



A Light on the Hill

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden."

Matt 5:14

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Our Sunday Worship Services begin at 10:00 a.m. - We will also be "live" streaming!



Acts 8:26-40
John 15:1-8

Administrative Church Council

- Pastor.....J. Tim Hoover
- Council Chair.....Jim Loeffler
- Secretary ...Stephanie Kraft
- Lay Leader
- Finance.....Chuck Myers
- Trustees.....Dane Charlton
- Staff-Parish.....Diane Senger
- Council on Min.....LeAnne Morton
- Youth...Lia Hackenberg
- Young Adults

How To Produce Fruit

Most of the people in and around the Erie County, PA and neighboring counties to the north in New York certainly know about trimming and pruning vines. Every year the grape farmers trim their vines to insure strong new growth the following growing season. This insures the proper quality of grapes harvested each year, and minimizes overcrowding of the vine source.

In our scripture from John, we learn that Jesus is the vine and we are the branches. This connection provides us the spiritual nutrition to face the world we live in and remain strong in our faith. But at times a pruning must occur to eliminate any non-spiritual parts of us that we need to let go.

In Acts, Philip sees an Ethiopian reading the scriptures from Isaiah, and approaches him. Philip remained on the vine despite the fact Jesus no longer physically walked on the earth. Because he chose to remain focused on the message of Jesus Christ, the vine, he produced spiritual fruit with the Ethiopian.

Remain on the vine, allow for the pruning, and produce great fruit for Jesus Christ.



In The Stable

Jesus is the Savior God promised.
Luke 2:1-20

Wishing You A Happy Retirement, Barb!

I wanted to express my thanks to the congregation of SHUMC for the wonderful send off and gift. As I said goodbye there were so many kind words of support and expressions of love. I greatly appreciated it all! It meant a great deal. As I reflect on the many years I have been here (which seems to have flown by), I think of all the incredible and generous people here. You have always been willing to serve and always responded with love and care and there are so many of you I call friends. It has been a privilege to serve you all. I'm going to miss you!

May God continue to use SHUMC as a beacon of God's love to others.

Bless you all,
Barb



April - May

The Ella Cochran Food Pantry would love your help in restocking some of their shelf items. From April 21 to May 12 you will find a box in the narthex to put in personal care items, such as: Shampoo, Toothpaste, Soap, Toothbrush, Body Wash, etc.



UMCOR Flood Buckets

There is a great need for flood buckets! We are asking families, friends or groups (i.e. Bible Studies, small groups) to get together to make one or two buckets up. Items needed & instructions are in the Blast. Thank you.

MEN'S MONTHLY THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER



The Men's Monthly Dinner will be held Thurs., May 2 at Bob Evans at 6:30 p.m.



On Saturday, May 18 Clark Elementary is hosting a mini triathlon fundraiser for students. Sign ups are available now. If you are someone who likes to cheer and smile, you would be the perfect volunteer! If you have any questions, see LeAnne Morton.



The Shawl Ministry will meet in the multi-purpose room on Saturday, May 4 from 1-3 p.m.

VBS SCUBA
Living into friendship with God

July 22-26
6:00-8:30 PM
More details on our website.



Faith-based Summer Camps

Check out the brochures on the table in the narthex for faith-based summer camps. Don't let finances deter you from registering. Financial assistance is available. If you have any questions, please see LeAnne Morton or Sue Fuller.

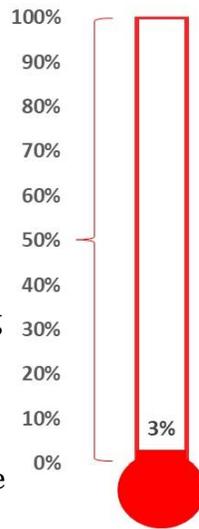


Lawnmowing Season is here!

Interested in helping to keep the church and parsonage lawn looking nice to visitors and passerby's? Please see Kim Peters and let her know you'd be interested in helping out.



PARSONAGE RENOVATION



The Administrative Church Council voted to move forward with the parsonage project. The project cost will range from \$100,000 - \$150,000. The \$100,000.00 will come from current church cash reserves. The prayer is that the balance will come in through the generous giving of our church family. **This would be above your regular giving to the church.** If you are ready to make a donation now, please designate your giving to the "Parsonage Upgrade Fund." Each week we will post our SHUMC Parsonage Goal thermometer to show you where we are. This week we are at: 3%



Join us Sunday, May 5 for Youth Sunday. The 2024 Senior Class will be recognized during the service with a reception following. All are welcome!

Graduates Class of 2024

If you know of someone graduating from high school, college, tech school, please let Sue Fuller know. We will be recognizing graduates on Sunday, May 5.



Faith Lutheran Church is hosting a presentation on bats on May 1 @ 7:00 p.m. by Gannon biology professor, Dr. Steve Ropski. He is an informative and entertaining speaker and bats play an important role in our local ecosystem. All are welcome!



Join Us!



All women of the church are invited on Saturday, May 11 to come to the Dip & Chip Charcuterie from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. All you need to do is bring a dip (savory or sweet)! Please sign up in the narthex.

SAVE THE DATE

The Refuge Golf Tournament will be held on Mon., June 17. If you have any questions, talk to Chuck Myers or Gary Faulhaber.



Women's Retreat at Chautauqua — May 31 – June 2, 2024
Everyone has a story. A testament of their faith journey. No two are alike.

Come hear the faith journey stories of Women of Worship from our own church family. You will be encouraged, find hope and peace and perhaps relate. You may even be inspired to share a bit of your own story (but only if you want to).

