



But Peter's betrayal was never mentioned again. Jesus upon finding Peter after the resurrection simply said, "Peace be with you." All of the disciples had deserted Jesus. Yet none of that mattered anymore. The cross had changed everything. It was the turning point that lifts those burdens of life which weigh us down.

We all have times when our failures and betrayals weigh heavy on our souls. 'Peace be with you', Jesus says to us. "Welcome home."

Faithfully yours in Christ Jesus,

*Pastor Greg*

### **CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS, FEBRUARY 2025**

Council meeting was canceled for February because of weather.

#### **2025 GIVING**

\$11,636.79

#### **2025 EXPENSES**

\$13,886.25

**Difference between YTD Giving & YTD Expenses \$-2,249.46**  
{For General Operating Fund}

### **"VOICE OF SIMEON" RADIO MINISTRY** **2025 SPONSORS**

March 2 – Buffington/Reed Funeral Home

March 9 – Willing Workers

March 16 – The Bucher Family

March 23 – The Krause Family

March 30 –

We thank our local businesses and individuals that sponsor our "Voice of Simeon" Radio Ministry. It can be heard each Sunday morning at 7:30 a.m. on WQLV-98.9 FM.

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### **BIBLE STUDY**

We will again be having Bible Study during Lent in place of a Wednesday night service. Pastor Greg is working on picking a topic (possibly something from Genesis). Please join us at 7 pm beginning on March 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **THE 2025 FLOWER & BULLETIN SPONSOR CHARTS**

The new charts are in the narthex. Please help by sponsoring them. If no one sponsors them the money comes out of the general fund which is not budgeted. If you would like to sponsor them and can't, make it to church please call the church office and leave a message at (717)-365-3139 or Email Tim at [sulc.angel80@gmail.com](mailto:sulc.angel80@gmail.com). The price to sponsor the flowers is \$41 for both vases and \$21 for one. The bulletins are \$18 for all or \$9 for half.

# SERVING IN MARCH & APRIL

March 2, 2025  
Transfiguration  
Of our Lord w/  
Holy Communion

Greeter: Brooklynne Dively  
Reader: Keith Klinger      Altar: Lynn Schadle  
Usher: Dave Strohecker  
Glasses: Doris Flynn

March 5, 2025  
Ash Wednesday  
w/ Holy  
Communion

Greeter: Barbara & Keith Klinger  
Reader: Tracy Bixler      Altar: Susan Krause  
Usher: Matt Ferster  
Glasses: Linda Koppenhaver

March 9, 2025  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday In Lent

Greeter: Becky, Max, & Lincoln Hoover  
Reader: Nathan Steinbach

March 16, 2025  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday In Lent

Greeter: Deb Trautman  
Reader: Mike Hartman

March 23, 2025  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday In Lent

Greeter: Mike Hartman  
Reader: Sharon Erdman

March 30, 2025  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday In Lent

Greeter: Doris Flynn  
Reader: Jason Dively

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April 6, 2025  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
In Lent w/  
Holy Communion

Greeter: Matt Ferster  
Reader: Doris Flynn      Altar: John Novinger  
Usher: Mike Hartman  
Glasses: Becky Hoover

April 13, 2025  
Palm Sunday

Greeter: John Novinger  
Reader: Becky Hoover

April 17, 2025  
Maundy  
Thursday w/  
Holy Communion

Greeter: Virginia Moore  
Reader: Mike Hartman      Altar: Dennis Barge  
Usher: Lynn Schadle  
Glasses: Tracy Bixler

April 18, 2025  
Good Friday

Greeter: Susan Krause  
Reader: Nathen Steinbach & Pastor Greg

April 20, 2025  
Easter  
Sunday w/  
Holy Communion

Greeter: Anna Coleman  
Reader: Dennis Barge      Altar: Doris Flynn &  
Usher: Matt Ferster      Lynn Schadle  
Glasses: Susan Krause

April 27, 2025  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of  
Easter

Greeter: Lisa Perkins  
Reader: Barbara Klinger

## UPCOMING EVENTS:



Sunday, March 2 -Worship Service w/Holy Comm. 10:15a.m. /Food Collect 10:15a.m

**Wednesday, March 5- Ash Wednesday Service w/ Holy Communion 7p.m.**

Saturday, March 8 - Food Bank Open 9-11 a.m.

