

April 20, 2014 9:30 AM

# **Welcome to Worship!**

An empty jar is disappointing. An empty wallet is not good. An empty gas tank is frustrating. An empty stomach is painful. An empty anything is problematic.

Except, maybe, for an empty grave. But even that could be troublesome!

The empty grave that once held the lifeless body of Jesus caused a great deal of trouble.

Trouble for the Jewish leaders.
Trouble for the Roman rulers.
Trouble for the followers of Jesus.
Trouble for the devil.
And trouble for all people, even us here today!

This morning we will contemplate the empty grave to see what it signifies to us today. Trouble or triumph?

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We have a **Staffed Nursery** to care for your children through age three. In addition, there is a **Cry Room** at the rear of the sanctuary to attend to the needs of infants.

For those of you who have children in the Nursery, please update or fill out for the first time the Nursery Information Card for your child or children, listing allergies or special needs they may have. Thank you!

You are Encouraged to submit prayer requests and praises via the communication card by placing it in the offering basket at the appropriate time. Also, please use the card to update personal information for the church office, as well as requesting further information about congregational life.

We have **Hearing Assist Units** available for those who may have difficulty hearing the service. Please speak to the person in the sound room to receive your unit for the morning.

There will be **No Sunday School** today.

Tara Willard is looking for **two or three more people to join our children's message team for the summer** (May to August). Everyone would be responsible for a children's message once every six weeks or so. Material is available in the supply closet; we just need someone who is fun, loves kids and can share a five-minute message with them. Please let Tara know.

The **Church Softball Season** is upon us! Anyone 16 years of age and older is welcome to participate. If you have interest in playing this year and missed the short meeting following the church service a couple of weeks ago, please speak to Jim Brunstetter and let him know you are interested in playing. The first item of business is cleaning up our home field. **Field cleanup** is at Promised Land Church this Tuesday evening at 6 p.m. Please bring rakes, shovels and wheelbarrows, if you have them.

Meet for **Weekly Koffee and Konversation** at the Hellertown Diner on Tuesday mornings at 8:00 a.m. Come and enjoy a great time of fellowship together!

The **Tuesday Evening Weekly Prayer Meeting** meets at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Come and be blessed.

The **Men's Bible Study** meets in the Chapel on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

The **Youth Group is having a Yard Sale** at the Church next Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. to help raise funds for their **Missions Trip to Guatemala**. They are looking for gently used donations for this event, which may be dropped off tomorrow, from 6-8 p.m.; Wednesday, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.; or Friday, from 4-7 p.m. They are also looking for baked goods to sell, as well. These may be dropped off Friday evening or Saturday morning. Thank you for your support of this event.

We will be having our **Quarterly Business Meeting** next Sunday during our Sunday School hour. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

The flavor of the month with regard to **Lunch Bunch** is Mexican!! Join us on April 30 at 12 noon. We will be dining at the Cactus Blue on Schoenersville Road in Bethlehem. If you would like to attend, please sign up on the sheet in the foyer.

**Attention Ladies!** On Wednesday night, May 7, at 6:30 p.m., we will be having our **Women's Banquet** at the Palace Restaurant on Easton Avenue in Bethlehem. If you would like to attend, please sign up on the sheet provided in the foyer. The cost is \$10.

Mark your calendars for a **"Couples Date Night"**--dinner and a movie--on Saturday, May 10, at 5:00 p.m. for a potluck supper at the church. Bring a main dish and side to share and then enjoy popcorn with the movie "Fireproof" at 6:30 p.m. Feel free to come just for supper, just to the movie or enjoy both! Child care will be provided. Look for the sign-up sheet in the foyer.

**The Hoagie Sales Continue!** Next pickup date is May 14; orders and money are due Sunday, May 4. The cost is \$5. Thank you for your support of the Youth Missions Trip!!

This year's **Women's Retreat at Sugar Hollow** is May 30 to June 1. Lydia Mohler will be our discussion leader. Come and join us for an enjoyable time of learning, hiking, fellowship and games. The cost is \$20. A sign-up sheet is in the foyer.

Remember the coupons for Dan Schantz Greenhouse! This is a fundraiser for the Youth Group's Missions Trip. With this coupon and the expenditure of \$10, \$2 goes to our youth group. You may use up to 2 coupons in one transaction. In July, the youth group will get a check for all the coupons used! Take a handful of coupons and hand them out to friends that you know go to Dan Schantz Greenhouse every Spring! Coupons are on the table in the foyer. The amount of coupons we hand out is unlimited! Let us know if you need more!

This Week's Four Streams Bible Reading Plan April 20, Acts 25-26, Judges 7-8, Psalm 93, Proverbs 29; April 21, Acts 27-28, Judges 9-10, Psalm 94; April 22, 1 Peter 1-3, Judges 11-12, Psalm 95; April 23, 1 Peter 4-5, Judges 13-14; April 24, 2 Peter 1-3, Judges 15-16, Psalm 96; April 25, Mark 1-3, Judges 17-18, Psalm 97, Proverbs 30; April 26, Mark 4-6, Judges 19-21, Psalm 98.

THIS WEEK AT SCMC

Easter Celebration, 9:30 AM Sunday: Koffee & Konversation, 8:00 AM Tuesday:

Softball Field Cleanup, 6:00 PM

Prayer Meeting, 7:00 PM

Men's Bible Study, 7:00 PM Wednesday: Worship Team Practice, 7:30 PM Thursday:

Yard Sale. 8 AM – 2 PM Saturday:

Quarterly Business Meeting, following SS Sunday:

THIS WEEK:

**NEXT WEEK: (April 27)** 

Guy & Becky Lesser

Lisa Walters

Dan Reed

Nursery: Becky Mace

Jess Bergey Nick Mace

**Greeters:** Harold & Bertha Lehman

Worship Team: Robert Bergey **Ushers:** Neal Kempf

Chip Shimko Harold Lehman Bob Kemmerer Tim Walters Rob Ibach

Children's Story: Danette Walters

**OFFERING ON APRIL13:** \$5,148.52 **ATTENDANCE ON APRIL 13: 168 HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:** 

Adam Newcomer - April 20

Denis Cela – April 22

Alberta Heft – April 23 Ryan Walters - April 24

Greg Feenstra – April 24

Kevin Olsen – April 25

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:** 

Tom & Val Reppert – April 20 Dan & Doris Meehan – April 26 Chip & Mary Lou Shimko – April 26

Helper, Bev Kochsmeier

Room LL1

#### **GRADES 3 & 4**

Led by Sheryl Richards Helper, Scott Richards

Room LL3

### **SENIOR YOUTH**

Led by Ron & Sandy Faust Youth Room

Dave Kempf

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL INFORMATION**

3- AND 4-YEAR OLDS

Led by Becky Hutchinson Helper, Lucy Litke

Room B6

**KINDERGARTEN** 

2-YEAR OLDS

Led by Mary Jane

**Upstairs Nursery** 

**GRADES 1 & 2** Led by Doris Meehan Led by Nancy Walters

**GRADES 5-8** 

Room LL2

Led by Greg Feenstra

Room LL4

**ADULT CLASS** 

David Cook Uniform Lesson Led by Joel & Lydia Mohler

Chapel

#### **ADULT CLASS**

"Your Kingdom Come" by Becca Greenwood Led by Pastor David Sanctuary

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