

The Friendly Voice

MARCH 2019



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Mark 4:1-20

Greetings to All!

As we wind down the winter season and enter into spring (Mar. 20!!), I recall my father prepping the garden around this time, despite the possibility of one last snow. The ground tended to be somewhat thawed, and often a bit muddy; and there were always bits of sticks and leaves to deal with. The sticks and great clumps of leaves would be removed along with any large dead pieces of the previous year's plantings. Small amounts of leaves and plants would be left and turned into the ground as food for the new growth of vegetables.



Planning and choosing what went in the garden early was important to my father. And since it was March, he always started the planting with peas. Everything else was planted bit by bit as he could get the seeds or plants, and as the space would allow. Lettuce, scallions, tomatoes, yellow squash and zucchini, green beans, wax beans, cucumbers, radishes, cabbage,...even the occasional watermelon made it into my father's garden at one time or another.

Wherever we moved to, my father would take the time to choose the right plot of ground for his garden. He avoided wasting the seeds on compressed pathways, rocky surfaces with thin soil and areas with unmanageable weeds and thorns. He chose the best ground to receive the seeds and baby plants knowing they had a better chance of growing there with his constant maintenance and love.

In the church, it is a little different because we work with the spiritual in an earthly world. The sower does not discriminate and choose specific prepared soil, but places the seed -- spreads the Word -- wherever she or he is able. The grounds -- the people -- receive it as they have presented themselves. For some, the Word goes in one ear and out the other. They may not be ready yet; or they may be unaware of the gift; or, they think they know it all and what they hear does not apply to them. For others, they receive the Word with enthusiasm, but it is short lived because of the challenges the

Word brings. And still there are others who reject the Word shortly after hearing it. They are easily distracted by earthly things and they willingly push the Word aside, often doing damage to themselves, and sometimes others, in the process.



But the sower continues to spread the Word everywhere, to all people, no matter the type or condition of the soil because of the love of Jesus Christ, the grace of God, and the hope that grace brings. Sometimes the Word falls on soil in need of help. God's grace sees us for who and what we are. God

sees the potential for good soil in ALL of us. *ALL of us*. We can be made aware of God's grace and our sin and be transformed, converted through the grace of forgiveness and receive the Word, with new healthy soil that will allow that seed to grow and flourish as we accept our call to do God's work in faith and love. God's grace can then be sanctified in the work we do on behalf of Christ. We can then illuminate others so that they may open their eyes to the presence of God and God's grace, and open their hearts to the work of the Holy Spirit.

Checking your "soil," your receptivity, to the Word, is basic daily maintenance. We need to be ready to receive the Word whenever and wherever it is sown. Sometimes you may need an adjustment -- to be fed at the table or to drink living water; or there may be a time when you may need to be transformed again by the saving grace of God through Jesus Christ.

My friends, be open to the Word, and be sure to let ALL others know that God's grace is there and available for them, too. Allow them to have the opportunity to be transformed and to take in the Word so that they may truly grow in the grace of God through Jesus Christ.

In Christ's Peace and Love, and in God's ever-present Grace,

Laurie, your pastor
Rev. Laurie J. Pfahler



... "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and it sprang up quickly, since it had no depth of soil. And when the sun rose, it was scorched; and since it had no root, it withered away. Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. Other seed fell into good soil and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirty and sixty and a hundredfold." And he said, "Let anyone with ears to hear listen!"...

Mark 4:3-9 NRSV





**Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the
United Methodist Church
Office of the Bishop**



*From our Bishop concerning the Way Forward decision:
Reflections on General Conference 2019:*

Feb 27, 2019

I bid you grace and peace from the Lord Jesus Christ.

During the Monday night worship service at General Conference this week we read the following version of the Wesley Covenant Prayer:

*The church is not ours but Yours, O God.
Use it however You desire, rank it however You inspire.
Activate it, allow it to struggle.
Use it to demonstrate Your glory,
or let it be diminished so that You alone are praised,
Lift it up or bring it low,
whatever is more useful to Your mission of salvation.
Let the church be full, let it be empty.
Let it have it all, let it have nothing.
We freely and heartily yield the church to You
To enjoy what is Yours or to change what is Yours.
Open Your church to the fresh breezes of Your Spirit
Baptize Your church afresh with the rushing waters of Your Spirit
Renew, Revive, Renovate, Revitalize Your church,
Blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.*

I lead with this as I write to you now that the 2019 Special Session of General Conference has ended. We voted to keep the traditional tenants of our current Book of Discipline that prohibit LGBTQIA+ ordination and church marriage ceremonies. The "Traditional Plan" in its entirety did not pass because it has a number of unconstitutional petitions. The Judicial Council at their April meeting will further refine this. The "One Church Plan" (the more progressive option) did not pass and the margin of the vote was close.