Sunday, March 9 - Worship Service 10:15a.m.

Wednesday, March 12 – Bible Study 7pm

Sunday, March 16 – Worship Service 10:15a.m

**Monday, March 17 – Happy St. Patrick’s Day!!**

Wednesday, March 19 – Bible Study 7pm

Thursday, March 20 – Council Meeting 7 p.m. /1<sup>st</sup> Day of Spring

Friday, March 21 – Deadline for April Newsletter!!!!!!

Sunday, March 23 – Worship Service 10:15a.m

Wednesday, March 26 – Bible Study 7pm

*Saturday, March 29 – Murder Mystery-Play and Dinner,5 p.m.*

Sunday, March 30 – Worship Service 10:15a.m



**Tuesday, April 1 – Happy April Fool’s Day!!**

Wednesday, April 2 – Bible Study 7pm

Sunday, April 6 – Worship Service w/Holy Communion10:15a.m. /Food Collection 10:15a.m.

Wednesday, April 9 – Bible Study 7pm

Saturday, April 12 – Food Bank Open 9-11 a.m.

Sunday, April 13 – Palm Sunday Worship Service 10:15a.m

*\*\* Little Hands Easter parties Mon. & Tue. April 14 & 15*

Thursday, April 10 or 24?? – Council Meeting 7 p.m.

**Thursday, April 17 – Maundy Thursday Service w/Holy Communion 7 p.m.**

**Friday, April 18 – Color Easter Eggs 9 a.m. /Deadline For May Newsletter /Good Friday Service 7 pm**

Saturday, April 19 – Easter Egg Hunt 10 a.m. at the Gratz Park

Sunday, April 20 – EASTER Worship Service w/Holy Communion 10:15a.m.

Tuesday, April 22 – Earth Day

Wednesday, April 23 - Administration Professionals Day!!

**Saturday, April 26 – Happy Arbor Day!!**

Sunday, April 27 –Worship Service 10:15a.m

**FOOD COLLECTION** is the first Sunday of every month. The Food Bank is open on the second Saturday of every month, from 9 to 11a.m.

**ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE FOOD BANK** are instant mashed potatoes, cereal, canned fruit, ketchup, & soup. Thanks for your continued support.



March 3- Peggy Hartman  
March 14- Steve Welker  
March 24- Ashley Welker  
March 29- Bill Hepler  
March 31- David Ferster

March 10- Kierra Roe  
March 15- Max Hoover  
March 25- Paula Davis  
March 30- Glenn Klinger

March 10- Elaine Lane  
March 18- Caitlyn Reed  
March 26- Mark Coleman  
March 30- Jane Shade

### **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**

Lent begins on Wednesday, March 5, 2025, with our Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 p.m. Please join us for this service of repentance and imposition of ashes. Using ashes as a sign of repentance is an ancient practice, often mentioned in the Bible. The early Christians adopted the use of ashes from Jewish practice as an external mark of penitence. We will also celebrate Holy Communion.

### **FELLOWSHIP ON MARCH 29**

Please join us on March 29, 2025, for a lighthearted evening of murder, mayhem, mystery, and of course great food. The menu will consist of grilled chicken breast, scalloped potatoes, green beans, fruit cup, drinks and of course PIE!!! For tickets, please see Susan Krause, they are \$20 each. Tickets will be available to church members first so get them early. Dinner will be served at 5pm.

### **LENTEN DEVOTIONALS**

are available in the narthex, regular and large print. Please pick up a copy for yourself, neighbors, friends, or anyone else.

**RADIO SPONSORS ARE STILL NEEDED** for the following dates in 2025. March 30, May 25, June 22, June 29, July 27, August 31, September 21, September 28, October 19, November 30, & December 21. If you sponsored a Sunday in the past, we did not carry individuals over, only Business's. If you would like to sponsor any of these dates, please contact Tracy Bixler at 1-570-449-3532 or email at bix@epix.net. Cost is \$50.00 a Sunday.



