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is Sunday, May 13!!*

**HOLY WEEK**

Palm Sunday, March 25  
Worship, 9:30 AM

Maundy Thursday, March 29  
Worship, 7 PM  
Communion & Tenebrae

Easter Sunday, April 1  
Worship, 8 AM & 9:30 AM  
Communion  
Egg Hunt & Fellowship, 9 AM

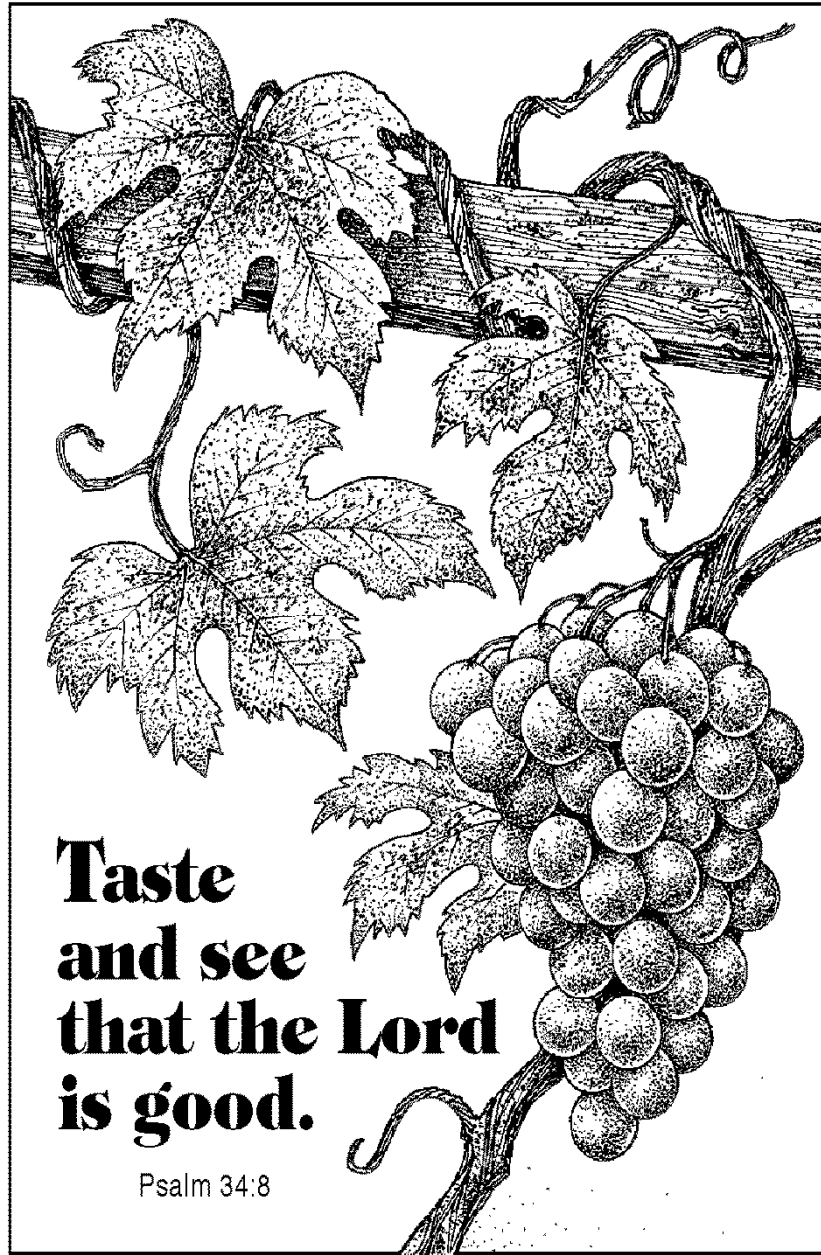
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**Taste  
and see  
that the Lord  
is good.**

Psalm 34:8

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**WORSHIP** – Sundays, 9:30 AM  
**CHILDREN'S CHURCH** – Sundays, 9:30 AM

**2018 CONSISTORY MEMBERS**  
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**2018 CONSISTORY OFFICERS**  
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**SALUTATIONS FROM SHAWN**

**God's Endless Covenant: The Feast of Life**

The Season of Lent challenges us to a time of reflection and self-discipline. Holy Week confronts us with loss and death, both inevitable parts of life. Yet even in the midst of our somber preparations, there is astonishing joy. God saves us from loss and death; God offers to us an endless covenant of life in God's holy presence, a promise to be with us always and to love us always.

