



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
301 NORTH JEFFERSON STREET
KITANNING PA 16201



HE IS RISEN!

May you feel Christ's
love in your heart &
be filled with
his peace & Joy this Easter Day...
And always!!



ALLEGHENY RIVER CHARGE

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724-543-5012 **Worship 9:00 AM**



MAY 2025 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
Please get articles to Audrey no later than
SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2025
Please have your articles on time. Thank you

A Reflection on Sacrifice and Salvation

As we approach Easter, the most significant event in the Christian calendar, it is essential to pause and reflect on the profound importance of Jesus Christ giving up His life for us.

Easter celebrates the ultimate sacrifice made by Jesus Christ. Jesus, the Son of God, willingly chose to sacrifice His life to atone for our sins. This act of selflessness and love represents the depth of God's love for all of us. Jesus' crucifixion is seen as the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies and the divine plan for salvation.

The crucifixion is not just a historical event but a spiritual truth that continues to offer hope and salvation to believers today. On Easter Sunday, the resurrection is seen as the triumph over death and sin, and it provides assurance of eternal life to all who believe in Him. The resurrection is a testament to the power of God and the promise that death is not the end, but a passage to eternal life.

The sacrifice of Jesus Christ has the power to transform our lives. It is a source of inspiration and strength, encouraging us to live lives of love, compassion, and service. The teachings of Jesus, reinforced by His sacrifice, should be the guide in our daily lives, fostering a sense of purpose and direction.

Easter is a time when families and congregations come together to celebrate shared meals, prayers, and worship services that strengthen the bonds of fellowship and reinforce the collective faith. Easter offers new beginnings and the promise of a better future. It is a reminder that, no matter the challenges faced, there is always hope for redemption and transformation. THANK YOU JESUS FOR GIVING US EASTER!



APRIL LECTIONARY READING

April 6, 2025

5th Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21, Psalms 126,
Philippians 3:4b-14, John 12:1-8



April 20, 2025

Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43, Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24,
1 Corinthians 15:19-26, John 20:1-18

April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9, Psalms 31:9-16,
Philippians 2:5-11, Luke 23:1-49

April 27, 2025

2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-35, Psalms 150,
Revelations 1:4-8, John 20:19-31

HOLY WEEK

THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2025-Maundy Thursday/Good Friday Service

5:00-7:00 PM at First Church



This service will have a full Last Supper table set. There will be a blessing of the elements at 5:00 PM. Then the pastor will remain at the table while people can watch the meditational video that will run overhead. This video will go through the original Last Supper event and scripture along with Good Friday events, with thought provoking ideas of the Holy Week. Then people can come forward to commune at the table when they are ready then quietly leave or stay for more meditation time.

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 20, 2025

Service at all three churches which will include full communion at each church. This will be done by old school style, groups will come forward to stand or kneel at the altar and two stewards to serve from each side and we commune together.



YOU ARE INVITED TO A DARTBALL OPEN HOUSE ON MONDAY,
APRIL 14TH AT 6:00 PM IN FIRST CHURCH BASEMENT



FIRST CHURCH LINK PAGES

APRIL SIFT LUNCHEON

The April SIFT Luncheon will be held on Thursday, April 17, 2025, at noon in the Covenant Center. The menu will be ham loaf, parsley buttered potatoes, green beans, applesauce, roll and cake for dessert. The program will be determined. Reservations can be made from Tuesday, April 1st through noon on **Thursday, April 10th**. Please call 724 548-4312. Phone reservations only will be accepted and will be limited to 75. You will need to give a name for each reservation made along with a contact phone number. Please call to cancel as there may be a waiting list. Doors will open at 11:30 AM. Please use the parking lot door. See YOU there!





