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APRIL 2019

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Love, Community and Belonging**

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Dear Members and Friends,

What is good? What does God require of us? Micah 6:8 says, “Do justice; Love Mercy/Kindness; Walk humbly with God.” In this confusing modern world, what does that really mean? What is justice, mercy, humility? Does God mean ALL the time? Would we become doormats for selfish people if that were the case?

Maybe we should start with humility and work backwards. Humility indicates we do not think WE have all the answers. We start to listen and learn. After we listen, often we begin to have more wisdom, and can understand the “other side” of what we think is the answer, gaining, perhaps, a little more merciful attitude toward others who are not in our position.

Finally, after learning humility and mercy/kindness, we might truly do justice for those in our midst and around the world. Maybe it all starts with humility, the idea that we, personally, do not always have the answers. Oh yeah, and God may help that process too! Do not forget meditating on and acting together with God. There is a lot of pain in the world to understand.

We celebrate Christ’s resurrection this month. Amazingly, God did something for us that humanity cannot forget: Christ humbled himself to be here with us – God with us - to show us God’s heart. It may be a strange concept, but in the two thousand years since, many people who have truly studied it and thought about it have been humble enough to find it was, and is, real.

See you in Church!

Pastor Kathryn

MESSAGE FROM THE CONSISTORY PRESIDENT
APRIL 2019

Hello Fellow Members and Friends of JUCC ~

Here is a quick update on our church's addition process. This past month we received the last approval from the township for the lot consolidation plan. This plan will now be recorded in the office of Carbon County deeds.

Our architect has completed all the structural drawings and specifications, and has obtained the necessary certifications from the structural engineer. We are currently waiting for our mechanical engineer to complete the necessary electrical, plumbing, and HVAC designs. We are also waiting for the land engineer to complete plans for our new septic system, parking, exterior lighting, and storm water run-off. Hopefully, all of these plans will be completed by April 15th, 2019.

Upon plan completion, we will put bid packages together in order to obtain three (3) bids and also submit plans to secure a building permit. After bids are evaluated, we will review our financial options and establish a timeline to start construction. The Future Building Use Committee will be working with Consistory to keep everyone up to date as information becomes available.

In the meantime, our church life continues to be vibrant. Most of our programs and activities for this year are well into their planning stages. This month's newsletter is loaded with information regarding events, times and places. Please take time to review this information and mark your calendars accordingly.

A "*BIG THANK YOU*" to all the committees, groups, and individuals for all you do to execute God's plan for the ministry at JUCC. When we all work toward the mission of our church, we can't help but be unified!

Peace Be with you!

Ed Brader, Consistory President



SUNDAY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PROGRAMS

****Registration required for all programs****

Nursery (infant to pre-K): Meets with Judy Hessinger at 9:00 AM in the Sunday School room. For the nursery, parents are required to stay on premises and may be asked to stay with their children depending on planned activities.

Children (ages 5-12) “Children’s Church” program begins during the 9 am service; children are released for Bible School around 9:15 AM. Parents are encouraged to stay for church service. Registration required. **NOTE:** Play clothes are recommended! We sometimes get messy!

Youth Group (ages 13-17): Meets the last Sunday of each month @ 6pm. Please contact Jessie Walters, our Youth Group Director at juccyyouthgroup@gmail.com or call 484-358-6720 for more info.

Adult Sunday School: Adult Sunday School will meet in the choir room at 9:00 a.m.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



On Palm Sunday, April 14th, we will hold an Egg Hunt during the 9:00 am service. This will be for children of all ages. Last year it snowed and made for a quick but fun search, hopefully this year the sun will be warm. In the event of bad weather, the hunt will be downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Each child should bring their own basket/bucket, but we can supply one if you don’t already have a basket.

There will not be Sunday School at the 9:00 am Easter Morning Service; however, there will be Nursery for children ages 0-5. Pastor Kathryn will make the message geared toward all ages.

