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Would you like your Newsletter emailed to you? If so, please contact the church office. Not only will you receive the monthly newsletter, but also weekly reminders. If you do not wish us to email you, you can visit our website: www.wentzsucc.org and view the newsletter online, OR pick up a copy at the Welcome Desk.

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

Thank you.

From Pastor Tony



“With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.” (Acts 4:33)

“April showers bring May flowers” so goes the familiar saying. As we enter into later spring, the flowers and trees are blooming. This reminds us of the new growth that occurs during this time of the year, with all the joy of creation blossoming. It’s a long way from the bleakness of winter, as hues of gray give way to an abundant brilliance of colors.

It seems a long way from the great Easter celebration! From joyous gatherings of worship and with families, we find ourselves not focusing as much of our energy or thoughts on the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Now, we are more concerned with the everyday tasks of living the routine responsibilities of life. There are bills to be paid, appointments to be kept, work to be completed. Getting the kids to their events, finding time to get the yard and housework done, these everyday tasks may seem a far distance from the proclamation of Easter.

Yet, this is the Easter season! We are a people who live under the resurrection of Jesus Christ, still powerful for our lives. Behind all that we do is the belief that it is not in vain, for the resurrection of Jesus brings us new life, new ways of understanding the “everyday tasks” of our lives.

So, getting the kids to their events is our hope for growth in their development, as is our hope for growth in their understanding of the grace given in the resurrection. Going to our jobs not only provides for our families, but also, gives us the opportunity to see the resurrection life of Jesus lived out in our routines. Even doing the yardwork can remind us of the resurrection of Jesus Christ bringing new life into the world.

See, we are indeed an Easter people! When we go about our everyday tasks, we do so with the knowledge of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Easter faith. In so doing, like “April showers bring May flowers”, the Easter message brings the realization of resurrection living. This realization brings much joy and grace into our lives.

So, may the resurrection faith of Easter continue in your life. Look around, and see the risen Christ in all you do! Rejoice and give thanks.



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

Lois McConnell Bill Detwiler Kathryn Eshbach
 Pauline Thacker Thelma Wood Betty Emma Wells
 Kim Metzger Nancy Domurat Rachel Minnick
 Barbara Reed **Fran & Mark** (friends of the Weners); **Jeff Alisauckas** (nephew of the Rubery's); **Barbie Augustine** (friend of Nancy Domurat); **David L. Boyer, Sr.** (brother-in-law of Patti Pursell); **Marsha Chappell** (friend of Congregation); **Michael Corazon** (friend of Gail Reilley); **Debbie Deily** (aunt of Nichole Ostrowski); **Kathy Evelhock** (friend of Betsy Villareal); **Bill Fisher** (Brother-in-law of Denise Granlun); **Susan Fritz** (wife of Rev. Sterling Fritz); **Edward Gresch & Family** (Son & family of Bev Gresch); **Doug Grunkley** (friend of the Domurats); **Linda Hauck** (friend of the Rubery's); **Kathy Heinz** (friend of the DuBree family); **Bill Heuer, Jr.** (friend of the Rubery's); **Rich & Shirley Higgins** (friend of Bev Gresch); **Judy & Julie** (friends of the Weners); **Jessica Jannenga** (Laura McLennan's sister-in-law); **Mary Lou Johnson** (Mom of Craig Johnson); **Nancy Johnson** (friend of Nancy Domurat); **Jamie Jordan** (niece of the Rubery's); **Dorothy Klock** (friend of Jackie Wolfe); **Edith Kallensee** (Mother of Georgia Slater); **William Jack Kocsi** (nephew of the Kocsi & Moore family); **Marsha Koopman** (sister of Denise Granlun); **Don Krapf** (friend of Kim Klines's); **Don Kreger** (friend of Craig & Melissa Johnson); **Agnes Lafata** (friend of Frank Engro & Paige Wolfe); **Marianne Little** (friend of Bev Gresch); **Dave and Mary Livezey** (friends of the Mower family); **Marlee Mintzer-Shaner** (friend of the Reed family); **The family of Pat Montenegro** (friends of the Bickle family); **Nathan Morton** (Nephew of Stacy Morton); **Jamie Moyer** (son-in-law of Carl & Henrietta Kurtz); **Taylor Moyer** (granddaughter of Carl & Henrietta Kurtz); **Mia Nguyen** (friend of June Wright); **Nunes Family** (friend of the Rader's); **Brian Peterson** (friend of the Congregation); **Beth Ann Phipps** (niece of Craig Johnson); **Ed & Fran Poserina** (parents of Tom Poserina); **David Roper** (nephew of Bev Wilkie); **Mary Jane Roth** (mother of Megan Roth); **Hank Ryzner** (grandfather of Bob Darde); **Rose & Louis Santora** (family of Bev & Henrietta); **Grant Severance & Family** (friend of Mark Landis); **Lisa Serrao** (friend of the Kessler family); **Shackelton Family** (friend of Nancy Ricci); **Brian Tew** (friend of Debi Kinsky); **Mabel Weidman** (friend of Betty Wilkie); **Ty White** (friend of Stacy Morton); **Wayne Wilkie** (nephew of Bev Wilkie); **Harry Wilmore** (friend of June Wright); **Virginia Wright** (Mom of June Wright); **Jeanette Yocum** (friends of Annalise Wilson); **Iva Zanoni** (friend of the Snyders)

