

**FRIENDLY VOICE**

**APRIL 2017**



*Christ  
is  
Risen!*

*Alleluia*

**LANGHORNE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**301 E. Maple Ave.,**

**Langhorne, PA 19047**

**(215) 757-4984**

## April 2017 CALENDAR

Sun., April 2.....	Church Service 9:00, 11:00 a.m. Youth Group, 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir, 7:00 p.m.
Tues., April 4.....	Bucks Mount Squires, 7:00 p.m.
Wed., April 5.....	Community Dinner 5:00 p.m. Girl Scouts , 6:00 p.m. Wesleyan Choir 7:30 p.m.
Thurs., April 6.....	Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Praise Team, 7:00 p.m. Fitness Club, 7:00 p.m.
Sun., April 9.....	PANCAKE BREAKFAST, 8:00-11:00 a.m. PALM SUNDAY -Church Service 9:00, 11:00 a.m. Youth Group, 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir, 7:00 p.m.
Tue., April 11.....	United Methodist Women, 7:00 p.m. BucksMount Squires, 7:00 p.m.
Wed., April 12.....	Girl Scouts, 6:00 p.m. Wesleyan Choir 7:30 p.m.
Thurs., April 13.....	Bible Study, 10:00 a.m. Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 p.m. Praise Team, 7:00 p.m. Fitness Club, 7:00 p.m.
Fri., April 14.....	GOOD FRIDAY, Procession of the Cross (Friends Mtg. House) 12:00 p.m. GOOD FRIDAY, Ecumenical Worship Service @ Langhorne Presbyterian, 1:15 p.m.
Sat., April 15.....	Men's Prayer Breakfast & Bible Study, 7:30 a.m. TLA Mtg. (To Live Again) 1:00 p.m.
Sun., April 16.....	EASTER Ecumenical Sunrise Service @ Core Creek Park, PAV. #6, 6:00 a.m. EASTER CHURCH SERVICES 9:00, 11:00 a.m.
Tues., April 18.....	Forward Look, 12:00 p.m. SPR Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Bucks Mount Squires, 7:00 p.m.
Wed., April 19.....	Communiity Dinnerr, 5:00 a.m. Girl Scouts , 6:00 p.m. Nominations Committee Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Wesleyan Choir 7:30 p.m.
Thur., April 20.....	Praise Team, 7:00 p.m. Fitness Club, 7:00 p.m.
Fri., April 21.....	Sr. Lunch, 12:00 a.m.
Sat., April 22.....	Men's Ministry (LBE), 8:30 a.m.
Sun., April 23.....	Church Service 9:00, 11:00 a.m. Confirmation Class, 5:30 p.m. Youth Group, 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir, 7:00 p.m.
Mon., April 24.....	Shared Meal, 6:00 p.m.
Tues., April 25.....	Four Lanes Garden Club, 8:00 a.m.
Wed., April 26.....	Girl Scouts , 6:00 p.m. Wesleyan Choir 7:30 p.m.
Thurs., April 27.....	Praise Team, 7:00 p.m. Fitness Club, 7:00 p.m.
Sat., April 29.....	Eleanors Garden (Memorial Serv.) 2:00 p.m.
Sun., April 30.....	Church Service 9:00, 11:00 a.m. Confirmation Class, 5:30 p.m. Youth Group, 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir, 7:00 p.m.

**HOLY WEEK**  
  
**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**PALM SUNDAY**

Sunday, April 9

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

Thursday, April 13

Worship Service 7:00 p.m.

**GOOD FRIDAY**

Friday, April 14

Procession of the Cross, 12:00 p.m.  
(meet at the Friends' Meetinghouse)

**GOOD FRIDAY**

Ecumenical Worship Service  
at **Langhorne Presbyterian Church**

**EASTER SUNDAY**

April 16

Ecumenical Sunrise Service, 6:00 a.m.  
Core Creek Park, Pavilion #6

**EASTER Celebration Worship  
and Communion**

Traditional Worship - 9:00 a.m.  
Contemporary Worship - 11:00 a.m.

**STEWARDSHIP IS ♥ WORK**

**Enjoy a Short Stack for a Tall Cause!**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2017 (Palm Sunday)**

**8:00 - 11:00 am**

**You're invited to a**

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER**

**to support Langhorne United Methodist Church**



**Tickets are \$6.00 in advance, \$7.00 at the Door**

**Contact Ashley Hickman 267-252-6298**

**We accept cash and checks**



## *APRIL 2017 Sanctuary Servants*

### **April 2**

Worship Assistants, 9:00 .....Erika Paton  
 Greeters, 9:00.....Marty & Marlene Kalbach  
 Ushers, 9:00 .....Sam & Joan Phillips  
 Contemporary Assistants, 11:00 .....

