



Calendar of Events

Sunday, April 20

Easter Sunday

9:30 am Worship/Communion

9:30 am Sunday School

Monday, April 21

OFFICE CLOSED

4:30 pm Senior Travel Group

6:30 pm Executive Committee

Tuesday, April 22

Wednesday, April 23

Thursday, April 24

1:00 pm Backpack packing

7:30 pm NA

Friday, April 25

Saturday, April 26

6:00 pm WELCA Trivia Night



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A graphic for an Easter Service. The background is a colorful geometric pattern of triangles in shades of orange, yellow, red, green, and blue. In the center is a large white circle. Inside the circle, at the top, is a simple orange cross. Below the cross, the words "EASTER SERVICE" are written in a large, stylized font. "EASTER" is in a reddish-pink color, and "SERVICE" is in a purple color. Below "SERVICE", the words "HE IS RISEN!" are written in a smaller, orange, sans-serif font. At the bottom of the graphic, outside the white circle, the text "SUNDAY, APRIL 20 at 9:30 AM" is written in a blue, sans-serif font. Below that, the text "SPECIAL MUSIC WILL START AT 9:15 AM" is written in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font.

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**EASTER
SERVICE**

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SUNDAY, APRIL 20 at 9:30 AM
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April 20, 2025

Service Assistants

Ushers: Charles Luppert, Larry & Donna Britton, Rhonda Koch, Sylvia McCarty, Larry Solomon; **Lay Assistant:** Susan Bryan; **Communion Assistant:** Sherri Holtzman
Acolyte/Crucifer: Dylan Sherman; **Torchbearers:** Jordan Morris, Doriann Morris
Altar Guild: Jody Fullmer, Jeannie Bower; **Greeters/Presenters:** Fred and Meg Harbaugh
Cantor: Carol Waltz; **Flower Delivery:** Susan Bryan

April 13, 2025: Attendance: *In Church:* **119**; *Online:* **7**; Offering: **\$4,039.38**

IN BLESSED MEMORY

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of William and Jean Reasner's 60th wedding anniversary by John and Brett Reasner, Ronda Hopkins and Raven Cooley.

The Basket of Flowers is given to the Glory of God and in honor of Kirstin Gist's 34th birthday by her husband and family.

The Basket of Flowers is given to the Glory of God and in loving and living memory of Susie and David Hutchinson by their family.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of Lee Waltz's birthday on April 25th by his family.

Bible Readings

Sunday, April 20: Acts 10:34-43; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26; Luke 24:1-12

Monday, April 21: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Joshua 10:16-27; 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

Tuesday, April 22: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Judges 4:17-23; 5:24-31a; Revelation 12:1-12

Wednesday, April 23: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 2 Samuel 6:1-15; Luke 24:1-12

Thursday, April 24: Psalm 150; 1 Samuel 17:1-23; Acts 5:12-16

Friday, April 25: Psalm 150; 1 Samuel 17:19-32; Acts 5:17-26

Saturday, April 26: Psalm 150; 1 Samuel 17:32-51; Luke 24:36-40



Pastoral Care Number: Please call (570) 326-9171. (Available 24 hours a day) During work hours the office staff will assist you. After hours, please press "3" for a Pastoral Emergency to be connected directly to the Pastor.

Reminder: Articles for the Messenger and Bulletin are due in the office by Monday at noon.



Most Needed Items for the Food Pantry this week: tuna fish and canned chicken. Thank you for your continued commitment to feeding the hungry!



Put **Saturday, April 26 (6:00 p.m.)** on your calendar for **TRIVIA NIGHT** in Shaheen Hall, with George Jansson (we hope!) as our Quizmaster. Registration is \$8.00 per person; \$15.00 per couple to benefit Messiah Pre-School's Scholarship Fund. Bring food to

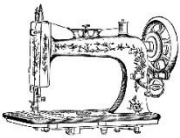
share; pizza and beverages will be provided. Tables of six will compete for the evening's championship ... *may the best wits win!*

The Library Corner - Highlighted Books



Children - **Jesus Washes Peter's Feet** - This is the famous story of the Last Supper. This book is one of our many Lent/Holy Week/Easter themed Arch books. This entire series has a 3rd gr. reading level. Great to read together and there is always a page for parents at the end of each book. Book is on the Arch Book spinner in our library.

Adult - **The Day Christ Died by Jim Bishop** - This is a book about the most dramatic day in the history of the world, the day on which Jesus of Nazareth died. It opens at 6 p.m. - the beginning of the Hebrew day -- with Jesus and ten of the apostles coming through the pass between the Mt. of Olives and the Mt. of Offense, in route to Jerusalem and the Last Supper. It closes at 4 p.m. of the following afternoon, when Jesus was taken down from the cross. This book is in the Easter Holiday Section of the library.



Lutheran World Relief School Kits

More fabric has been marked and cut. Fabric pieces as well as instruction sheets are available in the narthex or in the church office for those who wish to help by sewing at home ... either by simply sewing a hem around the edges or by sewing a complete bag. **Questions?? Call Sally Congdon at 570-547-6193 or Kathy Wither at**

570-651-2802.

LIVE STREAM OPERATORS NEEDED!



The livestream of our worship services have been a great resource for many of our homebound members, friends of the congregation living far away from Williamsport, and as a low-stakes way of visitors to check out worship at Messiah. We are currently in need of a few more adults to facilitate the broadcast. It is a relatively simple operation; if you know how to point and click on a computer, you can learn how to run the

livestream! Training will be provided. Please contact the church office if you are interested.

**Children's
Missions**



Kids Helping Kids! In addition to our Kids in Mission event on March 29, we are going to hold a **second springtime Kids in Mission this year on May 3.**

Our service project for that event will be to decorate and assemble **Children's Care Kits for Shepherd of the Streets ... and we can use your help!** Throughout the month of April, we will be collecting items to fill the kits. The following children's items are needed: *toothbrushes and toothpaste, band aids, hair ties, combs, socks, kids' soap, kids' shampoo, crayons and coloring or activity books, and small toys or fun items* (think dollar store toys which will fit inside a large lunch bag). Please place your items in the container in the narthex on Sundays or drop them off at the church office during the week. We will accept donations through Sunday, April 27. *Thank you for your help!*



There will be no Sunday School on Easter. There will not be an Easter Egg Hunt after the service; however, children from age 2 - Grade 6 are invited to pick up an Easter Bag of goodies. They will be located on tables to the right of the nave.