

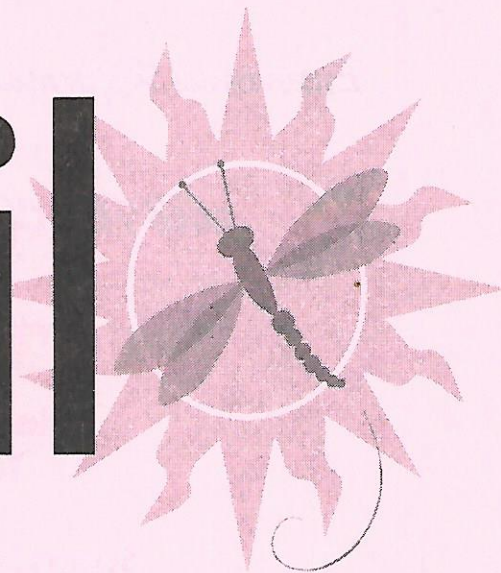
**Emmanuel Reformed Church
of the United Church of Christ
3618 Hills Church Road
Export, PA 15632
www.hills-church.org**

WELCOME!

Come and worship @ 10:15AM every Sunday



April



2018

Spring Salad Luncheon

Wednesday, May 2, 2018

11:00 AM- 1:00 PM

Emmanuel Reformed Church of the United Church of Christ

"Hills" Church

3618 Hills Church Road, Export, PA 15632

For ticket reservations, call:

(724) 327-3050

(Please leave a message)

Take outs available

Sponsored by the Women's Guild

All are welcome!

Bring your family and friends and enjoy
a wide variety of homemade salads,
such as meat salads, jello salads and dessert salads.

Donation: \$7.50

Includes beverage

HILLTOPPER

April, 2018

I cannot believe that as I am writing this on the second day of spring, it is snowing! I loved the warmer weather over the last few days. Hopefully we have some sunshine for the Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday! I want to thank all the families who donated items for our treat bags. I couldn't have done it without all the support!

In April, the children will begin lesson with Bible Journaling. The children and I all have been anticipating the beginning of lessons using our new bibles. I want to say a Huge THANK YOU! To everyone who donated towards the purchase of the Journaling Bibles! I know they will enjoy them for years to come!

Looking ahead, its hard to believe that VBS is right around the corner. So, mark your calendars for June 25th-28th! This year's theme will be Ocean Wonders. As always, we will be looking for volunteers to help run each station, help with snacks, or just to come hang out with us, and have some fun! I've already had a few sign ups!

In closing my family and I would like to wish everyone a very Happy Easter! With this start to spring, my wish for you is that you find a renewed spirit as the earth renews itself.

Blessings, Heather

Pastor:
Rev. Joseph Hedden

Retired Licensed
Minister:
William C. Dulaney

Music Director:
Linda L. Dulaney

Secretaries:
Janise Steele
Julie Keibler

Christian Ed. Coord.:
Heather Clark

Custodian:
Ed Korchok

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HILLS CHURCH

Consistory Elders and Deacons

Elders:

Randy Steele
Amanda Steele
Bill Dulaney
Linda Dulaney
Carolyn Graham
Cathy Hanks
Mike Silaggy
Dave Chizmar

Deacons:

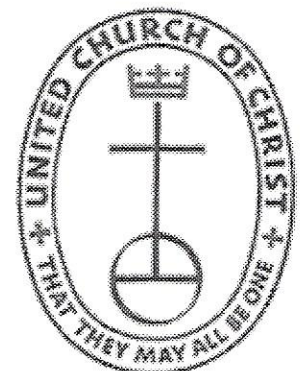
Alex Graham
Cheryl Ignatius
Donna Wohlgler
Wayne Moore
Linda Moore
Logan Clark

Snyder Fund:

Alex Graham
Jerry Moore
Sandy Sinan
Mike Silaggy

Trustees:

Alex Graham
Roy Murdick
Randy Steele



THE WORD

Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.—John 20:8 & 9.

