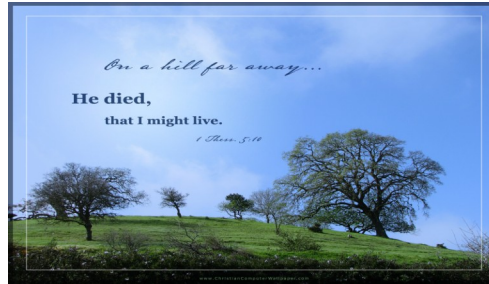
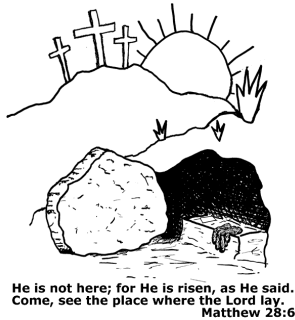


St. John's United Church of Christ

The VOICE

APRIL 2014



Journey On

Lent, which began on Ash Wednesday, consists of forty days, excluding Sundays, during which we journey together on a pathway of self-examination and growth.

As of the end of March, we have traveled with each other for twenty-three of the forty days, and have had four Sundays to rest and reconnect with our source (Jesus).

On March 9, the first Sunday in Lent, as we heard of Jesus being tempted in the wilderness, there was a rock and a loaf of bread on the table in the altar area. On March 16, as we traveled with Abram and Sarai to a new land and listened as Nicodemus questioned Jesus at night, there was a map and a candle on the table.

In April we will experience dry bones receiving life, Jesus riding on a donkey, foot washing and sharing a special meal, and Mary of Magdala discovering an empty tomb. Do you wonder what will be on the table in the altar area?

We had three Thursdays during March in which we shared soup, sandwiches, fellowship, and a brief time of Lenten Study. If you missed out on the Thursdays in March, why not plan to join us at 6:30 pm in the Church Social Hall on Thursday, April 3 and 10.

If you are hungry to feed your soul, please join us on Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 7 pm, for a Communion Meal of bread and wine or juice, and, for those who desire it, a foot washing.

If you are an early riser and want to watch the sun rise on Easter Morning, April 20, please join us at the cemetery (watch the bulletin for the time). Early riser or late riser, will you please join us at 10:30 am in the Church Sanctuary for the celebration of the Empty Tomb.

As we begin the month of April, we have seventeen of the forty days of Lent, plus two Sundays, left on our journey to the Empty Tomb. Don't miss out on being a part of this journey!

Pastor Herb

APRIL WORSHIP NEWS



SCRIPTURES FOR APRIL

Sunday, April 6 – Fifth Sunday in Lent
Ezekiel 37:1-14 (Focus Scripture)
Psalm 130
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45

Saturday, April 19 – Holy Saturday
Job 14:1-14
Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16
1 Peter 4:1-8
Matthew 27:57-66

Sunday, April 13 – Palm Sunday
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 21:1-11 (Focus Scripture)

Sunday, April 20 – Easter
Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Colossians 3:1-4
John 20:1-18 (Focus Scripture)

Thursday, April 17 – Maundy Thursday
Exodus 12:1-14
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-17, 31b-35
(Focus Scripture)

Sunday, April 27 – Second Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Psalm 16
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

Friday, April 18 – Good Friday
Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Psalm 22
Hebrews 10:16-25
John 18:1-19:42



Celebrate

The Easter Story

told through Prayer Stations

Sunday, April 20, 2014,
9:00 a.m.

**Devotions!*

**Bring a friend!*

**Backwards Easter Egg Hunt!*



**All are welcome!*

APRIL Celebrations

Happy Birthday to:

6 Rev. Drew Morris
6 Jordan Seltzer
6 Aidan Zechman
7 Sheila Fox
7 Pat Ziegler
8 Cathy Rentschler
9 Keith Gingrich
11 Ken Mohn
11 Steve Zechman

12 Andrew Fegan
13 Erika Flanick
13 Josh Stoltz
15 Christine Lutz
18 Wade Tyrpin
18 Zachary Baynard
20 Becky Martin
20 Leah Stoltz
20 Sharon Hibshman

20 Kayla Benfer
26 Rick Rudy
30 Russell Schott
30 Peter Hevel

Happy Anniversary to:

9 Peggy & Charles Wike
14 Linda & Mark Tyrpin
18 Betty & Vernon Schriver

21 Kim & Jarrod Kapp
27 Linda & Mike Nace

If your information is incorrect or not included, please contact the church office. Thank you.

Sunday Worship Volunteers, Thank You!

