

The Spirit

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From Pastor Caroline

Lent came early this year; we might even call it “Ashentine’s Day” for Ash Wednesday and Valentine’s Day coincided for the first time since 2018 and only the fourth time in ~100 years (1923, 1934, and 1945). We’ll get to do this again in 2029. Save the date!

Ash Wednesday reminds us of our mortality, of the finite nature of human existence. Yet, as Jan Richardson writes in *Circle of Grace*, “Did you not know what the Holy One can do with dust?” We are made of love and as such we give thanks for all that God has done for us. In Lent, we make space in our busy lives to pray, to meditate, to contemplate the mystery of faith and what Christ does for all of us in his death and resurrection.

I hope that you take advantage of the opportunities to worship with Christians from other churches in the Conococheague Mission Cooperative (CMC) during the shared Wednesday night services. The schedule for these is as follows (all services are at 7 pm):

- ◆ Wednesday, March 6, Mont Alto Methodist Church, Pastor Bill Smith preaching
- ◆ Wednesday, March 13, Calvary UMC, Pastor Christopher Frye preaching
- ◆ Wednesday, March 20, St. John’s UCC, Pastor Robin Baer preaching

Holy Week begins on Sunday, March 24 and our worship on that day will feature the hymn “Jesus Rode into the City” by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, composed in honor of Gloria Crum. The shouts of “hosanna” will all-too-soon turn to calls to “crucify him” and we stay with Jesus through it all. Maundy Thursday worship will be at 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. We will celebrate the good news of Christ’s resurrection on Easter Sunday, March 31, at 10 am in the Sanctuary. See page 17 of this newsletter for more information about Good Friday and the community Easter Sunrise services.

No matter how many times I hear the story, no matter how often I tell it, the Easter story never gets old. It is the heart of our faith: that God does not let sin and death and evil win. We cannot get there without the pain and betrayal; and we must face the hard and heavy parts, the suffering and shame, because without them, the full miracle of what Jesus does for us cannot be understood. We do not get to Easter without Good Friday.

As we find our way in this Lenten season, as we journey with Jesus, may we trust in the power of God’s love for us and walk together every step of the way. We will sing of the “Wondrous Love” that allows us to fully and joyfully proclaim on Easter day that “Christ the Lord is Risen Today.”

We will love and learn, worship and witness, welcome and serve, for we are Christ’s people and we are growing in love of God and neighbor.



MUSIC MINISTRY

SUMMER IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER !

Well March is here and my thoughts turn to singing in the summer and getting organized for our Summer Singer Program. This program began in the summer of 2009 after a year of Gloria and me working with St. John's church choir. I got the idea in my head that it might be great to do some singing in the summer and ask the choir how many would be interested in doing this. In our first attempt we had about 24 singers which were mostly our church choir members. The next year we opened this group up to anyone in the community who liked to sing. The group grew during the years to having near seventy singers and we have been singing ever since except 2020 when Covid was rampant. Our numbers have decreased slightly since the Covid pandemic. However we will have this group again this summer for anyone in our community who would like to join us in song. March is the time to sign up to sing with us. I will have printed an informational sheet which will have all practice and concert dates so that you will know ahead of signing up what is involved. This program will be finished by the end of July!

Signing up means I need the persons name, email address if possible and voice part the person would like to sing. So if you or someone you know would like to sing with us, please let me know soon. I am looking forward to another good summer of singing.

Gary Crum -- ggcrum@gmail.com



St John's Nursery School

Spring is in the air! We are all looking forward to warmer weather and searching for signs of spring.

Registration for the 2024-2025 school year has begun! Current Nursery School families and Church members began registering on February 15th, and registration will open to the public on March 1st. If you know someone who is interested in registering a child in one of our Nursery School classes, please contact the nursery school office at 717-264-8224 or nsdirector@sjucc.net. Registration information is also available on our website at www.sjucc1811.org/nursery-school/

St. John's Nursery School values the importance of supporting the efforts of families in their transition to Kindergarten. Amy Stockslager visited us in February and shared a wealth of information about Kindergarten, and what families and children can expect from the registration process. We thank Amy for sharing her time and knowledge with our Nursery School families.