Dear friends,

First off, happy Easter! I hope that you have had a wonderful experience of the Easter Season and the power of our Risen Lord!

Second, as a preacher, it is difficult for me to get my head around Easter. It's not that I don't believe in the Resurrection of Jesus; I certainly do! But I sympathize with these eyewitnesses to the empty tomb who 'do not understand' the Scripture in John's Gospel.

The reason the resurrection is hard for me to understand is because it is so different from every other experience I've ever seen. Sure, I've heard people say the resurrection is like a caterpillar turning into a butterfly or a seed being buried and bearing fruit (Jesus uses this image himself, John 12:24). Yet, the more I drill down on this idea of a man truly dying and coming back to life, I realize that this event is unique in human history! There is nothing, nothing at all, like resurrection! It is an amazing event that God the Father blessed the creation with. And, for me, no amount of study or thinking about this event makes it any easier for me to understand. The resurrection just is. It exists. The resurrection of Jesus just stands over history, looking out over human events in the same way that the Statue of Liberty looks out over Manhattan.

Maybe in some way, that's what excites me about the resurrection—that I can't get a good handle on it. That means that Jesus and his resurrection is active in the poorest neighborhood and deepest woodland. Jesus' resurrection has an impact at the kitchen table of a couple who fear for their addicted child. Jesus' resurrection hovers over the most cynical stockbroker on Wall Street, who rarely gives a thought to God. His resurrection broods over the Sabbath rest of a mother and her children.

So, my challenge and hope for you this Easter season is that you will look for signs of Jesus and his resurrection in your daily walk and work. Know that the power of resurrection has been loosed in this world and that Christ is alive! We Christians are dealing with unimaginable power and love—which God has gifted us to be witnesses to! That is a great calling and great comfort.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Joseph



Consistory Minutes February 13, 2018

Opening Devotion

Congregational Caring: Diane Clawson would like a memorial service for her sister, Linda, at some time in the future

Approval of the Agenda: Approved

Reading and Adoption of the Minutes: motion Dave Chizmar; second Wayne Moore

Reports:

Pastor: Installation of Dave Chizmar as elder. 2/25/18 Pastor will give a presentation on social media after Church. Wayne to facilitate a meeting about adding new members on 3/4/18 – date will be verified. Cheryl Ignatius and Donna Woehler will replace Julie Kiebler as new representatives for the National Day of Prayer, which is the first Thursday in May. Amazon Wish List – 2 Bibles received along with significant donations during Church service. Hill's Church to host first Lenten series. Pastor was interviewed by the Trib about Ash Wednesday and Lenten services. Rachel Pedder's wedding rehearsal for October 12 and wedding October 13 at Hill's Church – motion to approve by Randy Steele, second by Bill Dulaney. Pastor outdates: 9/14/18, 9/15/18, 10/19/18, 10/20/18, 11/16/18, 11/17/18, 3/15/19, 3/16/19, 5/10/19, and 5/11/19. Linda Dulaney to turn over scheduling of lay readers and greeters to office staff.

Association: none

Treasurer: written report – benevolence question to be resolved

Snyder: written report

Building: written report

Financial: written report

Cemetery: Plaque from VA for John Friday's grave

Trustees: Rob Bank to help with shingling of roof; broken toilet downstairs needs new flapper.

Worship Committee: No meetings held due to weather. Pastor taking care of Lenten Services.

Program Committee: Bible study suggestions from Pastor include field trips in March/April to visit a church in Millvale that has murals on display and visiting a music box museum in Sharpsburg.

Christian Education: written report. Also youth service next Sunday.

