

April 2019 Newsletter



CHURCH OF THE APOSTLES UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

WORSHIP 10:45 AM

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THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR.....

Our Lenten journey will soon bring us to our destination – EASTER.
This poem by Ann Weems, *The Walk*, describes our journey well:

**Those of us who walk along this road do so reluctantly.
Lent is not our favorite time of year.
We'd rather be more active – planning and scurrying around.
All this is too contemplative to suit us.
Besides we don't know what to do with piousness and prayer.
Perhaps we're afraid to have time to think, for thoughts come unbidden.
Perhaps we're afraid to face our future knowing our past.
Give us the courage, O God, to hear your word and to read our living into it.
Give us the trust to know we're forgiven,
and give us the faith to take up our lives and walk.**

I want to remind you of some important and meaningful worship opportunities for our church community starting with **Palm Sunday**. In this service, we remember that when Jesus entered Jerusalem, the people asked, “Who is the King of Glory?” They were seeking the one who saves when they shouted, “Hosanna!” They were knocking on the door for a new future. What they didn't know was that Jesus was opening the door to everlasting life through the cross. Our service will end with a special vocal selection, “*Watch the Lamb*” that will move us into our Lord's final week leading to his suffering, death, and RESURRECTION!

On **Maundy Thursday**, our worship service will be at **Trinity UCC** on North St. in Waynesboro. Several of our folks will join with folks from Trinity to portray the Last Supper. We will all share in Holy Communion. The service starts at 7pm.

Then on **Good Friday** evening we will observe the service of Tenebrae, (Latin word for “shadows” or “darkness”), here at **Church of the Apostles** beginning at 7pm. The Tenebrae service is an ancient tradition in Christian history that took place on one of the last three days of Holy Week. The purpose of this service is to remember the somber events that occurred in Jesus' life from the exuberant entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday through the night of Jesus' burial on Good Friday. Trinity UCC will be joining us for this moving service and their Senior Choir will be sharing a vocal selection with us. I hope you will plan to experience these meaningful worship opportunities with us.

Our Lenten observances and Holy Week services help us to experience the full joy that is Easter! **Easter Sunday is April 21st**. Our worship celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ begins at 10:45 am. There will be special music by Rachel Druckenmiller and our theme is that Easter reminds us that Jesus taught us to lay up treasures in heaven and not on earth. His resurrection is a wake-up call to us all that while the things of this earth are temporary, we have the precious gift of life with him forever awaiting us.

But Easter is more than a day, it is a season. The season of Easter is 40 days long, and covers the time that the Gospels assign as the period during which the risen Lord appeared at various times to his disciples. And Easter is more than a season; Easter happens every time a baby is born, every time a young couple decide to build a new life with each other through marriage, every time someone is welcomed into God's family, every time forgiveness is felt, every time a kindness is shown, whenever light shines in dark places – whenever joy replaces sorrow – whenever hope displaces despair – whenever we feel peace in the midst of turmoil. Just as the continuing life of Jesus superseded death on that first Easter, and as the light dispelled the darkness of night and death. So Easter happens all the time!

We are Easter people! And as Easter people, we believe that through each worship service, the forgiveness and the power of Christ's resurrection will be lifted up. May we be Easter people who are not only present on Easter Sunday and live the message with joy and hope; but be present throughout the 40 days of Easter and beyond. See you in church!

Blessings for the journey,
Pastor Narda

*A special thanks to a family friend and colleague, Rev. Ray Brown,
for some of my thoughts on Easter. Ray was our son,
Nathan's mentor while Nathan was preparing for ministry.
He touched my life too! Thanks Ray.*





Pastor Narda



Fran George



Tory VanReenen



*Christopher, Christie
& Jared Bobb*

WELCOME

TO OUR

NEW

MEMBERS!

CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

The March 17, 2019 meeting of Consistory was called to order at 12:05 by President Mary Lou Misner.

- The current slate of officers were (re)approved: Mary Lou Misner, President; Randy Cramer, Vice-President; Bert Hovermale, Recording Secretary.
- Approval of Minutes of 1/13/19 meeting.
- Approval of Treasurer's Reports for January/February, 2019.

TEAM REPORTS:

- Christian Education Team is looking for leader(s) for youth outings and Programming.
- Lay, Life & Work NEW! Team Leader is Laurie Hovermale.



OLD BUSINESS:

- New hot water heater to be installed soon.
- Repair to fix Narthex roof leak pending.

