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# Happy Birthday to:

**April 02-** Robert Frederick

**April 04-** Helma Ginter

**April 05-** Donald Rynard

**April 06-** John Shellenberger

**April 07-** Beth Sheely

**April 09-** Leona Webb

**April 12-** Anita Dowd, Caitlin Fry, Jane Schmeck, & Kimberly Zeigler

**April 15-** Karen McKibben & Karen Schultz

**April 17-** James Mentzer

**April 20-** Carolyn Carns & Robert Myers

**April 21-** Lee Fischbach

**April 24-** Donald Rutz

**April 26-** P. Gary Eckman

**April 27-** Sandy Frederick

**April 29-** William Davidson

**April 30-** Florance Williams

## Thank you from Ruby Powell:

“I want to thank everyone for helping me celebrate my 90th birthday. You all have truly blessed me with all of my birthday cards, telephone calls, prayers, and flowers. I truly appreciate all of your care, love, and support when I needed help.

God Bless Everyone!”



Happy Anniversary!

**Roland & Caroline Makibbin**

**April 04**

**69 Years**

**Max & Patricia Bentzel**

**April 12**

**53 Years**

**Gary & Candace Hoff**

**April 13**

**54 Years**

**Todd & Joan Dickinson**

**April 25**

**35 Years**

# Keep on the Sunny Side

## “Faith Journey”

By: Chaplain Donna Hale



“Many are the plans in a person’s heart, but it is the Lord’s purpose that prevails.” ~ Proverbs 19:21 (NIV)

It is hard to believe how quickly the years have flown by since my ordination in April 2014. Those who have read my monthly reports and newsletter columns know that there are many needs in our local community extending far beyond our county and similar to those needs experienced by people world-wide.

I thank church, community agencies, and all the individuals I have met over the years for “gifting” me with opportunities to work along side them as an “affiliate,” “collaborator,” “board member,” “trainer,” “facilitator” — all “titles” community leaders “gifted me” to explain my role on their “teams.”

I never asked for these “roles.” The agencies honored me by identifying my role with the ones they saw me fulfilling for them. I have not been introduced as a “pastor,” “chaplain,” “church lady,” or “volunteer.” Each agency identified my role with them because they appreciated my willingness and commitment to assist in anyway they believed I could with their agency’s role in the community.

Those who read my reports share with me how much they learned about my chaplaincy service in our community “outside the walls of the church.”

In MY heart, I know the purpose of why I am a chaplain in the community. Community leaders’ support MY “heart-plans” to assist them in ways THEY identify I can best serve their agencies. Yet, ALL of US in both church and community acknowledge “it is the Lord’s purpose that prevails” (Proverbs 19:21 NIV).

Glory Be to GOD, we serve.



*My  
Faith  
Journey*

## Self-Care with Pastor Rachel

For the last few years, I have been using Ann Weems's book *Kneeling in Jerusalem, Poetry for Lent and Easter* as a seasonal devotional.

For your journey this week, here is her poem "Holy Week." Here is to blessing you all with a beautiful Easter season.

~The Schwabs – Pastors Chris, Rachel, and Noah

Holy is the week...

Holy, consecrated, belonging to God...

We move from hosannas to horror with predictable ease of those who know not what they do.

Our hosannas sung, our palms waved, let us go with passion into this week.

It is time to curse fig trees that do not yield fruit.

It is time to cleanse our temples of any blasphemy.

It is time to greet Jesus as the Lord's Anointed One, to lavishly break our alabaster and pour perfume out for him without counting the cost.

It is a time for preparation...

The time to give thanks and break bread is upon us.

The time to give thanks and drink of the cup is imminent.



Eat, drink, remember:

On this night of nights, each one must ask, as we dip our bread in the wine, "Is it I?"

And on that darkest of days, each of us must stand beneath the tree and watch the dying if we are to be there when the stone is rolled away.

The only road to Easter morning is through the unrelenting shadows of that Friday.

Only then will the alleluias be sung; only then will the dancing begin.



