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Finding Life in the Good News

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Our Mission

We, the family of St. Paul's UCC, guided by the teachings of Jesus Christ, are committed to carry His good news. We celebrate God's presence by sharing God's unconditional love with fellowship, worship and service to others. We pray for God's wisdom and compassion to lead us in our endeavors.

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Dear St. Paul's Family:



For quite some time now I have been reflecting upon the words of Luke 18:16: "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs."

The part that especially resonates with me is, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them." When children come to church, they come to church for several reasons. Some children come when their parents come, whether the child wants to or not. Perhaps we can remember those days ourselves.

Sometimes we see children on special Youth Sundays. It is so joyful to see so many gathered!

Some children want to come – really! They feel comfortable enough to be themselves during worship and bubble over with enthusiasm that is appropriate to their age.

However, I have been observing people reacting to the children in ways that are not welcoming. Some people have been scolding them, making negative comments that they do not believe others hear, rolling their eyes, and other behaviors that are unwelcoming to our children. We cannot do that. If children feel unwelcome, they will stay home.

One of my favorite children at a prior church was a very spunky girl who brought favorite dolls and animals with her to church. Sometimes her little companions went flying through the air, while at other times they looked over the back of the pew at those behind her. Some of her little friends had loud conversations in different voices during worship – especially the quiet parts. She was not a distraction; she was a child.

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THANK YOU!

As she matured, she outgrew a lot of her little girl spunkiness and joined the children's choir where she sang very loudly in the off-key way children do as they learn about music. When she started playing a musical instrument, she played short tunes that a beginner plays. Over time, her voice became beautiful and on pitch - I listened for it during hymns. Over time, her diligent practicing revealed a talented, dedicated musician.

We were all children once and while we may have been raised differently, we were children.

"Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them."

Lenten blessings, Pastor Kim Thank you to my wonderful St. Paul's Church Family for all the cards, good wishes and kind thoughts during my recent illness. Prayers were answered with a speedy recovery.

While I miss every one of you, Georgia & my small family have been good to me! Blessings to all. God is indeed good to us! Nancy Heffner

Again, thank you. Nancy

Thank you to everyone who took their time and talents to write the devotions for Lent. I am truly thankful for the caring people we have in our church family.

Ethel DeMatteo-Beck





By Judy Heffley

My Favorite Hymn

When I asked Carol Reinhard what her favorite hymn was, she said she has a lot of favorites. Carol likes, "Here I Am, Lord," and that is also her grandson's favorite. But "Fairest Lord Jesus" holds a special place in her heart because it was one of the first hymns she learned as a child and sang as a solo. Carol still has the tattered original copy she used.

"Fairest Lord Jesus" first appeared in Germany in a Jesuit hymn book in 1677. The origin of the words and who translated it into English remain a mystery. This hymn emphasizes the beauty and wonders of Christ, and it alludes to his dual nature, that he was both human and divine, God made flesh: "O Thou of God and man the Son... Son of God and Son of Man..."

Source: Then Sings My Soul by Robert J. Morgan

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

March

- 1 Susan Conrad
- 5 Doris Weiser
- 6 Lynn Hilbert, Emily Bray, Brian Beck
- 7 Karen Werley
- 8 Hailey Bauscher
- 10 Lamar Bailey, Steven Geist
- 11 Bradley Balthaser
- 12 Allison Harris
- 15 Christine Diltz, Will Bray
- 16 Sandra Madeira
- 18 Rosaria Angstadt
- 19 Lucas Moyer
- 21 John Davies
- 22 Danette Seidel, Ryan Tarreto
- 24 Shirley Delcamp, Brodie Kutzler
- 27 Rob Rhodes, Jeremiah Schwalm
- 28 Charlotte Diehl
- 29 Fern Kline
- 30 Judith Heffley, Grant Fitzgerald



