



CHRIST'S UNITED'S NEWS & VIEWS

APRIL 2017

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS

NOW WHERE ARE WE TO FIND HIM?

“But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb...” In Luke’s Gospel, the writer simply informs the reader that “they” went to Jesus’ burial tomb. The reader may surmise that the “they” refers to the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee and had seen his body lain in the tomb. These women then prepared spices and ointments for Jesus’ deceased body. But upon return to the tomb, they found the stone rolled away and upon entering the tomb they found no body. What would they have thought? Was there some trickery involved? Had there been vandals? Perplexed and frightened, the women were greeted by two strangers who asked them why they would be seeking “the living among the dead.” Could they have thought that these two strangers might have something to do with Jesus’ disappearance? These strangers called upon the women to recall a time in Galilee when Jesus indicated that he would be crucified but “on the third day rise.” How would have these strangers known that? Were they also followers of Jesus? Everything seemed so mysterious.

How were these women, faithful followers of Jesus, to process such information? They had just recently witnessed the suffering and death of their beloved Jesus. So much was happening so quickly. Maybe they were still in a state of shock and were not capable of thinking clearly. Was fear clouding their understanding? What could these strangers have meant by “the living among the dead?” Surely, they had witnessed Jesus’ last breath. How was any truth to be sorted out from what they had seen and heard?

And then, the writer of Luke's Gospel simply informs the reader that "they remembered his words." Remembered what words? What had Jesus said to them? Did they remember a prediction of Jesus' death and resurrection? Did this remembrance fill them with belief and hope? Whatever they had been feeling, again the writer of Luke's Gospel shares, these women returned to tell others, including the disciples, what they had seen and heard. How did these women share such news? Were they excited or fearful, jubilant or unsure? Whatever the case, their audience heard their story as an "idle tale" and did not believe them, at least, for a certain period of time.

But two millennia later, stories are still being told that Jesus' body is not to be found in a tomb for he has been raised from the dead and he lives! How we are indebted to these women who spoke the truth and persisted even in the midst of others' doubts and disbelief. Not only do we bear witness to Jesus' resurrection, for we also live in the continuity of the hope displayed by these women, some who are identified as Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Joanna in Luke's Gospel. Jesus lives! And we believe! Easter faith lives on!

As Easter people, we carry on the promise of God the Father. Because Jesus lives, we live in the hope of resurrection and the restoration of all things. But our Easter faith also bears witness to Jesus' living presence in our world today. Our faith directs us to resurrection hope as well as to recognize Jesus' living presence in our daily living. If we are to tell others that Jesus is not just a memory brought to us from the distant past but a living presence for us today, how will we respond to others' inquiries of where this Jesus may be found in our time and place?

If we say that Jesus overcame death upon a cross and now lives, where might we tell others where he may be found? Is Jesus in heaven? Is Jesus present on earth? Is Jesus with believers? Is Jesus to be found in the church? Is Jesus with people in their time of need? Is Jesus in places, holy and righteous? Is Jesus in places, hellish and filled with terror and fear? Is Jesus in our hearts? Is Jesus with doubters and unbelievers? Is Jesus in the faces of our neighbors? Is Jesus in the faces of our enemies? Is Jesus where we want him to be? Is Jesus where God the Father wants him to be?

Are we able, by our faith, to direct others to experience Jesus' presence in their lives regardless of whatever it is they are saying or doing? Are we able to help others see Jesus' presence in our own words and actions? Are we able to reveal Jesus' presence through the plethora of choices we make each and every day?

The impact of Jesus' resurrection bears upon the promise of our own resurrection. But as importantly, Jesus' resurrection impacts the way we are called to live now, in faith and with others. Easter directs us away from an empty tomb back into a busy world filled with Jesus' presence, a presence of forgiveness, mercy, grace and love. For where there is love, Jesus will be seen.

--Pastor John



LENT & EASTER SERVICES

Palm Sunday, April 9

9:00 a.m. Worship Service @ Christ's United

10:15 a.m. Sunday School @ Christ's United

Maundy Thursday, April 13

6:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Meal & Service @ Christ's United

Good Friday, April 14

7:00 p.m. Worship @ First Lutheran

Easter Sunday, April 16

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service @ First Lutheran

9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast @ Christ's United

10:30 a.m. – Festival of the Resurrection @ Christ's United

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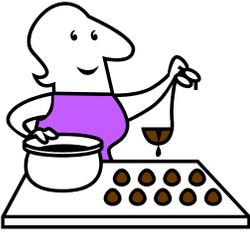
April 5 – 6:00 p.m.

Host Church – Christ's United

Speaker – Pastor John Yost

Menu – Spaghetti

EASTER EGGS



We will be making for two more weeks ...**April 3 and April 10...** provided we have enough help.

Eggs will be mixed and shaped starting at **9:00 a.m.** each Monday morning and coating and packaging will begin each Monday evening at **6:00 p.m.** This is a great fundraiser for the church and much help is needed both at 9:00 a.m. and at 6:00 p.m. to make this project successful. The more help we have, the quicker we will get done. Mark your calendars NOW and please plan to come out and help make these popular treats.

Order forms are available on the table outside of the sanctuary for anyone willing to take orders from relatives, friends or co-workers. If you would like to order just a few eggs, there are weekly order forms on the bulletin board outside of the sanctuary. Just sign up for the week you would like your eggs.

PLEASE NOTE: Orders not in the church kitchen by NOON on Sunday will be filled last (if quantity permits). If you have any questions talk to Bev Catherman.

EASTER EGG HUNT



There will be a children's Easter Egg Hunt during Children's Sunday School during the **April 9**, Palm Sunday worship service.

There are plastic eggs available in the hallway for you to take home and fill and return them for the egg hunt.

If you want to know more, talk to Teresa Shuck.

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*I think of the garden after the rain;  
And hope to my heart comes singing,  
At morn the cherry-blooms will be white,  
And the Easter bells be ringing!*

*~Edna Dean Proctor*

## ***DECORATING FOR EASTER***



Anyone interested in helping out with our decorating the sanctuary for Easter is invited to come to the church on **Saturday, April 15, at 9:30 a.m.**

If you have questions, talk to Barry Spangler.

