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Faith's Blessings



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From The Pastor....



APRIL 2010

The snow is melting away! (At least, it was still melting as of March 17!) Spring is in the air, and Easter is just around the corner.

Easter will bring some changes in our Worship service. For the season, we will use ***Now the Feast and Celebration***, and we will sing the Psalms. The Easter Season reminds us that God makes all things new, beginning with new life for Jesus Christ, who was willing to pay the price of death for our sins. Because of his obedience to the Father's will, God raised, not just Jesus, but you and me as well to new life.

Because of Christ's victory over death, all things are made new. Our relationship to God, marred by sin, is restored as though we had never sinned. Our relationships to one another are also renewed when we share the forgiveness we have received with those who have offended us. We are like the prodigal son who has come home, hoping for a little mercy and a chance to start over as a slave; but we find we are welcomed with open arms and restored as beloved children. That welcome changes us. It changes our attitudes and our behavior. Because we have been loved, we are enabled to become more loving and more forgiving of others, even when they, like us, don't deserve forgiveness!

May you be touched by the joy and hope of the Easter season. May your joy overflow to others, and make the joy of Jesus complete.

Faithfully yours in Christ,
Pastor Ardelle

Holy Week and Easter Schedule

April 1: ***Maunder Thursday***

6 PM Covered Dish Dinner with Seder (Passover Meal) and Holy Communion around tables (Check signup sheet at church or call Lois Duppstadt to help us know how many places to set!)

April 2: ***Good Friday***

7 PM Stations of the Cross:
Visual Art depicting each Station, with Scripture, Silent Meditation, Prayer, and a Hymn for each Station

April 3: ***Easter Eve***

1 PM Easter Egg Hunt
7 PM Easter Vigil, with readings reflecting God's Salvation History

April 4: ***Easter Day***

6:30 AM Sunrise Service (LBW service)
7:30 AM Easter Breakfast
9 AM Easter Service (***Now the Feast and Celebration***)

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



FAITH NEWS . . .

Transfers:

Stephanie Brant, Hannah Brant, Sarah Brant to St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Somerset, PA

New Phone Number:

William & Mollie Walker, 445-1824

Marriage:

William Hoffman & Janice Opel
March 14, 2010

Organizational Meetings

Pastor Ardelle would like to meet with people serving with ministries such as Readers, Worship Assistants, and Home Communion Deliverers. If you would like to be included in any of these ministries and are not currently serving, please contact Pr. Ardelle. Plan to meet on Tuesday, April 13 at 7 PM in the Sanctuary.

Lutheran Planned Giving

For information on "Planned Giving" using an "obsolete" insurance policy, see the newsletter posted on the bulletin board at the church.

Mission Moments

Each congregation of the Allegheny Synod has been invited to send a snapshot and a few sentences about a ministry of the congregation that they are excited about. This information will be incorporated in a PowerPoint display that will be shown at the Synod Assembly to highlight the mission that we share.

At our council meeting, we listed a number of ministries that excite the Council. They included our Weekday School, the Kid's Bells, Relay for Life's mission, the Flea Market, and the **Holy Moses!** worship series. We need to choose just one! We will be gathering pictures, and we will decide at the next Council meeting which one ministry we will lift up at this time. If you have ideas or preferences, please talk to a Council member!

See Through the Scriptures

The Sunday evening Bible Study will continue until we reach the end of **See Through the Scriptures**. This study will help you sort out the characters of the Bible Story, the time line (what happened when?), the major themes of the Bible, and the relationship of the New Testament and the Old Testament. Join us at 6:30 Sunday evenings. Lots of visual aids help us make and keep the relationships! Bring your Bible!

Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Action Required
April 1, 2010	Maudy Thursday Service	Attend
April 2, 2010	Good Friday Service	Attend
April 3, 2010	Easter Egg Hunt	Bring your children
April 3, 2010	Easter Vigil Service	Attend
April 4, 2010	Sunrise Service Easter Breakfast 9 am Worship	Attend
April 18, 2010	Relay for Life Chicken BBQ	Participate



