

St. Paul's United Church of Christ
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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 shar-
ing God's unconditional love with fel-
lowship, 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:



The Lenten season is a season that gives us plenty of opportunities for reflection. We reflect on our own faith and how we can re-dedicate ourselves as followers of Jesus. We also reflect on how our faith intersects with the lives of others.

On Easter Sunday we encounter the empty tomb with Mary, hear Jesus say, "Mary" and she recognizes him as her Lord and **not** the gardener. She then hurries to tell the disciples "He is risen!" We join in this celebration with Mary and the disciples as we do each year without feeling as though the joy is diminished by the annual celebration.

I don't know about you, but for me, the empty tomb inspires me to open my doors and windows to feel free and invite the Spring inside. The flowers have been emerging a bit at a time and when they have lived their lifecycle, they are replaced by a different bloom. New life is all around us as the days grow warmer and longer. The Holy Spirit stirs us in the gentle breeze.

There is one more Easter observance remaining, **Ascension Day**, which will be celebrated on Thursday, May 18 at 3:00 PM. "Back in the day" all businesses closed on Ascension Day – even farmers took the day off (and one of our farmers still does!) to celebrate Jesus' ascension into Heaven.

May also brings the final **Kutztown Folk Music Society** concert featuring Eastside Dave (Dave Kline), which will this time be the third Friday, May 19 at 7:30 PM. **Relay for Life** will be held on Saturday, May 20 at William DeLong Memorial Park in Bowers from Noon to 9:30 with the Survivor events beginning at 4:00 and Luminaria/Memory at 8:30. The **Last Day of Sunday School** will be celebrated on May 21 with Marian Gehman's Ventriloquist Show at 9:00 AM – everyone is welcome to join us. Rev. Sara Hertzog will be our guest pastor that day, too. The last Sunday of May will be a celebration of **Pentecost and Memorial Sunday** with our guest Mike Feeney and geraniums decorating the sanctuary.

June is also an active month with **Wedding Sunday** on June 11, **Father's Day** on June 18, and the **Outdoor Worship and Church Picnic** at Wessner's Grove on June 25. I will be attending **General Synod** from June 29 through July 4 in Indianapolis, Indiana. There are many other things on the calendar and some in the planning stages, too, so please check the calendar regularly.

May you each be feeling the warmth of Christian love today and each day.

Blessings,
Pastor Kim

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

May

- 1 Joan Bieber, Jill Fitzgerald,
Jessica Schmoyer
- 2 Linda Merkel
- 4 Nancy Heffner, Jane Grim,
David Hoffman
- 5 Patricia Bubbenmoyer, Lindsay George
- 6 Kenneth Ziegler
- 8 Robert Grim, Timothy Delcamp
- 9 James Ludwick
- 10 Caroline Harris
- 13 Donna Sheaffer, Sue Kunkel,
Dallas Herber
- 17 David Seaman
- 21 Debra Wehr, Chelsea Lenhart
- 23 Kian Merkel, Emlyn Duncan
- 25 Betty Conrad
- 27 Bridget Oberheim
- 28 Devon Rhodes, Scott Bungo
- 30 Kenneth Held



MAY
BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

June

- 2 Campbell Harris, Daryl Keim,
Garrett Ordway, June Rung, Noah Bray
- 3 Dexter George
- 4 Jacob Moyer
- 5 Steve Steltz Sr
- 7 Manette Boyer
- 10 Grace Conover
- 16 Fietta Schaeffer
- 19 Jack Moriarty
- 20 Bruce Burrows, Connie Davies
- 21 Steven Leinbach
- 25 Joe Hartman, Louise Wessner
- 28 Arielle Levine



JUNE
BIRTHDAYS

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

MARIAN GEHMAN VENTRILOQUIST - MAY 21st at 9:00 A.M.

The Youth Sunday School program will end the year on Sunday, May 21 with its Last Class Party and performance by Marian Gehman & Friends Ventriloquist. All congregation members are invited to attend this very special performance for "children" of all ages! The show will take place in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, May 21 beginning at 9:00 a.m. Hope to see you there!



MONUMENTAL VBS IS COMING! JULY 30-AUGUST 3 at TRINITY

The Trinity/St. Paul's Combined VBS Program is back for another fun summer in-person program: "Monumental: Celebrating God's Greatness" as we wander through the desert landscape of the southwestern United States. Please plan to preregister as soon as possible by completing the attached form or contacting Seth Noggle at 570-529-2325 or seth.noggle@gmail.com or Louise Moyer at 610-641-0507 or LouiseMoyer13@gmail.com. Children from preschool thru Grade 6 will have a blast! We are also looking for adult and older youth helpers. There is no charge for the program. Come and celebrate God's Greatness with us!





VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023: **"MONUMENTAL"**

July 30-Aug. 3 (Sunday-Thursday) 6:00-8:30 p.m.
at Trinity Lutheran Church (Kutztown)

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"MONUMENTAL" VBS at Trinity (Kutztown)

Child's Name: _____ **Child's Age & Grade Next Yr:** ____/____

Parent's Name: _____ **Parent's Phone:** _____

Emergency Contact Phone Number (during VBS): _____

Parent's Email Address: _____

I am willing to help by:

☐ Station Leader ☐ Rotating with Classes ☐ Set-Up Decorations
☐ Station Helper ☐ Registration/Check-In

Relay for Life: Angels of Hope

Come join St. Paul's Angels of Hope on Saturday, May 20th at the Bowers Park. The Relay begins at 12:00 PM and ends at 10:00 PM. The Opening Ceremony is at Noon.

We will be having a basket raffle and if you would like to donate a basket, it would be greatly appreciated. We will have pop-up tents, so please bring your own chair if you want to hang out for a while.

Food will be available at the food stand. Angels of Hope will be cooking and staffing the stand from 11 until 1:00. Please support the Relay by purchasing lunch.

There will be a lot of entertainment with hoedowning, line dancing, games and music.

If you have any questions, please contact Denise Keim.

Hope to see you there!



STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH

The Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. **By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ.**

**STRENGTHEN
THE CHURCH
OFFERING**

As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults. Most congregations will receive the STC offering on Pentecost Sunday, **May 28, 2023**. Together, we can be a Spirit-inspired and world-changing Christian movement.

GRADUATION

IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE THAT GRADUATED OR WILL BE GRADUATING PLEASE PLACE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN THE PULSE MAILBOX OR E-MAIL Marjorie Weida at maweid69@hotmail.com

NAME OF GRADUATE
NAME OF SCHOOL
DEGREE ACHIEVED (IF ANY)
PLANS FOR THE FUTURE
ANY OTHER INFORMATION YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH US

Young At Heart Seniors

The March gathering of Young at Heart Seniors featured Kathleen Walck, owner of Local Folk Creative Studio where she sells a variety of local folk crafts and hosts workshops for people of all ages and skill levels. If you have never been there, it is worth the trip down to 158 West Main Street. She taught us to make Leprechauns/Gnomes. She was kind enough to pre-cut the felt for us and instruct us in the safe usage of a hot glue gun. (Sadly, Pastor Kim and her hot glue gun got into a "heated" exchange.)

We had a wonderful time and look forward to having Kathleen come back again for another crafting session.

Our next gathering will be Wednesday, May 17 at 10:00 AM for games. The June gathering will be an Olde Time Radio Show, facilitated by Jim Gray and starring our very own Young at Heart Seniors.

Come, join us, and bring a friend!





M & M Rice Krispie Treats

6 cups rice crispies

1 cup M&Ms – and additional for decorating

4 Tablespoons butter, melted

10 ounce package of marshmallows

- Spray a large bowl with cooking spray or rub with butter or Crisco. In a large, microwave-safe bowl, place **4 tablespoons of salted butter** and **10 ounces of marshmallows**. Microwave for 1 minute on high. Stir, and microwave for an additional 30 second intervals, if needed. Stir until very smooth.
- Pour the marshmallow mixture over the cereal. Stir gently until the mixture is very well combined. Fold in **1 cup of M & M candies**. Transfer to the prepared baking pan. Use a spatula to evenly press the cereal treats into the pan. Press more candies, about **2 tablespoons of M & M's**, into the top of the treats.
- Let cool completely, about 2 hours. You may also chill in the refrigerator. Cut into 16 squares.



Pineapple Nut Cake

From the kitchen of Sharon Larsen

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

2 Eggs

2 cups Flour

2 cups Sugar

1/2 cup chopped Walnuts

Mix with spoon

Then add:

2 teaspoons Baking Soda

1 teaspoon Vanilla

1 21 ounce can Crushed Pineapple – undrained

Pour into greased sheet cake pan. Bake 30 minutes.

Cream Cheese Frosting

8 ounces Cream Cheese

1/4 pound of Butter

1 1/3 cups 4 X Sugar

1 teaspoon Vanilla



Cream together Cream Cheese, Butter and Sugar until smooth, fold in Vanilla. Garnish with chopped nuts.

