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Wednesday, March 6

Worship

7 PM

Sunday, April 14

Worship

9:30 AM



Thursday, April 18

Worship

7 PM



Sunday, April 21

Worship 8 AM

Easter Egg Hunt 9 AM

Worship 9:30 AM



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SALUTATIONS FROM SHAWN

Dying to Live

The name Jesus is derived from the name Joshua; both names mean, roughly, "God saves." The similarity does not end there. Both men were exceptional in their absolute trust in God and in faithfulness which would not be tempered. Even their deaths opened a path to new life for others.

Death carried Joshua into prominence. He had been a humble and obedient student of Moses, ready to shoulder any responsibility, able to resist the temptations which convinced the other Israelites to doubt God. With Moses' death, Joshua ascended to lead Israel into the Promised Land.

Joshua was obedient to Moses and, more importantly, to God. Fear could not sway Joshua. His faith in God encouraged the Israelites to leave behind the wilderness, to claim God's promise of new land and new life. Joshua knew God was the true leader of Israel. All of his decisions reflected his willingness to be as servant leader who followed the one true God.

While Joshua saved the Israelites from death in the wilderness, Jesus saved the world from death to sin. While Joshua led Israel into its new homeland, Jesus led others to realize home can be anywhere with God. Joshua died of old age, his commitment to God leading others to choose to serve God, his purpose accomplished to see the descendants of Jacob reclaim the land of their heritage. Jesus died a young man, his purpose fulfilled of overcoming sin and death to see all people take their place as God's people.

Through trust in God, Joshua and Jesus made plain the truth that fear and death have lost their power, conquered by God's eternal grace and love.

During Lent, we are challenged to ponder the inevitability of death and how that certainty impacts the way we live. We are invited to leave the wilderness of doubt and sin, to trust in Jesus's promise of new life in abundance, life rooted in God. Will we accept the invitation? Will we choose life?

Yours in Jesus Christ,
Pastor Shawn

Thank you to everyone for your generous Christmas Gifts. (Why does it seem so much longer than two months ago?) We are humbled and honored to share in Christ's ministry with you. The First UCC Staff

WORSHIP IN LENT

3/3 Transfiguration Bold Glory
 Sacrament of Communion
 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2
 Luke 9:28-36 (37-43a) God Gives Light
 Jesus is Transfigured on the Mountain

THE SEASON OF LENT: DYING TO LIVE

After the people of Israel wandered in the wilderness for 40 years, God gave Joshua the job of helping them settle in Israel, navigating the challenges of new beginnings. Their experience offers insights to us as we follow Jesus and discover our purpose as God's people.

3/6 Ash Wednesday Dare to Believe
 7 PM Worship; Sacrament of Communion; Imposition of Ashes
 Psalm 51:1-12 A Clean Heart
 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 Day of Salvation
 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 Giving, Praying and Fasting

Daylight Savings Time begins

"Spring" your clock one hour ahead before you jump into bed on Saturday, March 9, so that you will be on time for worship on Sunday, March 10.

3/10 1st Sunday in Lent Leaving the Wilderness
 Joshua 1, 2 & 6 Joshua Leads the Nation
 Ephesians 1 Unity in Christ
 Luke 4:1-13 Jesus Tempted in the Wilderness

3/17 2nd Sunday in Lent On Dry Ground
 Joshua 3-5 Crossing the Jordan River
 Ephesians 2 Dead Made Alive
 Luke 13:1-9 Jesus Calls the People to Repent

3/24 3rd Sunday in Lent Standing in the Holy
 Joshua 5:13-15 Holy Ground
 Ephesians 3 The Magnitude of God's Love
 Luke 13:31-35 Jesus Grieves over Jerusalem

3/31 4th Sunday in Lent Pray All Day
 Healing Service; OGHS Offering
 Joshua 9 & 10 The Sun Stands Still
 Ephesians 4 A New Person
 Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 Parable of the Two Sons