Deacons: no report

Elders: March 4 communion – Dave Chizmar

Women's Guild: Amanda to audit books

Old Business:

Laptop for Church- Amanda found acceptable laptop. Motion to purchase by Bill Dulaney, 2nd by Donna Woehler

New Business:

Auditors are as follows:

Youth Fund – Shirley

Women's Guild and Cemetery Funds – Amanda

Building Fund – Sandy Sinan and Sue Gay

Treasurer's Books for 2016 and 2017 – Carrie Gay

Snyder Fund and Financial Secretary – Mike Silaggi

Motion by Bill Dulaney to add Mike Silaggi to Snyder fund; 2nd by Cheryl Ignatius

Lord's Prayer

In attendance: Pastor Joseph, Randy Steele, Amanda Bank, Dave Chizmar, Mike Silaggi, Linda Moore, Wayne Moore, Bill Dulaney, Linda Dulaney, Cheryl Ignatius, Cathy Hanks, Alex Graham, Carolyn Graham, Donna Woehler.



Continue to pray for all the military families and those who have loved ones in the Armed Services serving in difficult situations and deployments.



Palm Sunday—March 25, 2018 and Easter Egg Hunt for the children.
 Maundy Thursday with Holy Communion—March 29, 2018 @ 6:30PM
 Good Friday—March 30, 2018 at 7:00PM
 Easter Sunday—April 1, 2018 —Sunrise Service 6:30AM,
 8:00AM (Informal Service) and 10:15AM Worship with Holy Communion
 Breakfast served 7AM to 10AM

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

To order Memorial Flowers, please call Linda Dulaney or Heidi Compton at 724-325-3785. The prices are Altar—\$25.00 Chancel—\$50.00



Daneen Matthews
 Vicki Hill
 Trudy Hill
 Bobby Eberts
 Debbie Jones
 Catherine Cline
 Nora Cline
 Cheryl Ignatius
 Edith Letham
 Jim Kirkwood
 Leonard Holt
 Donna Cline
 Brandon Humberger
 Bonnie Humberger
 Bonnie Yanko
 Cindy Allingham
 William Hoffman
 Peggy McNaughton
 Gary Curl
 Sandy Smail
 Donna Carroll
 Christine Chesky
 Darrin Nichter
 Barbara Marker

Hospital Update

In the Hospital:

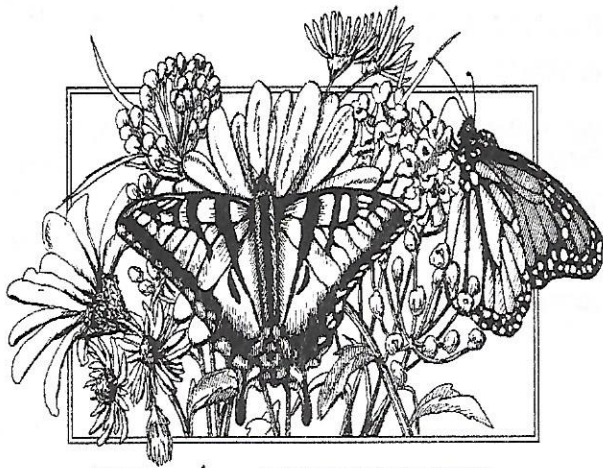
Donna Cline @ William Penn Apartments
 Dorothy Daw @ Kane Regional
 Edith Letham @ Redstone
 Catherine Cline @ Brookdale Memory Care

Home From The Hospital: Don Foley



OUR NEWSLETTER PRAYER LIST:

Please call or email the church office
 If you see a name missing and needs added to our prayer list.



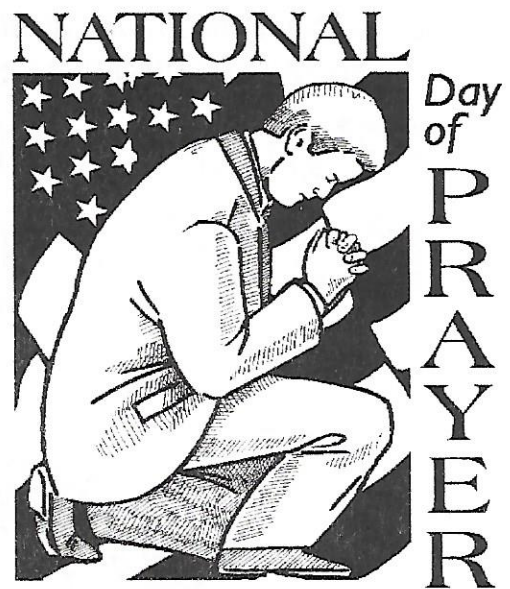
EASTER

Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018

—6:30 Sunrise Community Service at Hill's

—8:00AM and 10:15AM

—Breakfast served from 7AM to 10AM



Thursday, May 3, 2018

7PM—8:30PM

Export American Legion

(Next to Thrift Shop)