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

April

- 1 Lori Balthaser, Ashley Stofflet, Carlee Hilbert, Lori Reidenhour
- 4 Amelia Harris
- 5 Owen Seidel
- 6 Stephen Lobb
- 7 Katelyn Boyer, Everly Ferris
- 9 Keith Wuchter
- 16 William Eshbach, Christina Luckenbill
- 17 Gary Reidenhour
- 18 Anna Burrows
- 19 Daniel Heffley, Patricia Fritz
- 20 Boyd Lenich, Thomas Lenich, Kelly Duncan
- 22 Jaclyn Diehl
- 23 Kim Adamson
- 24 Lamont Hilbert
- 26 Carol Reinhard
- 28 Brett Rocha
- 30 Cristin Ferris, Karter Kutzler



VBS—ROCKY RAILWAY August 1-5—SAVE THE DATE

Save the date for our exciting joint VBS program with Trinity to be held at St. Paul's on August 1-5 from 6:00-8:30 p.m. each night! Watch for VBS Registration info coming in May.



One Great Hour of Sharing

When you give to **One Great Hour of Sharing**, you deploy resources to people in need all around the world, and in our own communities. When man-made or natural disasters strike, love responds. Not just for the immediate future, but for the long haul. When you give to One Great Hour of Sharing, you are working alongside families to restore not only structures, but hope. Your giving ensures that no matter how difficult the situation, **Love remains**.

On March 27th we will be collecting for this Mission. Look for further information in your bulletins in the upcoming weeks. Please use the special envelope included with your March giving envelopes. Thank you

PRAYER LINKS - If you or you know anyone who could benefit from prayer, don't be hesitant to ask. Call the church office - 610-683-3393 or June Rung - 610-683-6563.

COLIN HEFFLEY'S QUIPS

- 1. What question can you never answer yes to?
- 2. A cowboy rode into town on Friday, he stayed in town for three days and rode out on Friday. How was that possible?
- 3. It has four fingers and a thumb but it isn't alive. What is it?
- 4. What goes up but never comes down?
- 5. What can go through glass without breaking it?

(Answers on next page.)



RECIPES FROM CHERYL ZIEGLER

Amish Macaroni Salad

1lb Elbow Macaroni

½ Cup finely chopped celery

½ cup finely chopped carrots

1/4 cup finely chopped onions

1/4 cup finely chopped red pepper

5 hard boiled eggs

Paprika as garnish



Dressing

2 cups Miracle Whip

1/4 cup vinegar

3/4 cup sugar

2 tablespoons mustard

Mix and pour on above.

(I made a half batch extra of the dressing because it seemed dry)

Oven Beef Stew

2 TBSP flour

1 ½ tsp salt

Dash pepper

- 1 1/2 lbs. beef cubes cut in 1" cubes
- 2 TBSP Crisco
- 2 10 ½ ounce cans condensed tomato soup
- 2 cans water
- 1 ½ cups chopped onion
- ½ tsp dried basil
- 4 medium potatoes cubed
- 4 medium carrots sliced



Combine flour, salt and pepper; use to coat meat. In Dutch oven brown meat in hot Crisco; add soup, water, onion and basil, cover and bake at 375 degrees for 1 hour. Remove from oven.

Pare and cube potatoes and cut carrots in 1" slices, add to stew mixture, cover and bake at 375 for one hour. Serve.

ANSWERS TO COLIN'S QUIPS

- 1. Are you asleep?
- 2. Friday was the name of his horse.
- 3. A glove
- 4. Your age
- 5. Light



IN LOVING MEMORY



Helen A. Haydt, 96,of Kutztown passed away peacefully on Sunday, December 26,2021 in Lehigh Valley Hospital. Born in Upper Macungie Township, Helen was a daughter of the late Norman E. and Lillie B. (Maitland) Haydt



William M. Greenawald, Jr., 84, of Kutztown passed away, Saturday, January 15, 2022 in Lehigh Valley Hospital. William was the son of the late William M. Sr., and Elizabeth H. (Hein) Greenawald



William L. Fryer 104, of Mechanicsburg, formerly of Fleetwood, passed away on Sunday, January 23, 2022. He was the husband of the late Dorothy M. (Thomas) Fryer and the son of the late William R. and Lillie E. (Price) Fryer.

Recognize a Phishing Email

What is a phishing email?

