



THE LION OF ST. MARK'S

APRIL 2020

Dear Members and Friends of St. Mark's,



They found the stone rolled away from the tomb. ~ (Luke 24:20)

They arrested Jesus and condemned him to die. Then they mocked him; thorn-crowned him; nailed him to a cross—killed him. It was Friday, just before the Sabbath. There now, that's the end of that, they concluded. The trouble-maker will never cause any more problems. And just to be sure, they blocked the tomb with a heavy and large stone.

But then came Sunday morning! On Sunday the dawn broke, and the stone had been rolled away! The Lord had risen from the dead. He could no longer be found lying with the dead. Nothing, not even death, could stop him! Nothing, not even death and a huge stone, could keep Jesus dead!

Nothing could stop Jesus. Nothing can stop Jesus. The Good News that is Easter, that Jesus lives, is God's Good News for all God's people.

Jesus is still living today. He is "on the loose" and in our world reminding us of God's victory over sin and death. Tyrants and political leaders of long ago tried to stop Jesus—silence him, but Jesus kept right on walking. Oppressive governments and leaders today think they can gain the upper hand and keep Jesus at bay and in check—not so. A relentless virus—COVID 19—isn't enough to keep the victory of Jesus silent. Nothing is! Nothing ever will be! Pressed down in one place, Jesus rises up in another. Silenced in one area, he finds another voice. Christ is risen and in him victory is certain.

Happy Easter—now and always!

Grace + Peace,
Pastor Brian Vasey

We will be using the familiar Setting One from the Lutheran Book of Worship beginning Easter Sunday (April 12).

Setting One will be our primary setting throughout the "Great Fifty Days of Easter" (April 12-May 31).

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL SCHEDULES MAY CHANGE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANY DECISIONS REGARDING THE STATUS OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

APRIL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

HOLY WEEK:

Sunday, April 5: Palm Sunday with the reading of the Passion

Tuesday, April 7: The cantata "The Weeping Tree," a Service for Holy Week, at Christ Episcopal Church, at 7:00pm.

Wednesday, April 8: The Seder Meal has been cancelled because the pandemic restriction preclude the preparations for it.

Thursday, April 9: Maundy Thursday, Holy Communion at 7:30pm

Friday, April 10: noon-1:00, the nave will be open for those who would like to come in to pray and meditate. (see pg. 6 for additional info) Tenebrae, the Service of the Shadows, at 7:30pm

Saturday, April 11: The Great Vigil of Easter, beginning in the chapel at 8:00pm

Sunday, April 12: Easter Sunday! Holy Communion at 8:00 and 10:30am

Saturday, Apr. 18 & Sunday, Apr. 19, Easter 2, Holy Communion, Setting 1 LBW

Saturday, Apr. 25 & Sunday, Apr. 26, Easter 3, Holy Communion, Setting 1 LBW



Easter Flower Delivery

Please speak with Becky Miller Pryor if you are able to deliver an Easter flower to one of our Special Concern Folks after the 10:30 Easter Sunday Service or on the Tuesday of Easter Week. I will be at the church on Tuesday, April 14, 2020 from 9:30 -10:30 AM to assist with this project.

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JOIN US

*Sunday Eucharist, 8 & 10:30 am
 Sunday Church School, 9:15 am
 All are welcome.*

Please note that the Saturday Evening Eucharist has been suspended until Saturday, April 18.

MARCH COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENT

The church council did not meet this month in accordance with the directives from the state government.

However, via email, the decision was made to suspend all worship services, meetings, and ministries during the period of March 16-April 4. We will reevaluate this decision as needed.

Please stay safe and know that God is with you.

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 Mon—Thu 9am—2pm & by appointment

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 Sun—Thurs 5:30am—1pm

Parish Musician:

Bookkeeper: Jackie Baysore
 Tue & Thu 8am—12:00pm

Secretary: Bernadette Jones
 Mon—Fri 9am—2pm

PLEA FOR HELP FOR 1ST RESPONDERS

With the closing of schools and daycare centers, our first responders are in dire need of childcare service. United Churches of Lycoming County (UCLC) has shared a call from UPMC for qualified congregants with clearances to sign up to help first responders and critical hospital staff with solutions for their children's care.

Any fees/payments would be solely between the caregiver/babysitter and the first responders/staff.