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From 11AM to 1 PM

Wednesday, May 2nd

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Church 724-327-3050



May 28, 2018

(Office Closed)



**The Chancel Choir will
Meet on Mondays
at 7PM.
Hope to see you there!**



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April 25, 2018**

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**COVERED DISH
LUNCHEON
First Sunday of every month
April 1, 2018**

The luncheon will recognize those having birthdays and anniversaries during that month.
Please plan to attend and join fellow members in celebration and fellowship.

Please bring a covered dish to share.

TRESSA'S TOMATO BISQUE

Ingredients

½ cup Butter

3 Tbsp. Basil

1 pint Chicken Broth

29 oz. can Tomato Puree

12 oz. Vegetable juice

1 Cup Heavy Whipping Cream

Directions

Melt the butter in a soup pot. Add the basil to the melted butter to bloom or rehydrate the leaves to release more of the flavor. Next add the tomato puree and blend. Add the vegetable juice and blend. Add the chicken broth and blend. Simmer until comes to a light boil. Next add the whipping cream and blend. Finally serve.

* Optional you can add freshly chopped basil on top and even croutons.

* Pairs great with Toasted Cheese, or Crusty Bread slices, or oyster crackers.

TRESSA'S RICOTTA GNOCCHI'S

Ingredients

Serves 4

Gnocchi's

10 oz. ricotta cheese

1 large egg

½ cup finely grated Parmesan Cheese

½ tsp. salt

¾ to 1 cup flour

Simple Pasta Sauce

28oz can crushed tomatoes 1 tsp. salt

1 medium onion chopped 1 tsp. pepper

1 clove garlic, crushed 1 tsp. sugar

½ tsp. garlic powder ½ tsp. onion powder

1 bay leaf (remove from sauce once done cooking)

1 Tbsp. Olive oil 1 Tbsp. Basil

Directions

Gnocchi's

Set a strainer lined with 3 coffee filters in the sink. Add the ricotta cheese and let drain for about an hour.

In a large bowl mix the strained ricotta, egg, cheese, salt, and ¾ cup flour until well blended. Cover and refrigerate for 15 min.

Check the dough by rolling a bit in your hand, it should be a little tacky. If its more like chewing gum add more flour 1 Tbsp. at a time until it's tacky. Refrigerate for another 15 min.

While your waiting place a large pot of water on the stove to bring to a boil. Sprinkle a baking sheet with flour and set close to your work area.

Now remove the dough from the refrigerator. Sprinkle your work area and your hands with flour. Break off a tennis ball sized piece and roll into a log about ¾ inch thick. Using a sharp knife cut into ¾ inch pieces. You can either leave them as little pillow shapes or roll with your thumb and the back of a fork to get the traditional gnocchi look.

Transfer the batch to the floured baking sheet and toss with the flour to prevent sticking. Repeat the rolling and cutting process with the remaining dough.

Add an additional ½ tsp of salt to the boiling water. Then add half of the gnocchi batch. Gently stir to make sure they don't stick. Once they come to the surface, let them cook 2 more minutes. Remove with a slotted spoon to the colander to finish draining.

Repeat with the second half of the batch.

Toss with sauce and serve immediately.

Sauce

In a deep pot, sauté your chopped onions in olive oil, once soft add in your crushed garlic and continue to sauté. Mix all of your ingredients together, heat to a boil and then reduce to a simmer. Cover and simmer 30 minutes, occasionally stirring to prevent burning. Remove the bay leaf.

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VOLUNTEERS ARE THE BEST!!!