NEW BUSINESS:

- See Pastor Narda with ideas for youth activities and programs.
- Opportunities for all to embrace!
- Obtain a PA Child Abuse Clearance (over age 18) to help with youth activities and children's church.
- Volunteer to be a Confirmation mentor to one of our youth.
- Seating suggestion! Sanctuary acoustics will produce best congregational voices if we sit "between the pillars" (meaning the middle pews) instead of all spread out.
- Approval to adjourn the meeting at 1:15

NEXT MEETING: May 19, 2019

	Julia Cramer		Randy Cramer
	Judy Fitz		Gilbert Hovermale
	Richard Hovis		Sondra Monn
	Mary Lou Misner		Nevin Monn

**Birthdays
&
Anniversaries
in
April**



- 1 Jeff Dingle
- 1 Gloria Miller
- 4 Nancy Dinterman
- 9 Dallas Pagach
- 22 Nicole and Steve Leidig
- 24 Wally Fisher
- 25 Martha Smith

Social Seniors

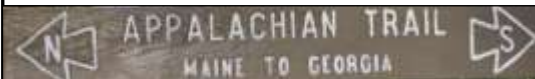
Social Seniors will meet on April 8, 2 - 4 PM at Church of the Apostles. Peggy Weller will speak on her adventures of hiking the Appalachian Trail.

**Calendar of Events
for April**

- 3 Stewardship & Finance 1:30 PM
- 7 Worship 10:45 AM
- 8 Social Seniors 2-4 PM
at Church of the Apostles
- 8 Buchanan Trail Quilters 5:30 PM
- 14 Worship 10:45 AM
- 16 Silver Express Delivery 1:30 PM
- 18 Maunday Thursday Service 7 PM
at Trinity UCC in Waynesboro
- 19 Good Friday Service 7 PM
Service of Tenebrae
- 21 Easter Worship Service 10:45 AM
- 24 50th Anniversary Team 1 PM
- 25 Thursday Movie "Risen" 10 AM
- 28 Worship 10:45 AM

**Lenten Study on Sunday
mornings, April 7th and 14th
from 10 – 10:30 am,
"Take Nothing With You."**

Weight Watchers meets every
Tuesday at 6 PM
and Wednesday at 9 AM



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS
for
April



- April 7: Tony & Donna Haugh
April 14: Nevin & Sondra Monn
April 21: Bob Benchoff & Donna Levick
April 28: Christopher & Christie Bobb
May 5: Tony & Donna Haugh

Lay Readers
for
April

- April 7: Donna Haugh
April 14: Richard Hovis
April 21: Bob Benchoff
April 28: Randy Cramer
May 5: Donna Haugh



A Series of Services
for the
Season of Lent

BLESSED ARE YOU

At Trinity

7 PM Lenten Study
on:
April 4
April 11
Maunday Thursday
Service,
7 PM

At Apostles

Good Friday Service:
Service of Tenebrae,
7 PM
Easter Sunday Service,
10:45 AM

Communion
Assistants

- April 7: Tony & Donna Haugh
May 5: Tony & Donna Haugh





Born March 17, 2019

I've arrived!
Let the spoiling begin!

*Welcome
to*

**Oliver
Wyman
Caplan**

CONGRATULATIONS

to

Parents:

**Hannah (Misner) & David Caplan
and**

Grandparents:

Mary Lou & Tim Misner



“Memories of Camp Michaux” by Tory VanReenen

With my recent return to my home church here in Waynesboro I have so many memories. Youth Fellowship, Sunday School, camp, the wonderful parties to celebrate all the different holidays.

Most of all, I have the fondest memories of Camp Michaux. A wonderful rustic yet modern camp, at least for the years I was there (late 1950-1960's). The camp is in the beautiful South Mountains near Pine Grove Furnace, PA.

As summer arrived I began in my mind anticipating and getting ready for that week of camp. It will be total excitement, new friendships and discoveries yet to be found. Of course arrival at camp was full hustle, finding your cabin, bunk and cabin mates for the week and our counselor.

There was the usual line-up of routine assignments and free time (pool - YEAH, reading, walks, just hanging out at the Rec Hall). Along with free time there was assigned time (Chapel, Vespers on Vesper Hill, eating, and a team project). I am going to focus on a “Team Project” during one of my camp years. Our project was creating a camp site in the near woods. This was an event! Each day we spent time at the little camp creating the area. Finding stones to outline the area, making sitting areas, a fire pit, gathering woodland things to personalize our camp. It was an adventure for all and did so much to enrich each of us, I'm sure, in many personal ways in our relationship with God and Christ, his children, the earth, prayer, respect and so much more. The little camp was used for us to gather together and enjoy - also all the projects by the other teams were shared for gatherings. This one was an inspiring project and time.