Kutztown Folk Music Society Concert—March



Just like Leap Year, there are some things that just do not happen all that often. Keith Brintzenhoff, the organizer of the Kutztown Folk Music Society was the featured performer in March!

Keith is a well-known and well-respected Pennsylvania Dutch humorist and multi-talented folk musician who took us on a folk music tour of the world. His performance was eclectic, educational, and entertaining. We began the tour in Ireland with the popular “Wild Rover” before heading to Mexico for the Mexican Hat Dance (without a dancer, I am sorry to say). Keith remained in Mexico for a musical parody of the song “Felice Navidad.” The puns abounded with lyrics such as “Felice wears a hat” and “Fleas on my cat.”

Keith surprised with the only serious song he will ever sing “Custer Died for Your Sins” written by Floyd Red Crow Westerman. It was written from a Native American perspective and was a powerful tune. Next up was “Carousel of Time” by Canadian songstress, Joni Mitchell. Then we traveled to Norway for a Norwegian folk tune that was parodied by the Kingston Trio called “Oleanna” - not to be confused with Oley, Pennsylvania.

Next, we journeyed to Italy for “Una Paloma Blanca” which translates to “A White Dove.” We ventured to Jamaica for “I’m on My Way.” Then we turned to songs involving water with the Bahamian folk song the Beach Boys released called “Hoist Up the John B. Sails” (it was written by P.M. Adamson – no relation) about the Sloop John B.

One of the songs that Keith has sung all over the world was the John Denver tune “Take Me Home Country Roads” which he purports contains a mistake. Keith said that the Shenandoah River does not flow through West Virginia, rather it flows through Virginia. I did a bit of fact checking and the Shenandoah River flows through West Virginia, but for only twenty miles on its way to the Potomac. Sticking with the water theme, Keith sang “The Banana Boat Song” before paying homage to that KFMS favorite, Don Sineti, who passed away on January 5 with “John Knacka-nacka.” when it was released by The Tokens.

Keith then explained that the song “Hang Down Your Head Tom Dolley,” a murder balance released by the Kingston Trio was the song that began the American folk music revolution.

This was followed by “Aunt Rhodie,” then the Civil War folk song “Goober Peas,” which are peanuts, and the hoedown favorite Bile (boil) That Cabbage Down. Next, just for fun, Keith did “Tie Me Kangaroo Down, Sport” a song popularized in the 1960s about an Australian Sheep Farm featuring Australian animals.

We ventured to German to experience the Jaeger (hunter) song, then back to the US for the Native American “Red Wing,” then back to for the German/French/English “Brother John” before arriving in Austria for Franz Gruber’s “Silent Night/Stille Nacht.” Then back to the US for the Civil War era “Soldier’s Song” about how soldiers were given drugs to manage the pain and misery of war.

Keith treated us to the original song “Won’t You Please Play the Dulcimer?” He followed that with the favorite of Germans and Americans “The Happy Wanderer” also known as “Valderi Valdera,” followed by “Der Jaeger Aus Kurpfalz.”

If that sounds like a lot of music to you, I can assure you that it was. He played guitar, did acapella pieces, played banjo, and autoharp. He did singalong tunes that had us all singing in many languages. When you have a chance to attend a concert with Keith, I encourage you to attend. It is an evening well-spent.

Kutztown Folk Music Society Concert – April



We had another terrific crowd for the April installment of the Kutztown Folk Music Society. The first performer was Serafina Salvaterra a 10-year-old fiddle marvel! She loves Celtic music and explained a number of aspects of it to us. Fiddlers are always tuning their fiddles and Serafina switched violins to accommodate the differences in Irish and Scottish tuning. She organized her music in sets, which are often played one piece right after another. Irish and Scottish music may sound similar, but there are some stylistic differences. Her Irish set included– “Banish”, “Misfortune”, “Bonny Kate”, “Jenny's Chickens”, and “Musical Priest.”

I never knew that Scottish fiddle is meant to sound like bagpipes! Her Scottish set included - Highlander's Farewell to Ireland”, and “Laird of Drumblair.” Her Blues tune “Dark End of the Hallway” was a combination of Texas Rag and Bluegrass.

