ECHOES

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST GREENAWALDS

APRIL 2019

Remainder of Lent and Holy Week Schedule

Wednesday, April 3 – 5:00-7:00 pm (ish) – Labyrinth – Meet in Fellowship Hall. Bring a bag supper and learn about labyrinths in various cultures and faith traditions. Then walk the labyrinth or use a pencil or marker to follow a labyrinth drawn on paper. Don't hesitate to come late if you work and are not available at the early hour. The activity will continue until all who wish to participate are "fed."

Palm Sunday, April 14 – Worship Service at 10:30 am

Maundy Thursday, April 18 – 6:00 pm – Soup Supper and Worship Stations – Soup supper in Fellowship Hall, followed by Holy Week worship stations and communion service. Worship will begin at 7:00 pm.

Good Friday, April 19 – 7:00 pm – Worship Service

Easter Sunday, April 21

8:00 am – Worship Service with Holy Communion
9:00 am – Breakfast in Fellowship Hall (please see sign-up sheet in Narthex)
10:30 am – Worship Service with Holy Communion

SUNDAY, April 7 **10:30 AM WORSHIP**
Holy Communion

SUNDAY, April 14 **10:30 AM WORSHIP**
Palm Sunday

THURSDAY, April 18
Maundy Thursday Soup Meal **7:00 PM WORSHIP**
Holy Communion

FRIDAY, April 19
Good Friday **7:00 PM WORSHIP**

SUNDAY, April 21 **8:00 AM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP**
Easter Sunday – both worship services with Holy Communion
Breakfast served between services

SUNDAY, April 28 **10:30 AM WORSHIP**

Hospitality for Fellowship is one half hour prior to worship service.

On Our Hearts with Concern

Mary Christman – Lehigh Center Rehab
Robert & Dorothy Foulds – at home
Phyllis Meckes – Blue Mountain Nursing/Rehab
Doris Nissen – at home
Doris Shaver – Heather Glen Senior Living
Naomi Thomas – at home
Bernice Ziegler – Country Meadows

With Deepest Sympathy

We offer our sincere condolences to Michael Huffman, our Director of Music Ministries, on the passing of his mother, Jeanne Huffman, who died on March 14, 2019 at the age of 89 years.

We offer our sincere condolences to Geri Yarnall on the passing of her youngest sister, Anita Louise Shires, who passed away on March 13, 2019 at the age of 83 years.

Baptism

Welcome to Liam Michael Reinhard, son of Dan & Erin Reinhard – March 10, 2019
Grandson of Keith & Donna Reinhard, and Great Grandson of Louise Reinhard

From the Pastor …

So many thoughts are whirling in my mind as I attempt to sum up the journey of this season of Lent. The word cloud above names but a few. Which of the words speak to you and the path you are on?

These past weeks, some have chosen to give up something that is special in their life. Others have tried the practice of fasting, refraining from a behavior they would like to leave behind. Some take up a new prayer practice, finding ways to connect with the divine in everyday, even routine activities. Some of us think of the emotions associated with reflections and repentance, considering how we feel about our relationships with God and our neighbors. Others are on a path of study, seeking to understand the mind of God and what exactly it was that led Jesus to the cross. Whatever you have chosen as your intention for Lent, I hope that it helps you connect the dots between this season and the rest of your days.

All of life is interconnected, and the experiences of each day can help inform our future. With that in mind, I want to say a bit about one of my intentions this Lent. Last Sunday I mentioned that my intention is celebration. Now that may seem out of place in what is usually viewed as a somber time. And yet, while some churches “bury the Alleluia” for Lent others do not. Did you know that the forty days of Lent do not include Sundays? Yes, even in Lent, on Sundays we remember that we are an Easter people, and we celebrate! I have noticed that many of us, myself included, get so caught up in trying to meet expectations in our faith community, that we forget to be joyful and celebrate. We think we are just doing what is expected and forget how much following in the way of Christ enriches our lives. It becomes, if not drudgery, just a routine. So this season and throughout the year, let’s take time to notice and to lift up how God is showing up in our lives and in the work and witness of people around us. Let’s be mindful of the grace and transformation that is the gift of faithfulness, and let’s celebrate!

Wishing you a Blessed Lent and a Joyful Easter!

Pastor Judy

Continuing in 2019:

Join me Tuesdays at the Parkland Diner for Out of Office Hours. Drop by any time between 12:30 – 2:30 PM for lunch or dessert, coffee or tea. Share what's on your mind, voice your prayer concerns, respond to Sunday's sermon, look at next week's lectionary readings, discuss what's going on in the community. I look forward to seeing you and finding where the Spirit leads.