Are you sure that email from UPS is actually from UPS? (Or Costco, BestBuy, VISA, Wells Fargo, or the myriad of unsolicited emails you receive every day?) The Church, Companies and individuals are often targeted by cybercriminals via emails designed to look like they came from a legitimate bank, government agency, or organization. In these emails, the sender asks recipients to click on a link that takes them to a page where they will confirm personal data, account information, etc.

What is phishing?

This technique is called phishing, and it's a way hackers con you into providing your personal information or account data. Once your info is obtained, hackers create new user credentials or install malware (such as backdoors) into your system to steal sensitive data.

Phishing emails today rarely begin with, "Salutations from the son of the deposed Prince of Nigeria..." and it's becoming increasingly difficult to distinguish a fake email from a verified one. But most have subtle hints of their scammy nature. Here are seven email phishing examples to help you recognize a malicious email and maintain email security.

Here are several telltale signs of a phishing scam:

• The links or URLs provided in emails are not pointing to the correct location or are pointing to a third-party site not affiliated with the sender of the email. You can see the address the link is pointing to by hovering over it with your cursor. For example, in the image below the URL provided doesn't match the URL that you'll be taken to. You can determine this by hovering over the link with your cursor.

https://www.woodgrovebank.com/loginscript/user2.jsp
http://192.168.255.205/wood/index.htm

- There's a request for personal information such as social security numbers or bank or financial information. Official communications won't request personal information from you in the form of an email.
- If in doubt, <u>ALWAYS</u> contact the business by known channels to verify if any suspicious emails are in fact legitimate. <u>NEVER</u> use the email address or phone number provided in the email.
- Items in the email address will be changed so that it is similar enough to a legitimate email address, but has added numbers or changed letters.

Example: <u>StPaulsChurchOffice.com</u> when the actual email address for the church would be <u>StPaulsChurchOffice.com</u>. The fake email address has a "1" instead of a "1".

- If you don't do business or haven't requested information from a particular company, **DON'T** click on any links or take any surveys.
- The message or the attachment asks you to enable macros, adjust security settings, or install applications. Legitimate emails **WILL NEVER** ask you to do this.
- The message contains errors. Legitimate corporate messages are less likely to have typographic or grammatical errors or contain wrong information.
- The sender address doesn't match the signature on the message itself. For example, an email is purported to be from Mary of Contoso Corp, but the sender address is john@example.com.
- The greeting on the message itself doesn't personally address you. Avoid communications without personalization. "Dear valued customer" is a good tip to stay away.
- The website looks familiar but there are inconsistencies or things that aren't quite right. Warning signs include outdated logos, typos, or ask users to give additional information that is not asked by legitimate sign-in websites.
- NEVER FORWARD AN EMAIL FROM UNSOLICITED SOURCES TO OTHER PEOPLE. If there are viruses attached to the email you will be spreading the virus to other people. If you want to forward the email, print email out as an adobe file and send the adobe copy as an attachment to the person you wish to forward email to. If you are not sure how to print the email in adobe file, please contact someone from the Church Technology Committee.



MARCH 2022

Worship—10:15 AM Sunday School—9:00 AM Adult SS 8:45 AM Office/Pastor Hours; Monday 9AM—12 Noon, Tuesday—Thursday 9 AM—1:00 PM (Due to church schedule, appointments suggested for Pastor)



