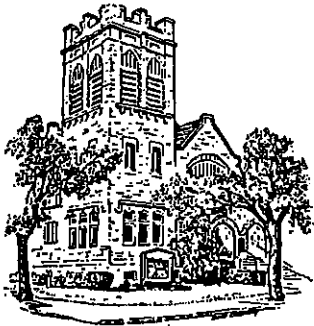
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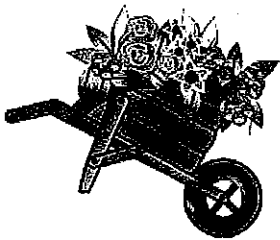
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Monthly Messenger

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Alleluia!
GLORY to the Risen Savior
Christ the Lord is Risen Today!
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CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY!
HALLELUJAH

APRIL 2017



**MAY
NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE,
TUESDAY,
APRIL 18, 2017**

CHURCH STAFF

PASTOR: Pastor Wade Berkey
CHURCH SECRETARY: Audrey Green
PIANIST: Emily King
SEXTON: Valerie Kachur
ADULT CHOIR DIRECTOR: Barb Gaughan
CHILDREN'S CHOIR DIRECTOR:
Valerie Kachur
NURSERY ATTENDANT: Linda Powell
MESSENGER VOLUNTEERS:
Carolyn Gallaher, Sally Krozely
June Pollard, Linda Scaife, Carol Wolfe,
Kathy Coleman

WORSHIP: 11:00 AM

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RAINBOW ROAD: 724-548-7569



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Thursday 8:00-4:00 PM



From the Pastors Desk

April 2017



**NEW GENERATIONS OF FAITH
2017 - ...!**

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ!

This has been a very mild winter for our area. We had some very warm days when we least expected them. Friday, February 24 was near 70°! I was beginning to think that the groundhog had made an incorrect prognostication!!

Then March arrived and there was a forecast for a severe winter storm. And, while some places are still dealing with the snow they received, our area only saw a small amount of snow. We did experience some very cold days and nights as the temperature dipped very low.

So, where am I going with this? Somewhere about the time that Punxsutawney Phil was saying six more weeks of Winter, a few of the spring flower bulbs that are in our garden began to poke through the ground. We made comments that it was still too early for the flowers but they still tried to grow.

Alongside the garage is a small flower area that includes some awesome looking tulips. The last few years they have been very beautiful. These tulips were a part of the flowers that started to grow very early—while it was still winter. I watched them hoping that they would get the memo that Spring was not here yet. Some mornings they tulip leaves were covered with snow. Some mornings the tulip leaves were not only covered with snow or ice, but they were enduring temperatures that are too cold for Artic seals!

But these tulips continued to push through!

Despite very adverse condition that might have otherwise stunted (or worse) the growth of other flower bulbs, these tulips endured and almost seemed to challenge the weather!

These tulips remind me of the Kingdom of God. On a Friday in which the forecast was for the Messiah to die on a cross, it seemed like there was no hope left in the world. The sky darkened, the earth trembled, and probably some naysayers looked for the end to come that day. But God had other plans! HE reached into that tomb and gave new life to Jesus Christ and the Kingdom of God continued in spite of what some human beings chose to do. Despite evils efforts to stunt the growth of the Kingdom, it grew and still grows. We are a part of God's Kingdom. The power that reached into the tomb on that first Easter morn, is with us right now!

Place your hope in the Power that raised Jesus from the tomb.



That same Power is waiting for you, NOW!!

Claim it!



Christ is Indeed Risen!

Pastor Ade



APRIL WORSHIP

April 2, 2017

11:00 AM, Communion, 5th Sunday in Lent
Mark 15:15b-23

Sermon Series: **24 Hours That Changed the World**
Sermon Title: **The Torture and Humiliation of the King**

April 9, 2017

11:00 AM, Palm Sunday
Mark 15:25-39

Sermon Series: **24 Hours That Changed the World**
Sermon Title: **The Crucifixion**

April 16, 2017

11:00 AM, Easter Sunday
Mark 16:16

Sermon Series: **24 Hours That Changed the World**
Sermon Title: **Christ the Victor**

April 23, 2017

11:00 AM
Acts 22:3-5

Sermon Series: **The Call; The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul**
Sermon Title: **Called to Follow Christ**

April 30, 2017

11:00 AM
Acts 13:1-4a

Sermon Series: **The Call; The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul**
Sermon Title: **Called to Go**



ATTENTION ALL KIDS

Children's Choir is starting back up. Join us Sunday mornings right after Sunday School for choir practice beginning Sunday, April 2, 2017. See you there!