FIRST CHURCH LINK PAGES

COUNTERS

6 Melissa Bureau
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20 Tim Scaife
27 Tim Scaife



USHERS

6 Epworth
13 Oxford
20 Oxford
27 Asbury



ACOLYTES

6 Caitlyn Kachur
13 Chris Hankey
20 Jocelyn King
27 Hallie Hoffman

LIVE STREAM

6 Sue Hankey
13 Steph Hankey
20 Ray Johnson
27 Brenda Beers



BELL RINGERS

6 Jocelyn King
13 Eliana McGregor
20 Chris Hankey
27 Emersyn McGregor

WELCOME CENTER

6 Sarah Heckert
13 Melissa Bureau
20 Marybeth Dean
27 Carolyn Hancock



SCRIPTURE READER

6 Melissa Bureau
13 Carolyn Hancock
20 Ray Johnson
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SOUND SYSTEM

6 Tim King
13 Jeff Hankey
20 Chelsea Beers
27 Carlee Beers



2025 VBS ALUMINUM CAN COUNT

Last month I put out a challenge to bring in more cans, We were falling behind significantly since the prior year when Jim Was counting. We need your help not only to bring in cans but Also to spread the news that Jim's mission of turning aluminum Into cash for Armstrong Habitat for Humanity continues. Jim had Been doing this mission for 29 years and we plan to continue His mission for many years to come. Bring In Cans and Spread The News. WE NEED CANS. *Melissa B*



CAN COUNT
Feb 15-Mar 15
4,180
Total this year
32,164

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1 Carlee Beers
2 Matthew Rush
5 Bill Waters
9 Herb Coggon
10 Dennis Hoffman
12 Patty Bruno
12 Isaac Zielinski
14 Mary Anne Hankey-93



15 Tony Green
15 Emily King
19 Jane Shuttleworth-101
19 Meaghan Volek
22 Gregory "Mac" Toth
26 Linda Powell
27 Sally Felton
28 Robyn Green
30 Wyatt Green

VBS 2025

VBS will be held the week of June 23-27 from 9 to noon. We have selected Cokesbury's VBS "Road Trip-On the Go with God".

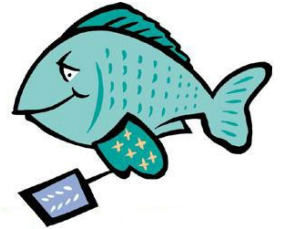




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FISH DINNERS

First UMC Kittanning will hold the annual Lenten Fish Dinners on Friday, April 4 and 11. The dinner will be the same as in the past few years: Baked or Fried Fish, Baked Potato or Seasoned Fries or Macaroni & Cheese, Coleslaw or Apple Sauce, Pie, and Coffee, or Iced Tea, or Lemonade. Adult meals are \$12.00, Child meals (under 12) are \$5.00 with ice cream instead of pie. We will serve from 4:30 to 6:00 with takeout available.



Thank you to all who have volunteered to help from all churches on the Allegheny River Charge. There are currently enough volunteers to do the dinners but a few more volunteers would make them run a little more smoothly. If you have not already volunteered, you are welcome to just show up or to call or text Tim at 724 664 5346. While I have assigned jobs in the kitchen and have a few other requests for specific jobs, most help is needed in setting tables, clearing tables, serving the food and doing cleanup when finished. You are welcome to volunteer for whatever amount of time you can any or all weeks. We will start the final preparations at 4:00 so workers will be needed from 4:00 until finished.

We will be cutting pies starting at 12:00 each Friday. We could use a couple more pie cutters each week. In the past it has taken a couple hours to complete cutting the pies.

Tim Scaife – Activities Chairman

APRIL MISSIONS



Our April mission will be the Ruth M. Smith Center in Sheffield, PA. The purpose of The Ruth M. Smith Center, a National Mission Institution of the united Methodist Women, National Organization, is to minister to the social, educational, emotional, spiritual, and physical needs of dependent children, youth, adults, and families regardless of race, religion, or national origin. Our donations will help fund this care home for many of our brothers and sisters. Please see Emily with any questions.

ALTAR FLOWER DATES AVAILABLE 2025

We have the following dates open for altar flowers.

The price has gone up this year to \$38.00.