### **April 9 (Palm Sunday)**

Worship Assistants, 9:00..... Jeannette Hesser  
 Greeters, 9:00 .....Dot Gannon  
 Ushers, 9:00 .....Sunday School Kids  
 Contemporary Assistants, 11:00.....Daeche Family

### **April 16 (Easter)**

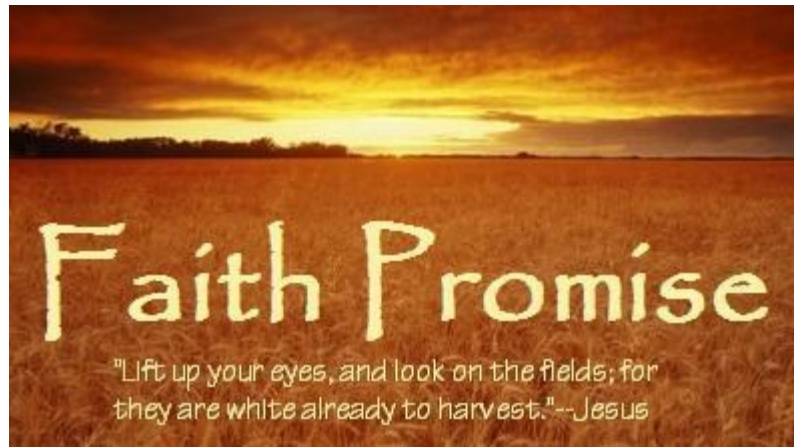
Worship Assistants, 9:00..... Linda Rutledge  
 Greeters, 9:00.....Kathy DiGregorio  
 Ushers 9:00 .....Paul & Jackie Hansen  
 Contemporary Assistants, 11:00 .....Tyler Family

### **April 23**

Worship Assistants, 9:00.....Jerry Hill  
 Greeters, 9:00.....Jeff & Robyn Rowlands  
 Ushers 9:00 .....Ron & Louise Cookson  
 Contemporary Assistants, 11:00 .....Bev Eick & Carol Annucci

### **April 30**

Worship Assistants, 9:00.....Dolores Chemey  
 Greeters, 9:00.....Elmer & Marybeth States  
 Ushers 9:00 .....Bob & Cheryl Fryer  
 Contemporary Assistants, 11:00.....Tyler Family



## FAITH PROMISES FORGOTTEN?

This notice is an urgent plea for help making everyone aware that there is a considerable shortfall of funds in the monies promised through the Faith Promise Giving Program for this past fiscal year. As of the end of February giving is behind almost by one-half of what has been promised ... note the giving versus promised chart on the Missions Bulletin Board in Fellowship Hall.

It is both the privilege and the duty of the Christian to send missionaries by means of generous financial gifts. In ways beyond all human understanding of logic or of math, God takes our gifts, multiplies them, uses them, and repays the giver with blessing. As a spirit of selfless generosity is a mark of healthy Christian, so the practice of collective benevolence is indicative of a vital church. The adage, "Show me your wallet, and I'll show you your heart," is as applicable to the church as a whole as it is to the individual.

In over 35 years of ministry, I have never seen a church's operating budget or building program hindered by a thrust for world missions. However, I have frequently watched churches stagnate when the opposite approach has been taken.

*Faith Promise Giving*, Paul Kooistra, "Mission to the World"

Would you please prayerfully consider how you can bring your promise up to date? Perhaps you forgot to share a blessing that came your way? We are not having a formal "Missions Weekend" this year but you will be given the opportunity to complete a Faith Promise Giving Card soon. Our mission year runs from May 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>, so cards will be distributed during worship services on April 30<sup>th</sup> and May 7<sup>th</sup>. Please indicate "Faith Promise" on envelope and/or checks.

