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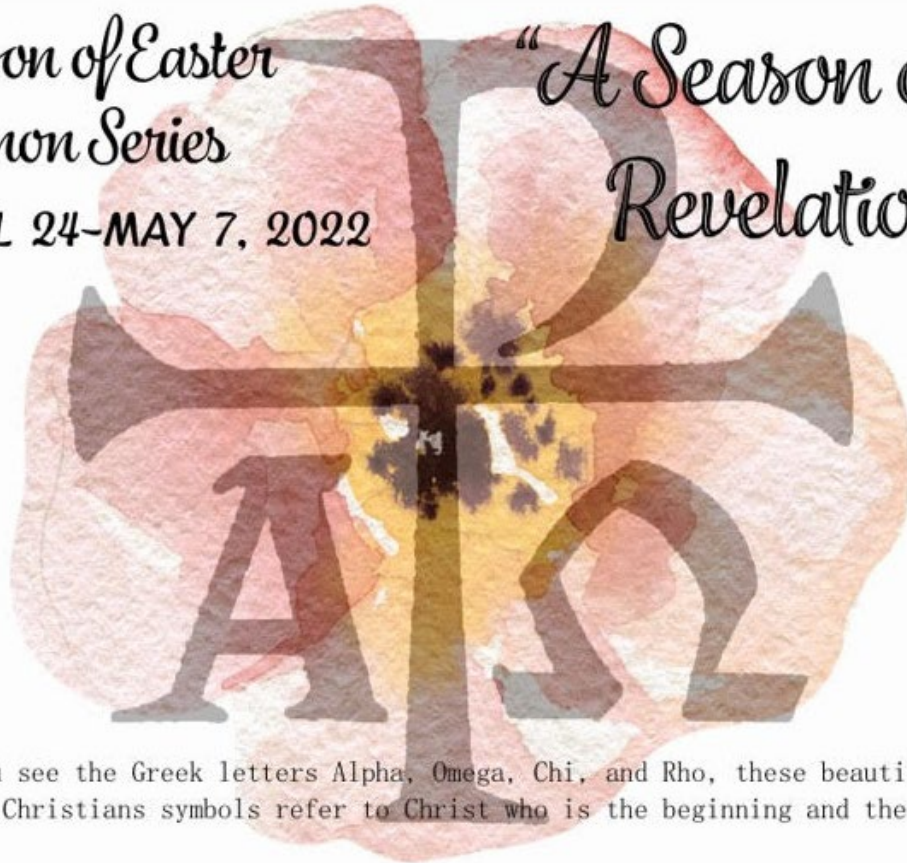
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*Season of Easter
Sermon Series*
APRIL 24-MAY 7, 2022

*“A Season of
Revelation”*



Here you see the Greek letters Alpha, Omega, Chi, and Rho, these beautiful ancient Christians symbols refer to Christ who is the beginning and the end.

Pastor's Page:

"Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls." —1 Peter 1:8-9

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy Eastertide to you! Wasn't Easter Sunday a joy? We were just shy of 100 people gathered in the sanctuary, and I know some of you joined us on the live stream. It was such a gift to gather in faith and joy and hope after the long slog of the last two years of pandemic restrictions. It felt so good to celebrate communion in our usual way. It was a homecoming of sorts. Thank you to everyone who had a part in making the worship service and fellowship time come together so beautifully.

Since arriving in mid-January, I have been busily getting the lay of the land and preparing and implementing Lenten and Easter worship. This week I took a breath and was stunned to realize that we are looking at May. *Tempus fugit!* Perhaps you are thinking, "It is almost May, I thought for sure the new pastor would have visited me by now." I have been thinking the same thing from the other end, "It is practically May, I thought for sure I would have visited a lot more members by now."

Let's make visits our May priority! If you would like to have a visit, give me a call, shoot me a text, write me an email, let's get something on the calendar. Some of you have signed up for dinner groups and I am very excited about those starting up. And when the Farmer's Market and summer community concerts get going, I would love to meet up with some of you all there.

I have two pieces of news to share. First, from now to Pentecost we are in the season of Easter. Selinda has chosen to lead the Bible Study group through a study of Revelation. To compliment that, I will be preaching through Revelation as well. So hang on to your hats! Second, I am pleased to report to you that I have been accepted into the Doctor of Ministry program at the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. This is a three-year program that will constitute my study leave for the next few years. I have joined the Missional Cohort, which means the focus of my study will be on missional leadership and equipping the missional church.