The Irish and Scottish settled in Appalachia. Serafina’s Appalachian set included “Yew Piney Mountain, “Candygirl”, and Shelving Rack.” Cape Breton music is performed on a variety of instruments and includes jigs, reels, marches, strathspeys, clogs (hornpipes), and slow airs. Her Cape Breton set included “My Cape Breton Home”, “Stan Chapman's”, and “Brenda Stubbert's.” Irish and Scottish people also settled in Canada. Did you know that Nova Scotia means “New Scotland?” Serafina’s Quebecois set included “Reel St. Antoine”, “Dad's Reel”, and “Son of a Bear.” Serafina likes “old-time music” including Bluegrass. Her Bluegrass tune was the very popular “Beaumont Rag.” Then Serafina surprised us by playing a set of her original music: “Lonesome Lament”, “Flittering Dragonfly”, and “Fiddler on the Farm.” I especially enjoyed her original music because it has that balance of familiarity with surprises intermingled.

Fina is fast on her fiddle and flawless! We are honored that she was our guest musician for Youth Worship on April 23.



Max Brown is an amazing talent. He traveled from Delaware to be with us. He is sooo talented that he competes in fiddle contests as an adult and places in the top 10. He is comfortable on stage, has a super sense of humor, and a personality you can see a mile away! He has a very athletic style of playing where the bow bounces off the strings like 5 years olds jumping on the bed!

It is said that John Durang could dance a jig on raw eggs while blindfolded. Max played Durang’s

Hornpipe and invited any of us to give it a try. (Thank goodness there were no eggs to be found in the sanctuary.) Next, he played Clark Kessinger’s Red Bird, a favorite with fiddlers and with audiences. It was one of the tunes in which he added pizzicato (plucking the strings

rhythmically) to his techniques. The next tune was “The Hangman’s Reel” which has a very interesting story about a prisoner who tried to save him save by betting the hangman that he could play a fiddle tune. The Hangman tuned the fiddle to an unusual tuning and the prisoner made up a tune. We don’t know if he was spared or had a “suspended” sentence. Max invited his sister, River, to play, whom I suspect was about 4 years old. She played well and Max accompanied her well. On the first tune – Ashokan Farewell by Jay Ungar, he played fiddle, and he played the traditional “Red Haired Boy” on acoustic guitar. His final song was a lively Bill Monroe tune called “Pickin’ the Devils Eyes” in which he used more of the pizzicato technique.

Both of our young performers are worth a concert visit. They both may make an appearance at this year’s Kutztown Folk Festival. The final concert will be on the third Friday of May, the 19th, featuring the incredible Dave “Eastside” Kline. Arrive early to get a great seat!

GERANIUMS IN CHURCH

If you are interested in placing geraniums in the sanctuary for the May 28th service, please contact Barb at 610-683-3393 or at office@stpaulskutztown.org. She has the order forms with colors and prices.

Thank you in advance for adding to the beauty of the sanctuary!!



PRAYER LINKS

Prayer Links members are always actively praying so do not hesitate to ask for prayers. If you would like to add someone to the list, call the church office at 610-683-3393 or June Rung at 610-683-6563.

Acorn Chairlift Has Arrived!

We are excited to announce the arrival and installation of the Acorn Chairlift. In the picture above, John Keiser takes the maiden voyage in the chairlift. It was quite an undertaking, especially the permit process through the state.

We thank Joan Gangewere and family for generously donating Bobby's Memorial funds toward the project and Sharon Kozlowski and Kevin Smith and families for generously donating Merritt's Memorial funds toward the project, as well as The Finance Committee for generously providing unrestricted Memorial funds toward the project. We also thank Brian Beck and the Property Committee for their hard work in this endeavor and Consistory for approving the purchase of it.

We are in the process of creating instructional guides for the safe use of the chairlift that will be displayed on each floor of the stairwell. We will have a dedication of the chair once plans have been made and the memorial plaque has arrived.



ATTENTION—Exterior Doors To Be Locked During Worship

At their April 12th meeting, the Consistory unanimously voted to lock the exterior doors to the church when worship services begin effective **May 7th**. A Deacon will stand at the backdoor for 10 minutes after worship begins to allow late-comers to enter.

It is an uncomfortable truth that churches across the country and world have been victims of gun violence. And while this has not happened in Berks County – and we continue to pray that it will not occur. In light of gun violence at businesses close to home, Consistory wants to ensure the congregation's safety.

If you have any questions, please contact John Keiser.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Spiritual Council hosted the second annual World Day of Prayer Brunch. The theme was Taiwan, which is a very timely country to highlight due to increasing tensions between China and the world over Taiwan, which they would like to force into re-patriation.

The room was beautifully decorated with Taiwanese inspired red and gold with flower petals. The brunch featured sauteed dumplings, spring rolls, lemon dilled tilapia, Oolong tea, and two flavors of Boba also known as Bubble Tea – pineapple/orange/guava and oolong. For dessert we had Pineapple Upside-down Cake and cheesecake. We began with a prayer, enjoyed our brunch, and read the scripture for the day - Ephesians 1:15 before participating in a Bible Study. Judy was kind enough to play several hymns that were perfect for reflecting upon world peace, and the importance of each of us in the body of Christ.