## ***BIBLE STUDIES***



Bible studies resume on the regular schedule, with them taking place at Christ's United on the following dates:

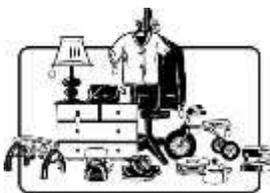
**10:30 A.M.**

**April 17  
April 24**

**7:00 P.M.**

**April 12  
April 19  
April 26**

## ***RUMMAGE SALE***



A rummage sale will take place at the church on **April 28 & 29** beginning at **8:00 a.m.** Set up will take place beginning at **5:00 p.m. on April 27.** A food stand will operate during sale hours. Help will be needed both to set up and on the day of the sale.

Those who wish to volunteer to help or have questions should contact Theresa Shuck.

Donations for the sale should be brought to the church starting the week before the sale. Put items for the yard sale in Room #15.

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A "religious awakening" is what takes place after the preacher ends the sermon.

BANQUET SCHEDULE



The banquets scheduled thus far for 2017 are:

Lenten Supper
April 5
6:00 p.m.

Union County Historical Society
April 20
6:00 p.m.

Help will be needed in both the dining room and kitchen. Watch the bulletin board across from the sanctuary for sign-up sheets for dining room help. If you are able to help in the kitchen, talk to Kim Blyler.

Cakes will also be needed for these banquets. If you are able to provide one or two, sign up on the attached form or talk to Darlene Ulrich. All help is greatly appreciated

2017 BANQUET CAKES

I will provide a cake(s) for the following banquet(s):
(Indicate number to be provided)

_____ **April 5**
6:00 p.m.
Lenten Supper

_____ **April 20**
6:00 p.m.
Historical Society

Signed _____ Telephone _____

A JELLY BEAN POEM

*Families are like jelly beans
Each one uniquely colored,
Some are red, some pink, some green
And some are even spotted!
Each one's flavor is all its own
Some tart, some sweet, some sweeter,
Some get scooped up right away
And some get saved for later.
But although each one's different
And some favored over others,
Put 'em all in a basket and
They all go great together!*



PEW BIBLES

We will be purchasing Bibles to replace the ones that are currently in the pew racks. If you are willing to purchase and/or donate in honor and/or in memory of someone, we will be accepting orders beginning today.

Description: New Revised Standard Version (NRSV); Published by Zondervan Publishing House; the Bibles are the complete text including subject headings; Printed on high quality Bible paper; Durable hardcover binding includes foil stamping; Red Hardcover; White page edging.

PEW BIBLE ORDER FORM

**Order Deadline:
Return with Payment to Margie Dunkle**

I would like to purchase

_____ Bibles for myself @ \$8.00 _____

_____ Bibles for the church @ \$8.00 _____

TOTAL _____

GIVEN BY _____

in memory of _____

in memory of _____

in honor of _____

in honor of _____

to the Glory of God _____



COUNCIL COMMUNIQUE

March 21, 2017

1. There will be a children's Easter egg hunt during Children Church, held during the April 9, Palm Sunday worship service.
2. Holy Week Services: The Buffalo Valley Lutheran Parish has set the following worship schedule and events for Holy Week.

April 13 - 6:00 p.m. - Maundy Thursday Meal & Service – Christ's United
April 14 - 7:00 p.m. - Good Friday Service - First Lutheran
April 16 - 6:30 a.m. - Early Easter Morning Sunday Service - First Lutheran
April 16 - 9:00 a.m. - Easter Morning Breakfast - Christ's United
April 16 - 10:30 a.m. - Later Easter Morning Sunday Service - Christ's United
3. Proceeds from the Easter Sunday Breakfast, held at our church on Sunday, April 16, beginning at 9:00 a.m. will go to help out Doug and Pearl Gemberling while Doug recovers from his work related accident. We are accepting cash and food donations (drinks, pancake mix, smoked and fresh sausage) for the breakfast.
4. There will be an indoor yard sale in the church fellowship hall on Saturday, April 22, starting at 8:00 a.m. Set up for the sale takes place during the evening of Friday, April 21.

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*"I was in the 6 or less express lane at the store, quietly fuming. Completely ignoring the sign, the woman ahead of me had slipped into the checkout line pushing a cart piled high with groceries. Imagine my delight when the cashier beckoned the woman to come forward, looked into her cart and asked sweetly, "So which six items would you like to buy?" Wouldn't it be great if that happened more often?!"*

*--Anonymous*



## ***TREASURER'S REPORT***

**As of FEBRUARY 28, 2017**

|                            | <u>Actual</u>    | <u>Budgeted</u> |
|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Income for month (4 weeks) | \$ 13,855.14     | \$ 11,503.08    |
| Expenses for month         | <u>17,595.69</u> | 11,503.07       |
| Difference                 | (\$ 3,740.55)    |                 |

|                               | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Budgeted</u> |
|-------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Income Year-to-Date (9 weeks) | \$ 28,647.16  | \$ 25,881.93    |
| Expenses Year-to-Date         | 32,537.06     | 25,881.93       |
| Difference                    | (\$ 3,889.90) |                 |

### **January Notes:**

Income includes \$5,495 per month from the Buffalo Valley Parish  
Expenses include \$4,200 per month to Buffalo Valley Parish

Budget is based on Sundays per month. February has 4 Sundays so Budgeted based on 4 Sundays.

(Jan. Apr. Jul, Oct, & Dec have 5 Sundays – all others have 4 Sundays)

Expenses in February were higher than planned and \$5,417.64 higher than last February.

Oil and electric were \$1,996.27 higher than last Feb. Supplies for upcoming banquets, pot pie supper, and Easter Eggs had expenses of \$1,335.62 with very little income realized. March will improve our financial picture with income from banquets, pot pie supper, and Easter Eggs.

Also important to note that contributions were down \$1,466.85 for Jan. & Feb. compared to the same period in 2016.