WORSHIP IN LENT & EASTER

4/7 5th Sunday in Lent Claiming Blessings Communion
 Joshua 13-22 Dividing the Promised Land
 Ephesians 5 Children of Light
 John 12:1-8 Jesus is Anointed with Perfume

4/14 Palm Sunday Open the Gate
 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 The Gates of Righteousness
 Joshua 23-24 Choose This Day
 Ephesians 6 Stand in Truth
 Luke 19:28-40; 22:14-53 Entering Jerusalem; The Last Hours

4/18 Maundy Thursday Done for You
 7 PM Worship; Sacrament of Communion and Tenebrae
 Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14 The First Passover
 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 The Lord's Supper
 John 13:1-17, 31b-35 Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet
 Luke 22:14-23:56 Jesus' Final Hours

THE SEASON OF EASTER: GLORY DAYS

4/21 Easter Sunday Glorious Day
 8 AM & 9:30 AM Worship; Sacrament of Communion
 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 The Chief Cornerstone
 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 The Resurrection of Christ
 Luke 24:1-12 Jesus Rises from the Dead

4/28 2nd Sunday of Easter Glory Forever
 Psalm 150 Praise the Lord
 Revelation 1:4-8 Glory and Dominion
 John 20:19-31 Jesus Appears Behind Locked Doors

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

THE SEASON OF LENT - STORIES OF SAMUEL, SAUL & DAVID

March 3	Transfiguration Sunday; NO Children's Church	
March 10	Samuel is Called	1 Samuel 2 & 3
March 17	Saul is Made King	1 Samuel 9
March 24	Saul is Rejected by God	1 Samuel 14 & 15
March 31	David is Anointed King	1 Samuel 16
April 7	David and Goliath	1 Samuel 17
April 14	David and Jonathan	1 Samuel 20
April 21	Easter Sunday; NO Children's Church	
	9 AM Easter Egg Hunt in the Kline Room; All Teachers Needed	
April 28	David Spares Saul's Life	1 Samuel 24 & 26

OFFERINGS

Communion & Food Pantry Donations **March 3 & April 7**

As we come to be fed at the Lord's Table, we remember those in our community who have difficulty feeding themselves. Our donations of non-perishable foods to the SH Food Pantry are much needed and appreciated.

The Compassion Fund **March 17 & April 28**

This Special Offering is placed in an emergency fund for church members' use.

OCWM (Our Church's Wider Mission) **March 24**

The OCWM offering is used within the PSEC for local ministries.

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) **March 31**

One Great Hour of Sharing is a special mission offering which carries God's message of love and hope to people in crisis. Churches across the USA from a variety of denominations respond to development, disaster, and refugee needs in 138 countries, providing clean water, food, education and health care, disaster recovery, small business micro-credit, and resettlement for refugees and displaced persons. Disaster relief and immigration assistance is also provided in the United States. On average, for every dollar given to OGHS, 95 cents is used for mission programming, and 5 cents to create material. Administrative costs are covered by Our Church's Wider Mission Basic Support.

Special Envelopes

The envelope offerings collected for **Ash Wednesday** (March 6), **Palm Sunday** (April 14), **Maundy Thursday** (April 18), **Good Friday** (April 19) and **Easter Sunday** (April 21) will be used to support the on-going ministry of First UCC. The envelope offerings collected for **Meat Bingo** (March 10) will be used to help supplement the fundraising efforts of those who spend a lot of time and effort in making each fundraiser a success.

Lent Offering Envelopes

Lent offering envelopes will be sent out as part of a special mailer. The envelope offerings collected for the **Lent Offering** will be used to support the on-going ministry of First UCC.

Church Change Special Offering

Our Church Change offering will be donated to the Schuylkill Haven Council of Churches Community Ministries.



ADULT SMALL GROUPS

If you have an idea for a small group, please talk to Pastor Shawn.