Today I can close my eyes and so vividly revisit the camp and friends. Most of all I can see that my church and Camp Michaux was a great part of my youth, full of inspiration and experiences. I know those times have influenced me through life to be the person I have grown to become through the years.

Thank you Pastor Narda for this walk through the wonderful - memorable past !



Want to use our facility? We welcome nonprofits, families, and educational and congregational groups for retreats and meetings at competitive rates. Contact our partners at United Camps Retreats and Conference Centers for more information: www.uccr.org/hartman

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Questions? Send us an email at: program@hartmancenter.com or give us a call at 1-717 50-CABIN

“Camp Memories” by Mary Lou Misner

Please, Mom, can I go, too? Whatever my brother, Bobby, was doing, I wanted to do it, too. Playing ball, riding bikes, swimming, catching bugs, having pets, golfing, fishing... AND going to CAMP MICHAUX !!!

Well, I did get to go beginning at age 10 in 1960. I loved it! Making new friends, swimming in the pool, learning how to make crafts & sing new songs, I thought maybe this church thing is really something I wanted to stick with... I learned respect for others, following rules, following through; I learned the value of quiet time, of prayer and daily devotions. I felt valued, loved, protected and respected; I learned to handle it when a snake I caught got out in the cabin.

My favorite remembrance is of evening Vespers on the hillside, every evening. I felt close to God there and it felt good to be a part of those services with that church camp family. So, thanks Mom! I did go to camp a number of years and cherish the memories! I remember it was a lot of fun stuff and some good life lessons learned on my own. And then...it's really nice to get back home with all the memories!

Check out the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall !

HARTMAN CENTER 2019 SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE

Early Bird Registration Price - before March 31/Regular Registration Price - after March 31

DATES	CAMP NAME	DIRECTORS	Cost	Cost	GRADE	AREA ¹
			Before 3/31	After 3/31		
WEEK 1 June 23-29	CIT (Counselors In Training) Fishing Camp Middle School Adventure Adventure Getting Started (June 23-26) Family (June 26-29)	Betty Bruuw Dave Bushnell & Mike Landis Carol Price & Nicole Henry Lee & Libby Nocheck Tim & Kristine Butz Tim & Kristine Butz	\$396 / 440	\$396 / 440	10-12	Cabins
			\$396 / 440	\$396 / 440	Inter	Cabins
			\$396 / 440	\$396 / 440	7-9	Cabins
			\$396 / 440	\$396 / 440	4-6	A-Fr
			\$225* / 250*	\$225* / 250*	1-3	ML
WEEK 2 June 30-July 6	Extreme Camp Water World Jr Senior High Adventure Getting Started (June 30-3)	Jen Crothers & Melissa Snow TBA Tom Downing Matt & Becky Hoover	\$396 / 440	\$396 / 440	7-10	Cabins
			\$396 / 440	\$396 / 440	4-6	Cabins
			\$396 / 440	\$396 / 440	10-12	A-Fr
			\$225 / 250	\$225 / 250	1-3	ML
WEEK 3 July 7-13 ARTS WEEK	MADD (Music, Drama, Dance) - Youth will be housed and grouped by grade but will also create and learn and perform together Arts & Crafts Body, Mind & Spirit (July 7-10) Camp of the Heart (July 10-13)	Alice Rauch Deb Frailey D'heedene & Kowalk Kara Druckenmiller	\$418 / 465	\$418 / 465	4-12	Cabins
			\$396 / 440	\$396 / 440	5-8	Cabins
			\$225 / 250	\$225 / 250	Adult	ML
WEEK 4 July 14-20	Adventure Soccer Water World Getting Started(July 14-17) Grand Camp(July 17-20)	Charlie & Kori Eisenhart Tom & Allison Downing Alex Weiss & Maggie Smith TBA Rachel Schwab	\$396 / 440	\$396 / 440	4-6	Cabins
			\$396 / 440	\$396 / 440	6-9	Cabins
			\$396 / 440	\$396 / 440	7-9	Cabins
			\$225 / 250	\$225 / 250	1-3	ML
			\$225* / 250*	\$225* / 250*	Inter	ML
WEEK 5 July 21-27	Extreme Jr. Senior High Adventure Middle School Adventure Intergenerational (Full Week) Intergenerational (Half week)	D'heedene & Koogla Dani Fair TBA Julie Beal & Ron Oetrich Julie Beal & Ron Oetrich	\$396 / 440	\$396 / 440	4-6	Cabins
			\$396 / 440	\$396 / 440	9-12	Cabins
			\$396 / 440	\$396 / 440	7-9	Cabins
			\$396* / 440*	\$396* / 440*	Inter	ML
			\$225* / 250*	\$225* / 250*	Inter	ML

¹A-Fr: A-Frames ML: Micheaux Lodge

“CHURCH CAMP JULY 15-21, 1962” *by Bob Benchoff*

One Spring day mother said excitedly, “Guess what, Bobby, every summer the Women’s Fellowship pays for someone to go to church camp and this year they picked you!”

