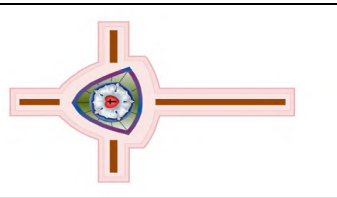


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The April CULC Messenger is sponsored in Honor of Ashley Wetzel's 12th Birthday



CHURCH COUNCIL 2022

	Phone	Term Expires
John Denchak President	570-875-4970	Feb. 2023
Vivian Brown Vice-President	717-275-5277	Feb. 2023
Angie Berger Secretary	570-875-3598	Feb. 2023
Robert Carl	570-590-7281	Feb. 2025
Ken Dengler	570-875-1119	Feb. 2025
Debra Price	570-875-4272	Feb. 2024
Darlene Stank	570-875-1644	Feb. 2025
Jacob Tice	570-875-2681	Feb. 2024
Dennis Wolfe	570-875-9085	Feb. 2024

Youth Representative - Vacant

DESIGNATED PASTOR

Reverend Dana D. Heckman-Beil

570-875-0792

Status of Accounts as of February 28

Balance in Checking Account \$72,862.74.

Amount needed in offerings per month to meet our 2022 Annual Budget of \$185,997.00 is \$15,499.75

February income was \$12,570.98.

Expenses for February were \$8,608.62, resulting in a gain of \$3,962.36.

Benevolence Gifts through February was \$1,860.00 (13% of our Benevolence goal of \$15,000.00 for 2022)



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Christ's United Ministry Teams

Christian Education
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Lutheran Church Men (LCM)
Social Ministry
Stewardship
WELCA
Worship & Music
Multimedia Ministry
Safety and Security Team

Christ's United Committees

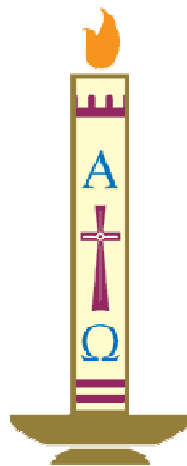
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Christ's United Lutheran Church

Mission Statement

We the members of Christ's United Lutheran Church, Ashland, desiring to be blessed together with Word and Sacrament and to become more perfectly the Body of Christ in our world, do hereby commit ourselves to a mission which includes a creative re-examination of our worship life; a quality educational program for all ages; intentional witnessing; a serving spirit; and an integrated support system which will undergird our program and the maintenance of our facilities as it encourages improved stewardship.

PASCHAL CANDLE—This large, white candle is an ancient symbol for Christ, the light of the world. The candle contains a cross and/or an Alpha and Omega to symbolize that Jesus is eternal and always present with his people. Also called the Easter candle, it plays a prominent role during Easter vigils and celebrations. Some churches also use the candle during baptisms and funerals.



Pastor's Ponderings...

Spring is in the air.... Most of us enjoy spring because of the warming temperatures after the chills of winter and because of the new life that literally springs up around us! The blossoms and buds on the flowers, bushes, and trees are signs of emerging new life. The trees and bushes are strong symbols of determination and invincibility as they bear the scars of this past winter's snow and ice storms, and now boldly display the bright green leaves of life that cannot be stripped away.



This seems to me to be the very message of Easter! Our Lord Jesus Christ experienced the battering winds of betrayal and rejection and indeed the horrible storm of death itself on the tree of the cross. But then through the power of God's love turned that tree into a tree of life for us all. Every spring we see the truth of Easter displayed before us, namely that out of death, God brings beautiful new life. Martin Luther once wrote "*Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection, not in books alone but in every leaf in springtime.*" We also hear in the words of one of our great Easter hymns, that Easter "*'tis the spring of souls*" for us. How true that is, not just for Jesus, but for us all! Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection displays to us that we too can experience a Spring for our souls as we witness the love, the life, and the hope he brings.

We all have known in our personal lives the storms of illness, grief, loneliness, and addiction that lash at us with the winds of depression, sorrow, and despair.



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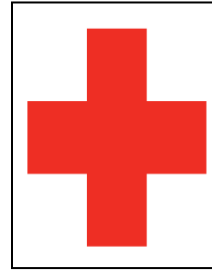


We all may bear the wounds of many painful storms, but through faith in the power of God's love and grace we too can have those wounds healed to be only scars surrounded by the beauty of new life that Christ's cross and empty tomb bring.

