

Today

“The Lord is risen!” “He is risen indeed.”

This is a traditional Easter greeting is exchanged by Christians around the world. Today, as you exchange this greeting with one another, you will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

In his Easter sermon, “The Bet of Your Life”, Pastor David will challenge each of us to personally know the Risen Christ Jesus.

This week

April 6-11

MONDAY

7:00 p.m. Elder’s Meeting, Chapel

TUESDAY

8:00 a.m. Koffee & Konversation, Hellertown Diner

WEDNESDAY

7:00 p.m. “March Forth to Victory” Prayer/Bible Study

THURSDAY

7:30 p.m. Worship Team Practice, Sanctuary

FRIDAY

7:00 p.m. Women’s Retreat at Sugar Hollow Begins

Serving Others

TODAY

NEXT WEEK: (April 12)

Nursery

Meghan Cela
Lois Halsel
Nick Mace

Randy Willard
Sue Reed
Jasmyne Cox

Greeters

Mary Eleanor Kochsmeier Phil & Lena Lakjer

Worship Ldr.

Dan Reed Robert Bergey

Ushers

Randy Willard Bob Kemmerer
Neal Kempf Rob Ibach
Harold Lehman Greg Feenstra
Tim Walters Nick Mace
Chip Shimko Aaron Kochsmeier

Children’s Message Tara Willard

Kelly Schoch

Announcements

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.

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.

We have **Sunday School** for all ages. Please refer to the back of your bulletin to see where each class will be meeting.

On Wednesday Evening at 7:00 p.m., you are invited to our **March Forth to Victory Prayer/Bible Study**. Every Wednesday evening, we will intently pursue an aspect of the renewed life.

The Ladies next event is on Thursday, April 16, at 9:30 a.m. We will be doing some **Spring Cleaning at the church**. We will give the church building a little renewal before our spiritual renewal meetings! While we will officially start at 9:30 a.m., if you cannot come until later in the day, that can certainly happen. There will be a list of things that need to be done, along with the supplies needed to do them. We will plan to have a lunch together somewhere at 12-12:30 p.m. Please sign up if you plan to participate.

Our **Fellowship Meal** will be the third Sunday in April, as opposed to the normal second Sunday of the month. This will give everyone an opportunity to get to know Phil & Elsie Stutzman a little bit better at the beginning of their ministry among us.

Our **April Lunch Bunch** is on Wednesday, April 22, at 12 noon, during the week of our renewal meetings. We will be meeting in the back room of the Hellertown Diner. Everyone is invited to fellowship over lunch with Phil & Elsie Stutzman. Sign up on the sheet in the foyer if you plan to attend.

Mennonite World Conference Assembly Pennsylvania 2015 (Harrisburg, July 21-25) will be the largest gathering of global Anabaptists held in the United States for at least the next 24-30 years. For some, this will be a “once in a lifetime” event to attend. Daily registrations open today, April 1. The fee for each day is \$120, which includes two meals and parking. Another option available to us is to share a full time registration (\$595). This would mean sharing the “badge” from one day to the next. Please indicate your potential interest in attending by signing up on the sheet in the foyer.

Ministry Opportunities & Events

“Freshening Up in the Spirit” is the working title for our Renewal Meetings which will be held April 19-22. Phil Stutzman will be our speaker. After twenty years of serving as a pastor in two churches, Phil and his wife, Elsie, felt the time was right to launch a ministry of their own. In 2008, **Souls4Him Ministries** was established, enabling them to travel extensively ministering in churches, prisons, youth events, conferences and various outreaches, both in the United States and abroad. Phil’s heart for evangelism is expressed through his passionate and authentic preaching style which ignites enthusiasm in his audience and propels people towards their role in fulfilling the Great Commission.

Childcare Volunteers are Needed! We will offer childcare during all services of our Revival Meetings. To accomplish this, we need volunteers for Sunday evening through Wednesday evening. Please contact Bev to indicate when you can help out..

The **Women’s Weekend at Sugar Hollow** is next weekend, April 10-12. Lydia Mohler will lead us in our discussion time. Each participant will be asked to work with several others to prepare one of the meals, and a donation of \$40 is requested (checks payable to SCMC). A sign-up sheet is in the foyer. We hope that you can join us, and feel free to bring a friend!

