

APRIL 2 - MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE - COMMUNION - 7 PM
APRIL 5 - CONTINENTAL EASTER BREAKFAST - 8:45 - 9:45 AM
APRIL 5 - EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP, COMMUNION
APRIL 5 - EASTER EGG HUNT - FOLLOWING WORSHIP
APRIL 9 - SECOND SUNDAY SOCIAL SET-UP - 4 PM - FELLOWSHIP HALL
APRIL 12 - INTERGENERATIONAL WORSHIP - 10 AM
APRIL 12 - SECOND SUNDAY SOCIAL - 11 AM - FELLOWSHIP HALL
APRIL 18 - COMMUNITY HARVEST - 10 AM - NOON
APRIL 19 - WORSHIP - 10 AM
APRIL 19 - IMMIGRATION PRESENTATION - 3 PM - 5 PM
APRIL 26 - WORSHIP - 10 AM



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Dear Ones,

Alleluia! Christ is risen! And yet...what happens after the alleluias fade? What happens when Easter Sunday becomes Easter Monday, and life settles back into its familiar rhythms?

The good news of our faith is that Easter is not just a day—it is a way of living. Resurrection is not confined to one morning long ago or even one Sunday each spring. It is a season, a movement, a holy invitation to step into lives shaped by joy, hope, and life-giving faithfulness.

April invites us to do just that. All around us, signs of resurrection are beginning to appear. The earth softens. The days stretch longer. And right here among us, we are preparing to plant our raised bed gardens—tiny seeds placed into the soil with trust that something new will grow. It is an act of faith every time. We cannot force the growth, but we can participate in it. We can tend, water, and trust. And what a beautiful witness this will be.

Those gardens are not just for us. They will help nourish our neighbors through the local Food Hub and through the Community Harvest meals prepared in our kitchen—meals that will be shared with care, dignity, and love. This ministry, supported by Bucknell University's Center for Community Engagement and strengthened by partnerships with other congregations and community organizations, is a living expression of resurrection faith.

It is Easter continuing.

It is Christ's life moving through willing hands and open hearts.

It is hope taking root in very real, tangible ways.

In a world that can so often feel uncertain or heavy, this is our calling: to look beyond what is and dare to imagine what can be. To believe that new life is always possible. To trust that even small acts—planting seeds, preparing meals, showing up for one another—can become signs of God's unfolding future.

This April, I invite you to live as Easter people.

Come, plant seeds—both in the soil and in your spirit.

Come, share in the work of nourishing others.

Come, be part of a community that refuses to let hope fade after one Sunday.

Because Christ is still rising.

Love is still growing.

And new life is still unfolding—right here, right now, among us.

With hope, peace, love and joy,

Alice

“Red Book” Memories Continued XLI

“Resurrection Community”

This year, Easter arrives on April 5th. As a faith community, we will once again celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, as experienced by his disciples and others, over two millennia ago. Inspired by their encounters with the risen Jesus, those early followers went on to create congregations defined by a reliance on God's grace, radical love, shared life, and a commitment to bringing new life to broken areas of Society through service and hope. We at St. John's are one such resurrection community, as shown by our past history.

Resurrection communities seek to live into God's realm of love, compassion, acceptance, and hope on Earth, as if it is already here. We at St. John's attempt to do this very thing in the ways we organize the governance of our faith community, foster open and honest communications, and extend welcome to individuals, regardless of their gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic status. We act as a family of faith, often transcending blood or social ties, that encourages everyone to participate in the full life of the church, without fear of judgment or ridicule. Certainly, the congregation's decision to become “Open and Affirming” in 2018 is a sure sign of our commitment to live into the Holy One's realm.

We are a resurrection community because we readily share our resources, provide for those in need, and demonstrate generosity. Our church history is filled with many examples of how congregants, past and present, have freely and unconditionally given of their financial and material resources in support of mission and community outreach projects, as well as the day-to-day needs of the church and its staff. For instance, we need to remember and celebrate how the women of our ancestral congregation played an important role in the renovation of the original church building during the pastorate of Rev. Benjamin Hausman (1853-1859). They raised money for the church's new carpet, as well as a sofa for the pulpit. Another example is how, in the early 1900's, church leaders grappled with long-term problems within the congregation and resolved to fundamentally change how congregants interacted with each other and their pastor, which led to the second pastorate of Rev. R. Leighton Gerhart (1900-1920). As a result, members of the church then gave greatly of themselves in the building of a new facility, a fresh start.