WELCOME CENTER

- 2
- 9
- 16
- 23
- 30



READERS

- 2
- 9 Sue Hankey
- 16 Pastor Wade
- 23 Bunny Bocian
- 30 Mert Hellein



USHERS

- 2 Oxford/Kim Yankasky & Communion
- 9 Albright/Dan Wolfe
- 16 Albright/Dan Wolfe
- 23 Asbury/Mary Jo Lipski
- 30 Asbury/Mary Jo Lipski



SOUND SYSTEM

- 2 Dave Yanoschick
- 9 Janessa Muir
- 16 John Yankasky
- 23 John Wolfe
- 30 Scott Hogamier



COUNTERS

- 2 Flanders
- 9 McKelvey
- 16 Scaife
- 23 Krozely
- 30 Thomas



ACOLYTE

- 2 Joey Kachur
- 9 Bella Aires
- 16 Hannah Hoffman
- 23 Isaac Zielinski
- 30 Ryan Bish



BELL RINGERS

- 2 Chelsea Beers
- 9 Caden King
- 16 Jocelyn King
- 23 Ashley Yankasky
- 30 Abby Yankasky



RAINBOW ROAD

Rainbow Road is accepting applications for the 2017-2018 school year. There are classes two days a week for 3-year-olds (by September 1st) and three days a week for prekindergarten students. To receive an application, visit our website at www.firstchurchkittanning.com or office at 724-548-4312.

April 2017

Monthly Prayer Calendar

Consider how God is asking you to pray through these concerns.

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 Pray for the Holy Spirit to fill our church, our worship, and our hearts! | 2 Pray for the Trustee Team! | 3 Pray for Pastor Wade and the entire First Church staff and their families! | 4 Pray for everyone, by name, who has an "April" birthday or an "April" anniversary! | 5 Pray for those struggling with mental illness. | 6 Our last Friday Fish Dinner! Come enjoy fellowship, fish, and of course, pie! | 7 They call today "April Fools Day"! Laugh with someone today! |
| 8 Pray for joy in our worship today! | 9 Pray for Pastor Ali and the Allegheny River Charge Churches! | 10 Pray for John and Christine Zimmerman! | 11 Pray for God to speak into the life of our church and to our future as a church! | 12 Pray for John and Christine Zimmerman! | 13 Today is Good Friday, the day the worst thing happened to the best person. Give thanks for grace! | 14 Pray for yourself! |
| 15 Easter Sunday! Celebrate the Resurrection! | 16 Pray for the finances of our church. | 17 Pray for John and Christine Zimmerman! | 18 Pray for our church. | 19 Pray for John and Christine Zimmerman! | 20 Pray for churches that are getting a new pastor! Pray for pastors that are getting a new church! | 21 Reflect on how the Cross has changed your life! |
| 22 Pray for the special people that have blessed your life! | 23 Pray for our Christian Education Team! | 24 Pray for John and Christine Zimmerman! | 25 Pray for our church family. | 26 Pray for John and Christine Zimmerman! | 27 Take time to rest today! | 28 Give thanks for Creation! |
| 29 Pray for our Bishop, Rev. Cynthia Moore-Koi Koi! | 30 | | | | | 29 Pray for our District Superintendent, Rev. Jim Pond! |



LENTEN SERMON SERIES

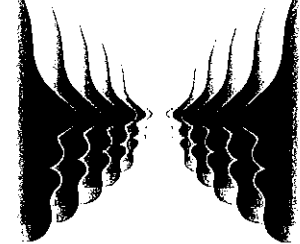
Join us in worship during Lent for a Sermon Series entitled **24 Hours That Changed the World**. No single event in human history has received more attention than the suffering and crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth. The focus of the sermon series will be to help us to look at each event in the last 24 hours of Jesus' life. Each week we will take one part of the story to see the theological significance and reflect upon what it means for us.