Thinking to myself I won’t know anyone, I replied, “I’m not going!”, to which she added, “You’re already registered, you’ll have a great time.” I said, “This’ll be my fourth year with the scout troop for a week at Camp Sinoquipe and I’ll be earning merit badges toward Eagle, so I’m not going to church camp”.

“You’ll enjoy Camp Michaux, it’s up in the mountains near a lake like Sinoquipe.” Still thinking I won’t know anyone, I said, “I’m not going”. I had been brought up in the church, completed confirmation class two years earlier, and was a young, enthusiastic church member. In fact when I learned from our pastor, Rev. Swisher, that the Boy Scouts of America had a “God and Country” award, I decided to see if I could earn that, too.

As the time came for church camp I rather reluctantly packed my suitcase, gathered up my pillow & sleeping bag and began to wonder what **Camp Michaux would be like. It wasn’t long until we were driving up Old Forge Road** and into the mountains. It was, as my mother had said, a beautiful drive through the Michaux State Forest and when we arrived at Pine Grove Furnace State Park I caught a glimpse of Fuller Lake as we turned onto the road back to Camp Michaux.

As we continued past the “Welcome to Camp” sign the camp came into view and WOW, I knew right away that this was a very special place ! Dad parked the car just as a feeling of “I don’t know anyone” came over me, but as I opened the car door my group counselor reached out to shake my hand and I realized immediately that this was going to be a good week. We unloaded my belongings and as I waved goodbye to Mom & Dad and entered the bunkhouse to meet my bunkmates I knew that it was going to be a great week, and it WAS !

I grew in faith, made new friends and enjoyed the many activities of an outdoor church camp in the mountains !

When my parents arrived to pick me up it seemed like they had just **dropped me off as I stood beside my new friends and said, “Mom and Dad, we had such a great time together we’re all coming back the same week next year”.**

April 25 - Thursday Morning Movie “Risen”

Roman military tribune Clavius (Joseph Fiennes) remains set in his ways after serving 25 years in the army. He arrives at a crossroad when he's tasked to investigate the mystery of what happened to Jesus (Cliff Curtis) following the Crucifixion. Accompanied by trusted aide Lucius (Tom Felton), his quest to disprove rumors of a risen Messiah makes him question his own beliefs and spirituality. As his journey takes him to places never dreamed of, Clavius discovers the truth that he's been seeking.

50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION COMING IN JUNE !

The 50th anniversary historical display is being prepared, the Alumni Choir is forming, 50th anniversary T-shirts will soon be available, a meal & concert is planned, and letters of invitation have been sent out to our former pastors and choir members to come join in the celebration !

The celebrating will begin Saturday, June 8th at 5:00 PM with be a catered meal. The sign up sheet for the meal is posted on the 50th Anniversary Bulletin board by the kitchen in Fellowship Hall. Following the meal will be an inspiring concert by the duo “Sweet Life Music” !

Sunday, June 9th at 10:00 AM will be the worship service with Holy Communion led by Pastor Narda. The service will include the dedication of a new double door between the narthex and the education wing. It will be dedicated as a memorial to Donald McCleaf who retired from Waynesboro Construction, Inc. after 30+ years of service. This major building improvement has been partially possible by the generous gift of the “no labor, no profit” management and installation by Waynesboro Construction, Inc.

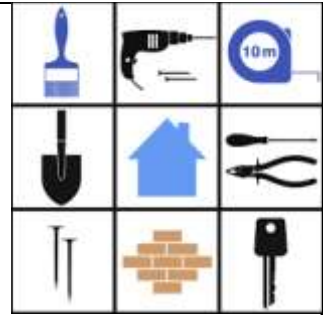
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WAYNESBORO FAITH BUILD NEWS

The 2019 FAITH BUILD PROGRAM in partnership with Thrivent Financial is well under way. EVERYONE is invited to participate in the CONSECRATION & GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY at the house site, 228 Dickinson Avenue, Waynesboro, on SATURDAY, APRIL 6 at 4:00 PM.

Other opportunities to participate will be announced in our bulletins, newsletters and Sunday morning announcements.



