

April 2024

The Presbyterian Church of Catasauqua

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The Easter season begins with the Resurrection of Our Lord. We have a rich supply of Easter hymns to carry us through the fifty days of rejoicing. The color for the Easter season is white.

Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. The Spirit brings the wideness of God's mercy to places we least expect it - to a crowd of strangers of different lands and tongues, to dry bones, to our weak hearts. Jesus promises his disciples that they will be accompanied by the Holy Spirit, and that this Spirit reveals the truth. We celebrate that we too have been visited by this same Spirit. Guided by the truth, we join together in worship, and then disperse to share the fullness of Christ's love with the world. The color for Pentecost is red.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in us the fire of your love.

Blessings,

Gail Hanzl

2024 Church Officers

<u>Session</u>	<u>Deacons</u>
Janet Dorwart, Clerk of Session	David Hohe, Moderator
Vicki Beer	Patti Doyle
Susan Bocian	Doris Haffner
Ann Davis	Ann Hohe
Gloria Fetter	Ruthann Lower
Scott Gillespie	Faye Richelderfer
Dianne Phillips	Don Shinton
David Smith	Kale Smith
	Matthew Trust



April Scriptures

April 7, 2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35 and Ps. 133 or Isa. 65:17-25 and Ps. 3; 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31

April 21, 4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:5-12 and Ps. 23 or Zech 10:1-12 and Ps. 80:1-7, 1 John 3:16-24 or John 10:11-18

April 14, 3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:12-19 and Ps. 4 or Isa.6:1-9a and Ps. 40:1-5; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48

April 28, 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:26-40 and Ps. 22:25-31 and Ex. 19:1-6 and Ps. 118:19-25; 1 John 4:7-21, John 15:1-8

Your Church Committees

Won't You Join Us?

Thinking of ways to share your Time, Talent or Treasure?

You might find an answer as you continue reading:

FINANCE COMMITTEE

We oversee the financial health of the church. We meet on the first Monday of each month, 7PM, in the Chapel and there is always room around the table. Finance may not seem very interesting or exciting to everyone but the reviews we do and decisions we make are very important to the continuation of our church. Dianne Phillips is the moderator and can be reached at 610-653-3296.

Greetings from Finance,

YEAR TO DATE as of February 29, 2024

TOTAL INCOME \$38,575.55

TOTAL EXPENSES \$31,774.07

DIFFERENCE \$6,801.48

Giving Income - \$25,976.00

Initial Income - \$1,428.00

Per capita payment to Presbytery - \$2,448.00

\$48.00 per member

(Initial Income goes toward the per capita payment)

Electricity Expense - \$1,022.49

Utilities Expense - \$2,989.00 includes gas, water, sewer, garbage -- \$2,379.89 paid to UGI (gas)

Insurance Expense - \$0.00

Church/grounds maintenance Expense - \$10,665.00
(\$1,635.00 is for snow removal/salting)
(\$8,500.00 chapel furnace repair)

Mission giving to Presbytery - \$0.00
Building Fund Expense – \$0.00

Remember to submit your Redner's receipts, they will help our general fund balance.

Polar Vortex donations will help our general fund balance with snow removal and heating costs.

(\$80.00 Polar Vortex Income received from January 2024 Leave Your Change collection)

We are so very grateful for the generous giving here at 2nd & Pine Streets.

There is always room around the table at the finance meeting the 1st Monday each month at 7pm.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Silent Services

The final Silent Service for the season will be held on Wednesday night, April 3rd from 6:30 – 7:00 p.m. Come and Pray – Make time for God.

News from the Board of Deacons

The Board of Deacons continues to be responsible for offering a caring hand to our congregation. The Prayer Chain, Deacon's Emergency Fund, Homebound Communion and Hospital Visitation are highlighted below.

The Prayer Chain:

Members of the Prayer Chain offer prayers for concerns brought to our attention. The current Prayer Chain consists of all the Church Officers (Elders and Deacons) and church members who have chosen to be a part of the Chain. The Prayer request is now emailed to each participant, with no requirement to call someone else and "pass it on". Those who do not have email access can be telephoned by a Deacon who will share the information. As a Prayer Chain member, you are asked to pray for the individual or family identified. If anyone has a prayer request to put on the Prayer Chain at any time, or if you would like your name added as a Prayer Chain member, please contact David Hohe.

The Deacons' Emergency Fund:

Established by the Board of Deacons, this Fund is targeted to assist church members who have unforeseen emergency expenses for housing, utilities, food, etc. and need financial assistance on a one time basis. The requests are kept confidential and acted on only by the Pastor and the Moderator of the Deacons. The Fund is still viable. If you are in need of emergency assistance, please contact David Hohe to have your request considered. Since our funding source, the Soup and Sandwich luncheons, have not yet resumed, any church members who are financially able and wish to support this ministry, may earmark donations for the Deacons' Emergency Fund and place them in the offering plate or mail them to the church office.

