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## April 2018 Newsletter

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### It Is No Fool's Joke!

Easter commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is the most important Christian festival, and the one celebrated with the greatest joy. Without Easter there would be no Christianity. Without Jesus' suffering, his execution and subsequent resurrection there would be no Christianity, for regardless of how terrible Jesus' suffering was, it was part of God's plan for the salvation of humankind.

In Western Christianity, Easter marks the end of Lent, a period of fasting and penitence in preparation for Easter, which begins on Ash Wednesday and lasts forty days (not counting Sundays).

The week before Easter, known as Holy Week, is very special in the Christian tradition. Palm Sunday, the Sunday before Easter, marks Jesus' victorious entrance into the city of Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover Festival of the Jewish people. On Thursday our church commemorates Jesus' Last Supper (the Passover Meal) with his disciples in the Upper Room. Good Friday, we devote to remembering the suffering and crucifixion. We finally arrive at Easter on April 1<sup>st</sup> – a day some people may believe to be foolishness – a joke. Not for those who have been moved by the Spirit to open their hearts and minds to faith in God's plan for us.

### A CALL TO JOIN US FOR EASTER WORSHIP

Think of a moment when someone  
that you least expected to see  
suddenly stands before you.

A moment when something you'd lost  
is found again and you  
can scarcely believe your eyes.

Think of a moment when your fear  
was suddenly proved unfounded  
and you were surprised by joy.

This morning is such a moment.  
We resign ourselves to the worst,  
and suddenly life turns around.

So come (*to worship*) this Easter morning,  
to be shaken from your conviction  
that nothing can change your situation.

Come if you look at the world  
and feel overwhelmed by its chaos,  
or disillusioned by its promises.

On this morning we remember  
how Mary went to anoint a corpse,  
and was greeted by a Savior.

Come to worship prepared  
to see your life and the world

through new eyes.

For Christ is risen,  
he is risen indeed.  
Hallelujah!<sup>1</sup>

## APRIL WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

- April 1** – Easter Sunday, Communion 8:30 & 11am Worship, NO Sunday School  
**April 8** – 8:30 & 11am Worship, Sunday School, Coffee Hour hosted by Session  
**April 15** – 8:30 & 11am Worship, Sunday School  
**April 22** – 8:30 & 11am Worship, Sunday School  
**April 29** – 8:30 & 11am Worship, Sunday School



## OPPORTUNITIES FOR HELPING:



**Beverly's Birthdays** is an organization that hosts birthday parties for children who would otherwise NOT have a celebration. Can you imagine, as a child, that your birthday is not an event? Our church volunteers bake cupcakes and decorate them. We also provide items for goody bags. Undecorated cupcakes are needed and will be decorated on **APRIL 25<sup>th</sup> at 10am**. What a way to serve and make a very special child happy!

**Food 2 Go 4 Kids** is our partnership with West Hempfield Elementary School. We help them provide bags of food for around 70 children to take home with them on the weekend. This assures that no child will go hungry without the safety net of school breakfasts and lunches. Food items are donated. Volunteers at church gather in the upstairs kitchen to separate and count the food, and pack the bags. Counters are needed (those pesky Pop Tarts come in all size packages).

- **Food packing is April 11<sup>th</sup> & April 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM upstairs kitchen**
- Caring volunteers do this every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month
- Contact Janet Lore or Jen MacIntosh to find out more about either program. Their contact information is in the directory



## West Hempfield 2018 Food Bank Dates

### FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERS!

**May 19, 2018 and August 18, 2018 from 9:00-11:30 AM**

<sup>1</sup> Written by Ann Siddall, posted at [Stillpoint Spirituality Center](#); words in italics added by Rev. Shannon



**SING! SING! SING!** In 2013, the Presbyterian Church published its first new hymnal in decades. Our church hymnals are more than 20 years old and need replacement. A generous memorial gift in the name of Olga Havlicsek, earmarked for music, will pay for the initial cost of 120 hymnals, the software to project the music & words onto the screens, plus the accompanist's book. As excited as we are to be updating the

musical part of worship, we will weed out the old hymnals slowly, keeping the songs we love as well as learning some new songs. At the appropriate time, you will be permitted to keep a copy of an old hymnal.

The cost of each hymnal is \$20. The church is also purchasing the accompanying software to project both words and music. The cost of software is \$499. If you donate a hymnal in honor or memory of an individual, a book plate will be placed inside the appropriate number of hymnals. All donations will be credited to your annual giving statement. Thank you!

**My name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Donation amount (\$20/hymnal)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Donation for software** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total** \_\_\_\_\_

**I am donating a hymnal in honor of** \_\_\_\_\_

**OR in memory of** \_\_\_\_\_

**THANK YOU!**

**PWA:** Thank you for supporting the PWA candy sale, we enjoy serving you. There are still a few items left and we have pies too! Please see a PWA lady for assistance.