April 13, 27

August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

November 2, 23, 30

May 25

September 7, 21

December 28

July 6, 13, 20, 27

October 19, 26

If you would like any of these dates, please see Audrey or put on your connect card. Thank



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS



The applications for the Margaret M. Patton/Jean Elgin Memorial Scholarships is available in the church office. In order to qualify for the scholarship, you must:

1. Return the completed application in its entirety on time.
2. Be a member of the First United Methodist Church of Kittanning.
3. Participate in or help with at least three church activities during the last 2 years.

Applications are due in the office no later than **Wednesday, April 30, 2025**



FORD MEMORIAL LINK PAGE

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

3 Ashley Berrett
 3 Lisa Hawk
 6 Tom Bernot
 7 Scott Kamer
 10 Carol Kuhns
 12 John Berrett



13 Jessica Querry
 14 Tiffany Walker
 20 Matt Brocius
 25 Irene Reesman
 28 Chet Russell
 29 Kay Rupp

APRIL ANNIVERSARY

1 Ed & Eerika Olenchak
 4 Hyatt & Lisa Hawk
 29 Nancy & Ed Gaul



UNION AVENUE LINK PAGE

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

The United Women in Faith met on March 3, 2025 with 7 ladies in attendance. The meeting opened with the reading of Our Vision, Our Mission, and Our Purpose. Devotions: Donna Shaffer-Giving in Disasters. Minute Missions: Peggy Say-Lewisburg, NC making heart shaped pillows. Hostess: Donna Titus.

The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read. No additions or correctios. Reports stand as read.

Old Business:

Received thank you from Olmstead Manor.

New Business:

Requests for donations from Heifer International, Henderson House, Habitat for Humanity, Progressive Workshop, and Blessings in a Backpack. We will join with First Church to donate to Heifer International. Will table the donations to the others until next month.

Do we want to sell hoagie coupons? Yes, Peggy will get for us.

Bags for kids in ACMH emergency room-12 bags will be made up. Lou Bennett has previously done this and will donate items she still has for our bags.

Do we want to donate money to:

Haven-will decide at next meeting.

Life Armstrong-would like to have lap blankets, throw blankets, and quilts-will decide at next meeting.

Connections-would like donations of supplies instead of money. A motion was made to give \$200 to Donna Shaffer to buy supplies for Connections. Motion passed.

The officers of our group will no longer be receiving "The Vine" from the District.

Do we want to sell spice mats for a fund raiser? Ellen will make and bring to next meeting so all can see.

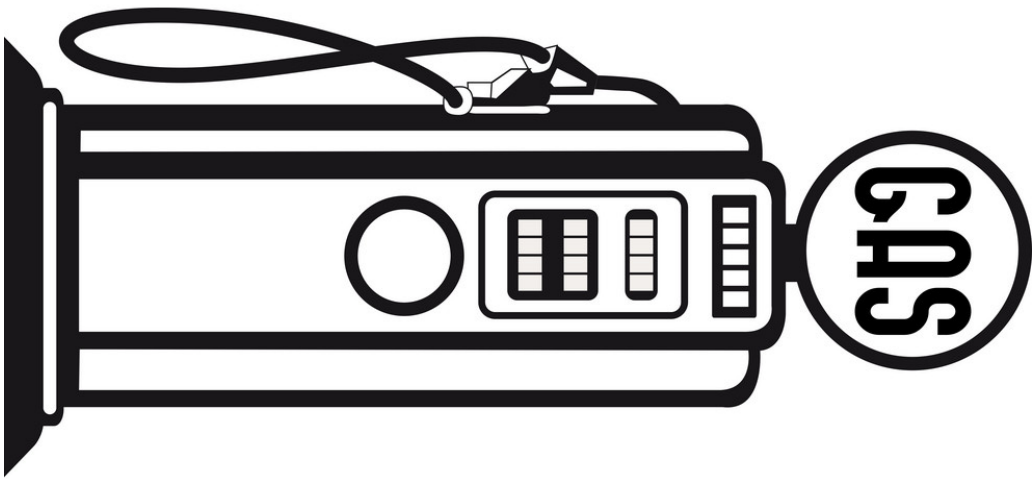
Meeting closed with the reading of the parting Prayer.

