



**We are a  
Reconciling in Christ  
and Rejoicing Spirits  
Congregation**

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**February 4  
Annual Congregational  
Meeting at Noon**

**February 10  
Staff/Council Retreat**

**February 11  
Souper Bowl Sunday**

**February 14  
Ash Wednesday**

**February 21 – March 20  
Mid-Week Lenten  
Services**

# **HOLY HAPPENINGS**

**Sunday, January 28, 2024**

**\*8:30 am Spirit Worship**

**9:00 am Coffee Tea, Connect**

**9:30 am Family Service**

**9:30 am CAT Class,**

**High School Connect,**

**10:00 am Gospel Reading and  
Sermon Replay**

**\*10:30 am Spirit Worship**

**Nursery Care is available at all  
morning services.**

**\*Our 8:30 & 10:30 am  
worship services are on Zoom.**

If you are worshipping with us on Zoom,  
please remember to have bread, grape  
juice, or wine available and ready for  
digital communion.

[Zoom Link](#): Meeting ID: 511 504 8051  
Audio only: 929-205-6099

Bulletins are available on the [website](#)  
prior to the Sunday service for those who  
wish to follow along.

If you are interested in watching the  
Pastor's sermon and listening to the  
Gospel, please visit our [website](#) and click  
on the "Watch a video recorded Sunday  
service" button.

## ATTENDANCE FOR SUNDAY JANUARY 21, 2024

	In-person	Zoom
8:30 am	121	21
9:30 am	88	N/A
10:30 am	62	19

<b>January 28 WORSHIP HELPERS</b>	8:30 AM	9:30 AM	10:30 AM
Assisting Ministers	Ricki Stringfellow		Bob Mueller
Communion Assistants	JoEllen Rooney Angie Niland	Jen Day Roth Jennifer Wetzel Bonnie Shive	Terri Hinderliter Glenn Hinderliter
Readers	Judith Hausman	Juliette P.	Marian Harrison
Message		Deb Smith	
Greeters	Christine Bolen	Christine Bolen	Fern Schlegel
Ushers	Bob Bolen	Bob Bolen	Ken Schlegel
Production/ Technology	Jimmy Lee Werley Diana Sorrentino Bob Stevens	Jimmy Lee Werley	Carol Osenbach Bob Stevens John Osenbach

**January 28 is**  
**RECONCILING IN CHRIST SUNDAY**  
 Holy Spirit Welcomes & Celebrates  
 our LGBTQIA+ Siblings in Christ!  
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## **COFFEE, TEA, CONNECT - WINTER SCHEDULE**

### **January 28 - 2024 Operating Budget Q & A Session**

Congregation Council approved the proposed 2024 Operating Budget which will be presented for Congregation approval at our Annual Meeting on February 4th. The proposed budget is included in the Annual Report which was emailed to the Congregation in advance of the Annual Meeting. Representatives from the Finance Mission Team and Council will be available Sunday morning in the Fellowship Center from 9:00-10:30 to answer your questions on the budget proposal in advance of the Annual Meeting. Please join us during the Coffee, Tea, Connect time on the 28th!

**February 4th and February 11** from 9:30 to 10:15am, we will welcome, via Zoom, Dr. Virginia Wiles, retired professor of New Testament at New Brunswick Theological Seminary. Dr. Wiles will use the writings of Paul to lead us through a presentation and discussion on Christians as peacemakers.

### **Monthly Sunday Breakfasts February through May 2024**

Due to the popularity of the summer Sunday breakfasts, ***we will be offering Sunday breakfast on the third Sunday of every month February through May 2024!!***

These breakfasts will be served from 9:00 -10:30am in the Fellowship Center on the following Sundays, with all proceeds going to the National Youth Gathering being held this summer in New Orleans, LA.

- February 18th (hosted by Church Growth Team)
- March 17th (hosted by Church Council)
- April 21st (Host TBD)
- May 19th (Host TBD)

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us!

## **THANK YOU STEPHEN AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY TEAMS**

The following persons have been gifted and called in baptism and trained to serve as Eucharistic and Stephen Ministers for the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit. We wish to take this opportunity to thank them for their dedication and service to our church family and will be affirming their ministries during this Sunday services.

### **Our Eucharistic Ministers:**

Dean Black, Marlene Feulner,  
Sheila Huff, Marilee Oplinger,  
Louise Metka, Barb Roba,  
Mary Vink, and Joan Gibney;



**Our Stephen Leaders:** Mike Berkheimer, Kitti Berkheimer, Lynn Snyder, and  
**our Stephen Ministers:** Rob Smith, Dianna Olszewski, Kathy Soska, Lorie Stout Sherman, Nancy McClain, Bill Newill, Kristen Newill, Brenda Truhe, Carole Wetherhold, Leesa Wimmer, Irv Keister, and Al Setzer.

## **A WORD FROM OUR FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE**

As your Faith Community Nurse, I endeavor to provide our church community with physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual support and resources that promote healing of body, mind, and soul.

