



Newsletter

April 2019

**Glorifying God by Making, Maturing, and
Mobilizing Enthusiastic Disciples for Jesus Christ**

PASTOR'S REFLECTION

How is giving up going?

I hope you have been challenged so far. Challenged to give up control, greed, comparison, and hate. These are not easy things to give up. They often have holds in our lives that we rarely see until we start looking for them. This is not a one-time thing. This is a lifetime journey to be made more and more into the image of Christ.

I hope that in this journey you also remember what we are working towards. We look at these hard spots in our life in relation to the death and resurrection of Christ. The assurance, and hope, that despite the many ways we do not meet the mark, that there is grace, mercy, and love. God walks beside us in this journey and in our preparation.

I hope you will continue this journey with us.

As we move past Easter will begin a series called "Aftershock." In the Gospel of Matthew, after Jesus' death there was an earthquake, and many who were dead came back to life, and appeared to people.

This always seemed to be a bit of strange story, but it points to the power of Jesus' death. Following Easter, we will explore stories of the aftershocks, the encounters, and stories of Jesus and his disciples following his resurrection. Jesus death and resurrection really shook up what was expected and started a journey for this rag-tag group of followers. Join us as we look at those stories.

APRIL WORSHIP

Sunday April 7, 2019- "Giving Up...Fake" Matthew 7:15-20 (Communion)

Sunday April 14, 2019- Palm Sunday- "Giving Up... Success" Luke 19:28-40

Thursday April 18, 2019- Maundy Thursday- "Giving Up...Pride" John 13:1-17

Sunday April 21, 2019- Easter Sunday- "Giving Up...Death" Luke 24:1-12 (Sunbeam Choir)

Sunday April 28, 2019- "Aftershock: Acts 5:27-32" (Special Music: Sandy Hughes)

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY AND MAUNDY THURSDAY

You can still join us for the rest of our Lenten Bible Study, studying the book *Irresistible* by Andy Stanley. We will continue to meet Thursdays (April 4 and 11) for discussion. Meal begins at 6pm followed by Bible Study at 7pm.

Join us for our Maundy Thursday Service on April 18th @ 7pm. A meal will be served at 6pm.

SUMMER CAMP

Each summer, the four camps of Eastern PA Annual Conference, impact the lives of thousands of children and youth. Camp is a place apart, a place away from the hustle and bustle, away from the stress of life. A place to build relationship with other kids and with God. It is really a place like no other.

I (Pastor Jared) did not grow up going to 'church camp.' I had gone to Boy Scout camp but had never had a 'church camp' experience until Liz convinced me to join staff at the Plateau in 2008. Since then you could say I have become a bit hooked. I only worked there for one summer but have not really left since. I have directed with Liz, weekend winter retreats, weeklong summer camp, been a camper, volunteered countless hours, and serve on site committee for the Plateau. That camp has made a difference in my life and I only wish that I had found it sooner. It provides a place to be present, to unwind and enjoy God's creation. I have built many important friendships with many people.

We have four awesome camps to choose from. We are blessed with so many opportunities for life changing experiences. Every kid is welcome at camp and should have the opportunity to experience God in this way.

Check out the table in the gathering room for more information. You can also see Pastor Jared or Liz with any questions. (Money is available from Bethany to help support kids going to camp)

ANNOUNCEMENTS..

This month Ad Council will be held the 3rd Monday, April 15 @ 6:30PM. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Caring Cupboard Sunday is April 14th. Here is a list of some of their needs: jelly, peanut butter, catsup, baking items, coffee, fruit, diapers, paper towels, and toilet tissue.

Sub and pretzel sandwich orders are due April 17th with pick up on April 25th between 10:30-11:30 AM. All proceeds from the sub sale go towards the front door fund.

The monies collected up to March 17th for our Front Door Fund are: Individual donations-\$460.00, Flea Market & Bake Sale - \$651.00 and February sub sales \$150.00.

The Grand Total is \$5787.20.

Come have breakfast and your child's picture taken with the Easter Bunny on Saturday, April 13, from 8-11 AM in the Social Hall. Donations benefit the Children's Lunch Program at the Caring Cupboard. If you would like to help or donate food, please see the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Room. Looking for servers, cooks, setup/clean-up and many other opportunities to volunteer. Any questions, please contact Cindy Anspach 717 534-1034.

It is time to order Easter Flowers through Sunday, April 7. See the attached form for all the information. Additional forms are on the Information Table in the Gathering Room.

On Thursday, May 30, 2019, Bethany will be having a Kauffmans' Chicken BBQ. Tickets will be \$7.50 each and the meal will include ½ chicken and baked potato. Pick-up will be between 3-6 PM here at the church. More information to come.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES...

The Children's Dept. will have their Easter Egg Hunt in the Dark on April 12th from 6-7:30 PM. Please bring flashlight. Any questions call Vicki Smith @ 717 838-5665.

It's hard to believe that V. B. S. is just around the corner. This year's theme is To Mars and Beyond. Children will experience God's amazing power thru music, stories, science, crafts and lots of fun. Be on the lookout for ways you can help. Bible School will run July 8th-12th, 6-8:30 PM. Questions? Call Vicki Smith @ 717 838-5665.

FLOWER CHART...

April 7 – Sue & Dick Lasher
April 14 - Open
April 21 – Easter Flowers
April 28 - Open

The Flower Chart is in the vestibule on the Railroad St. side of the church.
Sign up for your favorite Sunday to sponsor flowers for our church.

WORSHIP LEADERS...

Greeters/Ushers: Dennis & Sue Ellen Keith, Jim Floyd and Tom Gussler

Scripture Readers:

APRIL 7: Pastor Stoltzfus
APRIL 14: Paul Leicht
APRIL 21: Pastor Stoltzfus
APRIL 28: Barry Smith

Sound System Operators:

APRIL 7: Barry Smith
APRIL 14: Dick Lasher
APRIL 21: Don Brubaker
APRIL 28: Seth Schell

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April 2 – Rick Anspach	18 – Alex Shuey
2 – Madison Rechel	19 - Carissa Walborn
2 – Diane Neidigh	21 – Gerald Wimmer
3 – Dennis Keith	22 – Karen Finney
5 – Barry Sell	23 – Dennis Laudermilch
12 – Roberta Brough	24 – Joseph Rechel
14 – Rick Miller	25 – Brooke Chapin
14 – Nicole Strupp	25 – Sandy Long
17 – Dale Patrick	26 – Susan Lasher
17 – Joseph Scipioni	28 – Seth Schell
17 – Martha Kuntz	28 – Andrew Brandt
	29 – Chantelle Brandt



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Richard & Susan Lasher – April 4



ON THE HORIZON (DATES TO REMEMBER)

Saturday May 11, 2019 -Truck Trek- Food Truck Event in Palmyra- Bethany will have a non-food booth to meet the community.

Thursday May 30, 2019- Chicken BBQ at Bethany

Sunday June, 9, 2019- Unity Quartet leading worship

July 8-12, 2019- VBS with program on Sunday July 14th

Sunday August, 4, 2019- Outdoor Worship- Annville COB Pavilion

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