

**ANNVILLE UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
APRIL 2021 NEWSLETTER**



Dear AUMC Family,

As Easter is upon us, we are reminded that we follow a resurrected Savior. This spring is a season of resurrection. We see it in nature with the trees, grass, plants, that all looked dead, now coming back to life. We are seeing it in our communities as more people are vaccinated and restrictions are loosened, our neighborhoods and gathering places are coming back to life. And we are seeing it in the church. This past year, we had the opportunity to live as the church, not just go to the church. My hope is that we continue to live in a way that draws people to God by our daily attitudes of hope and grace.

I am excited for these next few months, embracing a continued season of resurrection. There is nothing that God cannot restore, if it be his will. Whether it is in our families, workplaces, or church, when we fear that death has won, we can go to Jesus and ask him to give life. God provides. He may provide for others through you! Thank you for being the hands and feet of God. For those who have prayerfully and financially continued to support this church, you have allowed us to continue in ministry and to plan for future ministry.

This month we will have a Membership Orientation and next month on Pentecost Sunday (May 23) we will receive new members and offer baptism. Our choir has restarted (with masks) and will be meeting until Father's Day. On August 14, we will participate in Old Anncville Days. We will have a Rally Day on September 12th, with children and youth ministries kicking off that morning. Having these dates before us is exciting as we look forward to being all together again, to meeting new people, to sharing life together in a safe way. I hope you will mark your calendars and pray about how you and our church can impact our community for the glory of God. If you are able to help the church with a financial offering, you can send in the enclosed envelope or set up bill-pay through your bank. If your finances are tight, please talk with me so the church can be of help (we help one another as Jesus taught us to do). If you have time, talents, skills, or a nudging from the Holy Spirit to get involved, let's talk! You are the key to our church surviving and thriving. Ministry (and our Christian walk/spiritual journey) are more fun when we do it together.

May you find peace, comfort, and strength in this season of resurrection.

We serve a risen Lord!

Pastor Heather

**One North College Avenue, Anncville, PA 17003. aumc1912@gmail.com. www.annvilleumc.org
Pastor Heather Hammel, pastorH.2017@gmail.com. Office Hours – Tu to Th, 8 AM to 1 PM.
Sunday Morning Service – 9 AM – Traditional Worship. 10:15 AM – Adult Sunday School.**

Getting to Know Pastor Heather

- **Childhood:** In high school, she was in Marching Band and was Field Commander (like a Drum Major) her junior and senior years
- **Life Milestone:** Taught ninth-grade English to students who did not want to be there!
- **Continuing Education:** This month holds an opportunity with World Voice Day to attend a workshop on vocal health
- **Celebrating:** Spring weather, flowers, and fresh air
- **Recommended Reading:**
Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents by Isabel Wilkerson.
- **Family Life:** Her family is primarily from Scotland and Ireland, with her dad's side fighting in the Revolutionary War (for the States)
- **Fun Fact:** Loves to go to a Monster Truck show
- **Prayer Focus:** That teachers and students will remain focused and energized as spring fever hits and the end of the school year is in sight.

Sermon Series on the Gospel of Mark

April 4	Easter with Communion (Mark 16:1-8)
April 11	Mark 4:1-20
April 18	Mark 4:21-34
April 25	Mark 4:35-41
May 2	Mark 5:1-20 (Communion)

Save the Date

- Membership & Baptism Orientation/Refresher
 - Sundays from 10:15-11:15am
 - April 11 - The People and Beliefs of The United Methodist Church
 - April 18 - Grace, Baptism, and Communion
 - April 25 - How to Really Read Your Bible (Old & New Testaments)
 - May 2 - Membership & Baptism Vows
- Pentecost Sunday
 - May 23
 - New Members and Baptisms in our worship service (Contact Pastor Heather to participate)
- Old Annville Day
 - August 14, 9am - 2pm
 - We will need your help!
- Rally Day & Picnic
 - September 12, after Church & Sunday School, location tbd

Project Update from the Trustees

We have three major projects coming up this spring & summer and we need your help to make them happen.

1. Replacing an air conditioning unit for the sanctuary.
2. Clearing some trees and putting a fence around part of our cemetery.
3. Installing a new video system in the sanctuary to record the services. (We are currently using the Pastor's iPhone to record services.)

The Leadership Team has set a goal of raising \$10,000 to pay for these needed updates to our building and cemetery. If you can help financially, please designate your donations to our Building Fund or use one of the "Improvement Fund" envelopes that are on the information tables at the church.

April Wedding Anniversary

Andrew & Jessica Bahler were married on April 10, 2010.

April Birthdays

Christine Hirsch	1
Hillary Brandt-Baker	6
Mike Gaffey	8
Sandra Neidlinger	8
Zachary Bahler	13
Leroy Leach	13
Gwen Keller	20
Barb Kreider	21
Jackie Sweigert	22
April Pellegrini	27
Thelma Clark	27
Michele Neidigh	28

Finance Report

Below is a comparison of congregational giving between 2020 and 2021:

January 1st to March 21st

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
NEEDED	\$39,600	\$39,600
RECEIVED	\$35,369	\$31,076

Respectfully submitted, Leroy Leach, Treasurer

Old Annville Days



Old Annville Days will return this year. The date is August 14, from 9 AM till 2 PM.

Our church has been participating in this event for many years. We would like to continue this tradition, but we need your help. We are asking for suggestions on what we can sell or offer to the community.

In the past we have sold Apple Dumplings and Mr. Sticky Buns. We need new ideas. Any and all ideas are welcome, no matter how large or small.

Please contact Nancy Kapp, Lynn Hopple, Connie Zimmerman or the church office.

Upcoming Meetings

The trustees will meet at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, April 14.

The Leadership Team will meet at 7 PM on Monday, April 26.

Lots of Openings

There are lots of openings for people to read the scriptures and sponsor flowers for the month of April. At this point, only one person has signed up for a single Sunday in April to serve as a reader.

We also need greeters and people to help with ushering.

Staff Changes

Check out the Annville United Methodist Church website for a write-up about Phylis Dryden, our new Administrative Assistant. You can also stop in during office hours to meet her!

**Call 717-200-4069
to hear our latest sermon**