**Grieving? Come Join the Grief and Loss Support Group  
Hosted by Pastor Rachel!**

**Grief and Loss Support Group  
Second Presbyterian Church  
528 Garland Dr., Carlisle  
Led by Rev. Rachel Schwab**

**Mondays during Lent 10-11:30 PM**

**March 7**

**March 14**

**March 21**

**March 28**

**April 4**

**April 11**

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response/new](https://growwithsecond.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/236/response/new)**



## From the Editor

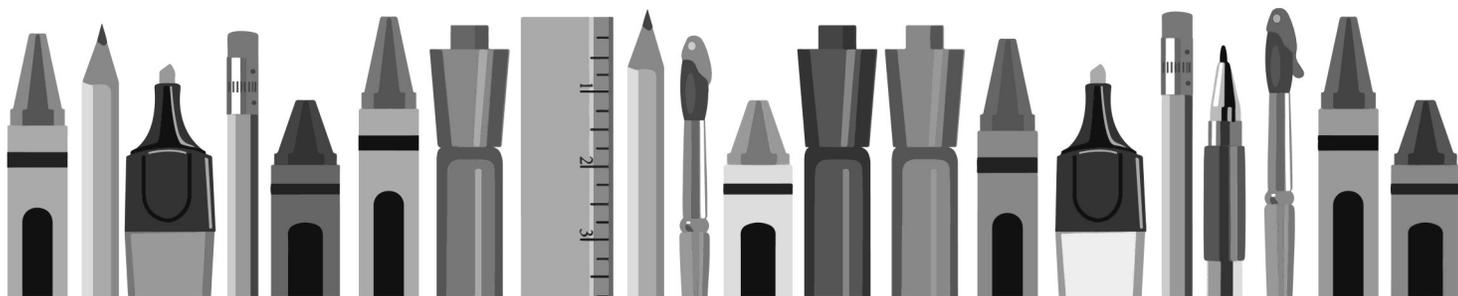
By: Lyndsey Hendricks

### Schedule Reminder...

I am only working **Tuesday through Thursdays** from **8:00am to 2:00pm**. I will continue this schedule up until I have the baby sometime in April. Once the baby is here, I will be off for 3 months on maternity leave (approximately May through the end of July, depending on when the baby is born).

### Maternity Leave Update...

1. All volunteers have been trained on their specific office duties.
  - a. We have volunteers to cover the phones, print bulletins, and prepare the weekly deposits.
  - b. Only the primary duties of the office are covered. Not all aspects of my responsibilities will continue to be executed while I'm on maternity leave. Once I return, these responsibilities will resume.
2. The new phone system is installed and functioning.
3. While on maternity leave, the newsletter will not be published. I will resume publishing the newsletter once I'm back in the office in August.
4. When I return to the office, the baby will be with me at work. Please be patient as I adjust to being a working new mom. I will be laying her down for naps and feeding her throughout the workday.





## Church Events

### **My Brother's Table— Saturday, April 9th at 12:00pm**

1st UCC will be serving lunch at My Brother's Table at 12:00pm. If you are interested in participating, please come down and join in the serving and fellowship.

### **Bunny Hop! Saturday, April 12th at 12:00pm**

Come downtown to enjoy the Carlisle Annual Bunny Hop on Saturday April 12th at 12:00pm. 1st UCC will have a table set up in front of the church outside at 12:00pm to hand out candy to passersby.

### **Easter Service Schedule:**

**Maundy Thursday— Thursday, April 14th at 6:00pm**

**Good Friday— Friday, April 15th at 6:00pm**

**Easter Sunday— Sunday, April 17th at 10:00am**

1st UCC will be hosting Easter Sunday service both in-person and virtually on Sunday, April 17th at 10:00am. Join us in celebrating the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



# HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE SERVICE (Yom HaShoah)

Jointly sponsored by Congregation Beth Tikvah  
and the Carlisle Area Religious Council

**April 25, 2022, 7 p.m.**

**First Lutheran Church (Martin Luther Room)**

100 East High Street, Carlisle, PA 17013 (corner of East High and  
Bedford Streets)

**Guest Speaker: Lillian Rappaport, former Holocaust Educator  
for the Jewish Federation of Greater Harrisburg**

**“Holocaust Education in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”**

Musical interlude on flute by Brenda Long

*Congregations might wish to bring a Sunday school class or youth group.*

*Attendees are requested to wear masks.*

Service is also available via Zoom.

Please see reverse side for Zoom information.



