

Countryside Trinity Church Newsletter

April 2019 Edition



Matthew 28

1 After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. **2** There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. **3** His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. **4** The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. **5** The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. **6** He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. **7** Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you." **8** So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. **9** Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. **10** Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me." **11** While the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened. **12** When the chief priests had met with the elders and devised a plan, they gave the soldiers a large sum of money, **13** telling them, "You are to say, 'His disciples came during the night and stole him away while we were asleep.' **14** If this report gets to the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." **15** So the soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has been widely circulated among the Jews to this very day. **16** Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. **17** When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. **18** Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **19** Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

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*Thank you so much for
all of your prayers and
concerns during my
time of recovery.*

Shirley Groom



Countryside Trinity Church has a "Prayer Chain" and we would love to add your friends and family to those we pray for. Please call the church office to provide Your loved one's information. 989 793-0125.



Express yourself and your faith by joining the worship, music, or usher team today. There are so many meaningful and fun ways to get involved, and there is something for everyone to do and **YOU** are needed in order for CTC to continue to grow and move forward. If you are interested in becoming a worship helper, Liturgist, sing in the choir or have any questions about how you can help, please speak with Darren Woodke, Dan or Barb Groom.

Bulletins

If you are not planning to take your bulletin home with you, please put it in the baskets when you leave the sanctuary. The Deacons will collect them and deliver or mail them, with a friendly greeting to our members and friends that we miss seeing in church on a regular basis. Thank you.

The Deacons



We lost one of Countryside's original Charter members when God called her home last month. Norma J. Patterson passed from this life on January 25, 2019. She was 90 years of age. Norma held many positions in the church over her many years of service and continued as the Financial Secretary up until her death. Her presence will be greatly missed but her memory will live on through all of us whose life she touched. Rest in peace Norma.



"Unable are the loved to die. For love is immortality."
Emily Dickinson



Our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Ronald Woodke who passed away on February 13, 2019 at his residence in Athens, Alabama under Hospice care. Rest in peace Ron.



YOUR SESSION/COUNCIL AT WORK

Mary Ann Parker

Tidbits of information from Session/Council meeting of March 19, 2019, that you may find helpful:

Opening: Joyce Hetzler, Committee on Ministry liaison, serving as our moderator opened with prayer.

Deacons' Report: Dan Groom gave a report Deacon activities, a financial report, and an updated list of homebound members.

Clerk's Report: Church membership is 132 now with the addition of Brady Groom, Asher Neville, Drew Pequignot and Paige Pequignot when they took their reaffirmation of baptismal covenant vows recently. For the record: A letter from the Building & Grounds committee that the church and manse insurances have been reviewed and that there is excellent coverage for both properties.

Bridge Pastor Committee report: Mary Longstreth gave a report on their progress.

Designated Pastor Nominating Committee: Debbie Davis reported our Church Information Form is in circulation. The committee has obtained several Pastor Information Forms which are being reviewed. Attempts to contact those interested in our position are being made.

Committee Reports:

Building & Grounds: Kevin Barnum reported that he has received a letter from the Pulse 3 Foundation regarding our application for the AED, automatic external defibrillator. The application will be reviewed in the May. The committee was asked to review the key policy and also to devise a security policy for the church. K. Loviska also asked that the "facilities policy" be reviewed as there seem to be some discrepancies in it.

Mission & Evangelism: Kitty Blehm reviewed the missions for April, including the ten families who will be receiving Easter food baskets. Blanket Sunday was a success with the donations totaling \$310.00. Kathy Loviska shared the events for Pentecost Sunday.

Personnel Committee: This committee was left in limbo when the session returned to the separation of the session and the deacons in January. Committee structure was discussed and decided upon at this time. One member from each of the session committees will be a member of this committee and the moderator will be an acting ruling elder.

Spiritual Life & Congregational Care: Mary Longstreth discussed the pulpit supply situation. The Lenten soup suppers are scheduled for March 27th with the Deacons hosting that evening. The session will host the supper on April 10th.

Women's Association: The baby shower for the Old Town Christian Outreach will be 3-19-19. Craft and Flea Market on 3-30-19 has many places reserved by crafters.

Previous Business: There are no more changes to the Good Samaritan Fund policy. Members are to be encouraged to stay for coffee hour which will be hosted by Consumers' Energy on 3-31-2019 and to sign up for the home energy analysis. The more people who sign up, the more money the church will make!