In March, we celebrate our pets and the joy they bring to our families. We will be collecting items for the Cumberland Valley Animal shelter again this year! The youth of St. John's will be helping by making displays and delivering the items to the shelter. Collections boxes are available at the entrances of the Church. Please help our animal friends at CVAS by bringing in donations!

Saturday, March 2nd is National Read Across America Day. For the month of March, the Nursery School will be celebrating our love of books and reading! Parents are encouraged to read aloud with their child every day and enjoy this special reading time. To celebrate our reading success, we will end the month with an ice cream party!

The Nursery School's chicken BBQ fundraiser is quickly approaching! We will be selling tickets for Smith's BBQ Chicken to be picked up on March 23rd, at Lowe's on Lincoln Way East.

Member Spotlight!

Matthew and Britlyn Dennis, Renton and Alexandra

Matthew and I (Britlyn) are both from the Chambersburg area and met just out of high school. We married in 2015 and welcomed Renton in 2018 and Alexandra in 2023. Matt's great skill and knowledge for electrical has brought him to work for Mid-Atlantic Lighting as a Sales Representative in 2023, and I have been working at Patriot FCU since 2014, most currently as a Card Support Specialist, and recently, I became a Certified Professional for Dispute Resolution through Visa. We are excited for Renton to start kindergarten in the fall and we are so proud of the wonderful big brother he has become to Alex who adores him! We have a large family with our shared love for animals! 4 cats, Molly, Cinder, Reggie and Garfield, 2 fish, Kid and Shark, and our newest baby, a blue heeler puppy named Bluey. We love to travel and hope to travel the world together as the kids grow. Family is everything to us which is why we chose to stay in the Chambersburg area close to both our families. We hope for the kids to grow and love God through the wonderful youth programs St John's offers, which is why we chose to join this past year.



Top Left: Britlyn and Renton

Bottom Left: Alex and Renton

Above: Renton and Matthew

Future Together Progress Report

March 2024 continues the progress on our work together into the future. You will note that several of these activities overlap in different areas of our Strategic Plan. We hope this “progress report” helps everyone to see how we are living into our St. John’s UCC Future Together Strategic Plan.

SPIRITUAL DEEPENING

- Wednesday Lenten services are held in cooperation with other churches in our area. St. John’s will host the service on March 20. All services are at 7 pm.
- Diana Kongkeattikul’s weekly devotion will soon be posted on our website. Look for more information later this month.
- Carol Yarema is hosting a class on depression.
- Dale Myers compiled a Lenten Reflections booklet for the Lenten season. Printed copies are available; a PDF version is linked on the home page of our website.
- The prayer chain is advertised weekly and coordinated by the office staff.

ENERGIZE PARTICIPATION

- Discussion has started about hosting a poverty simulation workshop thru SCCAP. We are contacting other churches to partner with us in making this happen.
- A task force continues their work reviewing the governance and leadership teams needed to succeed in reaching our goals. Our hope is to have a presentation ready for the congregational meeting in June 2024.
- A retreat called Net Engagement facilitated by Jose Ricardo-Osorio is being planned for April. More information will be shared once a date is confirmed.
- A car show is in the early stages of planning for later this year.
- Bible and a Beer has had several new attendees, thanks to our publicity campaign and posting in community Facebook Groups.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

- Our library (located in room 106) is now hosting a jigsaw puzzle exchange: take one or trade one and enjoy a relaxing time.
- Our youth group is planning a game day for March 16th in Fellowship Hall and Room 116. There will be games for people of all ages, a truly integrational event.
- A group study of “The Purpose Driven Life” by Rick Warren is being planned.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- A Braver Angels workshop “Skills for Bridging the Divide” will be held on March 3 (snow date of March 10), 2-5 pm. Register at bit.ly/BridgingDivideWorkshop
- Our Afternoon Spring Tea is planned for April 13th.
- A Mothers’ Day Ball is planned for May 10th.
- In addition to collecting items, SJUCC hosted the United Way’s Winter Warmth Drive. Items were sorted and distributed to partners throughout Franklin County.
- 75 attended our Valentine’s Day Dance and generated \$400 for the church.
- The Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner on Feb. 13 served 80 meals and raised \$1000.
- ONA Ministry planned a viewing and discussion of the documentary “13th” on February 18 with 20 participants (10 from the church and 10 from the community). Hosting a reentry simulation (with Franklin Together and other partners) may be a way to “take the next step” and learn more about mass incarceration and reentry.
- St. John’s will host the Salvation Army Auxiliary Fabric Fair in May 2024.
- On May 31st we will host an American Red Cross Blood donation drive.

FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

- Camp Ministry applied for a grant to assist with upgrades and camp sponsorships.
- Berkstresser Realty has a contact interested in a potential rental opportunity.
- St. John’s has engaged Ghost Writer LLC and has identified several grants will be seeking. One grant has already been applied for (will hear back in June).
- Online giving and other giving opportunities are regularly advertised. A new QR code is placed in our publications to link to our online giving page.

How does the Church safeguard donations and investments?

Your donations are critical to the operations of St. John's UCC. Without your donations, we are not able to live into our call to "be the church." So, how does the Church safeguard your donations and church investments?

Internal control can be described as the overall plan of the church and the methods utilized to safeguard assets, ensure the reliability of the accounting data, encourage compliance with established procedures, and promote efficient operations. Good internal controls provide greater assurance that transactions are recorded properly.

Some basic tools used by SJUCC to provide effective controls over donations and investments include:

Budget: The development and use of an annual budget is a critical management tool that aids in the stewardship and administration of church resources and programs. This budget is prepared by the Treasurer with input from Ministry Chairpersons, reviewed by the Finance Committee, approved by Consistory, and ultimately approved by the congregation.

Financial Statements: Monthly financial statements are prepared by our outside accounting firm (SEK), reviewed by the Treasurer, and submitted to Consistory for approval at its monthly meeting. The financial statements include all budgeted funds, including General, Nursery School and Camp. All cash and investment balances are included in the report, and all funds restricted for specific purposes are reported. All bank accounts and our Trust Fund investments are reconciled monthly by SEK with amounts presented in financial statements. In addition, the financial statements compare actual activity (both income and expenses) to the approved budget, and significant variances are evaluated and discussed.

Cash Counts: Cash and checks received are locked away each Sunday, then counted on Tuesday morning by our Office Manager and a representative from SEK. Having two people do the weekly count is an important control procedure. Your donations are then inputted by SEK to our church software program (Church Windows) to record specific donations by donor. That system provides “annual giving statements” that are made available to each church member for verification and tax reporting.

Finance Ministry: In addition to the budget review, the Finance Ministry meets periodically to review financial reports and discuss financial matters impacting SJUCC. An important part of that is meeting each spring with representatives from F&M Trust to discuss the appropriateness of our investment policies and our Trust Fund results for the prior year. We also discuss upcoming building or church property concerns and develop plans to address the needs, including how to pay for any repairs or maintenance that is not budgeted. The Trustees also evaluate the adequacy of our insurance coverage annually.

Stock donations and “Required Minimum Distributions”: Some members periodically donate by transferring investments from their account directly to the church. This is handled by F&M Trust, which accepts the stocks or other investments, puts them into our “Trust Fund”, then sells them. The proceeds are then transferred to our Church operating account. Required Minimum Distributions (RMD’s) are distributions from retirement accounts that are sent directly to SJUCC. Both types of donations provide specific tax advantages to the donors. Our church policy requires that such donations are acknowledged in writing by our Office Manager.

Thanks to all of you who generously provide financial support to SJUCC. Hopefully you see that we take our stewardship responsibilities very seriously.

- Financial Task Force members Lisa Fair, Scot Orndorff, Jerry Thomason, and Pastor Caroline.



Spring Tea Afternoon

"Fit for a Queen"



**To purchase tickets or a table,
please call (717) 263-8593**

Tickets are \$25, cash or check
Reservation Deadline is April 8

April
13

01:30 PM

**St. John's UCC
Fellowship Hall**

1811 Lincoln Way East
Chambersburg, PA 17202

Tea includes: a cup of soup, salad,
tea sandwiches, scones, and sweets
(and, of course, endless pots of tea!)

