FRIENDLY VOICE APRIL 2018





LANGHORNE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

301 E. Maple Ave.,

Langhorne, PA 19047

(215) 757-4984

A note from your pastor, Rev. Laurie Pfahler - -

Christ is Risen!! Christ is Risen Indeed!!

Happy Easter Season everyone!

Monday morning I found an orange plastic egg on the floor in front of one of the doors in the Lounge. My first thought was, "Oh! They missed one," knowing that our Sunday school kids had their Easter egg hunt the day before (Palm Sunday). My second thought was, "Somebody missed out on a treat." But when I picked it up, I knew immediately that it was empty either because its contents were removed and the egg discarded, or it was empty to begin with.

Regardless, the egg was empty; and it reminded me of the metaphor countless children's message and Sunday school leaders would use to talk about the empty tomb and the gift of salvation we receive, all because of the risen Christ.

In the Gospel of John 20:1-18, Mary Magdalene's "egg," the tomb, has been opened, and the remains of her earthly gift of Christ are gone. She feels she has already lost Jesus forever despite his teachings about leaving and returning for all believers (John 14:1-7). She did not realize the tomb was *filled* with his fulfilled promises of the resurrection and life everlasting until Christ called her by name!! Christ is RISEN!!

We look to the plastic egg for the treat or gift inside that will satisfy us for a moment, and are left with wanting more because such things are temporary – earthly in nature. But the empty egg, the empty tomb is the best gift of all! Because Christ is not there, we have been given the gift of salvation and eternal life through Jesus Christ! When we pass onto that eternal life, our bodies will be empty much like that egg, or better, much like that tomb. But we will live because Christ lives!

But until that time for our new life in God's heavenly kingdom, we must sanctify God's grace in this life to help build God's kingdom here on earth and prepare for the second coming of Christ. Our righteousness comes from our faith; and then, as faithful and faith-filled people, we must put our faith into action at all times for as long as we are able. For we are Easter People! We celebrate Easter and "empty eggs" year-round. Go forth, and do great things in the name of Jesus Christ and for his sake!



"Fear of death can no more stop us from our pressing here below. For our Lord empowered us to triumph over every foe. Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go."

May you all have a very blessed and happy Easter season! With love,

Laurie, your pastor.

(Mr. Boots says, "Hello!")



¹ "Easter People Raise Your Voices" verse 2; United Methodist Hymnal 1989; #304

APRIL 2018 SANCTUARY SERVANTS

April 1
Worship Assistant 9:30Erika Paton
Greeters 9:30Marty & Marlene Kalbach
Ushers 9:30Paul & Jackie Hansen
Contemporary Assistants 11:00Boyle Family
April 8
Worship Assistant 9:30Erika Paton
Greeters 9:30
Ushers 9:30
Contemporary Assistants 11:00Tyler Family
April 15
Worship Assistant 9:30Jerry Hill
Greeters 9:30
Ushers 9:30Bob & Cheryl Fryer
Contemporary Assistants 11:00
April 22
Worship Assistant 9:30Ron Cookson
Greeters 9:30
Ushers 9:30Paul & Jackie Hansen
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Sunday School has been very busy, and we are happy to see those smiling faces of the children who come each Sunday!

Sunday School is held every Sunday from 9:30am – 10:30am during the traditional worship service. Eventually, we would like to offer it during contemporary also, but we would need more help. If anyone is interested in helping please contact Holly Rogerson at 267-879-5547 or by email at hcrogerson@gmail.com.

This month one of our lessons had to do with Bartimaeus calling out to Jesus for mercy. Since Bartimaeus was blind our discussion included how it might feel to be blind. The children enjoyed this class.

Mark 10:46-52 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

"They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. 47 When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" 48 Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" 49 Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." 50 So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. 51 Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher(a) let me see again." 52 Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

The following week we invited church member Liane Getty to come to Sunday School to share her experiences as a blind woman, mother, daughter, sister, friend, etc. Liane brought Basil her guide dog, as well as a Braille "typewriter" called a Brailer, Braille books, a special device called Color Test to help tell her the colors of items, to name a few. She read the story of Jonah and the Whale to the children from her Braille book. The kids were fascinated that the dots could actually tell a story! The children had lots of questions and Liane was great with them. Everyone learned a lot about blindness. Thanks so much Liane!