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Community Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 13 – 1:00 pm

(Rain date is Sunday, April 14 at 3:00 pm)

Children ages 1 – 10 years

Lots of Prizes and a visit from the Easter Bunny!

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Easter Flower Sale continues thru Sunday, April 7

We are offering 4 different flowers – dwarf irises, regular sized daffodils, mini-daffodils, and tulips, as noted in the church bulletin. Please complete your form and place in the offering plate with payment. You may also mail the form with your payment to the church office.

NAME_____ **PHONE NO.** _____

____ Dwarf Irises (Bluish/Purple) – 6" pot w/foil Total Number of Plants _____

____ Daffodils (Yellow - Large Flower) – 6" pot w/foil Amount Enclosed _____

____ Mini-Daffodils – 6" pot w/foil

____ Tulips (miscellaneous colors – first come/first served) – 6 blooms in pot w/foil

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Welcome to our Church Family

On Sunday, March 31, we will welcome the following new members into our congregation:

Mark and Stephanie Miller, and their two children, Ian and Elle Miller
Mark is a former member of UCCG, and the son of Alan and Candy Miller. Alan is the former Conference Minister of PNEC and a former pastor of UCCG.

Michael Huffman, our Director of Music Ministries

Nelly Roeder, wife of member, Jason Roeder

Lani Senftleben, mother of one of this year's confirmation students, Evan Senftleben

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Thank you from the **Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank** for the generous donations of $787.00 and 4 boxes of food.

Thank you from the **Amigos de Guatemala Committee** for the generous contribution of $375.00 toward the building project in Monte Margarita, Guatemala. The multi-use community and health center is targeted for completion this spring.

Thank you from **Bethany Children's Home** for the generous gift of $375.00 to the Wider Church Mission. Through these special gifts, we can provide each youth an opportunity to receive educational support enrichment, music therapy, arts and recreation, therapeutic services, and a caring, structured environment in which to live.

Thank you from **Linda and Charlie Roeder** for all your kind words, thoughts, prayers and expressions of sympathy on the passing of Linda's mother, Violet Baer.

Thank you from **Geri Yarnall** for the many birthday cards and phone calls on the occasion of her 97th birthday. Also, thank you for the kind words and expressions of sympathy on the passing of her youngest sister, Anita Louise Shires.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM MINISTRY COUNCIL: March 14, 2019

Next Meeting April 11th – 6:00 pm

- First meeting with new start time (6:00 pm)
- Devotions provided by Janine Hensinger.
- Tonight's Ministry Council offering went towards the Puerto Rico mission trip.
- Approval of February Council minutes.
- Financial Secretary's and Treasurer's reports accepted with general discussion.
- February was a black month due to increased giving and no oil expenditures.
- 4 Rs to Revenue increase reviewed. Have seen a spike in E-Giving of approximately $700 per month in January and February, versus our 2018 monthly average.
- Discussed ideas around changing the Financial Secretary Position, "Counting Captain" proposal and letter to Elders.
- Idea floated to use Family Promise funds toward a portion of heating costs
- Ministry Team reports shared by Finance & Budget, Mission, Music & Worship, Property, and the Pastor.
- Pastor items: Vitality updates / Book group / Confirmation / AV / Family Promise / Continuing education plans / Vacation time
- Property to investigate lift expense and replacement of fire extinguishers
- New Copier agreement to be decided by Finance & Budget
- Proposed gift ideas shared re: Janet
- Rental income: Hope UCC's change of heart
- Family Promise updates
- Vitality Seminar updates
- Audio / Visual gift discussed with follow-up action.

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Family Promise®
of Lehigh Valley

The next UCCG Host Week is June 2-9, 2019

The Family Promise Homecoming Event is Saturday, March 30, 2019.
We will provide an update after the event.

Ladies In Faith Together - April 12 – 6:00 pm

Movie Night at Pastor Judy's Place

Light supper and viewing of "Mary Poppins Returns"

Women's Guild meets April 24 at 10:00 am

Chow-Chow Making

Place your order on the chart in the Narthex or contact Louise Reinhard. Please return any jars from past purchases of Chow-Chow, as we will sanitize them for future sales. There is a basket in the narthex where you may place the jars. Thank you.