## Sources of Income:

|           |              |                                                  |
|-----------|--------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Offerings | \$ 17,654.22 | 62%                                              |
| BV Parish | 10,990.00    | 38%                                              |
| Banquets  | <u>2.94</u>  | due to expenses paid and income not yet realized |
| Others    |              |                                                  |
| Totals    | \$28,647.16  | 100%                                             |

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DAFFY DEFINITIONS

- **ABSCOND:** To move in mysterious way, commonly with the property of another.
- **ABSTRACT ART:** A product of the untalented, sold by the unprincipled to the utterly bewildered.
- **BROKE:** What happens when you let your yearning's get ahead of your earnings.
- **BUCCANEER:** What pirates pay for corn these days.
- **ACTOR:** A man who can walk to the side of a stage, peer in to the wings filled with dust, other actors, stagehands, old clothes and other claptrap, and say "What a lovely view there is from this window."
- **ACUPUNCTURE:** Waiting for a cure on pins and needles.
- **ADOLESCENCE:** period when children are certain they will never be as stupid as their parent
- **KARMA:** When you use the last of the toilet paper without replacing it and you are the next person to use the bathroom.
- **ADVERTISING:** The science of arresting the human intelligence long enough to get money from it
- **AFTER DINNER SPEAKER:** A person who has a few words to say, but seldom stops when he has said them.
- **AGING:** A supposed ripening into wisdom that most Westerners attempt to delay as long as possible.
- **COUNTERFEITERS** kown-ter-fit-ers: Workers who put together kitchen cabinets
- **AMERICAN:** On who gets mad when a foreigner curses the institutions he curses.
- **BURGLARIZE:** What a crook sees with.
- **EARLY MORNING MIST:** Walking into the bathroom while your sister's spraying her hair.
- **FILING CABINET:** Where things get lost alphabetically.
- **CAR THIEVES:** Non-traditional commuters
- **CONSCIENCE:** God's built-in warning system.
- **EXPERIENCE:** Something you don't get until just after you need it.
- **FUNNY PAPER:** The paper you read instead of going to church.
- **GOOD FRIEND:** A good friend is like a good bra. Hard to find, supportive, comfortable, and always close to the heart.
- **LAZINESS:** The overwhelming ambition to lead a quiet life.
- **GOOD OLD DAYS:** When a man looked for money in his pockets before having a suit cleaned
- **KISSING:** A means of getting two people so close together that they can't see anything wrong with each other.
- **KNEE:** a device for finding rocks in your garden.
- **LAWYER:** A learned gentleman who rescues your estate from your enemies and keeps it for himself.
- **TEACHER:** An individual charged with the responsibility of keeping a room full of live wires grounded.
- **LEFT BANK:** What the robber did when his bag was full of money.
- **OFFICE AUTOMATION:** The use of computers to improve efficiency in the office by removing anyone you would want to talk with over coffee.
- **OIL:** The flammable liquid residue of fossilized prehistoric plants and beasts, found to be suitable for fueling engines and Middle East conflicts.
- **RAISIN:** Grape with a sunburn
- **RAMEN:** A gourmet meal for college students and others oppressed by debt.
- **TOMORROW:** A mystical land where you get all your stuff done.
- **TAX:** A fine for doing well.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

ALTAR FLOWERS

Dates still available to sponsor altar flowers are: **April 23, 30; May 14; July 16, 30; September 3; October 1, 22; November 26; December 3, 31.**

The cost of the flowers is \$35.00 per week and is payable to the church.

FREE ENERGY CREDIT

There is a free energy credit available to the church. If you want help to lower the church's electric bill, and save money on your own electric bill contact Greg Shuck for details.

COFFEE CANS NEEDED

We are in need of coffee cans to be used to send altar flowers home following a worship service. If you have any to spare, please drop them off at the kitchen or in the office.

VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

We are looking for volunteers to fill the following positions:

1. Baby News Correspondent

When a new baby is born to a member of the congregation, the responsibility of the baby news correspondent is to contact the family and get "vital statistics" and then write a short article for the newsletter. Talk to Margie if you would like to tackle this position.

2. Greeters, Lay Readers, Communion Assistants, Ushers and Sound System Operators.

Our list of people willing to do these jobs keeps dwindling. Will you help? Sign up

on the attached “volunteer form” and drop them on Margie’s desk or put them in the offering plate.

3. **Someone** to sharpen pencils and replenish communion cards and comment cards in the sanctuary.

COMMUNIONS

Communion for all confirmed members must be recorded in the parish register annually. If you do not commune on a regular basis, we ask that you fill out a communion record card (one per year is all we need) so we know you have communed. The cards are located in the racks on the back of the pews. Cards may be put in the offering plate or handed to an usher.

MEMORABILIA

The following memorabilia items are still available for anyone interested in purchasing anything:

Wooden Miniatures of the Church - \$10.00
Church Prints - \$20.00
Blankets - \$10.00
Christmas Cards - \$10.00
12 cards per box feature a winter picture of the church

Talk to Bev Catherman if you have questions about, or would like to purchase, any of these items.

INFORMANTS WANTED

We like to publish news about our members in the newsletter, but we need your help to do so. If you know of interesting information about any of our members (youth or adult), i.e. an award or recognition, a funny tale or exciting adventure, please let Margie know about it so we can include it in an issue of Christ’s United’s News & Views.

HAVE A FAVORITE HYMN?

Over the past few years, some of you have been requesting favorite hymns and gospel songs and for that we give many thanks. Because of U.S. copyright laws, we do not have permission to reproduce or copy all of our favorites. You may choose selections from the following hymnals: Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW), Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW) and With One Voice (WOV). We are also permitted to use hymns that

are in the "Public Domain". It's all very complicated. So, keep your suggestions coming and we will be happy to sort out and use all of your suggestions. Give any requests to Gary Hackenberg, Margie or Pastor John.

Hymn Request

SOCIAL/FELLOWSHIP REQUEST

If you have any ideas or suggestions for social/fellowship activities, drop a note on Margie's desk.