SUNDAY SCHOOL PICTURES









Come and Join us for a Family Night of Bowling 4/21/18 6:30-8:30pm

\$14 per person

Includes shoe rental, bowling ball and pizza and soda.

Penndel Bowling Center

449 W Lincoln Hwy, Penndel, PA 19047

See Linda Rutledge in Fellowship Hall or contact her by phone at 267-394-1779

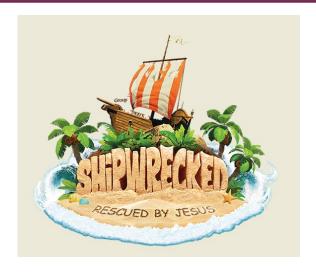


UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

2nd Tuesdays of the Month 7:00 P.M. - Fellowship Hall

Please join our United Methodist Women (no membership required, please bring a friend!) 7:00 pm Tuesdays 4/10, 5/8, and 6/12. We are a community with a purpose to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ. We gather in faith for fun, fellowship (and food) with our 2018 programs devoted to "Sacred Spaces to know God and fellow humankind". In June, our 6:30 Salad Supper will gather many local UMW units for dinner and a presentation by Polly Riddle, author and adventurer! For more information please contact Debbie Letham, Brenda Lauble or Bev Eick.

Our mission giving this month will be for UMW East District ingathering: collecting New knitted items, socks and underwear for our community in need.



We are excited to invite you to embark on a new adventure this summer with us!

SHIPWRECKED, RESCUED BY JESUS VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - JULY 23RD - 27TH

EARLY REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR VOLUNTEERS AND CAMPERS AT https://vbspro.events/p/events/vbs2018lumc

Contact DebbieLetham@gmail.com 215-588-2321

When you're lonely, JESUS RESCUES! – Jesus tells the parables about lost things...

When you worry, JESUS RESCUES! – story of Martha worrying and complaining...

When you struggle, JESUS RESCUES! – Jesus's Garden of Gesemane friends...

When you do wrong, JESUS RESCUES! – Jesus welcomes a criminal into heaven

When you are powerless, JESUS RESCUES! – Peter and John heal a lame man in Jesus's name

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 23—27TH

Contact DebbieLetham@gmail.com OR 215-588-2321







When you do wrong...Jesus rescues!

Key Bible Verse:

"Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world." (John 16:33)

Jesus welcomes a criminal before dying and coming back to life. (Luke



Bible Point:

When you're powerless...Jesus rescues!

Key Bible Verse:
"This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead."
(Ephesians 1:19-20)

Peter and John heal a lame man in Jesus' name. (Acts 3:1-26)

















2018 Langhorne UMC Missions & Outreach Celebration

Special Dinner 5:00 p.m. Saturday April 14, 2018 Celebration Program

Sunday April 15th
Visit Ministry Tables
Hear what God
is doing
Near and Far













2018 Langhorne UMC Missions & Outreach Celebration

Aid For Friends

... is the largest and most comprehensive Free meal delivery program in the five county Greater Philadelphia region; continuously in operation since 1974, we serve over 1800 individuals currently, making us 10 times the size of the typical meal service in the area and have served over 14,000 friends since our inception. AFF always needs volunteer cooks and visitors!

Web: http://aidforfriends.org/

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/AidForFriends

A Woman's Place

... envisions a society where all individuals are safe in their relationships and can flourish. AWP is a community-based social change organization committed to the empowerment of women and to ending intimate and domestic violence for all. 24 Hour Crisis Hotline: (800) 220-8116

Website: http://www.awomansplace.org Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/awomansplace

ChoiceOne | Pregnancy & Sexual Health Resource Centers

... acts as a positive change agent in the areas of human sexuality, family unity, and pregnancy; to provide women and girls along with their partners, practical assistance and positive alternatives to abortion; as well as to provide STD screening, STD support counseling, abstinence training/school-church programs, bereavement counseling, parenting classes, relationship counseling, family counseling, father's program, GED, employment training, medical assistance, and referrals for housing and adoption.