Homebound Communion:

If you have been unable to attend worship in person due to medical or other concerns, please contact David Hohe to make arrangements to take communion at home.

Hospital Visitation

If someone in our Church Family is hospitalized, please notify Stacey in the church office at 610-264-2595. The Deacons are on hand to offer visitation as needed. Pastoral Care is available through Lehigh Presbytery in extreme medical situations.

Deacon Contact Information

If the Deacons can assist you with anything, please contact David Hohe at 610-821-0568 or wayfarerdwh@aol.com

NEWS FROM YOUR MUSIC DIRECTOR

The next CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held on Saturday, April 27th. The choir will practice at 10:00 am with the band and then practice anthems for the following month. We welcome returning members and new members are encouraged to join. Choir Rehearsal will be held once a month. For additional information, please speak with Gail Hanzl at 610-264-5859.

Your Tech Team Needs Your Help

Are you interested in learning how to record Sunday worship? Contact Janet@ildorwart@gmail.com to see how you can help.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Elders, Deacons and Members at Large are elected by the congregation. If you are interested please contact Vicki Beer at 610-390-5361.

PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Members have been selected and approved to serve as the P.N.C. They are responsible for searching for a Pastor for the church. The members are: Susan Bocian, Gail Burfeind, Patricia Doyle, Dianne Phillips, Don Shinton, Matthew Trust and Vicki Beer.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

We continue to work to make employment here an enjoyable experience for our greatly appreciated current staff through annual reviews where they are given an opportunity to discuss their joys and concerns. We have also established new guidelines for awarding sick, personal and vacation time. We meet by zoom at 7PM on the 4th Wednesday of each month and welcome anyone who would enjoy being part of our team!

MISSION COMMITTEE

Your Mission Committee serves God by serving and helping others, including people in our church, in our community, and throughout the world. We are responsible for leading and fulfilling all Mission projects, connecting our congregation to opportunities to educate, inform, and assist others. With the help of many congregants and friends, we plan and coordinate the monthly Free Community Take-out Lunches as well as the monthly Food Drives supporting the Catasauqua Food Bank. The Mission Committee has also created and organized seasonal missions, such as a January "Restock the Bookbag" for underserved middle school students, an April "National Pretzel Day" celebration for residents of Fellowship Manor in Whitehall, a November Kindness Week campaign, and December holiday "Stuff A Stocking" mission for the Whitehall Food Bank. The Mission Committee also recommends to Session which Presbytery global missions we would like our church to support. Our impact is local as well as worldwide, and we are blessed to serve God by serving others. "In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in Heaven." (Matthew 5:16).

Community Lunch

Every 3rd Monday of each month is the free community lunch that is given out to folks in our community who could use a helping hand. There are many ways you can help support this program. You can click on the signup genius link that is provided every month, you can send in your sponsorship donation by mail, through our online giving platform (look for the Community Lunch tab), or in person with any Mission Committee member. Be sure to label your donation "Free Community Lunch" please. Food insecurity is, unfortunately, a reality for many. If you would like to donate for the lunch please contact Susan Bocian at 610-657-9558. If you know of any businesses who would be willing to donate please let Susan know. We count on the wonderful volunteer bakers, helpers and gracious donations of others every month to help with this mission. The next lunch will be served on April 15th from 11:00 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. Thank you to all who support our Free Lunch mission.

Food Drive

Monthly Drive -Through Food Drives will continue throughout the Fall season on the second Friday of every month. You are welcome to bring in non-perishable donations during the week and drop them off in the labeled boxes in our lobbies or join in with the Drive-Through Food Drive crew. We will be there from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM collecting items before delivering all of our monthly contributions to our very own Catasauqua Food Bank. Help us fight hunger in our own community; every item helps feed a hungry person. Our next collection for the Catty Food Bank will be held in the church parking lot on April 12th. If you can't make the date, you may drop off at the church Monday thru Thursday from 9 AM to 2 PM. The office is open then and Stacey would be happy to see you. Please use the ramp door. If it's locked please knock really hard, ring the bell or call 610-264-2595 upon arrival.