- Fifth Sunday of Lent, April 2, 2017, The Torture and Humiliation of a King; Mark 15:15b-23
- Palm/Passion Sunday, April 9, 2017, The Crucifixion; Mark 15:25-39
- Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017, Christ the Victor; Mark 16:1-6

ABOUT FACE CHURCH OUTREACH CONSULTANTS

Don't forget the pledge you made to help support this ministry! Please make certain when giving to this outreach ministry project that your donation is clearly marked to identify it and keep it separate from your regular offerings. Simply mark your envelope or your check (in the memo line) with "AFCOC"! Your Church thanks you in advance for your help and support!

John and Christine Zimmerman



We are in the process of forming a confirmation class. If your child is in sixth grade, 12 years of age, or has not been through confirmation classes before, please consider enrolling him or her. Confirmation is the step in which your child "confirms the work" that God began in him or her when they were baptized. Classes will be held on Sunday afternoons from 2:00-4:00 PM on April 23, 30 and May 21. Contact Pastor Wade or the Church Office to enroll your child.

Vacation Bible School

June 19-23, 9:00-noon

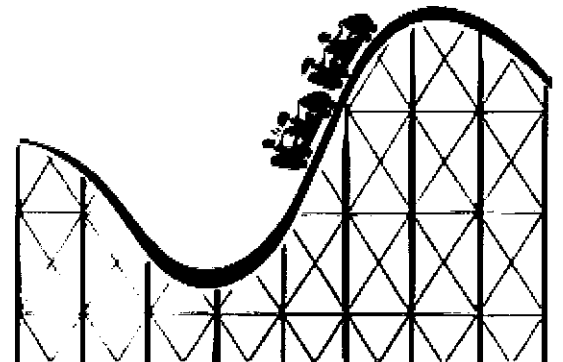
Ages 3 years thru 6th grade

Mark your calendars and get ready to join us for a Thrill Ride with Jesus. The church area will be transformed into a SonWorld Adventure Park and we'll learn how we can follow, trust and obey Jesus thru lessons from the New Testament. Last year we had nearly 120 children for VBS and expect the same or more this year so we need a


lot of help to prepare for this fun-filled week. Please consider how you are able to help and contact Sue Hankey (724-545-1656) or the church office if you have any questions.

- Work Day (Paint/cut/assemble props and scenery) – Covenant Center – April 29th 9-?
- Memorial Day Parade – May 29 – we'll have an entry for advertising – we'll need people to help prepare and to walk with us
- Crew leaders for all ages (week of VBS).

Watch the bulletin for more details in the following weeks.




Thank You's

On behalf of the Kittanning Salvation Army, we would like to thank you for allowing us to once again use the Covenant Center for our Christmas distribution this past year. We also, appreciate the help from some of the gentlemen from your congregation who helped move gifts and food. God Bless,
 The Salvation Army


Dear FUMC<

Just a note to thank you for all of the cards that you have sent to my husband during his illness. What a wonderful feeling knowing that we are associated with such a compassionate and caring family. God Bless,

 Fred & Gail Blaney

Dear Church Family,

We want to thank all of you for your kind and many expressions of sympathy and friendship in the death of our mother. We also extend thanks to Karen Scaife and her committee for the delicious lunch prepared for all of us and gratitude to Pastor Wade for his visits and his service for our mother. With Sincere thanks,

 The Starr Family,
Carol, Dick, Bill and Nancy

2017 VBS CANS

In the past month (through March 15th) we received 1,280 cans for our 2017 Vacation Bible School collection to help Habitat for Humanity. Our Total since VBS 2016 is 18,345.

Thanks to all of you who saved, collected and Brought in cans. Our collection for VBS 2017 continues-so-KEEP THEM COMING! Please continue or start saving aluminum cans (pop, tea, fruit juice, health drinks and beer cans). Drop them off at the church ramp anytime. Thank you, Can Man



DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Indiana District Conference will be held at Marion Center UMC on Sunday, May 7 at 2:30 PM. Consider attending to connect with the ministries of the Indiana District!