	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7 pm Bible Study	11 am—1 pm—Drive Thru Ashes 1-2 pm Walking Group 7:00 pm Ash	s 1-2 pm Walking Group 6:15 pm Bell Choir	4 11 AM World Day of Prayer Brunch	s 8:30 am Manna 9am-1pm Button Club 9:30 am Yoga
7 6 pm Yoga		8 1-2 pm Walking Group 11 am Worship Mtg. 4:30-5:30 pm Pick up Lenten take out Meal	9 1-2 pm Walking Group 6 PM Consistory Mtg 7:00 pm Lenten Ser-	10 1-2 pm Walking Group 6:15 pm Bell Choir 7 pm K-Town Women's Club 7:30 pm Voice Choir	11 6-9:30 pm KFMS Berks Fiddle Fest Champions	12 9 am Prayer Walk 9:30 am Yoga
14 6 pm Yoga		15 1-2 pm Walking Group 4:30-5:30 pm pick up Lenten Take-out meal	16 1-2 pm Walking Group 7 PM Lenten Services	17 1-2 pm Walking Group 6:15 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Voice Choir	18	19 9am-10pm Crafting 9:30 am Yoga
21 6 pm Yoga 6:30 pm Fellowship 7 pm Missions 7 pm Property	<u>e</u>	1-2 pm Walking Group 4:30-5:30 pm pick up Lenten Take-out meal 6:30 pm Exp. God	23 1-2 pm Walking Group 7 pm Lenten Services @ Trinity	24 1-2 pm Walking Group 6:15 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Voice Choir	25	29 9:30 am Yoga
28 6 pm Yoga		29 1-2 pm Walking Group 4:30-5:30 pm pick up Lenten Take-out meal 6:30 pm Personnel	30 1-2 pm Walking Group 7 pm Lenten Services @ St. Paul's	31 1-2 pm Walking Group 6:15 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm		

	Bulletins			Sides		Center	Flower Sponsors			Deacons		Worship Leaders		Fellowship/Events			Daily Devotions	SCHEDULE	WORSHIP	
								Ethel DeMatteo-Beck	Marjorie Weida	Brian Unger		Ethel DeMatteo-Beck	Off Lambert Alley	Drive-Thru Ashes 11 AM - 1 PM					Ash Wednesday 7:00 PM	March 2, 2022
In memory of Mary Weida	Marjorie Weida	Monroe Heffner	In loving memory of	Nancy Heffner & Kelly Monroe	In memory of Cynthia Kline, Sister	Donna Sheaffer		Sandi Madeira	Tom Lenich	Katie Moyer		Christine Keim			Luke 4:1-13	Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16	Deuteronomy 26:1-22		First Sunday in Lent	March 6, 2022
								Denise Keim	Cynthia Swan	Barb Merkel		Donna Sheaffer			Luke 13:31-35	Psalm 27	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18		Second Sunday in Lent	March 13, 2022
								Ethel DeMatteo-Beck	Marjorie Weida	Brian Unger		Brian Unger			Luke 13:1-9	Psalm 63:1-8	Isaiah 55:1-9		Third Sunday in Lent	March 20, 2022
								Sandi Madeira	Tom Lenich	Katie Moyer		Kathy Landis			Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32	Psalm 32	Joshua 5:9-12		Fourth Sunday in Lent	March 27, 2022

APRIL 2022



Office/Pastor Hours; Monday 9AM—12 Noon, Tuesday—Thursday 9 AM—1:00 PM Sunday School—9:00 AM Adult SS 8:45 AM

Worship—10:15 AM

Omce/ Pastor Hours; Monday 9AM—12 Moon, Tuesday—Thursday 9 AM—1:00 (Due to church schedule, appointments suggested for Pastor)

					1	2 8:30 am Manna 9am-1pm Button Club 9:30 am Yoga
3 Shut-In Project Easter Cheer	6 pm Yoga	5 1-2 pm Walking Group 4:30-5:30 Pick up Lenten Meal take out 7 pm Bible Study	6 1-2 pm Walking Group 11:30 Pres. Roundtable 7 pm Lenten Service @ Trinity	7 1-2 pm Walking Group 6:15 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Voice Choir	8 6-9:30 pm KFMS Don Sinetti	9 9 am Prayer Walk 9:30 am Yoga
10 9 am Confirmation Class Palm Sunday Folding of Palms	11 6 pm Yoga	12 11 am Worship Mtg. 1-2 pm Walking Group 7 pm Finance	13 1-2 Walking Group 7 pm Consistory	14 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service Choir Performance PM	15 3 pm Good Friday Service PULSE Deadline	16 6am-6pm Easter Vigil 9am-10pm Crafting 9:30 am Yoga
Easter Sunday Com- munion Scavenger Egg Hunt Easter Flowers	18 6 pm Yoga 6:30 pm Fellowship 7 pm Missions 7 pm Property	19 1-2 pm Walking Group 2:15 pm Prayer Links 6:30 Pastoral Relations 7 pm Bible Study	20 1-2 pm Walking Group 5:30-9pm H & H Quilt	1-2 pm Walking Group 6:15 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Voice Choir	22	23 9 am—4 pm Funeral Fellowship Hall
24 9 am Confirmation Class Earth Day Project	25 6 pm Yoga	26 7 pm Christian Ed	27	28 6:15 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Voice Choir	29	30 9:30 am Yoga

