



# Announcements

**April 21, 2024**  
**4th Sunday in Easter**

## ADULT FORUM SCHEDULE

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

**NEXT WEEK... April 28** - Jessica Armbruster, Education Manager, Allentown Bureau of Recycling, will be with us to share best practices for a better environment. Bring your questions on recycling and reusing!

**THANK YOU....**

**to the Green Team for their work  
& to Reverend Rick Guhl for his worship  
leadership and sermon today.**



Information about registering for the James Lawson Freedom School is now available! See our bulletin board in the Great Hall or at [www.rcdclv.org](http://www.rcdclv.org). There is also a list of requested items for donation.

**Important  
Dates**

- **May 4** - Intergenerational Hike
- **May 12** - Confirmation 11am
- **May 19** - Pentecost 11am
- **June 16** - Church Picnic at Waldheim Park
- **June 23** - Youth Sunday

## Phoebe Ministries Mission Offering

As has been our tradition at St. John's, we will once again on Mother's Day take a mission offering in support of **Phoebe Ministries**. This organization founded by the Reformed Church in 1903 continues to serve Allentown and Eastern Pennsylvania as a mission partner of the UCC.

Phoebe's stated mission reads: A community of faith, called by God, to enrich the lives our seniors, their families and the communities we serve. They are guided by this mission to provide compassionate care to those in need regardless of their ability to pay. In 2021, they provided more than \$15 million in charitable care to their residents. How can they do it? The Mother's Day offering is a major source of funding that the UCC churches provide.

So once again on Mother's Day, May 12<sup>th</sup> we will have the opportunity to support this worthwhile ministry. You may donate as part of your regular Sunday offering, the blue pew envelopes, the special Phoebe Envelopes or the Donate button on our website. For the first two, be sure to designate Phoebe Ministries. Also, you may contribute anytime in May.

Please prayerfully consider supporting this vital mission effort. Thank you.

## Strengthen the Church Mission Offering

One of our Mission Offerings for May is **Strengthen the Church**---one of the UCC's 5 Special Offerings. This offering which focusses on supporting local congregations in developing their ministries is held appropriately on Pentecost, May 17<sup>th</sup>. Just as the hallmark of the first Christian Church was their care for one another, **Strengthen the Church** provides an opportunity for us to support our fellow UCC congregations in their attempts to strengthen their ministries and for them to support ours. Through the **Strengthen the Church Offering**, people across the UCC support the development of new congregations and the renewal of existing ones, fund programs of youth and young adults as well as leadership development for the whole church. Together we all can make our church stronger by providing these needed funds for new initiatives and growth.

While the focus is on Pentecost, May 19<sup>th</sup>, you may donate to **Strengthen the Church** anytime in May by adding it to your regular church offering, using the blue pew envelopes or the Donate button on our website. Be sure to designate **Strengthen the Church** on your donation.

Thank you for your support .