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Hope Happens

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR JAN.....

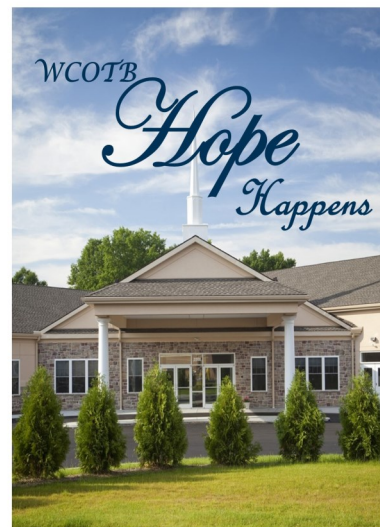
In a previous church where I served as pastor, the youth had a “rock ministry” of sorts. They would gather as a group (and sometimes as a congregation) to paint and decorate small flat stones that would later be distributed in local parks and other “random” public places. On the back of each stone was a stamped message from the church and, although I’m doubtful that anyone who found one of those stones ever came to visit the church, it was a lot of fun painting, distributing, and witnessing to our faith, through “rock talk”.

As we are nearing Palm Sunday and Easter, I’m reminded of Luke’s description of Jesus’ answer to the Pharisees, as they tried to quiet down the exuberant cries of the disciples as Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on the back of a colt, palm branches waving. Jesus answered the Pharisee’s pleas for quieting the disciples ... *“I tell you, if my followers were silent, the stones would shout out.”* Luke 19:40

Jesus is reminding them (and us!) that nothing can silence this outcry of hope and joy! In keeping with the topic of our Lenten series on God’s magnificent creation, the Living Bible paraphrase says it like this: *If the people keep quiet, the stones along the road will burst into cheers!* (verse 40)

In this time when hope and joy may appear to be more a dream than reality, when it seems that humanity has gone off the rails, we are reminded through the Easter story that hope prevails even in the throes of death. God’s faithful promise and presence will endure forever, cheering us on, reminding us to celebrate the Good News that Christ has risen and our hearts are full of light.

“Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?” Matthew 6: 26-27



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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES 10:30 AM

April 3: *The Bird Song*

~Compilation of Scriptures

April 10: *Palm Sunday ~ Lord of the Whole Creation~*

Luke 19:28-40

April 17: *Easter Sunday & Communion A Whole New World~*

John 20:1-18

April 24: *Singing Hosanna! ~*

Psalm 98:4

(No Children's Church)

Reminder: There is no Children's Church on the last Sunday of the month!

EASTER EGG HUNT

April 16th ~ 10am

Age Groups: 3 & Under, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16 & up

There will be craft tables to make Easter crafts & hot dogs & snacks will be served.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sunday, April 3rd, After Worship

Egg Stuffing Day

We have a lot of eggs to fill; Stay after worship & help fill eggs. Lunch will be provided; the only thing you have to bring is yourself. Let Darlene Dunn know if you can help!

Egg Hunt - Saturday, April 16th

Craft Table Help

Kitchen Help

Help Scatter the Eggs

Sign up sheets will be on the bulletin board!

FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Let's Dine Together

Our first dine together in two years will be on Sunday, May 22, immediately after worship.

Bring your favorite food to share.

Dessert will be provided.

Prayers

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Charles Cope, John Robinson, Michelle Gonzalez, Jean Bechtel, Amy Beck, Nancy Custo, Dawn Ernst Joan Hornberger, Linda Kauffman, Bob Kauffman, Betty Powell, & Margaret Hildebrand



FROM ZOOM TO YOUTUBE!

A change is coming to the way we put our worship service on line. Beginning Sunday, May 1, the worship service will be streamed only to YouTube. You no longer will be able to see the worship service on Zoom after that.

The worship service already is available on YouTube. We've been streaming the service live to YouTube on Sunday mornings. Recordings of the current and previous services are available, too.

Join the service on YouTube at this [link](#). (You might want to bookmark it.) Give it a try now! The worship link on the church website will be updated to take you to the church's channel on YouTube. You also can get to the church's YouTube channel by clicking on the YouTube icon at the top of our web page at wcotb.org



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Vacation Bible School

July 31st – August 4th

For a howling good time, save the dates! Vacation Bible School will be July 31st to August 4th from 6 to 8 PM. For children age 3 to those who have finished 5th grade. Come and make new friends, do amazing experiments, play creative games, go on surprising adventures, learn incredible music, and eat some super fun snacks.