New Business: By general consensus, it was decided to allow all committees to meet monthly at their convenience, as long as it is before the month's session meeting. Motion sustained to have session meeting at 6:30 PM since it is difficult for working members to get here on time. Last year's session members will meet at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 with Committee on Ministry representatives for the exit interview on Pastor Dave Myers.

Submitted for your information,
Mary Ann Parker, Clerk of Session



Treasurer's Report

	January & February				
	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Transfers	Ending Balance
General	12,569.71	24,786.42	25,732.97		11,623.16
Memorial	3,475.00	2,520.00			5,995.00
Special projects	1,508.79	25.00			1,533.79
Mission					
Hunger	832.49				832.49
Heifer proj (Church School)	(0.00)				(0.00)
UCC/PCU	485.00		485.00		-
Good Samaritan	2,743.28	40.00			2,783.28
Muriel Lakey Scholarship	4,089.06	310.32			4,399.38
Womens Association	(11.20)				(11.20)
Local	28.75	280.00			308.75
Bricks	1,335.45				1,335.45
	27,056.33	27,961.74	26,217.97	-	28,800.10
Endowment	145,134.31				145,134.31
	172,190.64	27,961.74	26,217.97	-	173,934.41



LENTEN CALENDAR

All following Activities at Countryside Trinity Church

4/10/19	Soup Supper	06:00 pm
4/14/19	Palm Sunday Worship Service	10:30 am
4/18/19	Maundy Thursday Worship Service	07:00 pm
4/19/19	Good Friday Worship Service	01:00 pm
4/21/19	Easter Breakfast	09:00 am
4/21/19	Easter Worship Service	10:30 am



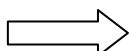
<p><u>Bickford Assisted Living</u></p> <p>Elaine Kraenzlein</p>	<p><u>Swanhaven Manor</u></p> <p>Fern Evon Little</p>
<p><u>Edgewood Assisted Living Center</u></p> <p>Betty Huber</p>	<p><u>Wellspring Assisted Living</u></p> <p>Shirley Roof, Carol Williamson, Bob & Marie Lemmer, Mary Ellen Sierocki</p>
<p><u>New Hope Valley Independent</u></p> <p>Dorothy Gray, Virginia Jarvi</p>	<p><u>Wellspring Independent Living</u></p> <p>Helen Reynolds</p>
<p><u>St. Francis Home</u></p> <p>Judith Lorenz</p>	<p><u>In Hospital or Private Homes</u></p> <p>Betty Burr, Dawn Curtis, Bessie Daugharty, Betty Hauk, Floyd & Lois Krzak, Ruth Marsh, Elaine Miner, Fran Preuter, Kathy Williamson</p>



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Virginia Lyons
- 2 William Nolan
- 2 Lysithea Evans
- 5 Nancy Erndt
- 5 Dorothy Gray
- 5 Evon Little
- 12 Kathy Loviska
- 12 Matthew VanArsdale
- 13 Dallas Williams
- 19 Debra Davis
- 20 Carol Williamson
- 29 Donald Lyons

Did We Miss it



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

No Anniversaries this month. If we missed yours, be sure to let the office know.



HELP! We like to recognize everyone's birthdays and anniversaries in our newsletters and for our "Cake Days" during coffee hour. So, please, be sure to let Kathy know your birthday and anniversary so that we will be sure to recognize you and your family members' special days. You can give Kathy the information on Sundays, email her at countryside@ctcsaginaw.com or call her in the office Tues-Fri between 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. @ 793-0125.

Women's & Mission Update

From "Marcia Lacker"

The Mission of the Month is One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS). Both UCC and PCUSA celebrate OGHS. A gift to OGHS helps neighbors in need around the world providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, providing food to the hungry and empowering the poor and oppressed.

The Campfire disaster in California is one example of OGHS emergency fund use. Housing, potable water, jobs were provided.

OGHS funds are available for **immediate** use when a disaster occurs, but OGHS also provides seedlings, helps with education and development projects so relief can continue.

The CTC Women's Association held a "Baby Shower" to benefit the Baby Pantry (Old Town Mission) and the Underground Railroad. The following items were donated:

1 terry bathrobe, 8 lightweight sleepers, 5 boxes of wipes, 8 outfits (pants and top), 4 receiving blankets, 5 toddler briefs, 2 heavy sleepers, 12 packages of diapers (27-108), 52 onesies, 1 lightweight jacket, 4 heavier blankets (3 with toy), 1 stuffed animal and \$110.00 in cash. We also received \$38 for the Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering and \$7.32 towards the Fellowship of the Least Coin. Many thanks to everyone who donated. Those who were able to attend had a great time.

