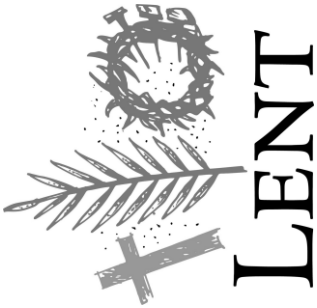


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**SALUTATIONS FROM SHAWN**

**Darkness and Light**

*The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it.*  
-John 1:5

These words are part of every Christmas Eve service, as we celebrate the birth of Christ at the darkest time of the year for the northern hemisphere. We look forward to the light of spring bringing warmth and new life, replacing the darkness of winter.

Is darkness always bad? Don't we need darkness for restoration in a deep sleep? What about the darkness of the soul? Are moments of doubt essential to the growth of faith? Is it even possible that God works most effectively with us when we are confused and filled with doubt? Could our failures and fears turn out to be the experiences that lead us to God? Are we more open to God when we are less sure of ourselves?

As we seek to live in the light of Christ, it seems strange that God is also found in darkness, in moments when nothing about life is clear to us or even makes sense. When God created the heavens and the earth, God created darkness as well as light and said it was good. God led the people of Israel through the wilderness when they were lost in the confusion of their fears as well as through the dark of night. We refer to Jesus Christ as "the light of the world," yet we know that he often went off by himself to pray in darkness. When we pray to God, we close our eyes, understanding that without light we may be better able to hear God speak to us, less distracted by a world which deceives us with the lie that we can live on our own.

Judging from the stories we read in the Bible, God seems to speak to people through our uncertainty, seeking us when we are lost, guiding us through the shadows as we struggle to know what we should do and how we should live. During the season of Lent we recall that Jesus Christ traveled on the difficult road to Jerusalem as he prepared for the darkness of death. Yet through God's will there was new life and light.

Jesus walked through the shadows of doubt and fear to save us from sin and to teach us of our need for God, so that we might discover who we are and know we are in God's presence. We are invited to walk with Jesus, to find comfort and peace in the darkness as well as the light.

Yours in Christ,  
*Pastor Shawn*

## WORSHIP

### Shadows of the Cross

- 2/10 **Secrets in the Dark:** Ash Wednesday – Ashes and Communion  
 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10A New Life  
 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 Concerning Giving, Prayer and Fasting
- 2/14 **The Shadow of Temptation:** First Sunday in Lent  
 Romans 10:8b-13 Salvation for All  
 Luke 4:1-13 Temptation in the Wilderness
- 2/21 **The Shadow of Uncertainty:** Second Sunday in Lent – Communion  
 Philippians 3:17-4:1 Pressing toward the Goal  
 Luke 13:31-35 Lament over Jerusalem
- 2/28 **The Shadow of Change:** Third Sunday in Lent  
 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Warnings from History  
 Luke 13:1-9 Repent or Perish
- 3/6 **The Shadow of Separation:** Fourth Sunday in Lent  
**Guest Preacher: Rev. William Worley, PSEC Conf. Minister**  
 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Living by Faith  
 Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 The Parable of the Brothers
- 3/13 **The Shadow of Loss:** Fifth Sunday in Lent  
 Philippians 3:4b-14 Breaking with the Past  
 John 12:1-8 Mary Anoints Jesus
- 3/20 **The Shadow of Emptiness:** Palm/Passion Sunday  
 Philippians 2:5-11 Imitating Christ's Humility  
 Luke 19:28-40 Jesus' Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem  
 Luke 22-23 The Arrest of Jesus
- 3/24 **Night in the Garden:** Maundy Thursday – Communion, Tenebrae  
 Exodus 12:1-4,7,11-14 The First Passover  
 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 The Institution of the Lord's Supper  
 John 13:1-17, 31b-35 A New Commandment  
 John 18:1-19:42 Betrayal, Arrest, Denial, Trial, Death
- 3/27 **First Light:** Easter - Communion  
 8 and 9:30 AM Worship Services  
 9 AM Easter Egg Hunt  
 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 The Resurrection of the Dead  
 Luke 24:1-12 Jesus Rises from the Dead

## SPECIAL OFFERINGS

### **Communion & Food Pantry Donations**

**Feb. 7 & Mar. 6**

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.

