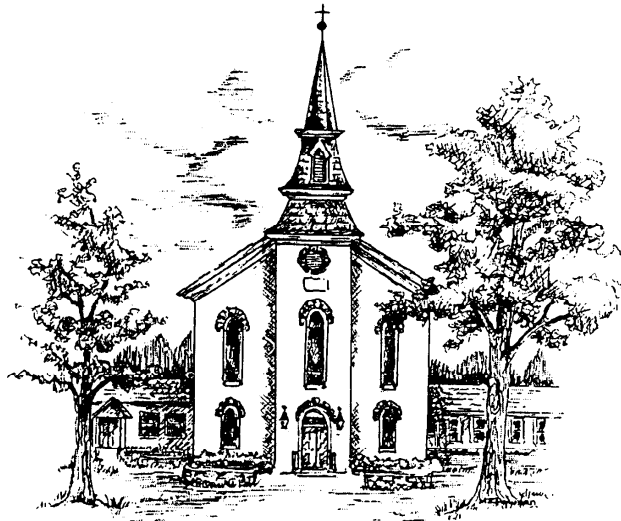


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Please send your email address to: office@wentzsucc.org
Thank you.

From Pastor Tony



“Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here.” (Mark 16:6)

All four gospels attest to this simple Christian expression of faith, that Jesus Christ is raised from the dead. During this season of Easter, the church gathers to proclaim this simple but monumental truth – God raised Jesus from the dead, for us! This is the wonder, the beauty of Easter. It is the reason we gather together as a people, to say once again by our faith that the tomb was empty, that God raised Jesus from the dead, conquering sin and death for all of us.

At times this proclamation seems unbelievable, hard to comprehend. But many of life’s mysteries and occurrences seem unbelievable. I still find it difficult to believe, even though I witnessed it, that the NASA space program was able to go to the moon, land astronauts there, and return them safely to earth with less computing power than is available to us on our smart phones. Yet, they did. I still find it difficult to believe that missionaries traveled at least six months or more halfway around the globe to bring the message of the gospel to the native Hawaiian peoples. Yet, they did. I still am amazed that many German immigrants left their native land in the Palatinate region, journeyed across the Atlantic through the port of Philadelphia to this region to establish a new life, and founded our church. Yet, they did.

Sometimes the incomprehensible, the unexplainable just has to be believed! So it is with the Christian proclamation of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. When we say, “Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed!” we are expressing a mystery far beyond our comprehension. It is understandably a difficult reality to accept, yet, God did indeed raise Jesus from the dead; thus granting us forgiveness and reconciliation. When we sing, “Christ the Lord is risen, today” we are professing our confident belief in the resurrection of Jesus, showing God’s love for the world.

So, let us not be afraid, confused or worrisome as we gather this Easter to once again share the most wonderful news ever, that Jesus Christ is raised from the dead, granting us resurrection hope and love. Let our Easter proclamation ring true in our hearts as we voice the joyful news of the empty tomb, Christ is alive!



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

Lois McConnell	Bill Detwiler	Kathryn Eshbach
Melissa Johnson	Pauline Thacker	Thelma Wood
Betty Emma Wells	Kim Metzger	Nancy Domurat
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Baptisms March 19, 2017 ~

Ethan Nicolas Lepore
Son of Brian and Nicole Lepore

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Holy Week

**Sunday, April 9 ~
Confirmation Sunday/Palm Sunday**

**April 13 at 7:30pm ~
Maundy Thursday Service**

**Sunday, April 16 at
6:30am, 8am & 10:45 am ~
Easter Services & Communion**



The 2017 Community Lent Worship Services continue. Please join us on Wednesday, April 5 at 7:30 p.m. Rev. Leslie Kearney will be the speaker at Bethel Hill UMC, located at 2000 Bethel Hill Rd, Lansdale, PA



Risus Paschalis

Once again, we will be celebrating the Risus Paschalis, the Easter Laughter, on Sunday, April 23rd during the worship service. This annual telling of jokes and humorous stories is our participation in the laughter at sin and death, which Jesus has overcome. It is God's Easter joke on Satan, and we have been laughing at the futility of sin and death ever since.

So come on out, bring along a joke to share and let us laugh at the silliness of the world, and laugh with the wonder of the resurrection life!



STEWARDSHIP AUCTION: Saturday, April 29 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. *(You can view items currently for auction by visiting our website.)*



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

2016 graduates will also be celebrated.

Graduate Sunday is May 21st



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 for the Mother-Daughter Banquet on Tuesday, March 9th!



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 food-bank thru Easter Sunday. Please place your donations in the designated box in the Guild Room.



Mark Your Calendars! On Wed. May 31, the music committee will be hosting a dinner dance to raise money for the building addition. The Veterans Association of Military Musicians jazz band will be entertaining us. Dust off your dancing shoes and get ready! More details to come...



ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS! The 2017 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 Application in the Women's Guild box by the office. All applications should be submitted to Barb Bustard by May 1, 2017. The Guild has given out 57 - \$500 Scholarships since 1996!



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 2 @ 6:30pm ~ Youth Group Meeting.
(College Care Packages assembled)

Easter



Sunday, April 9, Help with the Easter Egg Hunt after the 10:45 Service.

EGG HUNT

The Youth Group wishes to thank the Congregation for their generosity in the Mary's Shelter Bowling Fundraiser. Wentz's Youth raised \$616 for Mary's Shelter. Overall, the event raised more than \$20,000. Thank you!



Please see Chip Kinsky if you have any questions.

☀ 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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 ☀ 8:30am Journey Service w/ Communion 6:30pm Youth Group Meeting College Care Packages	3 6:30 pm AA (Women Only)	4 7:30pm AA	5 7:30 Lenten Service Bethel Hill UMC 8 pm AA	6 Noon—2pm MCIU 7pm Confirmation 7:30pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm AA	7 Noon—2pm MCIU 8pm AA (Men)	8
9 ☀ Palm Sunday Confirmation Sunday Easter Egg Hunt	10 6:30 pm AA (Women Only)	11 7:30pm AA	12 6:30pm Elders Mtg 7:30pm Consistory 8 pm AA	13 Noon—2pm MCIU 7:30pm Maundy Thursday 7:30pm AA	14 Noon—2pm MCIU 8pm AA (Men)	15 9am Decorating the Sanctuary <u>Articles for May Newsletter Due</u>
16 ☀ Easter Services with Communion 6:30, 8:00 & 10:45am	17 Holiday—Office Closed 6:30 pm AA (Women Only)	18 7:30pm AA	19 8 pm AA	20 Noon—2pm MCIU 7:30pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm AA 8pm Church & Ministry	21 Noon—2pm MCIU 8pm AA (Men)	22
23 ☀ Holy Humor Sunday	24 6:30pm AA (Women Only)	25 7:30pm Christian Ed Committee Meeting 7:30pm AA	26 8 pm AA	27 Noon—2pm MCIU 7:30pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm AA	28 Noon—2pm MCIU 8pm AA (Men)	29 9am Stewardship Auction
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