



Announcements

February 25, 2024

2nd Sunday in Lent

ADULT FORUM SCHEDULE

We gather in the Trinity Room at 9:30am for coffee or tea and begin the program at 9:45am.

March 3 - Our PA State Representative Peter Schweyer will be with us to share on the services and programs of our state government and the latest news from the 134th Legislative District. Bring your questions about Harrisburg.

March 10 - Are you prepared for snow, floods, and other disasters? Robin Richie from the Allentown Health Bureau will educate us on necessary steps for preparedness and tell us about other services provided by the bureau.

March 17 - Pastor Becky and our younger folks will join us once again for a crash course on the church calendar. Always a great time!

March 24 - On Palm Sunday, the fun continues with another intergenerational morning study of the crucifixion and Holy Week.

March 31 - Happy Easter! He has risen indeed! Bill Falla will lead us in a Bible study he calls "Easter: The Redemption of Creation". We will look at Easter as having cosmic significance not just a human. Bill always inspires good conversation.

COMING IN APRIL - Everyone remembers or has heard about Hess's Department store. It was a special place in Allentown and Kate Kareha has been collecting Hess's memories for The Patio Podcast. She will be with us to talk about the podcast and share some great stories. There might be an opportunity for you to share a Hess's memory and have it preserved on the podcast, so please think on your own memories!



Easter Flowers

Deadline is TODAY.

Order forms are at the back of the church.



GREEN TEAM - Testimony

When I was growing up on a farm, my mother had a very large vegetable garden. It was so large that it was called a truck patch. My mom plowed and tilled the truck patch and planted the seeds. When the vegetables were ready to pick, my three siblings and I often spent entire days in the truck patch picking whatever was ready to be picked. Red tomatoes, yellow corn, green beans, deep red beets, and more. My mom froze or canned all that we picked, and we had our vegetables for the coming year. I am so grateful for those experiences that influenced my appreciation for the growing of our food and the colorful variety as I stared at the rows and rows of canning jars. We bought apples and peaches from nearby orchards, and they added to the beautiful rainbow of the rows of canning jars. As I got a little older, in high school, I lost the ability to see pastel colors. They all looked grey to me. I was in my late 30's when I could no longer see any colors. But I will never forget the beauty of the vegetables and fruits that my mom canned. Now, when I go outside, I love feeling and hearing the weather. I do miss seeing the colors of flowers in spring and the colored leaves on trees in autumn. But I love feeling the drizzling rain on my face. I love feeling the sun on my back. I love hearing the ocean waters as they splash onto the beach. I am reminded of how wonderfully God has provided for us. Not only has God given us beautiful vegetables and fruits to nourish us, but He sends the sun to provide the energy for the plants to go through photosynthesis, and He sends the rain and snow to water the earth. We praise you, our triune God, for the many ways you bless us.

Submitted by Jeanette Schmoyer

A note from Ripple... We are planning two open house events at the property (1547 Chew Street), which you are more than welcome to attend to see our plans in more detail. The open houses are scheduled for **Saturday, March 2nd from 2-4pm, and Thursday, March 7th from 6-8pm.**



Inclement weather???

Check WFMZ 69 Closings and Delays to see if there are changes to our scheduled services.

Easter Flower Order Blank

Please print and submit this form with the exact wording you want printed in the Easter Bulletin. Please do not write "Same as last year".



Easter Flowers to be placed.....

In Memory Of: _____

Or

In Honor Of: _____

Placed By: _____

Price: Lilies \$9.50 Mums \$9.50 Tulips \$7.00 (Orders must be in by Sunday, February 25, 2024)

Number of Plants: Lilies _____ Yellow Mums _____ Red Tulips _____ Yellow Tulips _____

Please indicate with a checkmark or number: For Pick-up _____ For Shut Ins _____

If writing a check, please make payable to "St. John's UCC" and mark the memo line "poinsettia". You may complete this order blank or call the church office (610-433-0146) and pay later. Thank you.