



## APRIL 2022 NEWSLETTER

From Pastor Heather:

This month we celebrate Easter! Spring is here and we are reminded of new life. As we journey with Jesus to the cross and then celebrate the empty tomb on Easter Sunday, we gather as a family of love. We will reach the end of Mark's Gospel this month, a journey we began in January of 2021. We have walked with Jesus and looked to see our Savior and ourselves in the scriptures. Now we are in the midst of Jesus' final days. We do not want to rush through these passages. We need to see the suffering Jesus faced so we can grasp the depth of his love for us.

You are invited to join us for several special services this month. I can't wait to see you there!

- On April 6th, at noon, we will have a community Lenten service in our sanctuary.
- Then on April 10th, we celebrate Palm Sunday and Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.
- Thursday, April 14, we will have a Maundy Thursday service at 7 PM in the sanctuary with communion.
- On Friday, April 15, there is the Community Cross Walk from noon to 3 PM, with a stop at our church.
  - We will also have an evening service in the sanctuary at 7 PM. This will be a quiet Tenebrae service open to everyone.
- I encourage you to take a moment on Saturday, April 16th, and sit in the silence of the tomb with Jesus.
- Then join us on Easter Sunday for worship at 9 AM, as we celebrate the Risen Lord!

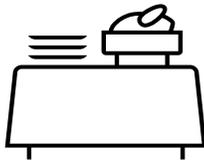




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## SERMON SERIES FOR APRIL

- April 3 “Unbreakable Faith” -  
 Mark 15:21-32 -  
 (Communion)
- April 10 “Welcome the King” –  
 Mark 15:33-47 and  
 Luke 19:28-40 –  
 (Palm Sunday)
- April 14 “How to Love” –  
 John 13:1-17, 31b-35 -  
 (Maundy Thursday) - 7 PM  
 Service with Communion
- April 15 “Finding the Light in the  
 Darkness” – John 18:1-19:42 -  
 (Good Friday) - 7 PM Service
- April 17 “We Have Hope” –  
 Mark 16:1-8 - (Easter)
- April 24 “We Are Witnesses” –  
 Mark 16:9-20.



## FEEDING FAMILIES

Through the generous donations of congregants Easter dinners are being provided to five local families. As the Bible says, “Some people are always greedy for more, but the godly love to give!” Proverbs 21: 26.

## JOURNAL WRITING: BUILD YOUR CASTLE WITH WORDS.

The following is a poem by Art Ford. It speaks of the importance of journal writing in building the castles of our lives.



Build your castle with  
 Words.

Tell yourself years from now  
 What you were like,  
 Back then.

Let your future self know what made  
 you  
 Back then,

And what others were made by you  
 Back then.

You might be surprised with how well  
 Your castle  
 Turned out,  
 How you turned out,

With just a few words.

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## STAY TUNED

To listen to our worship services by telephone, call 717-200-4069.

Watch us on YouTube.com and  
 Facebook.com/annvilleumc.

## MUSICAL NOTES

Have you ever wondered how our organist chooses the music he uses for the prelude and postlude? Here's the answer from Mark Sorensen, our organist:

"I choose everything based on which part of the liturgical year we're in; for example, since we're in Lent at the moment, I look for titles that relate to Jesus' sacrifice or songs that invoke feelings of solemnity and hopefulness. When possible, I also try to tie the music in with the readings or the hymns, whether that be with similar words or similar tunes. I'll play some standard repertoire as well (by J.S. Bach, for example) which can usually fit anywhere in the year.

"As for the choir anthems I select, I've catalogued most of the choral music in the building so I can search by season or the number of voice parts when looking for something in particular. We have a small choir, but everyone loves to sing. I believe that is the primary reason we're able to accomplish so much; although some don't read music, they have good ears and are able to pick up the tunes rather quickly.

"I choose a variety of styles as well, including traditional hymn-like settings, modern-sounding 20<sup>th</sup> century pieces, and upbeat gospel-style anthems. I also try to make rehearsals fun--we're not just there to practice for a set time before going home. It's a time of unity and fellowship. Everyone does what they can, and the end result is what we all hear on Sunday morning. We're always looking for new members, of course, and all are welcome!"