Finally, VBS is set for July 15-18 from 6-8 pm, with a closing program and family carnival set for July 21st. We will be doing a campfire theme full of stories of heroes and villains from the Bible. We will discover God’s plan in each of these stories and how God protects, guides, and loves us all. Registration forms available through the office. Watch for more details! Blessings! Marcia Heinick

If anyone has candy to donate for the egg hunt – please see Marcia!





Shorter term prayer concerns:

Mark Stetler
Colin Berger
Samantha Hopkins
Doug Hawk
Darrell Berger
Virginia Beck & Family
Wanda Petit

Kayla Johnson
Gerald Hawk
Barry Smale



PENN NORTHEAST CONFERENCE NEWS!

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Andrea Lazicki - Authorized for Licensed Ministry

Thank you to all that supported me along this ministry journey!

I started on March 5, 2011 with a class that Kelli George and I took together, Growing in Faith. This course was part of the Licensed Ministry of the 21st Century (LM21C) coursework. We took it for the Christian education information it offered to leaders within the UCC. At that time Kelli and I were involved in the Sunday school. The class sparked a yearning in me for more learning.

I felt a tug toward ministry in some way for some time. In 2011 as Kelsey was completing her junior year of high school and Megan was already in college it seemed like the perfect time to explore what that calling might mean for me. With lots of encouragement I enrolled in the program and started taking courses toward Licensed Ministry. Along the way I completed three extended units (fall through spring) of clinical pastoral education (CPE) through Phoebe Ministries and became a Volunteer Chaplain at Phoebe Allentown. I received certification in Spirit Alive worship and have embraced that dementia care worship leadership. LM21C became the PAM (Pennsylvania Academy of Ministry) program during the past few years. The PAM program is now connected with Lancaster Theological Seminary where additional and new course work for people in my position can continue on toward Ordination.

I completed my last class in the PAM program in December of 2018 and received my certificate for successful completion of the educational requirements for Licensed Ministry in the United Church of Christ. In February of 2019 I had a meeting with the Authorized Working Group at our Penn Northeast Conference office and was authorized for Licensed Ministry. I have loved the learning and growth through this process. Chaplaincy and the wonderful world of ministry present me with opportunities to share and receive God – given gifts!

With gratitude and much love ~

Andrea Lazicki

2019 WEDNESDAY JUCC LENTEN SCHEDULE
UCC/Lutheran - Trachsville/Kresgeville/Kunkletown/Gilbert
Theme: *Sermon on the Mount*

DATE	THEME	HOST CHURCH	PREACHER	BIBLE PASSAGE
April 3	Judge Not	St. Matthews UCC	Kathryn Foster	Matthew 7:1-5
April 10	Build on the Rock	Salem United Church of Christ	Suzanne Brooks-Cope	Matthew 7: 24-27

6:00 PM to 6:45 pm Simple Soup Supper*
6:30 PM Choir rehearsal ~ 7:00 PM Worship Service

Host Choir Directors will choose an easy anthem. Choir members from all churches are encouraged to attend the 6:30 pm rehearsal and sing each week. Church offering envelopes received will be forwarded to their respective churches. Loose offering received will go to the Host Church.

In case of inclement weather, please check Channel 13, WSBG and/or WFMZ for service cancellation information. Host Church will also place cancelation notice on their answering machine if possible.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, April 14th

Watch for a surprise guest @ 9 a.m.!

Maundy Thursday - Taize Service 7pm April 18th

Good Friday - Tenebrae Service 7pm April 19th

Easter Sunday - 7:00 am Dawn Service
in the Grove

9:00 am Family Service and 10:30 am Traditional

Easter Sunday Nursery @ 9 a.m.

NO Sunday School!

The Fellowship Committee will provide hot beverages (coffee, tea, hot chocolate) In the Ryman Hall beginning at 6:30 a.m. before the sunrise service which will Be held in the grove (weather permitting) at 7:00 a.m.