Web: http://choiceonesupport.org/ Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/groups/334018481837/

David and Sandel Livingstone | The JESUS Film Project

... have been on CCC staff since 1982 serving with two different CCC ministries. For 14 years we enjoyed working with high school students through Student Venture, where we lived in the Philadelphia and Denver areas. Presently, we minister with The Jesus Film Project as Regional Representatives in the NorthEast and Mid-Atlantic States, living near Philadelphia. We speak frequently on behalf of The JESUS Film Project and would be available to make a presentation at your church or group.

Web: www.jesusfilm.org Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/jesusfilm/

Stephen & Gail Quigg | United Methodist Mission Advocates

... are career missionaries with the United Methodist Global Ministries. After 36 years of aviation-related ministry, they are now serving as the Mission Advocates (MAs) for the North-Central Jurisdiction. MAs are missionaries assigned to help annual conferences, districts, and local churches understand and participate in global mission.

Web: http://www.umcmission.org/

http://www.umcmission.org/Explore-Our-Work/Missionaries-in-Service/Missionary-Profiles/Quigg-Stephen-Paul

Correen Russo | LUMINA Outreach

Lancaster United Methodist Inner-City Alliance, also known as LUMINA, is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, or scientific purposes. The corporation exists to offer the impoverished in Lancaster County the light of hope: to encourage children and youth through Christian character building, to empower families through life skill education, and to equip those in need with basic necessities and proper clothing for work and school.

2018 Langhorne UMC Missions & Outreach Celebration

Shores of Grace Philadelphia - Shores Philly

Luke and Alisan Billman's vision is to equip the residents of North Philadelphia to restore their neighborhoods and families. The ministry's focus will be on shifting the culture of this area from prostitution, drug use, and homelessness to a place where men don't buy sex, women aren't driven to sell their bodies for the next fix, and the streets are safe for children to play.

Web: www.shoresofgrace.com
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/shoresphilly/

Woods Services

... is a leading advocacy and service organization for people with exceptional challenges, disabilities and complex needs. We envision a world where an individual has opportunities and supports that promotes self-determination, the joy of achievement and a fulfilling life.

Web: <u>www.woods.org/</u> Facebook: <u>www.facebook.com/WoodsOrganization/</u>

2018

Missions & Outreach Celebration

Special Dinner

5:00 p.m. Saturday

April 14, 2018

Celebration Program

If your last name begins with A-L you are asked to please bring a salad. M-Z please bring a desert

VOLUNTEER TO BE A HOST

Radical Hospitality 2018 Missions & Outreach Celebration

We would like to show our Missions & Outreach guests some Radical Hospitality.**

ANSWER THE CALL AND VOLUNTEER TO BE A HOST TO OUR GUESTS

As a host you would be buildied up with one of the <u>Swistingm is sions to is ionaries</u>. You would be their personal guide showing them where the different locations within the church building are situated. Enjoy the Saturday evening meal with them, point out restrooms, sanctuary, etc. Accompany them to the sanctuary after dinner. Meet them Sunday manning to guide and accompany them to their appointed locations, introduce them, etc. Join us for a losing and farewell buncheon.

**What Is Radical Hospitality? (by Robert Schrase)

Gracious and loving God, you desire us to invite, welcome, receive, and care for those who are strangers so that they may find a spiritual home and discover for them selves the unending richness of life in Christ. You call us to go out of our way—even at the risk of a sense of awhwardness and inconvenience—to invite people into the life and ministry of the church. Help us to genuinely love others who are not yet part of the faith community—to reach out to those we do not yet know. And give us the willingness to change our attitudes and behaviors in order to meet the needs of newcomers and receive them into the life of our congregation. An en

Some guiding Scriptures:

- Jesus said, "I was a stranger and you welcomed me." (Matthew 2533b).
- "Tony or were strangers in the kind of Egypt." (Deuteronomy 10:19b).
- "Donot neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it." (Hebrews 13:2)

In the context of our Missions & Outreach Celebration here are some thoughts:

- Meet the basic needs of our guests. Welcome and greet our guests, help them get comfortable and feel at home. Be their guide around the church facilities, be their timeclock to get them to their proper destination on time.
- Think outside the box, greet and guide our guests as if they are your personal guests—they are! Be a curious new friend ... curious about what they do, what their needs are, what they long for ... embrace them as the new friends they are!
- Strive without ceasing to exceed expectations to accommodate and include your guests? What new items have the yhad about their ministry? Have they been able to implement any of them?
- w. When possible, introduce your guest to members of the congregation.
- w. Do your best to anticipate their reeds and make them feel at home in our church.
- What could happen if everyministry of our church were to adopt an invitational posture and consider how to reach those not yet present? How might various ministries of our church begin to do this?