Submitted by Mark Sorensen, church organist.

## FROM THE TRUSTEES

The trustees have a contractor lined up to do some electrical work in the church attic. Fuses will be replaced with circuit breakers.

Submitted by Frank Gamble, Chair, Trustees

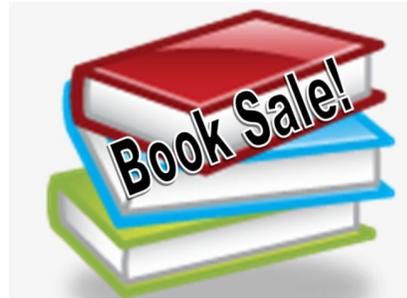


## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need volunteers to work in the kitchen during the Annville Free Library's Book Sale, which will take place in our church from

**Thursday, April 28, through Saturday, April 30.**

Contact Connie Zimmerman if you are willing to help. More details will come.



## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Andrew and Jessica Bahler were married on April 10th.

## BIRTHDAYS

Chris Hirsch – April 1  
Scott Gaffey - April 3  
Hillard Brandt-Baker – April 6  
Mike Gaffey - April 8  
Sandy Neidlinger - April 8  
Leroy Leach – April 13  
Zachary Bahler – April 13  
Gwen Keller – April 20  
Barb Kreider – April 21  
Jackie Sweigert – April 22  
Thelma Clark – April 27  
April Pellegrini – April 27  
Michele Neidigh – April 28

## COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT

St. Mark Lutheran Church, 200 E. Main Street, is hosting a free 30-minute magic show and Community Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 16, at 2 p.m. All are welcome!

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

There are many ways to serve the church and make worship a fulfilling experience for all.

These are the most pressing needs:

**You are needed!** Please sign up in the narthex or on our sign-up genius online to serve on Sunday mornings.



We especially need people to train and serve as Head Ushers.

Greeters welcome the congregation beginning at 8:40 AM at the east entrance of the church. They remain at the entrance until the end of the first hymn so even latecomers will be greeted with a smile.

Scripture Readers receive an email from the church office with the scriptures on Tuesday or Wednesday prior to the Sunday service.

Nursery Attendants should be available for anyone needing the nursery.

Children's Sunday School Teachers need to be available to lead the children's class. Materials will be provided.

Tech Support runs the sound board and the video recording of the service.

Finally, Special Music, Dance, etc. enhances our worship. Volunteers are appreciated.

## SAVE THE DATE!

Historic Old Annsville Day will take place this year on June 11 from 9 AM to 2 PM on West Main Street in Annsville.

## STAFF APPRECIATION DAY

April is Staff Appreciation Month and the SPRC would like to let our Church Staff know how much we appreciate them. Please, if you feel so inclined, send a small note, email, card to our staff to let them know we do appreciate all they do for our church. Our staff is as follows:

Phyllis Dryden, Church Administrative Assistant  
Mark Sorensen, Organist and Choir Director  
Doug Nyce, Custodian  
Phyllis Conrad, Assistant Organist.

Submitted by Stephanie Gaffey, Chair, Staff Parish Relations Committee.

## GIRL SCOUTS SELLING COOKIES

**Girl Scout cookies** are available on Saturday, April 9, from 11 AM to 3 PM at Lisa's Café in Palmyra. Please support Girl Scout Troop 71100, who meets in our building.



## MISSIONARY INVOLVED IN HELPING UKRANIAN REFUGEES



Carrie Callahan

Carrie Callahan, a missionary supported by the Annsville United Methodist Church, is located 4 ½ hours from the border between Ukraine and Hungary. She therefore has a direct connection to refugees fleeing to Hungary.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NOT JUST FOR KIDS

There are two adult Sunday School classes at Annville UMC. Attendance is faithful and an important part of students' lives. Recently we asked attendees several questions about their classes. This is what they had to say.

### What Draws You to Sunday School Class?

- The learning and fellowship with other people
- The teacher and the opportunity to refresh early learnings
- The classes help to keep my faith strong.
- I like to learn new things and to hear the ideas of others in order to help form opinions.
- I also like to be aware of the experiences of others; they may or may not coincide with my own experiences.



