

The First Press

April 2016

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From the Pastor

April is a month of great transformation in nature. Our landscape is changed from the grey of winter into the brilliant color of spring. In the life of the Christian, April is a curious month. Some years the first part of the month is filled with the energy and excitement of Easter and other years, like this year, it is the month that follows Easter.

Even as our landscape comes to life, in our spiritual life there can be a real letdown after Easter, which is only natural. You can't sus-

tain a high level of energy and intensity all the time. There is a need for down-time, periods of reflection and rest. Jesus frequently went off by Himself to pray and be alone with His Heavenly Father (Matthew 14:13,14:23).

The key is to make sure that this time after Easter is a time of growing closer to God, not time away from God and time away from the church. Just as April is a time of rapid growth in our landscape, it can be so in our relationship with God. Spend time,

now perhaps outside, reading God's word. Go for a walk, run, or ride and spend your time talking with God; if Jesus did it so should we.

You may also find there are more temptations competing for your Sunday mornings. Please remember your presence in worship has a positive impact on others, encouraging us all as we walk together in our walk with our Lord.

-Jim King



April Birthdays and Anniversaries

2 - Nolan Jusko
 3 - Matthew Zimmerman
 4 - Jim King, Shannon Wright
 5 - Brian Zaiser, Nicholas Kovaschetz, Hayden Heid
 7 - David McSween, Lisa Zellmann
 12 - Craig Harley
 14 - Betty Lou McClure, Ellis Harley, Phil Moore, Paul Miller, Grace Bruckhart
 15 - Pauline King, Natalie Grimes, Claire Leshner
 16 - Alexis Rathburn, Mitchell McSween
 17 - Molly Roussell
 18 - Linda Cox, Lisa Black,
 19 - Ralph Starkey
 20 - Dick Ward, Terry Light, Jessie Walsh, Holly Moore, Simon Barlett
 22 - Mark Heid, Ruth Kraus
 23 - Claire Graver
 25 - Talia Host, Rylee Jarrett
 26 - April Shrom
 28 - Amanda Kovaschetz, Alexander & Gabriel Friedberg
 30 - Martha Gill



April 6 - Don & Glen Dobbs celebrating their 30th wedding anniversary

April 12 - Rick & Kathy Gathman celebrating their 41st wedding anniversary

April 22 - George & Dustine Koons celebrating their 49th wedding anniversary

April 23 - Tom & Jeanette Campbell celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary

April 23 - Eric & Barb Schmidt also celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary

All-Church Pot Luck Wednesdays



Join us each first Wednesday of the month for an all church pot luck dinner event in the Great Hall! This event is for all ages and is a casual and relaxed time to be together for food and fellowship! The event starts at

5pm and ends around 7pm but you are welcome to show up and leave whenever you need to! Bring a dinner-type dish to share, beverages and desserts are provided. During dinner there will be a brief devotion and after dinner there will be a light hearted activity. This is a great way to connect with our church family, enjoy a meal together and take

some time to relax during your week!

Each month, we would like a team of people to "host" the event, which requires very little preparation!! The team, consisting of just a few people, would set up the beverages and desserts, help organize the food as it is brought into the kitchen and help with clean up.

Please contact Lauren Halteman or sign up in the Sunday bulletin if you would like to help host! Here are the dates for the next few months...

April 6

May 4

June 1

July 6

August 3

A Prayer for All Mornings

“Because of the Lord’s great love, we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness” Lam. 3:22-23

For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority” Col. 3:9-10

Dear Lord and Loving Savior, we thank You for rising from the dead on one particular day so that we might, with Mary, gaze at the empty tomb and be “lost in wonder, love, and praise.” But even more incredibly, we thank you for being eternally “risen” for us, loving us as your brothers and sisters, and bringing us in out of the storm. Help us to rise from our beds daily, grateful for the compassions that greet us with each new dawn and the guidance, motivation, and comfort that accompany us every moment of our day.

Lord, by our nature we would prefer to earn each day’s blessings. We forget your clear words that only when we lose our lives for

your sake will we be saved. Forgive us for a breezy, self-centered posture in striding through our day, oblivious to the pain on the faces around us. Help us to see at once on those faces our own pain and to be startled by the resemblance to your face as you hung on that cross. Help that resemblance to transform us, beginning with our loved ones and rippling outward into workplace, community, and all of our more distant relationships. Kindle our brotherhood and sisterhood with all your creation. Imbue us with fire to resolve whatever demons obstruct our full fellowship with you and with one another.