We are a resurrection community because we exist to spread the gospel and actively bring hope, healing, and life to places experiencing despair, spiritual, or economic decay. Our faith community has shown this through many expressions of hospitality in the community, including the offering of “social services” during the pastorate of Rev. Henry Harbaugh Rupp (1920-1937) and its support of Devitt Home in Allenwood. We've also made resources and facility space available to Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, as well as a Prison Visitor's Service, which served hot breakfasts to families visiting with inmates at the Lewisburg Penitentiary. Further, church members have made it a point to visit individuals at the Selinsgrove State School and Hospital and the Laurelton School, and to host parties in those places at Christmas. A Christmas party is still held at Selinsgrove Center. Further, we have even made nonperishable and frozen foods available at our church for anyone that needs these items, no questions asked.

We are a resurrection community because we prioritize ministry to those in need in our neighborhoods over preserving our facilities or financial assets. This has become more evident in recent years. Our just completed kitchen renovation and push to make it compliant with regulations so it could be used by multiple service-oriented groups, like Community Harvest, is a sign of this reality.

We are also a resurrection community because we are a congregation composed of people who openly depend on God's grace and forgiveness, rather than self-righteousness. We seek to be empowered and led by the Spirit, and work to push past fear to act with courage and hope for the wellbeing of others. We do this through vibrant worship and prayerful, thoughtful discernment of our future steps as a faith community.

On Easter, as we celebrate the resurrection of Christ, remember that we are resurrection community. Honor that legacy and live it. Take part in all the ways our church shows the living God at work!

– Gary Nottis

St. John's UCC,

Thank you for the usage of your sanctuary for Mary Marshall's celebration of life service. We could not be more pleased with a joyous service.

Sincerely,

Barb Bannon & John Marshall

Dear St. John's,

Thanks to all my friends at St. John's and especially to Pastor Alice and Pastor Gary with their prayers, support and help celebrate the life of my sister Ann Beasom.

Thank you,

Craig Swineford



EASTER EGG HUNT

We will hold an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday, April 5, directly after worship for kids in attendance. Weather permitting, we plan to be along the front sidewalk of the church. Please dress for the weather.



04/06 Barbara Kugler
 04/07 Riley Hoey
 04/11 Adam Snayberger
 04/15 Stephen Gemberling
 04/16 Marvin Border
 04/19 Mark Brouse
 04/25 Katrina Aulenbach
 04/27 Michael Roberts

04/10 Ransdorf, Melissa & Thomas
 04/26 Aulenbach, Katrina & Zachary
 04/30 Mabus, Pamela & Richard

SECOND SUNDAY SOCIAL

Please stay after worship on Sunday, April 12, 2026, for a light lunch and presentation by Don and Brenda Adams about their recent trip to Australia. Join us on a journey from Tasmania north to the Great Barrier Reef and west to the arid area surrounding Uluru as we explore the wildlife, culture and geographical wonders of Australia.

The lunch will be provided by the Christian Education Committee. Side dishes are welcomed but certainly not required. Please see the Second Sunday Social information sheet in the Narthex if you'd like to bring a dish to share. However, you do not need to bring anything to attend!

IMMIGRATION PRESENTATION

The Members of SUN ICS (Sunbury, Union, Northumberland County Immigrant Community Support) will present a brief chronicle of how immigration in the US has changed throughout our nation's history. This will be held on Sunday April 19th at 3 Pm in the Sanctuary. Information and resources will also be provided if you are interested in learning more or about becoming involved.



The Wired Word

How the Bible can help us process current events

Do you struggle to keep pace with our quickly changing world? Does the news leave your head spinning and wondering how to make sense of it all? Enter the Wired Word email newsletter. This weekly email highlights two current event stories from The Wired Word

Here are some Wired Word topics from the past month. If you missed them, consider looking back through your email and giving them a read.

January 22: Bishop Urges Clergy to Prepare to Die.

Uprisings Continue in Iran as Government Shuttters Internet

January 29: Cultural Changes Impact Church Design

What AI Chatbots Can Teach Humans About Listening

February 5: Buddhist Walk for Peace Approaches Nation's Capital

Research Shows Aging Can Be a Bumpy Road

February 13: Athletes Take Their Faith to the Winter Olympics

Twin Towns Emerge from Court Oversight

February 19: Savannah Guthrie and the Anguish of Loss

Pope Calls the Church to Follow Jesus By Listening and Fasting

While the news isn't always sunny, the Wired Word newsletter always provides a path toward HOPE. It includes concrete steps you can take, so you're not just consuming the news but responding to it. It's important to have this guidance and inspiration as we move through modern life as Christ's disciples.

Please contact the church if you'd like to receive the Wired Word email each week. Our church's subscription to the Wired Word is provided by Christian Education funds as a benefit to all who are interested.