**EGG HUNT:** A very special THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the Easter Egg Hunt. We had over 93 children participate this year. Great fun was had by all!

**SPAGHETTI DINNER THANK YOU:** A heart-felt thanks to all who helped in **any way** to help make our annual spaghetti dinner a success! With your help we raised over \$1800 to help Pastor Jacque feed the children at his church and school.

## CHRISTIAN ED

**VBS:** The Christian Education Committee is also in search of volunteers who would like to participate in vacation bible study. This year VBS is scheduled for the week of **June 11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8pm.** If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering, please register at [www.westhempfieldpc.org](http://www.westhempfieldpc.org) or email Rachael Pritz at [rachlynn5680@yahoo.com](mailto:rachlynn5680@yahoo.com) Thank you!!

*Please note: There is a new Child/Youth/Vulnerable Adult policy in place for Redstone Presbytery. It should soon be available on [www.redstone.org](http://www.redstone.org). Clearances are now updated every five years/60 months bringing us into compliance with the State's regulations*



**APRIL 8<sup>th</sup> Coffee Hour following both worship services, hosted by Session.**



April 4 – John Reed  
April 5 – Carol Ailes  
April 5 – Erin Crust  
April 5 – Jason Ray  
April 7 – Ted Mertz

April 20 – Marian Fowler  
April 20 – Barbara Hazlett  
April 20 – Lucas Bauer  
April 27 – John Hilewick  
April 28 – Twana Maturkanic

If you have an April birthday, and we've missed you – PLEASE, let the office know.

### **Remember Our Homebound with Cards & Calls!**

Mr. and Mrs. Pealstorm  
691 Turnpike Drive  
Irwin, Pa 15642

Mrs. Clara Kovacs  
7760 State Route 30  
North Huntingdon, Pa 15642

Mr. and Mrs. Balister  
507 Wendel Road  
Irwin, Pa 15642

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| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday                        | Friday  | Saturday                                   |
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| <b>1</b> Easter Blessings<br><br>*Communion*<br>8:30 & 11 Worship<br>Choir 9:45-10:45<br>Sunday School 9:45am                              | <b>2</b><br>DART BALL – HOME<br>GAME WHPC<br><br>PNC MEETING  | <b>3</b><br>NO PWA MEETING<br><br>Daisies 6pm – upstairs<br>kitchen         | <b>4</b><br>Senior Cards 11-2:30<br>Men’s Group 7pm<br>Choir 6:45-7:45PM   | <b>5</b>                        | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b>                                   |
| <b>8</b><br>8:30 & 11 Worship<br>Sunday School 9:45am<br>Choir 9:45-10:45<br><b>Coffee Hour hosted<br/>                     by Session</b> | <b>9</b><br><br>DART BALL<br>MAKE-UP GAMES<br><br>PNC MEETING | <b>10</b><br>DEACONS MEETING<br>6:30PM<br><br>NAMI 7PM                      | <b>11</b><br>Senior Cards 11-2:30<br>Food 2Go 6:30pm<br>S & F 6:30pm<br>Men’s Group 7pm<br>Choir 6:45-7:45PM                 | <b>12</b><br><br>SCOUTS 6:00 PM | <b>13</b>   | <b>14</b><br><br>FELLOWSHIP HALL<br>IN USE |
| <b>15</b><br><br>8:30 & 11 Worship<br>Choir 9:45-10:45<br>Sunday School 9:45am   | <b>16</b><br>DART BALL<br>PLAY OFF<br><br>PNC MEETING         | <b>17</b>   | <b>18</b><br>Senior Cards 11-2:30<br>Christian Ed Meeting<br>6:30pm<br>Men’s Group 7pm<br>Choir 6:45-7:45PM                  | <b>19</b>                       | <b>20</b><br><b>SESSION REPORTS<br/>                     DUE!!</b><br><br><b>*NEWSLETTER<br/>                     DEADLINE*</b> | <b>21</b>                                  |
| <b>22</b><br><br>8:30 & 11 Worship<br>Choir 9:45-10:45<br>Sunday School 9:45am   | <b>23</b><br>DART BALL<br>WORLD SERIES<br><br>PNC MEETING     | <b>24</b><br>PWA Charity Circle<br>1:00 PM<br><br>SESSION MEETING<br>6:30PM | <b>25</b><br>Beverly’s Birthday’s<br>10am<br>Senior Cards 11-2:30<br>Food 2Go 6:30PM<br>Men’s Group 7pm<br>Choir 6:45-7:45PM | <b>26</b><br><br>SCOUTS 6:00 PM | <b>27</b>   | <b>28</b>                                  |
| <b>29</b><br><br>8:30 & 11 Worship<br>Choir 9:45-10:45<br>Sunday School 9:45am   | <b>30</b><br>DART BALL<br>BANQUET<br>PNC MEETING              |   |  |                                 |   |  |