Bible Study **Tuesdays, 2 PM in the Weiser Board Room**

Life Balance. Beginning Tuesday, March 12 and continuing through Tuesday, April 16 we will take the opportunity to examine our patterns of rest, work and play in light of the Bible's teaching about the Sabbath. Anyone interested is welcome to participate. If Tuesday afternoon is not a good time for you, please talk to Pastor Shawn.

The Love Diet **Thursdays, 11 AM (proposed)**

Are you interested in taking care of the life God has given to you? Would you like to feel better about yourself? If you're interested in supporting others in a joint venture of healthy living, talk to Pastor Shawn. At present we are exploring the possibility of a weekly morning gathering beginning in March.

Women's Fellowship **Sundays, March 10 & April 14, 3 PM**

Gather in the Weiser Board Room at 3 PM to share our Christian journey as we join in conversation and support. Bring a snack to share if you choose.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL CONGREGATIONAL MTG

The vote for the Kline Fund Tithe took place Sunday, February 17, when the 2018 Financial Report and 2018 Special Funds Report were approved. While \$10,000 was available from the 2018 Kline Interest to distribute to five non-profit organizations in the area, there was a tie for fifth place so six groups will receive a portion. The organizations chosen as Kline Tithe recipients were: My Father's House (\$2300); Schuylkill Haven Fire Departments (\$2100 split three ways); Schuylkill Women in Crisis (\$1900); Hillside SPCA (\$1300); Schuylkill Haven Fire Police (\$1200); and Union Cemetery (\$1200).

DEATH

With Ash Wednesday we are confronted with the truth that we will die: "you are dust and to dust you shall return." Have you made plans for your death yet? Pre-planning your funeral or memorial service could be a real blessing to your family. As we mourn the death of loved ones, it's difficult to make sound decisions and conflicts can arise between those who survive, especially true if we've never discussed death with our families. Pre-planning your funeral and settling your estate while you are in good health allows you to make choices which suit you and fit your economic situation, in addition to helping your loved ones through a difficult time of grief.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

BCE MEETINGS

Tuesday, March 5 & April 2, 4:30 PM

Church members are welcome to attend BCE Meetings as we work together to provide Christian nurture to all ages in the congregation. At present we are preparing for the Easter Egg Hunt on April 21 at 9 AM and for Vacation Bible School August 11-22 when we will explore friendship. Christian Education Board members are Delia Edling, Malaki Nye and Pastor Shawn.

EASTER CANDY DONATIONS

Palm Sunday, April 14

Individually wrapped candy or small toys able to fit in plastic Easter Eggs are needed for the children's Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday. Place your donations in the marked box in the Narthex by Palm Sunday, April 14. Thank you!

EASTER EGG HUNT

Sunday, April 21, 9 AM

Children and their accompanying adults are invited to gather in the Kline Room on Easter Sunday for an Easter Egg Hunt.

CHRISTIAN PASSAGES / SPIRITUAL JOURNEYS

Births – **Maeva Leigh Marmas** was born December 7, 2018. Maeva is welcomed by parents **Kevin & Ali Marmas**, siblings **Matthew, Macy & Molly**, grandparents **Craig & Terri Luckenbill** and aunt **Liz Uniman**

Deaths – **Samina Krobert** passed away on November 14, 2018. Sami is survived by her husband **Russ Krobert** and extended family.

Jeanne L. Gordon passed away on November 22, 2018. Jeanne is survived by her husband **Bob Gordon Sr**, daughter **Gail Buffington**, and extended family.

Bernice "Bea" Roberts passed away on January 5, 2019. Bea is survived by her son **Todd Roberts** and daughter Leanna Bensinger, and their extended families.

Emma Tuite passed away on February 16, 2019. Emma is survived by her daughters **Marcia Harp & Maleca Tuite**, son-in-law **Brian Harp** and grandson **Joshua Tuite**.

Wedding – **Cheryl Morgan & Nick Stripe** were married on Saturday, October 13, 2018. Congratulations Cheryl & Nick!!

