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“CONSIDER THE LILIES”

I imagine that the trivia experts of St. Paul's know that Easter always falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring equinox. (Common knowledge...right?).

But did you know that the lilies from the time of Jesus were not quite the same as the “Easter Lilies” (or *Lilium longiflorum*, as Ron probably calls them) that we know today?

The lilies in Jesus' time were the wild lilies of the valley, or “lilies of the field”.

When Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane (think of the painting above our church altar), he became so anguished that “his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground” (Luke 22:44). Legend has it that lilies sprang up wherever Christ's drops of sweat hit the ground in the garden.

Today, whenever or wherever we see lilies, we can be reminded of the great sacrifice that Jesus made on our behalf. And, the beautiful white flowers of the lily can remind us of the purity, innocence and grace that his sacrifice represents.

But perhaps above all else, the lilies, and of course Easter itself, reminds us of LIFE!

Life.....filled with faith, hope, love, and resurrection power.

Happy Easter, everyone!
Phil

Consider the lilies.....not even Solomon in all his majesty was dressed like one of these.

Luke 12:27



Mission Statement

We, the congregation of St. Paul's United Church of Christ, who have accepted the gift of love and salvation through Jesus Christ, strive to take this message into the world through our prayers, words and deeds. We invite all people to accept these gifts with us.

Why Christ Calls Us to Worship

Easter services are usually well attended, but what about other weeks? What draws you to worship on an “average” Sunday, and what might Jesus have in store for people in the pews?

Consider this from Pastor Charles Aaron: “Did we come to church this morning thinking it was a safe thing to do? Did we come with some expectation of receiving a blessing, a bit of comfort, but no real challenge? Did we think about the possibility that encountering Jesus would rearrange our lives, explode our priorities, cause us to give more than we ever expected? Did we think we could get a little something from Jesus, a dose of grace to help us through the week? Did we come for the fellowship, the music, the spiritual boost? No one can argue with those reasons.”

He continues: “The risen Christ, however, may have had other plans for this worship service. Christ may want to come under our skins and transform us. Christ may see through us so that something we have well hidden comes to the surface. Christ may kick out from under us the things we use to prop ourselves up but that we don’t really need. Are we ready for that? Did we bargain on that when we walked through the door today?”

—from *The Wired Word*



End of Lent Dinner

The men of St. Paul’s UCC would like to invite you to “***T-Bones***”.

What? Dinner
Where? Ranck’s Restaurant
When? Wednesday, April 13th, 5:30 – 7:00 pm

Selections:

T-Bone steak	\$25 (medium unless you must insist)
Chicken Breast	\$20
Vegetarian	\$15



Price includes sides, drinks, desert, tax and tip.

Please make checks payable to St. Paul’s, indicate for dinner, and drop off on Dee’s desk.

If you would like to attend please sign up on the sheet located on the bulletin board before April 3rd.

Hope you can join us!

Looking Ahead

April 7	Lenten Luncheon
April 10	Palm Sunday
April 13	T Bones Bible Studies
April 16	Easter Egg Hunt
April 17	Easter Sunday/Communion
April 30	Small Church Vitality Workshop
May 7	Crowder Concert
May 8	Mother's Day
May 22	Carrie Call attends worship service
May 26	Ascension Day
May 30	Memorial Day

Good News!!!!

We will once again have our annual Easter Egg Hunt, on April 16th at 2pm. If interested in attending please sign up on the sheet located on the bulletin board. We will need donations from our members to help with the event. Candy, colored hard boiled eggs, or a donation to buy candy and gifts would be great. Any donations can be dropped off in the church office before April 16th. Colored eggs can be placed in the fridge.



Consistory Update

I want to start off, giving a report on the progress of updating our ladies restroom. I had a real good contractor from Lititz lined up to give us a quote. I met with the owner of C M Weaver at St. Paul's and went over everything that would meet ADA requirements. But, several days later, I received an email, stating after further consideration they feel they are just too busy for the job. I have called two other companies and both stated they are booked for the year. Barry is meeting with another person to give us a quote in the near future. Phil also has a man he uses over the years, so I took pictures and gave him measurements, so he can come back with a quote.

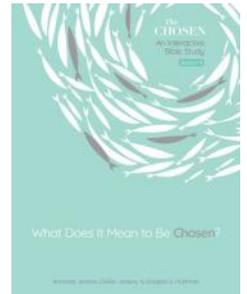


Special Guests: Please mark your calendars for May 22nd as we will have two guests that day. One will be Carrie Call from the UCC Conference and our very own Bri will be here to sing.