### **Blanket Sunday**

**February 14**

Through Church World Service, a gift of just **\$10** will provide a blanket for someone in need. For some people, this blanket may be their only shelter.

### **The Compassion Fund**

**February 21 & March 13**

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

### **One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)**

**March 6**

One Great Hour of Sharing® is the Lenten Offering of the United Church of Christ and eight other denominations that supports disaster, refugee, and development around the world. OGHS provides support to health, education, agricultural and emergency relief initiatives in 138 countries, including the United States of America. On average, the UCC responds to disasters every two and one-half days. Your donations assist flood and tornado victims in the USA, help Ebola victims in western Africa, provide small business loans for impoverished workers, offer hope to Syrian and Iraqi refugees, and aid in natural disaster recovery.

### **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.

### **Special Offerings**

The envelope offerings collected for **Ash Wednesday** (February 10), **Palm Sunday** (March 20), **Maundy Thursday** (March 24), **Good Friday** (March 25) and **Easter Sunday** (March 27) will be used to support the on-going ministry of First UCC. The envelope offerings collected for **Meat Bingo** (February 28) 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.

### **Church Change Special Offering**

During the months of February & March our Church Change offering will be donated to the Schuylkill Haven Council of Churches Community Ministries.

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

### HELPING CHILDREN LIVE LIKE JESUS

Jesus is the cornerstone of our faith. And nothing is more important than helping children develop a deep, lasting relationship with Him. In *Helping Children Live Like Jesus*, children will experience lessons right from the Gospels about the life of Jesus. Jesus' life will become real to our children as they learn biblical truths through activities that appeal to every learning style, like crafts, skits, art projects, interactive stories, object lessons, and group dialogue. When kids know, follow, and live like Jesus they will understand that they too are God's children.

February 7 **Transfiguration; NO Children's Church**

February 14 **Jesus Teaches About Love**  
Luke 6: 27-36

February 21 **LENT SUPPLEMENT**

February 28 **Jesus' Triumphal Entry Into Jerusalem**  
Mark 11: 1-11

March 6 **The Last Supper**  
Matthew 26: 26-35; John 13: 1-20

March 13 **Jesus Dies on the Cross**  
Matthew 26:36 – 27:56

March 20 **Jesus Is Risen!**  
Matthew 28: 1-10

March 27 **Easter Sunday; NO Children's Church**



### Quarterly Attendance Awards

At the end of every quarter, the child with the highest attendance record will receive a prize of their choice from the Children's Store. The next quarterly prizes will be awarded at the end of February.

### Bring A Friend Awards

Children are invited to bring their friends to Children's Church. When they bring friends, they will receive extra tokens for use at the Children's Store.

## ANNUAL FINANCIAL CONGREGATIONAL MTG

The vote for the Kline Fund Tithe will take place Sunday, February 21, when the final 2015 YTD Financial Report will be presented for approval. 2015 Financial Reports will be available in the Narthex for review on Sunday, February 7.

## BIBLE STUDY

### Fascinating Bible Studies Thursday Mornings, 11 AM, Weiser Board Room

The Bible covers a variety of themes and topics, exploring questions of life and sometimes raising more questions than answers. What are your questions? How would you like to grow as a follower of Jesus Christ? Drop in whenever it fits your schedule; weekly participation is not essential.

If you or someone you know needs a Bible, please talk to Pastor Shawn. She loves to give away Bibles!

## BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### BCE MEETINGS

**Tuesday, March 1, 6 PM**  
**Tuesday, April 5, 6 PM**

Church members are welcome to attend BCE Meetings as we work together to provide Christian nurture to all ages in the congregation. Christian Education Board members are Delia Edling, Erin Graves, Linda Lopez, Mackenzie Nye, Malaki Nye and Pastor Shawn Van Dyke

### EASTER CANDY DONATIONS

Donations of individually wrapped candy are needed to fill the plastic Easter eggs for the children's Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday. Please place your donations in the marked box in the Narthex by Palm Sunday, March 20.

### EASTER EGG HUNT

**Sunday, March 27, 9 AM**

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

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – Save the Date!!

Sunday, July 31 through Thursday, August 4  
Friends are welcome!

## CHRISTIAN PASSAGES / SPIRITUAL JOURNEYS

**Birth** – **Kali Sonon**, born on December 10, 2015 is the daughter of Kris & Pam Sonon. She is also welcomed by big brothers **Gavin and Cole Fry**, and big sister **Kadence**.

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### CONSISTORY MEETINGS: 6:30 PM

***Thursday, February 11 (Please Note - different day)***  
***Wednesday, March 9***

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## COMMUNITY RESOURCES

### LIHEAP

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, known as LIHEAP, helps low-income families pay their heating bills. People may apply online at [www.compass.state.pa.us](http://www.compass.state.pa.us) for LIHEAP and other services. The Schuylkill County office may also be contacted for an application at 877-306-5439.

### 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](http://www.myfreetaxes.com)

The MyFreeTaxes Partnership provides free federal and state preparation and filing assistance for qualified individuals. It's easy, safe, secure and 100 percent free. For more information, please visit [myfreetaxes.com](http://myfreetaxes.com). Anyone interested in volunteering to help others with their taxes should contact Marie Maurer at Schuylkill Community Action at 570-622-1995.

## SERVICE CANCELLATIONS

When it snows we may need to cancel Sunday services. The church has begun implementing an automated call system. If you don't attend church weekly and/or didn't receive a phone call following our most recent storm but would like to be added to the call list, please notify the church office (570-385-2049). Cancellation information will also be on the church's Facebook page.

## CONFIRMATION

### Confirmation Class meets **Sundays after worship until noon.**

Presently the confirmands are reading through the Gospel of Mark, taking a closer look at the life, teachings, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. During Lent the confirmands are required to complete worksheets which reflect on Sunday worship and their weekly Christian practice.

### Required Attendance Dates:

Wed. Feb. 10	6:30 PM Assist with Ash Wednesday Worship
Fri. 3/4-Sat. 3/5	30 Hour Famine (modified)
Sunday, March 20	9:30 AM Palm Sunday Worship
Thursday, March 24	6:30 PM Assist with Maundy Thursday Worship
Sunday, April 5	8 or 9:30 AM Easter Worship Services
	8:50 AM Easter Egg Hunt preparations-Kline Room

If you are ill or will miss church for another reason, please contact Pastor Shawn and/or leave a message at the church (570-385-2049). Attendance of 80% or more is required of the Confirmands, especially for worship and class.

### **30 Hour Famine: Hunger Free!** **Friday, March 4 and 5 (tentative)**

The Famine gives confirmands and teens a chance to learn about hunger in our area and around the world. The goal of the Famine is to raise awareness and funds to feed the hungry. This year we are planning a modified famine: less hunger, more learning. For details, see the Teen FORCE page.

### See the "Fellowship" Page for details about...

Bowling February 14 and March 13.

### See the "TEEN F.O.R.C.E." page for information about...

The 30 Hour Famine (March 4 and 5) and Easter Egg Hunt (March 27).

## EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP

The following totals are up to and including the end of December 2014 plus a comparison to December 2013 & 2012.