Carlisle  
Area  
Religious  
Council



Congregation Beth Tikvah is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Holocaust Service Hosted by CARC  
Time: Apr 25, 2022 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/6108885748?pwd=QzNqclMrboFkT2g3SEVUS1RSMm82QTog>

Meeting ID: 610 888 5748

Passcode: 1YMiz8

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Find your local number: <https://uso2web.zoom.us/u/kKYPzVbUo>

**Ecumenical Stations of the Cross**, sponsored by the Carlisle area churches on **Good Friday, April 15th**. The Stations will be prayed at various locations for the specific needs of our community throughout downtown Carlisle.

The route begins

12:00 PM – Opening Prayer, 1<sup>st</sup> Station and 2<sup>nd</sup> Station,  
New Life Community Church, 64 E. North Street.

**Parking available/Rain Location.**



And concludes

1:50 PM – Stations 13, 14 and Closing Prayer, Saint Patrick Shrine Church, E. Pomfret St.

At each of the stations along the Carlisle route prayers and intercessions relating to are offered for our community and its serving institutions, relating to the last hours of Jesus' earthly life. Beginning with Jesus' condemnation to death (New Life Community Church) and ending with Jesus being taken down from the cross and placed in the tomb (Saint Patrick Shrine Church), the participants will sing "Where You There When They Crucified My Lord" as they walk from station to station. Following the Jerusalem custom, participants are invited to bring crosses to carry. A rather touching part of this pilgrimage is watching participants silently shoulder a cross to ease the burden for a fellow cross bearer, thus taking turns, and following the example of Simon the Cyrene, who was pressed into service by the Roman soldiers to help carry Jesus' cross

Each congregation is encouraged to bring a wooden cross which can be carried by members of the congregation. Tradition encourages a new volunteer or perhaps two if the cross is large and heavy, to silently take the cross from those who have been carrying it and walk to the next Station.

**Questions or for more information please contact Ryan Brown,  
pastorryan@newlifecommunity.us or Mary Moll at marywardmoll@gmail.com**

## The Amani Festival returns to downtown on May 7th!

The festival celebrates the variety of cultures in Carlisle through food, music, crafts, dance. This year the Amani Committee is including an inter-religious dialogue tent for people to learn about the variety of faith and spirituality expressions in our area. If anyone is interested in learning more, please contact Gale DuPont, [ergogale@comcast.net](mailto:ergogale@comcast.net)

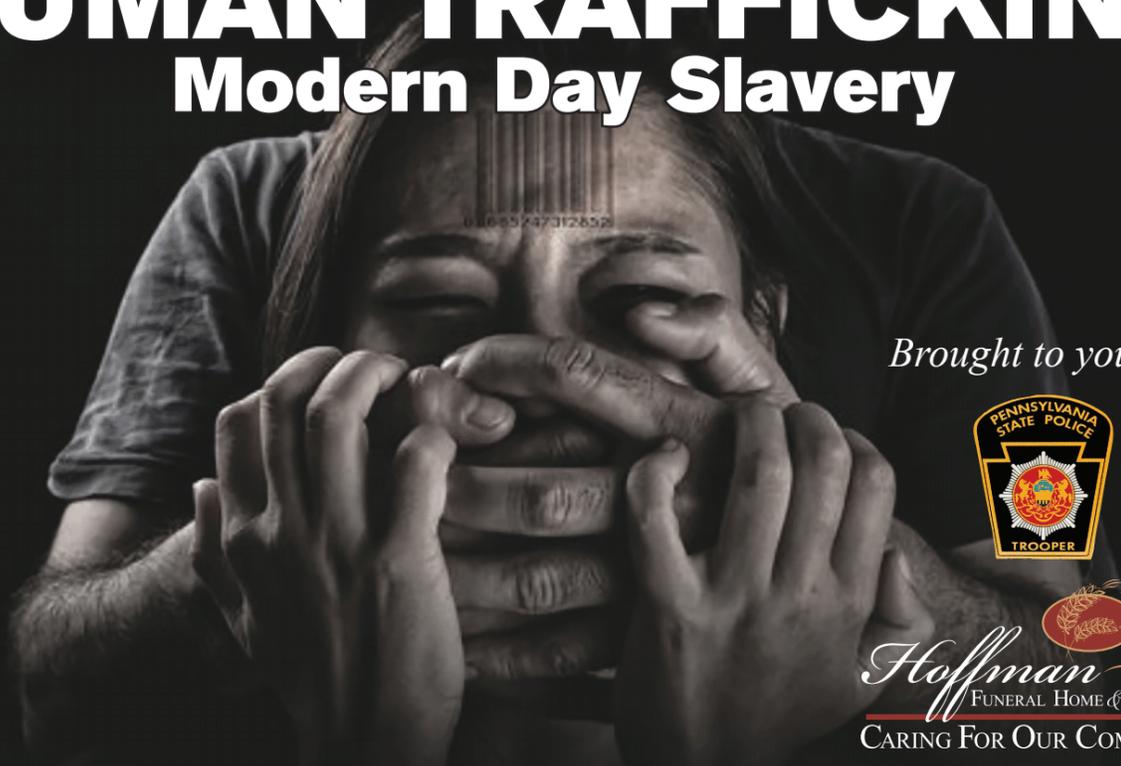
- **Dates:** May 7, 2022
- **Location:** Downtown Carlisle
- **Time:** 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
- **Price:** Free

