



THE LAMPLIGHTER NEWSLETTER

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*****WE ARE ON FACEBOOK*****

APRIL 2023

Elders Class of 2023

- Sally Heffner
- Tammy Seidick
- David Sentiwany
- Eileen Tremblay

Elders Class of 2024

- Sue Butchinski
- Joyce Wheeler
- John Hrizuk
- Kevin Justice

Elders Class of 2025

- Gail Rhinehart
- Scott Kramlich
- John Faisetty
- Jennifer Hartman

Deacons Class of 2023

- Ethan Guzenski
- Colleen Kloiber
- Gail Kramlich
- Louise Juretus

Deacons Class of 2024

- Troy Guzenski
- Sue Hoke
- Samara Mebane
- Karen Sentiwany

Deacons Class of 2025

- Melody Faisetty



HE IS RISEN

Poet: Ellwood Haines Stokes

**He is risen! Christ the holy,
 He the Christ who once was slain;
 He the earth-born, lone and lowly,
 Bursts the tomb and lives again.
 Grace divine to men abounded.
 Grave, sin, hell, are all confounded.**

**He is risen! Men despising,
 Truths of God revealed in time;
 Risen! To His foes surprising,
 To His friends a joy sublime;
 Risen? Yes, alive forever,
 Christ, of endless life the giver.**

**Risen! risen! Every nation
 Join the universal joy;
 Let the song fill all creation.
 Men and angels' tongues employ,
 Sadden'd hell and gladden'd heaven.
 Death is conquered, Christ is risen!**

**Risen! risen! Joy forever,
 Christ is victor, death in chains.
 Grave shall gain dominion never,
 Jesus lives, Messiah reigns!
 Thrill the earth with the glad story.
 We shall reign with Him in glory!**

CHURCH FINANCES: FINANCIAL REPORT-FEBRUARY 2023

MTD:



The per capita apportionment for 2023 is \$48 per member.

Edith Scheirer designated a charitable bequest to our church which has recently been received. We thank the Scheirer family and we celebrate the life of Edith



Church funds designated to go to the Whitehall Food Pantry at St. Stephen's Church are dwindling. Our church has made a monthly commitment to support the Food Pantry. If you are able, please consider making a contribution.



APRIL GREETERS AND USHERS AND COMMUNION

April 2, Palm Sunday: Leonard Burkert &

Leola Andrews

April 6: Maundy Thursday: Diane and Terry

Michael

April 7: Good Friday: Karen & Dave

Sentiwany

April 9: EASTER: Donna Fink & Donna Pontician

April 16: Kevin Justice & John Hrizuk

April 23: Karin Bydlon & Chris Mond-schein

April 30: Scott & Gail Kramlich

April 2 Communion: John Hrizuk is set-up. Sue Butchinski and Carol Clancy are servers.

April 6 Communion: Tammy Seidick is set-up and Eileen Tremblay & Gail Rhinehart are servers.



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BIRTHDAYS :

April 1: Adam Faisetty

April 3: William Martin and Janine Hartman Brown

April 4: Richard Bowman, Jr. and Bill Tremblay

April 8: Elliot Waters

April 9: Megan Walters

April 10: Kyle Kramlich

April 11: Jonah Hartman Brown

April 12: Shirley Adams

April 15: Nicole Matthews

April 16: Marie Lychak

April 19: A. James Shedlauskas and Danny Seidick

April 20: Brian Hartman and William Brown

April 25: Monica Snyder and Shannon Walters

April 26: Leola Andrews

April 28: Nicole Goshey



Easter Morning

Poet Jennie Harrison

Far o'er the distant mountain-tops,
A radiant light unfolds;
The tiniest flower-cup nestling there,
Its tinge of glory holds.
The watcher thro' the weary night,
Looks up, with prayerful eyes; —
And, lo ! the shadows roll away,
Neath Resurrection skies!



Mission Project: Greeting Cards are sent to St. Jude's Ranch for Children in Bolder City, NV where they are used to provide teens with life and work skills. Collection box in Fellowship Hall.

The recent campaign which began with an anonymous donor offering to match any donations (up to \$1000) to the Deacon's Fund went well. We collected \$1145. We thank the anonymous donor and all who contributed a little extra to fund the many important projects of the Deacons.

A Narcotics Anonymous group was recently approved to meet in the basement at our church on Thursday evenings. Welcome!