	<u>Dec. 2015</u>	<u>Dec. 2014</u>	<u>Dec. 2013</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES –	\$222,801.36	\$234,911.50	\$230,772.95
REVENUE –	\$ 84,672.41	\$ 81,942.69	\$ 96,165.26
Resources from Kline Fund –	\$138,650.00	\$151,075.00	\$135,192.12
TOTAL REVENUE –	\$223,322.41	\$233,017.69	\$231,357.38
Gain/Loss –	\$ 521.05	\$ -1,893.81	\$ 584.43

## 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 6.** Filling can be picked up Saturday, March 19, 9 AM - Noon. Cost is \$7 per container. Each container holds 2 pounds, so that's only \$3.50 per pound.

**Potato Peelers Needed! Thursday, March 17, 6 PM.** Our annual Palm Sunday Potato Filling Sale will be held Saturday, March 19, with pick up from 9 AM to noon in the Fellowship Hall. Volunteers are needed to peel potatoes Thursday evening, March 17, beginning at 6 PM.

**Cookbooks for sale.** Cookbooks are \$5 each. Cookbook topics include: 5 or Less Ingredients, Best of the Holidays, Cookies & Bars, Diabetic Recipes, Homemade Classics, Kids in the Kitchen, One Dish Dinners, Quick Fix and Slow Cooker. See Carrie Ann if interested.

**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.

## EVANGELISM

### But That's My Spot!

As we move into the season of Lent, closer to Easter, we may see visitors looking for a church home. Why do people visit a church? 89% of new members first attend worship because someone extended a personal invitation to them. They come back because they were welcomed by other church members. When we have guests in worship, they will probably sit in the back of the sanctuary rather than risk sitting alone up front. If they sit in the back, they might sit in "your seat"! If someone takes your spot, please smile and welcome them, finding a new place as you give thanks to God that we have guests and that somebody new wants to worship with us.

## FELLOWSHIP

**Christian Rock and Bowl, February 14 & March 13, 2-4 PM**  
**\$10 Adults; FREE for High School Age and Younger**  
**Strike Zone Alleys, Pottsville**

The Board of Christian Education will sponsor high school age and younger, so that they can bowl for free. **Please register with the church office by Thursday, February 11 or Thursday, March 10,** so adequate lanes can be reserved. Bring money if you want to buy beverages or snacks.

**Easter Fellowship, Sunday, March 27, 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.

**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, February 9, Noon – Roman Delight**

**Tuesday, March 8, Noon – Location to be announced**

## LENT: A SEASON OF PREPARATION

**Lent** is the period of the church year from Ash Wednesday to Easter. The traditional purpose of Lent is to prepare the believer – through prayer, repentance, giving and self-discipline – for Holy Week. **Holy Week** begins with **Palm Sunday** (when Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey), includes **Maundy Thursday** (when Jesus observed the Passover/Last Supper with his disciples), **Good Friday** (when Jesus died on the cross) and culminates on **Easter** (the day of Christ's resurrection).

According to the Synoptic gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, Jesus spent forty days fasting in the desert where he endured temptation before he began his public ministry. That is why Lent is forty days long, excluding Sundays which are viewed as mini-Easters.

Traditionally, people **sacrifice** or "**give up**" something they love for Lent, such as chocolate or TV. We do this to gain a sense of **Christ's sacrifice** although our sacrifices dim in comparison to his: he gave up his life to help us live as God wants us to live. Some people choose to **add** a good habit or **discipline** to their lives for Lent: daily acts of kindness, eating better, getting more sleep, and/or praying for a different person each day. Lenten practices draw us closer to Jesus as we follow his example.



## PENNSYLVANIA SE CONFERENCE

### **"Working in Faith: Putting Jesus First" (Matthew 25: 31-46)**

PSEC SPRING MEETING

June 10-12, 2016

West Chester University of Pennsylvania

Registration Dates: Early Bird until March 31 (at a reduced rate)

Guest preachers include Rev. Dr. J William Lentz, Rev. Alan Miller, Rev. Dr. Anthony Campolo, and Rev. Dr. James A. Forbes, Jr. Two delegates are eligible to attend from First UCC. Please talk to Pastor Shawn if you are interested.