Thank you from LUMC Missions & Outreach





## *Langhorne United Methodist Church*

### *Memorial Garden*

*Several years ago the concept of a garden to memorialize our loved ones was conceived. The idea was to have a place to remember the family and friends that have gone home to be with the Lord, and to reflect on the joy God brought to our lives through them. The grassy area between Fellowship Hall and the parking lot was chosen as the ideal location. This area had been underutilized and in much need of beautification.*

*Funds donated by family and friends in memory of Douglas Rowlands allowed this dream to become a reality. The addition of a gazebo and tender loving care have allowed this garden to flourish and become a place of quiet contemplation. Many nameplates have been added to the two plaques in the garden permanently memorializing loved ones.*

*If you are interested in adding a loved one's name or perhaps preordering a nameplate, please contact Jane Schmidt, Memorial Chairman. 215-757-3415*



**Come and Join us for a Family Night of Bowling**

**Saturday April 22nd 6:30 to 8:30.**

**At Pennel Lanes**

**We will have 6 lanes.**

**Price per person is \$11.00.**

**Includes shoe rental, ball, 2 pizza's per lane and unlimited soda.**

**Even if you do not bowl come out and have fun!**





## **PASTOR JOHN GOING AWAY LUNCHEON**

**Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup> 12 to 4 PM**

**At: The Knights of Columbus  
1492 Woodbourne Road  
Levittown, PA 19057**

**We will be having a buffet with a menu of: Soup & salad, Roast Turkey breast, Baked Ham, Penne Pasta, potatoes & vegetables. Rolls & butter, dessert table, soda, iced tea, coffee and tea.**

**Tickets will be available after church for the next several weeks.**

**0 to 2 years old – no cost**

**3 to 9 years old - \$6.00**

**10 years and up - \$10.00**

**We hope everyone can join us in thanking Pastor John and his family for a wonderful 20 years of service and being part of our family.**

**WE WILL MISS YOU**



## Congratulations to the Forward Look Class

2017 marks the 80th anniversary of the creation of the Forward Look Class. Over the years the women of this organization have met for Christian fellowship and devotions, and have been devoted to LUMC and its well being. They have a long history of fund raisers, dinners, bake sales, rummage sales, etc to provide things for the church as well as the Methodist Hospital, Lumina, and the living Nativity yearly.

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### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

2nd Tuesdays of the Month

7:00 P.M. - Fellowship Hall

"Inviting all women of our church and please bring a friend! Join us on Tuesday, April 11th for our UMW meeting at 7pm in fellowship hall. Light refreshment will be provided. Beverly Eick will share a program about human trafficking We will continue to learn basic crochet to make prayer shawls. Our mission outreach (April) will be collecting NEW Men's Women's Children's and baby clothing, shoes and socks, personal care items (tissues, feminine hygiene, dental care items).

Please join us for sharing Faith, Fun and Fellowship!"

***Not everyone can make all the church meetings, attached are the minutes from the March Administrative Meeting so you can be aware of what is going on in the church***

**LANGHORNE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING**

***March 20, 2017***

Meeting was opened with comments and prayer by Paul Hansen.

First item on the agenda was the luncheon for Pastor John. The luncheon committee asked Ad Board if we could use money from the Reserve Giving Fund to supplement the cost of the luncheon. Pete Curtin made a motion that we use the RGF money needed, motion was seconded by Karen Arner, motion passed.

**YOUTH:** (1) Before Pete spoke, Paul commented on how wonderful the service was on Youth Sunday, and what a blessing Pete has been for the youth, and the church over the past 10 years. (2) The 30 hour famine raised \$1,916 for World Vision. (3) Annual Flower Sale is coming up. Flowers will be here for Mother's Day.

**STEEPLE KIDS:** School is full, and going well. We've sent a questionnaire around to the families, waiting for responses.

**MUSIC:** Youth Sunday was mentioned again for the wonderful music.

**COM:** (1) The Good Friday cross walk will begin at Friends Meeting at noon, and will end at Langhorne Presbyterian church. Services begin at 1:30. (2) Bill and Barbara Jordan are working on organizing the Prayer Hotline. Hope to have a couple of hours a week where people can call in. (3) Pancake breakfast will be on Palm Sunday. (4) Holy Thursday there will be a drama skit. (5) Easter Sunday Sunrise Service will be held at Pavilion #6 at 6 AM.

**STEWARDSHIP:** Upcoming activities include bowling and a trip to the Trenton Thunder.

**TRUSTEES:** Last meeting was spent prioritizing the to-do list for this year.

**FINANCE:** (1) So far we are on budget for revenue and expenses. (2) Faith Promise giving has declined in proportion with the general giving. There will be a meeting of the Missions Committee on Saturday to address the issue.

**SPR:** (1) Pastor John pointed out that SPR needs to reassign liaisons. They are also responsible for hiring a new Youth Leader. (2) Paul pointed out that they should try and schedule their meetings before Ad Board, so there is something current to report. (3) The States, Curtins and Raabs are no longer going to be doing the Living Nativity. The Nominating Committee will need to find replacements.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** (1) The States, Curtins and Raabs are no longer going to be doing the Living Nativity. The Nominating Committee will need to find replacements. (2) Next meeting is March 29<sup>th</sup>.