Billy Wingle & Mindi Reed were married on Saturday, November 10, 2018. Congratulations Billy & Mindi!!

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Al-Anon Meetings

Wednesdays and Fridays

Two meetings are offered weekly in Schuylkill Haven for families and friends of alcoholics: Wednesday evenings here at First Church and Friday evenings at Grace EC Church. For info call Sara 570-449-1830 or Tanya 570-497-0356.

Opportunity House

Supportive services are offered for veterans who are homeless or facing homelessness. Services may include: housing/rental expenses; moving expenses; transportation; child care; VA Benefit referrals; education, health care and legal referrals. For more information call 570-604-6948.

Schuylkill Haven Food Pantry

On the third Friday of the month, the Schuylkill Haven Council of Churches distributes food at their Food Pantry, located on Market Street behind Evans Delivery (the old Walk-In Shoe Factory), and beginning at 1 PM.

www.myfreetaxes.com

The MyFreeTaxes Partnership provides free federal and state preparation and filing assistance for qualified individuals. For more information, please visit myfreetaxes.com or call Schuylkill Community Action at 570-622-1995.

Camp Dragonfly Bereavement Camp for Children

Camp Dragonfly, offered in June, is free of charge and open to any child ages 6-15 who has experienced the death of a loved one. Contact Hospice of Central PA at 717-732-1000 or www.hospiceofcentralpa.org.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Bell Choir practice is Sunday mornings at 8:30 AM. Music for Lent and Easter is being prepared. New members are always welcome to join the bell choir. If you have questions about the church's music program, you can contact Chris Evans, our Minister of Music, at 717-329-6904 or email him at chrisevans838@gmail.com.

The contents of this newsletter can be found on the church's website, www.firstucc-haven.org, so that you can access it easily on line.

CONFIRMATION

CONFIRMATION CLASS

After Worship until Noon

The confirmands, AJ, Lilly and Cole, are taking an in-depth look at the Old Testament or Hebrew Scriptures.

20 HOUR FAMINE

Thurs., April 18, 7 PM – Fri., April 19, 3 PM

The goal of the Famine is to raise awareness and funds to feed the hungry. For details, see the Teen FORCE page.

EASTER EGG HUNT PREPARATIONS

Sunday, April 21, 9 AM

Your help is needed to prepare the Egg Hunt for the children of the church. Please come to the Kline Room after the 8 AM worship service. Thanks for sharing Easter joy with the children of the church!

SPRING FLOWER SALE

Just in time for Mother's Day and spring planting, the confirmands will be selling bedding plants and hanging baskets. Order forms will be available in the Narthex in March. The order deadline is Sunday, April 28. Flowers will be available for pick up Saturday, May 12 from 10-11 AM and Sunday, May 13 after worship. Thank you for supporting the confirmands who are raising funds for a gift for the church.

EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP

The year-end totals for December 2018 and totals for January 2019.

	<u>Dec. 2018</u>	<u>Jan. 2019</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES –	\$234,771.53	\$27,165.81
REVENUE –	\$ 77,603.60	\$ 3,500.61
Resources from Kline Fund –	\$151,060.00	\$22,000.00
TOTAL REVENUE –	\$228,633.60	\$25,500.61
Gain/Loss –	\$ -6,137.93	\$ -1,665.20

CONSISTORY MEETINGS: 6:30 PM

Thursday, March 14 & Thursday, April 11

EVANGELISM

THE FUTURE OF CHRISTIANITY DEPENDS ON YOU

Since 1991 the adult population in the US has grown by 15%. During that same period the unchurched population grew by 92%! Tens of millions of adults do not attend church. But 78 percent say they would be willing to listen to someone who wants to tell them about his or her Christian beliefs. 72% agree that God "actually exists" and an even larger percentage—86%—would like to have a good relationship with God.