Lord, among those new compassions you bestow on us daily, may you continue to shape in our souls the graces of true Christian character: A thankful and uncomplaining heart; boldness to stand for what is right; tenderness toward the weak and dispossessed; silence, that we may refrain from hasty speech; forgiveness to-

wards those who have wronged us; bodily discipline; strict truthfulness; courage in suffering and in danger; patience in discerning your will; obedience in responding to it promptly; winsomeness in sharing the gospel; humility in all that we do, understanding that we owe everything to you. [This para. adapted from John Baillie’s *Diary of Private Prayer*]

Thank you, dear God, that in your Risen Son, we see what we most need to know about God and ourselves. Thank you for being our Way, our Truth, and our Life. Amen.



In Memory of Mark and Christianna Forster Halfpenny presented by Kate Halfpenny

This stained glass window resides behind the sanctuary organ. Mark Halfpenny built the Winfield Woolen Factory on Laurel Run (near Laurelton) in 1851 where he also ran a sumac mill (sumac extract was used in the tanning process) and a store. The mills were destroyed by fire and Halfpennys relocated to Lewisburg. The 1860 census shows that living in the household was the couple, their 9 children, grandfather and a domestic servant. Only some of the family actually became members of the church. Kate was the only daughter of Mark & Christianna and never married. She had eight brothers.

Lady Bison Basketball Dinner



A group of First Presby basketball fans is planning to recognize First Presbyterian member, Coach Aaron Roussell, Patriot League Women's Basketball Coach of the Year, and his record-setting (25-8) Lady Bison players, with a pot luck dinner on Tuesday, April 19 at 6:00PM. Whether you're a basketball fan or not, plan to attend this fun evening as we pay tribute

to an outstanding group of ladies. Coach Roussell and team members will comment about this past season and answer questions from the audience. You are encouraged to wear something orange, if you have it.

Please bring a casserole, salad, vegetable or fruit tray or a dessert to share with others including as many as fourteen Lady Bison guests. It would be

helpful if you could bring your food to the kitchen by 5:45PM.

Contact Bob Harder with any questions/or to rsvp at 570-523-8947 or rharter@ptd.net. Please let us know you will be coming by Sunday, April 17. This will help the planning committee in their preparation for the event.

Anxiety and

Stress

Management

Heather Creighton will be leading a group for "Anxiety and Stress Management". Plan to meet on Monday evenings, 6:30-7:30pm, April 4th through May 9th. If interested email heather.creighton@outlook.com or call her office at [570-523-0362](tel:570-523-0362).



Lewisburg Arts Festival Church Table

The annual Lewisburg Arts Festival Craft Fair is scheduled for Saturday, April 23 from 9-5. As a bonus, the Arts Festival Photography exhibit will be hosted in our Library again this year so there will be increased foot traffic through our church.

During the Craft Fair our Summer Mission Trip Team will be selling chicken corn soup, sloppy Joes, hot dogs, chili and popcorn in front of the church.

We are inviting any crafters from our church that would like to offer their wares, to join us on the front lawn. Call the church office if you would like to participate. Please tell us how many tables and chairs or the space that you will need.

The mission team will gladly accept donations for the food stand. Needed are:

- Soda (in cans)
- Hot dogs
- Hot dog buns
- Ketchup, mustard, chopped onions, sweet relish
- Hamburger buns



Stop by our food stand for nourishment!



2016 First Presby Open

August 5th & 6th



Join us once again (or for the first time) for the annual First Presby Open taking place on Friday and Saturday, August 5th & 6th at Toftrees Golf Resort in State College. Whether you are an avid golfer or get out once or twice a year, you will be guaranteed to have a great time of fun and fellowship with other members and friends of the church. Highlights of this year's event include:

- Two 18-hole rounds of golf with cart & range balls
- Friday night lodging, buffet-style dinner & Saturday morning breakfast
- Prizes for closest to the hole & partner/team competitions (\$10 entry prior to tee-off)
- Putting competition (a Friday night tradition)
- Tee times start at 10:30AM on Friday and 8:00AM on Saturday

The total cost for the event is \$245 which includes a \$100 deposit **due by May 1**. The balance will be paid directly to Toftrees upon checkout on Saturday. If you feel that the cost of the event would keep you from attending, a "Golf Scholarship" is available by contacting Pastor Jim King in the church office at (570)524-4419. *Please do not allow the cost of the event to deter you or a friend from participating.*

If you have attended in the past or are new to the event this year, consider inviting someone to play along. This could be a new or long-time member of the church, a neighbor, work colleague, family member or friend. Reach out and help make the First Presby Open more than just a couple rounds of golf. Additionally, if you know of a past player in the Open that has missed recently, invite him back to play this year. Any questions regarding this year's Open can be addressed to Brad Wakeman (570-428-5449) or Mike Mast (570-428-2652).