**The Amani Festival returns in 2022 with a revamped Music Stage, Children's Alley, Community Connection Center, and Artists from across Pennsylvania!**



# HUMAN TRAFFICKING

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**June 22nd, 2022**  
**6:30-7:30 PM**



**Kari Dwyer,**  
Intelligence Analyst,  
Pennsylvania State Police

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**Jordan Pine,**  
CEO, Greenlight Operation



## **Positions Need Filled for Spring Elections**

As you can imagine, with not getting together in person for meetings or ministeriums or anything broader-church-wise, it is VERY difficult to fill in a slate of officers! Here is the list of positions that need to be filled for our Mercersburg Spring Association Meeting on May 15th. If anyone knows of individuals within their congregations that might be interested in ANY of these positions please let me know.

1. Association Vice-president
2. Association Nominations Chair
3. Committee on Ministry person for 2 year term
4. A layperson for the PCC Board of Directors (3 year term)
5. The conference is also looking for a secretary of the conference
6. The conference is looking for a Treasurer of the conference (stipend will be offered)
- 7 General Synod delegates for Synod in Indianapolis (June 30-July 4, 2023) - Clergy alternate; Layman delegate AND layman alternate delegate

Rev. Dr. Bruce R. Druckenmiller  
Trinity United Church of Christ  
Waynesboro, PA 17268  
717-830-2515

## Worship Service Update

### \*Update on In-Person Worship and Locked-Door Procedure



### Update on In-Person Services

- ◆ Colossians 3:12- Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.
- ◆ Mark 12:31- You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Based on the fact that Covid cases continue to decrease in our community, Consistory decided at its February 21, 2022 meeting that starting this Sunday, February 27, 2022, not only will we return to in-person services, but those who have been fully vaccinated and boosted have the option to unmask if they so desire. They may remain masked if they want. Those who are not fully vaccinated and boosted are asked to remain masked while in the church. All attendees are asked to continue to social distance at all times, and when in the pews should stay at least six feet from other attendees who are not a part of their immediate family. Consistory feels that First Church can do this at this time if all remain careful, follow this policy, and do what is right for everyone. If you have any questions, please call Mike Coulson at 717-574-4595.

- ◆ Philippians 2:4- Not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of others.

### Locked-Door Procedure

Please know there is only one entrance to the church for office hours and worship days. It is the gray parking lot door.

Once the worship service begins, that door will be locked. If you happen to arrive slightly late to service, you can ring the church office doorbell to be let inside or call the church office. This will be monitored for up to 15 minutes into the worship service.

After 15 minutes, the church office will be empty, so please try to be timely when it comes to attending church services.



## **Covid Update**

Submitted by Greg Lewis

March 2022

The percent positivity and incidence of Covid locally is greatly reduced and the CDC has reduced the category of transmission from high transmission to substantial transmission. Our Church services are again in person and those who are fully vaccinated and boosted are now “mask optional” while unvaccinated individuals are strongly advised to wear a mask. Our Church still advises social distancing. Our Choir is now singing in the Church, and it is recommended that hymn singing by the congregation can again commence. It is also recommended that the singing occur initially in the last 15 minutes of the Service with the hope that soon the singing can be at any time during the Service.



## Church Update

### Council Meetings

Consistory– 3rd Monday Every Month

Church & Ministry– 1st Monday Every Month

Advisory– Quarterly

Caring Fellowship– 2nd Tuesday Every Month

Christian Ed– 1st Sunday Every Month

Church & Community Connections– 2nd Tuesday Every Month

Property Management– 4th Wednesday Every Month

Stewardship– 2nd Wednesday Every Other Month

Special Mission– Community CARES

\*You can find all council reports on the church website ([www.1ucc.org](http://www.1ucc.org)). If you would like a copy, please email Lyndsey ([Lyndsey@1stuccofcarlisle.org](mailto:Lyndsey@1stuccofcarlisle.org)). Check out the “Council News” for highlights!

### Project Share and Community CARES Collections

#### Don't Forget!

**Project Share (Spaghetti and Sauce) and Community CARES (Ramen noodles) collections!**

- ♦ On the **first Wednesday** of every month from **10 am – noon**, there will be a table at the parking lot door of the church where **Project Share** donations can be dropped off (or handed to a volunteer). This is the day when we will receive packets of **Spaghetti and Spaghetti Sauce** for the organization.
- ♦ On the **second Wednesday** of every month from **10 am – noon**, there will be a table at the parking lot door of the church where **Community CARES** donations can be dropped off (or handed to a volunteer). This is the day when we will receive packets of **Ramen noodles** for the organization.



## BRING YOUR GOOD, USED CLOTHING, PURSES, AND SHOES TO CHURCH TO BENEFIT PROJECT SHARE

First United Church of Christ is still collecting good used clothing, purses, and shoes year-round to benefit the community and our Community Aid Partner, Project Share.



Remember when you're organizing your closets and drawers, First UCC is accepting year-round donations of good, used or new clothing, coats, boots, shoes, socks, purses, hats and gloves for all ages. Place your items in the bin across from the Church Office during hours the building is open.

First UCC earns a monetary percentage of items donated to Community Aid. More importantly, our donations are made available free or at low cost to people who shop at Community Aid in Mechanicsburg.

When we hear of a specific need from Community CARES, our donations are taken to them directly. This winter First UCC donated numerous coats and cold-weather wear for all ages, which was greatly appreciated by CARES and the people they serve.

**Items needed:** Clothing for all ages and sizes, shoes, and purses. Please put donations in plastic bags, with shoes and purses in separate bags from clothing. Bags are available beside the cart, across from the Church Office.

Home Pick-up of donations is available - call Lyndsey at 717-243-2512 or text/ call Suzy at 717-580-8063.

Thank you for your support of this community project!



**Our cart is ONLY for clothing, shoes, and purses.** If you wish to donate other items, you may take them to the local Community Aid Thrift Store - 4833 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg. Please let them know that you are a member of First UCC's Project Share partnership. Ask them to credit **Project Share Partner Number # 10166**, so those donations will count, too. Receipts are available upon request.

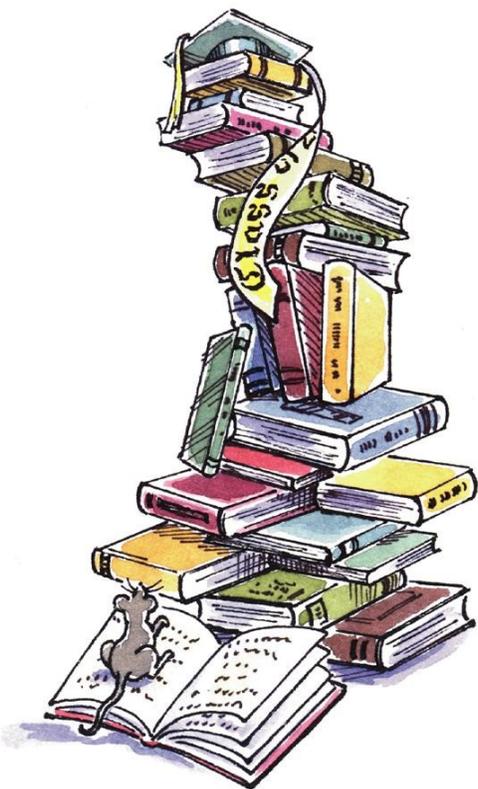
**Questions? Contact Susan Coulson 717-580-8063 or [sccoulson@comcast.net](mailto:sccoulson@comcast.net); or Lyndsey Wilston in the Church Office 717-243-2512 or [lyndsey@1stuccofcarlisle.org](mailto:lyndsey@1stuccofcarlisle.org).** For more information about Community Aid go to the website at <https://communityaid.org>.

This is a project of the Church & Community Connections Council of First United Church of Christ. We appreciate your support!

## Looking for a place to donate books, movies, CD's, etc.?

### Bosler Bookery Donations

Are you interested in donating books? Our local Bosler Bookery at 158 W High Street - inside the East Wing of The Bosler Library - accepts a variety of donations year-round. The Bookery sells gently-used or new books, puzzles, games, music, greeting cards, artwork, and many other items that have been donated by the community. Proceeds help the Bosler Library. Bookery guidelines are printed on flyers available in the hallway across from the Church Office. If you are unable to come to the church for a flyer, you may call to request one from the Church Office to be sent to you by mail. Or go to [boslerfriends.com](http://boslerfriends.com) website on your computer and click on The Bookery section or call The Bookery at 717-243-3313.



## THE BOOKERY'S DONATION POLICY

### WE ACCEPT DONATIONS OF:

**Books** – hardback and paperback books in **good, salable condition.**

**Artwork** – All types – for the ongoing art sale

**Audiobooks**

**Books** – hardback & paperback

**Comics**

**Games** – board games and computer games

**The Great Courses** – on CD or DVD

**Greeting cards with envelopes**

**Magazines** – current 3 months

**Movies/TV on DVD**

**Music on CD/DVD**

**Puzzles**

**Records, Vinyl** – up to 25-30, no more at one time without prior approval from Bookery mgr.

**Textbooks** - published since 2016

**Unusual items** – contact The Bookery's manager if you have something else that you would like to donate. From time to time we have sold donated needlepoint pillows, antique teacups, etc.

### WE DO NOT ACCEPT:

**Cassette tapes.**

**Condensed Books.**

**Damaged Books** - that are very dirty, smell, or have been wet. **Rule of thumb - If you would not give us \$1 for the book you are donating, no one else will either!**

**Encyclopedias** – we do not accept encyclopedias.

**Ex-Library Books.**

**Magazines** - older than the last 3 months. Including old Life, Look, National Geographic, etc.

**Old sheet music**

**Records in bulk** – to donate more than 25-30 talk to the Bookery Mgr. first.

**Textbooks** - with a copyright date older than 2016.

**VHS tapes**

### What you can do with some of the things we don't accept:

**Books** - Chambersburg Waste Paper will recycle books 2047 Loop Rd, Chambersburg, PA 17202, 717-264-4890

**Magazines** – you can recycle any type of glossy paper in the Ronald McDonald dumpster generally located in the parking lot of one of the local McDonald's.



### Christian Education

CE is hosting the Bunny Hop table in front of the church on Saturday, April 9th at 12:00pm. Bring your kids and grandkids to downtown Carlisle and enjoy some fantastic treats!

### Property Management

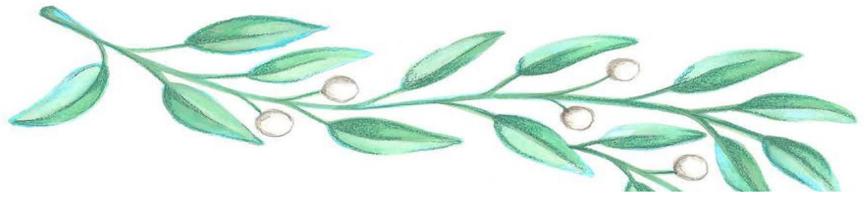
Although COVID-19 has limited the use of our beautiful structure there are ongoing maintenance projects that need attention. It is the intent and responsibility of the Property Management Council to keep our church property safe and attractive.

Here are a few of the projects completed in 2021:

- ◆ Installation of safety "crash bars" on the three front doors in the front of the church at the top of the steps
- ◆ Regular repairs of the central air condition unit that cools the sanctuary and social hall
- ◆ Caulking of the front steps leading into the front of the church and other areas to prevent freezing/thawing issues with the concrete
- ◆ Replacement of a large window in the social hall as the result of a broken seal
- ◆ Placement of a floor model air conditioning unit in the second floor classroom
- ◆ Repair and refinishing of the hand rails on the steps leading into the front of the church
- ◆ Deep cleaning of carpets (back entrance to front of church, church office, and parlor)
- ◆ Monthly sanitization for COVID-19 and Flu viruses of the church building in an effort to help keep everyone safe and healthy
- ◆ Repair of a loose piece of siding on the church bell tower roof

In addition, there are plans to place security cameras on the exterior of the church in early January 2022 and to begin the process of replacing the central air condition unit before the cooling season begins. This unit is approximately 38 years old and has served us well, but it is now time for it to be replaced based on the maintenance issues we experienced this past summer. A new unit will certainly be more energy efficient and reliable!