As the season changes around us this month, may it be a reminder for us to turn again to the loving power of our God who is the eternal source of hope for beautiful new life on the other side of life's cold storms. Look at the beauty of the flowers and trees around us; and then come and join us in worshiping and giving thanks to the God who is the one who springs new and eternal life into us all!

Peace,

Pastor Dana

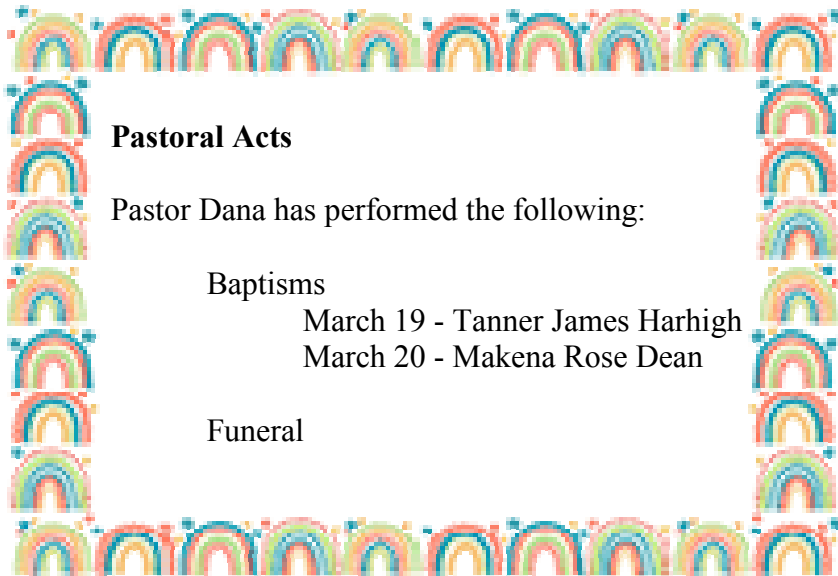


American Red Cross Community Blood Drive Christ's United Lutheran Church

437 Airport Road (Gordon)
Ashland, PA 17921

Monday, April 4, 2022
1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Please contact Debbie Hall or call
1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2676) or visit
www.redcrossblood.org
to schedule an appointment.



Pastoral Acts

Pastor Dana has performed the following:

Baptisms

March 19 - Tanner James Harhigh

March 20 - Makena Rose Dean

Funeral



CULC YOUTH GROUP Activities

CULC YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES FOR 2022
ALL ARE WELCOME - BRING A FRIEND
PARENT/GUARDIAN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

April 9th , 11:00 a.m.- Pizza party and Easter Egg coloring
at the church.

May - Mother's Day, Father's Day crafts along with Tie dye
shirts and snacks at the church - Date to be deter-
mined.

June - Knoebels and Mini Golf - Date to be determined

July - Hot dog and S'mores at Tice's - Date to be determined.

PUZZLE



Resurrection refresher

All four gospels confirm Jesus' resurrection, and each one offers important details.

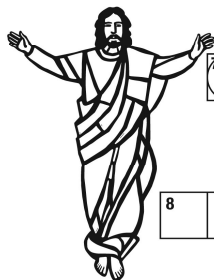
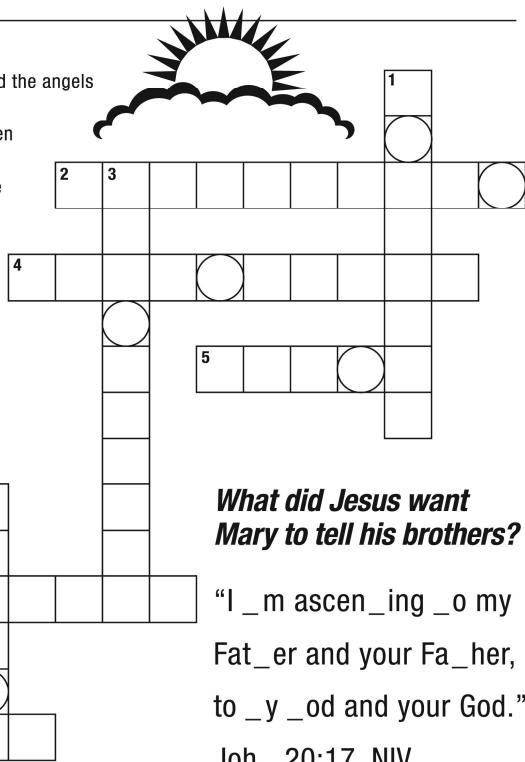
Directions: Complete the crossword. Then insert the circled letters (in order of the clue numbers) to complete John 20:17 below.

