

CROSS ROADS COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 2024 Newsletter

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Grace and peace to you!

It is a joy to greet you as we begin a new chapter of ministry, together in Christ.

Most of you know that I have been the pastor of First Lutheran Church since June of 2011. In that time, I have been active with the Leechburg Food Bank and the Leechburg Ministerial.

I am a native of Western Pennsylvania, growing up in the South Hills region and graduating from Bethel Park High School. I am a graduate of Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary and Grove City College. Prior to attending seminary, I worked as an assistant manager at Barnes and Noble Booksellers.

In my spare time, I enjoy music, reading, woodworking, hiking, bicycling, and kickboxing. The two loves of my life are my wife, Elizabeth, and our daughter, Rebecca.

As I look back over the past year, I am thankful that our two congregations took the time to pray, discern, and dream together over what God's call for our futures may be. I am thankful for the leadership and guidance of Pastor Sue Washburn, without whom none of this could have been possible. And I am thankful for the members of session and the Joint Ministries Council who have worked hard, navigating the ins and outs of Presbyterian and Lutheran policy toward our Ministry Sharing Arrangement and Joint Ministry Covenant.

As I begin my ministry with you, my top priority will be getting to know each of you and reaching out to those of you that need pastoral support. I encourage you to arrive early on Sunday morning and enjoy a cup of coffee with me prior to the start of our worship. I would love for the opportunity to connect with you in-person, either at the church office, at a local gathering spot, or at your home. My contact information will be published in the newsletter.

I also encourage you to check out my blog, Resurrection in the Rust, where you can read every sermon I've ever preached. <https://jamesarter3.blogspot.com/>.

I look forward to worshipping and serving Christ with you. God's peace be with you all.

in Christ,

+ Pastor Jim

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CROSS ROADS?



Join us after school on March 26th for an
Easter EGG-stravaganza

from 3-4:30 PM
@ Cross Roads Community Presbyterian Church
271 Main St. Leechburg (corner of 1st & Main)

**An afternoon of fun events including
an egg hunt, snacks, a story, and
hands-on activities!**

Come join the fun!



**Good Friday
Cross Walk**
through Leechburg

March 29 at noon

Walk begins and ends at First United Methodist Church - 251 Main St.



Sponsored by the Leechburg Ministerial Association

Lenten Lunches
Fridays at 11:45
February 16 - March 22

at Cross Roads Community Presbyterian Church
271 Main St. Leechburg

Sponsored by the Congregations of the
Leechburg Ministerial

A freewill offering will be accepted



THE CONGREGATIONS OF THE LEECHBURG
MINISTERIAL AND THE LEECHBURG AREA
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INVITE YOU TO AN

EASTER EGG HUNT

FUN GAMES - LIVE MUSIC - FOOD

MAR 30
START AT 1:00PM
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LEECHBURG-GILPIN PARK

AGES PRE-K - 5TH GRADE FREE REGISTRATION

RSVP ONLINE: servinggodgracefully.net/egghunt or call 724-845-7518



 **Kids' Quest** 

Fun, games, and crafts that teach about God's love

March 3 10AM

Cross Roads Community Presbyterian Church



Session Munchies

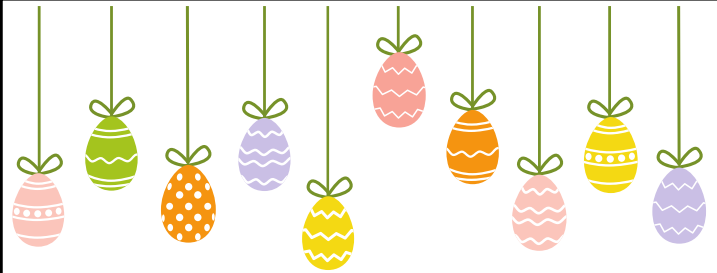
- A total of \$82.49 was collected for Peace and Global Witness.
- Josh Woods was hired to do the parking lot in case of snow.
- JR's Cleaning was hired to do the social hall floors at the cost of \$1800.00
- The Session is working on updating the Manual of Administrative Operations.
- All of the Session members said a very special thank you to Pastor Sue. She will be missed.
- There has been a lot of work going on around the church. Cupboards have been cleaned, restrooms have been remodeled, the social hall floor has been cleaned and buffed, new style locks have been purchased, the roof has been repaired, and a new refrigerator has been purchased. (I hope I got everything, but if not just let me know)
- The Covenant Agreement between the First Lutheran Church and Cross Roads was agreed upon. Thanks to all that were a part of that endeavor.
- The farewell party for Pastor Sue has been planned and will take place on Sunday, February 18th.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sue Ellen Rupert

Thank you to Cross Roads community for a time of meaningful ministry together. It has been a joy to serve you and more importantly to know you.