**SAUSAGE &
ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST
SPONSORED BY THE YOUTH GROUP**

To be held on Easter Morning
Breakfast is FREE for Everyone!

Donations accepted
Proceeds benefit the
JUCC Youth Group

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Serving from 7:30 am to 10:00 am.
In the Fellowship Hall

APRIL GREETERS ARE...

April 7 – Denise & Terry Goodhile

April 14 (Palm Sunday) – Carolyn & Buzz Hill

Maundy Thursday & Tenebrae Friday

Members of the consistory will serve as greeters

April 21 – (Easter Sunday)

7 a.m. Dawn Service in the Grove – Donna & Barry Mackes

9 a.m. Service – Lee & Jen Lesisko

10:30 a.m. – Lorrie & Keith Nothstein

April 28 – Beverly & Ricky Waibel



APRIL SCRIPTURE READERS

April 7 – Wendy Hoppel / April 14 - Shari Jacobs

April 21 – Saralyn Sarandis / April 28 – Lana Kuehner

*If you would like to read scripture during our service,
please contact Lyn at the office and let her know!*



APRIL FLOWERS & BULLETIN SPONSORS

April 7 – Rick & Steph Anderson in honor of their son Hayden Kresge's 19th birthday on April 14th

April 14 – Ray & Susan George in loving memory of Ray George, Jr., from Mom, Dad & Taylor

April 21 – Edna Schoenberger & Family in memory of her husband Mark's birthday April 22nd & passing May 1, 1996

April 28 – Jerry & Lenora Robertson in memory of their daughter Lisa Green's passing on April 27th, 2017

FILLING PREPARATION SCHEDULE

Chop, dice & slice Thursday night April 4th, 5 pm to 9 pm

Friday, April 5th, 8 am to 12 noon

Mixing of filling Sat. April 6th at 8 am until done

Even if you can only help for an hour or two

We'd be happy to have you! Come and give us a hand!



NEW! JUCC QUILTS & CRAFTS GROUP!

Interested in crafting, sewing or quilting? A new group is forming here at JUCC and will be meeting on Thursday, April 11th from 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. See (or call) Shelba for more info (610)704-3756. There will definitely be quilting going on, but this group could also involve other crafts/classes as well, depending upon your interests. It could also just be "open sew" where everyone works on their own projects. Bring your friends and enjoy some fun and fellowship!



MEDICARE EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR

JUCC will be hosting a two-hour educational seminar concerning Medicare and supplemental insurance options. Mr. Joseph Henry of Independence Insurance will give a power-point presentation, show us all the options that are available, and answer all of our many questions. Join us on **Saturday, April 27th** from 1 – 3 p.m. here at the church!

Everyone is welcome so bring your friends!



Why wish on a star when you can pray
to the One who created them?



WEST POINT NOMINATION!

Logan Mackes, son of Shannon and Greg Mackes, and grandson of Barry and Donna Mackes, has been nominated by Congressman Matt Cartwright to the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York! Logan has also received an Army ROTC scholarship to Penn State University! Congratulations to Logan on a job well done!





FLEA MARKET HOURS!

Friday May 31st

9 am to 3 p.m.

Saturday June 1st

8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

FLEA MARKET NEWS!

Beverly Waibel is once again organizing the church flea market, set for May 31st and June 1st, 2019. If you are able to help on the committee, please let her know. If you have things to donate, you can bring them to the church beginning **Tuesday, May 21st until Thursday May 30th (except for Saturday May 25th Sunday, May 26th or Monday May 27th)** between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Donated clothing must be clean and presentable. Any electrical items must be complete, safe and in working condition. All help and all donations will be greatly appreciated! Please contact Beverly for additional arrangements. Thank you ~ !!

LET'S MAKE IT A GREAT YEAR!!

PICNIC RAFFLE TIME!