The collection of food for 10 Easter baskets continues. Updates on items still needed will be announced each Sunday at worship. We will be gifting families from Weiss School.



Easter Breakfast

Come and enjoy a delicious breakfast on Easter morning hosted by the men of Countryside Trinity Church. The meal begins at 9:00 a.m. and continues until approximately 10:00 a.m. You won't want to miss this wonderful way to begin Easter Sunday. Cost of breakfast will be funded by a free-will offering.



Vacation Bible School is Coming Soon to Second Presbyterian Church. It's the "**MANE**" event!! Mark your calendar for the week of June 24 – June 28! They're all going on an African safari! This epic African adventure will engage the whole herd! "ROAR" is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences, catchy songs (my favorite part), teamwork, building games, devouring yummy treats, and one-of-a-kind Wild Bible Adventures! Hope to "spot" you all there! Forms for registration and adult help will be in the Fellowship Hall the beginning of April! This year you can register online at www.spcsaginaw.org



Anyone interested in applying for the Muriel Lakey Student Scholarship Fund, please see Sandy Redfield to obtain an application or to obtain more information.



If you have children or grandchildren who are interested in attending Summer Camp, please see Sandy Redfield for more information.

in the

COMMUNITY

SBSO: Music & Voices: Saginaw Rising

Date: 3/30/2019

Time: 8:00 PM TO 10:00 PM

Saginaw Bay Symphony Orchestra

Temple Theatre

201 N. Washington Ave.

Saginaw, MI 48607

Phone:

(989) 415-5596

Event Description:

Nothing is more powerful than the combination of voices with a large orchestra. Join us for this unique performance as we team up with the Saginaw Choral Society and the Concert Choir from Saginaw Valley State University to perform *Serenade to Music* by Vaughan Williams and Bruckner's inspiring – hymn of praise to God – *Te Deum*. This concert will also include Beethoven's vibrant fourth symphony.

Featuring Saginaw Choral Society and SVSU Concert Choir, special guests.

Family Fun Movie Day

Date: 4/6/2019

Time: 3:00 PM

Court Street Theater

1216 Court St.

Saginaw, MI 48602

Phone:

(989) 755-0545

Event Description:

Join the Saginaw Community Foundation for Family Fun Movie Day at the historic Court Street Theater. We'll be screening "E.T: The Extra-Terrestrial" (rated PG) on Saturday, April 6th at 3 p.m. (doors open at 2:15 p.m.). For just \$20, you'll get two tickets which includes pop and popcorn. Additional tickets are just \$5 when purchased in the same group. Tickets can be purchased at saginawfoundation.org or at our office at 1 Tuscola Street, Suite 100B, Downtown Saginaw. Sponsored by Court Street Theater and Stephanie and Tom Braley. Proceeds will support the Lucy R. Allen Cornerstone Fund, Saginaw Community Foundation's operating endowment.

The King and I

Date: 4/18/2019 TO 4/20/2019

Time: 7:30 PM

Midland Center for the Arts

1801 W. St. Andrews Rd.

Midland, MI 48640

Phone:

(989) 631-8250

Event Description:

April 18 - 20 / 7:30 PM

April 20 / 2 PM

Set in the 1860's Bangkok, the musical tells the story of the unconventional and tempestuous relationship that develops between the King of Siam and Anna Leonowens, a British schoolteacher whom the modernist King, in an imperialistic world, brings to Siam to teach his many wives and children. The King and I is "too beautiful to miss" (New York Magazine).

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Date: 5/3/2019 TO 5/19/2019

Time: 7:30 PM

Midland Center for the Arts

1801 W. St. Andrews Rd.

Midland, MI 48640

Phone:

(989) 631-8250

Event Description:

Center Stage Theatre is an award-winning community theater company featuring talent from across the region.

One of the most enduring shows of all time re-imagines the Biblical story of Joseph, his father Jacob, eleven brothers and the coat of many colors. Told entirely through song, the musical follows favorite son Joseph as he is sold into slavery by his brothers.

Pre-Mother's Day Tea

Date: May 5, 2019

Time: 1-4 p.m.

Center for Ministry, 5802 Weiss St., Saginaw, MI

Refreshing tea, sandwiches, scrumptious treats & scones (prepared by Hemlock culinary students) will be served. There will be entertainment and prizes. This event benefits the Partnership Center to assist with the direct needs of economically disadvantaged residents of Saginaw County.

