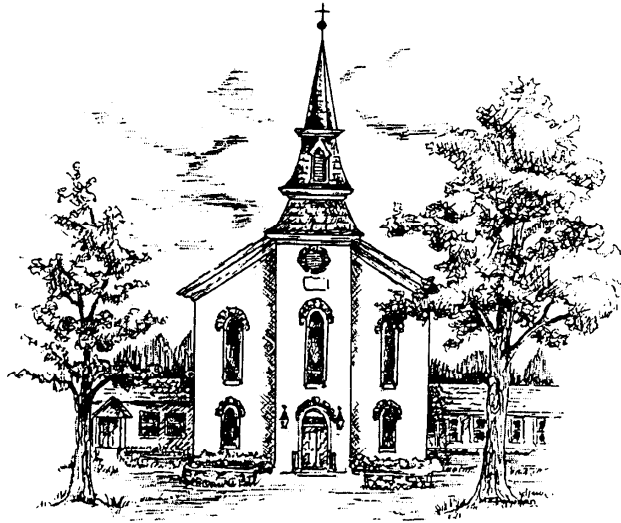


Inside Wentz's March 2016



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Please send your email address to: office@wentzsucc.org
Thank you.

From Pastor Tony



“The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad” (Hymn #165, The Hymnal)

Easter comes early this year! Yes, that’s so true, with Easter on the last Sunday of this month. It’s very early; we might still be in cold weather, if not snow, come Easter this year.

For many centuries, the date of Easter has been determined for a majority of the Christian Church by the decision of the Council of Nicea in 325 CE as the first Sunday after the full moon on or after the spring equinox. This leads to a range of 30+ days when Easter can occur between March and April from year to year. I won’t get into the discussion of using the Gregorian calendar as opposed to the Julian calendar, which is why the date of Easter is different for the Western Churches compared to the Orthodox Churches at times.

Recently, I read a Facebook post that references the possibility of the church universal changing the date of Easter to a set Sunday in April. This would avoid having moving liturgical dates for the length of Epiphany, the timing of Ash Wednesday, Lent, Holy Week, Easter, Ascension Day and Pentecost. With all of this and the early approach of Easter, we may get so caught up in that reality, that we may miss the wonder of the event.

Easter is coming! Does it really matter when it falls on the calendar? What is important for you and me as Christians is Easter is coming! The culmination of God’s plan of salvation will be celebrated with the good news that the tomb is empty, that Christ is risen, indeed! The joy of the day will be because of what God has done for you and me, for all of God’s people, given us the gift of resurrection through Jesus Christ!

The power of Easter is fulfilled on the day of resurrection. The joy of it is lived out in not just on Easter Day, but throughout our lives. Knowing of God’s resurrection life, we can live our lives in service to God, showing love, care and hope, because Jesus rose from the dead, conquering sin and death forever! We can face the harshness and beauty of the world, because we have the Risen One!

So, as we come together to celebrate Easter on March 27, 2016, let us come together in joy and singing for what God has done – given us eternal life through Jesus Christ! After all, that’s the important part of Easter.



*Wentz's Family
Please keep these
members
and family and friends of
members in
your prayers:*

Lorraine Seraika	"Ticker" Steward	Wesley Walton
Lois McConnell	Bill Detwiler	Kathryn Eshbach
Pauline Caufield	Lauren Trezza	Kim Metzger
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Pauline Thacker	Fran & Mark (friends of the Weners); Lou Capone (friend of the Ricci's); Marsha Chappell (friend of Congregation); Michael Corazon (friend of Gail Reilley); Debbie Deily (aunt of Nichole Ostrowski); Kathy Evelhock (friend of Betsy Villareal); Susan Fritz (wife of Rev. Sterling Fritz); Edward Gresch & Family (Son & family of Bev Gresch); Rev. Linda Gruber (friend of Wentz's); Betty Hanes (Kim Kocsi's Mother); Kathy Heinz (friend of the DuBree family); Judy & Julie (friends of the Weners); Jessica Jannenga (Laura McLennan's sister-in-law); Mary Johnson (mother-in-law of Henry Camburn); Mary Lou Johnson (Mom of Craig Johnson); Jamie Jordan (niece of the Rubery's); Don Krapf (friend of Kim Klines's); Agnes Lafiata (friend of Frank Engro & Paige Wolfe); Sue McCallum (friend of the Wisler's); June Messinger (friend of Annalise Wilson); Peg Moser (friend of Pastor Tony); Marlee Mintzer-Shaner (friend of the Reed family); Nathan Morton (Nephew of Stacy Morton); Jaime Moyer (son-in-law of Carl & Henrietta Kurtz); Pete Moyer (brother-in-law of the Rubery's); Alexander Murph (friend of Kim Kline); Mia Nguyen (friend of June Wright); Nunes Family (friend of the Rader's); Beth Ann Phipps (niece of Craig Johnson); David Roper (nephew of Bev Wilkie); Mary Jane Roth (mother of Megan Roth); Hank Ryzner (grandfather of Bob Darde); Louis Santora (Uncle of Bev & Henrietta); Lisa Serrao (friend of the Kessler family); Michelle Shaw (niece of Bev Wilkie); Shackelton Family (friend of Nancy Ricci); Diane Stehman (mother of Tiffani Todd); Barnes Tatum (friend of Pastor Tony); Brian Tew (friend of Debi Kinsky); Nancy Todd (sister-in-law of Gordon & Linda Todd); Mabel Weidman (friend of Betty Wilkie); Ty Wihite (friend of Stacy Morton); Virginia Wright (Mom of June Wright); Iva Zanoni (friend of the Snyders)	

