



"Christ is Arisen! He is Alive! No Fooling!"

On April 1, 2018, the Church will celebrate the miracle of miracles - Resurrection! God raised Jesus from the dead.

"Through his death and resurrection for us, Jesus Christ is God's foolish power on the loose among us. Our wisdom is toppled by his foolishness. And we are never the same again. We are made new. We are turned upside down for the sake of Christ, who suffered and died and has been raised from death **for us**. We have been given new identities in our baptism. We are made FOOLS FOR CHRIST." *(Paul Luther)*

Come and act like joyful fools not just on Easter Sunday, but throughout the 50 days of the Easter Season. Shout out ALLELUIA! Sing, see the colors and signs, share the peace with one another, and then go out to serve as Christ has served us. The world needs "Christian Fools" to accept the bullied and forgotten, to feed the hungry, to reassure the grieving, to listen to the confused, to pray for the sick, to work for the peace of Christ in our relationships and wherever there is conflict, war, and violence in the world.

Christ is risen! No fooling ... Let's celebrate!

~ *Pastor David Deal*

APRIL HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, April 1 - Easter Day - No Sunday School, 6:30 AM Sunrise Communion, 7:30 Easter Breakfast, 10:30 AM Festival Communion.

Sundays, April 8, 15, 22, and 29 at 10:30 AM - Celebration of the Resurrection throughout the Easter Season

April 27-29 - WELCA Region 7 Spiritual Gathering "We Are An Offering" at the Holy Family Conference and Retreat Center in West Hartford, Ct. See page for more information and Helen Dungan to register.

Tuesday, April 10 - Adult Small Group resumes to study the theme, "Making Sense of the Cross" and the Gospel of Mark. Join us on Tuesday afternoons at 2 PM in the Fellowship Hall for DVD and discussion.

Sunday, April 15 at 10:30 Worship - Installation of new Council Members and Officers.

In April

- **Saturday, April 1** - Easter
- **Sunday, April 8** - Confirmation at Durham 5:30 PM
- **Tuesday, April 10** - Adult Small Group resumes 2-3:30 PM
- **Saturday, April 14** - Upper Bucks WELCA Spring Gathering 9 AM-noon
- **Sunday, April 15** - Church Council Installation, Church Council Meeting
- **Sunday, April 22** - Confirmation at Trinity, Pleasant Valley 5:30 PM
- **Tuesday, April 24** - Finance Committee meeting 7:30 PM

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Prayer List

New Council Members! Officers Elected for 2018/19!



Welcome to Kathy Hlavaty, who was elected to Council at our Annual Congregational Meeting in February! Kathy's addition to the Council means we are blessed with a full complement of nine men and women to serve on Church Council. Cathy Muller, Beth Snyder, and Mark Harwick all agreed to a new terms. In addition, at our March Council Meeting, the following Council Members agreed to serve as officers for another year:

Mike Rhine	President
Scott Gaun	Vice-President
Cathy Mueller	Secretary
Beth Snyder	Treasurer
Ken Anderson	Financial Secretary

We will officially welcome and install all of them during worship on April 15, 2018.



Many thanks for all the Easter Egg Hunt donations! There were wide smiles on the kids' faces. We had 48 adults and children attending. Even though the snow was outside we managed to hide eggs downstairs for the little ones and both upstairs and in the balcony for the older children. Thanks to volunteers who hide eggs - Nicholas Phillipps, Jack Pyne, and Conner Aquino. There was a special appearance by Mrs. Easter Bunny, and every child left with a gift or two. There were some prizes left over and they will be donated to the food pantry for the children who come with their parents. Your generosity will reach far into our community!

Have a Happy Easter season! Lynn Gaun & Cheryl Mesko

Soup Report

This has been a challenging winter as far as our Soup Suppers went. Once again we were snowed out for our scheduled date. We rescheduled for March 28th, but only sold soup – no supper. We do not have final figures yet. WELCA will divide the money during its May meeting. We have many to give thanks to:

Thrivent who gave us \$250 toward our expenses.

Trauger's who donated the broccoli and the onions and got the carrots and celery for us and stored those and froze the broth when our supper was postponed because of the Nor'easter.

To the crew who processed and froze the broccoli: Mark Harwick, Miriam Anderson, Dot Peterman, Althea Crouse and Val McGinn; also to Joe Hlavaty who picked the first batch. We had two work sessions and two pickings this year.

The Monday crew, Miriam Anderson, Helen Dungan, Mark Harwick, Val McGinn, and Dot Peterman who cooked the chicken and deboned it.

The Tuesday crew: Mark Harwick, Dot Peterman and Helen Dungan who packed and froze the chicken; wrapped the celery and carted all the stuff to The Anderson's, Dungan's and Trauger's for freezing and refrigerating.

