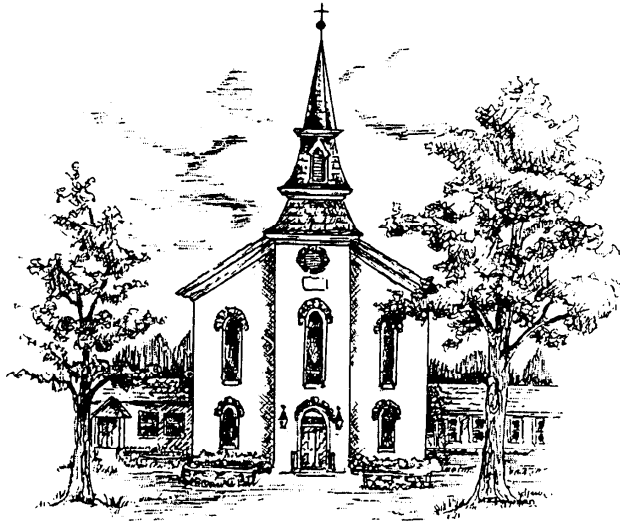


Inside Wentz's April 2016



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

From Pastor Tony



“Then Jesus said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.’” (Matthew 28:10)

Do you remember that experience of what some call the “great letdown”? There are feelings of relief, joy and accomplishment that come from the completion of a long project or journey. But, there is also the feeling of the letdown now that the task is completed, the “what now” feeling.

I imagine the disciples and followers of Jesus felt that way after all the excitement of Easter, with the declaration that the tomb was empty. Now what were they supposed to do? Go to Galilee and wait, those were the marching orders they were given.

After all the excitement of Easter, what are we supposed to do? That is a legitimate question to ask. Feeling the “great letdown” now that all the excitement of the day has past, we may wonder what next?

After all, we just celebrated the greatest week for Christians. We went from the praise of Palm Sunday with the Confirmation Rite being celebrated through the gathering at the table for Holy Communion with arrest and betrayal to the joyous and wondrous news of the resurrection of Jesus from the dead – the empty tomb! We went from people gathering to witness the profession of our youth in confirmation, the suffering and death of Jesus at the hands of those who had days earlier praised him, to the startling news of the empty tomb and the resurrection proclamation that “Christ is risen!”

Now things have quieted down. Now the hectic schedule of the season is replaced by the routine of life. Now the level of excitement has done just that, leveled off. As we sit back and reflect, we can justly wonder what now? “Go to Galilee” was the command given the disciples and followers. What about us, where are we to go, what are we to do?

That’s the point – we are to go to Galilee! We are to go and live out the resurrection proclamation of Easter! Christians have always been called an Easter people because of the wonder of the resurrection from the dead of Jesus Christ. As such, we live our lives differently from the world, for we know that “even death is swallowed up in victory.”

We are called as an Easter people to live our lives to reflect the resurrection truth to the world. Our Galilee is where we live and breathe. Our Galilee is where we work and play. Our Galilee is where we find family and relationships. It is in our Galilee that we are to live lives that proclaim the resurrection of Jesus. It is in our Galilee that we are to live love and care, reconciliation and hope.

That may find us gathering food items for the Manna on Main St. because we know of the new life, the resurrection life of Jesus promised to all. It may find us praying for the welfare and healing of someone we know and maybe someone we have never met because of the new life, the resurrection life of Jesus promised to all. It may find us coming together in fellowship with one another and even the stranger because of the new life, the resurrection life of Jesus promised to all.

So, in this Easter season, as in all seasons of our lives, let us go to our Galilee and live the resurrection life of Jesus promised to all!



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

FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN NEED OF PRAYER

Lorraine Seraika	“Ticker” Steward	Wesley Walton
Lois McConnell	Bill Detwiler	Kathryn Eshbach
Pauline Caufield	Lauren Trezza	Kim Metzger
Christopher Johnson	Jane Dietrich	Barbara Wenner
Cindy Anderson	Nancy Domurat	Betty Reed
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); Shackelton Family (friend of Nancy Ricci); Diane Stehman (mother of Tiffani Todd); Barnes Tatum (friend of Pastor Tony); Brian Tew (friend of Debi Kinsky); Mary Todd (wife of Gordon Todd, Jr); Mabel Weidman (friend of Betty Wilkie); Ty White (friend of Stacy Morton); Virginia Wright (Mom of June Wright); Iva Zanoni (friend of the Snyders)	

Births ~

March 1, 2016, Alexander Paul Vogt
Son of Allison & Albert Vogt

Baptisms ~ March 13, 2016

Sara Olivia Sell, Daughter of Kevin & Lori Sell

New Members (Confirmation) ~ March 20, 2016

Connor Cipriano
Alyssa Prince
Erica Rouse
Sara Sell
Abigail Souder
Kristin Taragna
Jackson Wayland

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, April 5th. 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

Mark Your Calendars!
Mother ~ Daughter Banquet
Tuesday, May 3rd at 6:15pm



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.