All those willing to help those who help others should contact Dawn Zell Wright, SPHR, Vice President—Human Resources, UPMC, at 570-321-3309 or wrightd7@upmc.edu

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Many thanks to everyone who continues to donate items for our OCC collection. Our shoeboxes are on their way to being filled with gifts for boys and girls throughout the world. Take a look at the shoebox in the narthex which is filled with our monthly donations to date ~ activity books, journals, washcloths, soap, knit hats, combs/brushes and toothbrushes are a wonderful start to creating a special Christmas memory!

In April, we are collecting **Stuffed Animals** (beanie baby size) or **Small Dolls, Hair Accessories, and Tape Measures**. These items may be placed in our red, OCC bin located in the narthex. Thank you for your generosity!



Easter Greetings

Please join with the Outreach Committee to send Easter greetings to our Special Concerns folks and others we do not see as often as we wish. **On April 5, 2020**, after each service, the Outreach Committee will have cheery cards available in the Narthex. Please take a card or two and along with a cheery greeting, mail the card(s) in time for Easter.

Lenten Offering Folders

The Faith and Fellowship and Outreach Committees remind members that the Lenten Offering Folders may be returned Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020. Please include your name and envelope number on the folder. These donations will be given to the Shepherd of the Streets for his prescription fund. Did not fill a folder? That is not a problem. For those who wish to do so, checks may be made payable to St. Mark's with the memo line indicating Shepherd of the Streets.

The St. Paul Lutheran Church Scholarship

(award approximately \$500)

Eligibility

Eligible candidates must:

- Be graduating seniors of a high school, or a high school graduate equivalent, located in Lycoming County, PA. Candidates may reapply in successive years for scholarships available from this program.
- Be members of a Lutheran church.
- Be attending or planning to attend an institution of higher education (academic, technical, or vocational in the 2020-2021 academic year).
- Have a minimum grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
- Demonstrate involvement in church and community.

Application Information

Students who wish to apply to the scholarship program must complete an online application, available on the InFaith Community Foundation website at inFaith-found.org/scholarships. Applications and required attachments are due **April 30, 2020**. Additional questions about this scholarship program may be directed to Nikki Johnson, Donor Services Associate, by calling 800-365-4172 or emailing scholarships@inFaithfound.org. Have additional questions? Please see Vicki Haussmann.

EASTER HOSPITALITY

Please join us for Hospitality on Easter Sunday. We will meet in Fellowship Hall between the 8:00 and 10:30 services for refreshments and Christian fellowship. There will also be an Easter Egg Hunt in the courtyard (or inside depending on what the weather dictates) for our youth. All are invited and welcome to join in our Easter Celebration!



Family Promise



Hosting for the next FP will be the end of this month into May. FP has made provisions in the event that anyone in the guest families tests positive for the new virus. I will be making calls in the near future and would like to have all the positions lined up before Easter if possible. Dinner hosts, evening hosts, overnight host and drivers are needed. Another coordinator is also needed as Dave Williams has retired. If you have questions call me at 570-323-1707 or email dabuckman65@gmail.com

Nibbles from the Church Mouse

As I sit here today we are in a strange world of flu pandemic—just returned from Wegman's where you should forget about finding toilet paper, tissues or wipes and restrict yourself to two dozen eggs, four cans of soup, one jar of peanut butter and two bottles of Lysol—something I never experienced before but we need to have faith in those who made the decisions that it is the best course.

Now all of our young folks are at home and can bask in their achievements—two Loyalsock students, Sean Jensen and Jonah Schreckengast were named to the high honor roll. Good work!

In addition, Sean is a member of the Loyalsock Varsity Basketball team now in the PIAA Elite 8. Hopefully the final games for the state championship will be played at the end of March. The team is terrific!

Lots of faces in the news—spotted Paul and Sarah Young complete with hats and leis enjoying the beach party at Valley View.

The Williamsport Home apartments celebrated Valentine's Day with a candle-light dinner. Bunny Ditchfield shared a toast to friendship with two other residents and Ruth Rees posed for a photograph with the executive chef of the complex. All looking good!

But the biggest story has to be the recognition by Lycoming Law Association of the longtime service of Charles "Skip" Greevy. He was recognized for fifty years of practicing law in Lycoming County and for forty years as solicitor for Lycoming County Children and Youth.

Skip has an illustrious background—the family's 120 years of activity began with his grandfather who began practicing in 1900 and served as district attorney from 1916 to 1919. His father, also named Charles, was elected as one of the county's two judges in 1951 and under him, Skip was accepted into the Lycoming Law Association in 1969.

Kudos to Skip for this marvelous record. On a personal note, when I was council president and seeking legal advice for the church I always found Skip to be available and helpful! Good man!

While all of you are spending time at home take a moment to send your news to me—I am always happy to get it!

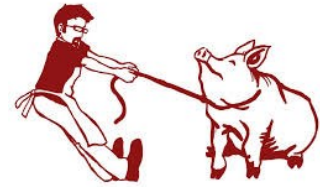
One postscript: we attended the Youth Symphony Orchestra concert which was wonderful. Hannah Haussmann is part of the group as is Madeline Fortin—the young folks are so talented—we can be truly proud!

Keep in touch, the mouse,

Joyce Hershberger

FREE COMMUNITY LUNCH 'N' FELLOWSHIP WEDNESDAY, Apr. 22, AT NOON

*Pulled Pork is
scheduled for the
menu!*



COME AND ENJOY!

April Ecumenical Lunch

Join us at Pine Street UM Church Wednesdays for lunch and an interesting program! The lunch line opens about 11:45 a.m. and you are always assured of a tasty \$6 lunch, warm ecumenical fellowship and a thoughtful program designed to enrich your life mentally, physically, spiritually and socially.

Please note that if the Williamsport Area School District closes schools because of winter road conditions we will not have Ecumenical Lunch. If you aren't sure what we are doing, call Gwen at 570-419-1464.

April:

- 1- **Rev. Gwen Bernstine**, Staff, United Churches, "*The Crippled Woman*" Luke 13:10-17
- 8- **Rev. Dr. John Charnock**, Director, Mission Integration & Ethics, Pastoral Care & Volunteer Services at UPMC Susquehanna, "*Simon Of Cyrene Who Carried Jesus' Cross*" Luke 23:26-31
- 15- **Mr. Brian Patchett**, CEO, North Central Sight Services, "*Helping The Visually Impaired Maximize Their Quality of Life*"
- 22- **Ms. Carol Waltz** and **Ms. Leatha Kieser**, Williamsport Music Club "*A Spring Song.*"
- 29- To Be Announced

A Victorian Tea

A Victorian Tea will be held on Sunday, April 19 at 2 pm at Trinity Episcopal Church, 844 W 4th St, Williamsport. A \$15 donation includes tea, sandwiches and savories, drinks, and traditional British sweets. This year's theme is Dollhouses! Fanciful attire is encouraged. Ticket auction and door prizes, too. For tickets, call the church at 570-322-0126.



To paraphrase the wise words of a rabbi: *#beablessing*

“Let every hand that we don’t shake become a phone call that we place.

Let every embrace that we avoid become a verbal expression of warmth and concern.

Let every inch and every foot that we physically put between ourselves and another become a thought as to how we might be of help to that other.”

#beablessing, folks.

SHEPHERD OF THE STREETS*

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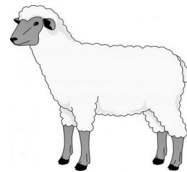
To help us bring hope and help to those who ask, send a blessing to Shepherd of the Streets, Box P.O. 2184, Williamsport, PA, 17703, and/or visit us at Shepherd of the Streets, 320 Park Ave., Monday-Thursday, 9am-2pm.



Thank you for your donation of hygiene items, baby needs, and/or bedding. These family sized hygiene items are such a blessing because people suffer the most when there is not enough money to feed, clothe, and house their family, and most illnesses are a surprise to their budget. This continues to be a necessary part of our ministry. The list follows:

- Toothpaste and Toothbrushes*
- Shaving Cream and Razors*
- Shampoo and Conditioner*
- Women’s Hygiene Products*
- Towels and Wash Cloths*
- Bedding and Blankets*
- Tissues, Toilet Paper, and Paper Towels*

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| <i>Soap</i> | <i>Deodorant</i> | <i>Combs</i> |
| <i>Baby Diapers</i> | <i>Baby Shampoo</i> | <i>Baby Oil</i> |
| <i>Baby Q-Tips</i> | <i>Baby Wipes</i> | <i>Baby Powder</i> |



Annual Women’s Retreat:

“Sisterhood: How and Why to Create a Community of Faith” is being sponsored by First UMC, Muncy on Saturday, May 2 from 9am-3pm in their Living Water Cafe. It will be led by the Rev. Susan Halverstadt. Info: 570-546-8030.