I am deeply aware of the hurt and pain that this has brought upon the LGBTQIA+ community, their families and friends. I regret this pain and suffering and call us to minister grace and healing to this part of our church family. Everyone is of sacred worth and all are indispensable for the up-building of the church.

The mission and ministry of Jesus Christ is still our mission and vision. Nothing can separate us from that love of God. Let us continue this work in the strength of the Spirit.

Bishop Peggy A. Johnson

Langhorne United Methodist Church

Mar 2019 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
24 9:30am - Children 9:30am - Traditional 11am - Contemporar 6:30pm - Bell Choir 6:30pm - Youth	25 6pm - Shared Meal 7pm - Bucks Mt.	26 7pm - Bucks Mt.	27 5:30pm - GS First 6pm - Girl Scouts 6:30pm - Sunday 7pm - Choir	28 7am - Men's Brk. 9am - Steeple Kids 7pm - Bagpipe 7pm - Choir 7pm - Praise Team	1 6:30pm - Brownie	2 8:30am - Men Min.
3 9:30am - Children 9:30am - Traditional 11am - Contemporar 6:30pm - "Gathering 6:30pm - Bell Choir	4 5pm - Brownies 7pm - Trustee's Mtg.	5 6:30pm - Daisy GS 7pm - Bucks Mt.	6 ASH WEDNESDAY 10am - Lenten Study 7pm - Choir	7 7am - Men's Brk. 9am - Steeple Kids 7pm - Bagpipe 7pm - Choir 7pm - Lenten Study	8	9
10 9:30am - Children 9:30am - Traditional 11am - Contemporar 1:30pm - Girl Scouts 5pm - Sunday Soup	11 7:30pm - GS	12 7pm - Bucks Mt. 7pm - SPR Meeting 7pm - UMW	13 10am - Lenten Study 6pm - Girl Scouts 7pm - Choir	14 7am - Men's Brk. 9am - Steeple Kids 7pm - Bagpipe 7pm - Lenten Study	15 6:30pm - Brownie	16 7:30am - Men's 1pm - TLA
17 9:30am - Children 9:30am - Traditional 11am - Contemporar 6:30pm - Bell Choir 6:30pm - Youth	18 5pm - Brownies 7pm - Ad Board Mtg.	19 6:30pm - Daisy GS 7pm - Bucks Mt.	20 10am - Lenten Study	21 7am - Men's Brk. 9am - Steeple Kids 7pm - Bagpipe 7pm - Choir 7pm - Lenten Study	22 5pm - Steeple Kids	23 8:30am - Men Min. 10am - Missions &
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Apr 2019 (Eastern Time - New York)

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14 PALM SUNDAY 8am - Pancake 9:30am - Baptism - 9:30am - Children 9:30am - Traditional 11am - Contemporar 6:30pm - Bell Choir	15 5pm - Brownies	16 6:30pm - Daisy GS 7pm - Bucks Mt. 7pm - Steeple Kids	17 7pm - Maundy	18 7am - Men's Brk. 9am - Steeple Kids 7pm - Bagpipe 7pm - Maundy	19 GOOD FRIDAY 11am - Cross Walk & 6:30pm - Brownie	20 HOLY SATURDAY 7:30am - Men's 1pm - TLA
21 EASTER 9:30am - Children 9:30am - Traditional 11am - Contemporar	22 6pm - Shared Meal 7pm - Bucks Mt.	23 7pm - Bucks Mt.	24 6pm - Girl Scouts 7pm - Choir	25 7am - Men's Brk. 9am - Steeple Kids 7pm - Bagpipe 7pm - Choir 7pm - Praise Team	26	27 8:30am - Men Min. 10am - Missions &
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MARCH 2019 SANCTUARY SERVANTS



March 3

Worship Assistant 9:30.....Linda Rutledge
 Greeters 9:30.....Ron & Louise Cookson
 Ushers 9:30Paul & Jackie Hansen
 Contemporary Assistants 11:00.....Raab Family

March 10

Worship Assistant 9:30..... Jeannette Hesser
 Greeter 9:30.....Girl Scouts
 Ushers 9:30Girl Scouts
 Contemporary Assistants 11:00Daeche Family

March 17

Worship Assistant 9:30.....Jerry Hill
 Greeter 9:30.....Paul & Jackie Hansen
 Ushers 9:30.....Sam & Joan Phillips
 Contemporary Assistants 11:00..... Boyle Family

March 24

Worship Assistant 9:30.....Erika Paton
 Greeters 9:30.....Rainbow Girls
 Ushers 9:30.....Rainbow Girls
 Contemporary Assistants 11:00Tyler Family

March 31 (Mission Sunday - ONE SERVICE—10:00 AM)

Worship Assistant 10:00.....Dave Tyler
 GreetersMarty & Marlene Kalbach
 Ushers.....Paul & Jackie Hansen



Sunday School - by Lyn Wallace

As I am sure most of you are aware that I have become the new Sunday School teacher.

Our Sunday school presently includes ages 3 - , and attendance varies from 1 to 12 depending on the week. We have been working through the Cokesbury curriculum designed for one-room Sunday School classes. I find that it is difficult to adapt this program for the younger members of the class and so we will be splitting the lesson for kids aged 3 - 5, and 6 and over, using the pre-school curriculum for them beginning this month.

Each week we address a Bible story or famous person from the Bible. The class receives a reading and an activity sheet, as well as a take-home sheet. It would be very helpful if parents would take a few minutes to read this sheet and talk to your child about it.

We have given each child a Lenten garland. This is the child's first real experience with Lent, and its significance in our faith. The garland begins with the 46th day which is Ash Wednesday and runs through the end of the Lenten season before Easter Sunday. In order to teach the children the idea of preparing for the Resurrection through prayer, fasting, and sacrificing. Please help your child read the activity for the day and help hem / her do this, if possible. Put a check mark on the day to show that this has been read to keep track of the Lenten Season. [Ash Wednesday is 46 days before Easter, and 40 days are symbolic of Jesus' time in the wilderness before he began his ministry.]

Sunday School News

Lessons for Spring

Lent with Your Family Unit 1: Observing

Now is the time! Here comes God's kingdom! Change your hearts and lives, and trust this good news! Mark 1:15

Session 1

The Stories of the Lost - Luke 15:3-10

Session 2

The Forgiving Father - Luke 15:11-32

Session 3

The Two Debtors - Luke 7:41-43

Session 4

The Last Supper - Matthew 26:17-30

Session 5

In the Garden - Matthew 26:31-58

Unit 2: Observing Lent with Your Family

I've seen the Lord. John 20:18

Session 6

Peter Pretends - Matthew 26:69-75

Session 7

Jesus Enters Jerusalem - Matthew 21:1-11

Session 8

Jesus Lives - John 20:1-18

Session 9

Feed My Sheep - John 21:1-19

Unit 3: Family Friends

Friends love all the time, and kinsfolk are born for times of trouble. Proverbs 17:17

Session 10

Best Friends - 1 Samuel 18:1-5; 20:1-42

Session 11

Courageous Friends - Daniel 3:1-30

Session 12

The Four Friends - Mark 2:1-12

Session 13

Prayerful Friends - Acts 9:36-43

The Sunday School Team would like to share these updates!

Class size: We now have 11 children coming.

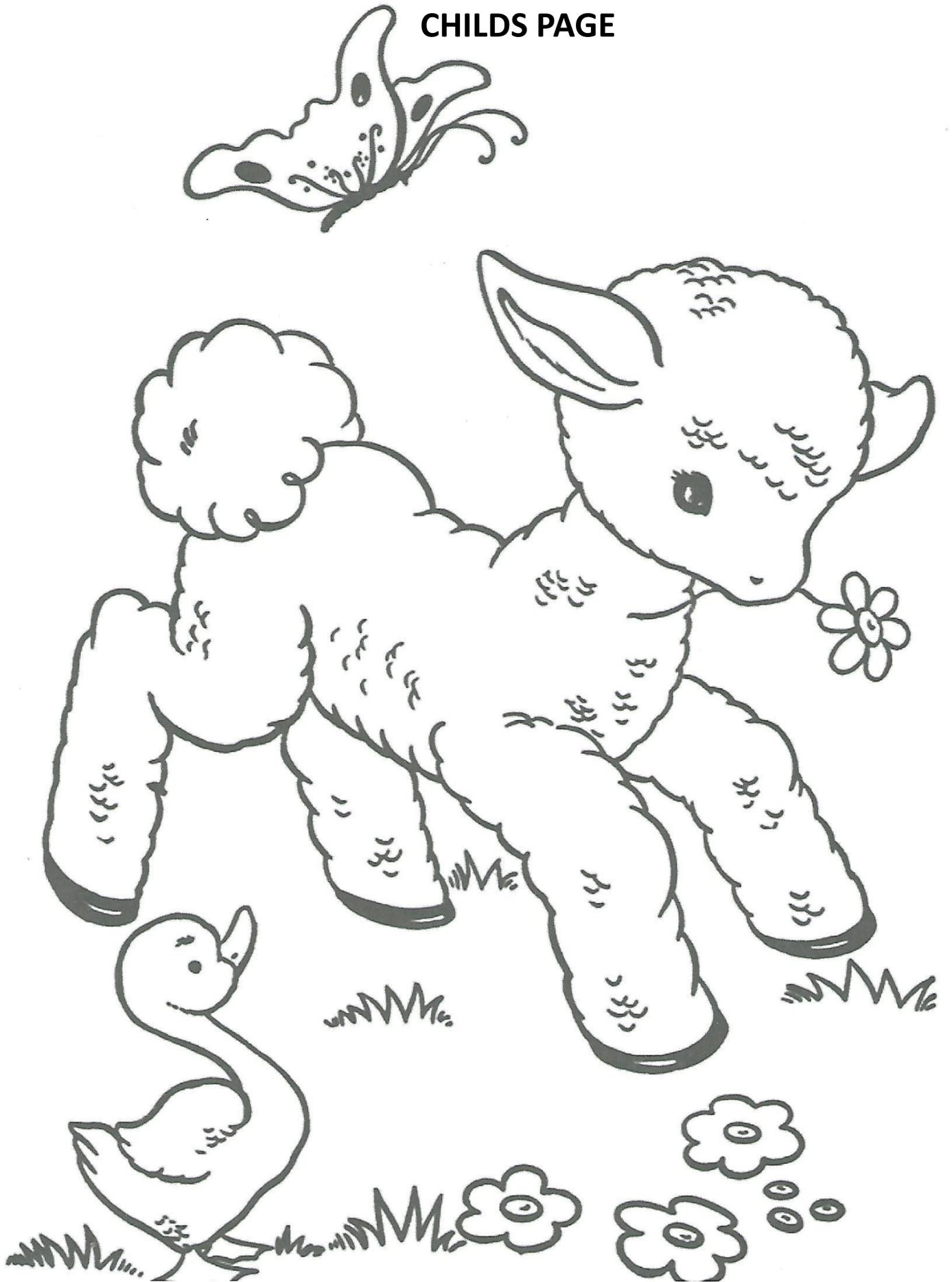
- 3-4 year olds: 6 children
- 5+ year olds: 5 children
- We will continue to use the current "one room schoolhouse" curriculum for the older children.
- We will purchase a pre-school curriculum (same program and same lessons) for the younger children.
- * We need a minimum of 2 helpers each week in addition to Lyn
- * Lyn will split the group for lessons and the helpers will handle the activities for one of the groups. So, while Lyn is teaching the pre-schoolers, the helpers will work with the older children, and vice versa.
- This will begin hopefully on Sunday March 3, 2019, Transfiguration Sunday if we get the materials by then.

Singing:

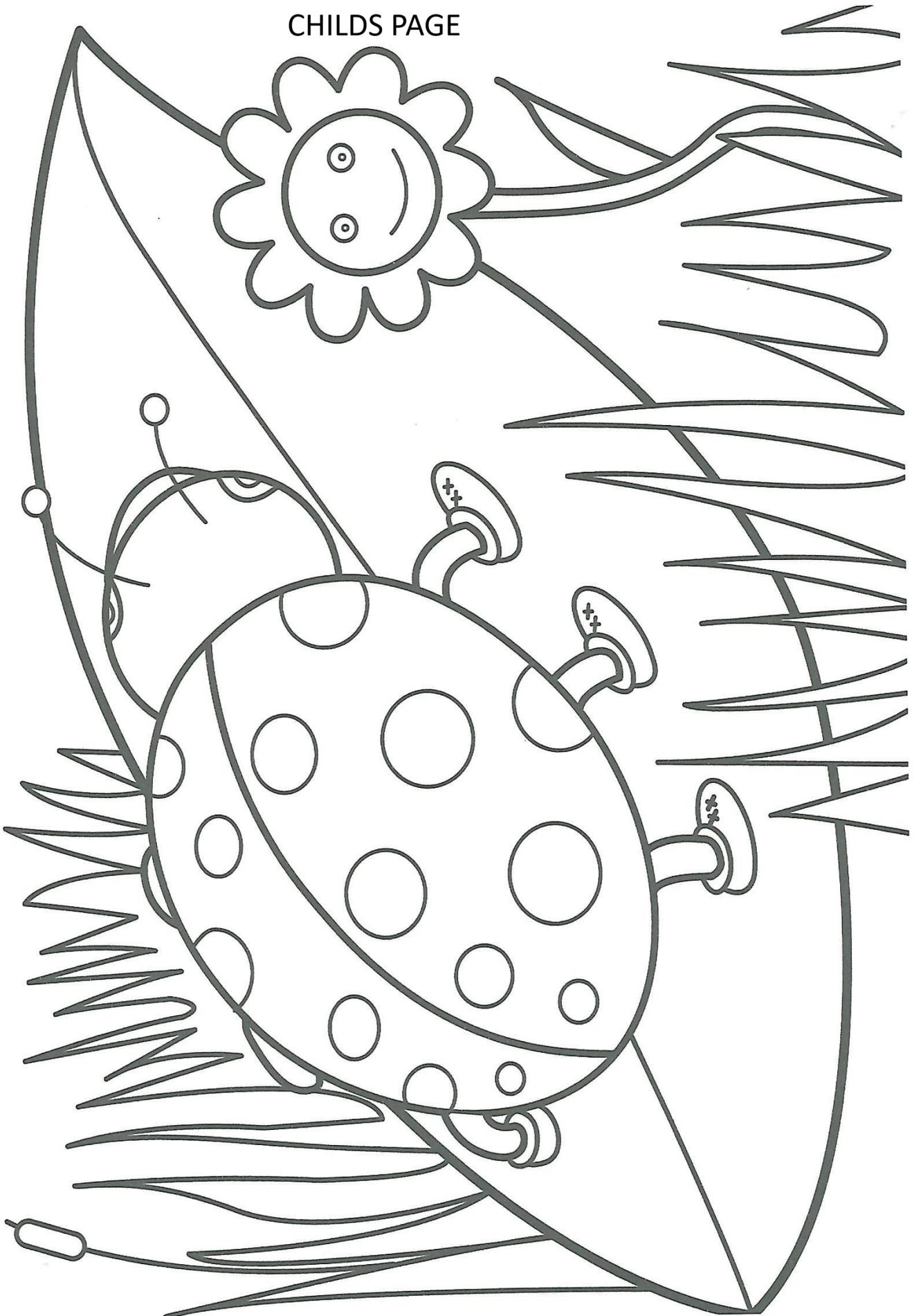
- The children will sing for the Easter season on Palm Sunday, 4/14/19
- The children will also sing on Mother's Day, 5/12/19



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Stewardship Upcoming Events:

March 30, 2019, Saturday: BOWLING from 5-7

- See Linda Rutledge to purchase tickets.
- Soooooo, much fun.
- Bring the whole family, bumpers are available for children and adults (ha, ha, some of us need them!)
- Pizza and soda included in the price!



April 14, 2019 Palm Sunday Breakfast Fundraiser

8:30am-9:30am and 10:30-11:00am.

- Requested Donation is Adult \$7.00 Children 7 and under \$3.00
- Pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage and juice, coffee tea



July 21, 2019 LUMC at the Trenton Thunder Game 5:00

More information to follow, but **SAVE THE DATE!**



Stewardship Updates

Word to Live By for March: GRACE

Grace can be defined as the love and mercy given to us by God because God wants us to have it, not because of anything we have done to earn it. We read in the Letter to the Ephesians: “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God — not the result of works, so that no one may boast” (Ephesians 2:8-9).

Taken from umc.org; Our Wesleyan Heritage

John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement, described God’s grace as threefold:

prevenient grace

justifying grace

sanctifying grace

Prevenient Grace

Wesley understood grace as God’s active presence in our lives. This presence is not dependent on human actions or human response. It is a gift — a gift that is always available, but that can be refused.

God’s grace stirs up within us a desire to know God and empowers us to respond to God’s invitation to be in relationship with God. God’s grace enables us to discern differences between good and evil and makes it possible for us to choose good....

God takes the initiative in relating to humanity. We do not have to beg and plead for God’s love and grace. God actively seeks us!¹

Justifying Grace

Paul wrote to the church in Corinth: “In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them” (2 Corinthians 5:19). And in his letter to the Roman Christians, Paul wrote: “But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8).

These verses demonstrate the justifying grace of God. They point to reconciliation, pardon, and restoration. Through the work of God in Christ our sins are forgiven, and our relationship with God is restored. According to John Wesley, founder of the Methodist movement, the image of God — which has been distorted by sin — is renewed within us through Christ’s death.

Again, this dimension of God's grace is a gift. God's grace alone brings us into relationship with God. There are no hoops through which we have to jump in order to please God and to be loved by God. God has acted in Jesus Christ. We need only to respond in faith.¹

Conversion

This process of salvation involves a change in us that we call conversion. Conversion is a turning around, leaving one orientation for another. It may be sudden and dramatic, or gradual and cumulative. But in any case, it's a new beginning. Following Jesus' words to Nicodemus, "You must be born anew" (John 3:7 RSV), we speak of this conversion as rebirth, new life in Christ, or regeneration.

Following Paul and Luther, John Wesley called this process justification. Justification is what happens when Christians abandon all those vain attempts to justify themselves before God, to be seen as "just" in God's eyes through religious and moral practices. It's a time when God's "justifying grace" is experienced and accepted, a time of pardon and forgiveness, of new peace and joy and love. Indeed, we're justified by God's grace through faith.

Justification is also a time of repentance — turning away from behaviors rooted in sin and toward actions that express God's love. In this conversion we can expect to receive assurance of our present salvation through the Holy Spirit "bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God" (Romans 8:16).²

Sanctifying Grace

Salvation is not a static, one-time event in our lives. It is the ongoing experience of God's gracious presence transforming us into whom God intends us to be. John Wesley described this dimension of God's grace as sanctification, or holiness.¹

Through God's sanctifying grace, we grow and mature in our ability to live as Jesus lived. As we pray, study the Scriptures, fast, worship, and share in fellowship with other Christians, we deepen our knowledge of and love for God. As we respond with compassion to human need and work for justice in our communities, we strengthen our capacity to love neighbor. Our inner thoughts and motives, as well as our outer actions and behavior, are aligned with God's will and testify to our union with God.¹

¹Excerpted from [*Teachers as Spiritual Leaders and Theologians*](#). Used by permission

Dear Heavenly Father,

We pray for the United Methodist Church, and specifically for the members of Langhorne United Methodist Church. We pray that this information on your GRACE will be prayerfully read and thought about. **AMEN.**

STEWARDSHIP IS WORK

Enjoy a Short Stack for a Tall Cause!

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2019 (Palm Sunday)

8:00 - 11:00 am

You're invited to a

PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

to support Langhorne United Methodist Church



**Requested Donation is \$7.00 for Adults and
\$3.00 for children under 12**

Contact Holly Rogerson at 267 879-5547

We accept cash and checks

Scott Hamilton delivers his 'most difficult talk'

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—

This is the most difficult talk I've ever given."

That is how Scott Hamilton, an Olympic champion skater who has delivered hundreds of speeches, began his September keynote address to Nashville leaders committed to ending violence against women and girls.

"We are here to talk about something we don't want to talk about," Scott told 500 attendees at the third annual AMEND (a combination of "men" and "end") breakfast, sponsored by the YWCA of Middle Tennessee.

Scott spoke about women in his life who experienced abuse and said "I have so many regrets" as he thought about what he might have done and what he did not do to counter a boys-will-be-boys culture that treats women as sexual objects.

Scott, the survivor of testicular cancer and three brain tumor diagnoses, derives much of his fighting spirit from Scripture. He suggests Paul's letter to the Church at Galatia provides wise counsel for those who seek ways to end domestic violence. Paul cites the fruits of the spirit as "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control" (Galatians 5: 22-23). He underscored the importance of self-control.

"Violence against women ends here," concluded Scott as he called for support of the AMEND effort to make Nashville the safest city in the nation for women and girls.

The AMEND program

Noting that one of every four women will be a victim of domestic violence and

one in five will be raped, the YWCA provides housing for victims of domestic abuse. The city currently houses 60 victims of domestic violence in undisclosed shelters across the city.

As the demand for housing increased, in 2014, the YWCA created the AMEND program to address the root causes of violence against women.

The General Commission on UMen joined the effort by creating *Amending through Faith*, an 8-week study that helps men and boys challenge a culture that supports violence against women.

Hanke receives award

During the breakfast meeting at the Omni Hotel, the YWCA presented awards to four community leaders.

The Community Leader of the Year Award was presented to Gil Hanke. The top staff executive of the General Commission on UMen was cited for his work to create the 8-week AMEND study and as a leader of the only faith community involved in the effort.



Gil Hanke holds the Community Leader Award as he joins Scott Hamilton, three-time world figure skating champion and the recipient of the gold medal at the 1984 Winter Olympics.



Dear Church Family

We cannot all be present when disaster strikes. However, on **March 31**, we will equip others to go.

I am excited that our congregation will join thousands of others across the United States by participating in a United Methodist church-wide special Sunday with offering. Together, we will help fund the critical disaster-relief efforts of the United Methodist Committee on Relief.

For more than 75 years, UMCOR has provided disaster relief, often long after others have left the scene. UMCOR has aided refugees and confronted the crippling challenges of world hunger and poverty. However, UMCOR simply cannot do it without us.

Unlike other benevolent causes, UMCOR receives no funds from the regular United Methodist Church budget. Our generous gifts help cover the agency's administrative costs so UMCOR can continue to guarantee that 100 percent of all other donations go toward specific relief projects. The examples are many — helping rebuild after hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria in the U.S.; offering assistance after mudslides in Sierra Leone; and continuing to help survivors of floods and other natural disasters that happened before 2017.