**Members** – Linda Koppenhaver, Rosalie Fetterolf, Julie Ferster, Janet Rumfelt, Barbara Klinger, Marie Lahr, Clair & Vivian Engle

**Northern Dauphin Nursing & Rehab.** - Kenneth Mace

**Polk Apartments** - Martha Koppenhaver, Charles Schoffstall

**Friends & Family** – Dean Harner, Ester Stoltzfus, Jon Bower, Sherry Johns, Jeff Latsha, Linda Sitlinger, Randy Rebeck, Dorothy Deitrich, Kathie Dresel, Dorothy Lettich Martin, Steve Dagen, Jim Troutman

# Chefs Corner



## One-Pot Creamy Beef and Garlic Butter Pasta

1 lb. ground beef	2 Tbsp. butter
4 cloves garlic, minced	1 cup chopped onion
1 tsp. Italian seasoning	½ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. black pepper	½ cup beef broth
1 cup heavy cream	½ cup grated Parmesan cheese
8 oz. penne	Fresh chopped parsley

In a large pot, melt the butter over medium heat. Add the ground beef, breaking it up with a spatula. Cook until browned, for about 5-7 minutes. Add the garlic and onion, and cook for another 2 minutes, until fragrant and softened. Stir in the Italian seasoning, salt, and pepper. Pour in the beef broth and bring it to a simmer. Let it cook for about 5 minutes to reduce slightly. Add the heavy cream and Parmesan cheese. Stir to combine until the sauce thickens and becomes creamy, about 3-4 minutes. Add the uncooked pasta to the pot, ensuring it's covered by the sauce. Add a little extra water or broth if needed. Cover the pot and cook the pasta according to the package instructions (usually about 8-10 minutes), stirring occasionally. Once the pasta is tender and the sauce is creamy, remove the pot from the heat. Garnish with fresh chopped parsley and serve hot.

## Triple Reese's Peanut Butter Cookies

½ cup unsalted butter, softened	½ cup creamy peanut butter
½ cup granulated sugar	½ cup packed brown sugar
1 large egg	1 tsp. vanilla extract
1 ¼ cups all-purpose flour	½ tsp. baking soda
¼ tsp. salt	½ cup Reese's Pieces

½ cup Reese's Peanut Butter Chips ½ cup chopped Reese's Peanut Butter Cups

Preheat your oven to 350\* and line a baking sheet with parchment paper. In a large bowl, cream together the softened butter, peanut butter, granulated sugar, and brown sugar until light and fluffy. Add the egg and vanilla extract, mixing until well combined. In a separate bowl, whisk together the flour, baking soda, and salt. Gradually add the dry ingredients to the wet mixture, stirring until just combined. Fold in the Reese's Pieces, Reese's Peanut Butter Chips, and chopped Reese's Peanut Butter Cups. Scoop tablespoon-sized portions of dough, roll into balls, and place on the prepared baking sheet about 2 inches apart. Flatten slightly with your hand or the back of a spoon. Bake for 10-12 minutes, or until the edges are lightly golden. Allow the cookies to cool on the baking sheet for 5 minutes before transferring to a wire rack to cool completely.

## Slow Cooker Cracker Barrel Fried Apples

4 lbs. apples, peeled & cut	2 Tbsp. cornstarch
¼ cup brown sugar	¼ cup granulated sugar
1 tsp. cinnamon	¼ cup butter, melted
2 tsp. lemon juice	1 tsp. vanilla extract

Peel, core, and slice the apples into wedges. Pour apples into the slow cooker and toss with cornstarch to coat evenly. Pour in the brown sugar, granulated sugar, and cinnamon, stirring well to mix. Add the melted butter, lemon juice, and vanilla extract, stirring again to combine. Cover and cook on high for about 2 hours or until apples are tender but not mushy. Stir well before serving.







**ORGAN RENOVATION** has begun  
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magnificent musical masterpiece.  
Projected  
finish date  
is April 18,  
2025.