Mission Project: Collecting Crayons. You may place your crayons in the big green bucket in Fellowship Hall. Crayons will go to the National Crayon Recycle Program. This program recycles unwanted, rejected, broken crayons into new crayons through our partnership with Crazy Crayons. This keeps thousands of pounds of waxy sludge out of the landfills and puts fun, uniquely shaped crayons back into the creative hands of children!

Help Us Go Green in All the Colors!

Mission Project: The Coplay Lions Club sent a letter thanking our church for our recent donation of used eyeglasses and cases. The Mission committee has decided to KEEP COLLECTING eyeglasses. Thanks for your donations! Collection box in Fellowship Hall.

Mission Projects Continued: All of these missions help us to be good stewards of the Earth's resources and eliminate waste that would end up in landfills.

APRIL PULPIT SUPPLY:

April 2: Rev. Edmund Freeborn
April 6: Rev. Allan Kramer-Moyer
April 7: Rev. Alan Kramer-Moyer
April 9: Rev. Elizabeth Goudy
April 16: Rev. P. Douglas Cronce
April 23: Rev. Elizabeth Goudy
April 30: Rev. P. Douglas Cronce

Food Pantry Requested Items:

Chickpeas, canned tuna, boxed potatoes, healthy cereals, pancake mix & syrup, boxes of oatmeal, macaroni and cheese, rice, hearty soups.

News from our Property Committee: A new church property project was approved by Session. We will be adding new lighting to the front of the church.

The Deacons are still looking for volunteers for the Care Team. People are needed to call and check in with congregation members. It is a nice way to stay in touch and it is much appreciated.

The Presbyterian Church of Catasauqua, 210 Pine St. Catasauqua, PA 18032 is once again having their Spring Flea Market/Bake Sale on Saturday, April 1, 2023 from 9AM to 1PM. This will be held indoors so rain or shine. You may come in via the Pine Street Chapel door. Look for the balloons! There will be lots and lots of goodies including but not limited to books, household items, toys, craft items etc. Our bake sale will bring you so much deliciousness you won't want to miss it. In addition, our kitchen will once again provide breakfast and lunch items to satisfy your hunger.



ARE YOU INTERESTED

In having Home Communion for yourself or someone you love? Please call the church office at

PRAYER REQUESTS:

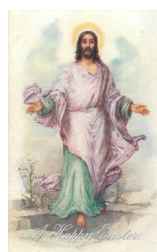
Do you have a joy to share or a concern to pray over? Please email prayer requests to the office at:

church.secretary@hokeypres.org during the week and your requests will be included during an upcoming Sunday service.

Reverend Allan Kramer-Moyer will be sharing his pre-recorded meditations on the Hokey Pres website and Facebook during Holy Week.

This series is entitled "Seven Words: Seven Questions." Reflecting on Jesus' seven last words. Pastor Allan uses imaginary characters from Morton Kelsey's book, *The Hinge*, to reflect on how the persons gathered at the foot of the cross might have responded to each of Jesus' words.

A new meditation will be available on our church website and Facebook page each day during Holy Week. Starting on Palm Sunday, please follow along at hokeypres.org or facebook.com/HokeyPres.



Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is myself.

LAY READER SIGN-UP: You do not need to be a member of Session to be a lay-reader. We have a sign up sheet on the bulletin board outside of Fellowship Hall. Please look over the dates available and sign up where you can.

Important Dates for Easter Week

Palm Sunday April 2, 2023, Rev. Freeborn, Communion

Maundy Thursday, Service at 7PM, Rev. Kramer-Moyer, Communion

Good Friday, Service at 7PM, Rev. Kramer-Moyer, Tenebrae

Easter Sunday, Service at 10AM, Rev. Elizabeth Goudy



News from the Monts Malawi Mission: (posted on Facebook March 16, 2023) Friends, I'm afraid we cannot add much news to that which you have heard in the States regarding the catastrophic floods and mudslides that have killed hundreds of people and destroyed many villages in the southern part of Malawi, home of the Synod of Blantyre.

To be clear, Deb and I are living and serving hours north of Blantyre and haven't even had rain in the past few days.

Sadly, the economic resources in Malawi are so limited, I truly don't know what can or will be done for those who have lost loved ones, who are injured and whose villages have been demolished. I don't want to be unnecessarily negative, but the daily living conditions of a significant majority of Malawians is nearly as hopeless and tragic.

I am hoping to touch base with some leaders within the Synod of Blantyre in hopes of offering a fundraising effort (you won't be too awfully surprised when you hear about it 4-6 weeks from now), to help raise additional funds for those affected by this recent calamity. For those who wish to donate to immediate relief efforts, please visit the websites of organizations like the Red Cross or Samaritan's Purse that have and continue to serve the least of these in Malawi and other struggling nations.