New Members ~ Confirmation April 9, 2017

Allison Gianficaro
 Rebecca Schempp
 Lochlainn Todd

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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Don't forget to use
GoodSearch, GoodShop,
and GoodDining
to help support our church.*

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**mother
Daughter
banquet**

*Tuesday, May 9 at 6:15pm
Come & celebrate all women of
Wentz's UCC.*

Friends & Family Welcome.

More details to come....

Please sign-up at the Welcome Desk.



SABBITACAL DINNER

The third and final Sabbatical Dinner will be held Sunday, May 7 after the 10:45 service. It is for the Hawaii part of the trip so we are planning a Pig Roast. The cost will be \$15.00 per person and children 6 and under eat free. Reservations are required. Please sign up at the Welcome Desk or call the church office.



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**



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!



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! 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...



SUMMER CAMP: If you are interested in a summer camp, there are brochures about the Hartman Center (www.hartmancenter.com) & New Goshenhoppen (www.newgoshucc.org) at the Welcome Desk.



WENTZ'S FUTURE: We are asking every member of the Congregation to take some time and give thoughtful consideration to the questions. Your input is important. Please fill them out and return to Bob DuBree (His mail bin, the church office, or by email bob@creativecontracting.biz. All input will be shared with the Long Range Committee and Consistory, however your name will be kept confidential.

ATTENTION WENTZ'S CONGREGATION

Your consistory has been listening and has put together a group to look at the next 5 years in the life of our church. This process must include everyone's input. We believe nothing is off the table with respect to the life of our church; updates or changes that fit the congregation's dreams and aspirations for Wentz's and its impact to you, your family, our community and our Christian Mission. To that end the group wants to, over the next 4 or 5 weeks, ask you for your thoughts on several topics: the first area to be looked at is the church's "VISION" (see next page) Is this a vision you see, is it still relevant, does it fulfill your faith expectations for your church?

WORSHIP: Are your needs met through worship, do you feel others needs are met through our worship?

FELLOWSHIP: Does your church provide the fellowship you seek? Do you believe that others can find fellowship through our church?

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Are your Christian educational needs met? Are there opportunities for the outside community to be a part of the Christian education at Wentz's, what might we change?

OUTREACH: Does our church provide an appropriate level of outreach? Is our outreach open to everyone and would you like to see it expanded? How?

STEWARDSHIP: Do you believe we give appropriately? Do members give enough? Would you like to see the churches stewardship broadened? Who should be a part of our stewardship?

CHRISTIAN FREEDOM: What does this mean to you? Are we, as a church, free and open in our Christian thoughts and actions?

Our Vision

We envision a church seeking to be closer to God engaging in disciplines that deepen faith and develop spirituality through worship, education, and fellowship. Understanding and respecting the importance of individual freedom, we see a church that encourages participation and involvement through quality programs of excellence that entice and enrich. We see a church that cares for the individual, the community, and the world; sharing the journey and meeting spiritual and physical needs. We see a church so important that each member joyfully supports its health and survival through contributions of time, talent and treasure. The essence of this vision follows:

We envision a church gathered in **Worship**.

We envision the church as a place to worship God with a blend of music, message, and prayer—a place to get closer to God. We see uplifting, fulfilling Christian services under the strong leadership of dynamic, knowledgeable, and inspirational pastors. We see family-friendly worship services for all who are seeking God in a sanctuary full of reverence, enlightenment, joy, and peace.