PRAYER TIME

Tuesday, March 14th
at 6:30 PM in the
Prayer Room



MARGARET M. PATTON/JEAN ELGIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Attention High School seniors and college students—applications for the 2017 Margaret Patton/Jean Elgin Memorial Scholarships are available from the church office. Application deadline is Sunday, May 14, 2017.



SUMMER CAMP

Jumonville's 41st Annual Spring Fundraising Dinner

"Celebrating Jumonville's Adventure Program"

Sunday, May 7, 2017

- 2:30 pm The campus and the Adventure Center will be open to enjoy.
- 2:30 pm The Beatty Museum in Ann Murphy will be open. If you didn't see it during the 75th Anniversary, you can relive the memories of your past Jumonville visits.
- 3:15 pm Jeff Painter in concert - Whyel Chapel
- 4:30 pm Hor d'oeuvres & Punch in Asbury Dining Hall
- 5:30 pm Dinner in Asbury Dining Hall

Menu:

Plated Salad (Apple Sauce for Kids) Roast Beef (Chicken Fingers for Kids)
 Baked Potato Glazed Carrots Fresh Baked Rolls
 Cobbler with Ice Cream for Dessert

Please join us on the mountain top for fun and fellowship!

We will be honoring our Jumonville Adventure Camp Dean's that have served so well in our summer camping program.

In addition, we will have several folks briefly share their Jumonville Adventure Camp experiences.

Donations will be collected at the dinner, or may be sent to the office.

Proceeds for the 2017 Spring Dinner will go to the Kidz2Kamp Fund.

Dress is casual for the day.

Reservation deadline is Wednesday, May 3, 2017

2017 Jumonville Spring Dinner

____ Yes, I am coming! I have listed the names of my guests at the bottom of this form.
I/we will need a total of ____ meals.

____ Sorry, but I am unable to attend. However, I would like to make a contribution of \$ _____

My Name: _____

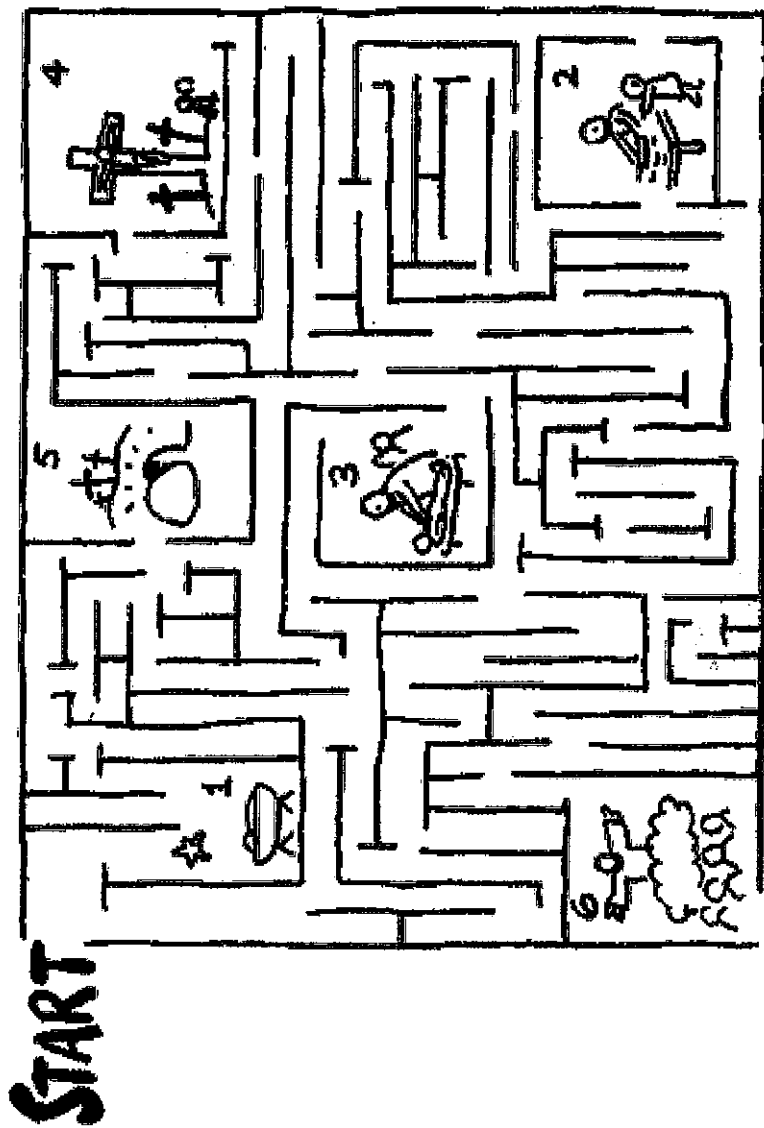
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Guests: _____