UMCOR Sunday allows The United Methodist Church to respond when disaster strikes. Think of UMCOR as our “Go Team” who can be present when help is needed.

Friends, our support is critical. Let's be there for those in need.

Please prayerfully consider how God would have you cheerfully and generously show God's love around the world with your gifts.

Jeff Tihansky & Bill Bryan
Co-coordinators, Missions & Outreach Team
Langhorne United Methodist Church

“What We Do in Life Echoes in Eternity,” A Timeless Christian Truth

Although spoken by a fictional character (based on the real Roman General *Maximus Decimus Meridius*) in the movie *Gladiator*, these words summarize a sobering truth about life and the eternal implications and dimensions of our actions. This wisdom also embodies the Christian teaching that what we do in this life reflects whether we truly believe in and follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

When we meet the needs of those who suffer we actually minister to Jesus, who said:

“I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you gave me clothes to wear. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me.” (Mt. 25:35-36, CEB)

As we respond, we recognize Jesus in those who are reeling in the wake of disaster.

How We Respond To A Crisis TODAY Resonates With People Impacted Into ETERNITY

This year we are celebrating our Missional Connections a little differently than we have in the past. We are inviting our Faith Promise supported missionaries to come join us for Sunday Worship and a meal. There will be one service at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 31st. That Sunday is also UMCOR Sunday, one of the special Sundays on which we receive an offering.

Special Sunday Offering

March 31st

will be received on



**When You Give You Equip Christ's Body
to Serve in His Name**

That's because your generous giving to UMCOR Sunday (**formerly One Great Hour of Sharing**) is what allows UMCOR to act as the arms and legs of Christ's church, moving toward the most vulnerable in their darkest days. Convinced that all people have God-given worth and dignity—without regard to race, religion or gender—together we are assisting those impacted by crisis or chronic need.

Because you give, the United Methodist Church's compassionate response to human suffering continues today:

- When tornadoes ripped through Oklahoma, we responded
- When children in Zimbabwe lost parents to AIDS, we responded
- When a massive tsunami devastated lives in Japan, we responded

And when the next mass crisis occurs, we will be prepared to respond. UMCOR will be able to offer aid in Jesus' name to those who suffer because United Methodists give through UMCOR Sunday, **(formerly One Great Hour of Sharing)**. In fact, it's your generous giving that allows us to respond when disaster strikes.

Not "they."

We.

Just as "we" connect with the greater church in bringing much needed physical assistance to those impacted by crisis or chronic need, so to God Himself, through our Faith Promises, ministers to people facing a crisis of eternity!



Faith Promise Missions Giving Cards will also be received on March 31st

This year we challenge those who have never given to Faith Promise Missions to trust God, take a step of faith, and start giving. Faith Promise Giving is not about increasing offerings or reaching missions' goals. It does accomplish those things, but it is actually about Obedience to Christ.

Faith promise giving encourages us to give beyond what we think we can give in order to increase world missions. Faith promise gifts differ from regular offerings in that a faith promise requires the giver to commit to giving what he or she does not currently have—a promise requiring faith that God will provide.

The faith promise approach to giving is often credited to A.B. Simpson, a 19th-century Canadian preacher and the founder of the Christian and Missionary Alliance. Simpson based the model on 2 Corinthians 10:15-16:

"Neither do we go beyond our limits by boasting of work done by others. Our hope is that, as your faith continues to grow, our sphere of activity among you will greatly expand, so that we can preach the gospel in the regions beyond you. For we do not want to boast about work already done in someone else's territory."

Here are several components of Faith Promise Giving to keep in mind:

- Church members are to prayerfully consider the amount to promise.
- The giving is to be in addition to a person's normal offering (or tithe).
- The promise is a faith commitment, often a one-year promise. For example, a church member will commit to give a certain amount weekly to the church's missions program. Oftentimes, the church will support missionaries based on the commitments they receive from the church members.
- Faith is to be placed in God, not the giver's own power. The church members are encouraged to commit to give as much money as possible while trusting God to meet their needs. The whole process is to be carried out in faith, trusting God to supply.

FAITH PROMISE	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$50.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly
<input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$20.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly
<input type="checkbox"/> \$10.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$5.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Annual
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$1.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other \$ _____	
TOTAL GIVING \$ _____	

I Make This Promise by Faith.
(Please indicate your gift)

<input type="checkbox"/> \$50.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1.00
<input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input type="checkbox"/> \$20.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$2.00	\$ _____

Weekly Monthly Annual

Total for the year \$ _____

Name _____

I am trusting God to help me pray and give.

Scholarship “Heads UP!”

Announcement!!

***The Calkins Scholarship Applications
ARE available***

Eligible applicants* may contact the Langhorne UMC office to receive an application either as hard copy via USPS mail, or printable PDF via email.

