

THE REPORTER

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Sunday school at 9:15 am
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RAMBLINGS FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The church has now entered into the Easter season. Easter Sunday is held on the first Sunday after the first full moon occurring on or after the vernal equinox, the moment the Sun crosses the celestial equator from south to north. In other words, Easter Sunday is tied to the transitions of nature so that the date moves from year to year.

There are lots of reason why it was set up this way. Here are two I like. First, Easter is connected to a “change” in the seasons. Something “new” is happening. The world is on the brink of “change” and will look different soon. Second, Easter doesn’t have a specific date. That connects with the church’s view that every Sunday is a celebration of Easter. It isn’t just once a year that we celebrate Jesus’ resurrection. Easter is the way we live our faith, ask our questions, offer our prayers, gather as the body of Christ, serve in and through our shared ministry, mature as disciples of Jesus Christ.

The Bible never says celebrate Easter on one specific day. Instead, it encourages disciples to live Easter’s good news of new life in the resurrection of Jesus Christ every day. After all that is why we in the church say we are Easter People. The greatest way we can do that is to do what the first disciples did. They gave testimony to how they saw the Lord. They proclaimed to the world the radical truth of the Gospel of Jesus and all that God was doing.

Jesus appeared in all kinds of places — in locked rooms, along the road, in the midst of fear and doubt, injustice and despair, to people who longed for meaning, purpose, wholeness and faith, and certainly in the joys of being found, people being feed, the discovery of God’s way and will in the building of the kin-dom.

Where do you see Jesus? How are you experiencing new life in this Easter season? The good news of Easter tells us that wherever we look, regardless of what day it is, Jesus is there, waiting to be seen, waiting for our eyes to open and see new life and new possibilities.

As you look through this month’s edition of “THE REPORTER”, and your eyes see and ears hear the going on’s within the Penbrook UCC Family, I hope you see the many ways God is still Speaking in wonderful and radical ways. I pray you hear God’s voice calling you to join the parade of love and gathering. Calling you into new life and encouraging you to be a part of sharing it in your own life and in our life together. God’s new life is at work in us and around us! When I see the breadth and impact of our ministry, I can’t help but say, “I have seen the Lord!”

Blessings

Pastor Brian

NEXT COMMUNION

We will have the pleasure of celebrating Communion at Penbrook Church on the first Sunday of the Month, May 5, the Third Sunday of Easter. Please plan to join your brothers and sisters in Christ at the Lord’s Table on this occasion.

MISSION SUNDAY

Our third Sunday second-mile offering will be for Strengthen the Church - UCC

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MAY

- May 5, 2019 Acts 9: 1-6, (7-20)
 John 21: 1-19
- May 12, 2019 Acts 9: 36-43
 John 10: 22-30
- May 19, 2019 Acts 11: 1-18
 John 13: 31-35
- May 26, 2019 Acts 16: 9-15
 John 14: 23-29

PRAYER REQUESTS

Eleanor Seaman (Diane’s mom), Elinor Dunnewold, Luce Heiss, Frank Bomgardner, Diane Weinhold’s Aunt Martha, Teresa McDaniel (Linda Houseal), Jane and Mel Myers (Bob Nease), the family of Heather Branch (Donna Bauserman), Rev. India Garnett, Nancy Heckler, her son and her 10 year old grandson, Gavin, Mike Thornton (Mike Proper), Angela Manley, a friend of the Heiss family, Ann and Harvey Bailey and family. the Weinhold family, Kim and Drew Evanoff and family, Linda Houseal, Lorna Owen’s brother, Tammy Brehm and her mother Betty Nye, Harvey Bailey’s great nephew, the family of Michael Delli, and John Lower

OUR SYMPATHY

To the Bailey family with the death of Kyle Bailey who died on Sunday, March 31, 2019. A memorial service was held on Saturday April 27 in our sanctuary, followed by a light lunch.



**PENBROOK UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR THE INSTALLATION OF
REVEREND BRIAN E. DAMROW
AS OUR NEW PASTOR**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2019, 3:00 P.M.
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW**

**56 BANKS STREET
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THANK YOU

To all who helped with the Saturday work day in and around the sanctuary, on April 13th

To all the folks that came out to support the Skip's Kids Piano Recital, on Sunday, April 7th. It was a memorable event. A collection from the Piano family was given to the General Fund.

MANNA FOOD PANTRY

A Ministry Partnership between Penbrook United Church of Christ
& Penbrook Church of God

I have wonderful news; we have a new Coordinator for Manna. She has recently joined us in worship and once the Manna Board votes on it at our May 7th Board meeting, I will introduce her to Consistory, and then share her name and information to you in June's reporter.

The Air Conditioner in Manna's storage room has been installed. Would ask that if you could contribute to Manna to help pay for the Air Conditioner that would be wonderful.

Please pray for us as we continue to do God's work through the Manna Food Pantry, and please support this very worthy mission as best you can. God Bless you and thank you for all you do for Manna.

Sara Kempf

THE MEMBERS ASSISTANCE FUND

To get you up to date on the amount of Deposits and Disbursements that came from this fund, I will be giving information each month.