Volunteers Needed for VBS

Volunteers are needed for Vacation Bible School. Starting on April 3rd, sign up to volunteer on the Bulletin Board. Let us know what you can do. We need people to prepare food, tell stories, help with crafts, take photos, lead a video session, lead games, and more. There are manuals that have all the instructions and ideas for each area. Please consider helping us with this awesome community outreach program. If you have questions, contact Vicki Clements at 484-332-7127.



Nursery Volunteers Needed

Do you like to work with young children? Do you like to watch them grow and develop? Christian Education needs help every Sunday with our children. We currently have an infant who is changing rapidly. We also have a preschooler that needs an adult to play with her. Please consider volunteering occasionally. Contact Vicki Clements if you have any questions.





Western Berks Shepherding

Recently, Western Berks Shepherding has had a big increase in new clients seeking transportation services. They are in need of new adult volunteers to drive clients to local medical appointments. Volunteers can choose when and where they wish to drive as well as how often. It is a great way to volunteer that is flexible, very little commitment and extremely rewarding!!!!

For more information, please contact us at:
484-294-7394 or WesternBerksShepherding@gmail.com

“Generosity in Action” (April 2022)

You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you,” declares the Lord. Jeremiah 29:13-14



As part of our Fellowship ministry, we will be hosting an **Easter Egg Hunt** at Wyomissing Church of the Brethren on **Saturday, April 16, at 10am**. How exciting to get back to this fun tradition for both children and their families! What a great way to celebrate the joy of Easter and make our church a welcoming place!

What happens at the Easter Egg Hunt?

In years past, more than 150 have shown up for this free event: this includes children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews connected with our congregation and the Spanish-language congregation that worships at our facility. In addition, quite a few people from the community and nearby neighborhoods attend.

We begin the festivities with a brief presentation where we talk about our church and upcoming vacation Bible school program. Next, the egg hunts happen outside in the lawn area for the various age groups. Afterwards, there will be hot dogs served and craft tables set up for more Easter themed fun. Lastly, the morning's festivities will be capped off with the giving away of 6 prize baskets, one for each age group.

How can we help? This event is sponsored by your generosity. Make sure to invite your friends and neighbors!

On Sunday, April 3rd, the youth and volunteers will work on filling the Easter Eggs in preparation of the Egg Hunt.

In addition, there are opportunities to share your time and support on the day of the Saturday 4/16 event itself. Darlene Dunn, co-chair of our Fellowship outreach shared: “We’re looking for volunteers to scatter the eggs, as well as volunteers to help in the kitchen with the hot dogs. Signup sheets are on the bulletin board by the church office. I just want kids to come and enjoy!”

Building Community! This is not just a tradition. This is an opportunity to welcome.

Children will be thrilled to go seek eggs and discover what is hidden inside. Parents, grandparents, and guardians will be seeking to feel good by seeing the children participate in an Easter tradition. Those same families from around the community may also be seeking something more: they may want to discover a place to belong and be loved, a new church home, somewhere to fill their curiosity about church, perhaps a place for their children to learn about God.



CCC NEWS

CCC has donated \$160.00 to the church in payment for work done by Grumpy Old Men in our workspace.

CCC is also in the process of making 80 bags for Gifts for the Heart in New Windsor and funding the material for their process. The bags were filled by Vicki Clements & Sue Blatt as part of their summer Bible School program.

CAMP NEWS

Summer Campership at Camp Swatara is being awarded to Libby Young !!



April EVENTS



Easter Happenings...

Easter Egg Hunt:
April 16~ 10am

Palm Sunday:
April 10~ 10:30am

**Easter Sunday &
Communion:**
April 17 ~ 10:30am

Calendar of events:

- April 2: 9am
Spring Clean Up
- April 3: 11:45-?
Youth Meeting
- April 3: 11:45 - ?
Easter Egg Stuffing lunch
- April 10: 10:30 worship
Palm Sunday
- April 10: 11:45—1pm
Book Club Rm 4/5
- April 15:
Good Friday
OFFICE CLOSED
- April 16: 10am
Easter Egg Hunt
- April 17: 10:30 am
worship
Easter with Communion
- April 20: 6:30pm
LT Meeting Live &
Zoom
- April 29:
Office Closed