**DISCUSSION OF NEW IDEAS:** Last month we came up with several new ideas. This month, we received updates as to what has happened so far:

(1) Website Committee: Had a very productive first meeting. Going to meet every three weeks or so to keep the momentum going.

(2) Outdoor Service: No meeting yet, Mike Kephart is doing investigating on how to market the idea. Babs talked about placing ads in the Courier Times. She volunteered to be in charge of this if we decide to do it. She also mentioned that we could have our information placed in a directory placed in the BCCT Discovery Magazine for a one-time fee of \$95. Debbie Letham made a motion that we do this, motion seconded by Karen Arner, motion passed.

(3) Saturday Service: There are no Saturday services around our area, but this idea could be hard to carry out if there is only one Pastor. The feeling is it should be a blended service. It was suggested maybe this idea should be tabled until the new pastor has settled in. There were no objections to the idea, just holding on for a few months.

(4) Sunday School: No meeting as yet. Maybe SPR could post a Christian Education position, where the youth leader would also be the Sunday School superintendent - obviously a paid position.

**UPCOMING DATES:**

- (1) April 2, Bob Everett will be preaching.
- (2) Meeting of SPR on 4/18
- (3) Four Lanes End Garden Club will be in Fellowship Hall on 4/25
- (4) District Tools for Ministry at Bensalem UMC on 4/29
- (5) District Conference at Huntington Valley from 3-6 PM on 5/21
- (6) Bob Everett preaching on 5/30
- (7) Pentecost Sunday is 6/4
- (8) Transition Workshop for PJ on 6/10
- (10) Annual Conference is 6/15-17

Minutes submitted by:

Erika Paton





## **A LOOK** *at the* **BUDGET**

### **Our Church Finances**

*Finance Committee, Chuck Boyle, Chairperson*

**February 2017**

We have started 2017 right on plan from a financial perspective. Both total revenues and total expenses are very close to budget, delivering a break even bottom line as of the end of February. Our cash position is also positive. This is a good beginning and hopefully the next ten months will fall in line as nicely. We are blessed with a loving and supportive church family.

For the year to date on the revenue side we finished \$700 below our budget. The actual financial report shows a miss of budget by \$3,500 but the February payment from Steeple Kids of \$2,800 was posted in March and should be added back into February, correcting the budget shortfall to just \$700. General offerings exceeded expectations by beating the budget by \$1,400. This is good to see. General offerings came in very close to the same period in 2016. The major differences between our budget and actual revenue are noted below:

1. Total offerings are over budget by \$1,400.
2. Steeple Kids shared expense payments are reported at \$2,800 below budget but they are really right on budget because the February payment was recorded in March. This timing issue will clear itself up next month.
3. Investment returns from the McKay Fund are \$1,700 less than budget. We have checked with the Trustees and they confirmed that there have not been any changes in the way this fund is invested. Most likely it is a timing issue that will correct itself through the balance of the year.

On the expense side for the year we reported \$200 under budget for the first two months on this year. The major differences between our budget and actual expenses are noted below:

1. Sexton compensation and supplies are \$400 less than budget.
2. Business operations are \$300 less than budget.
3. Accounting software expenses are more than budget by \$400. An annual payment for this expense was made to take advantage of a discount. No further expense will be incurred this year.
4. Caring ministry expenses are \$500 more than budget, but this should reverse itself next month as reimbursement checks from the Men's Group are expected to cover this overage.

## Our Church Finances (cont'd)

5. Youth expenses are \$500 less than budget, but this will reverse itself next month as payments to our youth program will be made in March.
6. Payroll processing fees are \$300 less than budget. This is a budget allocation error that should correct itself through the year.
7. Postage expense is \$250 less than budget.
8. Office Supplies are \$1,000 more than budget. Envelopes and check stock were purchased. This expense occurs only one-time every two years or so.
9. Utility expenses are \$200 less than budget.

This leaves us with a net operating gain of \$200 when we add in the revenue from Steeple Kids that was recorded in March but is really for the month of February.

As of the end of February we have \$48,500 in the L.U.M.C. general fund. This is the financial cushion that we need to move forward.

The Reserve Giving Fund continues to grow nicely thanks to our congregation. As of the end of February the balance in this fund is \$5,000.

If any member of the church would like to receive a copy of the church's full financial reports please place a note in the finance committee mail box outside of the secretary's office.





### APRIL SENIOR BIRTHDAYS

Send our Seniors a Birthday Card and let them know you are thinking of them!!!!