Many thanks to those who helped to organize it and those who attended, including a member from another church. We look forward to next year's World Day of Prayer Brunch on Friday, May 1 at 11:00 AM with the theme of Palestine.



CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Caleb Moyer was selected Brandywine Heights High School Senior Student of the Month and honored by the Kutztown Rotary Club. Caleb is the son of Louise and Brian Moyer and will be attending Alvernia University in the Fall where he will pursue a Bachelor's degree in Nursing. **Congratulations, Caleb!**



Congrats, Major Brett Rocha!

Brett Rocha was promoted to Major on March 19. Congratulations and thank you for your faithful service to our country!



MAY 2023



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)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6 PM Yoga	2 7 PM Theology w/a Twist 7 PM Bible Study	3 5-6:30 PM Community Dinner	4 National Day of Prayer 6:15 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Voice Choir	5	6 10 AM Lords Supper @ St. Barnabas 8:30 AM Manna at Grace 9AM-1PM Button Club
7 Pastor Sunday 3 PM Rejoicing Spirits Worship	8 6 PM Yoga	9 11 AM Worship Mtg. 6:30 PM Spiritual Council	10 7 PM Consistory	11 6:15 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Voice Choir	12	13 9 AM Prayer Walk 9:30 AM Yoga
14 Music Sunday Mother's Day	15 6 PM Yoga 6:30 PM Fellowship 7 PM Misions 7 PM Property	16 Municipal Primary Elections 6:30 PM Pastoral Re- lations 7 PM Bible Study	17 10 AM—Noon Young at Heart Seniors 2-8:30 PM H &H Quilters	18 3 PM Ascension Day Service	19 7:30 PM KFMS Con- cert—East Side Dave Flower Order Due	20 Relay for Life Bowers 9 AM—10 PM Crafting 9:30 AM Yoga
21 Pastor Vacation LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL/PARTY 9-10 am Marian Gehman Ventriloquist Show Rev. Sara Hertzog, Guest Pastor	22 6 PM Yoga Pastor Vacation	23 Pastor Vacation	24 Pastor Vacation	25 Pastor Vacation	26 Pastor's Day Off	27 Pastor's Day off 9:30 AM Yoga
28 Pentecost Communion Fellowship After Worship Mike Feeney Guest Speaker Geraniums in Sanctuary	29 6 PM Yoga	30	31			

WORSHIP SCHEDULE	May 7, 2023	May 14, 2023	May 21, 2023	May 28, 2023
	Fifth Sunday of Easter	Sixth Sunday of Easter	Seventh Sunday of Easter	Pentecost Sunday
Daily Devotions	Acts 7:55-60	Acts 17:22-31	Acts 1:6-14	Acts 2:1-21
	Psaln 31:1-5,15-16	Psaln 66:8-20	Psaln 68:1-10, 32-35	Psaln 104:24-34, 35b
	John 14:1-14	John 14:15-21	John 17:1-1	John 20:19-23
Fellowship/Events	Rejoicing Spirits@ 3:00 PM		Last Day of Sunday School Party	Geraniums in the Sanctuary
		Ascension Day - May 18th @ 3:00 PM	Volunteer Deacons needed for Ascension Day	
Worship Leaders	Daryn Keim	Rodney Barrell	Karen Rhode	Denise Keim
Deacons	Cindy Swan	Gregg Hartman	Tom Lenich	Cindy Swan
	Ethel DeMatteo-Beck	Sandi Madeira	Denise Keim	Ethel DeMatteo-Beck
	Steve Leinbach	Erin Webb	Daryn Keim	Steve Leinbach
Flowers-Center	David & June Rung			
	In honor of our wedding anniversary			
Flowers-Sides		John & Marcia Keiser		
		In honor of our 66th wedding anniversary		
Bulletins	Sandy Fenstermacher	John & Marcia Keiser	Erin Webb	John & Priscilla Farber
	In honor of Emory	In honor of our 66th wedding anniversary	In memory of Gloria Webb	In celebration of our 63rd anniversary

