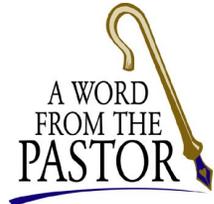




### **Thoughts in Print - from Pastor Sue**

As Lent draws to a close I have been thinking about the theme we have been using in our Midweek Services this year. The discussions have centered around the idea Continuing in our Baptismal Covenant: These or very similar words are said by parents and sponsors at a baptism of a child, by young people when they are confirmed, and by all of us in worship from time to time. Hopefully they sound familiar:



*"Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Baptism:*

- to live among God's faithful people,
- to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
- to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
- to serve all people following the example of Jesus,
- and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?"

As we enter into Holy Week and Easter and beyond, as we recognize and celebrate what Jesus has done for us, I am reminded of a saying I picked up somewhere along the way that says "Now that there is nothing you need to do (to earn your salvation), what are you going to do (to follow the example of Jesus).

Each of us must take the time to renew our understanding and appreciation of God's grace and forgiveness in our lives and discern what it means to live into those promises anew; especially in a world that desperately needs those who believe to share and show God's love in Jesus.

Please consider joining us for Holy Week worship services as each one has something unique to say to us about Jesus' journey for us.

I hope and pray you find your renewal this Easter! Because HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA! AMEN!

Peace, *Pastor Sue*



**PC UPDATE** - As I write this, we are literally days away from completion of the Parish Center rebuild. Council will be talking about a way for us to celebrate that includes the community that has supported us along the way, as well as to come up with ideas of how we can most effectively share the space with others, and invite the community into our mission and activities. I think you will all be pleasantly surprised with how things have come together and that we have retained the character of the building while making some improvements to support the ways in which we want to use it going forward. By Easter Sunday we will be able to let any of you who are interested see the building. More to come as plans for a celebration materialize.



# Holy Week / Easter Worship Schedule

**Maundy Thursday**  
11:00 AM and 7:00 PM  
(7:00 pm also live-streamed)



**Good Friday**  
April 18th  
11:00 AM and 7:00 PM  
(7:00 pm also live-streamed)



**Easter Vigil**  
Saturday  
April 19th  
5:00 pm  
(live-streamed)  
Break the fast  
after the service.  
DESSERTS ONLY.



## REJOICE!

He has been raised.  
—Mark 16:6

**Easter Sunday**  
9:00 am  
*(Family Friendly)*  
10:45 am *(Traditional)*  
*(Please note - Both Easter services will be live-streamed.)*

### EASTER PLANT ORDER FORM

Plants are \$9.00 each



Your Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please write clearly)

# of plants \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount due \_\_\_\_\_

**DEDICATION:**

\_\_\_\_\_ To the Glory of God                      \_\_\_\_\_ In Memory of Loved Ones  
\_\_\_\_\_ In loving memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Special dedication/in honor of \_\_\_\_\_



Please place this form, with payment, in the offering plate  
or turn in to the office. Thank you!

***(All plant orders need to be submitted by April 13.)***



*We welcome the newly baptized.*

*Delaney Elizabeth Koon, April 5  
Daughter of Jenae' and John Koon*

*Kali Wren Goodman, April 6  
Daughter of Carolyn and Joshua Goodman*

*We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.*



preschool registration



**Holy Cross Nursery School** is now accepting registrations for the 2025–2026 school year. Church members receive a 5% discount on tuition. Call the school office at 732/255-3112 for information and registration forms.

**AND**

The nursery school is in need of substitutes! If you or someone you know is interested, have them stop by the nursery school office to pick up an application or call 732/255-3112 and speak with Mrs. Kane.



**The HOPE Center  
4th Annual Golf  
Classic  
May 8, Bey Lea Golf  
Course**

Please see the flier on bulletin board for more information or to register, or go online at: [HouseOfHopeOcean.org/golf](http://HouseOfHopeOcean.org/golf). This year, a "dinner-only" option is also available.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**



**Sunday School Help  
Needed**

Each Sunday, we need 4 adults to lead Sunday School for children through 5th grade (2 teachers and 2 helpers). You do not need to commit to every week. For information or to volunteer, please speak with Pastor Sue or Janis Provost.



*Please keep the following people in your prayers:  
(long-term illnesses)*

Cindy Williams, Evelyn Hees, Leah Morgan, Valerie Horlacher, Maie Currie, Frank Lukasavage, Barbara Carlson, Dee Barbara, Lyn Fenwick, Robert Rively, Tom and Marge Herr, Kristine Schley, Susan and Sean Buglio, Jim Goubeaud, Carl, Carole and Jerry, Anna Ricciardelli, Jim Hardesty, Lynn and Paul Owens, Carol Sims, Jackson, Deborah Gersler



**Holy Cross Theater  
Group Presents:  
High School  
Musical**

Troy Bolton, the star athlete at a small-town high school, falls for nerdy beauty Gabriella Montez at a holiday karaoke party. When they return to campus, Troy and Gabriella audition for the upcoming school musical. Meanwhile, the jealous Sharpay Evans conspires to squelch their chances. The two must struggle to make it to auditions while also meeting their existing obligations to the basketball team and the academic decathlon.

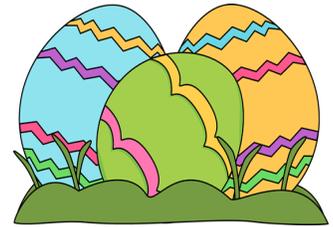
**DATES:**

Friday, May 16th,  
Saturday, May 17th and Sunday, May 18

# Sign-up here!



You're invited to -  
"IT'S STILL EASTER" EGG HUNT  
For our younger children, ages 0 to Kindergarten  
and their families.  
Saturday April 26th at 10AM—rain or shine.



This is a time after Easter when we can gather, meet other families, and learn about Jesus in an age-appropriate and fun way. Sign-up sheets are posted on the FFFM bulletin board.

## Ushers and Worship Assistants

Needed for Holy Week and Easter Services.

Ushers are also needed for regular Sunday services.

There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board.

Please consider helping in these important roles.

**Break-the-Fast** (dessert only) immediately following the Saturday night Easter Vigil. Please sign-up on the bulletin board.



**Coffee hour** - do you like to drink coffee? Good! We need people to help out with coffee hours. Coffee hour supplies will be provided. Sign-up on the bulletin board or talk to Diane McCabe.



## **Vacation Bible School (VBS)**

Monday, July 14th through Thursday, July 17th.  
8:45 AM to noon

Closing program on Thursday evening at 6:30 PM.

Ages 3 through fifth grade are welcome.

Sixth grade and above can be helpers.

Cost is \$10 for the first child and \$5 for each additional child in the same family.

Questions, please call the church office at 732-255-4455 or text or call Janis Provost. Volunteers are welcome.

Join Scout, our dog guide, on our Road Trip, as he takes us to visit Abraham and Sarah; then we will join him and the Israelites on a scenic route; he will then take us to see Jesus visits Zacchaeus and finally we will join Paul on the road.

Registration forms can be found in the narthex.



**2025 Who's Who on Council**

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**Lenten Mid-week Service**

April 10th  
11:00 AM OR 6:30 PM  
(Soup supper at 6:00 PM)

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- April 13 Grief Group, 11:15 AM
  - April 17 Maundy Thursday  
11:00 AM and 7:00 PM
  - April 18 Good Friday  
11:00 AM and 7:00 PM
  - April 19 Easter Vigil, 5:00 PM  
(followed by Break-the-Fast  
dessert.)
  - April 20 Easter Services  
9:00 and 10:45 AM
  - April 26 "It's Still Easter"  
Egg Hunt, 10:00 AM
  - April 28 1st Communion Class  
6:30 PM

**Last Midweek Lenten Service**

Conversational Lent -  
Worship with an interactive message  
at 11 AM or 6:30 PM

*To make an electronic  
donation using your phone,  
just scan the QR code.*



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**Worship Services:**  
Saturday, 5:00 pm  
Sunday, 10:00 am

**Office hours (school year):**  
Monday - Friday, 9:00 - 2:00