Lenten Programs Lent 2022

St. Margaret's Episcopal Church and The St. Barnabas Center invite you to set aside some time for your spirit during the season of Lent.

Living the Way of Love provides 40 days of reflection and prayer using 7 Jesus-inspired practices.

Writing to God: 40 Days of Praying with My Pen contains thematic prompts and scripture readings to encourage writing our prayers to God.

Both programs will be held via zoom. Join one or both.

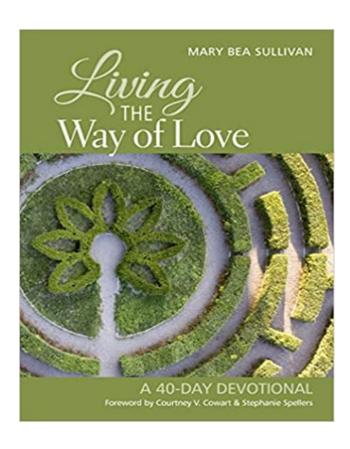
Books needed and available from Amazon.

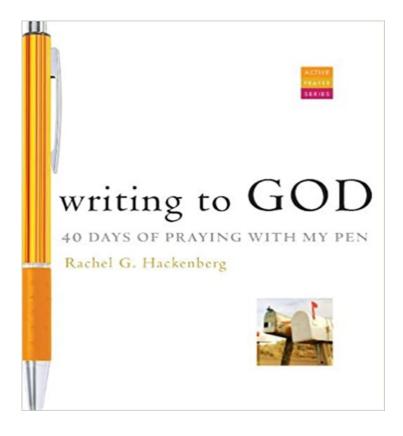
No cost for participation in the program.

To join, contact Mo. Laura Howell laura@stmargaretsemmaus.org, (610) 967-1450

Thursdays, 12:00-1:00 pm Mondays, 7:00-8:00 pm

March10 - April 14 March 7 - April 11







World Day of Prayer

Friday, March 4 at 11:00 AM

Spiritual Council and the Worship Committee will be hosting a World Day of Prayer Brunch on Friday, March 4^{at} 11:00 AM. This year's theme is Great Britain.

Fellowship Hall will be festooned in a British flair and brunch will have a British character. There will be a brief worship service and an opportunity to learn more about Great Britain.

Please plan to attend.

Young At Heart Seniors

The Young at Heart Senior Club debuted on Wednesday, February 16th.

This month featured a prayer followed by a reading of "How Do I Love Thee" by Elizabeth Barrett Browning. The group made Birdseed Birdfeeders and decorated terra cotta candy dishes. After crafting, the group participated in a spirited game of The Price is Right. One contestant was able to name the price of her item to the penny! All in attendance were very impressed.

The group played People BINGO to get to know each other better as they vied for prizes, then enjoyed chatting over coffee and tea, and sang "Jesus Loves Me." Since we had a little time remaining, they made

Valentine people to take home with them or to be shared with our Homebound Friends during visitations and Home Communions.

Young At Heart Seniors plans to meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month and members will take turns planning the following month's events. Our next gathering will be **Wednesday**, **March 16th** at 10:00





Kutztown Folk Music Society Concert

by Keith Brintzenhoff

Frigid temperatures and the omicron variant of Covid-19 greatly affected attendance at January's concert. Russ Rentler performed to a very small, but appreciative audience. He kindly stepped in at the last moment when Barby Holder was unable to attend due to medical issues.