APRIL VOLUNTEERS

Lock-up: SYLAS WILDE

Lay-Reader: SYLAS WILDE

Preparation of Communion Elements:

APRIL	CHILDREN'S CHURCH	OPENER/FLOWER DEL.
5	DURING WORSHIP	LINDA SARTWELL
12	DURING WORSHIP	
19	DURING WORSHIP	
26	DURING WORSHIP	

APRIL	FLOWER SPONSORS	Acolyte
5	PASTOR ALICE	Keira/Kora Aulenbach
12	JEAN MAURER	Keira/ Kora Aulenbach
19	JEAN MAURER	Keira/ Kora Aulenbach
26	JEAN MAURER	Keira/ Kora Aulenbach
	JEAN MAURER	

APRIL	GREETERS
5	CRAIG SWINEFORD
12	"
19	"
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**Worship: 10:00 a.m.
Indoors or online
via Facebook or YouTube**

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An Open and Affirming Congregation**

No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here!

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MONTHLY COMMUNION MISSIONS

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| April – Transitions | (Easter Food Baskets Cont.) |
| May – Getting Ahead in the Valley | |
| June – Strengthen the Church* | |
| July – Donald Heiter Center | |
| August – Union County Food Bank | |
| September – William Cameron engine Company | |
| October – Neighbors in Need* | Walk (Hunger) |
| November – Devitt House | Thanksgiving Baskets |
| December – The Christmas Fund * (Veterans of the Cross) | Christmas Food Baskets |
| | AND Bethany Children's |
| | Home Holiday Gifts |
| | (aka White Gifts) |
| Christmas Eve Offering – Operating Fund | |

* denotes Five of Five special offerings

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>29</p> <p>CHILDREN'S CHURCH DURING WORSHIP</p> <p>9:00am CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL (CHRM)</p> <p>9:15am PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION (MEET AT PAV)</p> <p>10:00am PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:00am Kindermusik (PAR)</p> <p>1:00pm Community Harvest (KTCHN)</p> <p>4:00pm LENTEN BOOK STUDY (GP)</p> <p>7:00pm BVS REHEARSAL (FH)</p>	<p>31</p> <p>9:00am Kindermusik (PAR)</p> <p>10:30am Willowbrook Strings (FH)</p> <p>7:00pm Men's Westbranch Chorus (FH)</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p> <p>8:30am WW (FH)</p> <p>9:00am PEO (GP)</p> <p>9:00am TOPS (CR)</p> <p>1:30pm Trailside Troubadours (FH)</p> <p>7:00pm Building & Grounds (PAR)</p> <p>7:00pm MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p> <p>CHILDREN'S CHURCH DURING WORSHIP</p> <p>8:45am BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL (SANCT.)</p> <p>9:15am CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL (CHRM)</p> <p>10:00am EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP</p> <p>11:00am EASTER EGG HUNT (PORTICO)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:00am Kindermusik (PAR)</p> <p>12:00pm Lewisburg Garden Club Board (PAR)</p> <p>1:00pm Community Harvest (KTCHN)</p> <p>7:00pm BVS REHEARSAL (FH)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:00am Kindermusik (PAR)</p> <p>10:30am Willowbrook Strings (FH)</p> <p>7:00pm Men's Westbranch Chorus (FH)</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8:30am WW (FH)</p> <p>9:00am TOPS (CR)</p> <p>1:30pm Trailside Troubadours (FH)</p> <p>4:00pm Second Sunday Social Setup (FH)</p> <p>7:00pm M.A.S.H. (GP/ZOOM)</p> <p>7:00pm Women's Barbershop Chorus (CHRM)</p>	<p>10</p> <p>4:00pm Violin Class (SANCT.)</p>	<p>11</p>
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<p>19</p> <p>CHILDREN'S CHURCH DURING WORSHIP</p> <p>9:00am CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL (CHRM)</p> <p>10:00am WORSHIP</p> <p>3:00pm Immigration Presentation (SANCT)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:00am Kindermusik (PAR)</p> <p>6:00pm Evan. Empty Arms Group (CR)</p> <p>7:00pm BVS REHEARSAL (FH)</p> <p>7:00pm FINANCE/PERSONNEL (ZOOM)</p> <p>7:00pm Girl Scout Leaders (GP)</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:00am Kindermusik (PAR)</p> <p>10:30am Willowbrook Strings (FH)</p> <p>1:00pm Community Harvest (KTCHN)</p> <p>7:00pm Men's Westbranch Chorus (FH)</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>8:30am WW (FH)</p> <p>9:00am TOPS (CR)</p> <p>1:30pm Trailside Troubadours (FH)</p> <p>7:00pm Women's Barbershop Chorus (CHRM)</p>	<p>24</p> <p>4:00pm Violin Class (SANCT.)</p>	<p>25</p>
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