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Mission Ministry

3 GREAT LOVES ***LOVE OF NEIGHBOR!***

Buy a Share … To Rebuild a Community

Have you considered what you'll give up for Lent? Our mission in this congregation is to reach out to help others! Can we support a struggling community in Puerto Rico and do our share? Two members, Grant Field and Ben Gulledge, are going on a PNEC/PSEC mission trip to Puerto Rico to help rebuild the community of Luquillo near the Yunque National Forest, following last year's devastation from several hurricanes. We can support them in this effort by considering what we can "give up" for this mission during Lent, the perfect time for reflection. We'll forego a second mission offering during worship in March.

To make it a little more fun, we will build houses on the back wall of the sanctuary using removable "puzzle" pieces, each representing a "share" of the work Grant & Ben will perform. The "shares" for purchase will be in various increments so that you can select your share as part of the mission project. Our hope is that by the end of the Lenten season, we will have "given up" enough support to pay the balance of their trip, totaling $1000.

Buy a Share … To Rebuild a Community

OGHS - How can one person change the world?

Sponsor a child . . . Plant a tree . . . Rebuild a home . . . Visit a prisoner . . . Be a mentor . . . Teach . . . Serve a meal . . . Bring water to the desert . . . Pray . . . Donate . . . the opportunities are endless. And they're all right here. What part of our world is waiting for you to make a difference?

One Great Hour of Sharing is the annual Lenten offering of the United Church of Christ that supports disaster, refugee and development activities for people in need - locally, nationally and globally. Information flyers and envelopes will be provided in the bulletins. The Second Offering in April will support OGHS.

West Virginia Mission Trip is in the planning stages for 2019!

Would you like to experience a Mission Trip? A second mission trip to West Virginia is in the planning stages. It was a great experience in 2017 and due to our generous congregation you have already funded the trip. West Virginia is a 5-6 hour drive from UCCG, so we will carpool together. The cost is $50 per participant for housing.
If you are interested and would like to experience a week of hands-on mission, please contact Grant or Donna Field at 610-395-0821. We are awaiting confirmation at this time for the end of September, maximum 12-15 people.

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HANDS ONLY CPR
Saturday, April 6th – 10:00 am to Noon
Upstairs Conference Room

This is an opportunity to get familiar with Adult Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) with no need for mouth to mouth contact. No certification received – for information and personal use only. Any questions, contact Chris Gilmore at 610-434-9705.

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PNEC Spring Meeting is Saturday, May 4th
Church of the Good Shepherd in Alburtis

Our church needs a delegate to attend and to vote on behalf of our congregation.
Contact Mark Griffith or Pastor Judy for more information.

100TH ANNIVERSARY CANVAS – would you like to help complete the 100th Anniversary canvas that's hanging in the narthex? For a $20 donation, you may design your own square to help complete this project. You can do the artistry yourself or we can draw it for you – a picture, a quote or a simple message of positivity. We've named this project – TEAM POSITIVITY. Paper squares are available in the narthex near the canvas to use for sketching out your ideas. Please pass them on to Annette Fatzinger or Sue Borger with your $20 contribution. All donations will be designated to help pay down the Fellowship Hall floor balance. Thank you!

A Note from Carla Lindenmuth: Carla is looking for a few photos of the sanctuary and fellowship hall when it's set up for rental events. Does anyone have photos they're willing to allow Carla to share on our website? Please contact Carla at Carla Lindenmuth (ctlindenmuth@protonmail.com) and let her know. Thanks.

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Our Penny Party was a huge success . . . but it's not over yet!

Please join us on Saturday, May 11th at 9:00 am for the Penny Party Wrap-Up! The numbered tickets need to be sorted and boxes prepared for next year. The morning includes a continental breakfast and any age is welcome to come, as long as you are able to count to 10. Time commitment is approximately 2-3 hours.

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"Be of service in whatever ways God has planned for you today"

Giving Without Expectation

Acceptance and Trust

When you truly love, you do not judge or question.
When you truly love, you do not impose your will or hide the truth.
When you truly love, you feel it from within even when you are alone.
When you truly love, you give all with gratitude and all with humbleness.
When you truly love, the sun is a warm hug and the moon is a divine reflection of love's light.
When you truly love, life is good no matter what happens.
When you truly love, you are truly loved back.

There are people in this world who are in a position to help others, yet are reluctant to do so for fear they will not receive anything back. When you love truly, you give without expectations.

If you can help someone today, do it without question. By doing for others, life does reward us in so many ways. The old saying that things come back tenfold is a philosophy to live by. Adopt the "pay it forward" concept today and see just how your life is changed for the better.

From the book: "How to Be Positive" by Richard Osborne, 01/13/2012

Contributed to April Echoes by Annette Fatzinger

Spring is here!