Return the bottom portion of this flyer and \$100.00 deposit made payable to Brad Wakeman at church or by mail at 1126 Market Street, Lewisburg, by May 1 to make your reservation.

Name _____ Email Address _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Handicap or 18 Hole Average _____

Roommate/1st Round Partner Request _____

As always, check out the First Presby Kids page on Facebook for pictures and more details about any of our events.

In April, we will examine the miracle of Easter and what happened after Jesus rose. JAM will finish their study of the Lord's Prayer and how talking to God frequently makes us stronger in our faith.

Dreaming of warm weather and sunny days? While you plan your summer vacation, save the date for our summer special happenings.

- ◆ This year, kids aged pre-school-grade 6 are welcome to join us June 13-17 from 9 AM - Noon as we follow Jesus-the light of the world-in Cave Quest.

JAM News

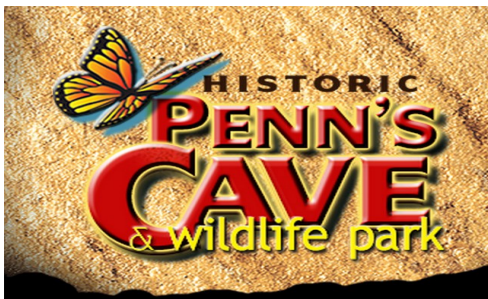
- ◆ We are pumped to announce the addition of a sports camp in July- join us for Mega Sports Camp July 18-22 from 9 AM- Noon, students will get the opportunity to work with coaches in one of the four areas: dance, cheerleading, soccer and basketball.
- ◆ Children entering grades 2-8 are welcome to join us August 15-19 for *Press On-* an Olympic themed Kids' Cantata. This week will give you the opportunity to act, sing, work on sets and props, learn movements and all about the fruits of the spirit. The culmination of this great week of fun will be when we share our project in worship on Sunday August 21st at 10 AM.

Please note the dates below, there are some changes in meeting dates as well as special events:

JAM will be meeting on April 13 and April 27 from 5:30-7. Chimes for grades 3-5 will meet from 5-5:30 in the choir room on those same days.

PLEASE NOTE, there will be no JAM on April 6. Instead, we will have another Pot Luck Wednesday when families are invited to come for food, fun and fellowship from 5-7 PM. Please bring a covered dish and be ready to have fun together as a larger church family. The church will provide dessert, beverages and paper products so bring your favorite side or main dish.

-Rhiannon Dame



All ages are welcome to join us on an exploration of Penn's Cave on April 30th at 9:45 am. Advance reservations are required by April 10. There will be a 45 minute tour of the cave by boat as well as

90 minute bus tour featuring various wildlife including bears, wolves, elk, deer, bobcats, bison, long-horn cattle, mustangs, big-horn sheep, as well as the mountain lion.

Plan on packing a picnic lunch or buying lunch at the restaurant. We will meet at the Visitor's Center at 9:45. The cave tour will be at 10 AM and then the nature tour will be at Noon.

For questions or more information please contact Rhiannon Dame, [570-971-2218](tel:570-971-2218) or rhid-ame@gmail.com

Cost will be

- Adult – \$24.00
 - 'Young Adult' Grades 7 to 12 – \$20.50
 - Child preschool to Grade 6 – \$13.50
- Make checks payable to Penn's Cave and register by April 10 in the bulletin insert.