The Newsletter is published 11 times per year. **The deadline is always the 15th of every month.** To ensure communication throughout the entire Wentz's family, please contact the church office with your newsletter articles. Should you need assistance, please call us at 610-584-4855 and we'll take care of you. Your contribution to this newsletter is appreciated.

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*Have you GoodSearched Today?
Don't forget to use
GoodSearch, GoodShop,
and GoodDining
to help support our church.*



Join us for Bible Study on Tuesday, March 1st. Bible Study is usually the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month. All are Welcome to attend.



DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS in the hospital or may need to talk with the Pastor? If so, please inform the church office, or contact Pastor Tony: pastortony@wentzsucc.org



MANNA ON MAIN STREET: We will collect non-perishable food items (boxed cereals, canned meats, canned fruits, canned vegetables, rice, pasta, canned beans, peanut butter, jelly, soups), and toiletries (toilet paper, paper towels, soap, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, baby diapers and wipes) for the local Lansdale foodbank thru Easter Sunday. Please place your donations in the designated box in the Guild Room.



THE WOMEN'S GUILD is seeking the following positions: President or Vice President, a Secretary and a Photographer. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Hilda McFarland.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING: On March 6th we will collect the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. OGHS is the special ecumenical mission offering that carries God's message of love and hope to people in more than eighty countries. The UCC works with international partners to provide sources of clean water and food, education and health care, small business micro-credit, emergency relief, and advocacy and resettlement for refugees and displaced persons. OGHS also supports domestic and international ministries for disaster preparedness and response.



ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!

The 2016 Women's Guild Scholarships are now available for all senior students who are planning to continue their education. PLEASE pick up your Women's Guild \$500 Scholarship Application in the Women's Guild box by the office. All applications should be submitted to Barb Bustard by May 1, 2016. The Guild has given out 55 - \$500 Scholarships since 1996!



Holy Week

**Sunday, March 20 ~ Confirmation Sunday/
Palm Sunday**
**March 24 at 7:30pm ~ Maundy Thursday
Service**
**Sunday, March 27 6:30am, 8am & 10:45 am
~ Easter Services & Communion**



EASTER FLOWERS: The deadline for ordering your Easter Flowers or making donations to various funds of Wentz's UCC is Sunday, March 6. Flowers are \$12. We have lilies, daffodils, and red, pink, & purple tulips. Deadline for your orders are Sunday, March 6 (including donations made to special funds).



Community Lenten Services "The Mountains"

Date	Theme	Preacher	Location
Mar 2	Mt Zion	Rev Larry O'Neill	Methacton Mennonite Norristown
Mar 9	Mt. Sinai	Rev. Michael Meneses	Olivet-Schwenkfelder UCC, Norristown
Mar 16	Mt Calvary	Rev. Leslie Kearney	Skippack Church of the Brethren Collegeville

All the Lenten Services will begin at 7:30pm, followed by a fellowship time. The offerings for the Lenten Services will go towards Laurel House.



Garden Tour

The annual Garden Tour is scheduled for Saturday, June 18th. The Garden Tour is a fun and substantial fund-raiser for our General Fund and it is an event that our church now is known for in the community. We are looking for several people to help organize it this year, each taking a task to create the final accomplishment. If you would be willing to help organize it this year, or would just like more information, please call Karen Rader- 610-613-7443.

THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE IS LOOKING FOR GARDENS FOR OUR TOUR: Do you, or do you know of anyone that has a beautiful garden they would like to share for our Garden Tour? If so, please contact the church office. office@wentzsucc.org or 610-584-4855.



STEWARDSHIP AUCTION:

Saturday, April 30. If you are ready to begin your Spring Cleaning....please remember the Stewardship Auction and consider donating items that you believe would sell. Our auction has been a great source of adding to our General Fund. Please contact Gerald Rader, 610.613.2766 if you have items to donate.

LET'S MAKE SOME NOISE TOGETHER FOR A GREAT CAUSE!