Tickets are \$25.00 per person or \$125.00 for a table of 6. Call 989 907-5610 or 989 642-2104.



Hugging is one of the most amazing things that we could ever give another person. Hugging is essentially a form of therapy in itself.

When we receive hugs, it gives us a sense of comfort, care, love, understanding, and many other indescribable feelings. Having that said, wouldn't you agree that giving each other a hug every single day would be a good idea?

There is more to hugging than the surface appearance of it all. There is an actual science that happens within us when we are receiving a hug or giving one to someone else.

The physiological changes we experience deep within as we are being hugged could be described as one of the ultimate forms of being human and alive.

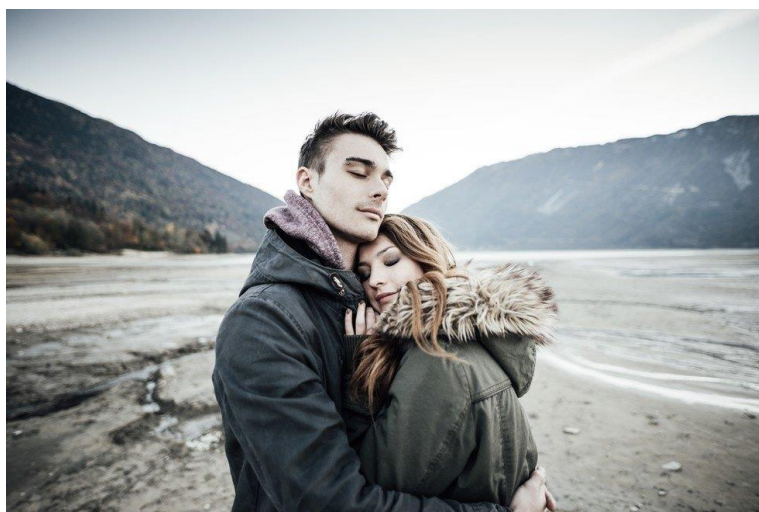
1. Balances the Nervous System

Just by giving someone a hug, you have already begun to balance their nervous system.

Tiny egg-shaped pressure sensors referred to as Pacinian corpuscles found within the skin are linked to the brain through our Vagus nerve.

Essentially what this means is that they sense the feeling of being touched.

What happens when moisture and electricity hover over the skin during a hug can show a balanced state of your nervous system parasympathetic, something that is achieved by psycho-physiological coherence that is created when you are passionately hugging someone!



2. Reduces Stress Levels

Hugging someone can ease a majority of their stress immediately and effectively. Too often we underestimate the power of hugging.

What happens is that when being hugged, the level of cortisol that is circulating throughout our body is reduced tremendously.

This means that our minds are able to calm down and think without stress. The next time you are with your significant other, give them the biggest hug you can summon!

3. Better Overall Mood



When you hug someone, you begin to increase the production of serotonin in your brain which is the essential chemical you need for a positive attitude/mood. This also boosts your self-esteem.

Something to keep in mind when thinking about depression or those who are lonely, is that they are experiencing really low levels of serotonin.

When you hug someone, the brain begins to release more serotonin and endorphin into your blood vessels, creating pleasure and expelling sorrow.

4. Relaxes Your Body

Hugging can actually cause your muscles to relax in the best ways possible. When receiving a hug, our muscles begin to release tension all over the body. Seriously, why aren't we hugging each other more often?



5. Heart Health Improves/Decreased Heart Rate

Hugging has the amazing ability to decrease our heart rate.

A study brought to light by the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill, suggested that the volunteers who had little to no contact at all with their partners had developed a much faster heart rate of 10 beats per minute, compared to the standard 5 beats per minute of those who were hugged by their partner all the time.

Essentially, the lower your heart rate is the less trouble you will have for cardiac illnesses.

In short, we need to be hugging each other every single day for our mental and physical health. More importantly, our happiness.

Do you want to stress less, sleep better, and feel abundantly happier... without drugs or anything crazy? The solution is simple - HUG and be HUGGED!

PDA recovery efforts help Haitians thrive in new communities

March 12, 2019

One Great Hour of Sharing gifts aid earthquake survivors' quest for new beginnings

by Pat Cole | Presbyterian News Service



Growing vegetables in raised beds helps sustain Haitian earthquake survivors who fled from Port-au-Prince to the Central Plateau. (Contributed photo)

LOUISVILLE — The 2010 earthquake that devastated Haiti and changed it forever also set Andral Estes's life on a radically different course.