The world needs disciples of Jesus who reach out to people who hunger for good conversation about faith, values, hope, meaning, purpose, goodness, beauty, truth, life after death, life before death and God. Engaging in everyday faith conversations will not only help others become Christians, it will help us become better Christians, who know and love God more than ever.

THANK YOU NOTES!!

Thank you to **everyone** for your wonderful support with the January Meat BINGO!!!! Your help was greatly appreciated!!!!

"Thank You" notes were received over the last couple of months. All of the notes/letters are posted on the bulletin board by the offices. Messages of thanks were received from: Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina, SWIC, Salvation Army, Servants to All, and Union Cemetery.

THANK YOU FOR CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

Thank you for your generosity as you offered Christmas gifts to the church staff and for your kindness toward people in need at Christmas. In addition to gifts for children through the Salvation Army, Gaudenzia, and Bethany Children's Home, and in addition to Christmas gifts and dinner for two families, you provided 44 undergarments and 38 pairs of socks for clients of Servants to All and Schuylkill Women in Crisis.

SERVICE CANCELLATIONS

The church uses an automated call system. To make sure that you are on the call list, please call the church office (570-385-2049). Cancellation information will also be on the church's Facebook page.

FELLOWSHIP

PANCAKE BREAKFAST **Sunday, March 3, 8-9 AM**

In preparation for Ash Wednesday and Lent, we are observing the tradition of using up leavened food items. Our pancake feast will begin at 8 AM so that Bell Choir members can eat before their 8:30 AM practice. Others are welcome to come before 9 AM for pancakes, bacon, sausage, fruit salad and beverages. Thanks to Consistory for hosting this breakfast!

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP **Sunday, March 10 & April 14, 3 PM**

Gather in the Weiser Board Room with other women of faith to share our Christian journey as we join in conversation and support. Bring a snack to share if you choose.

SOUL (Seniors Out to Lunch)

SOUL consists of senior members of the congregation who like to get together at local restaurants. If you would like to join SOUL for any of their upcoming luncheons, call Iris Weller (366-0897) so that they can save a seat for you!

Tuesday, March 12, Noon – Hoss's, Cressona

Tuesday, April 9, Noon – Perry Restaurant, Shoemakersville

GOING TO THE MOVIES **Sunday, March 17, Noon**

Meet at the church for pizza and then we will decide what movie to see. Bring \$10 plus extra money if you want to buy snacks.

SWIM GATHERING **Saturday, April 6, 1-4 PM**

Schuylkill Haven High School Pool

Meet with church friends and invite other friends to spend the afternoon in the pool. Adults: \$4. Students: \$2.

EASTER FELLOWSHIP **Sunday, April 21, 9 AM**

Between the 8 AM and 9:30 AM Worship Services on Easter Sunday, pastries, fresh fruit and beverage will be available in the Narthex. Please invite your family and friends to join us for Easter worship!

THE WORKS! IN WYOMISSING **Sunday, May 5, Noon to 6 PM**

Meet at the church for pizza, then carpool to the Reading Works for the Key Quest Escape Room (\$15), Laser Quest (\$9 per game), Indoor Trampoline \$12 for 30 minutes), GoKart Racing (\$10 per race) and Rock Wall climbing (\$7 for three climbs). REGISTRATION FOR THE ESCAPE ROOM IS NEEDED NO LATER THAN APRIL 28. We'll do the escape room together. After that people can choose their own activity, meeting together at 5 PM to return to the church.

