

PASS I† ON!



Newsletter 2017

THE UNITED CHURCH
of CLINTON

I Love Easter! I love everything about Easter. You get new spring clothes, it might just be a new shirt or tie, but there is always something new. There are those awkward Easter Family Pictures, but at least we have a record of changing fashion and strange hair styles. Then there are the Easter Egg Hunts. All of my life I have been either hunting or hiding eggs. It is a joy to see how much fun little ones get scouting out those colorful plastic eggs.

But then there is the day after Easter – Monday. Things go back to normal. All the eggs have been found, crushed jellybeans removed from the carpet, chocolate bunnies all consumed! When the dust settles after Easter, many return to their daily routine and leave Christianity aside. So what are we to do after the hype of Easter is over? Do we just go about doing the same things that we have been doing up to Easter? Or does the experience of Easter change us and shape our living, or does it at least refresh our standing commitment to our faith?

Easter isn't just about eggs, bunnies, jelly beans and hollow chocolate Easter bunnies, and dressing up. It's about the new life we have in Christ, in which we are set free to love, forgive and serve, and thereby find a sense of peace and joy in all that we do. By grabbing hold of the cross, we share in Jesus' victory over sin, death and all that would destroy us.

Easter is the story of hope and victory; it is the story of God fulfilling his promise to bless the world. It is the story of Jesus laying down his life for the forgiveness of our sins on Friday and then rising from the dead on Sunday. It is the women finding the empty tomb and an angel declaring, "He is not here He has risen, just as He said." (Matthew 28:6)

The Easter message does not end with the resurrection, but continues on as his followers, as we, live with the hope found in the message and life of Jesus. The message that lingers long after Easter is that we are called and invited to follow Jesus. We are freed to live the life of hope. May we do so the day after Easter and every day.

Rev. Dr. Scott Stewart
Best Fishes
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CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER LIST

The Arpano Family
Sara Houghton
Yvonne Quinn
Jim Porcella
Jim Garceau
Larry Gilman
Amanda Howe
Chad Kay
Don Davis Family
Billie Jean Dotson
Ruth Gentile
Carol Buteau
Brett Cooper
Jeannette Sivert



ALSO, REMEMBER OUR HOME WORSHIPERS

Mary Bisson, Herman Schultz, Marge Sheridan,
Corinne Dobeck, Marilyn Center, Tina Norwood
Eunice Salmon, Gloria Nillson
Ruth Baer & Corinne Gebhardt

AND, THOSE IN THE MILITARY

Mike Clark (Mary & Joe's son)
S/SGT Frank R. Heron (Marge Sheridan's grandson)
Captain Aubrey Sontag
1st Lt Tiffany Sontag
S/A Jill Milewski
Pvt. Alex Apell
All who are deployed



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 04 - Phillip Arpano, Sr
- 05 - Robert Ganusko
- 05 - April Kristoff
- 09 - William Cummins
- 09 - Lauren Callahan Fillios
- 11 - Erica Hoag
- 11 - Cole Jacques
- 11 - Ella Cummins
- 12 - Eric Chetwynd
- 15 - Michelle Garry
- 15 - Dawn Sivert
- 15 - Bob Lidstone
- 15 - Kim Kane
- 17 - Rosa Perez
- 28 - Amanda Littlefield
- 29 - Jeanne Dietel

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 02 - Gloria Parkinson
- 04 - Cassie Bradbury
- 04 - Donald Dobeck
- 04 - Alexis Braconnier
- 05 - Janice Ganusko
- 06 - Jonathan Kahnoyan
- 07 - Brett Cooper
- 08 - Julie Cummins
- 16 - Heather McNamara
- 17 - Fred Sontag
- 19 - James Dubovick
- 21 - Eric Furman
- 21 - Daryl Jent
- 22 - Grace Turcotte
- 24 - Kelly Ann Ryan
- 31 - Caroline Arsenault

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 02 - Catherine Irvine
- 02 - Laura Taylor
- 03 - Perry Sivert
- 03 - Angela Frances Pane
- 05 - William Jent
- 06 - Zachary Newton
- 06 - Christine Burgos
- 08 - Rebecca Stahl
- 11 - Carlos Burgos
- 12 - Bailee McNamara
- 16 - Michael Zammitti
- 16 - Mary Bisson
- 16 - Tacia Sharland
- 17 - Kaitlyn Smethurst
- 19 - Sheila Georger
- 19 - Drew Dobeck
- 22 - Jean Lidstone
- 24 - Richard Hoag
- 28 - Ryan O'Toole
- 28 - Cindy Bradbury

