ROUGH & READY RUMBLINGS
MAY 2021

Salem Church of Rough & Ready
11 Church Road
Klingerstown, PA 17941
Church/Children’s Church: 9:00 A.M.
Sunday School: 10:15 A.M.

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INFORMATION FOR THE RUMBLINGS SHOULD BE GIVEN TO SECRETARY BY THE 15TH @ 5:00 PM

Sunday, May 2nd – Fifth Sunday of Easter.
Monday, May 3rd – Sunday School Meeting at 7:30 PM
Tuesday, May 4th – Consistory Meeting at 7 PM
Thursday, May 6th – National Day of Prayer
Sunday, May 9th – Sixth Sunday of Easter and Mother’s Day. We will also celebrate Holy Communion.
Please prepare your hearts to receive the Holy Sacrament.
Thursday, May 13th - Ascension Day service will be at 7 PM.
Saturday, May 15th – Deadline for June Rumblings. Please have all information to Elaine Dietrich by that time.
Sunday, May 16th – Seventh Sunday of Easter. Mother/Daughter/Child Banquet will be held at 5:00 PM. All food will be provided. Entertainment will be KJ Entertainment.
Sunday May 23rd – Pentecost Sunday. We will also be having Tractor Sunday. Sunday School will be held at 9:15 AM and Church Services will be held at 10:30 AM. All food will be provided.
Sunday, May 30th – Trinity Sunday.
Monday, May 31st – Memorial Day. Please Enjoy and be Safe!!

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT FROM FEBRUARY
Current Fund Income: $6,710.06
Current Fund Expenses: $8,548.12
End of Month Balance: $136,279.22

The Janitor for May is Butch Heim.

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ALTER FLOWERS

May 23rd – In Honor of Makayla Morrison’s 11th Birthday

MAY BIRTHDAYS

4  Tyler Heim
5  Cassidy Reed
10  Flora Clark
12  Tricia Morrison
13  Diane Wehry
14  Steve Rothermel

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

5  Rich & Mary Schaeffer
6  John & Alichean Galloway
27  Russell & Lyn Rose
7  Mike & Chelsea Phillippe

PASTOR’S PAGE

Remembering Mother

How quickly the months fly by! As I write this article, we are now half way through April and speeding along towards May. It seems like it was just Christmas only a short time ago, at least to me. With the speed at which our lives are lived, it is all too easy to overlook those who played a major part in our life’s journey, and especially our mothers. With the arrival of the month of May comes the celebration of Mother’s Day. Do you remember as a child in elementary school as well as in Sunday school, making cards and gifts for your Mom? I never realized how she cherished these gifts until I became an older adult, and how I cherish the gifts my children made for me. The love of a Mother for her family is truly special. I don’t know of any other creature on earth who will go to such great lengths to protect, care for, and love their offspring as a Mother. This is truly something God placed in their genetic makeup for the good of all mankind.

I look back at my Mom, and am very aware of the significant influence she had in shaping me to be the man I have become. My earliest memories of Mom include her desire to make me a gentleman. She taught me good manners and how to behave among other people. She had a passion for reading, which definitely was passed onto me, as well as the desire to obtain a good education. Mom was generous as she could be with her kids, often sacrificing her wants to satisfy ours. When a hard disappointment came our way, she did all she could to comfort and encourage each of us. She loved Dad, and taught us to love and respect him, and to be thankful for his hard work providing a living for us. I don’t remember her ever complaining about not having much, and about “making do” with second hand clothes and items. She just took it all in stride as part of life. In every area of life, Mom put us ahead of herself. She truly was a remarkable woman.

There was one area of her life that had much room for improvement though. I don’t remember Mom going to church or Sunday school with Dad and the rest of us when I was a boy. She just didn’t go, and I don’t remember her ever giving a reason for not going with us. She had some interest in spiritual things and the
Bible, but she didn’t know Jesus Christ as her Savior when I was a boy. I do remember how upset she became with our church and pastor as the denomination took a decided turn to liberal political views, and became active in anti-war issues, as well as other activities associated with the progressive left wing viewpoint. She was fiercely pro-American and stanchly conservative in her views, which still shape my views today.

By the mid 1960’s Mom developed cancer, which progressed to the need for surgery. It was when she was in the Sunbury Hospital awaiting surgery that she met the Lord, and received his gift of salvation. I clearly recall how eagerly she told Dad, and us kids, about her encounter with God. She did survive her surgery, and came home to resume life. She was, however, a different woman. I was 15 years old at that time, and I saw a remarkable change in almost every facet of Mom’s ways. The biggest things I noticed was she wanted to go to church, and to talk about God. She did insist that Dad find a Bible believing church, instead of staying in the denominational church. When our family began attending Community Fellowship Church, pastored by Pastor Jim Nye, our family really began to change. I wasn’t too happy about all of this, because I didn’t like church at all. But I saw the changes taking place in my family, and couldn’t deny something amazing was taking place. Several months later I, too, received Jesus Christ as my Savior and was born again into the family of God. The first person I told was Mom.

She was a great encouragement and supporter when I was a young Christian, and encouraged me every step of the way. I see now, more clearly than ever, how critical her support and encouragement were in the direction my life has taken. Mom wasn’t perfect, as none of us are. She had her faults and flaws, but in her life, I saw the hand of God, and now, looking back as an older adult, I see even more clearly God’s grace in her life.

I lost my Mom to cancer on February 20, 1988, two weeks after my 35th birthday. We were together at my birth; we were together as she took her final breath. I often wish I would have told her I love her more often than I did. But as she was dying, I was able to let her know again of my love for her. I look forward to seeing Mom again, but this time she won’t be ravaged by cancer, and the other problems she suffered in life. This time I will see her as God sees her, complete in Christ. It won’t be much longer to wait, I’m sure.

On this Mother’s Day, rejoice in the Mother God gave you. Love her for who she is, and be glad that she gave you life. God says in Ephesians 6:2 “Honor your father and mother (which is the first commandment with promise)”. If your Mother is still alive and with you, you are more blessed than you realize.

Happy Mother’s Day to Moms everywhere!

Pastor Mark
ELECTRONIC SERVICE REQUESTED