Tim Lutz
Consistory President



Ladies Bible Study: In May, the Ladies Bible study will be starting a new series titled "Blessed Are The Chosen". It is a DVD series with a short discussion after each episode. If you would like to participate please let Gerri or Dee know so we can order enough books.



On March 14th, St. Paul's received its first application from Truly Nolen, which will control any pests, such as mice, spiders, etc. We will receive 4 such applications throughout the year.



The next consistory meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 6 at 9:00 am**

Prayer Concerns: We will be updating our prayer list monthly by starting a new list at the beginning of every month. Please continue to review the list and if there are any updates during the month please contact Phil Shober or Dee Sprecher. We also have prayer request cards located in the parlor room and in the pews upstairs for your convenience. You can fill out the request and turn it in to the church office or place it in the offering plate.



As you continue your own prayers and concerns outside of the sanctuary this week, please remember the concerns we have raised as a community.

Our list of prayer concerns from March

Alta, Amanda, Ashley, Jennifer, Ken, Liz, Pete, Robert & Karen, Molly, Nancy, Westley, Chris' family, Jen's family, Tom's family, the Lutz family, all the farmers and the Ukrainian people.

Suggested Prayer... "Most gracious and loving God, we lift up our list of prayer concerns this day and every day that all who are listed might know and feel your presence with them in their time of need. God, continue in your support for all of our friends and family listed and those who are forever in our hearts so that they might feel you with them each day, Amen."



If you would like to ask for prayers for someone please contact Kieran Connelly. Below is a list of the individuals on our Prayer Team that will pray for you throughout the week.

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|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Kieran Connelly | 717-471-5018 |
| Lynda Cooper | |
| Gretchen Martin | |
| Gerri Shober | Nancy Caffrey-Schafer |
| Steve Renninger | Chris Storms |
| Phil Shober | Donna Ozga |

Caring for Our Members

Please remember our members and friends in your prayers. Many in retirement villages and their homes are unable to attend church due to the pandemic and other health concerns.

Mary Tamerius
Faithful Living
2015 N. Reading Road
Room 156
Denver, Pa. 17517

Alta Hoshour
Ephrata Manor
99 Bethany Rd
Room# 127A
Ephrata, Pa 17522
717-738-7465



Jane Storms
118 Raybil Drive
Narvon, Pa. 17555

Linda Summers
101 South 2nd Street
Denver, Pa 17517

Bill & Grace Sprecher
Fairmount Homes
2312 Wheat Ridge Drive
Ephrata, Pa. 17522

Harold Good
Garden Spot Village
433 S Kinzer Ave
Apt. 117GW
New Holland, Pa. 17557

Pastoral Visits or Emergencies

If anyone is in need of pastoral assistance please contact Phil Shober anytime via text or call 610-780-3915 or email philipshober@gmail.com. You can also call the church office at 717-445-6256 or email the church secretary at dee@stpaulsuccchurch.org.



The People's Pantry

Below is a list of items requested for the food bank in Terre Hill.

Laundry detergent unscented
Individual Applesauce Cups
Canned Pineapples
Cereal

With spring here and summer approaching, below is a list of things the Grace House ladies could use.

Crew socks	KCups
Baseball caps	Toilet paper
Suntan lotion	Tissues
Lip balm	Paper towels
Face moisturizer	



Any donations can be placed on the table in the parlor room.

Thank you for your continued support of these ministries.



Bible Quiz



As Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey, crowds praised him loudly. When Pharisees told him to silence the people, what did Jesus say would shout if his followers didn't?

- A. Stones
- B. Palm branches
- C. Trees
- D. Hillsides



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

April

- 07 Katlyn Minier
- 14 Nancy Caffrey-Schafer
- 18 Jeffrey Renninger
- 26 Tim Lutz



Happy Birthday!

Anniversaries



Nick & Nancy Schafer - 24 years on April 4

Treasurer's Report

The monthly report for February 2022:

Checking Account

Beginning Balance	\$90,005.65
+ Receipts	6,887.29
- Disbursements	5,247.36
- Transfers	0
Ending Balance	\$91,645.58

A copy of this information can also be found at the mailboxes in the slot marked financial reports.

February's offering only total was \$4,431.00.