Attention Men: The SCMC men are planning a **Deep Sea Fishing trip** on Saturday, April 25. We have reserved an entire party boat for our group! The cost will depend on how many men sign up, but we are expecting it to be between \$60 and \$70. Men and boys age 12 and up are invited to come. More information to follow.

Attendance and Giving

OFFERING ON MARCH 29: \$5,391.00

ATTENDANCE ON MARCH 29: 182

This Week's ESV Study Bible Reading Plan

April 5	Psalm 95, Leviticus 1, Esther 8, 1 Corinthians 13
April 6	Psalm 96, Leviticus 2, Esther 9-10, 1 Cor. 14
April 7	Psalm 97, Leviticus 3, Isaiah 1, 1 Corinthians 15
April 8	Psalm 98, Leviticus 4:1-5:13, Isaiah 2, 1 Cor. 16
April 9	Psalm 99, Lev. 5:14-6:7, Isaiah 3-4, 2 Cor. 1:1-11
April 10	Ps. 100, Lev. 6:8-7:38, Isaiah 5, 2 Cor. 1:12-2:11
April 11	Psalm 101, Leviticus 8, Isaiah 6, 2 Cor. 2:12-3:18

Birthdays and Anniversaries

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Cathy Fodero – April 5	Lisa Gustofson – April 8
Lori Sabatino – April 6	Eric Schoch – April 9
Wayne Matthews – April 6	Pat Kutzura – April 9
Sue Reed – April 7	Jasmyne Cox – April 10

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:

Harold & Bertha Lehman – April 7

Information

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Spiritual Laws

LAW ONE:

God loves you and offers a wonderful plan for your life.

God's Love: "God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16, NIV).

God's Plan: [Christ speaking] "I came that they might have life, and might have it abundantly" [that it might be full and meaningful] (John 10:10). Why is it that most people are not experiencing that abundant life? Because...

LAW TWO:

Humankind is sinful and separated from God. Therefore, you cannot know and experience God's love and plan for your life.

Humankind is Sinful: "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). You were created to have fellowship with God; but, because of your own stubborn self-will, you chose to go your own independent way and fellowship with God was broken. This self-will, characterized by an attitude of active rebellion or passive indifference, is an evidence of what the Bible calls sin.

Humankind Is Separated: "The wages of sin is death" [spiritual separation from God] (Romans 6:23). The third law explains the only way to bridge this gulf...

LAW THREE:

Jesus Christ is God's only provision for your sin. Through Him you can know and experience God's love and plan for your life.

He Died In Our Place: "God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

He Rose from the Dead: "Christ died for our sins... He was buried... He was raised on the third day, according to the Scriptures... He appeared to Peter, then to the twelve. After that He appeared to more than five hundred..." (1 Corinthians 15:3-6).

He Is the Only Way to God: "Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life, no one comes to the Father but through Me'" (John 14:6).

It is not enough just to know these three laws...

LAW FOUR:

We must individually receive Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord; then we can know and experience God's love and plan for our lives.

We Must Receive Christ: "As many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name" (John 1:12).

We Receive Christ Through Faith: "By grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as result of works that no one should boast" (Ephesians 2:8,9).

When We Receive Christ, We Experience a New Birth: (Read John 3:1-8.)

We Receive Christ Through Personal Invitation: [Christ speaking] "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any one hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him" (Revelation 3:20). Receiving Christ involves turning to God from self (repentance) and trusting Christ to come into our lives to forgive our sins and to make us what He wants us to be. Just to agree **intellectually** that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and that He died on the cross for our sins is not enough. Nor is it enough to have an **emotional** experience. We receive Jesus Christ by **faith**, as an act of the **will**.

The following explains how you can receive Christ:

**You Can Receive Christ Right Now by Faith Through Prayer
(Prayer is talking with God)**

God knows your heart and is not so concerned with your words as He is with the attitude of your heart. The following is a suggested prayer:

Lord Jesus, I need You. Thank You for dying on the cross for my sins. I open the door of my life and receive You as my Savior and Lord. Thank You for forgiving my sins and giving me eternal life. Take control of the throne of my life. Make me the kind of person You want me to be.

Does this prayer express the desire of your heart? If it does, I invite you to pray this prayer right now, and Christ will come into your life, as He promised.



"The Bet of Your Life"

Romans 6:23

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