UMCOR CLEANING KIT ASSEMBLY & SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS

(Kit approximate cost: \$75 per bucket)

Cleaning Kit Materials

- One five-gallon round bucket with re-sealable lid (14.35" h x 12.19" w x 12.19" d)
 - No screw lids
 - May be used, but must be free from all residual product
 - Advertisements on the outside acceptable
- One 32-64 oz. bottle liquid laundry detergent
- One 16-40 oz. bottle liquid concentrate household cleaner
 - No spray cleaners
- One 16-34 oz. bottle dish soap
- One 4-8 oz. pump spray air freshener (liquid, not gel)
- One 6-14 oz. pump spray insect repellent (pack of 10-20 wipes also acceptable)
 - Pump spray bottles must have protective covers
- One scrub brush
 - With or without handle
- 18 re-useable cleaning wipes
 - No terrycloth, microfiber or paper towels
 - Remove from packaging
- Five scouring pads
 - No stainless-steel pads with soap in them
 - Remove from packaging
- 36-50 clothespins
- One 50-100 ft. clothesline (cotton or plastic line)
- 24 roll of heavy-duty trash bags (33-45-gallon sizes) Remove from packaging
- Five N95 particulate respirator dust masks (1-3 mm thickness)
 - No surgical masks
- Two pairs kitchen gloves
 - Durable for multiple uses
 - Remove from packaging
- One pair work gloves
 - Cotton with leather palm or all leather

Assembly Directions

- All items must be new with the exception of the bucket and lid which may be recycled but must be clean and free of debris.
- All cleaning agents must be liquid form. No powders are accepted.
- If items have been omitted, label bucket. Please indicate which items are missing.

Important Notes

- Sponges have been removed from the list of supplies due to the challenge of locating the non-cellulose sponges that prevent mildew. Non-cellulose sponges will be added to each bucket upon arrival at the affiliate warehouse.
- Do not include any personal notes, money or additional material in the kits.
- Contents of kits or the containers of kits should not be imprinted with cartoon characters, advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols.

Packing & Shipping Instructions

Please send a single check to the Sager Brown Depot or the affiliate warehouse that will receive your donation of cleaning kits. The check amount should cover the total number of kits times \$3.00 for the cost of sponges and shipping. On the memo line, please indicate that the funds are an additional donation to cover costs associated with relief supply kits.

APRIL 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 9:30AM Tues Stdy 5:30PM Sm Grp 6:30PM Bnd of Bros	3 6:30am Men's Study Pastor Tim's Last Lenten Stdy 6 pm	4 Neighborhood Watch 6-7PM 6:30pm Sweet & Salty Bible Study Praise Rehearsal	5	6 1-3 pm SHAWL MINISTRY In the multi-purpose room
7 9 AM Adult Sunday School – last class COMMUNION	8	9 9:30AM Tues Stdy 5:30PM Sm Grp 6:30PM Bnd of Bros	10 6:30am Men's Study	11 6:30pm Sweet & Salty Bible Study Praise Rehearsal	12	13
14 Donut Sunday SHUMY 6-8 pm	15 Admin. Church Council 6:30 pm	16 9:30AM Tues Stdy 5:30PM Sm Grp 6:30PM Bnd of Bros	17 6:30am Men's Study	18 Chldrn's Advoc Ctr. 5:45pm 6:30pm Sweet & Salty Bible Study Praise Rehearsal	19	20 Building Reserved
21 Trustee Mtg. after worship SHUMY 6:00-8:00 pm	22 Council on Ministries Meeting 6:30 pm	23 9:30AM Tues Stdy 5:30PM Sm Grp 6:30PM Bnd of Bros	24 6:30am Men's Study	25 Chldrn's Advoc Ctr. 5:45pm 6:30pm Sweet & Salty Bible Study Praise Rehearsal	26	27
28 SHUMY 6:00-8:00 pm	29	30 9:30AM Tues Stdy 5:30PM Sm Grp 6:30PM Bnd of Bros				

MAY 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 6:30am Men's Study	2 Chldrn's Advoc Ctr. 5:45pm 6:30pm Sweet & Salty Bible Study	3	4 1-3 pm SHAWL MINISTRY In the multi-purpose room
5 COMMUNION YOUTH SUNDAY Honoring Graduates	6	7 9:30AM Tues Stdy 5:30PM Sm Grp 6:30PM Bnd of Bros	8 6:30am Men's Study	9 Chldrn's Advoc Ctr. 5:45pm 6:30pm Sweet & Salty Bible Study Praise Rehearsal	10	11 11am – 1pm WOW Dip & Chip Charcuterie
12 Mother's Day Donut Sunday	13	14 9:30AM Tues Stdy 5:30PM Sm Grp 6:30PM Bnd of Bros	15 6:30am Men's Study	16 Chldrn's Advoc Ctr. 5:45pm 6:30pm Sweet & Salty Bible Study Praise Rehearsal	17	18
19 3:00 p.m. Linda Morey's Student Music Recital	20 Admin. Church Council 6:30 pm	21 9:30AM Tues Stdy 5:30PM Sm Grp 6:30PM Bnd of Bros	22 6:30am Men's Study	23 Chldrn's Advoc Ctr. 5:45pm 6:30pm Sweet & Salty Bible Study Praise Rehearsal	24	25
26	27 Memorial Day	28 9:30AM Tues Stdy 5:30PM Sm Grp 6:30PM Bnd of Bros	29 6:30am Men's Study	30 Chldrn's Advoc Ctr. 5:45pm 6:30pm Sweet & Salty Bible Study Praise Rehearsal	31 <i>Chautauqua Women's Retreat</i> →	