

# The Mustard Seed

The Monthly Newsletter for  
Christ United Methodist Church of North Huntingdon

APRIL / MAY 2024

**“In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins,  
in accordance with the riches of God’s grace.”  
Ephesians 1: 7**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I love the spring flowers. They add such color and joy to the world after the cold gray of the winter. When I was a student at the University of Pittsburgh in Johnstown, the campus would come alive with daffodils at the first sign of spring. They grew in the landscaped beds, and they spilled over into the wooded areas of campus. Naturally, I picked a bunch to brighten up my dorm room. It wasn't until later, after the crime, that I learned I could be fined a hefty amount for removing them from their natural setting. No picking allowed!

Paul's letter to the church in Ephesus is filled with the foundational truths of Jesus Christ so that the church may be planted on the solid ground of faith. Paul fills the letter with praises to God for the salvation and work of his Son. He emphasizes that as believers we are adopted as sons and daughters, redeemed through Christ's blood and sealed with the Holy Spirit. Make no mistake, our sins have been forgiven and forgotten. Because of Jesus, we are invited to marvel at God's plan for us and respond with worship.

As we celebrate Easter, as we look with stunned awe at the empty tomb, let us bow our hearts before our Savior in humility and worship. Let it sink in that our sins have been forgiven because of Jesus and because of Jesus, we have everlasting life with God our Father.

Thankfully, I never had to pay for my crime. No one except my roommates and friends knew about my transgression. While it was not the crime of the century, it was against the rules of the college, and I would have been justly charged without a single plea for mercy.

Thanks be to God for God's goodness in Jesus Christ. For in the midst of our sins, our crimes against God, God has provided his Son to pay the price of our transgressions. Our sins are forgiven, and we are welcome before the throne. More than that, Jesus' resurrection has opened our way to eternity. May God have all the glory!

Blessings,  
*Pastor Deb*



**THE PASTOR'S REGISTER**

**BEREAVEMENT**

Please pray for the family and friends of the following people who recently passed away:

May God bless our church family.

**CHURCH OFFICE RECORDS**

If your special day is omitted from the birthday/ anniversary list, or you have moved, gotten a new phone number, or changed your email address, please contact the office so we can update our records!

**JUNE/JULY NEWSLETTER**

Submissions for the June/July issue of the newsletter must be received in the office by May 15. Please email your articles to: christchurchnht@comcast.net or place in the folder outside the office door. Photos welcome!

**ROAST BEEF DINNER SATURDAY, APRIL 20, FROM 4:00-6:30PM**

Cost is \$15/adult; \$5/children age 12 and under.  
Eat in or take out!

**Meal includes:**

Tender and delicious Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes with or without Gravy, Green Beans or Corn, Applesauce or Cole Slaw, Rolls and Butter, Beverage, Dessert

**Food Donations and Volunteers Needed:**

Food donations needed in the church kitchen by Sunday, April 14.  
Drop off Dinner Rolls and Desserts at the church at 3:00pm on April 20.  
Sign the clipboard if you can help!

*Proceeds benefit Annual Apportionment.*



**MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST**

All men of the church are encouraged to join us at 8:00am on the first Saturday of each month for a hot, delicious, hearty breakfast, and warm, friendly, informal fellowship. **Upcoming dates are April 6 and May 4.**

**"HAPPY HEARTS" SENIOR GROUP**

We're still going strong! If you are 55 or older, please consider attending our luncheon meetings the first Tuesday of every month at 12:30pm. **Upcoming dates are April 2 and May 7.** Join us, and bring a friend so they can have a "Happy Heart" too!

**CHURCH LADIES' LUNCH**

The ladies of the church meet for lunch at 12 noon on the last Wednesday of each month. **Upcoming dates are April 24 and May 29,** locations to be determined. See the calendar in your weekly bulletin or call the church office for location information each month. All women are welcome to attend.

**MISSION AND OUTREACH**

is making security blankets for kids in the hospital and would appreciate donations of any of the following items: Polar fleece, 1½ inch satin ribbon, or monetary contributions so that she can purchase the items she needs. If you have any questions please call

The primary election soup and sandwich sale is April 23. stop in for soup, sandwich, and dessert.

The Mission Committee is collecting non-perishable items for the food pantry. Also stuffed animals for kids in the hospital (they do not have to be Easter animals). Clean, new with tags still attached, regular-size stuffed animals only, please.