A word of thanks from:





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Email: redeemerlutheranchurchpenndel@verizon.net

Website: redeemerlutheranpenndel.org Pastor: Rev. Heeralal Mukesh Cheedie

Our Mission: As a community of faith we worship the Triune God. We are called to love and serve all God's people and creation through word and deed.

March 20, 2018

Pastor Laurie Pfahler and Confirmation Class 301 E. Maple Avenue Langhorne, PA 19047

Dear Pastor Laurie and Confirmands,

On behalf of the members of Redeemer Lutheran Church, we sincerely thank you for your donation of 20+ bags of food for our Food Pantry Ministry. We understand that you collected food as part of your confirmation project. Thank you so much for thinking of Redeemer and our small but very busy food pantry. Your donation was very timely as our supplies are running low. We thank you for thinking of those in need; especially at this time of the year.

Your donation is such a blessing to the people in need who visit our food pantry. All of the visitors to the pantry are so appreciative of how the community is sharing their blessings with them.

Thanks again for your generosity, kindness and compassion for our community as well as for those in need, through this donation.

Sincerely.

ndre John Slaughter Karen Kondrk, John Slaughter

Coordinators, Food Pantry Ministry

Matthew 25:40

40 "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'



Spring Clean Up Day is Saturday, April 21, from 9:00 a.m. until noon. If you know of a job that needs to be added to the list, put the information in the Trustees mailbox.

If you can help clean up the church, PLEASE just come or contact:

Ron Cookson at cwe5gunner@gmail.com.

There are plenty of jobs for everyone!



DID YOU NOTICE OUR NEW ADDITION?

There is now a TV Screen in Fellowship Hall to run all our announcements.

This has become quite a positive step to improving communication in our church. We are working on making Communication better and

Finance Committee, Chuck Boyle, Chairperson February 2018

As of the end of February our church's financial status is stable. Our offerings and total income are a bit below expectations but our expenses are also below expectations. We have recorded a small loss year-to-date but the loss is less than what was budgeted for this period. It is too early make a solid financial prediction for 2018 but we are always optimistic.

Outlined for you below are the significant areas of our financial reporting that are coming in differently than what was budgeted for year-to-date through February 2018.

On the revenue side our total revenues equaled \$46,500, which is \$1,300 below our budget. The major differences between our budget and actual revenue are noted below:

General offerings came in \$5,100 below the budget. This is not a good start for the year but it is hoped that this will improve as members catch up on their offerings.

Facility usage income is \$800 more than the budget. The use of our church by others is rather hard to predict and will fluctuate through the year.

Donations for flowers came in \$400 above the budget.

Our Wednesday night dinners are \$500 below the budget. Lyn Wallace, the founder and leader of this outreach program had personal medical matters to deal with and, as such, there were fewer dinners. We thank Lyn for her hard work and hear that she is feeling much better.

Investment returns from the McKay Fund are \$2,600 more than budget. This is most likely a timing issue that should correct itself over the year. The proceeds from this trust can come in at times that do not coincide with our monthly reporting.

On the expense side for the year we reported total expense of \$48,200, which is \$2,400 under our budget. The controlling of our expenses can result in a good bottom line this year. The hard work of our staff, committees, and congregation can make this possible. The major differences between our budget and actual expenses are noted below:

Altar flower expense was \$1,000 more than the budget. The vendor that we buy flowers from does not always send us timely billings and as a result this expense category can be a bit lumpy. This should correct itself over the year.

Youth transportation was \$300 less than the budget.

Youth funding from the LUMC general account is \$300 more than budget. The March payment was made in February. This will correct itself next month.

Music copyright fees are \$200 less than budgeted. This will correct itself over time.

Music supplies are \$500 more than budget. This is due to the purchase of a new sound board that is used in our sanctuary.

Choir director's compensation was \$1,400 less than the budget because this position is vacant.

Church Secretary compensation was \$900 less than the budget. This position was reduced from two part-time professionals to one with extended hours for that person. The office also is now closed on Fridays.