Thank you, too, for the heartfelt send off and gifts that you have given. the food was delicious and I'm excited about the new deck planters that I've already purchased with one of the gift cards! You truly are a blessing and I will pray for your continued ministry with Pastor Jim.

Love, Sue



We are requesting donations of small, wrapped candy to fill Easter eggs for both Easter egg hunts. Donations will be received through Sunday, March 24th. Thank you for your help!

Minute for Mission

- The Mission Team reminds you that contributions to the One Great Hour of Sharing will continue to be received through Easter Sunday. Our gifts added to those from other churches help to restore hope, feed the hungry, and empower the oppressed.
- On March 17th, individual pudding cups are being collected for the Salt of the Earth ministry. Unsure of what pudding flavor to purchase? Ask someone who has been through chemotherapy what flavor they enjoyed during that time.

SALT OF THE EARTH

The next month with five Sundays is June. A Salty Sunday reminder will be posted during that time. The collection date for food items is June 30th. Donations prior to June 30 are always welcome. Please put those items in the cupboard at the bottom of the steps on the First street side.

FINANCIAL CORNER

Quick Financial Report

Income: 1/1/24 – 2/29/24 \$18,769.32
Expenses: 1/1/24 – 2/29/24 \$21,747.44
Difference -\$2,978.12

Income includes all funds received, i.e. general use and restricted use.

Expenses include all expenses including those paid from restricted use accounts such as Pot Love Dinners, Food Bank donations, etc.

There was also a large amount for church maintenance related to up-grades in the bathrooms, cleaning & waxing social hall floors, wall repair and paint in office. The amount for these items will be reimbursed to general funds from our Merrill Lynch account using the financial gift from Shirley Carnahan.

Format for reporting financial information in the newsletter will be changing. Look for a new financial report starting in April's newsletter.

God Loves a Cheerful Giver

Ways to Give:

Mail your check to the church:
271 Main St. Leechburg, PA 15656

Use the donations tab on our
webpage: crcpc.org

Use the QR code to go to a secure
website to make your contribution



*Call the church office
if you would like to set
up a monthly automatic
withdrawal.*

Information Central

*How can I find up-to-date information
about Cross Roads or best communicate
with the pastor?*

Newsletter can be found on our
website: crcpc.org

Updates and info for church
members & friends can be found
on the CRCPC Facebook page

Office phone: 724-845-1901

POT LOVE MEAL



Cross Roads Community
Presbyterian Church provides
a monthly free meal the
THIRD Saturday of each
month AT NOON.

Take-Out

RESERVATIONS NEEDED

One per family member
Call 724-845-1901 and leave a voicemail with your
name and the number of meals or
email the information to church@crcpc.org
While supplies last

Cross Roads Church is at the intersection of Main and First, near the school

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to...



3/7: Sandy Lechner
3/9: Jamie Rimmel
3/16: Vicki Stephenson
3/17: Neill Brady
3/18: Danny Ferrero
3/18: Ed Kennedy
3/19: Terry & Alisha Schall*
3/19: Carol Start
3/25: Layne Ralph
3/28: Patty Brady
3/28: George & Kim Spiering*
3/29: Jonathan & Brittany McLaughlin*
3/30: Carol Lasslo
3/31: Dan Kupas

*anniversary

He is not here;
He is
RISEN,
just as He said.
MATTHEW 28:6

Please remember our homebound members in prayer, and feel free to send them a card to let them know that you're thinking of them!

Clarence & Evelyn Grantz
4240 Shearsburg Rd.
Lower Burrell, PA 15068

Barbara Malcolm
134 Marwood Rd. Apt. 2019
Cabot, PA 16023

Betty Sendry
612 Lark Lane
Apollo, PA 15613

Linda Hill
105 Pear Lane
W. Leechburg, PA 15656

Susan Mays
563 Market St.
Leechburg, PA 15656

Val Jean Walker
248 Wallace Ave.
Leechburg, PA 15656

Margaret Hunter
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Vandergrift, PA 15690

Maryann McLaughlin
120 Second St. Apt. 5E
Leechburg, PA 15656

Theresa Hunter
870 Evergreen Rd.
Leechburg, PA 15656

Marjorie Reynolds
120 Second St. Apt. 4G
Leechburg, PA 15656

Carol Lasslo
700 E. Second Ave. Apt. 315
Tarentum, PA 15084

Chuck Sanford
1132 Eisenhower St.
Vandergrift, PA 15690

Our Elders and Deacons are ready to bring communion to our homebound members. Please contact the church office to set up a time!