April Readers

April 6—Charlene Ziegler
April 13—Mark Griffiths
April 20—Julie Ditzler
April 27—Charlene Ziegler

April Flowers

April 6—Melissa Seltzer
April 13—Paul Smith
April 20—Scott Benfer
April 27—Millie Schriver

March Attendance

March	2	57
March	5	45 (Ash Wed.)
March	9	59
March	16	59
March	23	54
March	30	

April Bulletins

April 6—Melissa Seltzer
April 13—OPEN
April 20—Scott Benfer
April 27—Millie Schriver

April Coffee Hosts

April 6—Jerry Mohn
April 13—Jerry Mohn
April 20—Jerry Mohn
April 27—Jerry Mohn

April Deacon Pat Ziegler

SPONSORS NEEDED:

We are in need of Sponsors for:
Flowers: May 11th
Bulletins: April 13th & May 11th.
Sign Up sheets are in the Social Hall



April Acolytes

April 6—Zachary Seltzer
April 13—Noah Gingrich
April 20—Nick Benfer
April 27—Andrew Eberhart

Christian Education Corner by Angie Michael

For Easter Sunday on April 20, we're planning a special program during the Christian Connection hour. We'll begin at 9 a.m. with a short devotional. After devotions we will have the Backwards Easter Egg Hunt for the children. Children will collect one egg each of five colors. These eggs will be empty because after the hunt the children will visit stations in the social hall to hear portions of the Easter story, to receive a token to fill their egg, and complete the play activity for each station. Each color egg station will also double as a prayer station for adults. There will be a short Bible text to read and a prayer activity to complete. We hope you'll come out for this special program and bring a friend or neighbor, too.

Consistory is tentatively planning a church wide clean up day for sometime in April. We encourage you to be on the look out for this and to come out to help with this project— this will be counted as the service oriented youth activity for April.

St. John's Fellowship by Regina Engler

The recent meeting of this group has provided quite a few opportunities for our fellow church members. Get a look of the following dates.

From now through Sunday, April 6, you may order flowers to beautify our sanctuary for Easter and then take them home or give them as a gift. You'll find order forms in the church bulletins.

Since the Spring Flea Market will take place April 25 and 26, you have several weeks during which you can gather that slightly used clothing, pots & pans, games, toys, what-nots, etc., and bring them to the church by April 24 when they will be sorted and priced. You may even stay and help a while if you'd like. (We'd like!) You may notice a change in hours this year since the Friday hours will be from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday will once more be 10 cent day and the hours remain from 8 to 11 a.m. There's always a bake sale included in this semi-annual event, so feel free to bring your specialty and maybe stay for lunch on Friday. Besides the usual hot dogs with or without sauerkraut (Sigh!), there'll be homemade ham & bean soup and chicken noodle soup.

Tentative plans also include an Avon campaign in time for Mother's Day in May. So take your pick or choose all the above opportunities.

In order to facilitate setting up for the flea market, the next meeting will be the fourth Tuesday instead of the usual third one. Some folks will gather at six o'clock to begin arranging tables. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. on that day, April 22, so you are invited to come and learn first-hand what's good about such fellowship and what's being done and planned for the work of our Lord.

MUSIC AND WORSHIP NEWS by Louise Walmer

Musical Offerings – April 2014

April 6

Sr. Choir will sing, “Dry Bones”, a traditional spiritual arranged
by Ruth Elaine Schram.

April 13 – Palm Sunday

Music by St. John’s Quartet

April 20 – Easter

Sr. Choir will sing, “Early in the Mornin” on Easter Day”, words by John
Parker and music by Lloyd Larson.

April 26 – Music by the Hand Bell Choir

Music and Worship Committee

The Music and Worship Committee did not meet during the month of March. Our next meeting is scheduled for Mon., Apr. 7 at 7PM. Sharon Hibshman will lead our devotion time.



NEW HORIZONS

New Horizons is an opportunity for fellowship for single adults, sponsored by the Parish Life Committee of the Lebanon Association, Penn Central Conference, United Church of Christ. For additional information for future programs, please call Betty Holdren (866-2013), Dolores Wolfe (867-1807), Eleanor Hollowell (895-8087), Barbara Beard (497-0208), Eleanor Baylor (865-4977) or Ann Wagner (867-2675).

April 26—2:00 PM –Jennifer Monahan, an author and speaker, will present a program on Australia. She has spent time in that country. Meet at Christ UCC Church in Annville on South White Oak Street. Dinner at “Water Works Fire Co.”

May 31—2:00 PM—Miniature golf—Games and dinner at Kauffman’s BB Que”, Bethel.

June 28—”Pride of the Susquehanna” - Meet at Christ Church, Annville at 1:30 PM to carpool.

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ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
141 WEST MAIN STREET
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April 25 & 26, 2014

Friday
8 A.M. - 5 P.M.

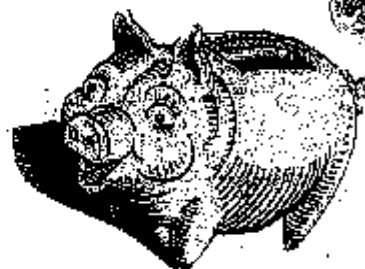


Saturday
8 - 11 A.M.

There's something for everyone!

