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"I will give the Morning Star." Revelation 2:28

As with all seasons, spring is a season of change. It's a time to appreciate the lengthening of days, warmer temperatures, and new growth. It's a time of resurrection and renewal. Also, as the saying goes, "April showers bring May flowers."

Let this season of rebirth and renewal find you faithful and strong.

I hope everyone enjoyed the Lenten Study series and found it meaningful. The theme was "The Bible in Song" (The Faith We Sing). Behind all we sing is a story—a story layered with circumstances and events, inspiration and insight, joy and struggle. These stories literally cross the centuries as we continue to write our own stories.

Hymns and anthems are an important part of worship. They incorporate the Biblical witness with life experience and faith, often poetically along with music that uplifts us heart and soul. The hymns of faith also challenge us to action as we engage with each other, our neighbors and the wider world.

Please review the series or visit your emails for the first time to benefit from the hymns. You will gain fresh insight into the lyrics along with the hymn stories and scriptures included.

Let us sing the faith together. Let this season find you regularly in weekly worship.

As Easter arrives and the season of Eastertide follows, use this time to let new life spring up within you. Whether that is by revisiting New Year's resolutions you laid aside, continuing the Lenten disciplines you chose to practice, or through good, healthy choices, let yourself be invigorated. Let the Morning Star rise within you. Let the Risen Christ walk beside you. Serve God and the church with delight.

"Until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts" 2 Peter 1:19

I am gratefully your pastor, Jim

April Lectionary

April 2

Palm/Passion Sunday Sixth Sunday in Lent

Liturgy of the Palms

Matthew 21:1–11 Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29

Liturgy of the Passion

Isaiah 50:4–9a Psalm 31:9–16 Philippians 2:5–11 Matthew 26:14—27:66 or Matthew 27:11–54

April 3 Monday of Holy Week

Isaiah 42:1–9 Psalm 36:5–11 Hebrews 9:11–15 John 12:1–11

April 4

Tuesday of Holy Week

Isaiah 49:1–7 Psalm 71:1–14 1 Corinthians 1:18–31 John 12:20–36

April 5 Wednesday of Holy Week

Isaiah 50:4–9a Psalm 70 Hebrews 12:1–3 John 13:21–32

April 6 Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12:1–4 [5–10] 11–14 Psalm 116:1–2, 12–19 1 Corinthians 11:23–26 John 13:1–17, 31b–35

April 7 Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13—53:12 Psalm 22 Hebrews 10:16–25 or Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9 John 18:1—19:42



April 9 Resurrection of the Lord Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34–43 or Jeremiah 31:1–6 Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24 Colossians 3:1–4 or Acts 10:34–43 John 20:1–18 or Matthew 28:1–10

April 16 Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 2: 14a, 22-32 Psalm 16 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31

April 23 Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36–41 Psalm 116:1–4, 12–19 1 Peter 1:17–23 Luke 24:13–35

April 30 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42–47 Psalm 23 1 Peter 2:19–25 John 10:1–10

April Prayer Families

April 2
David, Bethany, Deanna &
William Yuninger

April 9
Harold & Dianne Yuninger

April 16 Lucy W. Ames

April 23
Donald & Beatrice Andrews

April 30 Mark & Barbara Andrews

Flowers for the Church

If you wish to purchase flowers for the sanctuary in memory of or in honor of



someone or a special occasion, Sunday, **April 30** is available

Trustee Notes

The Trustees are probably going to go to this offering envelope which will be in the pews every Sunday. The boxed envelopes are getting so expensive and less people use them, it is like throwing money away. We can save hundreds if we switch. I feel you can put your envelope number on this new envelope or in the space for your name. There will still be a giving statement at the end of the year. Please give the trustees your feedback. We should order these envelopes within the next 30 days, so please let us know. Thank you.

Dave Berkhimer



Session Snippets

The Session met March 16 and took the following actions:

Concurred with the Trustees's hiring of Donald Fieldsa as our Indoor Sexton

Approved changing the date of the June Community Meal to June 29

Scheduled the next Session meeting May 11

Worship Committee

As the Lenten Season draws to an end, the Worship Committee would like to thank those who participated in our Lenten study: The Bible As Song. We were nourished by both physical and spiritual bread as we gathered around tables in Fellowship Hall. We especially thank Rev. Shuler for his moving and informative Lenten hymn study and Brit Kilbourne for the delicious homemade bread he provided for us.



Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday Worship April 2. Come and be blessed with the joyous Hosannas which will ring out before the darkness of the rest of the week descends.

Maundy Thursday Communion will be celebrated April 6 at 7:00 p.m. as we remember the Upper Room, the Garden of Gethsemane, and the Betrayal.



Then Good Friday from noon until 1:00 p.m. the sanctuary will be open for your prayer and meditation as you listen to the Word and sacred music.

Easter morning begins at 6:30 a.m. as we gather in the Old Leacock Courtyard around a fire to celebrate the Resurrection. Breakfast at Paradise precedes our 9:30 a.m. Service of the Resurrection. Join us for this glorious day.