Estes lost his home and career in Port-au-Prince, Haiti's capital city, and moved to a rural community on Haiti's Central Plateau. He now makes his living as a small-scale farmer, a far cry from his former occupation in the insurance industry.

He said having a good education helps him navigate his new path, and he and other earthquake survivors see education as key to Haiti's future.

In his new community, which was built with help from [One Great Hour of Sharing](http://specialofferings.pcusa.org) (<http://specialofferings.pcusa.org>) Estes is a leader. He and his neighbors, who are also earthquake survivors, fled to the safety of the Central Plateau, which was largely unaffected by the temblor. In Port-au-Prince and the surrounding region, an estimated 300,000 people lost their lives.

Residents of the newly constructed community knew little about farming when they moved there, but Estes led them to embrace their new circumstances. He credits his education with giving him the skills needed to adapt to a profoundly different life.

"I look back at the earthquake of 2010 and think that If I hadn't gone to school, my life would be much more difficult than it is now," Estes said. Concern for their children's future led earthquake survivors living in the Central Plateau to make building a school a top priority. Haitians will never thrive without a good education, Estes stressed.

"In Haiti, if you don't have an education you are like a dead person," he said. "This is why the school we have in this village is the most important thing to us after the roof we have over our heads."

[Presbyterian Disaster Assistance](http://pda.pcusa.org/) (PDA)(<http://pda.pcusa.org/>), supported by One Great Hour of Sharing gifts, helped Estes and his community secure livelihoods that made it possible to pay school fees for their children and buy uniforms.

With the help of Presbyterian congregations, his community constructed a school with classes through the sixth grade. The community recently added a room for the seventh grade.

"My dream is to keep expanding it to a high school and even a decent university, so our children don't have to travel to other cities for an education," he said. To attend high school now, students must walk five miles each way.

Estes and his neighbors live in an eco-village, a community designed to be socially, economically, and ecologically sustainable. Longtime Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) partner Mouvman Peyizan Papay (MPP) worked with the residents to build the community and the school.

The residents provided most of the labor for their houses and the school, and the responsibility for school expansion is solely in their hands.

To acquire building materials, community members mine sand, a raw material for blocks, from a nearby riverbank and lug it up a hill in five-gallon buckets. They wash the sand to remove silt and stones, and then it goes to a block manufacturer. In exchange, the manufacturer furnishes the community blocks for school construction.

Estes's eco-village is one of four on the Central Plateau that benefited from One Great Hour of Sharing gifts. Children from the 160 families in this eco-village are joined by students from the surrounding community at the school. "Everyone has a right to an education," Estes said. "We are not going to reserve the school for only our children."

On Thursdays, as many as 90 volunteers gather near the school to work fields that grow vegetables that feed the children. It's easy to recruit parents to work because of their commitment to education and their gratitude for the school's quality, Estes says. Its teachers are certified by the government, which also pays their salaries.

Students like sixth-grader Jessica Esten also take pride in the school and see it as critical to their future. "If we didn't have a school, I wouldn't feel good because I wouldn't know how to read and write," she said. She said she wants to "become a nurse so I can help my community."

Estes is grateful for everyone who helped make his community and the school a reality. He dreams of gathering them in one room and thanking them. "I want to tell them what they have done for us," he said.

Through One Great Hour of Sharing, Presbyterians across the United States have helped make a new life possible for Andral's family and their neighbors. Most congregations receive the offering on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday. In addition to PDA, One Great Hour of Sharing also supports the [Presbyterian Hunger Program](http://presbyterianmissions.org/ministries) (<http://presbyterianmissions.org/ministries>) and the [Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People](http://presbyterianmissions.org/ministries/sdop/) (<http://presbyterianmissions.org/ministries/sdop/>).



Pastor Dave's Forwarding Address

Rev. Dave Myers
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Springfield, New Jersey 07081

UCC grant, savvy support recovery for Pennsylvania flood survivors

February 19, 2019

Written by **Carol Fouke-Mpoyo**



Six weeks of rain caused repeated flooding last summer in Schuylkill County, Pa. Some areas had severe damage to homes, including loss of furnaces and water heaters.

A UCC Disaster Ministries grant of \$10,000 is ensuring that affected families have heat and hot water through the winter.

Funds are designated for people with few or no resources and with severe unmet needs. They are being allocated through the UCC's Pennsylvania Southeast Conference and its Schuylkill Association, which have stepped up to support the flood recovery effort.