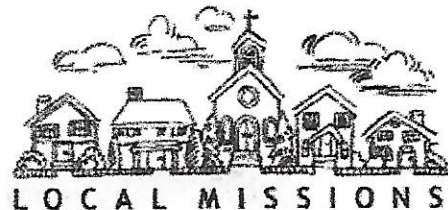
WITH GRATITUDE AND THANKS!!

Thank you to Bill and Linda Dulaney and
Lois Grudowski for the beautiful April
Decorations in the Steele Fellowship Center.
They bring a fresh welcome to our church!



**THANKS TO THOSE WHO QUIETLY
REACH OUT TO MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION
WHO ARE SICK OR IN NEED OF SUPPORT.**

THANKS
—from the—
HEART



The Choir is collecting used
greeting cards for St. Jude.
A box is located near the organ
in the sanctuary.

Linda Dulaney is collecting
Box Tops for Education and
Campbell's labels. A box is
located near the organ in the
sanctuary.

Volunteers are needed:
Meals on Wheels
Murrysville Christian Concern
Salvation Army
Check: www.Murrysvillegov.org

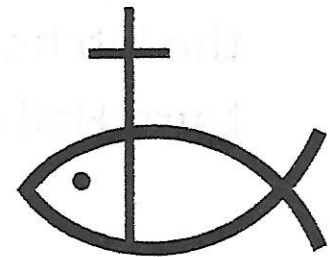
Thank you to Pastor Joseph for all of your visits and support during
Dan's illness and afterward. It was very much appreciated.
Thank you to the Prayer Angels for the beautiful prayer blanket for
Dan. Dan was so taken with the blanket. It made him smile and was
a comfort to him and to me. Thank you to everyone for all the
prayers, cards and to all who helped with the Funeral luncheon.
Doe Swank

Many thanks for your get well wishes and cards and visits when I
was feeling under the weather. Much appreciated, Sandy Sinan

Thank you for your donation of 54 pounds of food on 2/5/2018 which
Has been put to work to provide food for hungry people in our county.
On behalf of everyone associated with the Westm'd.County Food Bank
Thank you for being a partner in our work to end hunger here at home.

Thank you for your recent emergency donation of \$41.50. Your gift
makes it possible for **Save the Children** to respond during the critical
first hours and days of a crisis. On behalf of all of those girls and boys
whose lives you've changed, thank you!

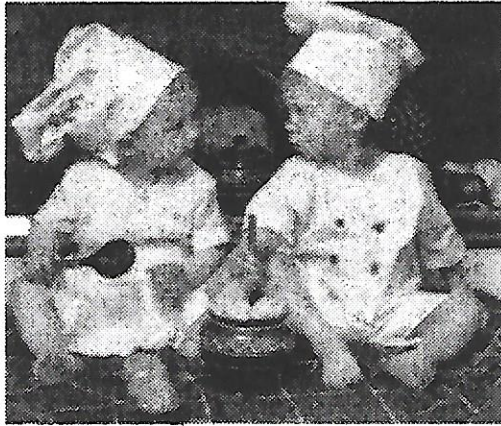
A sincere thank you for everyones thoughts and prayers and for
The kindness shown. Thank you to Pastor Joseph's hospital visits.
The Foley Family.



If you know of someone in need
of prayers, please contact
Linda Dulaney to initiate the
Prayer Chain (724-325-3785).



THE PRAYER CHAIN is in need
of some volunteers. If anyone is
interested in being part of this
chain please contact Linda
Dulaney or call the church office
(724)327-3050. Your name can
be added at anytime.



CALLING ON LADIES AND MEN WHO LIKE TO COOK

Murrysville Meals on Wheels is looking for help in the kitchen especially on Tuesdays from 8-11AM at Laird Hall Kitchen 3202 North Hills Rd.

This will require making a hot meal for 40 to 50 clients consisting of protein, vegetable and carb.

A menu is given with all ingredients on hand and a team of kitchen helpers will assist.