We envision a church of bound together in **Fellowship**.

We envision a caring community of people within the church responding to each other with sincerity and honest friendship thus creating a strong sense of belonging. Visitors are welcomed with the same genuineness. We see opportunity for building fellowship in all phases of the church—its groups and activities.

We envision a church learning through **Christian Education**.

We envision a church with a strong emphasis on Christian education for children and adults of all ages. We see dedicated, knowledgeable teachers teaching relevant curriculum to children at all age and grade levels. We see an adult education program searching for truth while enhancing understanding of the Bible and the “universal meaning of life” through the study of history, philosophy, and theology.

We envision a church giving in **Outreach**.

We envision a church that cares about the local neighborhood, the nation, and the world creating and devising outreach programs or supporting ones in existence for those in need. We see the continued development of programs that serve the community. We see a church that cares about the community and responds to its needs.

We envision a church committed to **Stewardship**.

We envision a sound church whose members care for its health, security, and survival much the same as parents care for the health, security, and survival of their own family. We see members joyfully contributing time, talent, and treasure to this end.

We envision a church exercising **Christian Freedom**.

We envision a church providing a wide range of opportunity for involvement, fellowship, spiritual advancement, and learning. Selecting from this menu of opportunity we see a place where each person is free to participate, develop, and grow in faith based on the principles of the Bible—to any extent and without prejudice.



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, May 7 ~ Plant Sale Delivery/Congregation Luau Luncheon
6:30pm Youth Group Meeting



Mini
GOLF

Sunday, May 21 ~ Graduate Sunday. Golfing at Freddy Hill Farms. Meet at Freddy Hill Family Fun Center at 6:30 p.m. Meeting and ice cream following golf.

Tenth Annual **Wentzfest** Community Picnic

Sunday, June 4, 2017, 12pm-2:30pm

Food (Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, etc.)

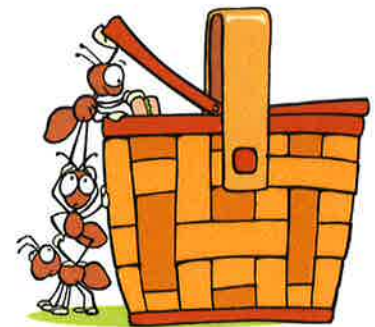
Live Music, Carnival Games, Sports, Fellowship, and More.

Please R.S.V.P. to the church office or use the sign-up sheet at the

Welcome Desk. Thank you. Questions? Contact Pastor Tony

at 610-584-4855 or pastortony@wentzsucc.org

Guests are Welcome!



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 Offer-tory; 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



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6:30 pm AA (Women Only)	2 7:30pm AA	3 8 pm AA	4 Noon—2pm MCIU 7pm Confirmation 7:30pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm AA	5 Noon—2pm MCIU 8pm AA (Men)	6
7 ☼ 10:45am One Service w/ Communion 12 noon Luau (Reservations Required) 6:30pm Youth Group	8 6:30 pm AA (Women Only)	9 6:15pm Mother Daughter Banquet 7:30pm AA	10 6:30 pm Elders Mtg 7:30pm Consistory Mtg 8 pm AA	11 Noon—2pm MCIU 7pm Confirmation 7:30pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm AA	12 Noon—2pm MCIU 8pm AA (Men)	13
14 ☼ Mother's Day	15 6:30 pm AA (Women Only) <u>Articles for May Newsletter Due</u>	16 7:30pm AA	17 8 pm AA	18 Noon—2pm MCIU 7:30pm AA 8pm Church & Ministry	19 Noon—2pm MCIU 8pm AA (Men)	20
21 ☼ Graduate Sunday Youth Group Mini-Golf	22 6:30 pm AA (Women Only)	23 7:30pm AA 7:30pm Christian Ed Committee Meeting	24 8 pm AA	25 Noon—2pm MCIU 7:30pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm AA	26 Noon—2pm MCIU 8pm AA (Men)	27 4:30 pm Wedding (Landis & Evans)
28 ☼ 4pm Wedding (Vitro & Capizzi)	29 Holiday—Office Closed 6:30pm AA (Women Only)	25 7:30pm AA	30 8 pm AA	31 Noon—2pm MCIU 7:30pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm AA Music Committee Dinner Dance		