The Wednesday crew: Who peeled and chopped, made the soup, bottled the soup, sold the soup and washed pots and cleaned up when we were done: Tim Gadwell, George Kreitz, Althea Crouse, Bonnie Seipt, Betty Jones, Bonnie Pyne de Portillo, Val McGinn, Mark Harwick, Lois Miller, Dot Peterman, Esther Crouse, Gladys Nicholas, Kathy Hlavaty, Serena Ashmore, Joe Hlavaty, Barbara Naska, Lynn Gaun, Miriam Anderson and Helen Dungan.

The cooks: Because of the rescheduling from February, Diane DeWalt who normally makes the broccoli soup was unable to. Esther Crouse worked with Miriam Anderson to take over for Diane. Because of the second rescheduling, Miriam was unable to work, so Esther coached Kathy Hlavaty and helped make many batches herself; Lynn Gaun and Serena Ashmore also helped. Mark Harwick did his usual phenomenal job making the chicken noodle.

Jar washer: A special thanks to Dot Peterman who took cases of jars home to run through her dishwasher; as well as worked cleaning up each time we worked.



Helen Dungan

During our March meeting, we viewed and discussed the Nooma video "Flame," which focused on love; thanks to Pastor Dave for leading the discussion. **Our April meeting will be the Upper Bucks Gathering.**

Date: Saturday April 14th

Time: Registration is from 8:30-9:00 followed by breakfast

Place: St Matthew's (Keller's Church)

Speaker: Karen Kutzner, program director from The Well, an organization that works with local women who have affected by sex trafficking.

In kind gifts: Gently used adult and children's clothes and shoes for the organization's thrift shops.

This is a tough topic; but human trafficking does happen here; and we need to know about it.

Biennial Convention of Southeastern PA WELCA will be held Saturday June 2, 2018 at Messiah Lutheran Church, 46 W. Lancaster Ave., Downingtown, Pa. Registration is at 9:00 am. The theme is "Marys and Marthas – Celebrating the Diversity of our Spiritual Gifts." Registration fee: \$25.00, includes lunch.

April Worship Assistants

* Indicates Communion	1*	8*	15*	22*	29*
Youth Acolyte & Communion Asst.	Nicholas Phillipps	Matthew Mueller	Grace Litzenberger	Hunter Aquino	Samantha Mueller
Greeter(s)	Miriam Anderson Karen & Jim Beerer	Joe & Kathy Hlavaty	Patricia Zion	Val McGinn	Cheryl Mesko
Lay Worship Assistant/ Lector	Mark Harwick Barb Naska	Joe Hlavaty	Scott Gaun	Ken Anderson	Val McGinn
Council Communion Assistants	Ken Anderson, Mark Harwick	Ken Anderson, Mark Harwick	Ken Anderson, Mark Harwick	Ken Anderson, Mark Harwick	Ken Anderson, Mark Harwick
Counters	Ken Anderson, Mark Harwick				
Head Usher	Ben Naska				
Altar Guild	Val McGinn, Cheryl Mesko				

	April Birthdays		April Anniversaries		April Baptisms
12	Barbara Altemus	9	Elfriede & Manfred Marschewski (63rd)	1	Hal Taylor
13	Phyllis Lanshe, Kevin Bolesta, Ben Naska, Sr.	12	Barbara and Mike Altemus (32nd)	3	Rachel Crouse, Sam Rhine
14	Joshua Roney	16	Joan and Frank Mammana (52nd)	4	Dave Helfrich
19	Matthew Crouse			6	Chris Fox, Ben J. Naska
				8	Samantha Mueller
20	Karen Rilling			9	Diane DeWalt
21	Jayne Miller, Chris Apgar			10	Becca Anderson
26	Robert Ziegenfuss			18	Laura Helfrich
27	Nancy Moskella			19	Cleo Eck
28	Frank Mammana, Tim			24	Landon Helfrich
30	Alison and Emerson Rhine			27	Clayton Helfrich, Landon Frey, Izbella Grzymala
				40	Ella Rose Michl
			* Also baptized in April, exact date unknown: Nicholas Phillipps		

Care-A-Lot News



We don't know if there will be April showers this month, but we do know there will be a shower of special activities and events at Care-A-Lot this month.

We'll be celebrating EARTH DAY on the 19th by reading The Last Forest and planting seeds and plants to help our Earth.

We'll celebrate "Disney Day" with show-n-tell, wearing Disney clothing and making Mickey and Minnie hats.

Our two Field Trips this month will be to DeSales University to see "Beauty and the Beast" and to Seipt's Farm to view the dairy farm process and to see any baby calves.

A Water Safety Instructor from "Swim-In Zone" will be here on the 24th to teach us about water safety as part of their "Whale's Tales" program.