Birthdays

Charles K. Rhoads
Donald Will
Robert Dupstadt
Jacob Maust
Nicolas Trimpey
Gloria Weyant
Lloyd Shaffer
Madison Trevarrow
Chauncey Friedline
Nellie Klotz
Robby Schrock
Dawn Walker
Zachary Carpenter
Kathy Rhoads
Thomas Stouffer, Jr.
Tomalee Will
Kodie Ritenour
Jodi Miller
Debbra Guddes
Jeffrey Weimer
Nicole Keller
Alan Shockey

Carrie Evans
Dakota Klotz
Michelle Lake
Ada Friedline
Linetta Hamer
Justin Rhoads
Angela Briskey
Brian Brant
Edward Hoffman
Kay Mostoller
David Custer
Laura Miller
Pauline Will
Melissa Custer
Amanda McCusker
Chad Delancey
Ava Friedline
Georgia Lensbouer
Spencer Marteeny
Bernice Walker
Marian Walker
Joshua Zerfoss

Anniversaries

Mr. & Mrs. Dalton Dill
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Williams
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Brant
Mr. & Mrs. Brian Brant
Mr. & Mrs. Charles K. Rhoads
Mr. & Mrs. David Pyle
Mr. & Mrs. William Revello
Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Carpenter





**April 18
Sequanota
Open House!**

3-6 pm

Visit camp, meet some of the staff, and find out why you should join us at camp in 2010! We'll answer all your questions, give you the insider's tour, and give you a taste of what camp is like.

Cost: Zero! Just call to register. Those who attend will get a \$5 store credit. Current campers who bring at least 3 friends to this event also get a free T-shirt if their friends attend camp!

Activities include: summer slide-show, meet the staff, Kids' games, activity and tour, Parent tour & info session, Supper, Campfire & worship, and Closing.

Visit our website to download a summer brochure, or call us to have one mailed directly to you.

Phone (814) 629-6627

Email contact@sequanota.com

Website www.sequanota.com



Sequanota Spring Work Day

May 8, 2010 starting at 8:30 am
(Please note NEW DATE)

Come anytime. Work Projects include setting up dining hall for Mother's Day dinner, cleaning dining hall, plumbing, finish work on cabin baths, cutting, splitting and stacking firewood, open up cabins, cleaning road ditches, raking leaves, moving equipment from storage, washing windows and cleaning areas at Enrichment Center, clearing trails and more. Free overnight lodging in cabins on Friday and lunch on Saturday for all workers.



**Sequanota 5 k Spring
Benefit Run / Walk**

April 17, 2010 start time is
10:00am Registration is

\$25.00 with a race t-shirt or **\$15.00**
without a race t-shirt

Cross Country terrain: Improved course of roads and trails - enjoy time in God's Creation

Money raised will be used to support the funding of a handicap accessible restroom addition to the dining hall

Refreshments and awards at end of race/walk

Contact the camp office for a registration form or if you have any questions
Phone: (814) 629-6627

Email: contact@sequanota.com

FAITH COUNCIL MINUTES

Feb. 11, 2010

Faith Council met Feb. 11 with 10 members and Pastor Ardelle present. Tomalee Will had opening devotions.

Minutes from January meeting reviewed. Motion, 2nd and carried to approve the minutes.

Treasurers report reviewed. Motion, 2nd and carried to approve the minutes.

Pastors report reviewed. Discussion on Larry Rhoads becoming an Associate Member and Dawn Will & Bill Bowers becoming members. Motion, 2nd and carried to approve requests. Pastor would like to order Moments of Grace booklets for Healing Services. Motion, 2nd and carried to purchase 75 copies. Heartland Hospice would like to come on a Sunday morning at give a brief "temple talk", motion, 2nd and carried to invite them. Motion, 2nd and carried to approve the Pastor Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Finance** reviewed tally sheets
- Social** Valentine Dinner and Seder meal in the works
- Worship** Holy Moses and Ash Wed. services planned
- Education** Katey Rose will be taking over Sunday School planning. Adults studying Romans as well as See Through The Scripture Bible Study.
- Property** Water filter at parsonage fixed
- Youth** Sr. Youth collected for Souper Bowl; had fun snowtubing and working on Pancake Supper; 2010 Gathering is going to be in New Orleans. Jr. Youth still needs advisors.