LENT: A TIME WITH GOD

In the six-and-one half weeks of Lent, beginning with Ash Wednesday, Christians prepare spiritually to celebrate our highest Holy Day: Easter. Frequently part of our Lenten observances involves personal sacrifice in imitation of the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness. The goal of "giving up" is to deepen our awareness of the sacrifices Jesus made on our behalf. "Adding to" our daily disciplines may accomplish the same purpose. Through prayer, scripture reading, journaling, or devotionals, we find extra time for God or for people in need. This time of deliberate observation can also help us reevaluate our priorities, and assess our spiritual health. Then as we approach the time of our death, we can be at peace knowing we have lived well by loving God and others, so that we may hear God say, "Well done, good and faithful servant! Come and share My happiness." (Matthew 23)

MEAT BINGOS

The profit from the January 26 Meat Bingo was \$2,386.94, plus \$216 collected in offering envelopes. Bingo profits are placed in the church's general budget to be used towards the everyday expenses. ***Thank you for your support!!***

Our next Meat BINGO is scheduled for Saturday, March 23. Doors open at 11 AM; games begin at 1 PM. The prizes will be packages of meat. There will be 20 games for \$15. Specials & Raffles are extra. Food and refreshments will be available. We are also looking for helpers age 13 and older. Please call the church office if you are able to volunteer.

Other 2019 BINGO dates will be announced over the summer.

PARKING: When parking for our fundraisers, we ask that all workers park in the upper lot so the spots in the lower lot are available for our patrons.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

SCHUYLKILL WOMEN IN CRISIS WISH LIST

Items of greatest need include: garbage bags; baby wipes; socks and underwear for women and children; wash cloths; and towels. Bring your donations to church and they will be delivered to SWiC. Thank you!

USED STAMPS STILL HAVE A PURPOSE

Eastern Star collects used, cancelled stamps as a fund raiser for charity. Please keep at least one quarter inch of envelope surrounding the stamp or turn in the entire envelope. Place the stamps in the large manila envelope on the bulletin board in the hall next to the sanctuary.

PENNSYLVANIA SE CONFERENCE

ALICE (ACTIVE SHOOTER) TRAINING

Saturday, March 9, 9 AM – Noon, Community UCC, Reading

Training includes an eLearning component to complete prior to the workshop.

2019 PSEC ANNUAL SPRING MEETING

May 31, 9 AM - June 2, 1 PM

Talk to Pastor Shawn if you want more information about these events.

SCHUYLKILL ASSOCIATION

SPRING MEETING

Sunday, May 5, 2:30 PM Registration, 3 PM Worship and Meeting

Christ Fountain UCC, Hegins

Join with brothers and sisters of the faith in the United Church of Christ who continue the work of disaster recovery, ministry preparation, and sharing the joy of the Lord. Talk to Pastor Shawn for more information.

SCHUYLKILL HAVEN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Monthly Food Pantry Fridays, March 15 & April 19, 1 PM

About 170 households in our area receive food every month through the Council of Churches Food Pantry. Food donations are needed to restock the Pantry shelves. The Food Pantry is located on Market Street, behind Evans Delivery on Columbia Street (the old Walkin Shoe Factory).

Bloodmobile Thursday, March 14, 12:30-5:30 PM

Every two seconds someone in America needs blood. Council holds a Bloodmobile for the American Red Cross every other month at Jerusalem Lutheran Church. You must be at least 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds and be healthy in order to be able to donate blood.

Bi-Monthly Council Meeting Tuesday, March 26, 7 PM

We, First UCC, will host the Council of Churches. The Council provides a monthly food pantry to community members in need, sponsors a bi-monthly bloodmobile, and offers community worship services. If you would like to attend a Council meeting, you are most welcome! For more information, please talk to Pastor Shawn.

STEWARDSHIP – CHURCH FUNDRAISERS

Filling Sale. Do you need filling for Easter dinner or do you just need to restock your freezer? Order forms are in the Narthex. Orders are being taken for the Spring filling sale. Orders & money are due **Sunday, March 31**. Filling can be picked up Saturday, April 13, 9 AM – 12 PM. Cost is \$7 per container. Each container holds 2 pounds, so that's only \$3.50 per pound.

Potato Peelers Needed! Thursday, April 11, 5 PM. Volunteers are needed to peel potatoes Thursday evening, April 11, beginning at 5 PM. Join us when you are able.

Shank's Vanilla. 8 oz. bottles of vanilla are being sold for \$6 per bottle. The vanilla is a great ingredient for baking.

