

*"We seek to demonstrate God's Spirit through worship, witness,
and ministry to the needs of the people in the church and the community."*

*Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 21, 2024 ~ 10:00 A.M.*

CENTERING PRAYER

Holy Spirit, help me to awaken to the new reality that the life of Jesus brings to all creation. May I manifest this new awareness in all that I do. May I be fearless in my words, and in my deeds, in your Name, and may I remain centered in your love, and rooted in your wisdom. Amen.

CHRISTIAN CONCERNS

Art Wallace

WELCOME & GREETING

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE

INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather as pilgrims, on a journey of faith.

People: **We come seeking the awareness of God's presence as we travel on.**

Leader: We come seeking light for our darkness, strength in our weakness.

All: **Shine in our hearts, O God, with the light of your love. Make your presence known through Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE** *When Morning Gilds the Skies* (vs. 1, 2 & 4)
Chalice Hymnal #100

* UNISON INVOCATION

We come before you, O God, with joy, seeking to be a people of new life. Be known among us; grant us the assurance of your presence, your love, and your resurrection power. Through your Word and Spirit, reveal to us your plans and purposes for our lives. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*THE GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Teresa Waldron, Director of CE/Faith Formation

ANTHEM

GATHERING AND PRESENTING OF OUR GIFTS

Offertory

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

THE COMMUNITY AT PRAYER

Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer, and Our Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever. Amen.

Response

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 23

Ellen Meseroll, Deacon

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SERMON "Turning Our Thoughts into Throughs"

*HYMN OF CELEBRATION *My Shepherd, You Supply My Need*
Chalice Hymnal #80

*THE BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION

Amazing Grace (Tune 1)

Depart in peace to do God's will; walk ever in the light,
for Christ is with you evermore to guide you day and night. Amen.

POSTLUDE

*Those who are able, are invited to stand.

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*The Lord is my shepherd,
I shall not want. ~Psalm 23:1*

Announcements for the week of April 21, 2024.

Greeting you today as you entered the sanctuary was Deacon, Ellen Meseroll.

Worship begins at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday. We welcome everyone to worship this morning. A special welcome is extended to all who are visiting us for the first time. If you would like more information about our church, and its programs and activities, or would like to be added to our mailing list, please speak to one of our Deacons or the Pastor. We encourage you to complete one of the "I Wish..." visitor cards located in the pew and drop it in the offering basket. Again, welcome, it is good to worship God together. We deeply appreciate all who participate in leading worship.

Please remember to silence your cellphones during the service. Thank you for your assistance.

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The candle by the sanctuary's American flag is lit to remember and honor those serving our country as military and first responders. May it remind us to say a prayer for those giving of themselves to keep us free from harm.

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The sanctuary is equipped with a "Hearing Loop System" which works with hearing aids that have a "T-Coil" setting, sending the sound directly to the hearing aid. We also have headphone devices that work with this system that are available from the ushers.



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**Church Office Hours:** Tues. ~ 1-5 p.m. Wed.-Fri. ~ 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

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Upcoming Dates

- Holiday Fair Crafters ~ May 4th, 9:00 a.m.
- Coffee House Open Mic - May 18th, 3:00 p.m.
- Baccalaureate Service ~ June 2nd, 6:30 a.m.
- Strawberry Festival ~ June 15th, 6:00 p.m.
- Vacation Bible Study ~ Week of July 22nd

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
21 9:15am Choir Rehearsal 10:00am Worship (S) 12:00pm Earth Day Celebration	22 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (S)	23 6:00pm Boy Scouts (FH)	24 9:30am Bible Study (MR) 5:15pm AFG Mtg (MR)	25 7:00pm Council Mtg (MR)	26 6:00pm Coffee House Open Mic (FH)	27 9:00am Church Spring Cleanup
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May 2024			1 9:30am Bible Study (MR) 3:00pm Brd of Outreach Mtg (MR) 5:15pm AFG Mtg (MR)	2 10:00am Staff Meeting (MR) 12:00pm National Day of Prayer (Lebanon Town Hall) 7:00pm Brd of Deacons' Mtg	3	4 9:00am Church Spring Cleanup Rain Date 9:00am Holiday Fair Craft Group (FH)
5 9:15am Choir Rehearsal (S) 10:00am Worship (S)	6 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (S)	7 6:00pm Boy Scouts (FH) 7:00pm Environmental Justice Comm Mtg (MR)	8 9:30am Bible Study (MR) 5:15pm AFG Mtg (MR)	9 7:00pm Brd of CE Mtg (Zoom)	10 Church Office Closed	11
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Our Weekly Calendar

(Please check with church office before scheduling any meetings or events.)