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APRIL 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2nd OFFERING SUNDAY IS ALLEGHENY LUTHERAN SOCIAL MINISTRIES				<i>1</i>  Seder Meal, 6 pm	<i>2</i>  Good Friday Service, 7 pm	<i>3</i>  Easter Egg Hunt, 1 pm Easter Vigil Service, 7pm
<i>4</i>  Sunrise Service, 6:30 am; Easter Breakfast, 9 am Worship	<i>5</i> Committee Night, 7 pm	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i> Children's Bell, 6:30 pm Choir, 7:30 pm	<i>8</i> Weekday, 9-11:30 am Council Meeting, 7 pm	<i>9</i> Sr. Youth Sleepover, 8 pm	<i>10</i> Sr. Youth Sleepover, 8 am
<i>11 2nd Sunday Of Easter</i> See Through the Scriptures, 6:30 pm	<i>12</i> WELCA, 7 pm	<i>13</i> All Worship Helpers, 7 pm	<i>14</i> Adult Bell, 7 pm Choir, 7:30 pm	<i>15</i> Weekday, 9-11:30 am	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>
<i>18 3rd Sunday Of Easter</i> 2nd Off. May Newsletter, Chicken BBQ See Through the Scriptures, 6:30	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i> Children's Bell, 6:30 pm Choir, 7:30 pm	<i>22</i> Weekday, 9-11:30 am	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>
<i>25 4th Sunday Of Easter</i> See Through the Scriptures, 6:30 pm Sr. Youth, 7 pm	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i> Adult Bell, 7 pm Choir, 7:30 pm	<i>29</i> Weekday, 9-11:30 am	<i>30</i>	

IN MINISTRY IN APRIL
 We thank the following people for their ministry this month:

ALTAR GUILD

April 1
 April 2
 April 3
 April 4
 April 11
 April 18
 April 25

Katey Rose
 Brenda Maust
 Katey Rose
 Everyone
 Katey Rose
 Brenda Maust
 Katey Rose

ACOLYTES

April 3
 April 4
 April 11
 April 18
 April 25

Karianne Sulkowski
 Jacob Maust (early) Kayla Miller (9 am)
 Keri Friedline
 Billy Bowers
 Meaghan Anderson

GREETERS

April 3
 April 4
 April 11
 April 18
 April 25

Marge Walker Family
 Ken & Ruth Shockey (early) Byron & Judy Glessner (9 am)
 Judy Saville & Keri Friedline
 Richard Walker & Ken Will
 Wendell Heil & Zac Foster

READERS

April 3
 April 4 (early)
 April 4 (9am)
 April 11
 April 18
 April 25

Marge Walker
 Brenda Maust
 Kristen Brant – Acts 10: 34-43, Ps. 118: 1-2, I Cor. 15: 19-26
 Mark Friedline – Acts 5: 27-32, Ps. 118: 14-29, Rev. 1: 4-8
 Richard Walker – Acts 9: 1-6 (7-20), Ps. 30, Rev. 5: 11-14
 Wendell Heil – Acts 9: 36-43, Ps. 23, Rev. 7: 9-17

ASSISTING MINISTERS

April 3
 April 4
 April 11
 April 18
 April 25

Wendell Heil
 Brenda Walker (early) Bill Hoffman (9am)
 Jane Ohler
 Bill Hoffman, II
 Darren Walker

DISTRIBUTE BULLETINS

April 3
 April 4
 April 11
 April 18
 April 25

Jennifer Fisher
 Tyler Fisher (early) Jackalynn Derry (9am)
 Chloe Miller
 Brock Bowers
 Zachary Fike

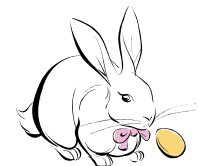
COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS

April 3
 April 4
 April 11
 April 18
 April 25

Jennifer Fisher & Tyler Fisher
 Jennifer Fisher & Tyler Fisher (early) Jackalynn Derry & Jack Loeffert (9am)
 Chloe Miller & Corey Miller
 Brock Bowers & Billy Bowers
 Zachary Fike & Travis Fike

COUNCIL PERSON IN CHARGE

Richard Walker



MISSIONARY SPONSORSHIP

Faith Lutheran Church now has a formal Covenant with missionaries Sam and Cindy Wolff, serving in Nairobi, Kenya. (The Schmalzle's ended their service in Kenya about a year ago.) We support our missionaries with about \$2000 a year in gifts that you designate for Missionary Support. Because we now have a covenant, we can expect regular communication from the Wolff's, keeping us updated on what is happening in their ministry.

