



MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

June 2026



First Presbyterian Church of Ambler
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IRON NATURE: ARTISTIC METALWORK FOR HIS GLORY

Beth Marquard

Beth Marquard, Anne Whitney and Pastor Morgan took a short road trip to Annville, PA to meet Bill & Diane Johnson, owners of Iron Nature. Bill is the artist who created the large metal cross displayed in the church lounge. FPCA has a long relationship with Bill: He crafts the cruciform nails we give to our Confirmation students as well as smaller versions of the lounge cross that have been gifted to departing staff.



Bill and his lovely wife Diane welcomed us into their charming home on a very rainy Saturday for tea and muffins.

Bill described his journey from high school welding teacher to metal artist, starting with the first cross he designed for the new church plant he and Diane helped establish.

Bill considers his work not just a craft, but a ministry; he is inspired by the people viewing his work and humbled to be a part of their faith stories.

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Iron Nature (continued)

Bill also provided us with a tour of his workshop, including the table where the intricate metal creations are crafted and formed. Diane works alongside Bill, fabricating the metal rose petals used on some of their pieces.

Bill's testimony and artwork can be found at <http://ironnature.com> (scan the QR code)



Anne, Beth and Morgan were deeply moved by Bill and Diane's faith and hospitality





CELEBRATING OUR SEEDS OF JOY

We celebrated our last day of school with a celebration of our Pre-K students moving on from SOJ. It was bittersweet to see them move on but amazing to see how much they have grown in the years they were our students.

Teresa Nolin, Seeds of Joy Director



PARENT TESTIMONIAL

Truly, it is hard to fully express how utterly amazing the “Seeds of Joy,” preschool program at the First Presbyterian Church in Ambler is. Both of my children were students there and from day one we felt we were not only part of a community, but part of a loving family. From seeing the children grow and learn, to being part of holiday events and celebrations, to reading regular updates about what the children were learning (along with the most adorable and frequent pictures) to the field trips, and even the guests that visited the school, it was such a full and immersive experience for my children! My goodness!

Each year my children were instructed with kind, compassionate and remarkably patient instructors, who spoke to me on a one on one basis about their progress and even their individual needs. The school was even incredibly accommodating to having early intervention instructors and therapists work with my children, along side their team! Truly those years with “Seeds of Joy,” were ones that my children and I will never forget! What a blessing it was to be part of it, and for ANYONE even considering this program, I can only offer the very highest level of praise!! The memories there will live on in my heart forever and I truly believe that the same will be said for anyone who enrolls their children here! Thank you to absolutely everyone at Seeds of Joy! Kathie Soto





JULY 6-10, 2026
6-8pm
(you're invited to a
FREE, optional
family dinner at 5pm)

Ages: 4 years old thru entering 5th grade

Grounded in Psalm 104, children
will connect scripture to the
physical and spiritual needs of
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EXAMPLES:**

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- Building bird havens
- Painting community banners



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