Sunday ~ 4/21

9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal (S)
10:00 a.m. Worship Service (S)
12:00-3:00 p.m. Earth Day Celebration

Monday ~ 4/22

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (S)

Tuesday ~ 4/23

6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (FH)

Wednesday ~ 4/24

9:30 a.m. Bible Study (MR)
5:15 p.m. AFG Meeting (MR)

Thursday ~ 4/25

7:00 p.m. Council Meeting (MR)

Friday ~ 4/26

6:00 p.m. Coffee House Open Mic (FH)

Saturday ~ 4/27

9:00 a.m. Church Spring Cleanup

Sunday ~ 4/28

9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal (S)
10:00 a.m. Worship Service (S)

(MR-Memorial Rm, FH-Fellowship Hall, LR-Lathrop Rm, K-Kitchen, S-Sanctuary, CR-Class Rm)

Can someone build an Ark to hold and display about 6 stuffed animals? A couple of giraffes, lions and elephants - all made of brightly colored fabrics.

We need a knitter or two to knit maybe 12 or so small sweaters to be hung on wire hangers to make a garland. I have patterns to follow. Also, a garland of small Christmas houses would be lovely. I have a pattern for these as well.

We would like a child's wagon to carry 6 Raggedy Ann and Andy dolls. If it is old and beat up that would be fine. It doesn't have to be new.

Plans are underway for this year's quilt. The pattern is named "Gathering Baskets". I looked up the definition of "gathering" and found "Gather" to mean, to bring together, to assemble, to congregate, or to bring together in one group (congregation) to receive with hospitality. The definition of our Church. If you have any time to give us, we will need a few people to choose fabric, to cut, iron or sew. We meet when we can, so please give either of us a call when you might be available. We have plans for a couple of small quilts, wall-hangings, and pin cushions. From time to time, you will find a few kits in the Memorial Room, the first being an oven mitt to sew with a wooden spoon, a sugar cookie packet, and cookie cutter included. When completed, this would probably make a special gift for someone on your list.

Remember it is not too early to be thinking of our Church Holiday Fair! We do need your help to make this year the biggest and best Holiday Fair yet.

For Round Robin: Sandy Rose (860-468-0000) Dawn Drum (860-228-9558)

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## Spring Church Grounds Cleanup

Saturday, April 27th ~ 9:00am (Rain Date May 4th)

The Trustees are seeking able bodied members and friends to help in cleanup of the church grounds. Please bring gloves and rakes. Coffee and donuts afterwards. Join in the fun! You won't be disappointed!

## Bible Study

Everyone is invited to join us Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:00 as Denise will lead an exploration and discussion of **the Book of Acts**. We'll read the stories of how the early church grew, and how it was sustained by God. No Bible Study experience is necessary!

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Strawberry Festival



It is that time of the year to start thinking about the Strawberry Festival scheduled for June 15th. If you would like to help, please call Dawn Drum at 860-228-9558.

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## Open Mic

Friday, April 26th ~ 6:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Come perform or just listen!



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**IF YOU SEE IT,  
SHARE IT!**

SHARE ALL OF THE WONDERFUL THINGS HAPPENING IN OUR CONGREGATION! WHEN YOU COME ACROSS ONE OF OUR POSTS, DON'T JUST LIKE IT, **SHARE IT!**



The Board of Christian Education's

# Earth Day Celebration

April 21 12p-3p

| HOW CAN YOU HELP?                                                                                                                                                                  | ACTIVITIES                                                                                                                                                              |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Bake a goodie!</li><li>● Buy a goodie!</li><li>● Save some recyclables (contact Teresa for details)</li><li>● TELL YOUR FRIENDS!</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Labyrinth</li><li>● Bake Sale</li><li>● Recycle Relay</li><li>● Lingering Litter Challenge</li><li>● <i>And more!</i></li></ul> |

## 80 My Shepherd, You Supply My Need

1. My Shep - herd, you sup - ply my need; most ho - ly  
 2. When through the shades of death I walk, your pres - ence  
 3. Your sure pro - vi - sions, gra - cious God, at - tend me

is your name; in pas - tures fresh you make me feed, be -  
 is my stay; one word of your sup - port - ing breath drives  
 all my days; O may your house be my a - bode, and

side the liv - ing stream. You bring my wand - 'ring spir - it  
 all my fears a - way. Your hand, in sight of all my  
 all my work be praise. Here would I find a set - tled

back, when I for - sake your ways; you lead me,  
 foes, does still my ta - ble spread; my cup with  
 rest, while oth - ers go and come; no more a

WORDS: Para. Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.  
 MUSIC: *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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for your mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.  
 bless - ings o - ver - flows, your oil a - noints my head.  
 stran - ger, nor a guest, but like a child at home.

# 100 When Morning Gilds the Skies

1. When morn ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries,  
 2. Dis - cord - ant hu - man - kind, in this your con - cord find,  
 3. Sing, suns and stars of space, sing, all that see his face;  
 4. Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di - vine;

may Je - sus Christ be praised! A - like at work and prayer  
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round  
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,  
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be this the e - ter - nal song,

to Je - sus I re - pair; may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 ring joy - ous with the sound, may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 both now and ev - er - more: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 through all the a - ges long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

WORDS: German hymn (early 19th century); tr. Edward Caswall, 1858, alt.  
 MUSIC: Joseph Barnby, 1868

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