As for our efforts, as mentioned, every dollar donated to us and our service in Malawi beginning February 1, 2023, will be going exclusively to Malawians who Deb and I know personally whose financial needs are extreme and to ministries serving hospital and palliative care patients, the elderly and disabled. Up to this point, thanks to humbling, thoughtful, generous donations, we've donated over \$4000 to such individuals and ministry mission organizations.

Thank you for your prayers for and the donations to the people of Malawi. Deb and Chuck.

P.S. I did hear this morning at Chapel that more than 300 have died and over 200 are missing, 40,000 homes have been severely damaged or totally destroyed and that some 200,000 are now completely homeless. For those wishing to donate to the relief efforts, I am reminded that Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is present and at work with the Blantyre Synod; donations can be made to PDA through the PCUSA website. Sincerely, Chuck.





Please drop a card or note to our members who, because of health or transportation problems, find it difficult to worship with us Sunday morning.

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| Janet and Walter Bloszinsky | 5998 Coplay Rd. Apt. #1, Coplay, PA 18037 |
| Esther and Donald DeWalt | 276 Circle Drive, Catasauqua, PA 18032 |
| Linda DeWalt | Cedarbrook, 350 S. Cedarbrook Rd., Room 322, Allentown, PA 18104 |
| Dolly Kramlich | Above & Beyond at the Knights, 1545 Greenleaf St., #206, Allentown, PA 18102 |
| Dick & Marie Lychak | Gino J. Merli Veteran's Center, 401 Penn Ave., Scranton, PA 18503 |
| Dorothy Somers | 3000 Fellowship Drive, Rm 102, Whitehall, PA 18052 |
| Jim Shedlauskas | 3021 Rosewood Court, Whitehall, PA 18052 |

Deborah Altorfer

Joey Groller

Joe Macrina

Mike Woodling

Stephanie Baily

Glenn Harris

Juliet Malay

Vance Woodley

Karen Becker

Larry Hein

Joy Messner

People suffering from depression.

Bedocs Family

Louise Hein

Lois Messner

People who are suffering because of the virus.

Cory Borger

Pamela Henckel

Todd Messner

Valerie Chandler

David Hertzog

People in the Military

and family

Matthew Hess

Angie Pontician

Elizabeth Connors

Nicky Hudack

Jacob Rivera

Kathy Cutter

Bill Jodry

Josie Sabella

Esther DeWalt

Joe Kanusky

Ben Sammak

Michael Dobry

Raymond Kern

Linda Schlosser

Doreen

Barbara Knarr

Joshua Scoble

Dolly Dougherty

Linda Kramaranko

Rowan Sharrar

Due Family

Rosemary Kravenko

Judy Jim Shedlauskas

Pat Frankenfield

Kresley

Joanne Sienkiewicz

Peter Gilbert

Caroline Laudhorn

Carol Steigerwalt

Steve Glick

Jaden Leiby

CSS Emily Thrasher

Raina Gomez

Marie Lychak

Jim Tremblay

Maria Gontkosky

Richard Lychak

Donna Walck

Charlie Grim

Ivy Lynch

Carol Wal

Charles McGarvey





Happy Easter

**REMEMBER TO
SAVE YOUR
REDNER TAPES,**

You may find the container in Fellowship Hall. The Redner profit goes toward the area food pantry's.

APRIL 2023

SUN.	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Catty Flea Mkt. 9-1
2 PALM SUNDAY Communion Rev. Freeborn Food Bank Sunday	3 Book Club	4	5	6 MAUDY THURSDAY Communion. Rev. Kramer-Moyer. 7PM Service. N.A. 6PM to 9PM	7 Good Friday Tenebrae Service. Rev. Kramer-Moyer. 7PM Service	8 Great Vigil of Easter
9 EASTER Rev. Goudy 10Am Service	10 Book Club	11	12	13 N.A. 6PM to 9PM	14 Fellowship 2PM	15
16 2nd Sunday of Easter Rev. Cronce	17 Book Club	18	19	Session 7PM N.A. 6PM to 9PM	21 Fellowship 2PM	22
23 3rd Sunday of Easter. Rev. Goudy. Deacon's Sunday *****	24 Book Club	25	26	27 N.A. 6PM to 9PM	28 Fellowship 2PM	29
30 4th Sunday of Easter. Rev. Cronce						