Hey, Pastor Katie, that sounds great! What the heck does it mean? Paul Hooker's got your back. On the PC(USA) website you can read his 2009 article, "What Is Missional Ecclesiology?" in which he writes:

. . . the calling of the church is to be a community of witness to the future God is creating. The Church is gathered by God's Spirit and called through its corporate witness to proclaim that, in Christ, God is shaping a new life for the world. The Church is sent into the world, emboldened by God's Spirit to bear witness to the new life in Christ before whom "every knee shall bend." The Bible speaks of this new life in various terms: the "kingdom of God," the "kingdom of heaven," "abundant life," the "new heaven and new earth." But running through all this language is the common theme of anticipation of the future God is creating in the world. The character of that future visible in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, but the Church is not a memorial community called simply to remember and relive the past.

The calling of the Church is to be a community of witness to and participation in God's future. It draws its strength from its hope for what God will yet do, more even than from its memory of what God has already done. Darrell Guder puts the matter succinctly: "It is essential for mission as witness that the reality of the kingdom become tangible in the church – not that the church is the kingdom, but that the church demonstrates the nearness of the kingdom, the first fruits of its coming." (Darrell Guder, *The Continuing Conversion of the Church*, Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2000. Pp. 66-67.)

May the joy and triumph of Easter abide abundantly in you, overflowing in expansive life this Easter season.

God bless you and keep you, *Pastor Katie*

Christian Education

By Julie Lindsey

April was a busy month as we prepared ourselves for Jesus' journey from death to resurrection. The children were honored to stuff Easter Eggs for the monthly Mission Meal. They participated in waving of the palm branches, decorating the Easter cross with bountiful flowers, and enjoyed a lively Easter Egg hunt after the Easter Sunday service. We were all grateful for the beautiful day that the Lord brought us.

Sunday, May 1st, will mark the 40th year we have delivered "May Baskets" to the residence of Elm House. They are always so appreciative of the kindness and enthusiasm of the children with each delivery.

May 15th, is the day Marco and Ronin Chavez, and Fiona Davies will receive their personal Bibles during the service. This is a special experience for these wonderful children as they continue their faith journey.

A Food Truck Party is rolling in to town for VBS! **Stories, Songs, Crafts** and of course food will be included in VBS which will be held July 8-10. This fun event is open to the community so encourage friends to join us.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

By Selinda Schultz

Come pull back the curtain on the mysterious book of Revelation as we use the Horizon Bible Study, "Journeys Through Revelation, Apocalyptic Hope for Today" to discover the hope and rich songs of praise to God and Jesus this book holds.

Join us starting Tuesday, April 26th, at 10AM, to embark on a journey of hope. We meet in Fellowship Hall either in person or via Zoom. Call Selinda 419 865-8383 for more information.

Living Cross

Many thanks to all those who contributed such an abundance of flowers to help our cross show the glory of Resurrection both in our worship and on our corner.

Don Youel, Stephen Potts, Celeste & Peyton Hollar artistically assembled all your gifts.





Randy Phillips, Team Leader

By Mary Beth Gilts

“We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone.” Ronald Reagan

MAY PCU COLLECTION ITEM: Instant Potatoes



Thank you to everyone who fed the “5000”!

HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTER: Hygiene & Cleaning Products.
Receptacles are located in the church vestibule waiting to be used.

BLOOD DRIVE: Mark your calendars, it's May 20th, at Zoar Church from 12- 6PM.

THE COCOON: April was “Sexual Assault Awareness” month. We helped support the shelter and non-residential programs by purchasing \$100.00 worth of items from their weekly “wish” list.

GOOD SAMARITAN FUND: In March, Linda, our spectacular secretary was able to help seven families. Linda will finally be getting her new, much needed, and long overdue computer! A huge **THANK YOU** to Nancy Gates and Presby Pies bakers for the funding!

COFFEE CAKE MINISTRY: We continue with this ministry, baked goods were delivered to five members/friends of the church during March and April.

MISSION MEAL: The Easter dinner was greatly appreciated by the Elm House & Louisiana House residents. The May menu is Submarine Sandwich, chips, brownie, apple, and the water. The lunches will be served on Wednesday, the 18th and Thursday, the 19th of May.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING: Grateful for everyone that offered their fish and the generous donations received. The total amount of gifts will be tallied soon and communicated to all.