I'm available through the church office on Tuesdays from noon to 3:00pm. Please stop by or call 610-967-2220. Ext 102 or on my cell at 484-649-9784. It's my pleasure to make myself available during these times to help you with any needs, questions, or concerns you may have. This will be a great chance for us to connect and start the year with a positive and spiritual outlook.

Your Faith Community Nurse  
Dean Black RN. FCN

**Our Annual Congregational meeting  
will be held on Sunday, February 4, 2024,  
at Noon following a light luncheon in the  
Fellowship Center. The Annual Meeting will also  
be on Zoom. Childcare is provided.**

**HELP NEEDED** for the congregational meeting luncheon on February 4<sup>th</sup>. A light lunch will be provided prior to the meeting. The hospitality team needs people who will be willing to donate an item for lunch. There is a sign-up sheet posted in the worship center lobby with the items that are needed. Your items may be brought to the church kitchen the morning of the meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Devine. Thank you.



**HOLY SPIRIT CHRISTIAN NURSERY SCHOOL**

Registration for the 2024-2025 school year is underway for church members and the community. Registrations can be completed online at: [lchsemmaus.org](http://lchsemmaus.org). Tell your friends.

Don't want to wait until next year, limited openings remain for the current school year. Please see Karin Kahler for additional information.

**PRIME TIMERS:**

**January 31 – Coffee Hour** at 10:00 am. Join us for trivia, delicious snacks, interesting discussion, and fun! All Are Welcome!

**UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS    Mark Your Calendars!!**


**February 4<sup>th</sup>: YOUTH SUNDAY** is back!! [Click here to sign up!](#)

Please add to your calendars: There will be a rehearsal for all musicians/singers on Saturday Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1 pm.



**February 11<sup>th</sup>:**

**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING.** Our youth will be collecting money for charities before and after each service!



**February 14**  
 In-person worship at  
**12:00 noon and 7:00 pm**  
**Zoom worship @7:00 pm**

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

**Ashes for Zoom worshippers available in  
 the church office and in the narthex  
 beginning January 28.**



*Guest Readers Needed*

**GUEST READERS** are needed for our **Jesus and Jammies** event on Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> during our Faith Formation time (10:00 - 10:25.) Readers will share a faith related story with our preschool and younger elementary classes. A faith-related book will be provided. If you are interested in reading, please see Karin Kahler.



**M&M'S TOO** We will meet on February 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:30. The topic for February is "Love". Elizabeth Moessner is researching current meanings of love, not just romantic love. Come prepared to share your thoughts or items. Maybe it will be about your grandkids or friend, or something someone did for you out of love, or something you heard about others doing out of love or something you really love, like a special place or a piece of music or a poem or a picture or something you love because it's funny, etc. What about when you say, "Oh, I really love doing that," or "Wow! I really loved that." Use your imagination. We will see you on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

**LCHS BOOK GROUP** – We will be meeting on February 26 at 11AM in Room 117/119. We will be discussing *"Stranger in the Lifeboat"* by Mitch Albom. Please join us!



**BEAR CREEK CAMP'S** overnight program is centered on spiritual growth, outdoor living, and small group development for all children who have completed grades 1-12. Each age group experiences a mix of small-group and all-camp activities throughout the week to meet their group's spiritual, social, and developmental needs.

To learn more about what Bear Creek Camp has to offer or to register for camp, please [click here](#).

### **Camping Sessions**

Session 1: June 16-21\*

Session 2: June 23-28\*

Session 3: June 30-July 5

Session 4: July 7-12\*#

Session 5: July 14-19#

Session 6: July 21-26#

Session 7: July 28-August 2#

Session 8: August 4-9

***\*try camp sessions***

***#rafting sessions***



Please remember these members and friends of Holy Spirit in your prayers

**Our homebound members:**

Ray, Dale, Gloria, Judith, Phyllis, Deb, John, Joyce, Dick, Gordon, Christopher, Grayson, Jean, Norine, Billie, Trevor, Bob, and Don.

**Pray for God's healing for:** Randy, Al, Gloria, Paul, Michael, Joe, Helen, Kevin, Donald, Dominic, Gale, Carolyn, Glenn, Jane, Reinhold, Andrew, Fred, Wilbur, Jim, Lester, Kathleen, Nancy, Tammy, Bob, Grace, Sharon, Tom, Fred, Pete, Jack, Wilma, Jim, Glenn, Timothy, Cat, Chuck, Sherri, June, Judith, and Mary Lou.

**In the Event of a Pastoral Emergency,** you find you are in emergency need of having a pastor contact you, call the office at 610- 967-2220 and press the number 3 after the general announcement.

**If you, or a member of your family, are ever hospitalized,** please let the pastors know by contacting the church office at 610-967-2220. The hospitals no longer notify the church due to HIPAA laws.

**Prayer cards are available** at the Information Desk in the lobby. Completed prayer cards may be given to a pastor or usher for inclusion in the morning prayers. During the week, please notify the church office if you or a member of your family are hospitalized.



## 2024 WEDNESDAYS IN LENT “JOURNEY TO PEACE”

Join us on the Wednesdays in Lent for a family-friendly evening of fellowship and worship. We will explore and pray about ways to find peace in our hearts, our relationships, our communities, our country, and our world. There will be a “child-friendly” activity station available every week.



We begin with a Soup Supper in the Fellowship Center at 6:15 pm (soup, bread, and drinks provided). A brief worship service, with prayer stations, will begin at 7:00 pm.

Here's the schedule:

<b>February 21</b>	6:15 Soup Supper 7:00 Worship with Prayer Stations 7:30 Spirit Ringers Rehearsal
<b>February 28</b>	6:15 Soup Supper 7:00 Worship with Prayer Stations 7:30 Spirit Ringers Rehearsal
<b>March 6</b>	6:15 Soup Supper 7:00 Worship with Prayer Stations 7:30 Spirit Ringers Rehearsal
<b>March 13</b>	<b>5:45</b> Easter Chimes Rehearsal (children) 6:15 Soup Supper 7:00 Worship with Prayer Stations 7:30 Spirit Ringers Rehearsal
<b>March 20</b>	<b>6:15</b> Easter Chimes Rehearsal (children) <b>NO SOUP SUPPER – ANGEL NETWORK IN FC</b> 7:00 Worship with Prayer Stations 7:30 Spirit Ringers Rehearsal



### **INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY:**

If we need to cancel Sunday services due to bad weather, power outage, etc., we ask that you please check the church's website, and/or MailChimp emails for updated news on worship cancellations. Closure information will also appear on WFMZ.

If the church is closed, we will have one Sunday morning service on Zoom at 10:00 am.

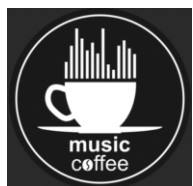
**Please remember to check our social media or WFMZ  
for cancellations or delays.**

NOTE: The church office follows the same schedule as the East Penn School District meaning if the schools are closed, the office will be closed. If there is a delayed start, the office opens on a delay.



**HAND WASHING** is the most crucial defense against the spread of diseases. It is a simple yet effective practice that can serve as a do-it-yourself vaccine. It is essential to follow a proper technique while washing hands. Use warm soapy water and rub your hands together for at least 20 seconds. Make sure to wash the front and back of your hands, in between your fingers, and don't forget to clean your fingernails. If soap and water are not available, use a hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol to clean your hands.

This is the time of year to enjoy a clean and health-conscious season. ~ Dean Black, Faith Community Nurse



**Reserve the Date  
April 13, 2024  
3 to 5 pm**

**"Stories and Song:  
Come and celebrate the musical tenure of our  
Music Director, Sharon MacCabe.**

## CALENDAR

Mon. 1/29	10:00 am	Counters (116)
Tues. 1/30	9:15 and 12:40	NS Chapel (WC)
	10:00 am	Staff Meeting (117/119)
	6:30pm	Global Missions/Tanzania Mtg. (FC)
	7:00 pm	Stewardship (117/119)
Weds. 1/31	9:15 am	NS Chapel (WC)
	9:30 am	Stitch-n-Chat (113)
	10:00 am	Prime Timers Coffee Hour (FC)
	2:15 pm	Rejoicing Ringers (WC)
Thurs. 2/1	5:30 pm	8:30 Musicians Rehearsal (WC)
	6:30 pm	Music Rehearsal (WC)
Sat. 2/3	1:00 pm	Youth Music Rehearsal (WC)
Sun. 2/4	11:30 am	Congregational Luncheon (FC)
	12:00 pm	Congregational Meeting (WC)
	5:00 pm	Girl Scouts #689 (110/112)
Mon. 2/5	9:30 am	Staff Planning Meeting (117/119)
	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	7:00 pm	Stephen Ministers (ASR & 117/119)
Tues. 2/6	9:15 and 12:40	NS Chapel (WC)
	10:00 am	Staff Meeting (117/119)
	7:00 pm	Community Justice (SC)
Weds. 2/7	9:15 am	NS Chapel (WC)
	11:00 am	Outreach (Zoom)
	2:15 pm	Rejoicing Ringers (WC)
	5:00 pm	Girl Scout 63064 (110/112)
Thurs. 2/8	11:00 am	PEO (117/119)
	5:30 pm	8:30 Musicians (WC)
	6:30 pm	Music Rehearsal (WC)
	7:00 pm	Church Growth (Zoom)
Sat. 2/10	9:00 am	Staff/Council Retreat (FC)
Sun. 2/11	<b>Super Bowl Sunday</b>	
	11:30 am	Youth Gathering Meeting (114)
	1:50 pm	Rejoicing Ringers (WC)
	2:30 pm	Rejoicing Spirits (WC)