ACROSS

- The women did this when they heard the angels talk about Jesus' death. (Luke 24:8)
- The women at the tomb did this when they saw Jesus. (Matthew 28:9)
- The man in Jesus' empty tomb wore this color robe. (Mark 16:5)
- Jesus instructed his brothers to go here. (Matthew 28:10)
- Peter saw strips of this in the tomb. (Luke 24:12)

DOWN

- At first, Mary thought Jesus was this person. (John 20:15)
- As an angel came from heaven, this happened. (Matthew 28:2)
- She went with Mary to anoint Jesus' body. (Mark 16:1)



What did Jesus want Mary to tell his brothers?

"I _ m ascen _ ing _ o my
 Fat _ er and your Fa _ her,
 to _ y _ od and your God."
 Joh _ 20:17, NIV

Answer: ACROSS 2. remembered, 4. worshipped, 5. white, 7. Galilee, 8. linen; DOWN 1. gardener, 3. earthquake, 6. Salome, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." John 20:17, NIV



Church Council Highlights from March

- Net gain for February was \$3,962.36. The overall balance in checking account is \$72,862.74
- A Call Committee meeting was held March 6th with Pastor Kathleen Ash-Flashner to discuss our Profile. It tells a prospective candidate about our church, our mission and ministries, and also some demographics on the surrounding area.
- Ken Dengler got the parking lot lights working again. Also, he offered a bit of tech info about the live streaming. He had reported that there were 57 views on the February. 28th service, and there were 4 views on Ash Wednesday. Great job Jacob Tice



April Council Contact of the month is Vivian Brown

The Council Contact of the Month is the "on call" member of council, the person to contact if you have any concerns (other than pastoral concerns), or need access to the building. If you need to contact Vivian,



Council Member
 of the Month

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We Offer our Prayers to...



March 27 - Jim Neumeister
William Denchak (J. Denchak)
Families of John "Jack" Johnson
Ken Montgomery (J. Denchak)

March 27 - Jessica Connor (T. Wolfe)
Jack Houser (T. Houser)
Tara Houser
Jim Houser (T. Houser)
Jim Gruber
Rick (Fish) Herring
Dr. George Tenedios (G. Marquardt)

March 13 – John Kimmel
Fred Herb (T. Wolfe)
Donna Lloyd (T. Wolfe)
Kim Wylie (T. Wolfe)
Mike Stepanchick (B. Stepanchick)
Leroy Berner

Family of Betty Waldick

March 6 – Jo-Ann Young
Leo Young
Eric & Angel
Pastor Mark Mantz (E. Tice)
John Usalis

Families of Micah Hepler

Lynn Kimble (E. Werner)
Clara Gaughan

Please continue to pray for: Corrine & Josh Coward, Jim Hepler (P. Hepler), Annette Houser, Jennifer Koch, Carl (Mickey) Lute, Bobby Liem, Dianna Monaghan, Irene Morgan, Linda Zerby

Michelle Ambrose, Robert Beecher, Donald Bulla, Arlene Chillis, Joe Ferraro Jr., Harry Fishburn (G. Marquardt), Bob Griffiths (I. Morgan), Dan Grow, Minah Horan, Pastor Bob & Donna Hughes, Ron James (V. Brown), Kay Keefer (D. Calhoun) Lou Ann Olson, Danny Quick, Elizabeth Smith & family, Judy Trautman, Karyssa Wenrich

Praying Through the Directory

Each month we will be listing three of our church faith families. We ask that you take the time and uplift them in prayer for their needs and spiritual journey.