Balance on March 16, 2019- \$452.07

No. of Deposits- 4

◆ Amount of Deposits- \$540.00

◆ No. of Disbursements- 2

◆ Amount of Disbursements- \$325.00

◆ Balance as of April 22, 2019- \$667.07

I want to thank all who have made personal contributions to this Fund. Please keep supporting the fund as best you can. It is a blessing to be able to help those who are in need.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Kempf

GAME NIGHT

Friday, May 3, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Join us for an exciting time playing table games in the Adult Sunday School Room. We did this last year and had a blast, so we thought we'd do it again! All you need to do is show up with a game (like Apples to Apples, or Trivial Pursuit, or Uno, or whatever your family likes to play) and bring something to eat or drink (a bag of chips or a gallon of tea). We will provide pizza from HFC Pizza, Union Deposit Road (they deliver)! Plan on having a wonderful time of fun, fellowship, and food. Please contact Linda Grier if you have questions.

SUMMER GIFT OF MUSIC/LITURGICAL DANCE

It's that time of year again when the choirs get some well-deserved time off from a busy choir season, and we would like folks to help provide music or liturgical dance for worship services from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend. Please be sure the selections are appropriate for worship services. A sign-up sheet to volunteer for The Gift of Music/Liturgical Dance is on the bulletin board in the Narthex. If you're not comfortable with a solo, please consider a duet, trio or a small ensemble. Be sure all the information being requested is present on the sign-up sheet so the worship bulletin can include your selection. If you need an accompanist, please contact Rita Oberman or Brian Johnson in advance so we have sufficient time to learn the accompaniment.

HOUSE BOUND

- **Walda Ansel**, Church of God Home, Personal Care Unit, Rm 223, 801 N Hanover St, Carlisle, PA 17013
- **Marge Lippert**, 1020 N. Union Street, Room 135A, Frey Village, Middletown, PA, 17057
- **Bill Oberholtzer**, 45 Conestoga Drive, Lititz, PA, 17543, Phone #(717) 581-3372
- **Mary Sherk**, 4700 Oakhurst Blvd., Apt 202, Kindered Place. Harrisburg, PA 17110
- **Peggy Stellfox**, Room 226, Frey Village, 1020 N. Union St. Middletown, PA 17057
- **Jeannetta (Jeannie) Wagner**, Frey Village, Phoenix Unit, Room 220, 1020 North Union Street, Middletown, PA 17057

MAY BIRTHDAYS



We would like to extend a very happy birthday to everyone celebrating in May.

Susan Grogan	8 May
Lorna Owens	14 May
Linda Grier	22 May
John Einig	25 May
Amber Mann	25 May
Leslie Marie Dundore	28 May
Larry Skinner	28 May

Note: A complete list by Month is in the Church Directory.

NEW JERSEY BLUEBERRY SALE
Fundraiser sponsored by
Penbrook United Church of Christ

Blueberries are easy to freeze, instructions are included in each box.

ORDER DEADLINE-JUNE 30, 2019
PICK-UP at PENBROOK UCC
FRIDAY, July 5, 2019
11:00 pm to 1:00pm

of 10 lb boxes ordered _____ @ \$31.00 each= \$_____ Total

of pint boxes ordered _____ \$3.00 each= \$_____ Total

MONEY IS DUE WITH ORDER

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Enjoy your Blueberries

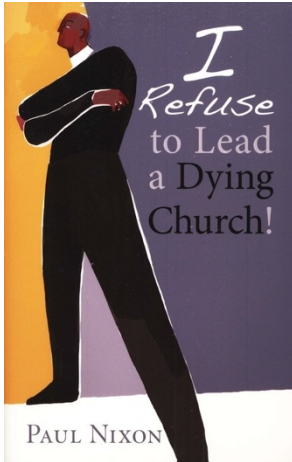
THANK YOU



The River City Singers
Present
"Won't You Be My Neighbor?"
Words and music by Fred Rogers
And other selections
Sunday, May 19, 2019
2:00 PM
Penbrook United Church of Christ
56 Banks Street
Harrisburg, PA 17103

Free Admission
Reception to follow
We Look forward to sharing some Love
With all of you!

TRANSFORMATION CONVERSATION ~ Beginning June 9th after worship service, our church will begin a six part lunch and conversation series on “I Refuse to Lead a Dying Church”, by Paul Nixon. All are invited to attend this important series on the restructuring of Penbrook. A sign-up sheet for the book and attendance will be on the bulletin board in the narthex. \$6.00 for the book.



Book Order Sign-Up

I REFUSE TO LEAD A DYING CHURCH
by Paul Dixon

\$6.00 / book

Following Worship Service with a light lunch...