Sexton compensation was \$500 less than the budget. This area will fluctuate over time based on the amount of overtime worked.

Our Pastor's CPE allowance was \$500 less than the budget.

Social security tax expense was \$200 less than the budget because of a reduction in total staff compensation expenses.

Payroll processing fees are \$200 less than the budget. This is both a timing issue and due to having a smaller staff.

Organ and piano maintenance are \$500 more than budget. This will correct itself over time as bills do not always match up with the budget on a monthly basis.

Utility expenses were \$100 less than the budget.

Office operation expenses were \$800 less than the budget. This will correct itself over time as bills do not always match up with the budget on a monthly basis.

This leaves us with a year-to-date net operating loss of \$1,700, which is \$1,000 better than our budget. Financial stability is challenging to accomplish and maintain. Together, in 2018, we can achieve success.

As of the end of February we have \$47,700 in the L.U.M.C. general fund. This provides the financial cushion that we need.

The Reserve Giving Fund continues to grow nicely thanks to our congregation. As of the end of February the balance in this fund is \$12,600.

Faith promise offerings year-to-date continue to be not enough to cover our missionary support expenditures. We had to take \$600 from the Faith Promise Reserve Fund to cover this shortfall. The unused cash reserve balance is currently \$4,400. At the present rate this cash reserve will be fully used within 14 months from now.

The church audit for 2017 is very close to completion. The final audit report should be completed by the beginning of May.

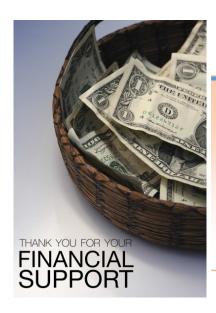
The 2018 budget was brought to the Administrative Board in January of this year but tabled for approval until March due to time constraints by Administrative Board. This budget was approved at the March meeting.

If any member of the church would like to receive a copy of the church's 2018 financial budget and/or detailed 2017 financial reports please place a note in the finance committee mail box outside of the secretary's office.

LANGHORNE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Budget vs. Actuals: 2018 BUDGET - FY18 P&L

January - February, 2018

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		Actual		Budget	0	ver Budget	% of Budget
Revenue							
4100 Income		46,460.02		47,808.72		-1,348.70	97.18%
Total Revenue	\$	46,460.02	\$	47,808.72	-\$	1,348.70	97.18%
Gross Profit	\$	46,460.02	\$	47,808.72	-\$	1,348.70	97.18%
Expenditures							
5100 Administrative Board		5,797.46		5,797.46		0.00	100.00%
5200 Council on Ministries		3,977.74		2,157.50		1,820.24	184.37%
5700 Staff Parish Relations		25,645.60		29,276.84		-3,631.24	87.60%
5800 Trustees		11,431.26		11,449.68		-18.42	99.84%
5900 Business Operations		1,408.29		1,855.26		-446.97	75.91%
Unapplied Cash Bill Payment Expenditure		-75.00				-75.00	
Total Expenditures	\$	48,185.35	\$	50,536.74	-\$	2,351.39	95.35%
Net Operating Revenue	-\$	1,725.33	-\$	2,728.02	\$	1,002.69	63.24%



"Thank you for your continued support. We are the Church and its future is in our hands. Lord, What do You want me to do?...." (Acts 9:6).