Financial Update: Seeking Outside Assistance

Building on the theme of Financial Sustainability as laid out in our Future Together Strategic Plan, St. John's UCC has been exploring options to help us achieve our goals in this area.

Our Consistory recently entered into several agreements to help explore options for meeting our 2024 budget and maintaining our building. One of the agreements is with Ghost Writers, LLC. Pastor Caroline, Scot Orndorff, and trustee Tom Harrison recently met with Kirsten Hubbard and Abby McElhiney of Ghost Writer, LLC to discuss potential grant opportunities for SJUCC. Kirsten indicated that there are a number of private, state and federal grants that might be available to SJUCC. Her firm is familiar with the complexities of grant applications and how to communicate the Organization's need for available funds. Pastor Caroline, Scot and Tom believe SJUCC needs professional guidance and assistance to be successful in this competitive arena. This requires a \$1200 monthly cost and is for a one year period. However, it can be cancelled by either party with 30 days' notice. There is a meeting scheduled at the end of January to consider several projects that may be worthy of grant funding.

Latest update: Ghostwriter submitted their first grant on behalf of St. John's in mid-February. Additional grants have been identified and will be applied for as they open.

The second agreement is with Berkstresser Realty Group to possibly rent some of the space that was vacated when First Start Partnerships moved their three classrooms from our building to the old Lincoln Lanes Building. Pastor Caroline, Harold Collier, and trustee Tom Harrison toured the building with Wayne Berkstresser to show the possible rooms that are available. It was agreed that SJUCC should seek professional help from a realtor to market our space to potential tenants. The agreement is for longer term space/room rental. We agreed to pursue this through June 2024. The cost for any space rented is the first month's rental amount.

Latest update: Berkstresser Realty gave a tour of our property to an organization looking for space. Conversations with this group are ongoing.



It's hard to believe, but with Easter coming early this year, it's already time to think about ordering flowers to decorate the Sanctuary!

*We are now taking orders for **tulips** to decorate the Sanctuary for the Easter Sunday service. We have chosen to order tulips in 2024 rather than lilies as they are less pungent.*

If you would like to donate a tulip, please complete the form and return it to the church office by **Friday, March 15, 2024** **Cost - \$15.00 each**

Donor's name: _____
(as it will appear in the bulletin insert)

Phone number: _____

I would like to order _____ tulip (tulips) to be placed: **(Please pick one)**

_____ In memory of: _____

_____ In honor of: _____

_____ To the Glory of God

****Thank you for your support. Please arrange for your flowers to be picked up.**

Please include your payment with this form and return it to the church office by

Friday, March 15, 2024. Make checks payable to St. John's UCC.



Church Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9am –3pm
We will be closed Monday, April 1 for Easter Monday



Loretta Zimmerman - Office Manager
Heather Nickey - Office Assistant

Church office # (717) 263-8593

Skills for Bridging the Divide: a Braver Angels faith-based workshop

We live in a polarized political climate that affects all aspects of our lives: how we live, work, worship, and our relationships with family and friends.

How do we have better conversations with people we disagree with, especially those on the other side of the political aisle?

By learning **Skills for Bridging the Divide!**

This workshop will teach skills for having respectful conversations that:

- clarify differences
- search for common ground
- affirm the importance of relationship

Skills for Bridging the Divide is perfect for communities of worship who want to reduce the divisiveness of polarization. Respect, not agreement, is an essential key for healthy discussion. As people of faith, we want to be able to reach out to other people with more love and respect.

Why should I come?

- To learn about the perspectives, feelings, and experiences of someone you care about who differs from you politically
- To have a sense of satisfaction about how you conveyed your own perspective, feelings, and experiences
- To discover some common ground

Participants will: practice tone setting skills; listening skills; speaking skills; and handling difficult moments.

When and Where Register online at <http://bit.ly/BridgingDivideWorkshop>
Sunday, March 3, 2-5 pm, at St. John's UCC, 1811 LWE
(Snow date of March 10, 2-5 pm)

ONA MINISTRY TEAM WINTER GATHERING

Anti LGBTQ Legislation - What it is About and How do We Combat It?