Spring is finally here and a nice time to be thinking about warm weather and picnics. Speaking of picnics, it's not too early to think about an item for our Annual Church Raffle. We would like to get the items finalized by **June 1st (6/1/19)** so that the tickets can be printed in a timely manner. We have always had so many interesting and beautiful handmade items in the past. Won't you please consider donating again this year? Handmade crafts, outdoor items, gift cards ~ be creative and if you are not sure about a particular item, please contact Wendy Hoppel in church or call 610-377-5946 and leave a message. The picnic is scheduled for **Saturday, August 3rd**.



COMMUNITY EVENT

2ND ANNUAL FREE CHICKEN BAR-B-QUE

In our church Grove Rain or Shine!

Saturday, June 15th from 4pm to 7 pm.

Music by "God's House Band"

First come ~ first served!

Bring the whole family & your lawn chairs

Enjoy an evening of good food
and fellowship!

For more information call our office at 610-681-4412



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Thank You

Renee Kester, Rose Kwolek and Ruby Sorcek would like to express their thanks to the JUCC congregation for their prayers, cards and condolences for the loss of their mother, Evelyn Bartholomew.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

The JUCC youth group, AKA “Youth Reasoning Together”, or YRT, has a full schedule of events and activities planned! Monthly meetings are set for the last Sunday of each month, from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. (dinner provided). In these meetings, our young people, grades 7 through 12, can find support among each other. The leaders, and with God as their guide.

Youth Director – Jessie Walters

All Are Welcome!

April Meeting – Sunday the 28th



BLOOD DRIVE

JUCC is organizing its 3rd BLOOD DRIVE

together with the Miller-Keystone Blood Center on **Saturday, June 1st** from 9 am until 12 pm. The need in our community is great! MKBC is the exclusive provider of blood products and services to 22 hospitals in the Poconos, Greater Poconos, Lehigh Valley and surrounding area, and has been in operation for over 30 years. This is an awesome opportunity for us to give back to our community and help to save lives!

Our goal is to collect 20 units!!

Come to the FLEA MARKET and donate at the same time!!

Can we count on you to help our community hospitals?

Please call the church office at 610-681-4412 for registration and other details



DEMENTIA PRESENTATION (OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)

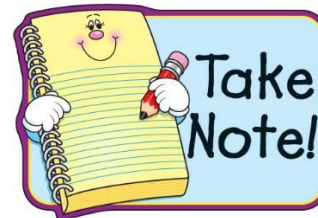
Will be held on Sat. June 8th 2019 from 1:00 - 3:00PM in the church

By: Jennie Rose Serfass Bus. Dev. Specialist and Certified Dementia Practitioner

From: Arden Courts Memory Care Community

If you have or know a relative, friend or neighbor that is dealing with Dementia you won't want to miss this inspiring presentation!!! Your questions will be answered!!!

The May 2019 Newsletter will go to print on April 26th. Articles not received by April 22nd may not make it into print. Contact the office at 610-681-4412 if you have something you would like to submit.



Just a reminder!

Our beverage can shed is looking for your empty aluminum beverage cans. There are two deposit slots: one for crushed cans and one for uncrushed cans.

Our clothing bin is out in the grove near the beverage can container. Recycle Local us a community-based organization benefiting those in need while keeping many items out of the nation's landfills. Accepted items include all clean & dry clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, towels, drapes, pillow cases and stuffed animals.



REGISTER RECEIPTS

Please continue to save your register receipts from Kinsley's Shop Rite in Brodheadsville, Weis Markets and Redners. Last year, receipts were down from prior years, so consider requesting receipts from your neighbors and friends. Bring or mail them to the church to the attention of Lana Kuehner.



Receipts that will **not** be accepted include:

- Kinsley's receipts with the senior discounts, prescriptions, cigarettes, and beer.
- Weis Markets receipts with prescriptions, cigarettes and beer.

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