Pretzel Fest 2024

Your Mission Committee and congregant volunteers will be celebrating Pretzel Fest 2024 with assisted-living residents at Fellowship Manor in Whitehall once again on Wednesday, April 24! Our visit will begin at 1:30 PM, and we welcome all volunteers who might want to join us for this loving mission. We plan to visit with the residents, share some conversation, listen to LIVE German music provided by our favorite accordion player, John Stephens, and follow up by hosting a rousing game of Bingo! Our own Dr. Proctor will reprise her role as Bingo caller (she's fabulous at it), and we'll roll around the prize cart from which winners can choose. We are

now collecting donated Bingo prizes in the church until April 23 - basically any type of item a senior resident might enjoy is welcome. This could include small snacks, notepads, toiletries, games, books, etc. The possibilities are endless! Please consider donating a few small prizes to brighten the day of some of our seniors at Fellowship Manor. We will have a collection bin in church for donations. Thank you for your continued support and help with our Mission projects. Love, Your Mission Committee

Potluck Polka Dinner

Wednesday April 24th we will have a potluck polka dinner! John Stevens will be joining us with some live accordion Polka music. Everyone attending this event is asked to please bring along a dish to share. There will be dinner, then some dancing, music and fun, fellowship and then dessert. This event is for Congregants and their guests only and is not open to the public.

Loving our School-Aged Neighbors!

The Roughie Pantry is now accepting shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, body wash, tampons, sanitary napkins, etc. Collection bins are located at the entrances. Contact Gail Burfeind at 717-379-0926 for more information.

Leave Your Change

April's leave your change will go to Autism Speaks. If you would like to help please bring your loose change and deposit in the jars located in the narthex and side-wing door in the sanctuary for these great causes.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

We have an active Stewardship Committee that strives to bring together people and their time, talent and resources to serve God. We meet the third Tuesday of the month, often over zoom, to develop projects and activities that in the past have included bringing people together for a work party, nature walk, Iron Pigs game and a visit to Allentown Art Museum. As our church needs improvements, we will be involved in capital campaigns as well. In the fall we organize our pledge drive and distribute the offering envelopes. Nikol Tews is the moderator and can be reached at 610-216-6773.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW Circle

Join us for Presbyterian Women's Circle held every 3rd Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be held on April 23rd. Ann Hohe will lead the meeting from 11:00 am – 1:00 p.m. with a Lesson from the Book of Luke. Bring your lunch and we will provide dessert and beverage. We'd love to have you join us! For any questions, please contact Gloria Fetter at 484-221-9931 or at gfetter@rcn.com.

RADA

Current RADA catalogs are available in our church chapel. Choices include many reasonably priced kitchen items, including cookbooks and soup and dip mixes. If you would like to place an order please contact Ann Hohe at anne.hohe01@gmail.com or 610-349-8548. She will need the order in by the 15th of each month.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The mission of the Christian Education Committee is to provide opportunities for our children and adults to grow in their faith. The committee also coordinates confirmation classes when needed. The CE committee meets the fourth Tuesday of the month. Vicki Beer is the moderator of the committee and can be reached at 610-390-5361.

Vacation Bible School

On Wednesday, April 10th, at 7:00, the Christian Education committee invites all those who enjoy working with children to a meeting about our upcoming Vacation Bible School. VBS will be held the mornings of June 24th until the 28th from 9:00 to 12:00. We offer the program to children from 3 years of age to fifth graders. Children of Middle or High school age may be involved as helpers. We need teachers, a coordinator of music, a coordinator of activities and games, teacher helpers, actors and actresses, and volunteers to help with our closing program. We will hold the meeting in the old chapel. If you would like to help but are unable to attend the meeting, please call Vicki Beer at 610-390-5361 for more information. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

Sunday School

Classes are available for children three years old to Middle School age at 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Chapel. Please invite your family, neighbors, and friends. We have committed and experienced teachers teaching the love of Jesus.

Adult Forum

Our Adult Sunday School Classes are held the 2nd Sunday of the month in the Chapel at 9:30 a.m. The next class will be held on April 14th. If you would like to present a future class or have an idea that would be a good discussion topic, please contact Vicki beer at 610-390-5361.

Keenagers

Keenagers is a 55 plus group. We meet to enjoy a light lunch, fellowship, inspiring speakers and interesting programs. This group is open to anyone who wants to join in. The group meets every 3rd Wednesday every other month from Noon to 1:30 p.m.. The next meeting will be held in May. More details to follow.

Vacation Bible School

The next Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 24 to June 28, 2024. Please mark your calendars and tell your friends, neighbors, and family to mark theirs. We will be learning about Jesus in his childhood. Please come and join the fun!

CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIFE

CFL's function is to plan for congregational social activities like the picnic, the Christmas Party, to assist with Advent Night, and other special events.

HELPING HANDS MISSION

The Lehigh Presbyterian Helping Hands Care Team will be traveling to New Bern, North Carolina on April 6-13 to continue work on homes damaged by hurricanes and floods. We would appreciate any prayers and announcements to your congregation for our safe travel to and from North Carolina. We have 18 volunteers traveling this time. We will be accomplishing many repairs and will meet the homeowners waiting for help. Prayers are also needed for these families who have been waiting a long time since the storms happened 5 years ago.

Thank you for partnering with us for these mission trips.

