



The Beacon

That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.

Philippians 3:10-11 *kjv*

The Newsletter of
St. Paul's
UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
McConnellsburg, PA

Trinity
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OF CHRIST
Fort Loudon, PA

April 2023



The Easter story, the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth!

The Fort Loudon-McConnellsburg Charge
United Church of Christ
228 North 2nd Street
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Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ!

As we move through this season of Lent, we recall Jesus' time in the wilderness and meditate on our own mortality. But the things I'm seeing and hearing out my window reveal the start of a very different kind of season. The Springtime air is getting warmer. Colorful birds are singing. The buds in my garden are rising and starting to bloom. As I write this, a thunderstorm is passing overhead, casting the relaxing sound of rainfall onto the roof.

What an inspiring time to join you in ministry! For it is in this moment that we are self-reflective, honest (about what is), and yet hopeful (for what will be). As we walk together through my first weeks and months as your pastor, I will do my best to hold on to this moment and wear it throughout the year. I pray you will do the same. The perspective and potential of this particular moment leading up to Easter is fertile ground for the introspection, optimism, and experimentation needed to reinvigorate old ministries, and develop new ones. My heart jumps at the thought of what exciting ways we might support our community, bond together as a congregation, and glorify God together!

**With joy,
-Pastor Peter**

P.S. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- I will hold open office hours 10am-2pm at Trinity on Tuesdays, and at St. Paul's on Thursdays.**
- Please join us for my ordination service on the evening of April 23rd at Trinity UCC.**
- I sent out greeting cards to the congregation. (If you didn't receive one, I might not have your address.)**
- My cell phone is (609) 477-9194. Please feel free to call or text. I may not reply on Friday. (My day off.)**



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

2 Mark Washabaugh
Shaylee Kuykendall
6 Cindy Armstrong
Jenna Armstrong
8 Lori Rotz
9 Theo Arwood
10 Amanda Daniels Neal
12 Jo-Ann Sheffield
20 Denny Carmack
21 Tamela Mellott Hemming
23 Heidi Myers
26 Reanna Jo Richards
28 Hayes Alexander
29 Glenn Crouse



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The healing of our nation + world
Kathy and Bill Kendall
Betty Burns
Amanda Mitchell
Linda Sowers
Lana Pine
Kylene McLucas Arwood
Elizabeth Kerlin
Chase Andrews
Bernice Crouse's 96 yr. Aunt Marie and family
Korbyn Rotz
Skip and Betty Daniels
Nicole Hummel
Carl and Carol Mellott
Dennis Hess
Robert Door
Nancy Barmont
Ann Hays
Jessica McLucas Truax
Bernice's friend Christa
Chris Myers' uncle..... Ed Vance
Military and families
Our Church & ministries, Sunday school classes
Teachers and students, front line workers
Emily Rotz
Leah Hamil
Loy and Linda Garber
Kathleen Pappas
Patrick McCarthy
Summer Hoover and daughter Ruby
Daniel Harper, grandson of Linda Best.
Ed Stonecipher



St. Paul's Church Finances ACCOUNT SUMMARY:

ACCOUNT SUMMARY: General Fund

Total Income January, 2023	\$6,478.45
Total Expenses January, 2023	\$1,966.62
Interest Earned GF January, 2023	<u>\$48.41</u>
Net GAIN	\$4,560.24
Total Income February, 2023	\$5,329.95
Total Expenses February, 2023	\$3,992.46
Interest Earned GF February, 2023	<u>\$83.76</u>
Net GAIN	\$1,421.25

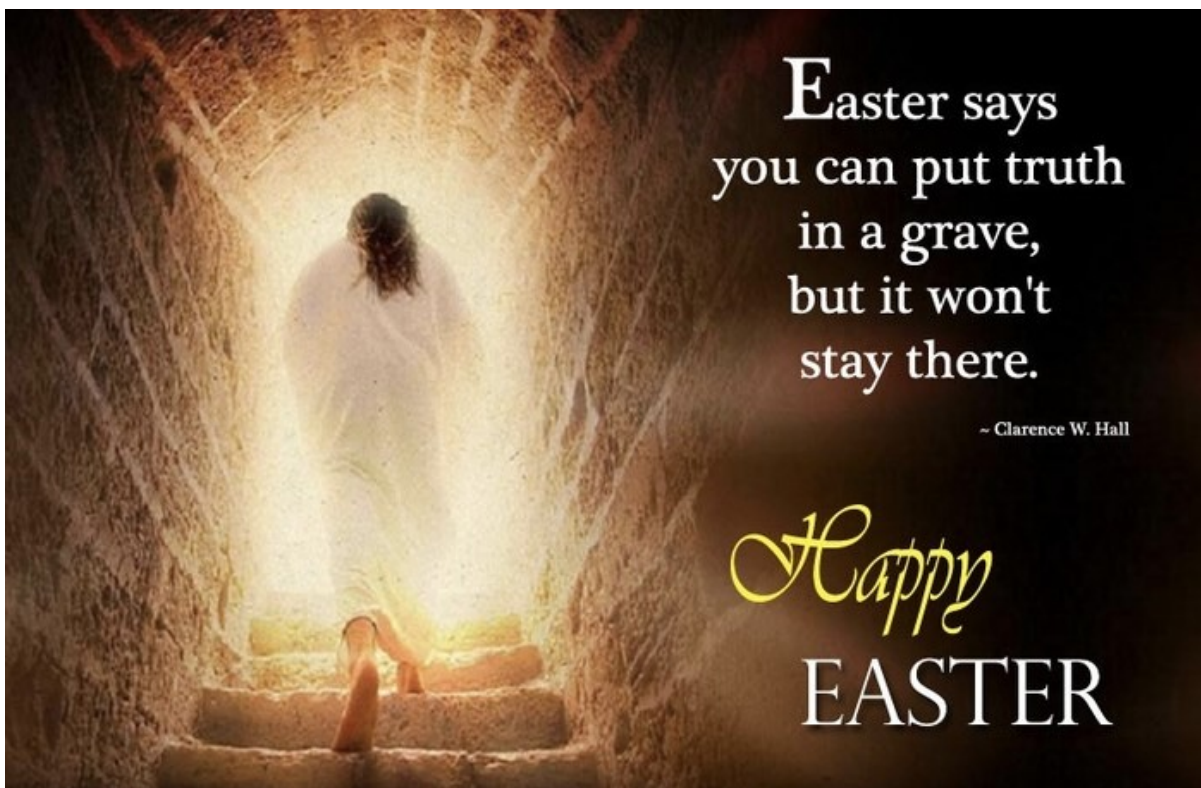


"Individually, we are one drop. Together, we are an Ocean."

~ Ryunosuke Satoro ~



Seleen Shives will be accepting donations on behalf of the Youth Sunday school kiddos project of supporting our missionaries, Fuzzy & Fiona through the last day of Sunday school, May, 21st. There will also be a container to drop your change in when you are at church. THANK YOU!



2023



Third Sunday each month: Trinity's Building Fund Offering

Sunday, March 26

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering
ST. Paul's will be sending \$100.00 of the morning offering to this ministry
Lenten Study "The Walk" by Adam Hamilton tonight at Trinity at 6:30 p.m. Last study for this series

Thursday, April 6

Maundy Thursday, Holy Communion at St. Paul's 7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 7

Good Friday

Saturday, April 8

Fort Loudon Easter Egg Hunt, 2:00 p.m.
Through age 14 at Community Grounds

Sunday, April 9

Sunrise Service at Freedom Lighthouse
6:30 a.m. Refreshments to follow

Tuesday, April 11

St. Paul's Church Women United meeting, 6:30 p.m.
at the church

Wednesday, April 12

Trinity Consistory meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 18

St. Paul's Consistory meeting, 6:30 p.m.

ST. PAUL'S PLEASE SEND IN YOUR EASTER LILY ORDERS THIS WEEK FOR DECORATING THE CHURCH ON PALM AND EASTER SUNDAY... CONTACT DONNA HOUSE 717-485-4732 OR PAM CARMACK 717-485-4795 OR SEND DIRECTLY TO THE CHURCH OFFICE EMAIL.