MARCH SERVICE SCHEDULES

USHERS

4/5	Miller/Poff	AlbrightTeam/Nancy L.
4/9		MaggsTeam
4/10		JensenTeam
4/11		Fortin Team
4/12	Miller/Poff	AlbrightTeam/Ruth S.
4/19	Miller/Poff	MaggsTeam/Sally B.
4/26	Miller/Poff	JensenTeam/Pam J.

ASSISTING MINISTERS

4/5	Becky Pryor	Donna Clark
4/9		
4/10		
4/11		Lou DeSeau
4/12	Lou DeSeau	Ray Huff
4/19	Drew Haussmann	Linda Rosini
4/26	Becky Pryor	Kathy Dancho

LECTORS

4/5	Vicki Haussmann	Phil Thomas
4/9		
4/10		
4/11		Deb B./Joyce H.
4/12	Walt Haussmann	Karen Mariano
4/19	Lou DeSeau	Gary Weber
4/26	Ruth Rees	Brenda Gair

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS (10:30)

4/5		Laura Schreckengast
4/9		
4/10		
4/11		
4/12		Gregg Dancho
4/19		Gary Weber
4/26		Carl Albright



May 18, 2020: Lutheran Day at the Capital

Lutheran Day at the Capital is set for Monday, May 18, 2020. Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in PA invites you to save the date and start promoting the event in your congregation. “Bring Your Faith to the Table” and join Lutherans from around the state for worship, learning, advocacy and action.

Event Categories:

Health Care, Homelessness, Housing, Human Trafficking, Hunger, Immigration, Interfaith, Racial Justice, Refugees, Sustainable Agriculture, Training, Water Justice, Economic Opportunity, Environment, Advocacy, Civic Participation, Climate, Criminal Justice, and Education

Sharing in the Caring

The Outreach Committee thanks the congregation for their donations of cocoa mix, Ramen Noodles, Cup of Soups and snack crackers for the Blessing Box at New Covenant UCC. New Covenant is grateful for these donations on behalf of the many people who stop each day looking for food.

Ongoing Collections at St. Mark's:

- ☼ United Churches Food Bank: Non-perishable food items are always in need. Mona Rudio, Coordinator of the pantry, encourages folks to purchase the BOGO specials and donate one to the food pantry.
- ☼ Shepherd of the Streets: Hygiene items in regular sizes for infants, kids and adults. Also needed are disposable diapers and new or gently used towels and bedding.
- ☼ Soda Tabs for the Ronald McDonald House: Containers are in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall.
- ☼ Bazaar Room: The Women of St. Mark's continue to accept donations for the annual Fall Bazaar. Items should be packed into small boxes and placed away from the Bazaar Room door. This year's sale is Saturday, September 12, 2020.
- ☼ Pennies for Youth Activities: A container is in the Narthex for your coins.

Ongoing Activities at Redeemer Lutheran:

- ☼ Free Community Dinner: Thursday, April 9, 2020 from 5:30-6:30. All are welcome.
- ☼ Daniel's Closet: Free seasonal clothing on Saturday, April 25, 2020 from 9:00-11:00am. Donations may be dropped off at Redeemer on April 23, from 4:00-6:00pm.



If you have a large quantity of clothing, please call Barb Horn @ 570-974-3744 or Carol Johnson @ 570-772-6674 to arrange a mutually convenient time to take your clothing directly to Redeemer Lutheran.

Mental Health First Aid Training will be held on Wednesday, June 3rd from 8-5 at the Genetti Hotel & Suites, Williamsport. Registration: Participants pay a non-refundable fee of \$25 to register, which covers the cost of the required training manual. To register go to:

<https://www.neacjs.org/2020-mental-health-training-workshop>

Upon completion, participants receive a National Certification in Mental Health First Aid. Certification is renewable every three years. Please contact Michele Bratina, mbratina@wcupa.edu. for questions about this training. Contact jtucker@wcupa.edu. for payment by check.