This month we pray for:



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The McAndrew Family - Russell (Rusty)
The Troup Family - Samuel & Mary
The Wolfgang Family - Larry & Jean

A SEASON OF HOPE

This Lent we're joining Lutheran World Relief's **Baskets of Promise** campaign. Each week, we'll collect a different item that we'll use to assemble Personal Care Kits that give people around the world tools to stay healthy in life's most challenging situations.

Our goal is to assemble 25 LWR Personal Care Kits during Lent.

HERE'S OUR COLLECTION SCHEDULE:

MARCH 6

Bars of Soap (4 to 5 oz., any brand, in original wrapping)



MARCH 20

Combs **sturdy combs** (no fine teeth or Picks)



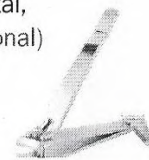
MARCH 13

Bath Towels (light-weight, (for quick drying) maximum 52" x 27", dark color recommended)



MARCH 27

Nail Clippers (metal, attached file optional)



APRIL 3

Bars of Soap



A Thrivent Action Team grant is being received to support the project as well as purchase quilt batting.

For more information contact

Donna Wallace

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Women of the ELCA

The next Women of ELCA Meeting
will be May 4th at 6:00 pm.
(No meetings are held in March or April)



April 23, 2022 at 8:00 AM.

Come join us for the Highway Cleanup on Saturday April 23, 2022. We will meet at the church

at 8:00 A.M. Everyone is welcome. The more help we have the quicker we can finish. We hope to see many of you there for this important ministry by CULC.

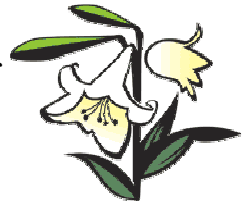
PRAYER CHAIN



Each day members of Christ's United bow their heads and lift their hearts in prayer for the ministries of this congregation and people in need.

A copy of the Prayer List is available at worship services each weekend. You may also have an email sent to you on Fridays with a list of those in need of your prayers. A phone chain notifies you of

The following Donations were given to Christ's United's Memorial Fund since the last issue of the Newsletter:



In Memory of Betty Waldick by:

Jackie Babb
Don & Laray Klinger
Thomas Sosar
James & Carol Reiner
Michele Kirwan

Donations to CULC Capital Campaign



In Memory of Betty Waldick by:

Beth & Ron Andrews
Suzanne Peel

Bible Quiz

As Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey, crowds praised him loudly. When Pharisees told him to silence the people, what did Jesus say would shout if his followers didn't?



- A. Stones
- B. Palm branches
- C. Trees
- D. Hillsides

Answer: A (See Luke 19:40.)

First Holy Communion Instruction



A First Holy Communion instruction class is being planned for Christ's United. The class is for children in the first grade and older. Two instruction sessions will take place during the Sunday School hour. Then during a third session, we will enjoy baking the bread for the next scheduled Holy Communion service. For more information or to have your child included in this year's class, please call the church office.



- 2 Gail Lorady
- Arianna McAnaney
- 3 Lewis Pennypacker
- Robert Rock
- 4 Heather Klinger
- Marisa Seritsky
- 5 Bryce Hummel
- 6 Barbara Brown
- Darcie Gruber
- Courtney Krise
- 8 Marjorie Lally
- Ivan Sweinhart
- 9 Stephen Harhigh, Jr.
- Maxwell Miller
- 10 Kathy Hansbury
- 11 Kaitlin Sage
- 13 Natalia Mulhall
- 14 Ryan Wolfe
- Dorothy Zangari

- 16 Jeremy Knorr
- 17 Barb Liem
- Aaron Pancher
- John Wagner
- 18 Caleb Dietrick
- 19 Eli Pennypacker
- 20 Russell Hummel
- Shale Waldick
- 21 David Pennypacker
- 23 Dustin Schreffler
- 24 Amanda Dillman
- 25 Dianna Monaghan
- 26 Azure Waldick
- 27 George Hepler
- 28 Samantha Brennan
- Jill McNeal
- Marcus Peel
- 29 Parker Dean
- 30 Joseph Anczarski