COME FOR LUNCH ON FRIDAY AND ENJOY
HOMEMADE SOUP:
CHICKEN NOODLE OR HAM & BEAN
PORK BARBECUES
HOT DOGS WITH OR WITHOUT SAUERKRAUT
CHIPS
&
ASSORTED BEVERAGES, INCLUDING COFFEE

*Save on Saturday.
All items only 10 cents each!*



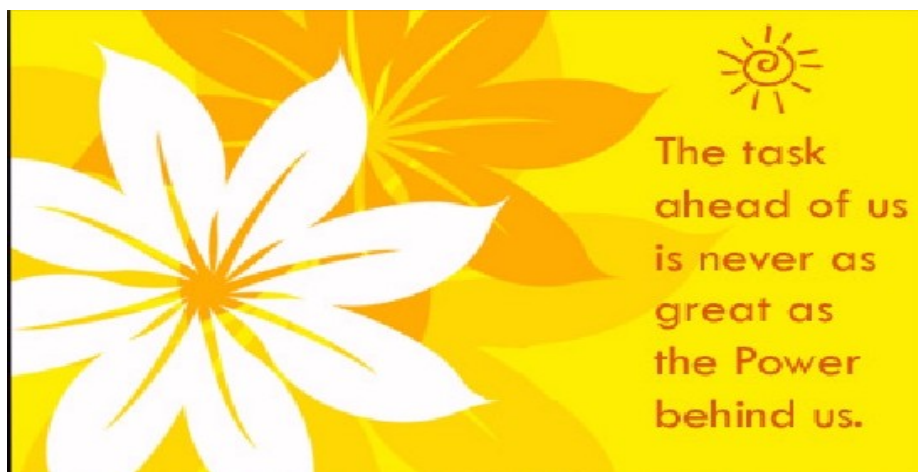
BUDGET & STEWARDSHIP By Phil Eberhart

Our budget for weekly offerings \$2,300. For February we averaged \$2070.25.

FEBRUARY	INCOME	Y.T.D.
WEEKLY OFFERINGS (4WEEKS)	\$ 8,281.00	\$ 15,075.00
DEFRAY COST OF ENVELOPES	50.00	273.00
BULLETINS	20.00	30.00
JOINT MEN'S & WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP	-0-	-0-
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	-0-	-0-
FUNDRAISING	62.00	118.00
SPECIAL SERVICES	-0-	-0-
SOCIAL HALL RENTALS/MISC	15.00	70.00
INTEREST	2.14	4.30
TOTAL INCOME FOR FEBRUARY	\$ 8,430.14	\$ 15,570.30
EXPENSES	\$ 7,018.08	\$ 12,880.29
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	\$ 1,412.06	\$ 2,690.01

Remember the Lord of your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to pursue wealth

Deuteronomy 8:18.



April 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00 PM	2 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00 PM Bible Study Noon Choir Practice 7 PM	3 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00 PM Soup and Sandwich Lenten Study in Social Hall 6:30 PM	4 Little Learners 9 AM—11 PM	5
6 Devotions at 9 AM Followed by Christian Connection 10:30am Worship (Communion) Helen Walmer Fund DEADLINE TO ORDER EASTER FLOWERS	7 Music & Worship Meeting—7PM	8 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00 PM	9 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00 PM Bible Study Noon Choir Practice 7 PM	10 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00 PM Soup and Sandwich Lenten Study in Social Hall 6:30 PM	11 Little Learners 9 AM—11 PM	12
13  Devotions at 9 AM Followed by Christian Connection 10:30am Worship JOY Pantry Sunday Christian Ed Meeting fol- lowing Worship	14	15 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00 PM DEADLINE FOR VOICE ARTICLES	16 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00 PM Bible Study Noon Choir Practice 7 PM	17 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00 PM Maundy Thursday Worship with Com- munion and (for those who wish to participate) Foot Washing at 7PM	18  Good Friday Wor- ship Service with Churches of Fred- ericksburg Ministe- rium Zion Gosherts) UCC in Mt. Zion at 7PM	19
20  Sunrise Service at the Cemetery - Time to be announced Devotions at 9 AM Followed by Christian Connection 10:30am Worship	21	22 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00 PM 6:00 PM Set up for Flea Market Fellowship Mtg. to follow	23 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00 PM Bible Study Noon Choir Practice 7 PM	24 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00 PM Flea Market sorting & Deadline for dropping off items 8:00 AM- 5:00 PM	25 Little Learners 9 AM—11 PM Flea Market 8:00 AM- 5:00 PM	26 Flea Market 8:00 AM—11:00 AM
27 Devotions at 9 AM Followed by Christian Connection 10:30am Worship Deacon Fund Sunday Dine & Donate Sunday	28 Office Hours 9:00AM—3:00 PM	29	30 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00 PM Bible Study Noon Choir Practice 7 PM			

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Every Sunday
Devotions at 9:00am Followed by
Christian Connection
10:30am Morning Worship

St. John's United Church of Christ is: A church of faith, heeding to God's call, through worship, evangelism, discipleship and fellowship. We are building on our church's history, while looking to our future. Our church is filled with messengers, who share the gift of God's love, with the community and beyond. We strive to be a church that reaches out to all with compassion, a vision of God's everlasting peace, and a witness of spiritual hope to our present and future generations. For all this and so much more, we pray in God's name.

Church Staff

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Mrs. Beth Ann Griffiths, Organist
Mrs. Louise Walmer, Choir Director
Mrs. Donna Eberly-Lehman Church Secretary

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