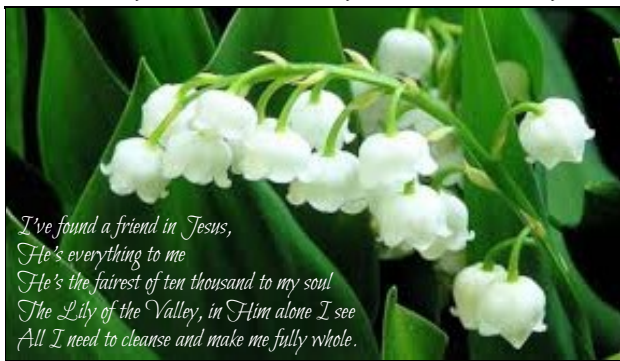

**APRIL FOOD PANTRY**  
Canned Pasta, Spaghetti, Ravioli

**MAY FOOD PANTRY**  
Condiments


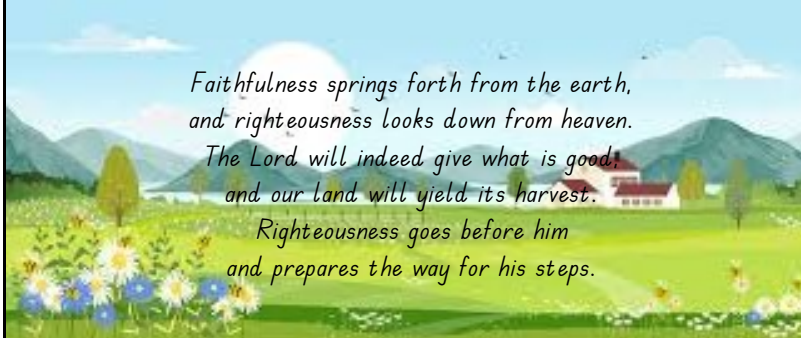
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# May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <i>I've found a friend in Jesus, He's everything to me He's the fairest of ten thousand to my soul The Lily of the Valley, in Him alone I see All I need to cleanse and make me fully whole.</i>			1 9am-noon Preschool	2  NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER	3 9am-noon Preschool	4 8am Men's Prayer Breakfast  10am-12pm Choir
5 9:15am Choir 9:15am Sunday School 10am Worship with Communion 11:15am Bells  6 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER  7-8pm AA meeting	6 9am-noon Preschool	7  12:30pm "Happy Hearts" Senior Group	8 9am-noon Preschool	9	10 9am-noon Preschool	11
12 9:15am Choir 9:15am Sunday School 10am Worship 11:15am Bells  ASCENSION SUNDAY  7-8pm AA meeting	13 9am-noon Preschool	14	15 9am-noon Preschool  <i>June./July newsletter articles due</i>  Preschool Graduation	16	17 9am-noon Last Day of Preschool	18
19 9:15am Choir 9:15am Sunday School 10am Worship 11:15am Bells  PENTECOST  7-8pm AA meeting	20	21	22	23	24  ALDERSGATE DAY	25
26 9:15am Choir 9:15am Sunday School 10am Worship 11:15am Bells  TRINITY SUNDAY  7-8pm AA meeting	27  MEMORIAL DAY Office closed	28	29 12:00 noon Ladies' Lunch (location TBA)	30	31	 <i>In sorrow He's my comfort, in trouble He's my stay He tells me every care on Him to roll</i>

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 <i>Psalm 85:11-13</i>	1 No Preschool	2	3 9am-noon Preschool  6-7pm Choir	4	5 9am-noon Preschool	6 8am Men's Prayer Breakfast  10am-12pm Choir
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21 9:15am Choir 9:15am Sunday Sch. 10:00am Worship 11:15am Bells  4 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER  7-8pm AA meeting	22 9am-noon Preschool	23  ELECTION DAY Bake Sale and Luncheon	24 9am-noon Preschool  12:00 pm Ladies' Lunch (location TBA)  6-7pm Choir	25	26 9am-noon Preschool	27
28 9:15am Choir 9:15am Sunday Sch. 10:00am Worship 11:15am Bells  5 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER  7-8pm AA meeting	29 9am-noon Preschool	30	 <i>Faithfulness springs forth from the earth, and righteousness looks down from heaven. The Lord will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest. Righteousness goes before him and prepares the way for his steps.</i>			