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 09 - Teresa & Fred Sontag



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 01 - Barbara & James Dubovick
- 03 - Kelly & Kevin Turcotte
- 10 - Pam & Don Dobeck
- 18 - Gayle Jennings & Steven Poitras
- 19 - Cynthia & Scott Stewart
- 30 - Jane-Anne & Larry Crossman
- 31 - Diane & Bill Cummins

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 02 - Gerry & Barry Dobeck
- 04 - Cathy & Ken Poulin
- 08 - Deborah & Joe Facendola
- 20 - June & Herman Schultz
- 21 - Amy & Phillip Arpano
- 25 - Kim & James Kane

APRIL ACTIVITIES

- 02 - German Christmas Market
Raffle/ after worship
- 03 - Deacons/ 7:00 pm
- 04 - Missions & Social Justice
/ 7:00 pm
- 09 - PALM SUNDAY
- 11 - Stewardship/ 2:00 pm
- 12 - Council/ 7:30 pm
- 13 - MAUNDY THURSDAY
Supper/ 6:00 pm
Service/ 7:00 pm
- 14 - GOOD FRIDAY/ 12:00 noon
Services at Presbyterian
- 16 - EASTER SUNDAY
Sunrise Service/ 6:00 am
Celebration Service/ 10:00 am

MAY ACTIVITIES

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JUNE ACTIVITIES

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PLEASE NOTE

Kelly Turcotte will now be handling the Altar Flower Orders.



Youth Council Notes

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We have had a great time!

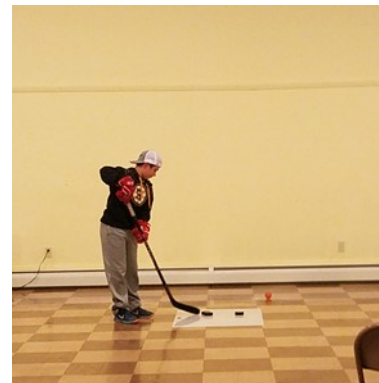
Since January we have had many exciting missions supported by the Youth Council. The Youth Council itself was developed as a means to combine the resources of Sunday School, Youth Group and Confirmation. We have completed our activities as one group since January of 2017. The youth have participated in the Souper Bowl of Caring, hosting our first annual "Family Gras", and participation in the Chili Cook-off. The Sunday School has been creating journals in which the children have been writing about their journeys through Lent to Easter. The seventh and eighth grade class has been changed into a "pre-confirmation" class that will be staffed by the Deacons. Come and join us to see some of the exciting changes going on in Sunday School.

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Souper Bowl of Caring

Family Gras



Family Gras Continued...



Youth Participation - Chili Cook-Off



Youth Council Volunteers

Meetings for Youth Council are held on the first Sunday of each month at 9:00a.m.

This is a great way to get involved in some of the activities at our church. We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to take on a youth event, and run with it--to make it the best it can be!

Upcoming Youth Events

April 9th--Palm Sunday--Children will carry in Palms please meet in Marquardt Hall for 9:45.

We will also have breakfast during Sunday School

April 16th--Easter Sunday Services No Sunday School

April 30th--Pre K--2nd Grade Assemble and Deliver Small May Baskets

May 28th--No Sunday School/Memorial Day Weekend

June 11th--Children's Sunday Practice at 9:15

June 18th--Children's Sunday please be at church by 9:15



**COFFEE HOUR
DONATIONS**



The kitchen ladies are still looking for donations of baked goods for Sunday Coffee Hour. (Please, if you are purchasing ready made baked goods, be sure to check the expiration dates.)



**Altar
Flowers**

May be purchased in celebration, honor or memory of Loved Ones or an occasion by using the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in Marquardt Hall. The full selection---two side pieces, center and bulletins is \$50, center is \$15, two sides are \$30 and bulletins are \$5. The arrangements are being made by Country Garden Florists. For additional information and payment contact Kelly Turcotte or the Church Office.

CHURCH E-MAIL & PHONE LIST

If you have recently changed e-mail addresses, telephone or cell phone numbers or are new to our Church Family and haven't completed a member information form, please do so as soon as possible and return it to the office. The Church Family e-mail and phone list is an important part of our contact network for announcements and updates.

WEBSITE

The Newsletter section is updated every monththe next updates are scheduled for the beginning of April...you can find us at www.clintonunitedchurch.org. We now also post the weekly bulletins, weekly sermons and information on upcoming and ongoing events.

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- April 9 - Palm Sunday Service/ 10:00 am
- April 13 - Maundy Thursday Service/ 7:00 pm
Supper/ 6:00 pm
- April 14 - Good Friday Service
/ 12:00 noon at Presbyterian Church
- April 16 - Easter Sunday
/ Sunrise Service/ 6:00 am
/ Celebration Service/ 10:00 am