- 04/05/86 Ann Marie & William Dillman, Jr.
- 04/16/15 David & Nancy Cunningham
- 04/18/09 David & Jamie Pennypacker
- 04/18/98 David & Christine Heyer
- 04/21/71 Daniel & Bonnie Sisko
- 04/23/60 Jim & Darcie Gruber
- 04/26/01 Mark & Cheryl Varndell

Chicken Pot Pie Dinner

Saturday, April 23, 2022

Sponsored by

Christ's United Lutheran Church Men

437 Airport Road, Ashland, PA 17921

~Dine in
side pick-



or curb-
up~

Sponsored by WELCA

DONATIONS NEEDED

- _____ Cakes
- _____ 12 or 24 Pack Soda (Any brand or flavor)
- _____ 24 Pack Bottled Water
- _____ Cash Donation

Donations may be placed on the center island in the kitchen. Please attach your name to your donation. All donations must be in no later than **SUNDAY, April 17**. Baked goods may be brought in on Friday, April 22nd, between 9:30 a.m. & 3:00 p.m. Baked goods may also be brought in before noon on Saturday prior to the dinner.

Please return this sheet to the church office or place it in the box located on the table in the narthex.



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Chicken Pot Pie Dinner



Sponsored by the Lutheran
Church Men

**Saturday, April 23,
2022**

3:00 – 6:00 pm

~Dine in or Curbside pickup~

Christ's United Lutheran Church
437 Airport Road, Ashland

Dinner Includes:

- Chicken Pot Pie
- Lettuce w/ hot bacon dressing
- Applesauce
- Bread & Butter
- Dessert
- Beverage

Adults: \$10.00
 Children 6-12: \$5.00
 Under Age 6: FREE



BAKE SALE

Sponsored by WELCA



Palm Sunday - Sunday, April 10
9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Maundy Thursday - Thursday, April 14
7:00 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Good Friday - Friday, April 15
12:00 noon—7:00 p.m. Prayer Vigil
7:00 p.m. Worship



Resurrection of Our Lord - Sunday, April 17
6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service
with Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. Easter Worship Service
with Holy Communion



We will be having our annual Easter Egg Hunt on **April 16, 2022 at 11 AM**. You can get pictures with the Easter Bunny prior to the start of the program. It will be for ages 0-11 years old. We will start with a short program in the church before proceeding to the egg hunt. A game is being planned for after the egg hunt. Please sign up ASAP so we have a count of how many are attending. You can sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board at the church or you can call the church office at 570-875-1591 or call Barbara Stepanchick at 570-875-1114 to sign up. **The cut off date to sign up is 4/8/2022.** Hope to see you at the egg hunt.

Life and light



Easter is the assurance that no matter how hopeless and dark things appear, God is alive and actively working. Our heavenly Father births life out of death, transforms brokenness into wholeness and shines light into darkness.

In the words of the poet Christian Wiman (from *Every Riven Thing*):

When the time's toxins
have seeped into
every cell ...



HOLY WEEK i-spy

Create this craft to share the events of Holy Week with a younger sibling or friend.



What you need:

- Clear bottle or jar with lid
- White rice
- Small items that symbolize Holy Week events

What you do:

1. Pour rice into bottle or jar so it's about two-thirds full.
2. Add the small items. Ideas: leaf, donkey, cup, towel square, praying hands, coin, bird, nails, thorn, cross, dice, stick, lamb, stone, white fabric.
3. Fasten the lid. Then shake and turn the bottle to "spy" each item.

Serving Our Community of Faith in April:



2022 Sponsorships

The new sponsorship sign up sheets are now posted on the bulletin board. Sign up for:



Altar Flowers \$35.00*
Palms for Palm Sunday \$12.00
Worship Bulletins \$15.00
Special service bulletins \$10.00
Sanctuary Candle \$10.00
Children's Bulletins \$10.00
Monthly Newsletters \$40.00.

*2022 Altar Flowers Procedure:

Please sign up for week(s) you would like to sponsor

Altar Flowers and call
"Flowers From the Heart"

570-339-2519

to place order.

Cost is now \$35.00.

Please place order and make payment
directly to the florist.

Give Electronically

Checking/Savings Credit/Debit Card
Christ's United accepts electronic donations

Electronic Giving is a convenient way to provide consistent financial support to our church. Go to www.christsunited.org or scan the QR code to learn how you can participate.