SATURDAY, MARCH 2ND. 2024



9:30AM:
Registration
3PM:
Closing



**Colonial Park
UCC**
5000 Devonshire Rd.
Harrisburg, PA 17109
www.cpucc.org



Workshops:

- Becoming an ONA Church
- Making a Difference as an LGBTQ Advocate
- Expanding the ONA Ministry Team



FEATURED SPEAKER: Corinne Goodwin (She/They)

Corinne Goodwin is the founder and Executive Director of Eastern PA Trans Equity Project a non-profit organization which has a mission of empowering transgender individuals throughout a 26-County area of Eastern Pennsylvania. An award-winning community leader and in-demand speaker, Corinne actively works on issues impacting the lives of LGBTQ Pennsylvanians ranging from legislative action to advocating for safe housing and food access.

REGISTRATION:

Email Steve Roush at scroush2@gmail.com with the names of those attending, name of church, a contact email and phone number.

QUESTIONS:
Contact Shirley
Keith Knox at
skeithknox@comcast.net.

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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
ONA MINISTRY TEAM
PENN CENTRAL CONFERENCE**



*Lunch will be provided.
NO COST to attend.
FREE WILL OFFERING
to cover food &
speaker costs.*



Outreach Ministry 2024 Lenten projects

Each year the Outreach Ministry designates three or four recipients of our Lenten First Fruits. This year there are three groups that we have decided to support.

Peru Adopt a school program. St John's association with this program began in 2008 when the Crum's and Powell's visited the school on their trip to Peru. All donations go to the purchase of school supplies for an elementary school in Yamamoto. We continue to receive communications in appreciation of our support. (Check out the three "books" of original artwork made by kids in these schools available at the Welcome Center.)

African Mission Healthcare. This mission is in support of compassionate medical access and treatment in Kenya and Malawi. It is the Mission in which the Jon and Amanda Fielder family serve.

The Women Healthcare Initiative Foundation. This organization's mission: To work with local governments, religious institutions, NGO's and local, national and international stakeholders to empower women and children in Burkina Faso to break the cycle of poverty through healthcare teaching, formal education with basic technical skills, and to offer solutions to improve the quality and delivery of healthcare. The vision is a nation where women come together to overcome health disparities in Burkina Faso.

The proceeds of these offerings by the congregation will be evenly divided between these three programs. Our collection will be during Lent and will end on **March 24th, Palm Sunday**. We are very happy to offer this opportunity for global outreach in the life of St John's UCC.

You're invited to celebrate

EASTER

at St. John's UCC

MAUNDY THURSDAY

6:30 pm Tenebrae Service in Fellowship Hall

GOOD FRIDAY

Noon Community Service @
Central Presbyterian Church

EASTER SUNDAY

6:30 am UCCA Easter Sunrise Service @
John Wesley AME Zion Church, 155 W. Catherine Street

9:15 am Easter Egg Hunt

10 am Worship in Sanctuary & Livestreamed

You are invited you to join us for Holy Week and Easter services at our church. Experience the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus through song, prayer, and reflection.

St. John's UCC
1811 Lincoln Way East
Chambersburg, PA 17202
(717) 263-8593
www.sjucc1811.org

St. John's Camp

Camp Ministry members have been working on the camp website, camp-based activities, events and the summer camp program. Our beautiful camp is the perfect place to gather, learn about nature, relax and get closer to God. Have you considered renting the camp for a day, a weekend or a week? Camp is the perfect place to gather with friends, team build with a group, enjoy a family reunion, walk the labyrinth in the woods, or hold a meaningful retreat. Please, take a look at the Camp Rental tab on the church website for information and prices and then share with your family and friends.

Upcoming Camp events:

- April First Fruits will be for Sponsor A Camper. Last year we sponsored 6 campers and hope to do the same this year.
- Sticky Bun Sale will be in April. Orders and payment will be taken for cinnamon sticky buns for \$12/dozen and \$7/half dozen before and after church on Sundays, April 7 and 14. Then pick up your “ready to bake” sticky buns on Sunday morning, April 21. Freshly baked sticky buns will also be on sale, after church, on April 21 for \$2 each.

Email Mary Lee Yaukey (mlyaukey@comcast.net) if you want to join the fun of making the delicious buns on Saturday morning, April 20.

