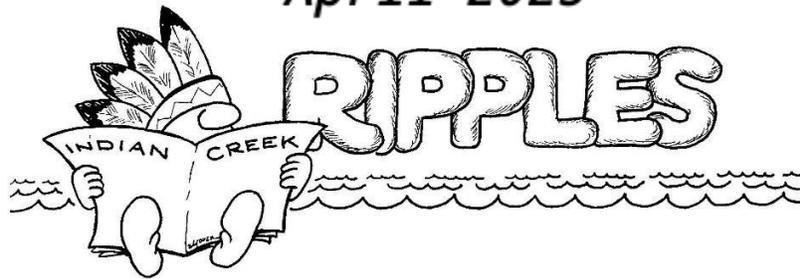


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Indian Creek Church of the Brethren
821 Main Street, Harleysville, PA 19438

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9:00 am – Sunday School
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Office Hours

Monday-Friday
9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Church Staff:

Tim Moyer
Interim Pastor

Courtney Covell
Administrative Assistant

Don Ziegler
Custodian

Kathy Moyer
Wee Folk Director/Teacher

Heather Thomsen
Wee Folk Assistant Teacher

What the first Easter changed for the disciples and for you

Read: Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, John 20

Easter is more than a day to remember; it's a day to celebrate our belief that anything is possible with God. Once we see Jesus for who He is — the Son of God who died for our sin and rose from the grave — we are never the same.

We see this transforming power in those Jesus appeared to on the first Easter. Jesus spent time with His followers, sharing meals with them and allowing them to touch the scars in His hands. These men and women were not seeing things or having out of body experiences. Jesus proved to them His resurrection was both literal and physical.

“Look at my hands and feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have” (Luke 24:39).

The men and women who saw Jesus after the resurrection couldn't go back to the way things were. They wrote the gospels we're reading 2,000 years later (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John). They started the global church, spending their lives spreading the message that Jesus is alive. Their belief that Jesus died for their sins and rose from the grave changed them forever.

In John 20:29, Jesus says we are even more blessed than His original followers because we believe and have not seen Him face-to-face. Our faith in Jesus puts an end to the power of sin and shame because we know “He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification” (Romans 4:25). What a blessing!

Because Jesus defeated death and gives us eternal life in heaven, we no longer have to fear persecution or terminal diagnosis. To live is to live with Jesus, and to die is to be united with Jesus. Either way, we win (Philippians 1:21).

Because we have found a new life in Christ, we can rejoice through trials because we know God will work through all things, even hardship and pain, to bring good to our lives (Romans 8:28).

This Easter, let's be people whose words and actions demonstrate our belief that Jesus is alive. And through our faith, we'll experience the eternal blessings of God's love for us.

Submitted by Courtney Covell From [What Happened During Holy Week: An 8-Day Devotional](#)

Search Committee

Update

I have been in contact with our district executive, Pete Kontra. Our profile is still being circulated. There have been no applications.

Blessings,
Sarah



Nurture Nook

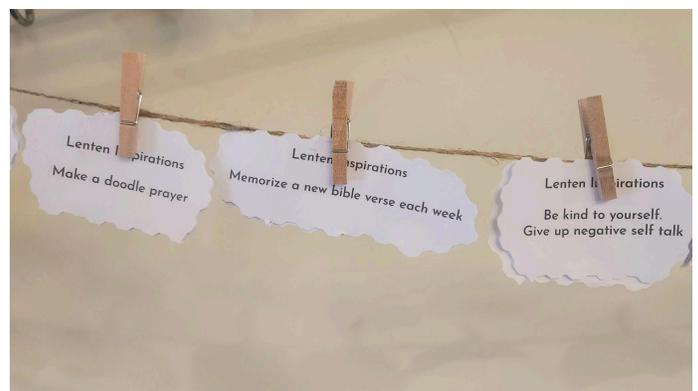
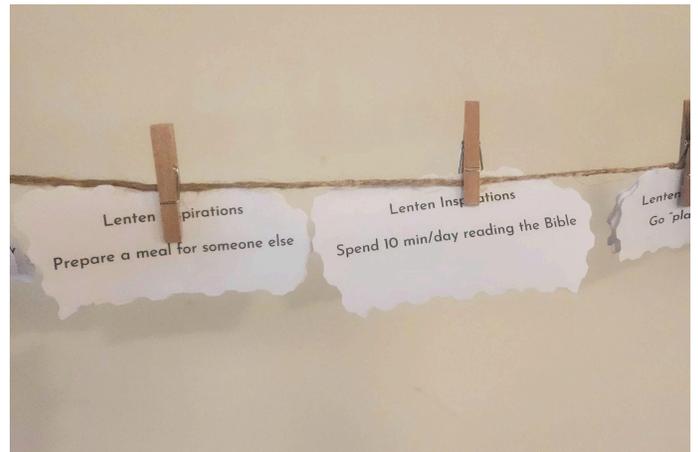
Article and pictures by Donna Parcell