### What Do You Talk About?

- The background of our denomination and how the Articles of Religion compare with the Confessions of the EUB Church
- Many topics, including the meanings of the symbols in our stained-glass windows and the architecture of our church
- The Bible and other interesting topics
- Current events, problems of the world, social issues
- Past people/events, as well as current leaders of the faith; how ideas change through the years.
- The subjects are always different, varied and interesting.

### Why Is Adult Sunday School Worthwhile?

- It refreshes what one has learned about religion, the Bible, and attitudes about religion today.
- It renews my faith.
- A great teacher is also good to help us learn so much about the Bible
- We listen, participate, and discuss; we are encouraged to share our opinions with others.
- We get different ideas and views of society and the community.
- It is a safe atmosphere where we can say what we believe/think and no one will chastise us.
- It is okay to pose questions or to say "I don't know."
- People can be open in their remarks.
- The camaraderie is important.

Another class likes to read God-inspired books and to discuss how the circumstances in the book come up in our own lives so we can relate to the messages. By discussing these things, we trust that God will inspire us to be better Christians.



# GOOD FRIDAY CROSS WALK in Annville April 15, 2022

The Annville-Cleona Area Council of Churches invites you to join us in a procession by following the cross carried through various parts of Annville on Good Friday. The procession will stop at a number of churches in the community and also on the sidewalk in front of Gacono Realty for a scripture reading, hymn, and prayer.

Each stop will focus on one of the Seven Last Words of Jesus.

We will provide a van for those unable to walk from one stop to the next.

People may join the Cross Walk at any of the following stops in Annville:

12 Noon at Saint Paul the Apostle Roman Catholic Church, 125 South Spruce Street

12:25 p.m. at Annville Church of the Brethren, 495 East Maple Street

12:45 p.m. at Annville United Methodist Church, 1 North College Avenue

1:05 p.m. at Saint Anthony Coptic Orthodox Church, 118 West Main Street

1:20 p.m. on the plaza at Gacono Realty, 50 West Main Street

1:40 p.m. at Christ Church United Church of Christ, 200 South White Oak Street

2:00 p.m. at Saint Mark Lutheran Church, 200 East Main Street

2:20 p.m. at the Lebanon Valley Home Chapel, 550 East Main Street

2:30 p.m. Benediction at Lebanon Valley Home Chapel

Return to your cars at the parking lot at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

This is a special opportunity to publically witness our faith in fellowship among all the congregations of our communities. It is also an opportunity for families and Religious Education classes to walk with us, as we take turns carrying and following the cross.

**You are invited to share in any part or all of the Cross Walk.**

# April 2022

| Sunday            | Monday                          | Tuesday                       | Wednesday   | Thursday                                    | Friday   | Saturday   |
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|                   |                                 |                               |   |   | 1  | 2  |
| 3<br>Communion    | 4                               | 5<br>Girl Scouts<br>-5:30 PM  | 6<br>9:30 AM-Faith<br>Group; Noon – Hosting<br>Mid-week Lenten Svc.<br>Trustees – 6:30 PM;<br>Choir – 7:30 PM | 7   | 8  | 9  |
| 10<br>Palm Sunday | 11                              | 12<br>Girl Scouts<br>-5:30 PM | 13<br>9:30 AM-Faith<br>Group; Choir-7:30 PM   | 14<br>Maundy Thursday –<br>7 PM - Communion | 15<br>Good Friday-<br>Cross Walk -Noon to<br>3 pm; 12:45 – AUMC.<br>Tenebrae svc.-7 PM | 16<br>At St. Mark Lutheran-<br>Community Magic<br>Show & Easter Egg<br>Hunt – 2 PM |
| 17<br>Easter      | 18                              | 19<br>Girl Scouts<br>-5:30 PM | 20<br>9:30 AM-Faith<br>Group; Choir-7:30 PM   | 21  | 22   | 23   |
| 24                | 25<br>Leadership Team<br>- 7 PM | 26<br>Girl Scouts<br>-5:30 PM | 27<br>9:30 AM-Faith<br>Group; Choir-7:30 PM   | 28  | 29   | 30   |