- Camp Clean Up – Help is always needed to get the camp cleaned and ready for the summer camping season. There will be a Saturday group cleaning date with the Boy Scouts where the focus is on the grounds and mainly with leaf removal. Throughout the spring, on weekdays and weekends, help is needed to clean cabins, the dining hall, kitchen, etc. More details to come.
- 2024 Summer Camps – New this summer there will be a Weekend Adventure for grades 6,7,& 8 June 21-23. Camp Kum-Ba-Yah, a day camp, with one overnight option for grades 3,4,& 5 and Camp Noah, also a day camp, for grades K,1,& 2 will both run June 24-28. “Life’s Learning” presenters, counselors, and lunch time helpers will be needed to operate the camp program. Mark your calendar, spread the word and please consider volunteering!



BRING YOUR FAMILY!!
BRING YOUR FRIENDS!!
LET'S HAVE SOME FUN
THAT NEVER ENDS!!



Family Game Day

March 16th, 2024

10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.
(Light lunch served at Noon)



THE CARING CORNER

Our visitation ministry currently has 24 friends that we keep in touch with either through calls, visits, or cards. Of the 24, 17 are assigned to a visitation partner for more regular check-ins.

Called to Care needs your help. We can only reach out to folks when we are aware someone needs a friendly check-in. We rely on YOU to let us know when you become aware of this need.

If you sometimes think “I wonder were (so and so) is, I haven’t seen them in church lately and I haven’t heard anything in joys and concerns”, PLEASE take a moment to call them and check in on them. If you become aware that they need to be added to our check-in list, please let the someone on the active Called to Care team know.

And if through your phone call, you enjoy be reconnected, then you too can start to reach out to those who need a friend from St. Johns UCC to contact them.

Remember WE (including you) ARE THE CHURCH! Let’s take care of each other!

Called to Care Contacts: Diana Macfarlane, Connie Morrill-Hair, Mary Moyer, Judy Patterson, Lynda Pound, Eileen Shaffer





The Flower Corner:

Have you heard of the book “Who moved the Cheese?” Well it seems we have a similar issue, “Who moved the Flower Sign Up Chart?”

Last Summer when the Strategic Planning Committee needed to add to the bulletin board in the Lobby, we could hardly find a location that would work. So the Lobby bulletin board was cleaned-up and rearranged. A new chart for Coffee Hour Volunteers was added and The Flower Chart was moved to the bulletin board outside of the office as part of the Called to Care Communication area.

The chart is an easy to view record of weeks with flowers ordered for the ‘Foot of the Cross’ in the sanctuary. In addition, our office assistant Heather tracks the orders so that she can verify flower requests, determine what gets published in the Sunday bulletin, and handle collection of payment.

If you wish to sign up to sponsor flowers, please check the chart outside the office, add your name to a week that is open, and also let Heather know.

Flowers are always appreciated
on Sunday mornings!
Blessings to you!
Flower Ministry



MARCH 18, 2024 | 6:30 PM

BIBLE & A BEER

Theological conversations
Rich discussion
Powerful testimony

Join us at 6:30 pm at
The Trojan Diner & Sports Bar!
1121 Lincoln Way E
Chambersburg, PA 17201

Bring your questions,
Invite your friends!





Join us for

Saturday Night Worship

This service is designed to provide a relaxed, informal, intimate atmosphere for worship and fellowship. This family-friendly worship service includes communion and activities for children.

March 9, 2024

5:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

St. John's UCC

1811 LWE Chambersburg, PA 17202



Ladies LUNCHEON

It was like celebrating Valentine's Day in Mexico when the Lunch Ladies met at Montezuma on Lincoln Way East in February. The restaurant décor was very authentic and the churro dessert just added to the atmosphere. Since snow was still on the ground, we used scrambled winter words as our brain teaser. The Italian Village on Route 11 in Green Village will be our location for Wednesday, March 13 at 11:30. We'll combine St. Patrick's Day and Easter somehow. Maybe wear green and bring an Easter memory to share.