Think about sharing your talent with us.

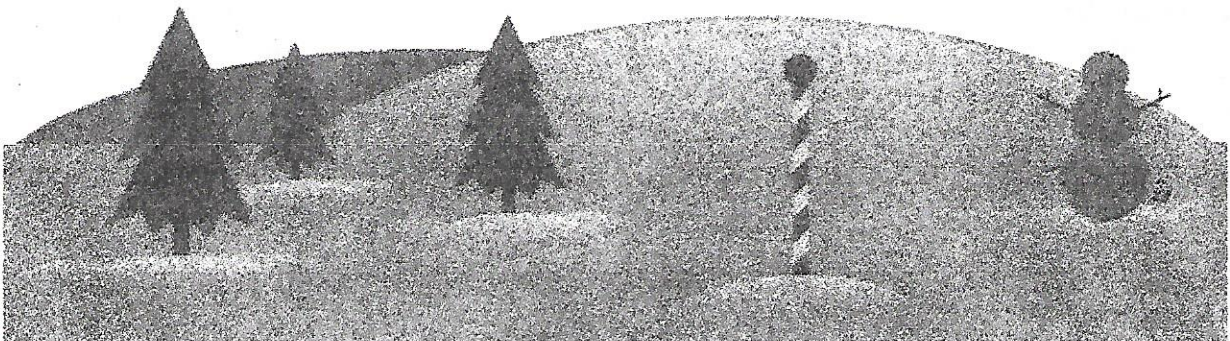
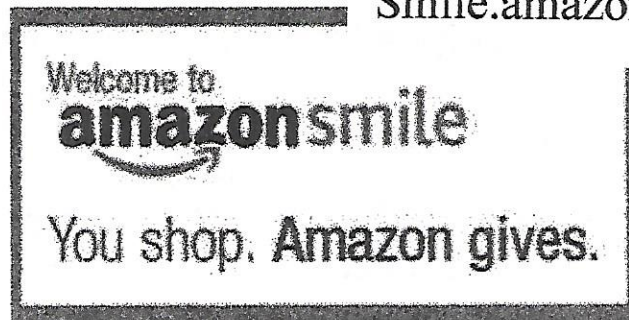
Call Lynn 724-327-6842

e-mail me - lynn@sky-pro.com

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1. Laura Kuster
Jeffrey Moore
5. Amanda Steele Bank
Jim Painter
7. Aubrey Clark
8. Rachael Carmichael
Josephine DiDomenico
10. Katie Cline
11. Cathy Hanks
12. Rita Remaley
14. Rev. Roger Nicholson
15. Richard Chesky
17. Wilma Maurizio
19. Carolyn Graham
Roy Murdick
21. Lauren Foley
Tony DiDomenico
Rocco DiDomenico
22. Jake Smith
25. Matthew Molnar-
Strejcek
28. Delores Painter



GREETERS:

APRIL GREETERS are our Congregation Members

LAY READERS:

- APR. 1 Easter—8AM—Jerry Moore
10:15AM—Amanda Steele Bank
- APR. 8 Philip Reiche
- APR. 15 Allison Bassett
- APR. 22 Randy Steele
- APR. 29 Shirley Veahman

DEACONS:

- APR. 1 Easter Sunday 8AM & 10:15AM—Wayne Moore, Logan Clark, Donna Woehler and Cheryl Ignatius
- APR. 8 Logan Clark, Donna Woehler, Cheryl Ignatius and Alex Graham
- APR. 15 Donna Woehler, Cheryl Ignatius, Alex Graham and Linda Moore
- APR. 22 Cheryl Ignatius, Alex Graham, Linda Moore and Wayne Moore
- APR. 29 Alex Graham, Linda Moore, Wayne Moore and Logan Clark

COMMUNION SCHEDULE

April 1 (Easter), May 6,
June 24—(Homecoming),
August 5, September 2, October 7—(Worldwide
Communion), November 4,
December 24—(7PM Christmas Eve)

Elders are needed to help set up,
clean up and serve.

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