Social/Fellowship Events:

DO WE HAVE YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS?

If you have an e-mail address that you have never given to us or if it has changed, please fill out the following and drop it off on Margie's desk or give her a call.

Name _____

E-Mail Address _____

PRAYER CHAIN

The Prayer Chain is a group of men and women of Christ's United who pray for the concerns and requests of Christ's United's members and friends. Someone in need of prayer calls the church office and requests to be put on the Prayer Chain. Each member of the Prayer Chain then receives either a phone call or an email notifying them of a prayer request. The prayer chain member receiving the phone call then calls

one other person and so on down the list. Those notified by email do not have to pass it on.

Would you be willing to pray for someone in need? It is reassuring to know that you are supported by the prayers of others and not alone with your concern. If you would like to be a member of the Prayer Chain, fill out the following and put it in the offering plate or on Margie's desk.

Prayer Chain Calling List

I would like to be included on the prayer chain calling list.

Name _____

Telephone Number _____

BUILDING & GROUND NEEDS

Do you know of any physical problems (or potential problems) that should be addressed by our property committee? Your insight is important. Maybe you have seen something that no one else has noticed yet. You can talk to Pastor John, any council member or Margie if you know of something that needs attention, or fill out the following and put it on Margie's desk or in the offering plate.

Building & Ground Needs:

ONGOING COLLECTIONS

The Shriners

Can Tabs (give tabs to Maurice Clouser)

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*Persons thankful for little things are certain to be the ones with much to be thankful for.  
~Frank Clark*



## ***NEWS OF MEMBERS & FRIENDS***

### **Doug Gemberling Update**

(via e-mail from Pearl)

Doug is getting around slowly and doing some things here at home. He has been in therapy now twice a week since 7th February, and he is coming along slowly they say. He now has nerve damage so they have him on Lyrica for that twice a day. Yesterday (Thursday) he went to see his family doctor and they have increased the dose what he has to take to help more with the numbness and tingling in his feet and hands.

He also went to see the Orthopedic doctor at Geisinger on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>. The doctor did not seem to really care about him not being able to put his arm behind his back still, even though he has been in therapy a while now, so Dr. Ronco is sending him to Sun Orthopedic because we think he may have Rotor Cuff problems, so we are waiting to see them.

They are now saying 6-9 month for the healing of the shoulder to find out how much use he will have for life. His doctor also thinks he has whiplash as he cannot stand up straight without pain. They have also put him on a water pill as he is gaining water, his feet and ankles are swollen most of the time.

In the meantime he now has a hernia in his lower part of stomach, so he sees the surgeon on 29th to see when they will do surgery.

He tries to get out and about doing orders and stuff for Habitat still, we are trying to keep his mind busy, we do not want him to get depressed , once I know more I will keep you up to date.

We are VERY grateful for all the prayers.



Proceeds from the Easter Sunday Breakfast, held at our church on Sunday, April 16, beginning at 9:00 a.m. will go to help out Doug and Pearl Gemberling while Doug recovers from his work related accident.

## New Address

Al & Sue Pantaleo  
1 Millard Dr  
Annville Pa 17003

## Birthdays

### April

- |                                                       |                                        |
|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| 1 – Mike Flickinger<br>Joseph Zimmerman               | 20 – Dennis Boop<br>Matthew Zimmerman  |
| 4 – Steven Moyer                                      | 21 – Steve Krawec                      |
| 5 – Dylan Yost                                        | 22 – Doris Lukens (Mrs. Robert)        |
| 6 – Kiersten Klose (Ryan & Cortney)                   | 24 – Susan Wenner (Mrs. Stephen)       |
| 10 – Ellary Bunting (Eric & Brenna)<br>John Hosterman | 25 – Corrin Zechman                    |
| 13 – Isaac Marshall (Justin & Jodi)                   | 28 – Betty Goss<br>Al Pantaleo         |
| 18 – Courtney Veley                                   | 29 – Katherine Hassinger (Mrs. Eugene) |

## Anniversaries

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|-------------------------------|--------|
| 2 – Tom & Karen Watters       | (1977) |
| 6 – Steve & Susan Wenner      | (1974) |
| 21 – Greg & Teresa Shuck      | (1990) |
| 22 – Andrew & Daphne Clouser  | (1995) |
| 23 – Jason & Brandi Zimmerman | (2005) |
| 30 – Donald & Renda Shively   | (1977) |

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A man in a hurry taking his eight-year-old son to school made a turn at a red light where it was prohibited. "Uh-oh, I think I just made an illegal turn!" the man said. "It's okay, Dad," the boy said, "The police car right behind us did the same thing."



Remember In Thought and Prayer

Please help us keep our prayer list current by letting us know of any names that should be added or removed

Our Members

Gailyn & Jacki Baker
Jim & Florence Boop
Jean Buoy
Shirley Diehl
Doug & Pearl Gemberling
Vickie Kahler
Shirley Kerstetter

Isabel Kline
Bob Rantz
Alice Reitz
Teresa Shuck
Stacey Veley
Marie VonNeida
Mary Ellen VonNeida

Our Friends & Relatives

Karl Aikey
John Bowersox
Norm Brouse Jr
Louise Crichton
Aiden Fenderson
Adam Garman
Cyrus Gehringer
Ray Gessner
Megan Hackenberg
Robert Hibbs
Connie Karchner
Glen Kline
Norman Kline

Kegan Lahr
Rhilynd Lechinsky
Dennis Lucas
Tony Parker
Kaye Remsnyder
John Renninger
Linda Ruder
Bev Shreffler
Janison Sparks
Mark Troup
Russell Wise
David Wood

Our Shut-Ins

Jim & Florence Boop
Carolyn Bowersox
Barbara Grimooris
Shirley Kerstetter
Isabel Kline
Pat Korman
Betty Lauf

Eugene Phillips
Myron 'Mick' Sampsell
Richard Schnure
Marie VonNeida
Mary Ellen VonNeida
Connie Wagner
Caroline Wenrick

