyer	May 14
Carolyn Werner	May 14
John Green	May 16
Dan Bergman	May 17
Mary Martin	May 19
Judy Bergman	May 20
Stephanie Filipp	May 21
Glenn Allen	May 24
Pam Figi	May 27
George Kuljurgis	May 28
Terry Rowland	May 28
Marsha Welch	May 28
Jerry Iverson	May 29

Anniversaries

Ken & Peggy Casagrande	May 9
Brian & Marsha Welch	May 12
Glen & Ellen Allen	May 15
Dennis & Marge Dronsella	May 25
Chuck & Melinda Kern	May 26

MAY 2021						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
No Coffee Hour today		WB Twp Special Election 7 am – 8 pm In Fellowship Hall Men's Group 6:30 pm	Handbells Rehearsal (On Hold)	Adult Study Zoom 10 am	Dinner w/Friends 6:30 pm	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Coffee Hour 11 am Zoom		Yoga 9 am Prayer Shawls 10 am	Handbells Rehearsal (On Hold)	Adult Study Zoom 10 am		Virtual Synod Assembly 9 am – 2 pm
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Drive-In Worship Service 10 am	Finance Meeting 7 pm Zoom	Yoga 9 am Prayer Shawls 10 am Council Meeting 7 pm Zoom	Handbells Rehearsal (On Hold)	Adult Study Zoom 10 am WELCA 6 pm		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Worship Service 10 am 30 Coffee Hour 11 am Zoom	31 Memorial Day	Yoga 9 am Prayer Shawls 10 am	Handbells Rehearsal (On Hold)	Book Club 7 pm		



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Our Mission:

We are: CALLED by Christ in our Baptism and GATHERED by the Holy Spirit into his community of faith to celebrate God's grace in our midst so we can be SENT to share that grace in our community and beyond.



Join us to check in with folks from church!

Sundays @ 11 am

Check your email for the reminder and Zoom link.