

# THE THREAD



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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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### APRIL NEWSLETTER

After all the bells have rung and all the "Halleluiahs" have been sung, the reality of living the Easter story of faith and hope has begun. Where do we see things falling apart? What can you do about it? How can we help as resurrection people, by serving as Christ, hands and feet and voice? Friends, the message of Easter reminds us of the transformative power of hope and possibility, even in the face of seemingly insurmountable challenges. By embodying the love and compassion of Christ in our actions and relationships, we can contribute to the ongoing work of resurrection and renewal in our world.

This month of April brings forth a plethora of wonderful activities at WPC. We have the "Teens Group" meeting on April 7th. The new task force, formed to search for our Christian Education Director, will also be busy at work. Thanks to the committee members who are prayerfully working tirelessly to find the next person God is bringing our way to help with our children and youth spiritual formation. Big shoutouts to Chiz Price, Georgia Yeager, Renee Patrick, Melissa Hinson, and Charlie Maciorowski for agreeing to carry the mantle of leadership and serve as Elders and Deacons. Elders, and Deacon training is forthcoming and will be held on April 13th at 9 am in the Fellowship Hall. There is also a scheduled CPR training at WPC on April 20th for all those who did not get to participate in last year's training. Thanks to the Safety Committee and the Deacons Board for putting this activity together. Please do not miss this opportunity. Call the office to book your spot. All members interested in participating in lay reading during worship services are reminded that the training is scheduled for April 24th at 6.30 pm in the Koinonia room. Please do not miss.

Lastly, on April 28th, we will be receiving a special guest, Dr. W. Daniel Hale from Johns Hopkins Hospital, who will speak on "Depression and its Impact" at our forenoon service, followed by a question, and answer session during the fellowship hour. We will be joined by two churches during worship on that day: First Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, and Trinity Presbyterian Church in New Florence, PA. It is my prayer that we all experience God's miraculous resurrection in all areas of our lives. Peace and God bless you.

The Rev. Bernard Nti Minister,  
Minister, Westmont Presbyterian Church.  
Johnstown, PA

## LECTIONARY CALENDAR

APRIL 2024

1. April 7th, 2024

2nd Sunday of Easter (Communion Sunday)

Acts 4: 32 - 35, John 20: 19 – 31

2. April 14th, 2024

3rd Sunday of Easter

Minute for Mission from CE Dept.

Ministration from the Ferndale Goodnews Club

Acts 3: 12 - 19, Luke 24: 36b - 48

3. April 21st, 2024

4th Sunday of Easter

Minute for Mission from the Farmers Market Sub-committee

Acts 4: 5 - 12, John 10: 11 – 18

4. April 28th, 2024

Health Sunday (Emphasis on Mental Health Awareness)

Minute for Mission on Nutrition by Edna Nti

Depression and its Impact on Health

Guest Speaker: Dr. William Hale from

Johns Hopkins Hospital

Psalm 22: 25 - 31, 1st John 4: 7 - 21

**Lay Readers**

April 7 – Elisa Ellenberger  
April 14 – Greg Suppes  
April 21 – Melissa Hinson  
April 28 – Barb Lauf

**Fellowship Hour**

April 7 – Monica Black  
April 14 – Good News Club  
April 21 – Yeagers/Nancy Miller  
April 28 – Monday Prayer Group

**Acolytes**

April 7 – Luke Curry  
April 14 – Daphne Rehm  
April 21 – Macee Stephens  
April 28 – Mariah Stephens

**Openers**

April 7 – Jim McCann  
April 14 – Ron Good  
April 21 –  
April 28 – Bill Harris

**Ushers for the Month**

Jen Priest	Adam Curry
Gabby Riffle	Joan Rush



**Nursery**

April 7 – Geonna and Brittany  
April 14 – Ashley Stufft  
April 21 – Gabby Riffle  
April 28 – Paulette Wohl

**Sunday School K-4, 5-6**

April 7 – No Sunday School  
April 14 – Team 2 and 5  
April 21 – Team 3 and 5  
April 28 – Team 4 and 5

**Children's Chat**

April 7 – No children's chat  
April 14 – Carrie Curry  
April 21 – Haley Mosorjak  
April 28 – Mark Parseghian