JUNE 2023

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



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	3	3 8:30 AM Manna at Grace Church
4 3 PM Rejoicing Spirits Worship	5 6 PM Yoga	6 7 PM Bible Study	7	8	9	10 9 AM Prayer Walk 9:30 AM Yoga
11 Wedding Sunday	12 6 PM Yoga	13 11 AM Worship Mtg. 7 PM Finance	14 7 PM Consistory	15 PULSE DEADLINE 7 PM Grace Notes Con- cert in the Park	16	17 9 AM—10 PM Crafting 9::30 AM Yoga
18 Father's Day	19 6 PM Yoga 6:30 PM Fellowship 7 PM Missions 7 PM Property	20 2:15 PM Prayer Links 7 PM Bible Study	21 10 AM—Noon Young at Heart Seniors 2-8:30 PM H & H Quilters	22	23	24 9:30 AM Yoga
25 Outdoor Worship & Picnic at Wessner's Grove	26 6 PM Yoga	27 6:30 PM Personnel Mtg.	28	29 Pastor Kim—General Synod Meeting	30 Pastor Kim—General Synod Meeting	

WORSHIP SCHEDULE	June 4, 2023	June 11, 2023	June 18, 2023	June 25, 2023
	Trinity Sunday	Second Sunday of Pentecost	Third Sunday of Pentecost	Fourth Sunday of Pentecost
Daily Devotions	Genesis 1:1-2:4a	Genesis 12:1-9	Genesis 18:1-15	Genesis 21:8-21
	Psalms 8	Psalms 33:1-12	Exodus 19:2-8a	Psalms 86:1-10, 16-17
	Matthew 28:16-20	Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26	Matthew 9:35-10:8	Matthew 10:24-39
Fellowship/Events	Rejoicing Spirits @3:00 PM	Wedding Sunday	Fathers' Day	Outdoor Worship & Picnic at Wessner's Grove
Worship Leaders	Kathy Landis	Donna Sheaffer	Ethel DeMatteo-Beck	Carl Mantz
Deacons	Gregg Hartman	Tom Lenich	Cindy Swan	Gregg Hartman
	Sandi Madeira	Denise Keim	Ethel DeMatteo-Beck	Sandi Madeira
	Erin Webb	Daryn Keim	Steve Leinbach	Erin Webb
Flowers-Center	David Rung	Brian & Ethel Beck	Gregg, Karen & Gary	
	In honor of June's birthday	In memory of our fathers	In honor of our parents, Joe & Shirley's	
		Wilmer Beck & Buck Wentz	70th wedding anniversary	
Flowers-Sides				
Bulletins				Pastor Kim
				In honor of my son Jeremy's birthday

My Favorite Hymn

When I asked Donna Sheaffer what her favorite hymns was, I got the response that I expected, “Oh, I have so many hymns that I like.” But she was able to narrow down her list of favorites to two related hymns. “He Lives,” #368 and “Because He Lives,” #358 in our hymnal.

These are Donna’s thoughts about “Because He Lives.” “A number of years ago my great-niece, Kristen, was born. Because we knew ahead of time she would have a very short life, many family members gathered at the hospital. We were honored to have the opportunity to hold and cuddle this precious child. (She actually lived five days, which was longer than expected.)”

One of the hymns at the funeral was “Because He Lives.” The second verse goes like this.

“How sweet to hold a newborn baby, And feel the pride and joy (s)he gives;
But sweeter still the calm assurance: This child can face uncertain days because He lives.

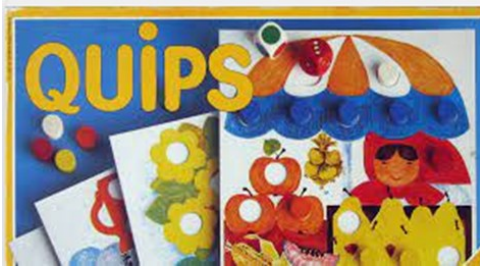
Because he lives, I can face tomorrow. Because he lives, all fear is gone. Because I know He holds the future, and life is worth the living just because He lives.”

Obviously, there was not a dry eye to be seen. And all these years later, I am still touched by the hymn. “Because He Lives,” first released in 1971, is one of the more than 700 hymns written by Bill and Gloria Gaither. As believers we know that whatever happens, we are not alone.

Donna’s second choice is “He Lives” which includes the following words:

“I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today;
I know that He is living, whatever men may say.
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,
And just the time I need Him He's always near.
He lives, He lives! Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives, He lives! Salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives?
He lives within my heart.”

“Wow! What a powerful message for Christians AND non-Christians!” says Donna. The music and the text for “He Lives” were written by Alfred H. Ackley (1887-1960) and were copyrighted in 1933. Based on Luke 24:5, it remains a popular Christian hymn and is not delegated to a particular denomination.