April 10th Bob Hesser - 771 Cypress Ave., Langhorne, PA 19047

April 11th Helen McDonald—1276 Thames Crescent, Yardley, PA 19067

Sam Phillips—4301 S. Woodland Drive, Bensalem, PA 19020

April 15th Vic Campo—61 Milton St., Feasterville, PA 19053

April 20th Joan Yuhas—3318 Fonthill Ct., Langhorne, PA 19047



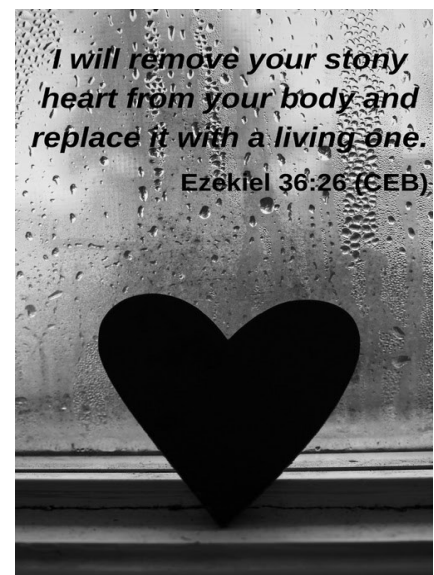
BECOME A MEMBER OF LANGHORNE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

All of those who express an interest in joining the church, please call Pastor John at 215 757-4984 or e-mail him at [revjutz@comcast.net](mailto:revjutz@comcast.net)

## Preparing for a New, Living Heart

The season of Lent, which began on Ash Wednesday, provides us the opportunity to prepare for the renewal, recreation and resurrection that comes with Easter. “Lent” comes from the Old English word *lencten* meaning “spring,” as in the season of the year, or literally the “lengthening of daylight hours.” This season represents the 40 days of Jesus’ time in the wilderness being tempted by Satan and preparing for his ministry. Our preparation can include intentional reflection, study, and repentance. The meditation on Ezekiel 36 invites us to examine our hardened, stony hearts and ask for the softening, or healing, that God offers us through Jesus Christ when we repent. Recognizing how our hearts have hardened and asking for renewal is one way we repent.

Hardened hearts affect our ability to reflect God’s boundless love to others. At least, a hardened, stony heart makes us indifferent to the suffering of others. At worst, it makes us unreceptive to God’s love and God’s gift of life through Jesus Christ. As the meditation suggests, pray for a changed heart. After praying, look for ways to act as if you have a softened heart. You might reach out to a member of your Covenant group with whom you are less familiar or with whom you may have disagreed while studying scripture. Offer to spend time listening to him/her. Perhaps suggest an act of service you might engage in together such as preparing a meal for or visiting a shut-in, volunteering one afternoon at a food bank or homeless shelter, completing a small maintenance project at the church, etc. God often works through our actions.







The St. Mary Thrift Store



**The Spring season is right around the corner! As you are beginning your Spring cleaning, St. Mary Thrift Store would like to give a friendly reminder that we are looking for donations.**

**We accept donations of Furniture/Accessories, Glassware/Ceramics, Clothing (Mens, Womens, & Childrens), Books/Games, Jewelry, & Seasonal/Misc.**

**We accept donations in all of the categories noted from**

**Monday – Friday: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

**Saturday: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

**Mary Mullany, Store Manager**

**Phone: 215.750.8400**

**Fax: 215.750.8456**

**St. Mary Thrift Store**

**Pine Watson Shopping Center**

**140 N. Pine Street**

**Langhorne, PA 19047**



## **Langhorne United Methodist Church**

**301 East Maple Ave., Langhorne PA , (215) 757-4984**

**lumc-online.org**

**Rev. John Lutz, Pastor, revjlutz@comcast.net**



**JOIN US FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP!**

**Sunday Worship Hours:**

**Traditional Worship, 9:00 a.m.**

**Contemporary Worship, 11:00 a.m.**

**John Lutz, Senior Pastor, revjlutz@comcast.net**

**Bill Bryan, Director of Congregational Care, bbryan104@comcast.net**

**Erika Paton Lay Leader, jerp1968@verizon.net**

**Church Secretary, langhorneumc@gmail.com**

**Bryan Sengdala, Choir Director, brianvsengdala@gmail.com**

**Anthony Vigile, Contemporary Worship Leader, Anthony.vigile@gmail.com**

**Kerry Fenton, Organist, kerryafenton@yahoo.com**

**Pete Curtin, Youth Director, physed7383@comcast.net**

**Amy Hansen, Treasurer, lumctreasurer@comcast.net**

**Amy Rodda, Steeple Kids Director, steeplekids@comcast.net**