Russ is a retired doctor, who was always interested in music. He taught himself to play a variety of instruments. Despite a lack of formal training, he has excelled as a musician. As an example, he achieved third place in the Senior Division at last year's Berk's Fiddle Fest.

Russ plays about 10 different instruments, mostly string instruments. When performing he spoke about the instruments, and the songs he performs, especially about the song's history. He also has an excellent sense of humor, which endears him to his audience.

Russ has built a few instruments and made some remarkable adaptations to others. For example, he invented a way to hold a harmonica onto his fiddle, so he could play both at the same time. It was totally amazing to see!

We look forward to having Russ back when conditions are much better. You will not want to miss him next time he performs.

Kutztown Folk Music Society Concert – February

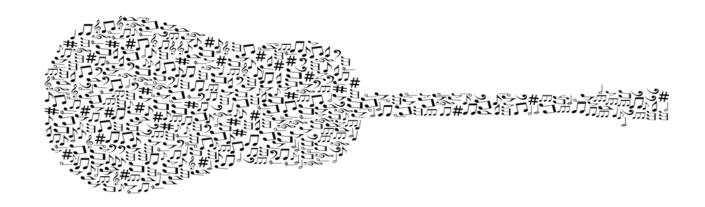
By Pastor Kim

On Friday, February 11 a small, but appreciative crowd gathered in our sanctuary to hear Jay Smar. He is a native of Schuylkill County and a world expert on Coal Mining songs. As a fellow Skook and Coal Cracker, I was nearly brought to tears when he sang the song "Breaker Boys." They were the small boys who picked slate and other rocks out of the coal from dark each morning until the work was finished for the day (usually after dark) for 6 cents per day.

Jay also referenced the Molly Maguires and shared the history and music of the Mollies with us. If you have not seen the movie of the same name starring Sean Connery, I would recommend it.

The photo below shows Jay with his fiddle explaining "flat-footed" dance, which he is coordinated enough to do while playing the fiddle and singing! The flat-footed dance acts as a percussive voice to the piece.

Jay's favorite folk musician was the legendary, John Hartford and he admits that his fiddle and banjo style is an homage to John. Jay also performs on guitar and plays beautifully. He has been described as serving "his audience an acoustic buffet of traditional American and original folk ol' time mountain music, bluegrass, and gospel tunes." I enjoyed his buffet very much and look forward to seeing him next time he performs.



Kutztown Folk Music Society Second Friday of each month 7:30 PM

March Concert: Friday, March 11:

Berks Fiddle Fest Champions

April Concert: Friday, April 8:

Don Sinetti

\$9.00 - Adults \$7.00 - Seniors (62 and older), Students, and Veterans/Active Duty Military, Free - Children 12 and under

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Call Barb at the church office for more info 610.683.3393

EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM

We thank you in advance for ordering Easter plants to add to the beauty of the church. We need to receive your order by April 3rd along with payment, to ensure your requests will be ordered on Monday, April 4th. Please use an envelope provided at the entrances to the sanctuary. The flowers left at church should be picked up **Tuesday**, **April 19th**, between 9a–1p.

DEADLINE:	April	3rd
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COST: \$11.00 each for Lilies (6-8 blooms)

\$8.00 each for 6" Mini-Daffodils \$8.00 each for 6" Tulips (6 blooms) \$8.00 each for 6" Daffodils

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Red Tulips	x \$8.00	=
White Tulips	x \$8.00	=
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS MARCH

March 2nd Ash Wednesday—7:00PM

> March 12th Prayer Walk –9AM

March 13th
Daylight Saving Time –Spring Ahead

March 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th and April 5th Lenten Take out Meal 4:30-5:30 PM

March 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th and April 6th Lenten Services—7PM (see schedule for location)

March 20th First day of Spring

MARK YOUR CALENDARS APRIL

April 9th Prayer Walk—9AM

> April 10th Palm Sunday

Maundy Thursday—7:00PM April 14th

April 15th Good Friday Service—3:00 PM

April 16th Easter Vigil - 6AM to 6PM

April 17th Easter—Communion

April 22nd Earth Day