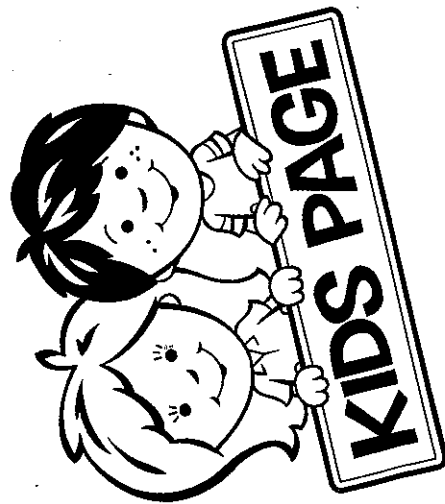
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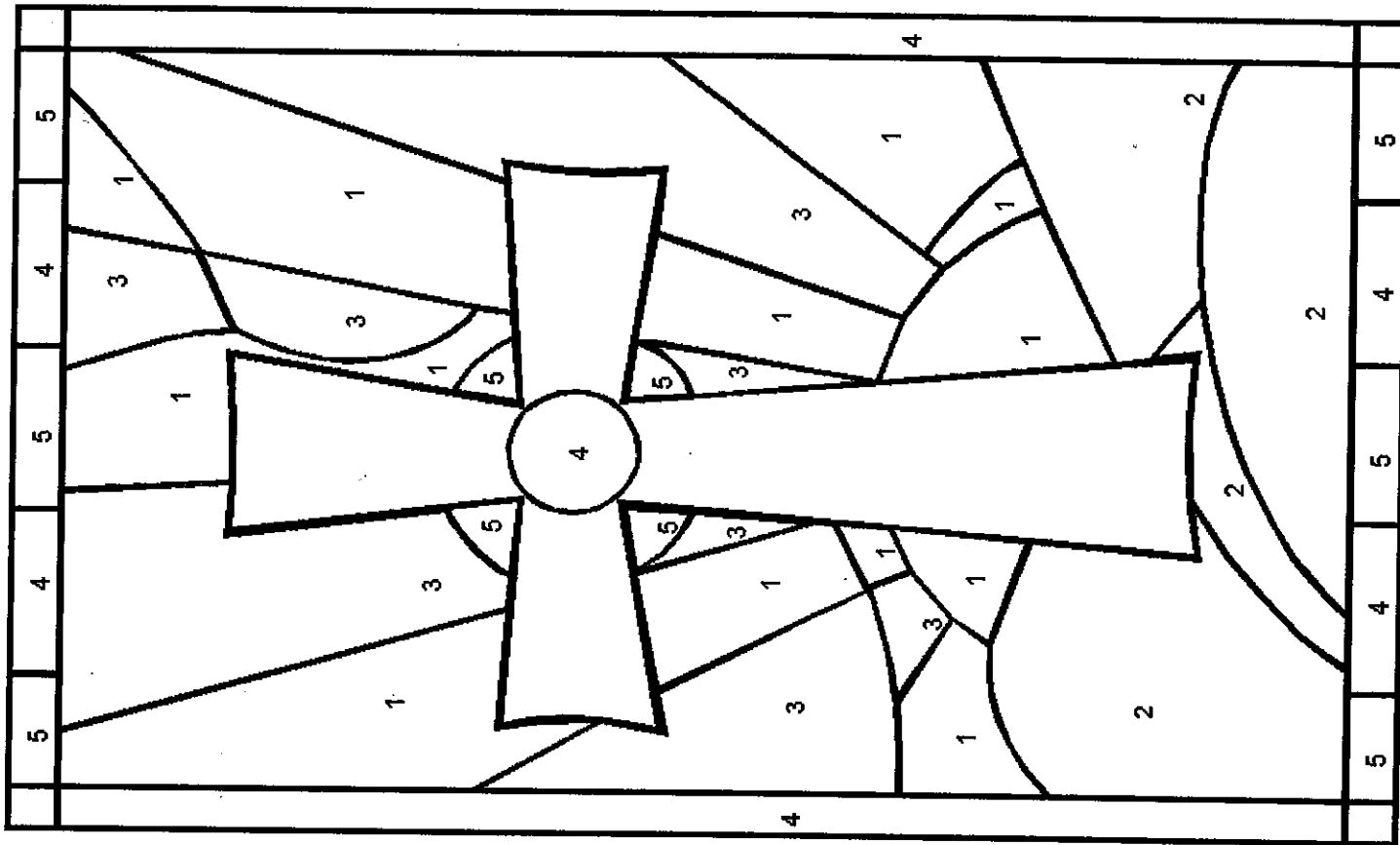
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You must travel right through each event in Jesus' life in the right order!