UCC ELVES SMALL HOME REPAIRS & IMPROVEMENTS MINISTRY TEAM

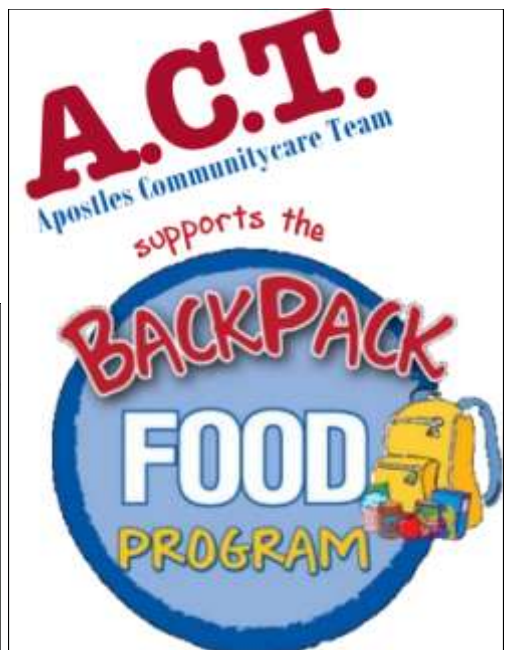


The UCC ELVES of our church do small home projects for homeowners. So far we have four members on our team and welcome others to sign up using the sheet on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

Until the team grows larger we are looking for church members who need small home repairs or improvements made who would be willing to make a donation for the work completed to be placed in our UCC Elves account to provide funding for projects we do in the community for homeowners who otherwise could not afford to have their needed repair or improvement made.

Please contact Randy Cramer or Bob Benchoff if you have a repair or project to be considered for this ministry team. The team's guiding principle is "Many jobs too big, but none too small".

***Please support these
Outreach Missions***



OUTDOOR WORK DAYS

Outdoor work days will be Thursday April 4, 11 and 18 starting at 9:00 AM.
All volunteers are welcome to help clean up the outdoor areas, fluff/add mulch, set the planters & add frost hardy flowers !

POLLINATOR & WILDLIFE HABITAT 2019



Our certified Monarchwatch.org Waystation #19178 Pollinator & Wildlife Habitat will soon come to life!

The Pollinator & Wildlife Habitat Group will again be leading activities and maintaining the cultivated nectar garden. The first activity this season is to weed the garden and watch as the young milkweed plants begin coming up. They will be thinned and offered to the

church and community members to transplant into their home Monarch gardens.

Ernie Fitz will again be planting the spectacular black oil sunflowers around the outer perimeter of the habitat and church and community members will be invited to come and enjoy them.

Dan Ritchey will be keeping the habitat walking paths mowed so that everyone may take a walk and enjoy the wildlife & beauty of the area.

“THE STORY OF THE BIBLE” DVD COURSE COMPLETED

“The Story of the Bible” Great Courses DVD series of 24 lectures by Emory University professor Timothy Johnson, Ph. D., provided by group participant Eunice Johnson, concluded on March 28th.

The weekly group of 15 participants met for 12 Thursday morning sessions in the fellowship hall and many continued their discussions over lunch at the local Hardees restaurant.

The group is in the process of deciding the next book/topic for discussion and meeting times.



YOU TOOK MY PARKING SPACE AT CHURCH

This should wake us up. One day, a man went to visit a church. He got there early, parked his car and got out. Another car pulled up near the driver got out and said, "I always park there! You took my place!"

The visitor went inside for Sunday school, found an empty seat and sat down. A young lady from the church approached him and stated, "That's my seat! You took my place!" The visitor was somewhat distressed by this rude welcome, but said nothing.

After Sunday school, the visitor went into the sanctuary and sat down. Another member walked up to him and said, "That's where I always sit! You took my place!" This visitor was even more troubled by this treatment, but still said nothing.

Later as the congregation was praying for Christ to dwell among them, the visitor stood up, and his appearance began to change. Horrible scars became visible on his hands and on his sandaled feet. Someone from the congregation noticed him and called out, "What happened to you?" The visitor replied, as his hat became a crown of thorns, and a tear fell from his eye, ***"I took your place."***

When you read this, say a pray that all...

This Easter Season let's remember, "Who took our place."



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Please forward an address change to the Church office.



April 2019

MISSION STATEMENT

We are called together to worship God, united by the Holy Spirit, and chosen as instruments of our Lord's purpose to teach, support and serve all people. We witness to the church, the community and the world by showing joy in the faith and using our talents to praise God.