

## *from the pastor's pen . . .*

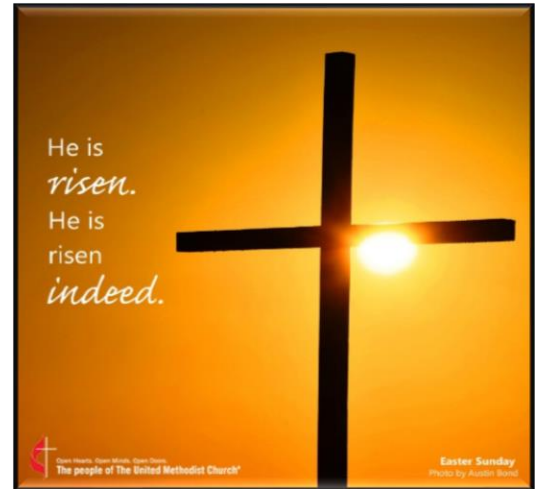
*Because He lives, I can face tomorrow.  
Because He lives, all fear is gone.  
Because I know, He holds the future and life is  
worth the living, just because He lives.*

I did something this week that many of my family and friends said was morbid. I made my funeral arrangements and prepaid for my memorial service. I got questions like, "Why would you do that now? You are only 55." Some said that by prearranging things I am willing them to happen early. The fact is that only God knows how many days are appointed to any of us. I am not trying to outthink God. I am trying to ease some of my family's suffering at the time of their grief. Doing these preparations now is an act of love for them.

Preparing now is also an act of trust. I trust God with my present and my future. Do you? I trust that God will take care of me now so that the money I invested wouldn't cause me to live in need today. I am standing in faith with the words of the psalmist David, "The Lord is My Shepherd, I shall not want." (Psalm 23:1, KJV) Sure, having that money in my savings account brought me a false sense of stability, but believing in the unending care of my Lord brings me peace...a peace that surpasses all understanding. I understand now what Jesus was speaking about in John's Gospel. "Peace, I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, do not let them be afraid." (John 14:27, NRSV) God has never let me suffer when I acted in love. He won't you either.

If God has our present in the palm of his hand, then why would we doubt the security of our future? Because of

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## Sunday Services

Worship: 10:00 am

Sunday School: 9:00 am  
(for all ages)



## Church Council Meeting Minutes

*To keep the congregation updated on happenings at the Church Council Meetings the following information was taken from their meeting minutes.*

**March** - The regular meeting of the Church Council was held on March 19, 2019 with 11 people in attendance.

**Finance:** Rick Buterbaugh reported ending balance as of February 28, 2019 of \$45,806.42. Kelli Miller inquired on line item for youth and Impact trip, with fundraising money into the account should be in positive balance.

**SPRC:** George Heacock reported that SPRC met with Reverend Elaine Shafer-Stroud, Assisting Elder of the Altoona District Superintendent and completed the necessary paperwork for our new pastor.

**Trustee's Report:** Greg Gordon reported that the ice machine is fixed in the Life Center Kitchen.

**Youth:** Kelli Miller reported the youth trip, "Breakaway" is last weekend of March at Ocean City, Maryland. Starting to plan for VBS in summer.

**Missions:** Kelli Miller reported that the "Hands and Feet of Hope" has been scheduled for June 16, 2019 through June 22, 2019.

**Kitchen:** Deb McGarvey reported Order of Eastern Star Luncheon went very well and the ice maker has been fixed.

**Old Business:** Nancy Cordell reported meeting with Mercersburg Printing in regards to the church directory. Kate Mellott reported that she and Nancy Cordell have used some of the cookbook money to purchase several dietary carts and kitchen utensils.

**New Business:** Kate Mellott inquired about needs with the nursery with discussion. Kate Mellott and Nancy Cordell will write a proposal and present to the Trustees. Kelli Miller reported that the sink in the Sunday School area is still not working properly. George Heacock inquired about six additional white top tables for the Faith & Life Center, which is very much needed. It was agreed to purchase six additional tables from the Gym Rental Fund. Kate Mellott reported that Sunrise Service is being planned at the White Church in Union Cemetery again this year. Leanne Pollock reported that Worship Committee met on March 14, 2019 with planning of worship activities through June. Pastor Robin reported that the audit is all but completed. Pastor Robin asked to please continue to pray for the transitioning process with our pastoral change.



## Finance Team Meeting

The regular meeting of the Finance Team was held on March 14, 2019 with seven people in attendance. Please note there was no February Finance Meeting.