1. Jesus is born at Bethlehem.
2. Joseph teaches Jesus to work as a carpenter.
3. Jesus heals a little girl.
4. Jesus is crucified.
5. Jesus is alive again.
6. Jesus ascends to heaven.



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APRIL MISSIONS TO HELP FOSTER CARE

Our church family will contribute in a **very practical way** and for a **new local ministry** this April. We will concentrate on the practical needs for children who are helped in **BLESSINGS FOSTER CARE MINISTRY, INC.**

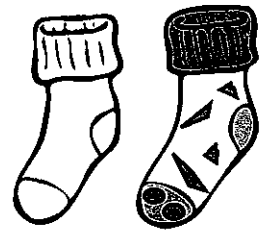
This ministry serves foster children and their families in W. Penna. By the way, did you know that there are 15,000 foster children in Pennsylvania every year? Their office is at the Union Baptist Church in Cadogan, however it reaches out to children in surrounding areas.

This outreach supplies "Blessings Bags" (back packs with basic supplies), a shoe drive, a teen drive, and much more. After talking with the director, we decided that our church will focus and contribute on two basic necessities of foster children: socks and underwear. Very often a child will be given to a foster family with nothing but the clothes on their body. That means no extra socks or underwear. So, that is what we will focus on.

We are interested in **socks and underwear (not for infants or babies)**, but for **toddlers and children through the 6th grade**. So, any sizes, brands, colors...whatever you choose will be gratefully accepted and used.

We want to thank Terri Crouse for this suggestion. May we bring some basics to children who have such great needs. May these children be blessed knowing 'someone out there cares.' God Bless!

Missions Committee



APRIL'S LIBRARY NEWS

The following children's books were added to our church's library...

"The Berenstain Bears Say Their Prayers"
"The Berenstain Bears God Loves You" and
"The Berenstain Bears and the Golden Rule".

They were created by Stan and Jan Berenstain with Mike Berenstain.

Great books for you to read to your children or grandchildren!

A new mystery series has been donated to our library. It takes place in Mystic Harbor, Massachusetts. The first 4 books are...

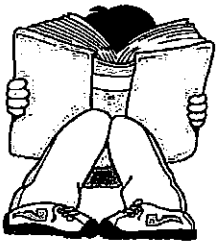
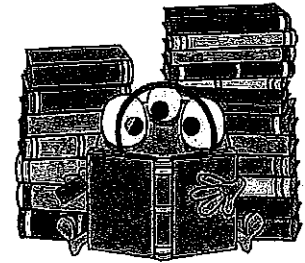
"A Patchwork Murder" by Jan Fields
"Raven Threads" by K. d. McCrite
"A Midsummer Night's Seam" by Rachael Phillips and
"Broderie Curse" by Jan Fields.

This series is about a quilting group who try to solve a mystery.

You're never too old, too wacky, too wild to pick up a book and read to a child.