CREATION CORNER

UCLC Christian Social Concerns Committee

2020 Soil and Water Stewardship Week (April 26 to May 3, 2020) and Sunday theme is "Where Would We BEE Without Pollinators?" from the National Association of Conservation Districts. Education materials available. www.nacdnet.org

The Project Linus Susquehanna Valley Chapter is a 100% volunteer nonprofit organization that provides love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized or otherwise in need, through the gifts of bright, new, handmade washable blankets, quilts and afghans. In our area, these blankets are distributed to UMPC Williamsport, Muncy Valley, Jersey Shore and Lock Haven Hospitals.

In addition, we deliver to Wise Options for Women, Family Promise, Warrior Run School District, Daniel's Closet, other social services, police, and fire departments. In 2018, 800 blankets were distributed in our area; in 2019 that number increased to over 900. The need continues to grow as the weather turns colder and children are forced to sleep in their coats because the family can't afford heat.

With the aid of volunteers, we are establishing a Williamsport Community Make a Blanket day at St. Luke on May 2. The local chapter in Lewisburg hosts one every year, but many from our area can't attend. This way our community can help.

We are collecting materials for quilts, hand-tied fleece blankets, knitted and crocheted blankets. Items we need:

- NEW Cotton children's fabric
- Batting
- New flat bedsheets
- Minimum 2 yards of fleece (this makes one blanket)
- Take an already assembled kit of yarn to make granny squares or knit a blanket.

We will also accept donations of new or handmade quilts, afghans, and blankets at the event.

If you have any questions, please contact Dawn Nau at nauhil2@comcast.net.

ECUMENICAL SERVICES FOR GOOD FRIDAY

Noon Trinity Episcopal Church, 844 West Fourth Street, Williamsport, Voices Around The Cross, sponsored by the Williamsport Ministerium.

1:00 p.m. St. Andrews Lutheran Church, 201 South Main Street, Muncy, with Rev. Rob Rice preaching, sponsored by the Muncy Ministerium.



FOOD PANTRY

Mona Rundio, Coordinator 570-322-1657

Email - foodpantry@uclc.org

Our pantry clients are very thankful for your generosity! They are pleased with the variety of items available and comfortable having a friendly place to come where our staff gets to know them and understand their needs, wants and hardships. In return we all receive more than we expected, both love and respect—far beyond that good feeling you get when you have been helped or have helped someone. Hospitality is a spiritual gift we can all celebrate as we are drawn together!

Located at the rear of 320 Park Avenue the food pantry at this time is in need of these products: Easter meal products and much more.....

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| <i>Drinks/Coffee</i> | <i>Canned Meats/Fruits/Veggies</i> |
| <i>Cereal/Oatmeal</i> | <i>Microwave Meals/Soups</i> |
| <i>Ramen Noodles</i> | <i>Cake or Muffin Mixes/Frostings</i> |
| <i>Spaghetti/Sauce</i> | <i>Ketchup/Mustard/Mayo</i> |
| <i>Healthy Snacks</i> | <i>Peanut Butter/Jelly</i> |
| <i>Gravy/Stuffing</i> | <i>Canned Yams/Ham/Pickled Beets</i> |

The pantry hours are:

Monday, 9-11:00am for donations and stocking

Tuesday/Thursday, 10:15-2:00 for clients

May God bless you and keep you this spring!!

The Ecumenical Festival Choir will present “A Performance of Sacred Choral Music” on Sunday, April 26th at 2 p.m., at Faxon Kenmar United Methodist Church, 1301 Clayton Ave., Wmspt. Come and enjoy the beautiful music! Admission is free.

DIAL -A -DEVOTION

Have you called yet today?

The number is 570-322-5762, available 24/7

Devotions are three minutes or less, change weekdays and once on the weekend, and are designed to lift your spirits and help you to have "A Closer Walk with God."

4/6-12 Deacon Sandy Grier

4/13-19 Ms. Patty Gohrs

4/20-26 Rev. Gwen Bernstine

4/27-5/3 Pastors Jim/Kathy Behrens

Listen today and tell others about this ministry!



The Sight & Sound trip to see “Queen Esther” has been postponed until Friday, June 26, 2020.

Please contact Cheryl Williams at 570-327-1627 for more details.