A picture is posted on the bulletin board at the church with biographical information. Also posted is their newsletter from March, which tells us that the congregation is still worshipping in a tent, because there have been bureaucratic holdups in the process of building a new church. Included below is an excerpt from Pr. Sam's newsletter:

"Our sewing and knitting schools are doing an incredible mission in helping provide women from the slum community with a marketable skill. Many of these women are HIV positive. Our nursery school is also helping many children acquire some early learning. They too come from the depressed area behind the church. These people have nothing and so the little that we can provide means so much. I am also happy to report that our HIV/Aids support group is back after being neglected for some time. A few weeks ago we opened a reading room, using one of the nursery school rooms. This provides a place for students to come in the early evening and study. Many of the children live in one room which they call home (we would call hovel)."

DO YOU HAVE SOME FREE TIME??

Have you ever needed cancer or other medical treatments?

Do you know how difficult it is to get there on a regular basis.

You can help others by signing up for the **Volunteer Transportation Program.** Allegheny Lutheran Social Ministries partners with the Somerset County Area Agency on Aging to provide this free service to Somerset County residents over the age of 60 as a last resort transportation option to medical appointments, tests and treatments. Volunteers use their own cars and are reimbursed for their mileage. To learn more and sign up, please call 445-9165.

PLEASE NOTE:

There will be no Sunday School (Adult & kids) and no See Through the Scriptures on Easter Sunday.

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2010 TREASURER'S REPORT

	<u>Feb.</u>	2010 <u>Totals</u>	Previous <u>Month</u>
Current	9,217.56	20,093.56	10,876.00
Benevolence	501.50	1,154.50	653.00
Missionary Support	117.00	231.00	114.00
Building/Maint.	547.00	1,147.00	600.00
Misc. In/Out	<u>2,055.00</u>	<u>9,233.99</u>	<u>7,178.99</u>
TOTAL INCOME	12,438.06	31,860.05	19,421.99
2010 Proposal			
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
Total Ministries	1,319.71	1,746.77	7,750.00
<u>Operating</u>	1,256.82	2,018.78	20,000.00
<u>Payroll</u>			
Total Payroll	8,598.92	17,087.92	110,247.60
<u>Outreach</u>			
Total Outreach	7,656.45	8,262.95	15,000.00
<u>Maintenance</u>	3,061.82	5,512.36	19,000.00
<u>Misc. In/Out</u>	104.14	3,896.64	
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>21,997.86</u>	<u>38,525.42</u>	<u>171,997.60</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>			
General Checking			\$10,230.94
Computer Lab			\$50.00
Savings (Emergency Fund)			\$2,678.53
Savings (Pastors Disc. Fund)			\$2,069.85
CD (1.95% 13 month)			\$7,139.99
Memorial Funds			\$2,236.63
Camp Scholarship			\$6,878.95

COUNCIL MINUTES CONTINUED

OLD BUSINESS

Still waiting on 1 cabinet for the kitchen. The intercom system between the office and the kitchen is done.

NEW BUSINESS

Audit needs to be done, will talk to Chris, Mabel and Jane. Will complete paperwork to make our donations to Missionary Support formal. Received an offer from Comcast about phone service, too costly, not interested. Motion, 2nd and carried to give \$100 to Relay for Life team.

Motion, 2nd and carried to give \$200 to Fitness Challenge Team for sponsorship on an ad. Brian will look into making a change on the old website for Faith to direct people to the new website and will also be posting the password for the computer lab so everyone can use the computers. Mike Sulkowski would like to make restroom facility at the pavilion his Eagle Scout project, motion, 2nd and carried to approve. The program Sing For Joy on the radio needs sponsorship, motion, 2nd and carried to donate \$100. Thank You notes will be sent to Mark Friedline and Paul Brant for ALL the plowing they have done this winter.

Pastor made the following requests for the parsonage (all of which were approved):

Would like to put in a garden

Would like to put a storage shed beside the garage which could be left or taken with them when they move

Would like to purchase a riding mower and possibly a weed eater

Some of the fence posts will be replaced in the back yard

Next meeting will be Mar. 11 with Brenda Maust having devotions. Motion, 2nd and carried to adjourn. Closed with the Lords Prayer.

Brenda Maust
Council Secretary