## SCHUYLKILL ASSOCIATION

### **Schuykill Association Workshops and Yearly Dinner**

**BE THE CHURCH**

**Saturday, April 9**

Workshops will be offered at 4 pm. The worship will cover creative worship, young adult ministries, and information on government programs which offer community assistance. Dinner, catered by Roman Delight, will be served in the Fellowship Hall at 6 PM. Check Sunday worship announcements for additional details. Estimated cost: \$15 per person.

### **Schuykill Association Spring Meeting**

Sunday, May 1, 2:30 Registration

St. John UCC, Tamaqua

With the other UCC churches in Schuylkill County, we will gather to worship and to support one another in shared ministry.

## MEAT BINGO

**Saturday, March 12, 1 PM**

**Doors open at 11 AM**

**Tickets - \$15**

**Raffles & Specials are extra  
Food & Drinks are available**



## SCHUYLKILL HAVEN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

### **Monthly Food Pantry Third Fridays, 1 PM, Feb. 19 & Mar. 18**

The Council offers free food to those in need in the community. At present, the Food Pantry is located on Market Street, behind Evans Delivery on Columbia Street (the old Walkin Shoe Factory).

### **Bloodmobile Thursday, March 17, 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 donate blood.

### **Bi-Monthly Council of Churches Meeting, Tues., March 29, 7 PM**

Grace Evangelical Congregational Church, Stoyer's Dam will host the Council of Churches. Snack donations are needed. The Council of Churches provides a monthly food pantry, community worship services, and emergency community aid. Two lay delegates from First UCC are needed to participate in Council's ministry. If you are interested, please talk to Pastor Shawn.

## THANK YOU!!

"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:

Bethany Children's Home  
Shalom Christian Ministries (Africa children mission)

## THANK YOU FOR CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

Thank you for your generosity in the Season of Advent as you offered gifts to people in need in Christ's name.

- You provided gifts for 15 children through the Salvation Army.
- More than 20 homeless children at Bethany Children's Home Shelter received items of greatest need.
- Women and children at the Schuylkill Women in Crisis Shelter were blessed with 80 pairs of new underwear.
- And thank you for your gifts toward Christmas bonuses for the staff. Your thoughtfulness was truly appreciate.



## TEEN FORCE

### CHRISTIAN ROCK AND BOWL

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14 and MARCH 13, 2 - 4 PM**

**\$10 Adults; FREE for High School Age and Younger**

See the "FELLOWSHIP" page for details.

### 30 HOUR FAMINE: End Hunger!

**Friday, March 4, 7 PM – Saturday, March 5, 7 PM (tentative dates)**

**30 Hours is just the beginning** of our efforts to pursue justice and end global hunger. Worldwide, 795 million people are hungry. Poor nutrition causes nearly half of all deaths in children under five. Every day, near 8,000 kids die from hunger-related causes. That's nearly three million children each year. It would take only \$3.2 billion to help the 66 million hungry school-aged children in the world. That's nothing for millions of Christian working together for God's children who need our help.

This year we will participate in a modified famine, eating foods which are available to hungry children in poor communities, abstaining from snacks in between meals. Adults and children are invited to share in Saturday activities. Our fast will end with a feast as we give thanks that we can eat regularly and pray for those who cannot.

Youth will need to register for the event, providing a parental permission slip with medical insurance information. Advanced registration is required by Sunday, February 28.

**Each participant is asked to raise at least \$35.** Fund raising kits are available from Pastor Shawn.

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### Facebook

If you are a Facebook user, please "LIKE" the church's Facebook page. This will allow you to receive regular updates and messages from the church office.

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### Hospitalization

When someone in your home is hospitalized, please call the church office to let us know. Hospitals do not always call the church office when members are admitted.