The Men and Women Serving In the Military

Adam Gemberling

Brandi Gemberling

SYNOD PRAYER REQUEST: Please keep in your prayers Crystal Bollinger, Authorized Lay Worship Leader, and her family. Their family farm suffered loss as their barn collapsed and several animals died. Bollinger serves the new United in Christ Lutheran Parish in Snyder/Juniata Counties. To read a news story about the incident, please visit <http://wnep.com/2017/03/20/melvin-the-ram-found-after-barn-collapses-under-heavy-snow/>

*In an effort to keep our prayer list up-to-date, we are going to clear the current list on a quarterly basis. New lists will begin in January, April, **July**, and October. If you want to continue an existing prayer request or have a new prayer concern, please contact Margie.*



FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

404 Market Street

Mifflinburg, PA 17844

Telephone 570-966-0266 - E-Mail: firstlu@dejazzd.com

Office Hours: Mon-Thurs, 9:00-2:00

Community Meal

The Community Meal Committee is looking for a few good folks to help serve meals on the first Saturday of each month. We begin preparing the meal at 9:00 and are usually done by 1:00. You can come for an hour or 2, or stay the whole time. We serve between 30 and 60 people each month. This is a great way to help reach out to our community. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Please Contact Libby Loss @ 966-1606 or Sue Jows @ 966-3644 if you can help.



355 Mt. Luther Lane, Mifflinburg, PA 17844
Telephone (570) 922-1587 Fax (570) 922-1118
E-mail: cml@campmountluther.org

GROW Writer's Retreat
April 5, 2017

Anyone wishing to come and write devotions for Camp Mount Luther's First Light Digital Devotions is welcome to join other writers on April 5, 2017. The retreat will be from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Evergreen Center. It will be a day of writing and sharing resources for devotional writing. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to the camp office at cml@campmountluther.org or 570-922-1587 before April 1, 2017.

Future Directions Meeting for Mount Luther
April 6, 2017 April 9, 2017 and April 23

The Camp Mount Luther Board of Directors has begun a process to look forward to the future of the synod's outdoor ministry and to build a vision and ministry plan to serve children, families, congregations and our greater community for generations to come. The board is holding several "cabin meetings" in various areas of the synod to talk about opportunities, challenges, and a new vision for Camp Mount Luther. At those meetings, the process will be outlined, questions will be answered, and the opportunity will be given for folks to fill out a survey to help the board as they plan for the future. Your advice and counsel are vital to the camp ministry's future. Please plan to attend and give your input. Meetings will be held April 6 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Bloomsburg; April 9 at 1:00 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, Lewistown; and April 23 at 4:00 p.m. at Camp Mount Luther, Mifflinburg.

Spring Open House
April 23, 2017
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Have you ever wanted to see Mount Luther's site and facilities? Do you miss camp and want to visit in the springtime? Are you interested in coming to camp this summer but want to get more information and see the place first? Well, this is your chance. The Camp Mount Luther Spring Open House will be held on Sunday, April 23, 2017, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. You can ask questions, tour camp, and see what it's like to be a

camper! First time campers who are not yet registered for the summer and who attend the event can get a \$25 discount on their summer registration! More details will be shared on their website at www.campmountluther.org!

Following the Open House (at 4:00 p.m.), there will be a future directions meeting at the camp. The Camp Mount Luther Board of Directors has begun a process to look forward to the future of the synod's outdoor ministry and to build a vision and ministry plan to serve children, families, congregations and our greater community for generations to come. The board is holding several "cabin meetings" in various areas of the synod to talk about opportunities, challenges, and a new vision for Camp Mount Luther. At those meetings, the process will be outlined, questions will be answered, and the opportunity will be given for folks to fill out a survey to help the board as they plan for the future. Your advice and counsel are vital to the camp ministry's future. Please plan to attend and give your input.

Golf Tournament

May 8

11:00 am – 6:00 pm

The annual Bishop Open's Golf Classic is set for May 8, 2017, beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the Susquehanna Valley Country Club in Shamokin Dam. The tournament benefits Camp Mount Luther and the camp's annual fund. A flyer/bulletin insert containing information and registration form is available here:

<http://www.campmountluther.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/2017-Golf-Tournament-Flyer.pdf>. The camp's golf tournament committee is currently looking for hole sponsors, door prize sponsors, silent auction items, and golfers. If you can help, please contact the camp office at 570-922-1587 or cml@campmountluther.org. Congregations are also encouraged to become hole sponsors. Get involved and help our synod's outdoor ministry

Spring Work Day and Youth GROW in the Son

May 19 – May 20

Practice stewardship through service at Camp Mount Luther at their Annual Spring Work Day on Saturday, May 20, 2017, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. They need your help getting the camp grounds and facilities ready for summer. There will be plenty to do and everyone in the family can help! Please bring supplies to do cleaning, mulching, raking, and light construction projects such as step ladders, buckets, rakes, etc. A light lunch will be served. RSVP by May 12 if staying for lunch to cml@campmountluther.org or 570-922-1587.

NEW THIS YEAR! We are inviting youth to stay overnight on Friday night, May 19, through Saturday afternoon. We call it GROW In the Son and we'll have a short

campfire program, complete with S'mores, you'll sleep in the cabins, help with our work day, and then we'll have GROW Time for you after lunch. The GROW Time will be a chance to reflect on how God calls us to serve one another! We will finish around 3:00 p.m. Cost for GROW in the Son is \$20. You must register by May 12, 2017, by e-mailing cml@campmountluther.org or calling 570-922-1587. We ask that each registered youth group provide one adult (21 or over) for every seven youth and at least one adult for each gender represented.

2017 Wish List

Running church camps is expensive and we are always right on the edge of balancing income and expenses. Too often we are scratching to bring income up to expenses. One way that we can do that is by folks giving us stuff that we will not need to buy. Here's a list of the stuff that we could use now. If you have any questions, just contact Chad at chad@campmountluther.org. And if you have something you want to give away and it isn't on the list, contact us, too. Maybe you might know someone (a contractor?) who might have some of this stuff? Or, maybe you don't have any of these items but feel generous and want to buy them for camp. Let us know!