SOCIAL MINISTRY



Fellowship Hour will be held after worship on only the first Sunday of each month. See schedule below for your committee's turn to serve. Please sign up on the bulletin board to help.

~ 2022 ~

April - Social Ministry
May - WELCA

June/July/August -
No Social Hour

September - Choir/Worship & Music/LCM

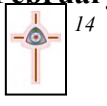
October - Church Council

November - Evangelism/
Endowment/Stewardship

December - Social Ministry
2023

January - WELCA

February - Church Council



We will be collecting the following items for April:

Canned Fruit

Please place your donations in the shopping cart.

Thank You!

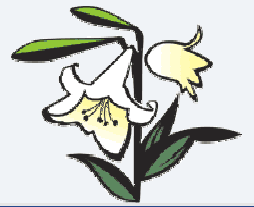
The next food distribution date is Thursday



Date	Supply Pastor/ Worship Leader	Congregational Rep/ Announcements	Lector	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Acolyte(s)	Crucifer
April 3	Dr. Kay Berner	Angie Berger	Angie Berger	Becky Spencer g Darlene Stank b Barb Stepanchick b Allen Johnson c/d Dennis Wolfe so	John Towey AM Barb Stepanchick Donna Wallace	Ava Hubler	Marisa Seritsky
April 6 Mid-Week	Erik Tice/ Lois Sterling		Kay Berner				
April 10 Palm Sunday	Erik Tice		Vivian Brown	Ken Dengler b John Denchak b Allen Johnson c/d Ted Ambrose so	Larry Wolfgang AM Barb Anczarski Donna Lassen	Remington Stehr	Zeke Shingara
April 14 Maundy Thursday	Erik Tice		Becky Spencer	Carrie Hummel b Becky Spencer b Allen Johnson c/d Robert Carl so	Kay Berner AM John Denchak Becky Spencer	Bianca McAndrew	Joey McAndrew
April 15 Good Fri.	Erik Tice		Jacob Tice				
April 17 6:30 a.m.	Erik Tice		Deb Hubler	Barb Stepanchick b Kay Berner b Allen Johnson c/d Aaron Stepanchick so	Erik Tice AM Beth Andrews Angie Berger	Nathan Berger	Nelson Berger
April 17 9:30 a.m.	Rev. Robert vonFrisch		Donna Lassen	Ted Ambrose b Darlene Stank b Allen Johnson c/d John Denchak so	Vivian Brown AM Dennis Wolfe Donna Wallace	Blake Olayo	Ava Hernandez
April 24	Rev William	Jacob	Barb			Emily	Mackenzie



April 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 6:00 Worship w / Holy Communion
3 5th Sunday in Lent 9:30 Worship W / Holy Communion 10:30 Fellowship Hour 10:45 Sunday School & Adult Sunday School	4  1:00 – 6:00 Red Cross Blood Drive 7:00 Church Council	5	6 10:00 Seniors 7:00 Lenten Worship Svc. 8:00 Choir Practice	7 10:00 – 11:30 Christ's Cupboard	8	9 6:00 Worship w / Holy Communion
10 Palm Sunday 9:30 Worship w / Holy Communion 10:45 Sunday School & Adult Sunday School 	11	12	13 10:00 Seniors 6:30 Choir Practice	14 Maundy Thursday 7:00 Worship w/ Holy Communion	15 Good Friday 12:00 noon – 7:00 p.m. Prayer Vigil 7:00 Worship	16 No Saturday Worship
17 Easter Sunday 6:30 Worship w / Holy Communion 8:00 Easter Breakfast 9:30 Worship w / Holy Communion 	18 Tax Day (Taxes Due)	19	20 10:00 Seniors 6:30 Choir Practice	21	22 Earth Day	23 8:00 Highway Clean-up 3:00 – 6:00 Chicken Pot Pie Dinner 6:00 Worship
24 9:30 Worship 10:30 Worship & Music Mtg. 10:45 Sunday School & Adult Sunday School	25	26	27 Administrative Professionals 8:30 Newsletter Assembly 10:00 Seniors 6:30 Choir Practice	28	29 Arbor Day	30 6:00 Worship w / Holy Communion