APRIL SENIOR BIRTHDAYS

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

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

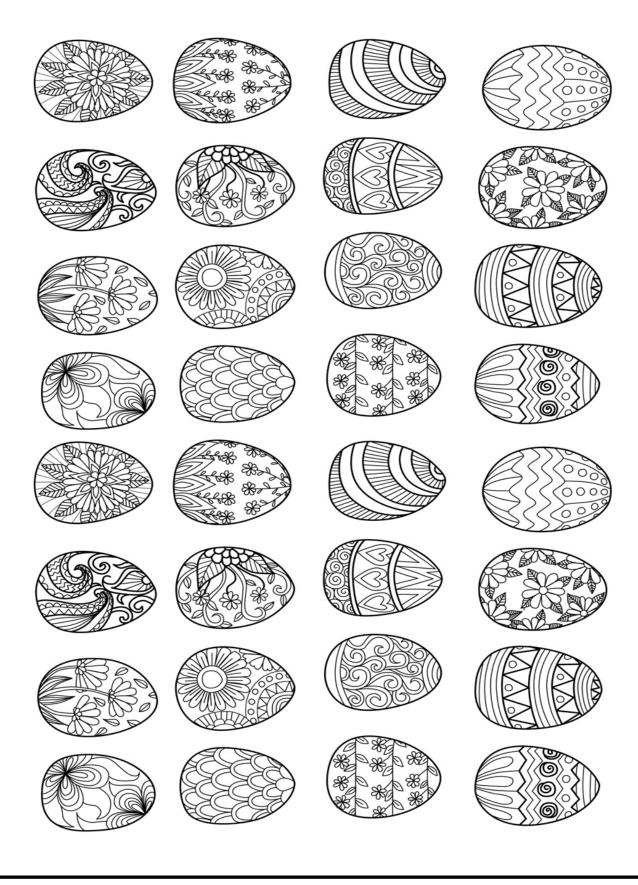
April 20th Joan Yuhas—3318 Fonthill Ct., Langhorne, PA 19047

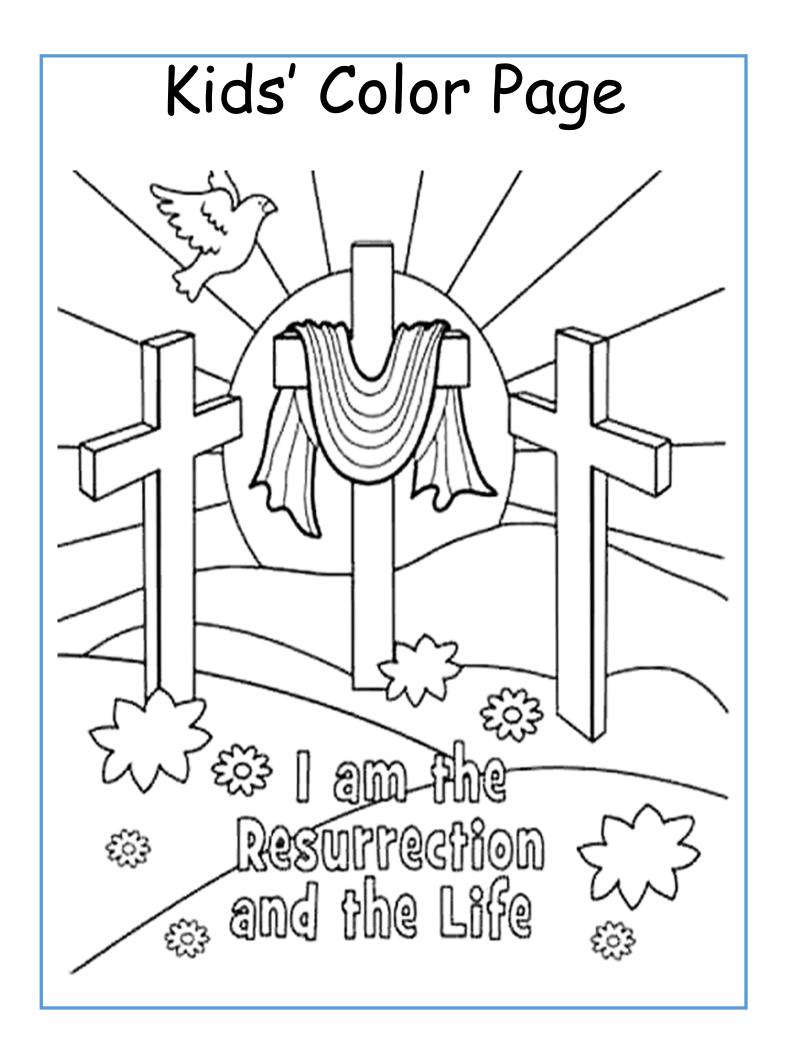
April 29th Kurt Tommuscheit—2304 Brownsville Rd., Apt. B, Trevose, PA 19053

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JOIN US FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP! Sunday Worship Hours:

9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School
10 -11:00 a.m. - Adult Sunday School *
11- 12:00 a.m. - Adult Sunday School *
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship
*2 Adult Sunday School Classes being held pick which time is best for you.

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