CABELL-LINCOLN COUNTY WORK CAMP: June 19-25, 2022 at Camp Asbury Woods, W.V. We have three youths interested in attending; Thomas Beebe-19, James Beebe-16, and Nick Beebe-14. **We are in need of a “responsible” male adult to accompany these three youths down to the camp and supervise them while at camp! Please help to make this mission experience a reality for Thomas, James, and Nick. Contact Randy if interested! The registration fee will be covered by the Mission Team.**

MARION MEDICAL MISSION (MMM): The roll out for this special “African Well” ministry will occur during June/July 2022. The kickoff date is June 4th and will be highlighted with a Minute for Mission and a short video during the Sunday service. A churchwide mailing will be sent out including both art work from our youth and MMM information. A SPECIAL NOTE: On June 26th, Doug Kee, VP of MMM Board of Directors will present the MMM story during fellowship hour. **PLEASE PLAN ON ATTENDING!**

NOSA CARDS: Holy Batmobile Robin!! Total sales in April, \$2,800.00. A new record high. You guys are so awesome! Pastor Katie's installation reception was funded by the NOSA account.

WORSHIP/MUSIC

By Marty Sloan



Worship: Grateful blessings to Pastor Katie for leading us through a creative and reflective Lenten Season. We enjoyed many thought-provoking sermons, beautiful artwork and daily devotionals with lovely prayers as we waited for the Risen Christ! We were Full to the Brim on Easter Sunday!

For those who are viewing Sunday services livestream, we intend to email a copy of each upcoming Sunday worship bulletin to provide the words for the responsive content of the service and unison prayers.

Music: Jordan Karrigan is anticipating completing his employment with our church at end of May. We value and appreciate Jordan's dedication and loyalty to our church over the last year. We are working diligently to find our next Music Director and have posted the job with many schools and various organization. Please keep this position in your mind in the event you know someone who would be the perfect fit for our church!

Flowers: The Easter flowers and the Living Cross were absolutely beautiful in the sanctuary! Thank you to all who provided flowers for Easter Sunday. Special thanks to Selinda Schultz for assembling the Living Cross and to Molly Chalfin for all of her work on the Easter lily orders.

Please consider purchasing flowers for a Sunday service in honor of / or in memory of someone special. Order forms are located on the hallway bulletin board.



"PRESBY PIES"

starting year #10

After a bit of research, it does seem that this is the 10TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY FOR PRESBY PIES! It is hard to believe that we have baked probably over 3000 pies! But more importantly that we have raised over \$20,000 for church projects!

SO here we go again. Last year saw a record number of bakers and a record number of customers standing in line! We definitely don't want to disappoint our loyal customers. This project really does depend upon the support of so many! We need bakers, people to set up the tables every sale, cashiers, runners and of course again BAKERS! Sales will continue to be the 2nd and 4th Thursday of June, July, August, and September. We will gather around 3:30 and sell as soon as we are set up – the line will dictate this! Prices are going up this year (inflation hits us too!). Large pies will sell for \$12 and small pies for \$6.

If you are new to the church and don't think you can bake a pie, please see Marty Sloan or Margo Quick! Neither thought they could do it either and are super contributors! And bakers are not limited to ladies – Don Youel bakes 4 pies every week! (Yes, he is a man of many talents!) So, if you have any interest Nancy Gates will be glad to give you recipes, tools, even demonstrations to get you started.

Pie pans and boxes will be in Fellowship Hall again by June 1. There are two depths on the pans. The shallow ones work for cream pies or graham cracker crusts. The deeper ones are best for fruit pies. We will also have 5" pies again. Boxes are a great way to transport your pies. Please label your box with the kind of pie it is. It is also helpful to have your initials on the box if you drop them off early, so we can keep track of bakers.

If you are hoping to bake this year, please let Nancy know prior to the first sale. We understand that vacations etc. do prevent you from baking every sale but any help is most appreciated.

PIE DATES for 2022

June 9	June 23
July 14	July 28
August 11	August 25
September 8	September 22



And, the winning FISH (drum roll, please) belongs to Marty Sloan.



Easter Sunday, the children gather for the Children's message. What a joy to see so many children participating in the worship service.