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

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| 2/01- Julia Kluge (2003)<br>Kristen Ludwig (1987)<br>2/02- Don McCormick<br>Bill Schaeffer, Jr. (1969)<br>2/03- Peg Spotts (1940)<br>2/05- Becky (Deatrich) Devlin (1990)<br>2/09- Kyle Wingle (1995)<br>2/11- Rebecca Andrefski (1950)<br>Megan Ditzler (1998)<br>Irene Mordosky (1943)<br>2/13- Sis Stripe (1926)<br>Deb McCormick (1952)<br>2/17- Keith Edling (1958)<br>2/18- Kaden Bayliff (2005)<br>Tim Burian (1957)<br>Bev Scott (1967)<br>2/19- Jodi (Buffington) Reardon (1983)<br>2/20- Tracy Lang (1974)<br>2/22- Charles Shappell, III (1987)<br>Gary Ebling (1952)<br>2/23- Ann Risser (1942)<br>2/24- Ashley Shappell (1988)<br>2/26- Jack Fultz (2001)<br>2/27- Addison Watkins (2009)<br>3/01- Gail Kerschner (1957)<br>3/02- Justene (Guldin) Frushon (1987)<br>Jeniva Unger (1975)<br>3/03- Danielle Guldin (1985)<br>3/05- Craig Spotts (1964)<br>Matt Unger (1973) | 3/06- Leo Houck (1937)<br>3/08- Theresa Luckenbill<br>Robert McCord, Jr.<br>Pat Painter (1938)<br>3/10- Bob Gordon, Sr.<br>Kadence Sonon (2014)<br>Rhonda Thompson (1965)<br>3/11- Emily Daniels (1996)<br>Allen Ebling (1972)<br>3/12- Deb Mattera (1956)<br>Abigail Schrader (2009)<br>3/13- Brad Moyer (1971)<br>3/14- Carson Pritiskutch (2000)<br>David Shaup<br>Dave Schrader (1971)<br>3/17- Cheryl Morgan (1988)<br>Jesse Skrobak (2004)<br>3/18- Carole Lee (1947)<br>3/23- Austin Boyer (1999)<br>Calandra Henninger (1993)<br>3/24- Carla Keller (1967)<br>Wayne Renninger<br>Rachel Skocik (1984)<br>Billy Wingle, Jr. (1992)<br>3/28- Katie Gossard (2013)<br>3/29- Lew Hummel (1947)<br>3/30- Robert Shaup<br>Jeff Spotts (1959)<br>3/31- Adam Mattera (1985) |
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## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!!

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| 2/02- Dave & Janene Ditzler (1991)<br>2/12- Kenny & Carrie Ann Klinger (1999)<br>2/18- Mike & Bobbie Donati (2006)<br>2/24- Glenn & Deb Spotts (1979)<br>3/01- Russ & Sammy Krobert (1969)<br>3/01- Bill & Rhonda Thompson (1996) | 3/08- Al & Linda Deatrich (1986)<br>3/13- Dennis & Renee Mohl (2009)<br>3/15- Michael & Sharon Wagner ('03)<br>3/16- Harold & Suzanne Schrader ('63)<br>3/16- Tom & Sue Stewart (1974) |
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*If we missed a birthday or anniversary, listed an incorrect date or do not have the year, please call the church office so that we are able to correct and/or update our records.*

# SPRING POTATO FILLING SALE

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

Order Deadline: **Sunday, March 6**

Pickup: **Saturday, March 19, 9 AM – Noon**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TELEPHONE #:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**PAYMENT IS DUE WITH YOUR ORDER FORM**

## **EASTER FLOWERS – 2016**

The season of Lent is almost here. Orders are now being taken for Easter Flowers that will adorn the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, March 27. Please return this form, **along with payment**, to the church office. Additional forms are available in the Narthex.

**Deadline – Sunday, March 6**

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.