In reviewing Balance Sheet, under Restricted Funds \$300 will be moved from First Friday to be applied to balance of smaller loan. Also, \$350 will be moved from Gym Rental to be applied to balance of smaller loan. Youth is showing a minus of \$2,417.65. Under Lilies and Poinsettias, \$30.25 will be moved to be applied to the General Fund. A suggestion was presented that a separate account be set up for last year's business. End of year bills are sometime being paid in January of the new year. This will be discussed further at a later meeting.

Journal was reviewed. It was noted electric charge for February was higher than usual. Could be due to colder weather and increased activity in NLC. What is payment listed CVLI? Licensing?

**Old Business:** What is status on Maintenance Contracts for Security System? As of March 14, 2019, the balance on smaller loan was \$10,390 and after the amounts moved and applied as approved by Finance Team, the new balance will be \$9,740.

**New Business:** George Heacock advised that he was approached about a credit card for the church. Questions will need to be answered before any consideration: Who is responsibility for card? What will be the credit limit on the card? How is budget going to verified that money is available? This will be discussed at a later meeting.

# April 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1 SPRC Mtg-6p Youth Group-6p	2 A Choir-6p	3 Bible Study-10a & 6:30	4	5 First Friday Lunch 11a-1p	6 Love's Closet-12-2p
7 A Choir	8 Youth Group-6p	9 A Choir-6p	10 Bible Study-10a & 6:30 K Choir-6p	11 Finance Mtg-6:30p	12	13
14 PALM SUNDAY K Choir	15 Youth Group-6p	16 A Choir-6p Council Mtg-7p	17 Bible Study-10a	18 MAUNDY THURSDAY Worship-7p	19 GOOD FRIDAY Worship-7p	20
21 EASTER Sunrise Service-7:30a A Choir	22 Youth Group-6p	23 A Choir-6p Trustee Mtg-7p	24	25 VBS Meeting-6p	26	27
28 H.I.S.	29 Youth Group-6p	30 A Choir-6p	1	2	3	4
5	6	<b>NOTES</b> A Choir - Adult Choir; K Choir - Kids Choir Reminder - Love's Closet sorting & set-up happens every Monday evening 6-8 pm				

## April Birthdays and Anniversaries

02 – Teresa Carter  
 07 – Wanda Souders  
 08 – Chris Buterbaugh  
 08 – Justin Miller  
 09 – Jeff Mellott  
 10 – Caleb Washabaugh

12 – Doug Seiders  
 16 – Ralph Mellott  
 16 – Lois Linke  
 19 – Mike & Cindy Glessner  
 20 – Bob & Norma Vores  
 20 – Tina Gress

21 – Kerry & Wanda Randler  
 23 – Nancy Cordell  
 23 – Drew Washabaugh  
 26 – Andrew Washabaugh  
 29 – Jody Hann

**REMINDER** – For additions or corrections to the birthday & anniversary list use the Newsreel  
 Suggestion Box at the back of the sanctuary or email the church office (address on page 1)

APRIL SCREEN SCHEDULE		
DATE	04.07	Kelli Miller
	04.14	Dave Gourley
	04.21	Dave Keaton
	04.28	Jeron Fletcher
	05.05	Kelli Miller

CHILDREN'S CHURCH		
DATE	04.07	Lindsay Newman Jamie Schetrompf
	04.14	Holly Stambaugh Vicki Gordon
	04.21	NONE (Easter Sunday)
	04.28	Tracey Fletcher Brandon Fletcher

NURSERY		
DATE	04.07	<b>NEEDED</b>
	04.14	Sherrri McClain
	04.21	NONE
	04.28	Deb & Bryan Fletcher

Please see Kelli Miller if you can fill any of the vacancies shown for this month or if you have questions about what is required to be a helper, teacher, or nursery volunteer.

## Greetings McConnellsburg Church (a biography by Joshua W. Davinsizer)



Brothers and Sisters, grace and peace in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, my name is Pastor Josh. As your SPRC chair just announced, we will be partnering, along with the Holy Spirit of course, together in ministry starting July 1. I first want to take this time and say how excited I am that God is bringing us together. I truly and sincerely believe God has amazing Kingdom building plans for the people of McConnellsburg UMC. It sounds like you all are already doing this and I am blessed to be part of this exciting adventure that God has you all on to serve the people of the greater McConnellsburg Area.

By now, you probably are wondering who in the world this Pastor Josh fella is. Good question! I am from a small town outside of Altoona called Bellwood. I graduated from Bellwood-Antis High School in 2008. I took the next step in pursuing my call as an Ordained Elder by attending Lycoming College in Williamsport. At Lycoming, I was in the Pre-Ministry track where I studied Religion and History. As a quick side note, I love all kinds of history/archaeology from ancient, Biblical, Roman, Church, Jewish, American, and local history. If you haven't guessed already, I really liked Indiana Jones when I was younger. After graduating college in 2012, I went off to Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC where I received my M. Div. in 2015. Fast forward to today, I will be coming to you from the Troy Trinity Parish up in the Northern Tier of PA in Troy.

Now let's be honest, the only thing I gave you so far is just a professional resume with some of my interests. You all still probably want to know more about who this Pastor Josh character is. I love your inquisitiveness! I am a young single pastor, but you will be seeing me with my dog Indy who is a red and white corgi. I am an Eagle Scout which means I love the outdoors: hiking, camping, canoeing, and exploring. I am currently involved with the Susquehanna Conference camping program where I dean a week of camp at Greene Hills located in the Huntingdon Area. As a side note, please get your kids signed up for church camp! Greene Hills Camp, August 4-9, God of Wonders, sign up at <http://www.susumcamps.org/>, Pastor Josh will be there!

Here are some of my likes—hockey: Columbus Blue Jackets, baseball: Altoona Curve, food: Pizza (praise Jesus for pizza), dessert: Gobs (aka Whoopie Pies), favorite verse: Joshua 1:9, things to do: being with family and friends, building new relationships, and sharing about the awesomeness of Jesus Christ.



**Wow!** From every gift, some small, some large and everything in between *All tied together and bundled in victory.* We did it! We have PAID OFF the \$200,000 mortgage! **To God be the glory!**

Now we can have a "mortgage burning party". Great that we can celebrate together with Pastor Robin before she leaves us!!

As a footnote: In 2018 we began with a balance of \$45,682. We ended 2018 with a balance of \$14,925. Amazingly, in just ten weeks we have paid off that balance; the entire loan! Lest we get too heady over our victory (it is a great one) a reminder we will now start on the larger loan.

Thank you, church family for blessing all of us with your giving. I repeat, TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

~ the Trustees

# This & That

## Love's Closet

April will be the final month for 'winter hours' (12 - 2 pm). Starting in May hours will be 9 - 11 am.

Pastor Robin will be on vacation April 24 to 28. Please call Pastor DeeAnn Newhouse, Knobsville UMC for emergencies.



## HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

April 18 - 7:00 pm - Maundy Thursday Service  
April 19 - 7:00 pm - Good Friday Service  
April 21 - 7:30 am - Sunrise Service at the White Church, Union Cemetery  
10:00 am - Worship



Breakaway 2019  
Ocean City, MD

The God's Creations Youth Group would like to *thank you* for supporting their trip to the Breakaway Youth Conference.

Students had a variety of sessions to choose from such as, Seeing Yourself Through God's Eyes, Diversity as Jesus Sees It, Let's Talk About Suicide, Bullying, Depression, Anxiety and Bi-polar Disorder. There were also training sessions for youth leaders and praise & worship times. It was a great weekend!

## SUMMER CAMPS

An early-bird discount of \$25 is available for UM camps if you register by May 1, 2019. There are also scholarships available from our local church (see Pastor Robin).

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Jesus' obedience to the Will of God in his life, death, and resurrection, our future is not in question. We should be confident in God's supreme act of love on our behalf. We need not fear life OR death. Jesus has redeemed us! The empty tomb is so much more than a down payment on our future. It is both our present and future paid in full! So that, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord (Romans 14:8b, NIV).

Live and die in confidence, Friends. God loves you!  
Trusting in God's love,  
Pastor Robin

## United Methodist Circuit Rider Quiz

1. Who were the original Methodist circuit riders?

- Men who promised never to marry so they could travel a lot
- Electricians who drove trucks and fixed computer circuit boards
- Itinerant preachers who traveled a specific route preaching the gospel
- Horseback riders who performed in a traveling circus

2. The first female Methodist circuit rider was:

- Rose Dawson
- Betsy Ross
- Helenor Alter Davisson
- Annie Oakley

3. John Wesley believed that preachers who moved from place to place were more effective.

- True
- False

4. What does it mean to be an itinerant preacher?

- A preacher-in-training
- You are willing to accept whatever assignment your bishop gives you
- A substitute preacher
- You are temporary preacher interviewing for a job

5. What is the definition of a preaching circuit?

- A meandering trip through the wild frontier without regular stops
- A specific geographic route to new or established congregations
- A 5-mile circular path between 2-3 churches
- An electrical path through which electrons flow

6. On a typical ride once around the circuit, the rider traveled . . .

- 10-20 miles
- 50-100 miles
- 100-200 miles
- 200-500 miles

7. What were the most treasured items in a circuit rider's saddle bag?

- Food for the journey
- Water to brush teeth
- Books to read and sell
- An iPad for daily news