Colin's Quips By Colin Heffley

- 1. What do you call a magic dog? A labracadabrador**
- 2. What do you call a bear without teeth? A gummy bear**
- 3. Why did it get so hot in the baseball stadium after the game? All the fans left.**
- 4. Want to hear a construction joke? Oh, never mind, I'm still working on that one.**
- 5. What do you call a fake noodle? An impasta.**

Rejoicing Spirits of Eastern Berks County

April 2nd was our Rejoicing Spirits worship service with thirty-five people in attendance, including 7 Rejoicers. Using the flannel board, Pastor Sue and Pastor Chris delivered the message - A Walk Through Holy Week. Pastor Jim Schlegel accompanied the joyous voices.

This ministry has been blessed with wonderful volunteers, many of them from St. Paul's! Our volunteers help with set-up, clean-up, crafts, snacks, service presentation, and moral support when I get overwhelmed! Several of our church members join us monthly to hear the Word and praise God!

We also had a table at the Transition Expo on April 13th. It was held at the Berks County Intermediate Unit by the Berks County Transition Coordinating Council. Agencies and service providers were there to share information, especially for individuals who will be exiting the school system in the near future. A very special thanks to Keith and Shirley Leinbach for attending with me.

Rejoicing Spirits gathers the first Sunday of each month at 3:00 PM. Please join us for this fun, fast, faith-filled worship experience.

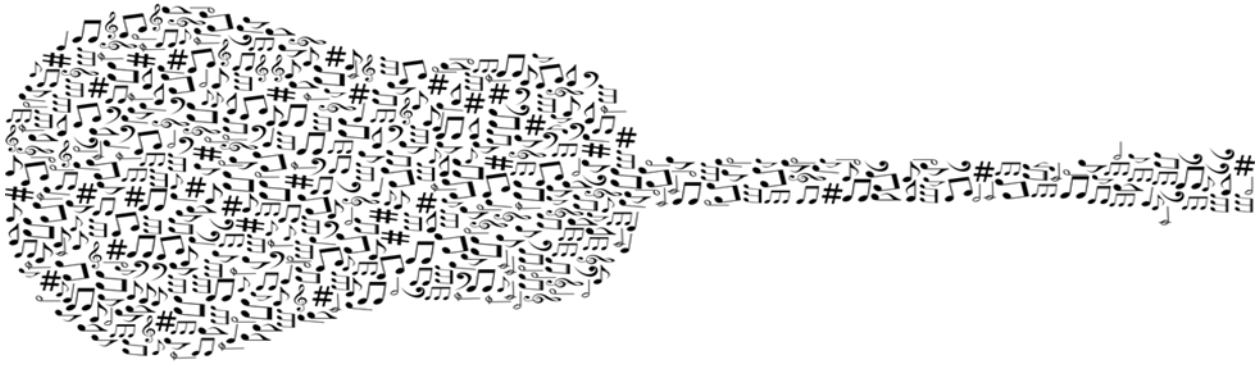
Respectfully submitted,
Erin Webb, Co-chair of Rejoicing Spirits of Eastern Berks County

THANK YOU!

Lions Club President Matt Dietrich presented John Keiser with an award for 52 years of volunteering with the Kutztown Lions Club.

Thank you, John, for your commitment and dedication to the Lions Club, our church, and our community.





Kutztown Folk Music Society

Second Friday of each month 7:30 PM

May Concert: 3rd Friday this time ! May 19:

East Side Dave - Dave Kline, hosts a nationally syndicated radio show and interviewed many famous people such as Dolly Parton, columnist for the Reading Eagle, Main Stage Manager/Performer for Kutztown Folk Festival, prolific recording artist.

\$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

PennWest Clarion University Concert Choir



On St. Patrick's Day we were honored to host a concert of the incredibly talented PennWest Clarion University Concert Choir. They were supposed to perform in 2020, but Covid delayed their arrival. We were pleased and proud that they invited our own Hannah Reed to perform with them as she would have in 2020. They sang at the National Cathedral the day before and at the Capitol Rotunda on St. Patrick's morning before driving East - instead of West toward home to be with us.

Women's Guild treated the choir, their director, and chaperones to a homecooked feast prior to the concert and served refreshments to the choir and those who attended the concert afterward.