*"This is how much God loved the world: God gave his one and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed. By believing in the Son, anyone can have a whole and lasting life. God didn't go to all the trouble of sending His Son merely to point an accusing finger, telling the world how bad it was. He came to help, to put the world right again."* (The Message, John 3:16-17)

As we end a church season which focuses on denial, we enter a season which emphasizes abundance. We worship a generous God, a giving God. God is faithful to us even when we are unfaithful, when we are filled with anxiety that we do not have enough or, worse yet, that we are not enough. God creates us with purpose and meaning. For that reason we are enough: we are God's creation.

Yet often we hear the world's message that there isn't enough, that we have to work harder, to compete more ruthlessly, to grab what we can and hoard it for ourselves. We allow fear to control us. We forget the gospel message which Jesus declared: *"I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."* (NRSV John 10:10)

At the communion table, on Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday, we remember that God raised Jesus from death to give to the world whole and lasting life. At the Lord's Table we are encouraged to value the basic needs of life – bread and cup – knowing that what we have received is meant to be shared. God generously gives to us all that we need so that we will give it to others knowing God has provided for all of the world's needs.

Easter, with its covenant promise of resurrection life, is a never ending gift to us, welcoming us to a life of enough, a life of abundance, inviting us to sit down at the table of the feast of Jesus Christ.

Yours in Christ,  
*Pastor Shawn*

## WORSHIP IN APRIL

### THE SEASON OF LENT: COVENANT PROMISE

<p>3/25 <b>Gates of Righteousness</b> Palm/Passion Sunday Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Philippians 2:5-11 Mark 11:1-11; 14:1-50</p>	<p>Give Thanks to the Lord Humble like Christ Holy Week</p>
<p>3/29 <b>A Day to Remember</b> <b>7 PM</b> Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-17, 31b-35</p>	<p>Maundy Thursday Sacrament of Communion and Tenebrae The First Passover The Lord's Supper Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet</p>
<p>3/30 <b>Covenant Fulfilled</b> Isaiah 52:13-53:12 John 18:1-19:42</p>	<p>Good Friday Scripture Readings God's Servant Will Be Despised Jesus is Betrayed and Arrested</p>

### THE SEASON OF EASTER: THE FEAST OF LIFE

<p>4/1 <b>Easter Without End</b> <b>8 AM and 9:30 AM</b> Isaiah 25:6-9 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Mark 16:1-14</p>	<p>Easter Sunday Sacrament of Communion A Feast for All People The Resurrection of Christ Jesus Rises from the Dead</p>
<p>4/8 <b>Eating is Believing</b> Acts 4:32-35 1 John 1:1-2:2 John 20:19-31</p>	<p>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter Sharing Among Believers Living in the Light of God Jesus Appears Behind Locked Doors</p>
<p>4/15 <b>Pure Food</b> Acts 3:12-19 1 John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36b-48</p>	<p>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter Peter Speaks God's Children Witnesses to the Resurrection</p>
<p>4/22 <b>The World's Table</b> Acts 4:5-12 1 John 3:16-24 John 10:11-18</p>	<p>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Peter and John on Trial Love Others The Good Shepherd</p>
<p>4/29 <b>Fresh Fruit</b> Acts 8:26-40 1 John 4:7-21 John 15:1-8</p>	<p>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter; Healing Service An Ethiopian Receives Christ Love Comes from God The True Vine</p>