# News to peruse...

## FAMILY SOUP KITCHEN

Both the Manager/Director of the Family Soup Kitchen & our Deacons give thanks to those who have contributed in the past. The need still exists for non-perishable food & healthy snacks, as well as dog & cat food. However, those who wish to do more may contribute from the following list: bleach, dish soap, Pine-Sol, Windex, paper towels, toilet paper, napkins, salt & pepper, Old Bay seasoning, plastic gloves, hair nets, oven cleaner, aluminum foil, plastic wrap, tissues & hand soap. Also, during colder months, socks, gloves, and hats. Thank you very much for your continued consideration and generosity, Deacons.



- 1 - Alison St. Clair**
- 4 - Micheal Furgiule**
- 5 - Gail Steiner**
- 7 - Joshua Young**
- 8 - Blaine Bogle**
- 10 - Pat Kirkstadt & Billy McCann**
- 11 - Chas Woodnorth, Nicholas Kirkstadt & Glenn Stutzman**
- 12 - Conrad Suppes & Linda Riddle**
- 15 - Pat Critchfield & Fred Smith**
- 16 - Jen Priest, Lauren Patrick & Richelle Furgiuele**
- 17 - Bill Miller & Jim McCann**
- 19 - Kathy Parseghian & Kavien Priest**
- 21 - Heather Brandick & Victoria Geiser**
- 22 - James Neely**
- 23 - Jerry Hudson & Dave Wylie**
- 26 - Jeff Ashman & Connie Pavlik**
- 27 - Carrie Curry & Adaulphine Plummer**
- 30 - Michael Maciorowski**

## ELECTRONIC GIVING

Dropping an envelope in the plate on Sunday morning used to be the way all

members contributed to the financial health of the church. If you were unable to attend, the process was to write a check, address an envelope, put a stamp on the envelope and take it to the post office.

We now offer electronic giving. Members can have their donations made electronically from a checking or savings account or charged to a credit card to earn rewards. Recurring donations can be set up and directed to one or more church ministries. For example – your donation can be set up to include portions to the general fund, capital campaign, music ministry, Prayers and Squares, etc. This can all be handled by the church if you prefer. Donations can be changed or paused at any time by the member or by calling the church office. Another benefit is that a record of all donations is maintained on your personal account for access at any time.

Please consider taking something off of your plate instead of putting something into our plate. On line giving makes it easier for everyone. Please call the church or ask any member of the Stewardship or Finance Committee if you would like to enroll or if you have any questions. Blessings to all.

**Farmers Market** - Our market is in need of empty plastic bottles to fill with sand to support our signs. The current containers have outlived their useful lives. We would prefer the clear bottles

with an attached handle - like the Hawaiian Punch jugs.

### **BOOK CLUB**

Mark your calendars for Monday, April 29 for another upcoming Book Club discussion. Book to be announced

### **DEACONS' DOINGS**

Our WPC Deacons are an extremely dedicated group of volunteers. Some of the activities that we engage in regularly include collecting and delivering food to the local soup kitchen, reaching out to our elderly and shut-ins in various ways, hosting Fellowship Hour, and ushering.

We are in the process of scheduling some special events for 2024, and we hope you will participate in some or all of them. Misty Stephans, along with Drs. Josh and Melissa Hinson, will be teaching another CPR class in the Koinonia Room on April 20. Please contact Misty if you'd like to attend. We will be packing food for local schoolkids through the Backpack Project at the Learning Lamp on Bedford Street on May 13 at 4:00 PM. We'd love to have you join us! We will be sponsoring another blood drive on August 16, and our annual picnic at Pine Springs Camp will also be in August. More information on these events will be forthcoming as the dates draw nearer.

The Deacons thank you for supporting our projects through your prayers, participation, and monetary donations. We couldn't do any of this without you! If you'd like information on how you can

help with any of these projects, just ask any usher.

### **KOINONIA COMMITTEE**

The purpose of our committee is to have activities for our entire church family to come together and enjoy Koinonia Fellowship. We try to plan events that will be fun for all ages. Even if you don't want to participate in the planned activity, we invite you to come and spend time as a church family. We try to schedule at least one activity a month, and we will have announcements posted throughout the church as well as in the bulletin and Thread. Please join us as often as you can for these great WPC family events. We met in March and planned some really fun family events for WPC! Friday, April 5 at 6:30 PM, we will meet in Fellowship Hall for a Family Game Night. Games, snacks, and beverages will be provided. Come and enjoy some games and fellowship with our church family.

Our May event will center around food.....imagine that! We are hoping to meet on May 5, Cinco de Mayo, where we plan to have outside entertainment and walking tacos, drinks, and munchies provided by our committee. We are hoping to have a Classic Car Show at this event as well. This date is tentative so keep an eye out for more information on this unique event.

More events are being planned throughout the year. We might even have our very own Summer Olympics! Stayed tuned!

## APRIL 2024

- 4 - Adult Bible Study 6:30 PM (K)
  - 7 - Adult Sunday School 9:00 AM (K)
  - 7 - Sunday Service 10:15AM (S)
  - 7 - K - 4 NO Sunday School, Communion Sunday
  - 7- 5 - 6 NO Sunday School, Communion Sunday
  - 7- CE MEETING FOLLOWING CHURCH (UL3)
  - 11 - Adult Bible Study 6:30 PM (K)
  - 14 - Adult Sunday School 9:00 AM (K)
  - 14 - Sunday Service 10:15 AM (S)
  - 14 - K - 4 Sunday School
  - 14 - 5 - 6 Sunday School
  - 18 - Adult Bible Study 6:30 PM (K)
  - 21 - Adult Sunday School 9:00 AM (K)
  - 21 - Sunday Service 10:15AM (S)
  - 21 - K - 4 Sunday School
  - 21 - 5 - 6 Sunday School
  - 25 - Adult Bible Study 6:30 PM (K)
  - 28 - Adult Sunday School 9:00 AM (K)
  - 28 - Sunday Service 10:15AM (S)
  - 28 - K - 4 Sunday School
  - 28 - 5 - 6 Sunday School
- F—Fellowship Hall, K—Koinonia Room, P—Parlor,  
S—Sanctuary, UL—Upper Level Classrooms



## Pine Springs Camp

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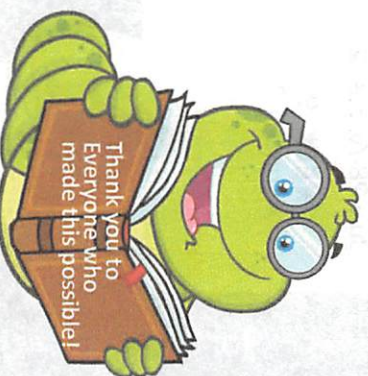


Register Now

- Women in the Woods  
April 5-6

- Women's Catalyst Backpacking  
April 26-28

**Ricky's Corner is up and running. Youth are welcome to choose a book or video off the shelf and return it to UL3 on the honor system. Periodically reminders will be placed in the bulletin or in the Thread page to help remind parents there is a return basket available to place their Library items in.**



Thank you to  
Everyone who  
made this possible!

<b>2024 Camp Dates</b>	<b>Grandmas, Moms and Tots</b> (ages 3-7) Adults: \$345 Children: \$280	<b>DISCOVERY</b> (completed grades K-2) 3-day camp: \$345 5-day camp: \$575	<b>EXPLORATION</b> (completed grades 3-5) 3-day camp: \$345 5-day camp: \$575	<b>JOURNEY</b> (completed grades 6-8) 5-day camp: \$575 7-day camp: \$595	<b>EXPEDITION</b> (completed grades 9-12) 5-day camp: \$575 7-day camp: \$595
<b>WEEK 1</b> June 9-12	Grandmas, Moms and Tots (Sun. - Wed.)	Springboard Discovery (Sun. - Wed.)	Exploration 3 Day (Sun. - Wed.)		
<b>WEEK 2</b> June 16-21			Exploration Classic	Journey Classic	Expedition Classic
<b>WEEK 3</b> June 23-28		Mini-Discovery	Exploration Classic Wet-n-Wild Exploration	Journey Classic	
<b>WEEK 4</b> June 30-July 3	<b>FAMILY CAMP</b> all ages welcome				
	Cost: Adults \$345 Children \$280 (Maximum \$1,400 immediate family)		Housing: Each family stays in their own cabin. Families can choose to stay with another family at a 10% discounted rate.		
<b>WEEK 5</b> July 5-12 (Long Week)				Journey Classic Night Owl Journey	Expedition Classic Expedition Wild
<b>WEEK 6</b> July 14-19			Exploration Classic	Journey Classic Journey Wild	Expedition Classic
<b>WEEK 7</b> July 21-26	Grandmas, Moms and Tots (Sun. - Wed.)	Springboard Discovery (Sun. - Wed.)	Exploration Classic	Journey Classic	
<b>WEEK 8</b> July 28-August 2		Mini-Discovery	Exploration Classic	Journey Classic	Expedition Classic
<b>WEEK 9</b> August 4-7	Grandmas, Moms and Tots (Sun. - Wed.)	Springboard Discovery (Sun. - Wed.)	Exploration 3 Day (Sun. - Wed.)		

**MINTEC (Ministry to Exceptional Campers -CAMP is Week 2: June 16-21 Cost : \$575 per camper**



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# April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 9:00am Prayers & Squares 11:00am Prayer Group 3:00pm Good News (F)	<b>2</b> 6:30pm Prayer Meeting (K)	<b>3</b> 7:30am Men's Breakfast (Jax) 7:00pm CE Task Force (UL4)	<b>4</b> 1:30pm Staff Meeting (K) 6:30pm Bible Study - K	<b>5</b> 6:30pm Game Night	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 9:00am Adult Sunday School (K) 10:15am Worship and Communion (S) 11:15am Fellowship Hour	<b>8</b> 9:00am Prayers & Squares 9:00am Garden Club (F) 11:00am Prayer Group 3:00pm Good News (F)	<b>9</b> 6:30pm Prayer Meeting (K)	<b>10</b> 7:30am Men's Breakfast (Jax) 5:30pm WFCM 7:00pm CE Task Force (UL4)	<b>11</b> 7:30am Finance (Eat 'n Park) 1:30pm Staff Meeting (K) 6:30pm Bible Study - K	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 9:00am Ministry Training Day
<b>14</b> 9:00am No Adult Sunday School (K) 10:15am Worship Good News Club (S) 11:15am Fellowship Hour 11:30am Sound System Committee (K)	<b>15</b> 9:00am Prayers & Squares 11:00am Prayer Group 3:00pm Good News (F) 6:00pm Deacons Meeting	<b>16</b> 6:30pm Prayer Meeting (K)	<b>17</b> 7:30am Men's Breakfast (Jax) 7:00pm Session	<b>18</b> 1:30pm Staff Meeting (K) 4:00pm Worship & Music 6:30pm Bible Study - K	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 8:00am AED and CPR
<b>21</b> 9:00am Adult Sunday School (K) 10:15am Worship (S) 11:15am Fellowship Hour	<b>22</b> 9:00am Prayers & Squares 11:00am Prayer Group 3:00pm Good News (F)	<b>23</b> 6:30pm Prayer Meeting (K)	<b>24</b> 7:30am Men's Breakfast (Jax) 7:00pm Lay Reader Training	<b>25</b> 1:30pm Staff Meeting (K) 6:30pm Bible Study - K	<b>26</b> 8:00am Women's Breakfast	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 6:00am Teen Group (F) 9:00am Adult Sunday School (K) 10:15am Worship (S) 11:15am Fellowship Hour 12:00pm Depresioon Awareness and Symposium Q & A	<b>29</b> 9:00am Prayers & Squares 11:00am Prayer Group 3:00pm Good News Club 7:00pm Book Club (P)	<b>30</b> 7:00am Young Men's Breakfast 6:30pm Prayer Meeting (K)				

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**MISSIONAL INTENTIONS TO BE:**  
**Christ Centered**  
**Biblically Based**  
**Servant Led**  
**Blessed to be a Blessing**

**Worship 10:15 a.m.**

**Fellowship Hour 11:15 a.m.**

**Cable Broadcast**  
**Monday 7:00 p.m.**

**PASTOR**  
Rev. Bernard Nti

**SEXTON**  
Kevin Howell

**CHILDREN'S MUSIC DIRECTOR/MUSIC ASSOCIATE**  
Kristen Kane

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