SERVING CHART FOR MAY, 2022

	HEAD USHER	GREETERS / USHERS	LITURGIST	CHILDREN'S MESSAGE	JR. WORSHIP LEADER	POWER POINT	COMMUNION SERVERS
1	Don Youel	Selinda Schultz / Kathy Jarosz	Jon Grimm	Sarah Magoun	Sarah Magoun	Nancy Gates	Jay & Jo Salvage/ Tom & Chris Stuart
8	Don Youel	Chelsea Grimm / Jackson Grimm	Kathy East	Pastor Katie	TBD	Kathy Jarosz	
15	Don Youel	Sarah Crawford / Lizzy Crawford	Mary Beth Gilts	Megan Merrell	TBD	Gretchen Downs	
22	Don Youel	Lowrie Gilmore / Carol Sprague	Jo Salvage	Kathy East	TBD	Stephen Potts	
29	Don Youel	Rhyn Davies / Isla Davies	Kathy Jarosz	Melinda Gallant	TBD	Marty Sloan	

If you have a conflict with assigned date, please try to trade with another volunteer and inform Marty Sloan. Call 419.973.0623 or email mssloan107@me.com. If unable to resolve conflict, contact Marty as soon as possible. Thank you for your service to FPC.

SERVING CHART FOR JUNE, 2022

	HEAD USHER	GREETERS / USHERS	LITURGIST	CHILDREN'S MESSAGE	JR. WORSHIP LEADER	POWER POINT	COMMUNION SERVERS
5	Don Youel	Marty Gluth / Marty Sloan	Fay Mitchell	Pastor Katie	TBD	Nancy Gates	Rick & Mary Beth Gilts / Mike & Melissa Cain
12	Don Youel	Margot Quick / Julie Lindsey	Rusty Phlegar	Sarah Magoun	TBD	Kathy Jarosz	
19	Don Youel	Carol Sprague / Cecilia Richardson	Randy Phillips	Don Youel	TBD	Gretchen Downs	
26	Don Youel	Rhyn Davies / Isla Davies	Kathy Jarosz	Marty Sloan	TBD	Stephen Potts	

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May 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:00 am Worship/ Communion - May Baskets 11:15 am Christian Ed Team Mtg.	2	3 10:00 am Bible Study	4 6:00 pm Mission Team Mtg.	5 6:30 pm Worship/ Music Team Mtg.	6	7
8 10:00 am Worship MOTHER'S DAY	9	10 10:00 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Session Mtg.	11	12	13	14 11:00 am Memorial Service for Dick Currie
15 10:00 am Worship - Baptism - Bible Presentation	16	17 10:00 am Bible Study 3:00 pm Presbytery Meeting	18 Mission Meal – Louisiana House	19 4:00 pm Finance/ Stewardship Team Mtg. 6:30 pm Cong. Care Team Mtg. Mission Meal – Elm House	20	21
22 10:00 am Worship 3:00 pm Wedding	23	24 10:00 am Bible Study 6:00 pm JoyBelles	25	26	27	28
29 10:00 am Worship	30 MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED	31 10:00 am Bible Study				

Birthday Wishes

MAY BIRTHDAYS

May 1 Chris Stuart
May 9 Darcy Metcalfe
May 10 Emma Dennis
May 13 John Celley
May 17 Doris Currie
May 17 Pat Lindsey
May 20 Tara Gilts
May 21 Gillian Mitchell

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June 8 Celeste Hollar
June 9 Michelle Chavez
June 10 Tim Anderson
June 10 James Merrell
June 11 Riley Kasza
June 11 Logan Kasza
June 15 Susan Miller
June 17 Margaret Kinney
June 22 Lynn Bova
June 22 Megan Merrell
June 24 Stephen Potts
June 27 Jan Martell
June 30 Laura Potts

If you have a birthday that is not listed, please contact the church office so that we can update our records.

PARISH CONCERNS

Please remember these members and friends in your daily prayers:

Joe Brainard
Dorothy Darr
Eva Lengel
Barb Modrzynski
Pat Sheridan

Doris Currie
Lowrie Gilmore
Geraldine McGue
Rick Modrzynski
Ed & Sue Williams

SAVE THE DATE

The Currie Family would like to invite you to attend the Memorial Service for Dick Currie who passed away on February 24th. The service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 14th in the sanctuary with a luncheon to follow.

Below are a couple of recipes from Allison Mackin. The soup and cookies were served at the Maundy Thursday dinner

Tortellini Soup with Italian Sausage & Spinach

Tortellini Soup recipe has Italian sausage, cheese tortellini and leafy green spinach in a tomato broth. It's a perfect cozy weeknight soup.