Most of the music was sung acapella and it was harmonic perfection. They began with "Sitivit Anima Mea" by Richard Burchard, then "Lux Aurumque" by Eric Whitacre, followed by Heilig (meaning Sacred or Holy) by Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy. Then they sang "O vos omnes" by Pau Casals, then the beautiful Silesian folk tune "Beautiful Savior" by F. Melius Christiansen. The Women's Quartet sang the lovely "Day is Breaking." Keeping with a spiritual theme, the entire choir sang "My Soul's Been Anchored in the Lord" by Moses Hogan, followed by the contemporary "Spiritual" by Ysaye Barnwell. One of my favorite pieces was "Even When He is Silent" by Kim Andre' Arnesen which gave each of us pause to reflect on belief in God in the difficult moments in our lives.

Another particularly moving selection was "Dear Enemies" by Anders Edenroth, which was composed for the choir to honor the Llangollen Eisteddfod choir competition which was instituted in 1947 to bring healing and reconciliation at the end of World War II. In 1949 a German choir participated in the festival. They were welcomed at the train station by the Welsh people and when the German choir took the stage they were introduced as "friends." There was not a dry eye at the concert in 1949 and there was not a dry eye in our sanctuary.

They switched gears to George Gershwin's "Embraceable You," followed by Rachmaninoff's "Bogoroditse Devo" which is not the "usual" Rachmaninoff. They followed with Kirby Shaw's arrangement of Paul Simon's "Bridge Over Troubled Water," which seemed to resonate with military conflicts that plague our world.

The men serenaded us with an acapella version of the classic "Sh-Boom." The ladies sat in the pews and sang along with them. They followed up with a fun piece in a language created by Jake Runestad called "Nyon Nyon."

The Choir will be traveling to London and Llangollen Eisteddfod for a 6-day performing tour and will conclude with competing in the Eisteddfod International Choral Competition in Wales.

If you wish to contribute to their tour, please contact Barbara in the church office for more information.



In Loving Memory



Elaine A. (Schadler) Seaman, 90 of Kutztown, died March 3, 2023, in Heather Glen Senior Living, Allentown, surrounded by her family. She was the widow of Lawrence S. Seaman, who died February 2, 2007. Elaine was very active member of St. Paul's UCC, assisting with many of the cooking and baking projects of the church. Elaine was employed as a Parking Enforcement Officer and Crossing Guard by the Borough of Kutztown, until her retirement.



Bruce D. Werley, 82, of Kutztown, passed away on Monday, March 27, 2023, in Lehigh Valley Inpatient Hospice, Allentown, after complications from a fall he had while visiting Punta Cana for his and his wife's 30th wedding anniversary in January. He was the loving husband of Karen R. (Kunkel) Werley whom he married on January 26, 1993. A 1958 graduate of Kutztown Area High School, Bruce honorably and faithfully served his country in the United States Navy. After his military service he worked for Bethlehem Steel and the U.S. Postal Service, retiring in November 1998. Bruce was an avid golfer and was a member of the East Penn Golf League for 42 years as well as Rich Maiden for 25 years. He also coached Little League and was a member and past President of Kutztown Lions Club.



Anna E. (Kline) Hartman, 74, of Saucony Cross, Kutztown, passed away on Monday, April 10, 2023 in Willow Brook Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center, Kutztown, where she was a resident for the past year. Anna was employed as a Cashier by Giant working at their Reading location for several years. Anna enjoyed crocheting. She is survived by her son, Harold R., husband of Cindy L. (Pensinger) Schlegel, Topton; granddaughter, Mackenzie Rose Schlegel; brother, Ronald L. Kline, Shoemakersville; and sisters, Lucy C. (DiCamillo) Kramer, Temple, and Donna M. (DiCamillo), wife of Daniel L. Hill, Shoemakersville.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR MAY

May 3rd
Community Dinner -5:00—6:30 PM

May 7th
Rejoicing Spirits Worship—3PM

May 13th
Prayer Walk—9AM

May 14th
Mother's Day—Music Sunday

May 17th
Young at Heart Seniors—10AM

May 18th
Ascension Day Service—3PM

May 19th
KFMS Concert—East Side Dave—7:30 PM

May 20th
Relay for Life—Bowers Park— 10AM

May 21st
Last day of SS -Marian Gehman Ventriloquist
Sarah Hertzog—Guest Pastor

May 28th
Pentecost Communion—Michael Feeney—Guest Speaker
Fellowship Hour after Worship

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR JUNE

June 4
Rejoicing Spirits Worship—3PM

June 10th
Prayer Walk—9AM

June 11th
Wedding Sunday

June 15th
Grace Notes Concert at Park—7PM

June 18th
Father's Day

June 21st
Young at Heart Seniors—10AM
Olde Time Radio Show—Young at Heart Players

June 25th
Worship and Picnic at Wessner's Grove