Boyer's Tag. Boyer's SKU Tags are available in the Narthex. When you purchase groceries at Boyer's, ask to have your tag read. Periodically, Boyer's will tally the readings and send a check to the church. (No need to hand in Boyer's receipts.)

Redner's Save-A-Tape. Pick up a Save-A-Tape card at Redner's and use it whenever you buy groceries. Hand in your Redner's receipts by placing them in the box in the Narthex. Totals of the tapes will be submitted to Redner's who will then provide the church with a check.

STEWARDSHIP

STEWARDSHIP FOR FINANCIAL HEALTH

We live in a society that teaches that our worth is measured by what we possess. We are taught that our satisfaction in life is tied to what we consume. We learn to be fiercely independent and self-sufficient. Jesus taught us that we are interdependent, in need of God and one another. Money is simply a resource. Our worth is given by a loving God who has created us for good. -- Stewards in the Household of God by Doris R. Powell

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

The 32nd General Synod of the United Church of Christ will be held in Milwaukee WI, June 21-25. Pastor Shawn and Malaki Nye will attend.

TEEN F.O.R.C.E.

GOING TO THE MOVIES - Sunday, March 17, Noon

See the FELLOWSHIP page.

SWIM GATHERING - Saturday, April 6, 1-4 PM, SHAHS Pool

See the FELLOWSHIP page.

20 HOUR FAMINE: JUST HUNGER

Hunger isn't just. But your hunger can be.

Thursday, April 18, 7 PM - Friday, April 19, 3 PM

Every five seconds, a child under 5 dies—and nearly half those deaths are from hunger-related causes. That's why we're taking action now! Through games, videos, conversation, and Bible study we will learn about hunger and ways we can eradicate it. Rather than fasting completely, we will eat the kind of food available to people who live in poverty. Youth will need to register for the event, providing a parental permission slip with medical insurance info.

Advanced registration is required by Sunday, April 14. Check Sunday bulletins for additional information.

Each participant is asked to raise at least \$40, enough to feed a child for 1 month and just \$2 for every hour of the famine. \$480 is needed to feed and care for 1 child for a year. Fund raising kits are available from Pastor Shawn.

EASTER EGG HUNT PREPARATIONS, SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 9 AM

Please help prepare the Egg Hunt for the children of the church. Please come to the Kline Room after the 8 AM worship service.

PENNSYLVANIA SE CONFERENCE SPRING YOUTH EVENT

Friday, April 26, 5 PM – Sunday, April 28, Noon

Details are pending. Location: South Mountain YMCA Camp, Reinholds PA
Check future worship bulletins for information or talk to Pastor Shawn.