We'll have our second Parent-Teacher Conferences on Thursday, April 26th. There will be no classes that day because of conferences and we'll also have evening conferences that day.

Our curriculum highlights this month include: ecology, weather, rhyming words, insects and bugs, community helpers, diamond shape, the color pink, the letters V-W-X, and the numbers 15-16-17-18. Our Christian theme for April with Pastor Dave is "God Loves All of His Creations".

We're looking for additional students for next year and would appreciate you sharing our information with anyone who is looking for a preschool. I would be happy to speak with them about our program and schedule a visit. I can be reached at 484-894-0585. Thank you for your help.

~ Linda Reinbold



Food ministry: Thanks to everyone who donated canned meats during March. During April we will collect **canned fruit**.

Hymning: We had to reschedule our hymning (not because of the weather, although it did snow!) We will go hymning to our shut-in members on Sunday, April 8th (weather permitting.) We will have lunch in the Fellowship Hall following worship, then go share the hymns of the season.

Thank you all for helping to support my youth gathering trip in Houston this summer by purchasing Easter candy from me. Look out for another candy sale during the month of April/May!
~ Matthew Mueller

Address Book UPDATE >>>

Helen Ballek is still living in her house, but her mail is being sent to her son in Bethlehem. Helen and really appreciated the mail she has been receiving from the congregation. She hopes everyone will update to her new address to be sure that she receives any mail that is sent to her.



New Mailing Address for Helen Ballek:
Helen Ballek
c/o 2609 Union Court
Bethlehem, PA 18017

Gifts in Memory of Betty Fox



Gifts to the church in memory of Betty Fox in the amount of \$1,315 were given by Ed Xander, Dolores Lyle, Jim & Lois Altemose, Forrest Fox, Pat Taylor, Sandra Fenstermacher & Family, Gary Kunsman, Larry & Ginny Lippincott, Cleo & Ken Eck, Briers Mtn. Enterprises, Gladys Nicholas, Evelyn Newcomb, Richard Bartsch, Jim & Holly Segletes, Gladys Hagenbuch, Thomas and Susan Brunner, Thelma Breadhecker, William and Deborah Filer, Walter & Nancy Hart, Dorothy Peterman, Althea Crouse, Donna Will, Carl & Carol Shotwell, the Timochenko Family, and Norma Fox.



WELCA Region 7 Spiritual Gathering April 27-29, 2018

Holy Family Conference and Retreat Center
West Hartford, CT

Featuring:

Workshops (*Poetry as a Spiritual Practice, Liturgical Dance, Angklung Music (Traditional Indonesian instruments), and Acting Out the Gospel.*)


Fun and Fellowship (*Bingo, Talent Show*)

Speakers

Ingathering (*new socks and/or underwear of all sizes (infants, women's, men's) and/or new bath towels, as well as face cloths and new bars of soap (4.5 ounces)*)

For Registration materials, contact Helen Dungan or the Church Office Secretary.

April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Easter	2	3 9 AM– 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot	4 9 AM–12:30 PM Care-A-Lot 6:30 PM Choir	5 9 AM–12:30 PM Care-A-Lot	6 Pastor's Day Off	7 Pastor's Day Off
8 Second Sunday of Easter 9 AM Christian Education 10:30 AM Holy Communion Noon - Lunch, then Caroling to Homebound 5:30 PM Confirmation at Durham	9	10 9 AM– 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot 2-3:30 PM Small Group	11 9 AM–12:30 PM Care-A-Lot 6:30 PM Choir	12 9 AM–12:30 PM Care-A-Lot	13 9 AM to Noon - Upper Bucks WELCA Spring Gathering	14 9 AM to Noon - Upper Bucks WELCA Spring Gathering
15 Third Sunday of Easter 9 AM Christian Education 10:30 AM Holy Communion with Installation of Church Council Noon - Church Council Meeting	16	17 9 AM– 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot 2-3:30 PM Small Group	18 9 AM–12:30 PM Care-A-Lot 6:30 PM Choir	19 9 AM–12:30 PM Care-A-Lot	20 Pastor's Day Off	21 Pastor's Day Off
22 Fourth Sunday of Easter 9 AM Christian Education 10:30 AM Holy Communion 5:30 PM Confirmation at Trinity, Pleasant Valley	23	24 9 AM– 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot 2-3:30 PM Small Group 7 PM Finance Committee	25 9 AM–12:30 PM Care-A-Lot 6:30 PM Choir	26 9 AM–12:30 PM Care-A-Lot	27 Pastor's Day Off	28 Pastor's Day Off
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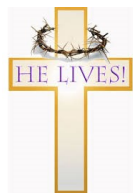
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