Financial Report



OFFERING COUNTERS

The following individuals are responsible for counting the offering after worship;

April 3	Tim & Pat Lutz
April 10	Gerri Shoher & Barry Gehman
April 17	Charlie & Chris Storms
April 24	Sharon Blechschmidt & Lynda Cooper

Lenten Luncheons:

The churches of the Terre Hill and Bowmansville communities are sponsoring a lunch and speaker on Thursdays during the Lenten season.

They are held at St. John's Center UCC 432 Reading Rd., East Earl. They begin promptly at NOON and conclude by 1:00 PM.

St. Paul's is sponsoring the lunch on April 7th and Phil will be delivering the message. We will be preparing hot dogs and chili for lunch. If you would like to help please see Phil. We hope many of you can attend this event.

Small Church Vitality

Workshop: We are hosting this workshop on Saturday, April 30th from 10am until 1pm with churches from the Lancaster and Lebanon Association. Phil, Tim and Dee will be attending. If anyone else would like to participate please see Phil.



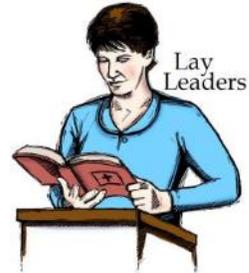
Online Worship: While we are currently holding worship services in person following the CDC guidelines, we also continue to stream our services online.

If you are more comfortable watching from home please use the following link and enter the code 225210 to join the service.

<https://gracehousepa.com/grace-house-blessings/>



Monthly Volunteers



April 3	Mary Renninger
April 10	Sara Renninger
April 17	Cheryl Borja **
April 24	Dee Sprecher
May 1	Gerri Shober
May 8	Mary Renninger
May 15	Sara Renninger
May 22	Cheryl Borja
May 29	Dee Sprecher

April 3	Grace House
April 10	Tim Lutz
April 17	Gerri Shober
April 24	Grace Smith
May 1	Grace House
May 8	Barry Gehman
May 15	Mary Renninger
May 22	Sharon Blechschmidt
May 29	Kieran Connelly

** Indicates communion



April 3	Nancy Connelly
April 10	Mary Renninger
April 17	Sara Renninger
April 24	Charlie Storms
May 1	Tim Lutz
May 8	Dee Sprecher
May 15	Larry Klaassen
May 22	Cheryl Borja
May 29	Barry Gehman

April 3	Gerri Shober
April 10	Grace Smith
April 17	Lynda Cooper
April 24	Barry Gehman
May 1	Naomi Martin
May 8	Gretchen Martin
May 15	Lynda Cooper
May 22	Gerri Shober
May 29	Grace Smith

Sponsors



April 3	open
April 10	open
April 17	open
April 24	open
May 1	open
May 8	open
May 15	open
May 22	open
May 29	open



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Flower and Bulletin Sponsor Sheet

The flower and bulletin charts for 2022 are posted. If you would like to sponsor a week please sign your name on the chart for any Sunday you wish. Please fill out the appropriate form and see that Dee gets your dedication information at least one week prior to it going in the bulletin. The cost for the flowers is **\$35.00**. We will place silk flowers in the sanctuary and place your dedication information in the bulletin. If you wish to purchase real flowers you may still do so on your own. The cost of the bulletins is **\$10.00** each week. Payments can be given to Dee Sprecher. Thank you in advance for your support.

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Deadline for article submissions: The third Sunday of each month.



APRIL 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Piano lessons 8:00-10:00 am	2
3 Grace House Worship 10:30	4	5	6 Piano Lessons 6-7 pm Consistory 9:00 am	7 Lenten Luncheons @ St Johns noon Piano lessons 5:30-6 pm	8 Piano lessons 8:00-10:00 am	9
10 Palm Sunday Worship 10:30	11	12	13 Piano Lessons 6-7 pm T Bones Ladies/Mens Bible Study 7pm	14 Maundy Thurs Lenten Luncheons @ St Johns noon Piano lessons 5:30-6 pm Choir 7:00	15 Good Friday Piano lessons 8:00-10:00 am Fellowship Hall Reserved 4pm	16 Egg Hunt 2pm
17 Easter Sunday Worship 10:30 Communion Newsletter Due	18	19	20 Piano Lessons 6-7 pm	21 Piano lessons 5:30-6 pm	22 Piano lessons 8:00-10:00 am	23
24 Worship 10:30	25 Book Club 7:00	26	27 Piano Lessons 6-7 pm	28 Piano lessons 5:30-6 pm	29 Piano lessons 8:00-10:00 am	30 Small Vitality Workshop 10am -1pm