## WORSHIP IN MAY

<p>5/6 <b>Feast on the Word</b> Acts 10:44-48 1 John 5:1-6 John 15:9-17</p>	<p>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter; Communion Gentiles Receive the Holy Spirit God is Life Commandment of Love</p>
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<p>5/13 <b>Heavenly Hunger</b> Acts 1:1-11 1 John 5:9-13 Luke 24:44-53</p>	<p>Ascension Sunday; Mother's Day The Promise of the Holy Spirit Faith Overcomes the World Jesus Appears to the Disciples</p>
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### THE SEASON OF PENTECOST: FINDING FIRE

<p>5/20 <b>Where Are You Going?</b> Acts 2:1-21 Romans 8:22-27 John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15</p>	<p>Pentecost; Confirmation; Communion The Coming of the Holy Spirit Future Glory The Work of the Holy Spirit</p>
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<p>5/20 <b>Schuylkill Haven Area High School Baccalaureate</b> 4 PM Bethesda EC Church, Rt. 1893, Reedsville</p>
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<p>5/27 <b>Who Will Go?</b> Isaiah 6:1-8 Romans 8:12-17 John 3:1-17</p>	<p>Trinity Sunday A Holy Vision Life in the Spirit Born of the Spirit</p>
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## JESUS' DEATH AND RESURRECTION

As the days draw closer to Easter, children may wonder why Jesus had to die. They may have questions about death, wondering if it hurts to die and whether beloved grandparents or pets will come back to life. While it is difficult to talk about death with children (or anyone), it is also an important way to share our faith in God. When talking with children about Jesus' death and resurrection: try to be natural so children know they can talk about dying; be honest if you don't have an answer to a question; use words "dead" and "death" rather than "passed away" or "sleep"; note that Jesus was killed by people who misunderstood him rather than by God or Jewish people; teach them that death is part of life; and assure children that death is not the end because God promises us new life through Jesus Christ. Give your children a hug and tell them you are glad they wanted to talk to you about death. Tell them that you love them and that God loves them. Offer a prayer of thanks to God together for the promise of life after death.

## OFFERINGS

**Communion & Food Pantry Donations** **May 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.

**The Compassion Fund** **April 15 & May 13**

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

**Special Envelopes**

The envelope offerings collected for **Easter Sunday** (April 1), **Pentecost** (May 20), and **Anniversary Sunday** (May 27) will be used to support the on-going ministry of First UCC. The envelope offerings collected for **Meat Bingo** (April 8) 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.

**OCWM (Our Church's Wider Mission)** **April 29**

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

**Church Change Special Offering**

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

## EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP

The following totals are up to and including the end of February 2018 plus a comparison to February 2017 & 2016.

	<b><u>Feb. 2018</u></b>	<b><u>Feb. 2017</u></b>	<b><u>Feb. 2016</u></b>
TOTAL EXPENSES –	\$ 42,443.37	\$ 30,127.61	\$ 37,130.58
REVENUE –	\$ 8,023.99	\$ 13,237.47	\$ 11,339.96
Resources from Kline Fund –	\$ 32,100.00	\$ 19,150.00	\$ 23,350.00
TOTAL REVENUE –	\$ 40,123.99	\$ 32,387.47	\$ 34,689.96
Gain/Loss –	\$ -2,219.38	\$ 2,259.86	\$ -2,440.62

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**CONSISTORY MEETINGS: 6:30 PM**

Thursday, April 12  
Thursday, May 10

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## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

**THE SEASON OF EASTER: The Stories of Genesis**

April 1	<b>Easter Sunday; NO Children's Church</b>	
	9 AM Gather for the Easter Egg Hunt in the Kline Room.	
April 8	The Sons of Jacob	Genesis 29, 30 & 35
April 15	Your Name is Israel	Genesis 32
April 22	Joseph's Troubles	Genesis 37, 39 & 40
April 29	Joseph Trusts in God	Genesis 42 & 45
May 6	Israel Moves to Egypt	Genesis 46
May 13	<b>Ascension Sunday and Mothers' Day</b>	
	Joseph Forgives His Brothers	Genesis 50
May 20	<b>Pentecost Sunday; NO Children's Church</b>	
May 27	<b>Trinity Sunday; NO Children's Church</b>	

**Bring A Friend**

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.