Pastor Jim will be taking a much needed vacation on April 16, and we welcome Rev. J. Nering Huete, H.R., to the pulpit. He has been worshipping with us for the past few months, and we look forward to his leadership in worship.

Notes from the Congregation

Dear Prayer Shawl Knitters,

Just thinking about your kindness brings a smile. Thank you so much. John Shenk

Geraldine Hess wants everyone to know how much she misses them!



Our Lenten Calendar

April 2
Palm Sunday
Worship 9:30 a.m.

April 6
Maundy Thursday
Worship and Communion 7:00 p.m.

April 7
Good Friday
Worship (drop-in) - noon to 1:00 p.m.

April 9
Easter Sunday
Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed
6:30 a.m. Easter Dawn Old Leacock
8:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast in Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m. Service of the Resurrection

CCL Committee



There will be an *Easter Morning Breakfas*t after the sunrise service and before the 9:30 am service. The time frame is 8:00 to 9:00 am - in the Fellowship hall.

The CCL Committee will provide a variety of tasty egg casseroles, juice and coffee. Those planning to come, please bring a dessert like fruit or coffee cake to share.

MISSION COMMITTEE

We have received a very nice note from Church World Service Blanket Program thanking us for our donation of \$320. As was stated in the letter, "as families and communities around the world recover from emergencies and struggle in the face of unprecedented challenges, you are standing with them. Now more than ever, we are so grateful for your generous support." The mission committee would also like to extend our appreciation for the generous support of this endeavor.

Our next **Community Meal** will be held in our Smith Fellowship Hall at 5:30 on Thursday, April 27th, 2023. The menu will be chicken and waffles, broccoli/cauliflower, applesauce, and desserts. The sign up sheets for help setting up, serving, and cleaning up and also for food donations will be in the narthex by Sunday, April 16th.

April is one of the two times a year when we collect clean, gently used clothing for the Lancaster Clothing Bank. Please no underwear. However they do need underwear very badly. Please feel free to buy some new underwear and leave it in its original packaging to donate it. They need any sizes of children's, women's, and men's underwear. Just place your donated items in the narthex and we will see that it all gets to the clothing bank.

Thank you for your support
The Mission Committee

A Word from the Deacons

April is a busy month for birthdays. Please see the At-Home Member list on the next page for addresses This month we celebrate with:

Arlene Brackbill - April 5 Alba Buck - April 14 Millie Young - April 15

We thank all of you who have generously provided food for those recovering from surgery. We also have gotten words of appreciation for the notes and cards you send.



We will be delivering Easter plants to our At-home members this month as we continue our mission to help them feel connected to our Leacock family. Address sheets can also be found at the back of the sanctuary if you care to send Easter greetings.

We will be discussing the renewal of our Upper Room devotional magazine and would find your feedback helpful. Please contact Karen Homsher or Debbie Sindall regarding your thoughts. Do you use it? If so, do you like it? Do you use or recommend a similar magazine such as Daily Bread or Guideposts?

Please remember our At-Home Members this Easter



Lucy Ames Lancashire Hall Rm. #311A 2829 Lititz Pike Lancaster, PA 17601 717-569-3211 Birthday: **August 12**

William Berkhimer 1614 Bentley Ridge Blvd. Lancaster, PA 17602 293-8782 Birthday: **January 9**

Alba Buck 14 Cherry Hill Rd. Ronks, PA 17572 717-687-8607 Birthday: **April 14**

Dorothy Buckwalter 52 Circle Dr. Apt. 201 Lititz, PA 17543 717-687-6566 Birthday: **November 14**

Arlene Brackbill Rm. #513A
Pleasant View Retirement
Community
544 N. Penryn Rd.
Manheim, PA 17545
Birthday: **April 5**

Betty Denlinger Apt. 320 4 Conestoga Dr. Lititz, PA 17543 Birthday: **November 22** Geraldine Hess 600 E. Roseville Rd., Apt. 1209 Lancaster, PA 17601 717-358-9611 Birthday: **May 23**

Miriam Latshaw 1520 Harrisburg Pike Lancaster, PA 17601 717-490-8610 Birthday: **February 28**

Virginia Stauffer Mountain View Apt. B20 433 So. Kinzer Ave. New Holland, PA 17557 717-629-8852 Birthday: **July 22**

Jane Witmer 378 Yellow Hill Drive Narvon, PA 17555 717-333-8475 Birthday: **September 26**

Mildred Young Rm. 207 Wilbur Square Luther Acres Manor 400 St. Luke Drive Lititz, PA 17543 717-626-1171 ext.1300 Birthday: **April 15**

Ushers:

April - Mary Alice High and John Shenk

May - Elaine and Joe Gouba June - Mike and Alba Ruhl

Our Mission Statement

"Building on our heritage, led by the Spirit, committed to Christ

We welcome our neighbors to share in this family of God."



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