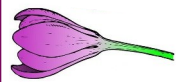
First Presby Youth

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Movie Night Out "God's Not Dead 2"	2
3 Sunday School 9-10am YCC 7-8pm	4	5 REFUGED 7-8:30pm	6 Breakfast & Devos 6:30am FUEL 7-8:30pm	7	8	9
10 Sunday School 9-10am YCC 7-8pm	11	12 REFUGED 7-8:30pm	13 Breakfast & Devos 6:30am FUEL 7-8:30pm	14 Rejoicing Spirits 6:30pm	15	16
17 Sunday School 9-10am	18	19 REFUGED 7-8:30pm	20 Breakfast & Devos 6:30am FUEL 7-8:30pm	21	22 Fundraiser Prep 6pm	23 Arts Festival Sale for Summer Mission Trip 8-5pm
24 Sunday School 9-10am	25	26 REFUGED 7-8:30pm	27 Breakfast & Devos 6:30am FUEL 7-8:30pm	28	29	30

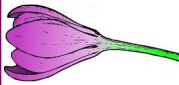
COLOR KEY:

Green Events - ALL youth event Blue Events - Middle School events Questions or comments? Feel free to contact us: Lauren and Tim Halteman, Youth Directors
 Red Events - High School events Black Events - College age events Office: 570-524-4419, lhalteman@first-presby.org, thalteman@first-presby.org





April Church Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 2:00 NA 7:00 Communicants	4 9:15 Trainers	5 10:00 Staff Mtg. 7:00 Refuge 7:00 NA	6 6:30 Y Breakfast 10:00 LAMBS 5-7 Potluck Wdnesday 6:00 Bells 7:00 Fuel 7:30 Choir	7 6:00 DBR 7:30 NA	8 7:00 NA	9 7:00 NA
10 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	11 9:15 Trainers	12 10:00 Staff Mtg. 7:00 Refuge 7:00 NA	13 6:30 Y Breakfast 10:00 LAMBS 5:00 Chimes 5:30 JAM 6:00 Bells 7:00 Fuel 7:30 Choir	14 6:00 DBR 7:30 NA	15 7:00 NA	16 1:30-3:30 @Paint, Party & More Women's Event 7:00 NA
17 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	18 9:15 Trainers 7:00 Session, Deacons and Trustees	19 10:00 Staff Mtg. 6:00 Lady Bison Basketball Dinner 7:00 Refuge 7:00 NA	20 6:30 Y Breakfast 10:00 LAMBS 6:00 Bells 7:00 Fuel 7:30 Choir	21 6:00 DBR 7:30 NA	22 7:00 NA	23 9:00-2:00 Lbg Arts Festival Food Stand 7:00 NA
24 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	25 9:15 Trainers	26 10:00 Staff Mtg. 7:00 Refuge 7:00 NA	27 6:30 Y Breakfast 10:00 LAMBS 5:00 Chimes 5:30 JAM 6:00 Bells 7:00 Fuel 7:30 Choir	28 6:00 DBR 7:30 NA	29 7:00 NA	30 9:45 @ Penns Cave Event 7:00 NA



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Living fully in Christ, through His Word, community and mission

Ushers: Tom Rich, Mark, Erik and Cole Temple, George Koons, John Mutschler, Patrick Chiboroski, Chris Zellmann, Gerry Schwieger

	Nursery	Coffee Social	Greeters
3	Kalcich, Lind, Graver	Mark & Amie Reif	Bruckhart
10	Taylor, Jusko	Rob & Lisa Black	Cavanagh
17	DeCosmo, Papson	Bill & Beth Shutt	
24	Roussell, TBA	Dave & Ruth McCord	

Dinner By the River Teams (devotion leader) 7 - Sacred Heart (Linda Shaffer) **14** - Bruce/Ishii/Ringkamp (Rick Gathman) **21** - Shady Grove Menonite (Bob Kribbs) **28** - Zellmann (Bonnie Troxell)

Women of All Ages Event Committee: Heidi DeCosmo, Avis Hans, Lisa Kraus, Paula Young, Kathy Schwieger, Sukyi Han, Amber Lind, Natalie Grimes

All Church Penns Cave Event Committee: Ed & Rhiannon Dame, David & Carolyn McSween



Women of All Ages Event

Saturday, April 16,
 from 1:30PM- 3:30PM
 Women of all ages are invited to come to Paint, Party & More, located in the South Gate Plaza, 5190 State Route 405, Milton.

(Across from Fetter's Meats in the plaza with Dollar General). Come out and enjoy the afternoon painting! No experience necessary! Wear paint friendly clothes! Refreshments will be provided. We are limited to 40 painting easels. Please register (in bulletin insert) by Friday, April 8, 2016 (make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church with "paint" in the memo)

\$ 10.00 for 12yrs. and older,
 \$ 5.00 for 5-12 years, 4 and under will be provided with paper and can help mommy paint! For questions contact: Lisa Kraus 570 903-1063 or Avis Hans 570 742-3336