April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7:00 – 8:30 PM – Boy Scouts	**2** 6:30 – 8:00 PM – Cub Scouts	**3** 10:00 – 3:00 PM – Quilters 5:00 – 7:00 PM – Labyrinth in Fellowship Hall	**4** 6:00 PM – Nursery School Board meeting	**5**	**6** 10:00 – 12:00 – CPR Presentation (Conference Rm/Fellowship Hall)
7 9:00 – Sunday School 9:30 – Choir 10:00 - Hospitality 10:30 – Worship with Holy Communion	**8** 7:00 PM – Book Club 7:00 – 8:30 PM – Boy Scouts	**9** 7:00 PM – Cub Scout Committee meeting	**10** 10:00 – 3:00 PM - Quilters	**11** 7:00 PM – Ministry Council	**12** 6:00 PM – L.I.F.T. Movie Night at Pastor Judy's	**13** 1:00 PM – Easter Egg Hunt 3-8:30 PM – Private Rental Eagle Scout Court of Honor
14 9:00 – Sunday School 9:30 – Choir 10:00 – Hospitality 10:30 – Worship 3:00 PM – Easter Egg Hunt raindate	**15** Tax Day (Taxes Due) 7:00 – 8:30 PM – Boy Scouts	**16** 6:30 – 8:00 PM – Cub Scouts	**17** 10:00 – 3:00 PM – Quilters	**18** Nursery School Easter party in Fellowship Hall	**19** Good Friday	**20**
21 Easter 8:00 Worship w/Communion 9:00 Breakfast (Fellowship Hall) 10:30 Worship w/Communion	**22** Earth Day 7:00 PM – Book Club 7:00 – 8:30 PM – Boy Scouts	**23** 6:30 – 8:00 PM – Cub Scouts	**24** Administrative Professionals Day 9:00 AM Women's Guild making chow-chow 10:00 – 3:00 PM - Quilters	**25**	**26** Arbor Day	**27** 9:00 – 6:00 PM – private rental of Fellowship Hall
28 9:00 – Sunday School 9:30 – Choir 10:00 – Hospitality 10:30 – Worship 3:00 PM – Court of Honor for Eamon Bonner (Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall)	**29** 7:00 – 8:30 PM – Boy Scouts	**30** 7:00 PM – Cub Scout Committee meeting	**2nd Offering on April 14 & April 28 for One Great Hour of Sharing** Pastor Judy will be on vacation beginning Tuesday, April 30 thru and including Monday, May 6. She returns to the office on Tuesday, May 7.			

Out of the mouths of Babes . . .

During the Children's Sermon, the pastor asked the children what *Amen* means.
A little boy's hand immediately shot up: "Tha-tha-tha-that's all folks"!

Lenten Prayers for UCC Greenawalds

April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Church's name recognition in community	2 Church's reputation in community	3 Church's community partners	4 Church's denominational partners	5 Church's global partners	6 Church's cash on hand
7 Church's financial reserves	8 Church staff	9 Church member demographics	10 Church's governing body	11 Church committees and teams	12 Church worship leaders	13 Church teachers and small group leaders
Palm Sunday14 Hospitality to newcomers	15 Church's mission teams	16 Church's service to surrounding community	17 Christian formation and education ministries	18 Pastoral care ministry	19 Fellowship ministry	20 Communication ministry
Easter 21 Worship ministry	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Events

Maundy Thursday April 18

Soup Supper, Worship Stations, and Communion

Fellowship Hall 6:00 PM

Good Friday April 19

Worship in Sanctuary 7 PM

Easter Sunday April 21

Worship with Communion 8:00 AM

Breakfast 9:00 AM

Worship with Communion 10:30 AM

OUR STAFF

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Pastor Judy is usually in the office Monday – Thursday
She can be reached by phone anytime for emergencies or appointments.

Church Secretary Office Hours are Wednesday & Thursdays, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
A volunteer is available in the office on Friday mornings.
Hospital Code #439

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Members, committee chairpersons leading a group and anyone with pertinent information are encouraged to submit information and upcoming events. Submit news by email to the church office at churchoffice@uccgreenawalds.org or to Donna Field dgfield67@yahoo.com.

Sponsorship Needed for 2019 Echoes

Communication to our members is an important part of our ministry. If you cannot attend church regularly, or do not use a computer, you can remain connected with the news, our mission and upcoming activities through this newsletter.

Sponsors for the Echoes help to support the ministry of UCC Greenawalds to all members. You may sign the chart in the Narthex, including your dedication information.

We offer 3 sponsorships per month. Cost is $15.00 per sponsorship.