MENS BREAKFAST



We will be meeting Thursday, March 7, 2024 at 7am at Chris's Kitchen (across from Perkins)

We look forward to seeing any and all for February's Breakfast

March BIRTHDAYS

03/03 Mackenzie Miller

03/03 Skip Elliott

03/04 Wilbur "Wes" Augenstein

03/05 Rebecca Pound

03/08 Jennifer Tucker

03/10 Carol Rockwell

03/12 Deborah Dilling

03/14 Margaret "Peg" Marotte

03/14 Lee Powell

03/17 Charles "Ed" Foltz Jr.

03/19 Belinda Johnson

03/21 John Bryner

03/21 Aubrei McSwiggan

03/23 Donna Harrison

03/23 Emily Stull

03/24 Nina Widmann

03/24 Lavonna Wadel

03/28 Richard Foerster

03/28 Hayley Tosten

03/30 Muneath Ham

03/31 Carolyn "Cookie" Miller





Youth Calendar of Events

March

3 Church School 8:45

Confirmation class after worship

6 Children and Youth Ministry Team Meeting 6:30 Parlor

10 Church School 8:45

Children's Corner

Confirmation class after worship

16 Family Game Day 10-1

17 Church School 8:45

24 Church School 8:45

Youth Palm Procession and Childrens Corner

31 NO Church School Easter Egg Hunt on playground or in Fellowship Hall if weather is inclement. 9:15



Cumberland Valley Animal Shelter

The Youth will be once again helping the Nursery School in their collection of items for the CVAS by creating wonderful animal displays and signs for the collection sites in the church. We will embark on a delivery of these items in April.



Save the Date

VBS

July 28- August 1, 2024

See Roxanne to
help!!!!



**PUZZLE
LENDING
LIBRARY!**

**PLEASE FEEL FREE TO
BORROW A PUZZLE
AND/OR DONATE
PUZZLES!**

**PUZZLES ARE AVAILABLE
IN THE BACK OF OUR
LIBRARY**





Bad weather could be upon us at any time.

Remember that the church follows the CASD schedule. If school is cancelled for the day, all church activities are cancelled for the day. If school is delayed in the morning, all morning church activities are cancelled. If school is dismissed early, all evening church activities will be cancelled. It is the goal to hold all scheduled worship services.

When in doubt, safety first!

Ministry Chairs

2023-2024

Called to Care—*Connie Morrill-Hair*

Camp—*MaryLee Yaukey*

Caring Cooks—*Lisa Frantz*

Children & Youth Ministry—*Roxanne Davenport*

Facilities Ministry—*Tom Harrison*

Fellowship—*Sue McMurtray*

Finance—*Scot Orndorff*

Invitational Ministry—*Susan Collier*

Library—*MaryLee Yaukey*

Nursery School—*Renee Byers*

Open and Affirming—*N. Aaron Hartman/Mark and Emily Hoyer*

Outreach—*TBD*

Prayer Shawl Ministry — *N. Aaron Hartman*

Public Relations— *TBD*

Safe Church Compliance—Safe Church Compliance Steward, *Sarah Herbert*

Safe Church Response—Safe Church Compliance Steward, *Sarah Herbert*

Safety and Security—*Tom Kinton*

Technology and Media Ministry— *Calvin Frantz*

Worship/Music Ministry—*Gary Crum* 30

Want to serve
on a Ministry?

These Ministry teams
would welcome you &
your talents!

Speak to them or Pastor
Caroline today to be a part
of these ministries.

CONSISTORY 2023-2024

Trustees

TBD

Thomas Harrison—**Vice President**

Larry Wadel

Elders

Harold Collier, **President**

N. Aaron Hartman

Jill Miller

Gary Patterson

Dwight Sollenberger, **Head Elder**

Carol Yarema

Deacons

Allen Frantz

Mike Blumberg

Cathy Kinton

Sarah Myers, **Secretary**

Chris Willman-Bunge

TBD

Pastor

The Rev. Caroline E. Saxton

Sunday Worship will be at 10 am (Offered In-Person and on YouTube)

Saturday, March 9, 5 pm, Fellowship Hall

Maundy Thursday, March 28, 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

Easter Sunday, March 31, 10 am, Sanctuary & Livestreamed

Sunday, April 7, 10 am, Sanctuary & Livestreamed



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