The Williamsport Citizen Corps Council is again planning for our 2020 National Night Out festivities for August 4, 2020. After a very

successful partnership with the United Churches of Lycoming County last year we are hoping to expand this partnership with even more participation from churches and local organizations this year. The objective of this event is to reach out to all members of the community to further strengthen neighborhood unity and continue to help one another, striving to make our city and the surrounding area a safer place to live and work. It is never too early to start planning. Let’s all put our thinking caps on and come up with some unique activities and programs that reflect our mission of “Neighbors Helping Neighbors.” As we get closer to August 4th there will be more information forthcoming. Again, thank you to all those groups that participated last year—we’re hoping for even more participation this year.

~ Jeff Reeder, President WCCC

MAKING CONNECTIONS

Are there people in your congregation experiencing vision issues? North Central Sight Services, Inc. is here to help those of all ages experiencing blindness and vision loss to reach their fullest potential.

NCSS provides assistive technology and training to help individuals in all aspects of life—education, both personal and professional, to enhance independence. Our goal is to give people with visual impairments access to their community and maximize their quality of life. Whether it is a child needing assistance with reading or adults utilizing assistive technology that assists them in employment, NCSS provides the tools and education needed to remain independent. NCSS offers other person-centered services as well as transportation, peer support/social recreation groups, and a prevention of blindness program.

If you or someone in your congregation is experiencing vision loss and needs support, please contact us at 570-323-9401, stop by 2121 Reach Road, Williamsport or visit our website at www.ncsight.org. We are here to help.

UCLC VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need a few more volunteers to fill the ministries schedule. Both clergy & laity can help. With the flu season upon us this past Sunday we filled Valley View twice and then had to cancel the service. The nursing home residents love to come together to worship, something they have done all their lives! We are there to remind them of God’s love and faithfulness and bring them the hope they need to face the challenges of life. Leaders are needed for services on Sunday afternoons and Thursday mornings. Contact Gwen at 570-322-1110 or director@uclc.org.

SPECIAL CONCERNS LIST

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Kay Poliska
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Elizabeth Ruesskamp
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Jon Huff	4/02	Steven Bieber, Jr.	4/15
Bernadette Jones	4/02	Jami Larson	4/15
Tina Harvey	4/05	David Hughes	4/17
Linda Rosini	4/06	Sara Neal	4/17
Carol Butters	4/07	Beverly Best	4/18
John Goertz	4/07	Diana Zeigler	4/18
Sadie Wentzel	4/10	Cynthia Hartzel	4/19
Taylor Wentzel	4/10	Jeffrey Byerly	4/20
Robert Clouser	4/11	Karen Pelleschi	4/20
Geoffrey Macgill	4/13	Benjamin Hausmann	4/23
Michael Ochs	4/13	Karen Merrifield	4/26
Ezra Buckman	4/14	Lisa Welker	4/27
Veronica Doane	4/14	Audrey Comerford	4/28
Johnny Hinds	4/14	Ruth Ditchfield	4/29
		Dorothy Bingaman	4/30



Matthew & Wanda Fortin	4/03
Robert & Bernadette Jones	4/08
Louis & Kathy Kolb	4/08
Carl & Audrey Albright	4/23
Randy & Jeannette Lukens	4/23

BECOMING PLASTIC FOAM FREE

Are we there yet? Almost a year ago United Churches through the Social Concerns Committee issued a call to action to individuals and congregations in our county to learn more about the dangers of Styrofoam-like products and to work to stop using them. Articles have been written and read, discussions have happened all over the place and changes are being made in homes, congregations, and businesses!

A grant through UMCORE was obtained to help congregations and small businesses transition away from plastic-foam products. Our first order of alternative products is being



delivered this week and about a dozen congregations have signed up to be part of the Grant Project, and others are in the midst of the decision making process. We will soon also be touching base with small businesses through Jason Fink's leadership at the Chamber of Commerce. Thanks to New Covenant United Church of Christ for donating the storage space and Gail Landers for donating her time to coordinate the program. The funds saved will be applied to providing more product to help folks in their transition from plastic foam.

*Are we there yet? No. But we are on our way.
Won't you join us?*

Save The Date!



Vacation Bible School: July 12-16, 5:30-8:30 PM
@ New Covenant United Church of Christ
for ages 3-12 years old



We are once again joining forces with New Covenant United Church of Christ, Trinity Episcopal, and First Church of Christ to present **Rocky Railway VBS**.

Please see Vicki Haussmann for registration information and for ways to help. Watch for more info as to how to chug into town these next few months as well.

Choo, Choo!