FEMA is providing some help in the form of loans and public assistance, but no grants for repairs, said Karl Jones, Pennsylvania Southeast Conference Disaster Coordinator. "Several families are still not back in their homes. It falls to the voluntary sector to provide the resources necessary for people to recover."

"Karl has done an amazing job finding the right people to help with case, volunteer and construction management," said Zach Wolgemuth, UCC Disaster Ministries Executive. "He is helping the community cast its vision for recovery."

The UCC is working with the Schuylkill County Long-Term Recovery Coalition, formed in 2006. To date, 31 families have come into case management with the coalition.

The UCC's Schuylkill Association Disaster Fund has raised more than \$22,000 to support this effort, with other partners contributing toward the roughly \$88,000 overall budget. Other contributions have come in the form of volunteers, in-kind gifts and donations, and use of space.

Pennsylvania Southeast Conference Minister the Rev. William Worley observed that one of the conference's 2020 Vision objectives was "to see five cities or towns being positively affected by the presence of a UCC congregation as measured by the quality of life standards (i.e. education, housing/homelessness, crime reduction, employment opportunities, health/wellness) of those communities.

"That objective was reached in several towns of the Schuylkill Association," Worley said. "The pastors and lay leaders of local churches there worked together in response to summertime flood damage in and around their communities. The Mayor of Tremont, Pa., Mr. Ricky Ney, presented a plaque, now in the keeping of St. Peter's UCC, Tremont, in gratitude for all that the United Church of Christ did in support of the people in Tremont, Pine Grove, Hamburg and the surrounding areas."

2019

CALENDAR YEAR

APRIL

CALENDAR MONTH

Countryside Trinity Church

SUNDAY

ST DAY OF WEEK

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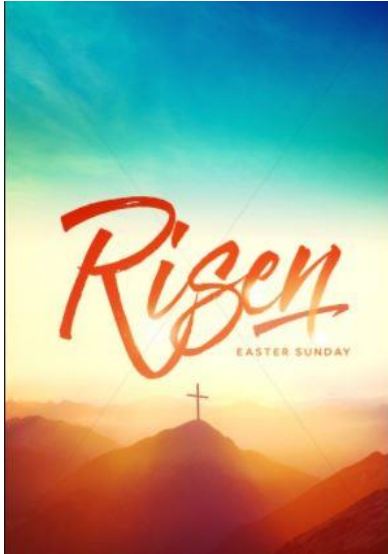
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	01	02 6:30 PM FAMILY GAME NIGHT AT MANSE. Bring a snack to share	03 10:30 A.M. Pack Backpacks-Weiss School;	04	05	06
07 10:25 am-Announcements; Sanctuary; 10:30 am - Worship Service with Communion; 11:30 am - Coffee Hour: 4-6:00 pm City of God	08	09	10	11	12	13
14 10:25 am-Announcements; Sanctuary; 10:30 am - Palm Sunday Worship Service; 11:30 am Coffee Hour 11:45 am Worship Committee Mtg.	15 6:30 p.m. Bead Club	16 6:30 p.m. Session Council Meeting	17 10:30 A.M. Pack Backpacks-Weiss School;	18 7:00 PM - Maundy Thursday Worship Service w/ Communion	19 1:00 pm Good Friday Worship Service @ CTC	20
21 9:00 am - Easter Breakfast 10:25 am-Announcements; Sanctuary; 10:30 am - Easter Worship Service with Communion	22	23 Deadline for April Newsletter	24	25	26	27
28 10:25 am-Announcements; Sanctuary; 10:30 am - Worship Service; 11:30 am - Coffee Hour: 4-6:00 pm City of God	29	30	01	02	03 Office Hours: Tues-Fri 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Worship Services on Sundays at 10:30 a.m.	04 
05	06	07	08	09	10	11

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BLESSINGS FROM COUNTRYSIDE TRINITY CHURCH

Saving Grace

Lord, you are so wonderful and deserve our love and praise
I cannot express just how I feel when I think of your saving grace

To think of what you went through that day upon the cross
And in the moments leading up to it when soldiers spat and scoffed

And beat you with no mercy, making sport and having fun
You said not a word in your defense even though you were God's son

You bore it all out of your love for the lost and dying souls,
To give us a hope we can hold on to for a future yet to unfold

It's such a beautiful description, Lord, of what your grace can do,
For no one's exempt from your saving grace, but it's a gift freely given from you

By M.S. Lowndes