- New propane stove for Pine Lodge
- 46 inch (or bigger) TV for Evergreen Center
- Otoscope for nurse
- Stain for the Evergreen Center exterior
- Porch boards for Maple cabins
- Fascia for Pine cabins
- Paint for Pine cabins
- Fascia for pavilion
- Soffit for back side of A-center
- Concrete for sidewalks around the A-center
- Sports Equipment
- Art Supplies (Scotch tape, white paper, paracord bracelet string and clips, keychains, glue gun, glue, black fuse beads, bubbles, brown paper bags, popsicle sticks)
- Legos for craft lodge

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*For the angler, fishing produces a deep, unspoken joy,  
born of longing for that which is quiet and peaceful,  
and fostered by an inbred love of communing with nature.  
~T Norris*



## Upper Susquehanna Synod Events Calendar

### **Institute for Lifelong Learning Program**

**April 5, 2017**

Susquehanna University's Institute for Lifelong Learning is a series of programs designed for senior community members. Members gather in SU's Campus Center on Wednesday to enjoy a social hour, presentation, and lunch, beginning at 10:15 a.m. There are three options for membership in the institute. For further details, please contact Joe Herb at [kapajoe@ptd.net](mailto:kapajoe@ptd.net) or 570-374-9911 or Jayme Long at [longj@susqu.edu](mailto:longj@susqu.edu) or 570-372-4354.

April 5 Program: Dr. Philip Mackowiak, author of *Diagnosing Giants*; Professor and Vice Chairman of the Department of Medicine, University of Maryland School of Medicine: "Beethoven and the Sound That Failed."

### **Lutheran Youth Day**

**April 22, 2017**

Bring your youth group to Susquehanna University for Lutheran Youth Day, where we will find new ways to rise up in service to our community. Bishop Barbara J. Collins will participate in the day's activities, including service projects with LutheranHands, faith formation fun, community building, worship at the end of the afternoon, and music by Dave Scherer from AGAPE\*. Scherer will be there throughout the day providing music at the large group sessions and the concluding concert. He has inspired youth from Brooklyn to Bosnia with his relational ministry "Hip Hop Outreach." Combining rapping, dancing, storytelling and his fluency in Spanish, AGAPE\* connects with his listeners in a way that they really "Get it". His energy is contagious, and his stories of faith transcend differences. The cost is only \$10 per person, which includes lunch and the concert. (What a deal! But if that sum would prevent any of your youth from participating, please contact the chaplain's office. They can reduce or waive the fee for youth with financial need.) Also, the SU's Lutheran Student Movement is selling t-shirts for the day. The shirts MUST be pre-ordered. Shirts will not be for sale that day.

Registration is from 9:00- 9:45 a.m. in Horn Lobby of Weber Chapel with the opening session at 10 a.m. The event ends at 5:30 p.m. All large group gatherings are in SU's Stretansky Hall. Contact the SU Chaplain's office with any questions. (musser@susqu.edu or 570-372-4303). Registration and T-shirt orders must be submitted by April 7.

**Lutheran Day at the Capital**  
**May 22, 2017:**

Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in PA will hold their annual event on May 22 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Camp Hill. We mark the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in a time of great upheaval and division at home and around the globe. On May 22, we gather to consider how the Holy Spirit is re-forming us as the Word of God continues to change and renew the world. How can we be Church Together, for the sake of the world, in Pennsylvania? Bring your faith to the table, and join advocates from across the Commonwealth for a day of worship, learning and inspiration to ground and deepen your call to faith-rooted advocacy. The day will feature a keynote address by Dr. Cynthia Moe-Lobeda, Professor of Theological and Social Ethics, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary of California Lutheran University, legislative briefing and visit training, issues and faith formation workshops, a continental breakfast, lunch and special advocacy celebration. Come to be inspired, prepared and equipped to act on issues that matter. Bring a team from your congregation, or partners from other traditions in your community. You don't have to be Lutheran to benefit from the issues and advocacy training! Most other bodies do not have their own state advocacy offices, and many would appreciate this opportunity. To learn more and register, [http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event;jsessionid=17463E35FB25ECEAF7D5944045D62165.worker\\_registrant?llr=lvflt5dab&oeidk=a07edukmq05a668eb65](http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event;jsessionid=17463E35FB25ECEAF7D5944045D62165.worker_registrant?llr=lvflt5dab&oeidk=a07edukmq05a668eb65)

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*God almighty, our holy one
Conquering, victorious and risen Son,
Saviour, redeemer, Lord of light,
You saved me, freed me, and gave me life
Is there a way that I can repay
What it cost you, my Lord, that fateful day?
When you gave your life upon the cross
For all mankind eternally lost
For I know I could never pay the price,
The cost of your eternal sacrifice
For salvation is a gift that you freely gave
When you died and arose from the grave
The hope that came from your sacrifice
Is the hope we have of eternal life.*

~M.S.Lowndes



IN THE MAILBAG

ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES: Time is running out to sign up for your spring Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend! Please consider taking a weekend to learn how to make your marriage a more intimate, loving, Christian union. Weekends run from Friday night at 8 PM to Sunday around 3 PM and are for couples of all ages. There is a \$100 per couple registration fee, plus toward the end of the weekend, you will be given an opportunity to make a confidential contribution of whatever amount you wish toward continuation of the program. Two nights lodging and 5 meals for each of you are included. The spring dates are:

- **April 28-30, 2017 in Lancaster, PA, at the all newly-renovated Heritage Hotel Lancaster, home of the unique tree-house-inspired restaurant, “Loxley’s.”**

Registrations are also being accepted for the fall weekends: **September 15-17, 2017 at Spruce Lake Retreat Center, Canadensis, PA in the Poconos, and October 6-8, 2017 at the Black Swan Inn in Lee, Massachusetts in the foothills of the Berkshire Mountains.** To sign up online, go to: www.GodLovesMarriage.org and pay the \$100 fee using your credit card, or mark the option to mail in a check. Registrations are limited, so act TODAY to ensure that you can attend the Weekend of your choice. For questions, or if you would like a brochure mailed to you, contact Northeast US Area Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, fjschamber@comcast.net or 724-325-3166.