8. The circuit rider Peter Cartwright was known as . . .

- A charismatic preacher who inspired hundreds at camp meetings
- A baptizer of more than 8,000 people and 10,000 new members
- An Illinois legislator who was once elected over Abraham Lincoln
- All of the above

9. Pastors in Zimbabwe in the 1970s didn't have horses, so they rode circuits on . . .

- Wagons pulled by burros
- Zebra
- Elephants
- Bicycles

10. The preacher who rode 265,000 miles on horseback and helped grow Methodism in America was:

- Francis Asbury
- Charles Wesley
- Thomas Coke
- Thomas Jefferson

(Answers on Page 7)

To find additional details about the answers to this quiz or to take other quizzes go to [www.UMC.org/quizzes](http://www.UMC.org/quizzes)



### MARINATED ASPARAGUS

3/4 cup pecans, chopped  
2 T vegetable oil  
1/4 cup cider vinegar

1/4 cup soy sauce  
1/4 cup sugar  
1 bunch of asparagus

Mix all ingredients and add to asparagus in zip lock bag. Refrigerate overnight.

*LuEmma Hull, 2009 McConnellsburg United Methodist Church Cookbook*

### HONEY-BUTTERED CARROTS

24 baby carrots, peeled  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1 cup water  
3 T butter

3 T honey  
1/4 tsp. cinnamon  
1/4 tsp. nutmeg

In heavy 2-quart saucepan, cook carrots in salted water over medium heat for 10 to 15 minutes or until tender. Drain. Add butter, honey, cinnamon and nutmeg. Bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring occasionally. Serve immediately. Yield: 4 servings.

*Joyce Cover, 2009 McConnellsburg United Methodist Church Cookbook*

### SPECIAL DINNER HAM

2 – 20 oz. cans sliced pineapple  
6 lb. fully cooked boneless ham

1 – 6 oz. jar maraschino cherries, well drained  
1 – 12 oz. jar orange marmalade

Drain pineapple, reserving juice; set juice aside. Place half of the pineapple in an ungreased 5-quart slow cooker. Top with the ham (ham may have to be cut in half to fit into cooker). Add cherries, remaining pineapple and reserved pineapple juice. Spoon marmalade over ham. Cover and cook on low for 6 to 7 hours. Remove to a warm serving platter. Let stand for 10 minutes before slicing. Serve pineapple and cherries with sliced ham. Makes 18 to 20 servings.

*Busy Mom, 2009 McConnellsburg United Methodist Church Cookbook*



Q: What do you call a rabbit that can tell a good joke?

A: A funny bunny.

Q: What did the rabbit say to the carrot?

A: It's been nice gnawing at you.

Q: Why was the Easter bunny upset?

A: He was having a bad hare day

Q: What happened to the egg when he was tickled too much?

A: He cracked up.

Q. What's the Easter Bunny's favorite restaurant?

A. IHOP!

Answers to Quiz on Page 6:

1. Itinerant preachers who traveled a specific route preaching the gospel
2. Helenor Alter Davisson
3. True
4. You are willing to accept whatever assignment your bishop gives you
5. A specific geographic route to new or established congregations
6. 200-500 miles
7. Books to read and sell
8. All of the above
9. Bicycles
10. Francis Asbury

### 40 Days of Lent Bible Reading

Last month you began preparing for Easter by reading the gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Now, continue the journey by reading John's gospel.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Scripture Reading</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Scripture Reading</u>
04/07	Take a Break	04/14	Take a Break
04/08	John 1-John 2	04/15	John 13-John 14
04/09	John 3-John 4	04/16	John 15-John 16
04/10	John 5-John 6	04/17	John 17-John 18
04/11	John 7-John 8	04/18	John 19-John 20
04/12	John 9-John 10	04/19	John 21
04/13	John 11-John 12	04/20	1 Corinthians 15
04/21 It's Easter! Alleluia!			

### 2019 VICTORY GARDEN

Fulton County Master Gardeners Invite YOU to our garden for Fun, Friends and Fresh Veggies! The Victory Garden Program is an award-winning educational program for those interested in gaining the skills on how to get the most from a vegetable garden. Weekly mastery lessons, comradery of gardeners, special garden projects and shared bounty of fresh vegetables. From seed to harvest, you share the season with Master Gardeners who support you during the entire growing process.

South Second Street – Behind McConnellsburg Firehall  
 THURSDAYS 9 – 11 AM                      MAY 2 – SEPTEMBER 26, 2019



#### REGISTRATION FORM - Victory Garden May 2, 2019

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Check if you would like to be added to our mailing list.

Cost: \$35 per person / \$45 for a family for the entire season

Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

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