We are in the season of Lent, preparing ourselves for the magnitude of the sacrifice and celebration of Easter week. Many people choose to give something up for Lent to represent the sacrifice.

For our nurture activity this month, we encouraged the congregation to instead of (or in addition to) giving something up for Lent, to give back to the church and the community by making a positive change. The committee provided suggestions in the narthex for people to take and be inspired to spread some joy and make a positive impact on our friends and neighbors.

Some people chose to do 40 random acts of kindness, one for each day of Lent. Others chose to say hello to people they didn't know. One member of our congregation made it a point to say words of encouragement to others. Another let people go in front of them in line.

There are many ways to make a positive impact, and someone's entire outlook can be changed by one simple act of kindness. Let's make a habit of extending grace and showing kindness, and in the process shining the light of Jesus!



Youth Group News

Article and pictures by Donna Parcell

Our March youth activity was learning how to make panoramic sugar eggs. Jadon Bateman, Joseph Grau, Kadlin Grau, and Casper Spigel were the master creators.

First we learned how to mix the sugar concoction, decide what color to make the sugar, decide what size of eggs we wanted to make, fill the molds, and bake the eggs. Then we had to scrape out the inside of the egg to make room for the decorations. This part was tricky because you have to scrape out enough, but not too much that you break through the wall of the egg.

Once all of that was completed, the serious decorating began. We chose between birds, chicks, eggs, and flowers to make some pretty awesome scenes inside our eggs. Once the decorations were secured, we put the 2 halves of the eggs together with icing, and hid the seams with more icing. You can never have too much icing! The eggs turned out great and we are eggs-cited to add them to our Easter decorations!

We have been brainstorming for ways that we can give back to the church, and one idea that we had was to provide some yummy treats prior to Sunday school (reminiscent of Naomi's coffee hour). Jadon, Joseph, Kadlin, and Casper all provided baked good. Jadon and Casper were present to serve and clean up. They even did the dishes! It was a fun time and we will be doing it again so stay tuned!



Small Talk

by: Kathy Moyer

With Wee Folk Sunday so fresh in our minds, I write this with so much love and gratitude for all that you shared with our families for this special celebration!

Seeing so many hands working to make this such a blessed day for the Wee Folk and their families, was almost more than my heart could hold! Your genuine care and expression of welcome is sure to have touched the hearts of all who visited.

Thank you to all – especially Pastor Tim and his “Smoker Team” for the wonderful smoked meats; and to Jen Alderfer and all the kitchen help who provided the lovely fellowship meal. Special thanks, too, to Don and Darlene for making the church sparkle from top to bottom! Your willingness to share all your talents is a reflection of your love and support for the Wee Folk ministry on this our 29th Wee Folk Sunday!

As we welcome April, we will hop right into our Easter preparations! To begin, we will be using the Lenten devotional you provided for our students. We will be taking the children around the church to find Easter eggs that refer to each part of the Easter story, discuss the meaning, then match the stickers on our individual posters. Sharing this activity in such a tangible way is sure to make the Easter message meaningful to even our youngest students. Thank you so much for providing this resource for us to use in this way.