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*Those who contemplate the beauty of the earth find reserves of strength that will endure as long as life lasts. There is symbolic as well as actual beauty in the migration of the birds, the ebb and flow of the tides, the folded bud ready for the spring. There is something infinitely healing in the repeated refrains of nature—the assurance that dawn comes after night, and spring after the winter.*

*~Rachel Carson*



## ***COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS***

### **FAMILY THERAPISTS IN MIFFLINBURG**

Facilitating healing and wholeness for Individuals, Couples, and Families in Union, Snyder, and Northumberland Counties, beginning in March 2017

Rooted Relational Therapy exists to provide therapeutic services to individuals, couples, and families of all ages in Union, Snyder, Northumberland Counties, and beyond. Morgan and Doug Richard have spent the last three and a half years training as Marriage and Family Therapists, and look forward to seeing clients locally beginning in March 2017.

Currently, they are meeting with local leaders to network with local communities and establish approximately three locations across the region. Both grew up in Mifflinburg before spending the past eight and ten years in various locations around Pennsylvania. We are excited to return to the area and contribute positively to the local communities.

**Types of Therapy:** Child & Adolescent; Premarital; Couple Therapy; Family Therapy; Individual Therapy

**What They Treat:** ADHD; Affairs/Infidelity; Anger; Anxiety/Worry/Stress; Behavioral Issues; Career Counseling; Chronic Pain; Co-parenting; Codependency; Coping Skills; Depression; Divorce; Eating Disorders; Family Conflict; Female Sexual Pain; Grief; Infertility; Parent-Child Relations; Peer Relationships; PTSD; Self Esteem; Separation; Sexual Abuse; Sexual Addiction; Sexual Identity; Sexual Issues; Social Anxiety; Spirituality Issues; Stepfamily Issues; Substance Abuse; Technology addiction; Trauma

### **Phone & Locations:**

Mifflinburg Office: 404 Market St Mifflinburg PA 17844

Coming Soon: Lewisburg/Milton Office; Selinsgrove/Shamokin Dam Office

**Phone # (all locations): 570-884-4662**

Please call us for more information or to schedule an appointment



## ***NOTES OF APPRECIATION***

*“Volunteers are gold”. Volunteers are the most valuable commodities in ministry. Without them, nothing would get done in our churches. We are fortunate to have the kind of dedicated people that we do. Do you know anyone who should be given a pat on the back and a “Thank You” for the contributions they make in and around the church? Let Margie know.*

### **THANK YOU TO...**

- ...**Everyone** who helped with the banquets & Lenten breakfasts.
- ...**Everyone** who donates clothing, food, and financially to Hope’s Haven and all those who give of their time to sort and bag food, sort clothing and who help distribute the items.
- ...**Janet Hileman** who goes above and beyond to obtain items to be distributed by Hope’s Haven
- ...**Maurice Clouser & Eugene Hassinger** for picking up Weis Market donations for Hope’s Haven.
- ...**Dianne Shuck** for serving as treasurer and Cliff Valentine for doing the financial posting
- ...**Bev Catherman & Kim Blyler** for coordinating funeral meals, as well as everyone who helps with them
- ...**Everyone** who helped with our Easter egg fundraiser
- ...**The Members and Friends** who volunteer to pick up things from Weis, Sam’s Club, Coles, etc. for our fundraisers, meals, Hope’s Haven, and church needs.
- ...**Everyone** who participated in any way in the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary service and meal which followed

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It now costs more to amuse a child than it once did to educate his parents.



ALTAR GUILD

Dianne Shuck
Janice Wagner

GREETERS

4/2 Eve & Bob Rantz
4/9 Bonnie Greeney &
Winnie Aikey
4/16 Ben Wenrich
4/23 Linda Smith
4/30 June Wenrich

LAY READERS

2 – Drew Christy
9 – Greg Shuck
16 – Amy Shuck
23 – Maurice Clouser
30 – Bonnie Greeney

SOUND SYSTEM

Dave Swartz

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Amy Shuck, lay reader
& communion assistant

USHERS

Cliff Valentine
Jim Zimmerman

MUSIC PROVIDERS

2 - Paula Christy
9 - Diane Valentine
16 - Dave Swartz
23 – Gary Hackenberg
30 – Gary Hackenberg

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

2 – Tom Catherman
9 – Greg Shuck
16 – Judy Moyer &
Amy Shuck
23 – Judy Mecouch
30 – Dianne Shuck

REMINDER

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FINDING A SUBSTITUTE IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO BE HERE WHEN SCHEDULED.

ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS, SOUND SYSTEM OPERATORS & USHERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHEDULED DURING THE MONTH.

If you would like to be added to our list of volunteers to help with one or more of the following positions, please fill it out and return it to the church office.

USHER



I/we will serve as an usher

Name _____
Telephone _____

CHILDREN'S CHURCH



I/we will help with children's church

Name _____
Telephone _____

SOUND SYSTEM OPERATOR



I/we will operate the sound system

Name _____
Telephone _____

ALTAR GUILD



I/we will serve on the altar guild

Name _____
Telephone _____

COMMUNION HELPER



I/we will serve as a communion helper

Name _____
Telephone _____

GREETERS



I/we will serve as greeters

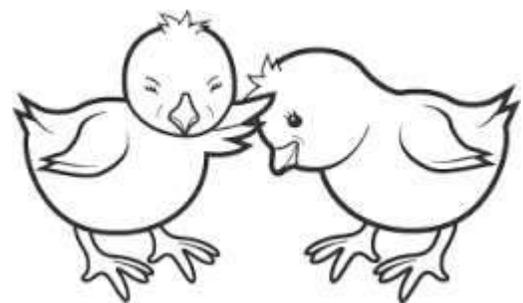
Name _____
Telephone _____

LAY READER



I/we will serve as a lay reader

Name _____
Telephone _____



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Mon-Thu – 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Fri – Closed

THE DEADLINE FOR
ARTICLES FOR THE

MAY

NEWSLETTER IS

APRIL 24

STAFF

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|---|-------------------------------|
| The Congregation..... | The Ministers |
| The Rev. John D. Yost..... | Pastor |
| Margie Dunkle | Sec/Asst Tr |
| Dianne Shuck | Treasurer |
| Janet Hackenberg..... | Assistant Tr |
| Cliff Valentine..... | Financial Recording Secretary |
| Tom Catherman..... | Custodian |
| Paula Christy & Gary Hackenberg | Organists |
| Diane Valentine & Karen Zimmerman | Pianists |
| Dave Swartz | Digital Music Arranger |

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Officers

Lee Spangler, President
Drew Christy, Vice President
Barry Spangler, Council Secretary

Ministry Assignments

Facilities/Administration

*(deals with property, personnel
and stewardship)*

Jim Boop,
Tom Catherman
Eugene Hassinger

Inreach

*(focus on ministry
within the congregation)*

Greg Shuck
Lee Spangler
Janet Spurr

Outreach

*(related to ministry
beyond the congregation)*

Drew Christy
Dianne Shuck
Linda Smith

THE M.I.S.S.I.O.N OF CHRIST'S UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH

Meet – we meet each other as sisters and brothers in Christ

Invite – we invite and welcome others into the body of Christ

Share – we share the good news of Jesus and our gifts with all

Support – we support each other as we walk in the ways of Jesus

Imagine – we imagine life filled with God's purpose and grace

Offer – we offer ourselves to God through faith, hope and love

Nourish – we nourish one another in the Word, by the Spirit

Christ's United Lutheran Church is a community of faith, gathered, empowered and entrusted with the good news of Jesus Christ to bear witness that we are one body in Christ as together we worship God in all praise and thanksgiving and we serve one another with unconditional love and mercy.

PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE...

- ...when a member of your family is sick or is admitted to the hospital, so that visits can be made and the proper people notified.
- ...when your address and phone number is changed, so the church records can be corrected.
- ...when you move—out of town or locally.
- ...when a new baby arrives in your family or in the family of another church member.
- ...when a member of your family leaves home for college or to establish a new residence.
- ...when a new family moves into your neighborhood.
- ...when your class or group plans to have a meeting, so that it can be cleared and placed on the church calendar.
- ...when something good happens to you or your family.
- ...when you feel the church can assist you in any way

DIFFERENT DRUG PROBLEM

The other day, someone at a store in our town read that a Methamphetamine lab had been found in an old farmhouse in the adjoining county and he asked me a rhetorical question. "Why didn't we have a drug problem when you and I were growing up?"

I replied, I had a drug problem when I was young: I was drug to church on Sunday morning. I was drug to church for weddings and funerals. I was drug to family reunions and community socials no matter the weather.

I was drug by my ears when I was disrespectful to adults. I was also drug to the woodshed when I disobeyed my parents, told a lie, brought home a bad report card, did not speak with respect, spoke ill of the teacher or the preacher, or if I didn't put forth my best effort in everything that was asked of me.

I was drug to the kitchen sink to have my mouth washed out with soap if I uttered a profanity. I was drug out to pull weeds in mom's garden and flower beds and cockleburrs out of dad's fields. I was drug to the homes of family, friends and neighbors to help out some poor soul who had no one to mow the yard, repair the clothesline, or chop some firewood, and if my mother had ever known that I took a single dime as a tip for this kindness, she would have drug me back to the woodshed.

Those drugs are still in my veins and they affect my behavior in everything I do, say or think. They are stronger than cocaine, crack or heroin. If today's children had this kind of drug problem, America would be a better place.

God bless the parents who drugged us.

~Author Unknown

April 2017

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <p><u>WEATHER LORE</u>
 <i>If early April is foggy
 Rain in June
 Will make lanes boggy.</i></p> | | | | | | 1 |
| <p>2
 9:00 Worship
 10:00 Sale
 Committee
 10:00 Koinonia
 Kafe
 10:15 Sunday
 School</p> | <p>3
 9:00 Easter Egg
 Mixing

 6:00 Easter Egg
 Dipping</p> | <p>4</p> | <p>5
 10:00 Hope's
 Haven

 6:00 Lenten
 Supper</p> | <p>6</p> | <p>7</p> | <p>8</p> |
| <p>9
 PALM SUNDAY
 9:00 Worship
 Egg Hunt
 10:15 Sunday
 School</p> | <p>10
 9:00 Easter Egg
 Mixing

 6:00 Easter Egg
 Dipping</p> | <p>11</p> | <p>12
 10:00 Hope's
 Haven

 7:00 Bible Study</p> | <p>13
 MAUNDY
 THURSDAY

 6:00 Service &
 Meal</p> | <p>14
 GOOD FRIDAY

 7:00 Service @
 First Lutheran</p> | <p>15</p> |
| <p>16 EASTER
 6:30 Sunrise @
 First Lutheran
 9:00 Breakfast
 10:30 Festival of
 the Resurrection

 Fellowship Hall
 Reserved</p> | <p>17
 10:30 Bible Study</p> | <p>18

 7:00 Council</p> | <p>19
 10:00 Hope's
 Haven

 7:00 Bible Study</p> | <p>20

 6:00 Historical
 Society Banquet</p> | <p>21</p> | <p>22</p> |
| <p>23
 9:00 Worship
 10:15 Sunday
 School</p> | <p>24
 10:30 Bible Study</p> | <p>25</p> | <p>26
 10:00 Hope's
 Haven

 7:00 Bible Study</p> | <p>27

 5:00 Yard Sale
 Workday</p> | <p>28
 8:00 Yard Sale</p> | <p>29
 8:00 Yard Sale</p> |
| <p>30
 9:00 Worship
 10:15 Sunday
 School</p> | <p><i>April has put a spirit of youth in everything.</i></p> | | | | | |