Prep Time	Cook Time	Total Time
10 mins	35 mins	45 mins

★★★★★
5 from 78 votes

Course: Dinner, Soup Cuisine: American, Italian
Keyword: tortellini soup Servings: 6 servings Calories: 534kcal Author: Kristin

Ingredients

Soup

- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 pound ground Italian Sausage
- 1/2 cup diced onion about 1/2 medium sized onion
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 28 ounces canned crushed tomatoes
- 32 ounces vegetable broth chicken works too
- 2 tablespoons fresh chopped basil
- salt and pepper to taste
- 9 ounces refrigerated tortellini
- 2 cups packed fresh spinach

Crostini

- 6 Baguette slices (about 1/3 of a baguette)
- 1 tablespoon Butter
- 2 tablespoons Freshly shredded Parmesan Cheese

Instructions

Soup

1. Heat a large, heavy bottomed pan over medium-high heat. Heat vegetable oil and add diced onion. Saute until onions are beginning to soften; 3-4 minutes
2. Crumble Italian Sausage and garlic with the onion. Cook until sausage is no longer pink; about 4-5 minutes. Drain any excess grease.
3. Stir in crushed tomatoes, vegetable (or chicken) broth, basil, salt and pepper. Bring to a boil, cover and reduce heat to low. Simmer for about 20 minutes.
4. Add tortellini and spinach and simmer for about 5-10 minutes, or until pasta is tender.
5. Garnish with shredded Parmesan and serve with a cheesy crostini crouton.

Crostini

1. Slice baguette into 1/2 inch thick slices. Butter one side and place butter side down in a hot skillet until golden brown. Flip bread slices over and sprinkle with Parmesan while the other side gets golden brown. Transfer to a plate and immediately cover loosely with foil if cheese has not completely melted.

Notes

For a creamier soup, add a half cup of Greek yogurt or sour cream.

Nutrition

Calories: 534kcal | Carbohydrates: 40g | Protein: 22g | Fat: 33g | Saturated Fat: 13g | Cholesterol: 80mg | Sodium: 1654mg | Potassium: 669mg | Fiber: 5g | Sugar: 9g | Vitamin A: 1651iu | Vitamin C: 18mg | Calcium: 165mg | Iron: 4mg

Flourless Peanut Butter Cookies

Author: Cookies & Cups

Prep Time: 10 minutes Cook Time: 10 minutes Total Time: 20 minutes

Yield: 20 cookies Category: Cookies Method: Baking

Cuisine: American



4.9 from 35 reviews

Description:

Flourless Peanut Butter Cookies are for TRUE peanut butter fanatics! An easy peanut butter cookie recipe with so much peanut butter packed into each cookie!

Ingredients:

- 1 cup creamy peanut butter
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon baking soda

SCALE

Instructions

- 1 Preheat oven to 350°F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper and set aside.
- 2 In the bowl of your stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment mix together the peanut butter and sugar on medium speed until combined and creamy. Add in the egg and baking soda, and mix on medium until smooth.
- 3 Using a medium (2 tablespoon sized) cookie scoop, portion out the dough and roll into balls. Place the dough balls onto the prepared baking sheet. Use a fork to press the dough down creating a crisscross pattern.
- 4 Bake for 9-10 minutes or until the cookies are set at the edges. Allow the cookies to cool on the baking sheet for 3-4 minutes before transferring to a wire rack to cool completely.

Notes:

- 1 Store airtight for up to 3 days.

Nutrition Information:

Serving Size: 1 Cookie Calories: 120 Sugar: 10.4 g Sodium: 112.1 mg Fat: 7.2 g Carbohydrates: 12.2 g Protein: 3.4 g Cholesterol: 9.3 mg

May 2022 Newsletter

Service Time:

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Children are excused during the worship
service to attend Sunday School

Communion is served on the first Sunday of each month

Session Members

Jo Salvage – Clerk

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Jon Grimm

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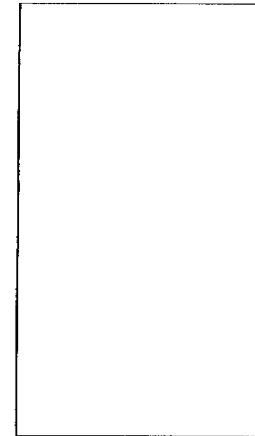
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