Dr. Seuss

Carol Wolfe, Librarian



LENTEN FISH DINNER

Our last Lenten Fish Dinner will be held on Friday, April 7, 2017 at the Covenant Center from 4:30-6:30 PM.

MENU: Baked or Fried Fish, Sloppy Joe Sandwich
Baked Potato, Curly Fries or Macaroni & Cheese
Cole Slaw or Applesauce, Roll, Beverage & PIE
Adult \$9.00 Children \$4.00

Come and eat, bring your family and friends. Help support our fund raising efforts to raise finances for our church programs and missions.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Carlee Beers | 15 Bella Aires |
| 1 Anna Mae Moffit-97years | 15 Dante Aires |
| 1 Jane Flick-95 years | 15 Tony Green |
| 2 Matthew Rush | 15 Emily King |
| 3 Jolena VanMeter | 15 Alyssa Krozely |
| 4 Jessica Wright | 16 Grace Kohl |
| 5 Bill Waters | 19 Jane Shuttleworth |
| 9 Herb Coggon | 19 Meaghan Volek |
| 10 Dennis Hoffman | 20 Tom Scherf |
| 11 Madeline Smith-5 yrs | 22 Mac Toth |
| 12 Patty Bruno | 26 Kelly Aires |
| 12 Isaac Zielinski | 26 Linda Powell |
| 13 Bill Hake | 27 Sally Felton |
| 14 Mary Anne Hankey | 28 Robyn Green |
| | 30 Wyatt Green-5 yrs |

APRIL ANNIVERSARY

Gregory & Jalissa Jacobs
April 5th--3 years

It's a BOY!

Congratulations to Leslie and Justin Fair on the birth of their son, Warren Robert Fair. Warren was born on March 2, 2017. He was 9lbs 7oz and 22 inches long. His grandparents are Brenda and Robert Buzzinotti. Great grandparents are Mary Anne and Robert Hankey.

with deepest

SYMPATHY

We extend our Christian Compassion and concern Carolyn Gallaher, Richard and Rev. William (Nancy) Starr on the death of their mother, Bonnie Starr. Bonnie passed away on Saturday, March 11, 2017. Bonnie was the grandmother of 5 grandchildren and Great-grandmother of 4 great-grandchildren. She will be greatly missed by those who knew her.

APRIL SIFT LUNCHEON

Thursday, April 20, 2017
12:00 PM

MENU: Hamloaf, Scalloped Potatoes, Corn or Green Beans, Italian bread, Cakes

PROGRAM: Phyllis Howard, Harpist
Reservations are due by **Monday, April 17th.** By calling the church or email

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Office -724-548-4312

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR FEBRUARY 2017

PRESCHOOL-KINDERGARTEN

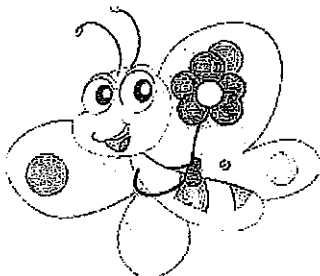
Sue Hankey
Caden King

1ST & 2ND GRADE

Audrey Green
Hallie Hoffman

3RD-6TH GRADE

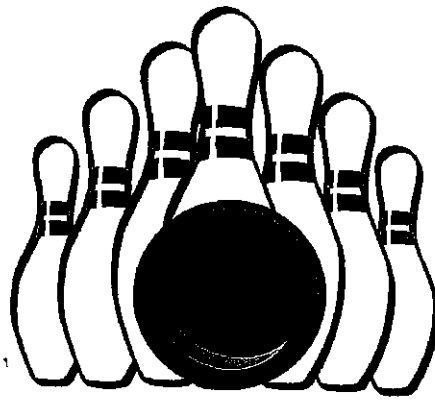
Kelly Hoffman
Abby Yankasky



FRIDAY NIGHT CIRCLE

April 6, 2017
7:00 PM

Covenant Center
PROGRAM: The Canadian Rockies
Karen Scaife & Sharon Scaife



Please join the fellowship committee at King's Lanes in Kittanning on **Sunday, April 9th** at 1:30 for some bowling fun. It is \$2.75 per game and \$1 for shoe rental. We will provide lunch immediately following worship that day and we can travel as a group to the bowling alley after lunch. Trophies will be awarded to the top finishers in the adults and kids-(up to age 12) categories. Everyone will receive a prize too! Please sign up below so we know how many are coming. Thank you.