The DEADLINE to apply for the scholarship is

MAY 15, 2019

*Qualifications -

Candidate must be a sophomore, junior or senior in good academic standing at an accredited, recognized two-year or four-year institution.

Candidate must be a member of Langhorne United Methodist Church by confirmation, transfer, or profession of faith.

Candidate must complete this entire application legibly, then sign and date it. If the applicant is under 18 years of age, the application must be co-signed by the applicant’s legal parent/guardian.

To receive a Calkins Scholarship Application, please contact the office via telephone or email.

Telephone: (215) 757-4984

Email: church@langhornechurch.org



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

2nd Tuesdays of the Month

7:00 P.M. - Fellowship Hall

Please join us Tuesday March 12th at 7pm, for our **United Methodist Women's meeting**. As a group, we will prepare new fleece prayer shawls for persons of concern. Our program will include devotions and refreshments provided by Barb Dito and Donna Sell. Our mission outreach will be for new items (socks, underwear, hygiene products, etc) for INGATHERING. All women are invited and please bring a friend!

**TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT ORDERING YOUR FLOWERS FOR
EASTER SUNDAY!!!**



Easter Garden



DEADLINE FOR ALL ORDERS IS March 27, 2019

Put in Secretary's Mailbox along with your payment

Name: _____

Phone/Email: _____

In Loving Memory of: _____

In Loving Honor of: _____

I will take my plant(s) after the
 _____ **9:30 service** _____ **11:00 service**

_____ **Please give my flowers to a shut-in**



ITEM	EACH	QTY	TOTAL COST
6" Pot Daffodils (Yellow)	\$7.50		
6" Hyacinth; 3 bloom (Mixed)	7.50		
6" Pot White Lilies; 6 blooms	9.00		
6" Pot Mums (Mixed)	9.00		
6" Yellow/Orange Asiatic Lily	8.50		
6" Pot Tulips; 5 blooms (Mixed)	7.50		
4" Daffodil (Tete a tete)	3.50		
	TOTAL		

NOTE: PAYMENT IS DUE AT TIME OF ORDER

LUMC JOB OPENINGS

We are asking for your help to find a New Treasurer: Is there anyone in our congregation who would be willing to take on the job of church treasurer... or knows of someone who is qualified and would be interested? Amy Hansen is stepping down from this position on May 15th, and we need to have the post filled by then. The candidate should have a good understanding of accounting, but a degree is preferred as it involves record keeping and taxation. It is a paid salaried position. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Erika Paton, Chris Cresswell or Cheryl Boyle to discuss the position further, receive a current job description, and set up an interview.



Spread the Word and Spread the Music

We are actively looking for a **Praise Band Leader** for our Contemporary Service. An accomplished musician with praise band experience is needed to lead our praise band.

This job is salaried, part-time. One service (11 am) Sunday mornings with one weekly (evening) rehearsal (1.5-2 hrs.) plus whatever time is needed to plan music for the services. Late afternoon Christmas Eve service and occasional meetings with the pastor and staff relations are included in the job expectation.

We are looking to fill the position as soon as possible.

For more information and an application, please call or email

Langhorne UMC at

Telephone (215)757-4984

Email: church@langhornechurch.org

MARCH SENIOR BIRTHDAYS

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

March 11

Marlene Kalbach, 166 Beechwood Ave., Langhorne PA. 19047

Marybeth States, 2041 Hillside Lane, Feasterville, PA 19053

March 16

Christine Tomlinson, 508 S. Bellevue Ave., Langhorne, PA 19047

March 26

Bab's Wiley, 466 Walker Ave., Penndel, PA 19047

March 28

Charles Boyle, 240 Lurgan Road, NewHope, PA 18938



REMINDER

MARCH 10

Daylight Savings Time Begins

(Set clocks ahead one hour)



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Rev. Laurie J. Pfahler



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 *

10:30 - 11:30 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.

Rev. Laurie J. Pfahler, laurie@langhornechurch.org

Bill Bryan, Director of Congregational Care, bill@langhornechurch.org

Dave Tyler, Lay Leader, deetee0810@gmail.com

Donna Goodwin, Church Secretary, church@langhornechurch.org

Kerry Fenton, Organist, Kerry@langhornechurch.org

Amy Hansen, Treasurer, amy@langhornechurch.org

Hugh Green, Youth Director, Hugh@langhornechurch.org

Lyn Wallace, Sunday School, lynjwal@comcast.net

Barbara Jordan, Choir Accompanist, acompanist@aol.com

Kim Stockberger, Bell Choir Director, Gs5th@comcast.net

Kurt Tommuscheit, Sexton

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