Please feel free to reach out to Dallas to discuss any issues or concerns you may have regarding the overall maintenance of our church property.



## *Earth Stewards*

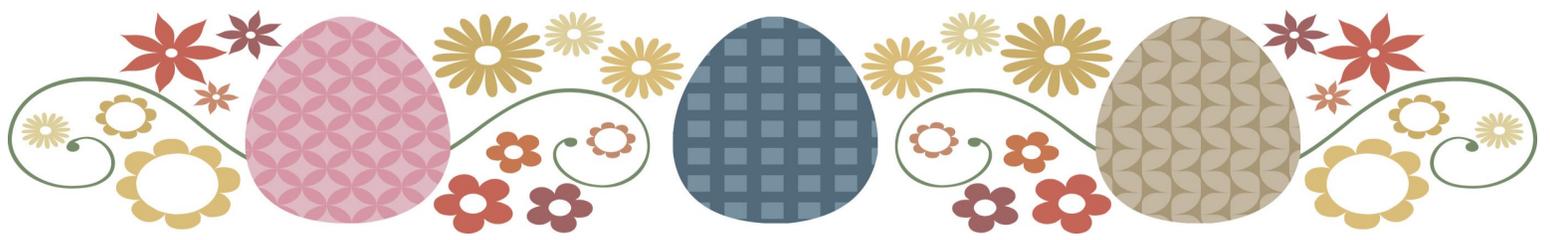
### **April Tip of the Month**

#### **April 22nd is Earth Day!**

1. Plant vegetables – plant your own veggies for ultra-fresh and pesticide-free food. The latest list of the “Dirty Dozen” fruits and vegetables from the Environmental Working Group identifies everything from spinach to bell peppers as having the most pesticide residue – even after you wash them. So plant some of your own without pesticide and focus on eating the “Clean Fifteen,” including cantaloupe and sweet potatoes.
2. Plant flowers – Spring flowers are a cheery accent. Your flowers can do double-duty as food for bees. Bees have been stressed in recent years by Colony Collapse Disorder and also just the loss of habitat. Plants like milkweed, asters and many more can help our bees survive.
3. Plant native plants – which need less water and are better able to survive.

Lueders, Alison. *Sustany*. “10 Tips for Enjoying a Sustainable Spring.” 2022. <<https://sustany.org/10-tips-for-enjoying-a-sustainable-spring/>>.

**Have an Earth Stewards Tip to SHARE? Email: [sccoulson@comcast.net](mailto:sccoulson@comcast.net) or text or call 717-580-8063. Let's ALL WORK TOGETHER to help the Planet!**



## Church Group Activities Update



### Color, Craft & Fellowship!

Yearning for some fun and fellowship? Well, come join us on **Wednesdays** from **2:00pm to 4:00pm** to **Color, Craft & Fellowship!** Bring your coloring books, markers, paints, crochet hooks, knitting needles, or whatever craft you feel like doing that day! If you are interested in joining, please contact **Lyndsey** at [Lyndsey@1stuccofcarlisle.org](mailto:Lyndsey@1stuccofcarlisle.org) or **717-243-2512**.

### Book Chat News!

The members of our Book Chat group are busy and diverse women who value our reading, devotions, discussion, and fellowship. The first 3 months of 2022 brought both celebrations and challenges. We have met via Zoom meetings, phone meetings, and in-person, depending on the Covid 19 levels in the community and personal needs. Members have dropped in and out, for various reasons including higher education overload, long-distance family relocation, surgeries, injuries, and important family matters. We try to honor our commitment to finish the assigned reading, but understand that it is sometimes not possible to show up perfectly-prepared for every meeting. We practice both grace and mercy. The Book Chat group is finishing Resistance Women by Jennifer Chiaverini, and beginning The Midnight Library by Matt Haig for our first meeting in April.



### Lunch Bunch News!

The Lunch Bunch Ladies will be meeting the following dates at **12pm**:

♦ **April 28th:**                      **May's**

If you are interested in joining, please call **Barb Simonton** at **(717) 329-0123** for reservations.