THE WORKS! IN WYOMISSING - Sunday, May 5, Noon to 6 PM

See the FELLOWSHIP page.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

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| 3/1- Gail Kerschner (1957) | 3/31- Adam Mattera (1985) |
| 3/2- Justene Frushon (1987) | 4/1- Jarrod Fenstermacher (1984) |
| Jeniva Unger (1975) | Roger Hubert, Jr. |
| Andrew Wagner (2015) | Lynn Moyer (1955) |
| 3/3- Danielle Guldin (1985) | 4/2- Lillian Coover (2013) |
| Peggy Zechman (1945) | 4/3- Tyler Schaeffer (1996) |
| 3/5- Craig Spotts (1964) | 4/4- Kaede Fessler (2003) |
| Matt Unger (1973) | 4/8- Craig Beck |
| 3/6- Leo Houck (1937) | 4/9- Robert McCord, Sr. (1934) |
| 3/8- Theresa Luckenbill | 4/10- Josh Siluk (1993) |
| Pat Painter (1938) | Iris Weller (1941) |
| 3/10- Bob Gordon, Sr. | 4/11- Michael McCormick (2001) |
| Kadence Sonon (2014) | Robyn Sonnon (1967) |
| Rhonda Thompson (1965) | 4/12- Jeff Paul (1972) |
| 3/11- Allen Ebling (1972) | 4/13- Matthew Mabry (2000) |
| 3/12- Deb Mattera (1956) | 4/14- Jill Spotts (1989) |
| Abigail Schrader (2009) | Mallory Brennan (1989) |
| 3/13- Brad Moyer (1971) | Robert Shaup |
| 3/14- Carson Pritiskutch (2000) | 4/15- Corey Spotts (1991) |
| David Shaup | 4/17- Corin Paul (1980) |
| Dave Schrader (1971) | 4/18- Sarah DeCaluwe (1989) |
| 3/17- Cheryl (Morgan) Stripe (1988) | 4/19- Shawn Pritiskutch (2000) |
| Jesse Skrobak (2004) | John Lang (1969) |
| 3/18- Carole Lee (1947) | Macy Marmas (2012) |
| 3/23- Austin Boyer (1999) | 4/20- Jake Haeseler (2000) |
| Calandra Henninger (1993) | 4/23- April Rohrer (1995) |
| 3/24- Carla Keller (1967) | Emerson Spotts (2007) |
| Rachel Crumrine (1984) | 4/24- George Hosler (1950) |
| Billy Wingle, Jr. (1992) | Mark Madenfort |
| 3/29- Lew Hummel (1947) | 4/28- Melissa Fox (1975) |
| 3/30- Robert Shaup | 4/30- Annie Eckert |
| Jeff Spotts (1959) | |

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!!

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| 3/1- Bill & Rhonda Thompson (1996) | 4/7- Don & Deb McCormick (1973) |
| 3/8- Al & Linda Deatrich (1986) | 4/9- John & Carol Donati (1965) |
| 3/13- Dennis & Renee Mohl (2009) | 4/15- Dwayne & Treasure Reichert |
| 3/15- Michael & Sharon Wagner (2003) | (2000) |
| 3/16- Harold & Suzanne Schrader (1963) | 4/20- Kris & Pam Sonon (2013) |
| 3/16- Tom & Sue Stewart (1974) | 4/27- Brad & Angela Moyer (1997) |
| 3/18- George & Tracey Rondeau (2018) | |

MEAT BINGO & Basket Raffle

Saturday, March 23, 1 PM

Doors open at 11 AM

Tickets - \$15

Raffles & Specials are extra; Food & Drinks are available



SPRING POTATO FILLING SALE

Sponsored by:
First United Church of Christ
110 Route 61 South
Schuylkill Haven
385-2049

Order Deadline: **Sunday, March 31**

Pickup: **Saturday, April 13, 9 AM – 12 PM**

NAME: _____

TELEPHONE #: _____

_____ Containers @ \$7 each = \$ _____
Each Container holds 2 pounds of filling.
That's \$3.50 per pound.

PAYMENT IS DUE WITH YOUR ORDER FORM

EASTER FLOWERS – 2019

The season of Lent is almost here. Orders are now being taken for Easter Flowers that will adorn the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 21. Please return this form, **along with payment**, to the church office. Additional forms are available in the Narthex.

Deadline – Sunday, March 24

PLEASE USE A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH ORDER.

Name _____

Phone # _____

TYPE OF FLOWER

LILIES ____ **TULIPS** ____ **DAFFODILS** ____

In **HONOR** of _____

In **MEMORY** of _____

BY: _____

Please use the exact wording you want to appear in the Flower Bulletin.

COST: \$7/plant & PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY ORDER!!!

Please return your order and payment to the church office by mail or place the order and payment in the Church Secretary's mailbox located by the offices or in the offering plate.

Please check one of the following:

- ____ I will take my flowers home.
- ____ I do not want my flowers. The church can use them.

If you cannot pick up your flowers, the flowers will be kept in the church for 1 week. Flowers can then be picked up during the regular office hours (Weekdays, 9 AM – 1 PM).

Any flowers that have not been claimed will be given away.