NOCHE MEXICANA

Fundraiser

PARTNERSHIPS WITH A PURPOSE

Present this to your server to have
20% of your dinner bill donated to

Wentz's United Church of Christ

Monday, March 14, 2016 * All Day

MARGARITAS
Mexican Restaurant

1650 Sumneytown Pike Lansdale PA • 215.362.2266

STEWARDSHIP DINING-OUT: The Stewardship has planned a dining-out for Monday, March 14 at Margaritas Mexican Restaurant located 1650 Sumneytown Pike, Lansdale PA 19446. Present the server the flyer (*can be found at the Welcome Desk and will be emailed to those on the email list*), and Margaritas will donate 20% of your dinner bill to Wentz's. It's a fun and easy way to support our church.



Youth Group News

All youth group members need to complete the Wentz's UCC Information Sheet with your insurance information in order to participate in youth group events. This form can be found online at: www.wentzsucc.org and on the youth group bulletin board outside of Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, March 6 @ 6:30pm ~ Youth Group Meeting. Deadline for registering for the National Youth Event.

Sunday, March 13 ~ Youth Group Plant Sale Fundraiser begins!

Sunday, March 20, 1:30pm—6pm ~ Mary's Shelter Bowling Activity (lunch included) . Palm Sunday, Youth coordinating Easter Egg Hunt after 10:45am Service.

Sunday, March 27—Easter Sunday



Congratulations to our winners for the Dessert Competition!

Most Artistic—Nail Polish Cake ~ The Rouse Family

Most Beautiful—Hummingbird Cake ~ Charles Morris

Cutest—Creepy Cupcake Creatures, ~ Sara Sell & Alyssa Prince

Most Original—Is It Blue/Black or White/Gold Cake ~Lochlainn Todd

Best Tasting—Chocolate Cream Cheese Cupcakes ~ Donna Proderick



The **National UCC Youth Event** will be held July 26 - 30, 2016 at the Coronado Springs Conference Center of Disney World in Orlando, Florida. Registration for this event can be done online: nye.uccpages.org The deadline for registering is MARCH 6, 2016. The cost is \$549 and you will be reimbursed \$449. (\$100 Youth expected to pay) IMPORTANT: Please print out a copy of your registration confirmation and submit a copy to Cianne Landis in the church office so that we can reimburse you for this expense. If your youth has been participating in Youth Group activities, he or she may have money available to go towards the \$100 youth contribution. Please see Pastor Tony if you have question regarding payment. We will be flying from Phila to Orlando. Travel details will be available in the near future, and travel cost will be covered by Youth Group fundraising.

The National Youth Event is centered on faith, leadership, service and social justice. It is celebrated as the largest denomination gathering for the United Church of Christ with an expected attendance of 4,000 participants!

This years theme is BELIEVE. It is a charge, responsibility and call to action and is based on the Hebrews 11:1 scripture "Now faith is the confidence that what we believe will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see."

Questions or Concerns: Contact:

Chip Kinsky chipk8691@verizon.net or Tom Broderick tbroderick3@msn.com

☀ 8:30am Journey Service (first of the month) & then Regular Service the Sundays following, 9:30am Sunday School; Allegro Ringers during Offertory; Cherub Choir/Junior Choir/Youth Choir, Flute Choir & Youth Band following Children's Message at the 10:45am Service of Worship; 10:30am Prelude chimes 10:45am church service

✝ Summer Schedule: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service

March 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7pm Bible Study 7:30pm AA	2 7:30pm Lenten Service Methacton Mennonite 8 pm AA	3 7pm Confirmation 7:30 Choir 7:30pm AA	4 8pm AA (Men)	5
6 ☀ Journey Service w/ Communion 6:30pm Youth Group Mtg DEADLINE FOR NYE REGISTRATION OGHS Offering Deadline for Easter Flower Orders	7 6:30 pm AA (Women Only)	8 7:30pm AA 7:30pm Consistory	9 7:30pm Lenten Service Olivet-Schwenkfelder 8 pm AA	10 7pm Confirmation 7:30 Choir 7:30pm AA	11 8pm AA (Men)	12
13 ☀	14 6:30 pm AA (Women Only)	15 7pm Bible Study 7:30pm AA Articles for April Newsletter DUE	16 7:30pm Lenten Service Skippack Church of the Brethren 8 pm AA	17 7pm Confirmation 7:30 Choir 7:30pm AA 8:30pm Church & Ministry	18 8pm AA (Men)	19
20 ☀ Palm Sunday Confirmation Sunday Bowling for Mary's Shelter Easter Egg Hunt	21 6:30 pm AA (Women Only)	22 7:30pm AA 7:30pm Stewardship 7:30 Christian Ed 8:30pm Preschool Board Mtg	23 8 pm AA	24 7:30 Maundy Thursday 7:30pm AA	25 8pm AA (Men)	26
27 ☀ Easter Sunday Services 6:30am, 8am, & 10:45am	28 6:30pm AA (Women Only)	29 7:30pm AA	30 8 pm AA	31 7:30 Choir 7:30pm AA		
<p>* Please note that the Resounding Ringers' practice schedule will either be on Monday night or Tuesday night. Laura will post the schedule on the music calendar on the website, or you may contact Laura: dlrmclennan@gmail.com or 215-234-4635</p>						