I plan to stay for lunch before bowling:

Name _____

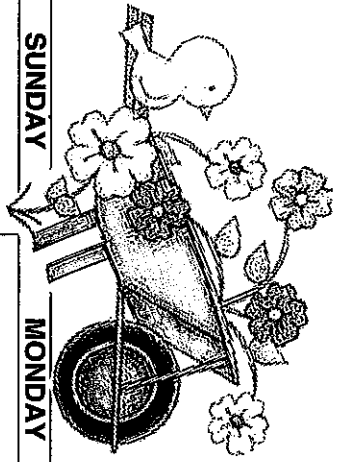
Number of people _____

I plan to bowl:

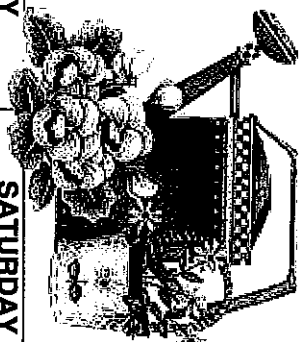
Name: _____

Number of Adults Bowling: _____

Number of Children Bowling: _____



APRIL



APRIL FOOLS' DAY

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|--|---|---|---|--|---|
| <p>2</p> <p>9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Communion 12:00 PM Flick-CC</p> | <p>3</p> <p>8:30 AM CC Clean Team 6:30 PM Trustees</p> | <p>4</p> <p>8:30 AM 3R's 6:00 PM Women Fellowship 7:00 PM Staff Parish 7:00 PM Community Lent - Comerstone Assembly</p> | <p>5</p> <p>12:00 PM Lent Luncheon- Grace Presbyterian Church</p> | <p>6</p> <p>7:00 PM Friday Night Circle</p> | <p>7</p> <p>4:30 PM Fish Dinner-CC</p> | <p>8</p> <p>1:00 PM Kessler-CC 6:30 PM We Surrender-CC</p> |
| <p>9</p> <p><i>Palm Sunday</i> 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 2:00 PM Camp 43-CC 1:30 PM Bowling-King Lane</p> | <p>10</p> | <p>11</p> <p>8:30 AM 3R's 6:00 PM Women Fellowship 6:00 PM Prayer Time</p> | <p>12</p> <p>6:00 PM Adult Choir 7:00 PM Small Group Study</p> | <p>13</p> <p><i>Good Friday</i> 7:00 PM Holy Thursday Service-FUMC</p> | <p>14</p> <p><i>Good Friday</i> 12:00 PM Good Friday Service-St. John's Lutheran</p> | <p>15</p> <p>6:30 PM We Surrender-CC</p> |
| <p>16</p> <p><i>Easter</i> 7:00 AM Sunrise Service- 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship</p> | <p>17</p> <p>6:30 PM Finance</p> | <p>18</p> <p>8:30 AM 3R's 11:00 AM CCOP-CC 6:00 PM Women Fellowship</p> | <p>19</p> <p>6:00 PM Adult Choir 7:00 PM Rainbow Road Board</p> | <p>20</p> <p>12:00 PM SIFT-CC 7:00 PM Heavenly Daughter 7:00 PM 200th Anniversary Team</p> | <p>21</p> | <p>22</p> <p><i>Smiley Face</i> 6:30 PM We Surrender-CC</p> |
| <p>23</p> <p>9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship</p> | <p>24</p> <p>7:00 PM Christian Education NEWSLETTER</p> | <p>25</p> <p>8:30 AM 3R's 6:00 PM Women Fellowship</p> | <p>26</p> <p>6:00 PM Adult Choir</p> | <p>27</p> <p>7:00 PM Heavenly Daughter</p> | <p>28</p> <p><i>April Fool's Day</i></p> | <p>29</p> <p>9:00 AM VBS Workday-CC 6:30 PM We Surrender-CC</p> |
| <p>30</p> <p>9:30 AM Sunday School 1:00 AM Worship</p> | | | | | | |