We will also be busy making bunnies, painting eggs at the easel, and dying

hard boiled eggs to bring home in the colorful Easter baskets we make. Just prior to our spring break, we will view the video of The Easter Story, from the makers of the Beginner’s Bible.

This month our writing center will feature an assortment of mazes, dot-to-dot, and hidden pictures to color, all with a spring and Easter theme. Our puppet theater will be transformed into the Easter Bunny’s hutch, with plastic eggs to hide and find at playtime. We’ll also enjoy pastel colored Play-doh with an assortment of spring cookie cutters. And our sensory tub will be filled with Easter grass, with hidden pompom “eggs” to find and sort by colors.

When we return from the Easter holiday, our focus will be a unit on Nursery Rhymes and Fairy Tales. We look forward to sharing the classics and then acting some of them out with simple props.

Easter blessings to all from Wee Folk!





Deacon Ministry

Poetry for Spring

Submitted by Pam Bedell

When April arrives, I think more often of my father, since he died on April 24 th . When I was young, we usually visited my father's parents in Virginia in the springtime around Easter. A favorite memory of visiting there was reading poetry with Grandmother Wampler. She also wrote her own poetry and enjoyed reciting it with us. She had a great sense of humor and we always looked forward to hearing the jokes and riddles that she had memorized.

As I was thinking about Dad and Grandmother Wampler, I decided to share a couple of Grandmother's poems here. These were written in 1918 when she was 27 years old:

“The happy days of spring have come,
Most joyous of the year;
Of blooming tree and perfumed breeze,
And brilliant flowers appear.
Where are the snowdrifts and the ice
That lately covered these?
They are transformed!
Now quench the thirst
Of birds and flowers and bees.
Such happy sounds now greet my ears,
As children shout and cheer;
And courting birds their songs I hear.
I will not forget mid trials through the year.

Youth seeks out the soft low chair
And gains it with a leap,
Throws his leg upon the arms
And sinks in cushions deep.
Age seeks out the hard, straight chair
And sits there like a cup;
For age must think, when sitting down,
Of the getting up.”

Written on the same page as these poems is the following advice:

“Do not grumble because roses have thorns,
Be thankful that thorns have roses.”

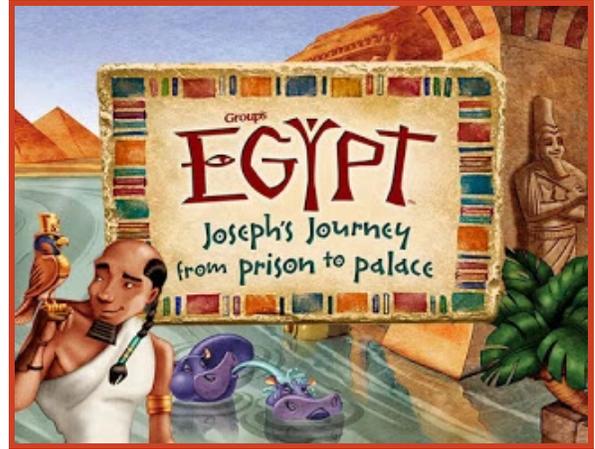




April Birthdays

Church Family & Friends

- 1 Annabel Steward
- 4 Lea Landis
- 10 Kathy Moyer (Wee Folk)
- 12 Sherry Ziegler
- 15 Adam Steward
- 23 Casper Spigel
- 26 Marge Hendricks
- 30 Pam Bedell



Vacation Bible School

We are excited to be planning our VBS week! This is an important community outreach and we are looking forward to welcoming back both returning children and new friends.

Our theme is “Joseph - From Prison to Palace” where we will learn about the amazing life that Joseph led. To make a successful week we will need a lot of support from the congregation. We are still looking for some volunteers to help out during the mornings of VBS. We have jobs for everyone regardless of age and ability!

VBS will be held on August 4-9 (Monday through Friday) from 9am until 12 noon. We will celebrate the week with a VBS Sunday and picnic for the families and the congregation on Sunday, August 11.

If you can help out, please contact a member of the VBS committee - Sarah Duett, Donna Parcell, or Jane Spigel. Thank you in advance!