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

**NURSING HOME PARISHIONERS**

**Pinebrook Personal Care Center, Orwigsburg PA 17961**

2 Woodbridge Drive Bernice Roberts (Room 26)

**HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS**

June Schoffstall; 285 Blue Mountain Road; Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972

**\*\*Please note:** If you are homebound and wish to receive home communion, please contact the church office. If you know of someone not on either the Nursing Home or Homebound list, please notify the church office.

## ANNUAL FINANCIAL CONGREGATIONAL MTG

The vote for the Kline Fund Tithe took place Sunday, February 18, when the final 2017 YTD Financial Reports were approved. The five organizations chosen as Kline Tithe recipients were: the Schuylkill Haven Fire Department (\$3871.80), Hillside SPCA (\$3298.20), Servants to All (\$3298.20), Schuylkill Haven Fire Police (\$2151) and Gaudenzia (\$1720.80).

## BIBLE STUDY

### Thursday Mornings

#### 11 AM, Weiser Board Room

With the alleluias of Easter ringing in our ears, we jump into Paul's letter to the Church at Rome, a carefully presented statement of faith which has inspired countless Christians for thousands of years.

## BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### BCE MEETINGS Tuesday, April 3 and Monday, May 7, 6 PM

Church members are welcome to attend BCE Meetings as we work together to provide Christian nurture to all ages in the congregation. BCE members are Delia Edling, Linda Lopez, Linda McDonald, Malaki Nye and Pastor Shawn.

### EASTER CANDY DONATIONS Palm Sunday, March 25

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 9. Thank you!

### EASTER EGG HUNT Sunday, April 1, 9 AM

Children and their parents are invited to gather in the Kline Room after the 8 AM worship on Easter Sunday for an Easter Egg Hunt.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – Save the Date!

*Taste and See that the Lord is Good! Fruits of the Spirit*  
Galatians 5:22-23 – "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, and self-control.

**Sunday, June 24 through Thursday, June 28, 6-8:30 PM**

Friends are welcome!

## CHRISTIAN PASSAGES / SPIRITUAL JOURNEYS

**Baptisms** – **Jack Joseph Edward Lapinsky** was dedicated on Sunday, January 28, 2018. Jack is the son of JC Lapinsky & John Cheeseman and his sponsors are Tabatha Masler & Tedd Quintinsky.

**Amelia Grace Wingle** was baptized on Sunday, February 18, 2018. Amelia is the daughter of Mindi Reed & **Billy Wingle Jr** and her sponsors are Olivia Andrefski & **Kyle Wingle**.

**Death** – **Delores "Sis" Truscott** passed away on February 6, 2018. Sis is survived by her daughter **Sharon Stidham**, son Denny Truscott, sister **Dolly Bradley** and their extended families.

**Kathleen "Kitty" Miner** passed away on March 16, 2018. Kitty is survived by her daughter **Mary Cramer** and grandson **Justin Cramer**.

**Wedding** – **Tracey Shistle & George Rondeau** were married during worship on Sunday, March 18, 2018. Congratulations George & Tracey!!

## GRADUATES

### Congratulations to Our Graduates!

#### Graduation Recognition Sunday, May 27

This coming spring, several of our young people are scheduled to graduate from high school, college, and graduate school. Graduates will be recognized in worship on Sunday, May 27.

We pray for God's blessings for our high school graduates during their final months of study ... **Jacob Kluge, Shawn Pritiskutch & Kayla Stewart** (Blue Mountain); **Jake Haeseler, Matthew Mabry & Megan Moyer** (Schuylkill Haven); and college graduates ... **Brandon Haeseler** (Arcadia University) & **Nick Semanco** (Mansfield University). ***Congratulations!!*** Please notify the church office if we have overlooked a graduate.

## CHURCH CLEAN-UP

### EASTER CLEAN-UP Saturday, March 31, 10 AM-Noon

New clothes for Easter are traditional: a new dress or tie symbolize the new life we receive through the resurrection of Christ. The church is in need of the same look. Your time would be appreciated to trim a few plants and pick up trash in anticipation of the Easter Egg Hunt.

## 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.

### **Elder Abuse Prevention and Estate Planning**

**March 28**

Lunch & Learn with Eric Mika, Atty., Wednesday, March 28, Providence Place, 2200 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Pottsville. The conference is free and open to the public. Call 570-624-4660 to register.

### **Elder Abuse and the Ombudsman Program**

**April 11**

Lunch & Learn with Eileen Barlow, Ombudsman, Wednesday, April 11, Luther Ridge at Seiders Hill, 160 Red Horse Rd, Pottsville. RSVP to Diane Wolfgang, 570-621-7200.

### **Camp Dragonfly Bereavement Camp for Children**

Camp Dragonfly is free of charge and open to any child who has experienced the death of a loved one. The camp is offered at Camp Swatara in Bethel, PA, June 1-3 for children ages 6-12. For more information call Hospice of Central PA at 570-628-2290 and ask for a Camp Dragonfly application.

### **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.

## SUMMER CAMPS

### **HARTMAN CENTER CHRISTIAN CAMP**

Located in the Seven Mountains area near Lewistown, PA, the Hartman Center offers a variety of camps for all ages including: Music, Arts, Dance and Drama; sports camps; intergenerational camps and much more. For more information visit the Hartman Center website at [www.hartmancenter.com](http://www.hartmancenter.com). The church will pay 1/2 camp costs for children high school age or younger. Registration before April 1 includes a 10% discount.

## CONFIRMATION

### **Confirmation Class, Sundays after Worship until Noon**

Due to many missed Sundays through the winter, the confirmands have a lot of material to cover in preparation for the rite of confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, May 20.

#### **Required Attendance Dates:**

Sunday, March 25	9:30 AM Palm Sunday Worship
Thursday, March 29	6:30 PM Assist with Maundy Thursday Worship
Th. 3/29-Fri. 3/30	20 Hour Famine
Sunday, April 1	8 or 9:30 AM Easter Worship Services
	9 AM Easter Egg Hunt preparations-Kline Room

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

### **20 Hour Famine: 2017 Hunger Free Manifesto!**

#### **Maundy Thursday, March 29, 7 PM thru Good Friday, March 30, 3 PM**

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. For details, see the Teen FORCE page.

### **Easter Egg Hunt Preparations, Sunday, April 1, 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 helping the children of the church experience the joy of Easter!

### **Second Year Confirmands Meet with Consistory**

#### **Thursday, April 12, 6:30 PM**

In one of the final steps toward the rite of confirmation, the second year confirmands will meet with Consistory for conversation about the confirmation process, seeking approval for confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, May 20.

### **Spring Flower Sale Fundraiser through April 29**

#### **Prices reduced from 2017!**

Just in time for Mother's Day and spring planting, the confirmands are selling bedding plants and hanging baskets from Tuckaway Green House in Friedensburg. Order forms are available in the Narthex and at the back of the newsletter. The order deadline is Sunday, April 29. 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.



## EVANGELISM

### EASTER WELCOME

Visitors may join us for Easter, looking for a place of worship. If you see someone you don't recognize, invite them to enjoy the fellowship food that is offered between the two worship services from 9-9:30 AM. Even if they are a church member you haven't met before, your friendliness may encourage them to become more active in the church.

## FELLOWSHIP

### EASTER FELLOWSHIP

**Sunday, April 1, 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!

### WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

**Sunday, April 8 & May 6, 3:30 PM**

Gather in the Weiser Board Room 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, April 10, Noon – Mustard Seed, Orwigsburg**

**Tuesday, May 8, Noon – Perry Restaurant, Shoemakersville**

## MEAT BINGOS

The profit from the February 17 Meat Bingo was \$2,538.47, plus \$256 collected in offering envelopes. Profits from bingo are placed in the church's general budget for everyday expenses. **Thank you for your support!!**

**Our next Meat BINGO is scheduled for Saturday, April 21.** 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.

**Fall 2018 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

**23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament, Friday, April 27**

The golf tournament is instrumental in raising funds to continue SWiC's services to women, men and children seeking freedom from domestic abuse. For more information about sponsoring the tournament or participating, call SWiC at 570-622-3991, visit [s-wic.org](http://s-wic.org) or email [swicagency@comcast.net](mailto:swicagency@comcast.net).

### SH COUNCIL OF CHURCHES FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS

**Monday Mornings, 8:30-10AM**

Volunteers are needed to sort food and to prepare distribution for pantry clients. If you have questions, contact Shirley German at 570-205-1763.

### SERVANTS TO ALL OVERNIGHT VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed to assist the STA staff at the overnight shelter on an occasional basis. The shelter is open from 7:30 PM to 7:30 AM, seven days a week. Volunteers must complete an application and background checks. Contact Jeanette Triano Sinn, Executive Director, 570-728-2917.

### ST. PAUL'S SUMMER HILL MISSION TRIP

**June 24-30**

First UCC members are welcome to join St. Paul's mission trip to Sunset Gap, Tennessee. Cost \$275 per person plus project materials. Visit [www.sunsetgap.com](http://www.sunsetgap.com) and/or talk to Pastor Shawn for details.

### USED STAMPS

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 you may turn in the entire envelope. Place the stamps in the large manila envelope on the bulletin board in the hall next to the sanctuary.



## MEAT BINGO & Basket Raffle

**Saturday, April 21, 1 PM**  
**Doors open at 11 AM**  
**Tickets - \$15**  
**Raffles & Specials are extra; Food & Drinks are available**

## SCHUYLKILL ASSOCIATION - UCC

### SCHUYLKILL ASSOCIATION SPRING MEETING

**Sunday, May 6, 2:30 Registration, 3 PM Worship**

**Salem Hetzel's Church, 261 Hetzel's Church Road, Pine Grove, 17963**

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

### SCHUYLKILL ASSOCIATION MISSION PROJECT

**CWS Hygiene and School Kits; Household Items for New Residents**

Prior to the spring meeting of the Schuylkill Association on Sunday, May 6, we are invited to donate items needed for Church World Service Hygiene and School kits which are given to people recovering from disasters.

**Hygiene Kit** contents: one hand towel measuring approximately 15" x 28" to 16" x 32" (no fingertip, bath, dish towel or micro-fiber), one washcloth, one wide-tooth comb removed from the package, one fingernail or toenail clipper removed from the package, one bath-size bar of soap in the wrapper, one toothbrush in the package, and ten standard size Band-Aids. All items need to fit inside a one-gallon plastic zipper closure bag. Remove the excess air from the bag and seal before boxing. Do NOT add any extra items or toothpaste. A tube of extended expiration date toothpaste will be added to each hygiene kit just prior to its final journey.

**School Kit** contents: one pair of blunt scissors removed from the package (rounded tip only), three 70-count bound notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (no loose-leaf or filler paper), one 30-centimeter / 12" ruler, one hand-held pencil sharpener removed from the package, one large eraser (no pencil cap erasers), six new, unsharpened pencils with erasers, removed from the package, one box of 24 crayons (only 24), and one 12"x14" to 14"x17" finished size cotton or lightweight canvas bag (solid color or kid-friendly fabric) with cloth handles (no reusable shopping bags, backpacks, or bags with logos). All items must be packed inside of the cloth bag. To purchase an affordable bag, visit: [www.myshopangel.com](http://www.myshopangel.com). Or, download our school bag pattern and make your own!

New or gently used **kitchen and bath household items** are also needed for the many USA citizens who have relocated to the Allentown area following the devastation of Puerto Rico by hurricanes last summer.

Please place your donations in the box marked "Schuylkill Association Mission Project" in the Narthex.



## SCHUYLKILL HAVEN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

**Monthly Food Pantry, 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, 1 PM**      **April 20 & May 18**

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, May 10, 12:30-5:30 PM**

Every two seconds someone in the USA needs blood. A person can donate blood every 56 days. The donor's body replenishes the fluid lost from donation in about 24 hours. Anyone 17 years or older and in good health is eligible to donate. One pint of blood can help save up to three lives.

### Bi-Monthly Council Meeting

**Tuesday, May 22, 7 PM, Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church**

The Council provides a monthly food pantry to community members in need, sponsors a bi-monthly bloodmobile, and offers community worship services. Presently, the Council is coordinating with other organizations to seek solutions for people in the county who are homeless or facing homelessness. If you would like to attend a Council meeting, you are most welcome! For more information, please talk to Pastor Shawn.

## PENNSYLVANIA SE CONFERENCE

### DISCIPLESHIP WORKSHOP

**Saturday, April 14, Trinity UCC, Mt. Penn**

As followers of Jesus, we have promised to share God's good news with the world. This workshop will equip us with the tools of discipleship. The workshop is free but registration is required. Register online at [psec.org](http://psec.org)

### BE RECONCILED: Matthew 5:23-24

**PSEC Annual Spring Meeting, June 1-3**

The Conference will gather once again at West Chester University as we work to deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ and each other, strengthening our gifts to minister in service to God's people. For additional information visit [psec.org](http://psec.org) or talk to Pastor Shawn. Early registration: March 31. Final registration: May 16.





## STEWARDSHIP – CHURCH FUNDRAISERS

### 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 – SERVICE PROJECT

### EARTH DAY SERVICE PROJECT

**Sunday, April 22, 3-5:30 PM**

With spring's arrival, the church grounds are in need of some TLC to prepare flower beds and preemptively eradicate weeds. Both indoor and outdoor projects will be offered. One of our goals is to recycle resources in the unused library downstairs, to reclaim the space. We'll end our efforts with a pizza feast as we take a few minutes to enjoy one another's company.

## 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: Hillside SPCA, Servants to All, CWS Blankets & Tools Programs and the Pennsylvania SE Conference.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

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| 4/1- Jarrod Fenstermacher (1984)<br>Roger Hubert, Jr.<br>Lynn Moyer (1955) | 5/1- Bobbie Donati (1961)<br>Meghan McShaw (1984)<br>Joel Spotts              |
| 4/2- Lillian Coover (2013)   | 5/3- Bernice Roberts (1930)<br>Rick Spofford (1984)<br>Nicholas Spotts (1989) |
| 4/3- Tyler Schaeffer (1996)  | 5/4- Alicia Kimmel (1993)<br>Megan Moyer (2000)<br>Richard Scott III (1999)   |
| 4/4- Kaede Fessler (2003)  | 5/5- Wally Foose (1940)   |
| 4/8- Craig Beck  | 5/6- Steven Spotts (1982)   |
| 4/9- Robert McCord, Sr. (1934)   | 5/7- Kim Quinn (1970)   |
| 4/10- Josh Siluk (1993)<br>Iris Weller (1941)                              | 5/8- Brendan Fox (2001)   |
| 4/11- Michael McCormick (2001)<br>Robyn Sonnon (1967)                      | 5/13- Robin Bayliff   |
| 4/12- Jeff Paul (1972)   | 5/14- Cheryl Henninger (1966)   |
| 4/13- Matthew Mabry (2000)   | 5/15- Jeanne Gordon<br>Robert Shaup   |
| 4/14- Jill Spotts (1989)<br>Mallory (Spotts) Brennan (1989)                | 5/16- Rachel Sonnon (2001)<br>Becky Watkins (1985)                            |
| 4/15- Corey Spotts (1991)  | 5/17- Anna Fultz (1975)   |
| 4/17- Corin Paul (1980)  | 5/18- Riley Bradley (2010)<br>Taunia Darcangelo<br>Mary Alice Ross (1932)     |
| 4/18- Sarah (Figard) DeCaluwe (1989)                                       | 5/19- Linda Spotts (1956)   |
| 4/19- Shawn Pritiskutch (2000)<br>John Lang (1969)<br>Macy Marmas (2012)   | 5/20- Jacob Kluge (2000)<br>Pat Sprague (1936)                                |
| 4/20- Jake Haeseler (2000)   | 5/22- Alison Marmas (1984)  |
| 4/23- April Rohrer (1995)<br>Emerson Spotts (2007)                         | 5/24- Katie Fox (1995)<br>Maleca Tuite  |
| 4/24- George Hosler (1950)<br>Mark Madenfort                               | 5/25- Diane Newswanger (1959)   |
| 4/28- Melissa Fox (1975)   | 5/28- Brian Moyer (1968)  |
| 4/30- Annie Eckert   |   |

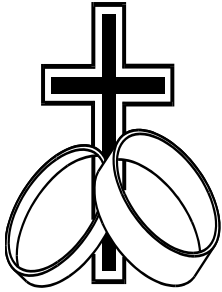
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### SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

During the summer months (June, July & August), the church office will be open **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 9 AM – 1 PM.**

If any days need to be changed throughout the summer, it will be noted in the Sunday bulletin. As always, if we are not in the office, or stepped away from the phone, please leave a message on the answering machine and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!!



- 4/07- Don & Deb McCormick (1973)
- 4/09- John & Carol Donati (1965)
- 4/20- Kris & Pam Sonon (2013)
- 4/25- Rick & Mandy Spofford (2009)
- 4/27- Brad & Angela Moyer (1997)
  
- 5/03- Bill & Mandy Coffey (1986)
- 5/03- Ed & Ruth Ann Deschler (1997)
- 5/06- Dave & Linda Williams (1972)
- 5/08- Gil & Sylvia Beury (2004)
- 5/10- Ernie & Lynn Moyer (1975)
- 5/12- Harry & Pat Painter (1991)
- 5/19- George & Sue Heffner (1984)
- 5/19- Craig & Terry Luckenbill (1979)
- 5/22- Kevin & Ali Marmas (2010)
- 5/22- Tom & Mary Stewart (1999)
- 5/24- Tim & Cathy Burian (1997)
- 5/30- Jim & Becky Watkins (2009)
- 5/31- Harry & Beth Eckert (1980)



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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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### ***Call the church office 570-385-2049 when:***

- **Someone is admitted to the hospital**
  - **You plan a meeting**
  - **You are moving**
- **A new baby arrives or a death occurs**
- **Your telephone number or address has changed**

**If you get the answering machine, please leave a message.**

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<b>2018 SPRING FLOWER SALE</b>			
Orders are due by Sunday, April 29. Payment is due with the order. All flowers can be picked up on Saturday, May 12, 10 AM – 12 PM, OR Sunday, May 13, after worship.			
Name: _____			
Phone Number: _____			
Please specify your color choice. We cannot guarantee your color choice, but we will do our best to match it.			
	<u>Color Choice</u>	<u>Amt. Ordered</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
<u>10" Hanging Baskets</u> -- \$15			
Nonstop Begonia			
Combo Petunia – Trailing Type			
Double Impatiens			
Fushia Verbena – Trailing Type			
Geranium			
<u>4.5" Seed Geraniums</u> -- \$3			
<u>4.5" Gerbera Daisies</u> -- \$4			
<u>4" Dahlia Verbena</u> -- \$4			
<u>Bedding Plants</u> Flat=\$15 Half Flat=\$8 (smallest order allowed = ½ flat)			
Alyssum			
Begonia			
Celosia			
Impatiens			
Lobelia			
Marigold			
Petunia			
Salvia			
Zinnia			
<u>Vegetables</u> Flat=\$15 Half Flat=\$8 (smallest order allowed = ½ flat)			
Broccoli			
Lettuce			
Onions			
Peppers			
Tomato			
<b>Grand Total:</b>			
The proceeds will benefit the Confirmation Class of 2018. Please give your order & payment to a Confirmand, Pastor Shawn or the Office.			