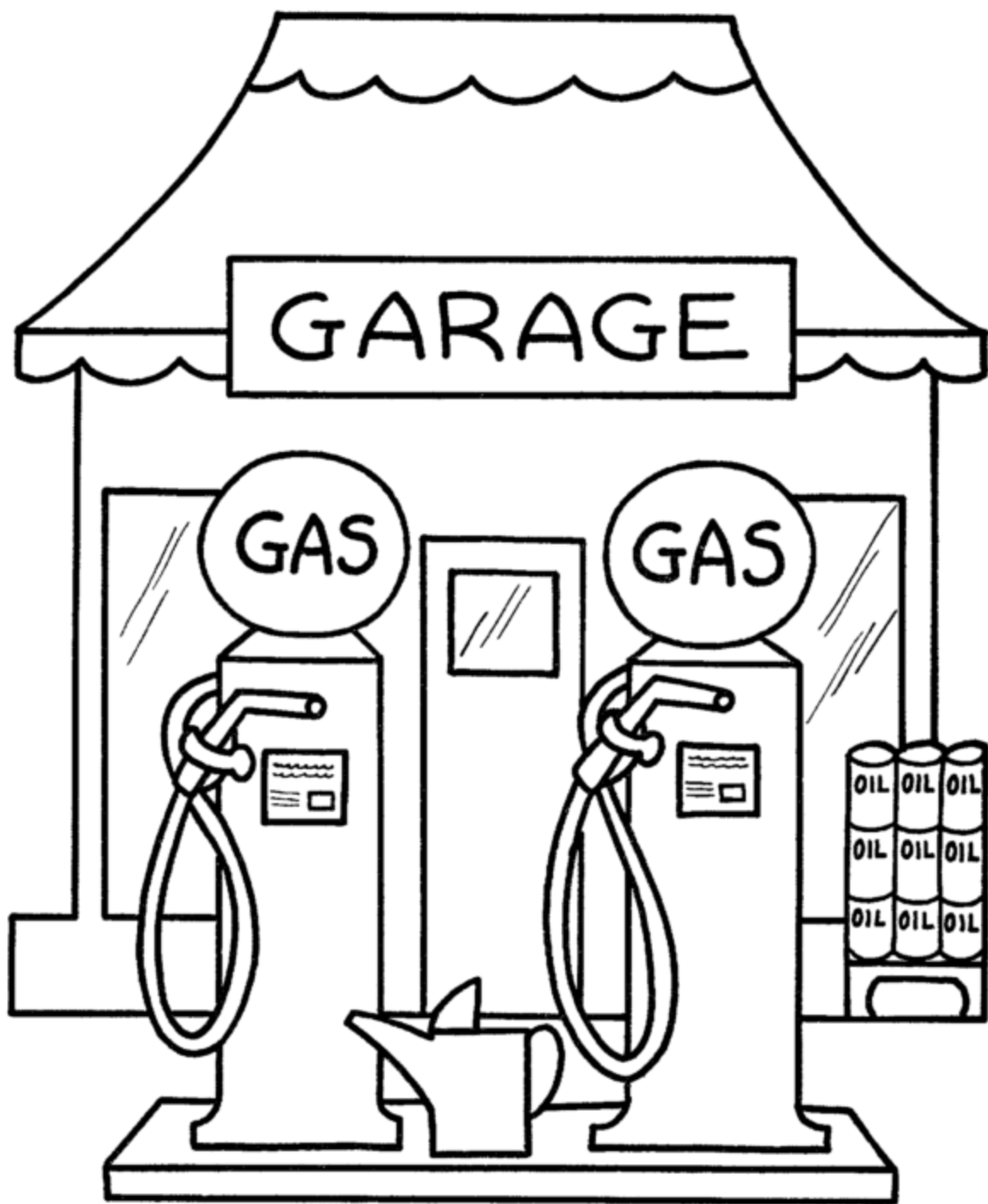
Secretary, Ellen Nelson

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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 7 Patty Bowser







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