Sincerely, Carol Bennicoff, Volunteer

JOYS AND CONCERNS

New Members

We are pleased to welcome Samantha Mies and Paul Gonsalves to our church family. They were officially received into membership during Worship on March 17, 2024.

Samantha grew up in Bethlehem, and has been living in Catasauqua for a little over a year, just a few doors up on Pine St. She works as an Occupational Therapy Assistant. In her free time she enjoys going to the gym, tending a small vegetable garden and hiking/outdoor activities.

Paul was born and raised in Guyana, on the northern coast of South America, and came to this country in the 1980's. He and his wife, Allison, have been together over 40 years and have raised four children. Paul lives in Bath, and works delivering propane tanks. In his free time he likes to kayak, and in his earlier years he spent time scuba diving.

Please extend a warm welcome to Samantha and Paul when you see them in Worship.

Congratulations to the Wohbenyi family! On Monday February 12th Rita gave birth to their daughter, Meghan.

Gloria Fetter would like to Thank the congregation for prayers for her son David Meyer. David received a double lung transplant on March 9th in Philadelphia. The surgery went well and his recovery is right on track.

We extend our sympathy to Jeanette Wuench and family on the recent death of her husband Michael.

We extend our sympathy to Gary Peters and family on the recent death of his wife Patricia.

Happy Birthday to our Active members celebrating birthdays In April!

April Birthdays

1st Dorothy James	15th Grace Shinton
4th Rebecca Cesanek, Abraham Gillespie, Scott Gillespie, Jr.	17th Taylor Stauffer
9th Veronica Bocian	19th Donald Hunter, Jr., Jeanette Wuench
11th David Beer	20th Drew James
12th Richard Green	23rd Carissa Gillespie
13th Ann Davis	24th Patricia Doyle, Dianne Phillips
14th Angie Cernobyl	29th Laura Hafner, Renee Trout

CALENDAR

April 2024

Monday April 1 st	10:00 -11:30 a.m. Alcoholics Anonymous 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 p.m. Finance Mtg.
Tuesday April 2 nd	5:30 – 7:15 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous
Wednesday April 3 rd	Girl Scouts 6:15 – 7:45 p.m. 6:30 – 7:00 p.m. Silent Service Mission Mtg. 7:00 p.m.
Thursday April 4 th	9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Prayer and Bible Study 5:30 – 7:15 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous
Friday April 5 th	9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Alcoholics Anonymous
Sunday April 7 th	9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship – Reverend- Dr. Grace Ji-Sun Kim Holy Communion Coffee Hour – Personnel
Monday April 8 th	10:00 -11:30 a.m. Alcoholics Anonymous 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous Worship Mtg. 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday April 9 th	5:30 – 7:15 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Session Mtg. 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday April 10 th	6:15 – 7:45 p.m. Girl Scouts
Thursday April 11 th	9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Prayer and Bible Study 5:30 – 7:15 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous
Friday April 12 th	9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Food Drive 10:00 - Noon
Sunday April 14 th	9:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Adult Forum 10:45 a.m. Worship – Reverend- Dr. Grace Ji-Sun Kim Coffee Hour – Stewardship
Monday April 15 th	10:00 -11:30 a.m. Alcoholics Anonymous 11:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m. – Community Lunch 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous
Tuesday April 16 th	PW Board Mtg. 9:30 a.m. PW Circle 11:00 – 1:00 p.m. 5:30 – 7:15 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

	7:00 p.m. Stewardship Mtg
Wednesday April 17 th	6:15 – 7:45 p.m. Girl Scouts
Thursday April 18 th	9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Prayer and Bible Study 5:30 – 7:15 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous
Friday April 19 th	9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Alcoholics Anonymous
Sunday April 21 st	9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship – Reverend Dr. Grace Ji-Sun Kim Children’s / Young at Heart Time Coffee Hour - Finance
Monday April 22 nd	10:00 -11:30 a.m. Alcoholics Anonymous 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous
Tuesday April 23 rd	5:30 – 7:15 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00 p.m. Christian Education Mtg.
Wednesday April 24 th	1:30 p.m. Mission – Pretzel Fest at Fellowship Manor. 5:00 p.m. Potluck Polka Party for Congregants and their guests only, not open to the public. 6:15 – 7:45 p.m. Girl Scouts 7:00 p.m. Personnel Mtg.
Thursday April 25 th	9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Prayer and Bible Study 5:30 – 7:15 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous
Friday April 26 th	9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Alcoholics Anonymous
Saturday April 27 th	Choir Rehearsal 10:00 a.m.
Sunday April 28 th	9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship – Reverend Stephen Emick Children’s / Young at Heart Time Coffee Hour - Session
Monday April 29 th	10:00 -11:30 a.m. Alcoholics Anonymous 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous
Tuesday April 30 th	5:30 – 7:15 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous