



# The Lamplighter

Trinity United Church of Christ

April – May 2018

Greetings,

*I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ~Philippians 1:6*

Years ago, when I was working as an Aircraft Maintenance Officer at RAF Lakenheath in England, I heard a song sung by the Christian musician, Steve Green. It was based on this verse in Philippians – "*He who began a good work in you, will be faithful to complete it.*" Many times over the years this song has come to me when I'm struggling with something. I've listened to it so many times I've memorized the lyrics and can sing this song by heart.

He who began a good work in you  
He who began a good work in you  
Will be faithful to complete it  
He'll be faithful to complete it  
He who started the work  
Will be faithful to complete it in you  
If the struggle you're facing  
Is slowly replacing  
Your hope with despair  
Or the process is long  
And you're losing your song  
In the night you can be sure  
That the Lord has His hand on you  
Safe and secure  
He will never abandon you  
You are His treasure  
And He finds His pleasure in you

It is a song of encouragement that reminds us that God is with us, even when it seems like we are alone. It's important, I think, to have things like this to help us through the difficult times. It can be a song or a scripture, or even a close friend or relative that we can talk to. We all need someone or something to remind us that God is with us. One verse I often turn to is found in Hebrews 12:1-2 – "*Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.*"

There are several things in these verses that encourage me – the cloud of witnesses that surrounds us, the need to persevere and run the race with endurance, and then Jesus being the founder and perfecter of our faith.

This past February I attended the Penn Central Conference Mid-Winter Convocation in Lancaster. One of my colleagues there talked about what it means to seek perfection in Christ. And it was his conclusion that while we are called to pursue a

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sin-free life, to be like Christ as much as possible, and to not grow weary in our pursuit, it is only in death that we can truly be perfected. I've thought a lot about this since then. Recently we have lost some very beloved people in our church. Long-time members and pillars of our community. As I've reflected on their lives, I've read with new eyes these verses in Hebrews and the words "*..who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross...*" I had never noticed this mention of "joy" before, especially in relation to the cross. But it makes more sense to me to me now. In the transition from this life to the next, we will experience joy. And not just any joy, a joy that surpasses anything we've known or experienced. A joy that will far outweigh the suffering and pain we have felt. In these weeks following our Easter celebration, this resurrection promise gives me hope, and strength to endure the road ahead. I hope it will encourage you as well.

Grace & Peace to You,

Pastor Dave

## CHURCH RECORD

### Death

Gerald "Jerry" LeRoy Krebs, on March 31, 2018; Jerry is survived by his wife, Donna, and daughters, Jeanette Krebs, Jessica Krebs, and Janda Hankinson.

### Address Change

Faye Winkelblech, The Oaks, Room 302, 200 Rachel Drive, Pleasant Gap, PA, 16823; telephone number 814-424-7025.

## PLEASE REMEMBER THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Glenda Bressler Abrams	Lance Arney	Cim Besecker	Jane Boldin	Steve Brown
Jody Covalt	T. J. Coursen	*Phyllis Crater	Erin, Austin, Conner Derr	*Sally Dreibelbis
*Jean Dunklebarger	Josh Dunklebarger	Kellie Eichler	Gracie Eisenhower	Jim & Tanya Evans
*Trudy Furner	*Mary Hardy	Russell & Myrtle Harpster	*John & Carol Hayes	Rev. John Hench
Megan Henry	*John Krebs	Gina Lucas	Connie Masullo	Diane Matter
Robert Mayhew	Judy Moellenbrock	Tanya Musser	Larry Myers	*Miriam Myers
Malcolm Obiri	Tim & Cherise Osborne	Jesse Orellana	Kent Smith	Marilyn Sproule
JR Stoner	Laurie Stover	Lori Stover	Shannon Stover	Ronald Sweitzer
Jenn & Abbey Tice	Colin & Jaci Tucker	Rebecca Wagner	Jared & Vanessa Wiand	*Faye Winkelblech
Chelsea Wyland	Duane and Wilma Yarger	Sandy Young		

[\*In personal care residence]

## ATTENDANCE FOR FEBRUARY and MARCH 2018

Date	Worship Service	Sunday School	Date	Worship Service	Sunday School
February 4	57	32	March 4	75	34
February 11	65	37	March 11	79	29
February 18	65	25	March 18	81	26
February 25	77	30	March 25	105	31



## **THANKS AND APPRECIATION**

...to Jackie Stover and Brianna Stover for preparing the Valentine's Spaghetti Supper, Cleo and Don Matter for the favors, Terri Downer for the photo booth, and Rylee Arney, Kylie Auman, Paige Auman, Andrew Boob, McClain Welshans, Owen Miller, Colby Miller, Rick Arnold, Ruth Floray and Amy Smith for serving the food, and everyone who donated the food items

...to Scott Frazier for purchasing a new piano for the sanctuary, to Nancy Vogt and Sue Vogt for "testing" the piano before it was moved into place, and to Rich Auman, Jeff Baney, Steve Besecker, and Charles Guyer for getting the piano into the church and relocating the other pianos

...to Ben and Sylvia Malone for placing the altar flowers in memory of Betty and Ted Hartley

...to the congregation for your offering of \$157 to the "One Great Hour of Sharing" mission

...to Carole Smith for preparing the soup for Maundy Thursday and everyone who contributed food items

...to Carole Smith and the Trinity UCC choir for sharing their music at the Lenten services

...to all who purchased Easter flowers for Easter Sunday and to Tammy Besecker for arranging them so attractively

...to Steve and Tammy Besecker for placing the Easter cross on the front lawn

...to Steve Besecker for working on replacing the lights in the Sanctuary

...to Carole Smith, Ardranna and Bob Henry, and Shirley and Bob Reed for preparing the Maundy Service meal

...to Cathy Arney for being the Easter Bunny at the Centre Hall Lion's Club Community Easter egg hunt; to Cathy Arney, Beverly Guyer, Jane Pifer, and Dot Strickler for preparing food donations; to Pastor Dave, Joyce Barner, and Beverly Guyer for helping with the event

...to Jane Boozer for placing the altar flowers for Easter

...to all who participated in the Northern Association CrossWalk on March 30<sup>th</sup>

...to Jason Smith for sharing his magnificent voice during this Easter season

...to everyone who prepared food, set up the room, and participated in the Easter Breakfast on April 1

how do you spell love?  
- piglet



you don't spell it.  
you feel it.  
- pooh

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 1:	9:00 a.m.	Easter Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall (no Sunday School)
	10:45 a.m.	Easter Worship Service with Sacrament of Holy Communion
April 3:	1:30 p.m.	Communion and message at Salem Hill, Spring Mills
	7:00 p.m.	Church and Ministry Committee Meeting
April 4:	11:00 a.m.	Council of Churches Committee Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Practice
April 8:	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
	1:30 p.m.	Northern Association Spring Meeting at St. John's UCC in Bellefonte
April 11:	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Practice
April 12:	1:30 p.m.	Communion and message at Wynwood House, Centre Hall
April 15:	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service; Baptism of Hazel Parker
April 17:	7:00 p.m.	Consistory Committee Meeting
April 18:	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Practice
April 22:	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
April 25:	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Practice
April 29:	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
May 1:	1:30 p.m.	Communion and message at Salem Hill, Spring Mills
May 2:	11:00 a.m.	Council of Churches Committee Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Practice
May 6:	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service with Sacrament of Holy Communion
May 8:	1:30 p.m.	Communion and message at Wynwood House, Centre Hall
May 9:	9:30 a.m.	Chancel Choir Practice
May 15:	7:00 p.m.	Consistory Committee Meeting
May 16:	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Practice
May 17:	5:00 p.m.	Hartman Center Spring Banquet
May 20:	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service with Strengthen the Church Mission Offering
	7:30 p.m.	Baccalaureate at Penns Valley High School (Pastor Dave is providing the message)
May 23:	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Practice
May 27:	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
May 30:	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Practice
		Last Day of School for Penns Valley Area Schools
June 1:	7:00 p.m.	Penns Valley High School Commencement
June 3:	9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service with Sacrament of Holy Communion and Graduate Recognition



## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>April 2018</b>	<b>May 2018</b>
Head Usher	Jackie Stover	Sally Arnold
Alternate Usher	Steve Riegel	George Moellenbrock
Altar Flowers	Tammy Besecker	Tammy Besecker
Altar Guild	Deborah Riegel	Denise Sweitzer
Communion	Jackie Stover [April 1]	Sally Arnold [May 6]
Caregiver	Peggy Treaster	Cathy Arney
Choir Director	Terri Downer	Terri Downer
Fellowship Coordinator	Ann Moellenbrock	Need Volunteer
SALT	Beverly Guyer	Joyce Barner
Marquee Manager	Richard Delaney	Richard Delaney
Nursery Volunteer	Apr. 8: Sara Hanson Apr. 15: Ann Moellenbrock Apr. 22: Rick Arnold, Kylie Auman Apr. 29: Cathy Arney	May 6: volunteer needed May 13: Carol Clark-Baney May 20: Karen Keller May 27: Jerelene Reish
Oil in Candles	Tammy Besecker	Angela Auman
Organist	Carole Smith	Carole Smith

<b>Date</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Call to Worship</b>	<b>Scripture Reader</b>	<b>Children's Message</b>
April 1	Kirk, Leena, and Carter Wolfgang	Rick and Sally Arnold	Katie Romig	Pastor Dave	Rick Arnold	Vickie Fultz
April 8	Shannon and Rylee Arney	Lance and Cathy Arney	Kylie Auman	Rick Arnold	Carol Brown	Ruth Floray
April 15	Richard, Angela Auman & Family	Robert and Ruby Bair	Katie Martell	Dorothy Strickler	Carole Smith	Teri Statham
April 22	Jeff and Carol Clark-Baney	Linda Barner	Ellie Romig	Steve Riegel	Rick Arnold	Pastor Dave
April 29	Joyce Barner	Steve and Tammy Besecker	Ella Smith	Steve Riegel	Sally Arnold	
May 6	Jason & Shelby Bonawitz	Lauren, Alyssa, & Andrew Boob	Andrew Boob	Pastor Dave	Rick Arnold	Vickie Fultz
May 13	Jane Boozer	Denny and Vickie Bressler	Paige Auman	Sally Arnold	Carole Smith	Ruth Floray
May 20	Russ and Jean Brooks	Carol and Michelle Brown	Hannah Goch			Teri Statham
May 27	Betty Burd	Vickie Creighton	Rylee Arney		Rick Arnold	Pastor Dave
June 3	Richard Delaney	Nevin Dutrow & Joan Pecht	Harrison Reish	Pastor Dave		Summer Schedule
June 10	Ben and Ruth Floray	Scott, Ruth Ann Floray & Family	Sara Floray	Rick Arnold	Carole Smith	Summer Schedule

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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

Can't sleep? Counting sheep?  
Talk to the Shepherd.



### LECTIONARY READINGS FOR APRIL – MAY 2018

April 1:	1 Corinthians 15:12-22	John 20:1-18
April 8:	Acts 4:32-35	John 20:19-31
April 15:	1 John 3:1-7	Acts 3:12-19
April 22:	Acts 4:5-12	John 10:11-18
April 29:	Acts 8:26-40	John 15:1-8
May 6:	Acts 10:44-48	John 15:9-17
May 13:	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26	John 17:6-19
May 20:	Acts 2:1-21	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
May 27:	Isaiah 6:1-8	John 3:1-17