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!



GRADUATE SUNDAY: If you are graduating from high school, college, or other higher education, please contact the church office so that we can prepare for our Graduate Sunday. December

2015 graduates will also be celebrated. Graduate Sunday is May 22nd.



College Care Packages: For the next several weeks the Christian Education Committee will be collecting items for College Student Care Packages. Please place your donations in the appropriate box in the Guild Room. The care packages will be boxed on Sunday, April 3rd, giving the packages enough time to get to the students for exam time at their schools. Some suggestions for donations are: licorice, gum, popcorn, granola bars, cookies, candy, chips, pretzels.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS: We will have a New Members' class on Sunday, April 3rd and 12 noon for anyone interested in joining Wentz's UCC. We will receive new members on Sunday, April 10 at the 10:45 a.m. Service of Worship. If you are interested in becoming a member, or have any questions, please contact the church office.



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.

Wentz's Day School offers its heartfelt thanks to Director Jennifer Reeves.

After many years of dedicated service, Jennifer will begin a new adventure, having accepted a full time position elsewhere. We will miss her ever present smile and positive attitude in the halls of our beloved school. Jennifer gave her heart to making sure the children and their families had a wonderful experience at the pre-school. Please join us in wishing her well!

Please direct any questions or registration inquiries to Kim Bauer during this transition. We are accepting students for next year and would love to hear from new families! Kim may be reached at 610-584-4855.

Thank you and best wishes Jennifer!



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 Radner- 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 DINING-OUT: The Stewardship has planned a dining-out for Wednesday, April 27, from 11am until 9:30pm at Bertucci's, located 860 Bethlehem Pike, North Wales, PA 19454. Present the server the flyer (*can be found at the Welcome Desk and will be emailed to those on the email list*), and Bertucci's will donate 15% of your dinner bill to Wentz's. It's a fun and easy way to support our church.

Bertucci's
LOCAL

Dining for Dollars

When you present this flyer
15% of what you spend
will be donated back to
Wentz's United Church of Christ
Wednesday April 27th
11:00 am - 9:30 pm
Dine In, Carry Out or Delivery

Bertucci's of Montgomeryville - 860 Bethlehem Pike, North Wales, PA 19454 Ph: 267-498-5538



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, April 3 @ 6:30pm ~ Youth Group Meeting.

Friday, April 15-17 ~Conference Youth Event, South Mountain YMCA in Wernersville, PA (For more information, please see the psec.org website—under Youth)

Sunday, April 17—6:30pm ~ Youth Group Meeting

Saturday, April 30—Stewardship Auction—Youth needed for help. Plant Fundraiser Delivery.

For details, please see Chip Kinsky or Pastor Tony.



The **National UCC Youth Event** will be held July 26 - 30, 2016 at the Coronado Springs Conference Center of Disney World in Orlando, Florida. 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! Our very generous Congregation has helped send 10 Youth Group Members and 4 Chaperones to this event. We will also be able to send 2 Youth from another local congregation to this event. Thank you!

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 Offerory; 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

April 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 8pm AA (Men)	2
3 ☀ Journey Service w/ Communion College Care Packages 6:30pm Youth Group Mtg	4 6:30 pm AA (Women Only)	5 7pm Bible Study 7:30pm AA	6 8 pm AA	7 7:30 Choir 7:30pm AA	8 8pm AA (Men)	9
10 ☀	11 6:30 pm AA (Women Only)	12 7:30pm AA	13 6:30pm Elders Meeting 7:30pm Consistory 8 pm AA	14 7:30 Choir 7:30pm AA	15 8pm AA (Men) Conference Youth Event <u>Articles for May Newsletter DUE</u>	16 Conference Youth Event
17 ☀ Conference Youth Event 6:30pm Youth Group Mtg	18 6:30 pm AA (Women Only)	19 5:30pm Ursinus Assoc Mtg –Olivet Schwenkfelder UCC 7:30pm AA	20 8 pm AA	21 7:30pm AA 8:30pm Church & Ministry	22 8pm AA (Men)	23
24 ☀	25 6:30pm AA (Women Only)	26 6:30pm Sabbatical 7:30pm AA 7:30pm Stewardship 7:30 Christian Ed 8:30pm Preschool Board Mtg	27 8 pm AA	28 7:30 Choir 7:30pm AA	29 8pm AA (Men)	30 9am Stewardship Auction
<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 web-site, or you may contact Laura: dlrmclennan@gmail.com or 215-234-4635</p>						