Sunday June 9, 2019

Examine Chapter One

Sunday June 30, 2019

Examine Chapter Two

Sunday July 14, 2019

Examine Chapter Three

Sunday July 28, 2019

Examine Chapter Four

Sunday August 11, 2019

Examine Chapter Five

Sunday August 25, 2019

Examine Chapter Six

MAY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>NA = Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>(ASSR) = Adult Faith Formation Room (DSS) = Downstairs Faith Formation Rooms</p>	<p>(FH) = Fellowship Hall (RR) = Ross Room</p>	<p>(OC) = Off Campus (TBD) = To Be Determined</p>			
			<p>6:00 pm: Girl Scout Meeting (ASSR) 7:00 pm: NA (FH) Blueberry Sale Begins</p>	<p>1 9:30 am: Manna Preparation 6:00 pm: Manna Food Pantry (FH) 7:15 pm: Chancel and Women's Choir Rehearsal Hartman Center Work Days</p>	<p>2 9:30 am: Manna Preparation 6:00 pm: Game Night (ASSR) Hartman Center Work Days</p>	<p>3 9:30 am: Manna Preparation 6:00 pm: Game Night (ASSR) Hartman Center Work Days</p>
<p>COMMUNION 9:15 am: Faith Formation 9:15 am: Men's Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am: Worship Hartman Center Work Days</p>	<p>6 7:00 pm: River City Singers (ASSR)</p>	<p>7 10:30 am: Manna Bread Delivery 7:00 pm: Manna Board Meeting 7:00 pm: Meditation (RR) (TBD)</p>	<p>8 7:00 pm: NA (FH) 7:00 pm: Consistory (ASSR)</p>	<p>9 9:30 am: Manna Preparation 4:00 pm: Mr. Sticky Pickup (ASSR) 6:00 pm: Manna Food Pantry (FH) 7:15 pm: Chancel and Women's Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>10 9:30 am: Manna Preparation</p>	<p>11 Hartman Center Golf Outing</p>
<p>MOTHER'S DAY 9:15 am: Faith Formation 9:15 am: Men's Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am: Worship</p>	<p>13 7:00 pm: River City Singers (ASSR)</p>	<p>14 10:30 am: Manna Bread Delivery 7:00 pm: Meditation (RR) 7:00 pm: Crafters</p>	<p>15 6:00 pm: Girl Scout Meeting (ASSR) 7:00 pm: NA (FH)</p>	<p>16 9:30 am: Manna Preparation 6:00 pm: Manna Food Pantry (FH) 7:15 pm: Chancel and Women's Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>17 9:30 am: Manna Preparation Hartman Center Elementary Retreat</p>	<p>18 10:30 am: Scarf Bombardiers (ASSR) Hartman Center Elementary Retreat</p>
<p>9:15 am: Faith Formation 10:30 am: Worship 2:00 pm: River City Spring Concert "Won't You Be My Neighbor" Hartman Center Elementary Retreat</p>	<p>20 7:00 pm: River City Singers (ASSR)</p>	<p>21 10:30 am: Manna Bread Delivery 7:00 pm: Meditation (RR)</p>	<p>22 7:00 pm: NA (FH)</p>	<p>23 9:30 am: Manna Preparation 6:00 pm: Manna Food Pantry (FH)</p>	<p>24 Reporter Articles Due 9:30 am: Manna Preparation</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>9:15 am: Faith Formation 10:30 am: Worship</p>	<p>27 MEMORIAL DAY</p>	<p>28 10:30 am: Manna Bread Delivery 7:00 pm: Meditation (RR) 7:00 pm: Crafters</p>	<p>29 7:00 pm: NA (FH)</p>	<p>30 9:30 am: Manna Preparation 6:00 pm: Manna Food Pantry (FH)</p>	<p>31 9:30 am: Manna Preparation</p>	

FACTS AND FIGURES

MARCH 2019

General Fund	March	YTD
Offering Envelopes	\$11,292.00	\$29,795.00
Budgeted Amount	\$12,020.00	\$31,252.00
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$728.00)	(\$1,457.00)

March Mission:

One Great Hour of Sharing \$451.00

MEMBERS ASSISTANCE FUND

SECOND CENTURY BRICKS

Lorna Owens donated 2 bricks in honor of Mother's Day, May 12th and in honor of Skip's Kids Piano Recital and all the crew.

MEMORIAL BRICK FUND

MEMORIAL FUND

MUSIC MINISTRY SELECTIONS...

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna –
Prelude by Brian Johnson 4-14-2019
<https://youtu.be/iCsr9AAtvA4>

Cup of Sorrow –
PUC C Chancel Choir – 4-18-2019
<https://youtu.be/DD9TTWe0kN0>

Glorious, Risen Christ! –
PUC C Chancel Choir - 4-21-2019
<https://youtu.be/B9o8MNUuWRA>

A Tanzanian Alleluia: Christ Has Risen –
PUC C A pealing Praise - 4-21-2019
<https://youtu.be/wK0QjsVM89E>

You Raise Me Up –
The River City Singers and PUC C Chancel Choir 4-28-19
<https://youtu.be/HueeP6HKV5Q>

Perhaps Love –
The River City Singers 4-28-2019
<https://youtu.be/MvmNVxWmhWU>

STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Minister: Rev. Brian Damrow
Music Director: Brian Johnson
Organist: Rita Oberman
Bell Choir Director: Ruth Dunnewold
Office Staff: George Long and Sharon Bosworth
Manna Food Pantry Director:
Web Administrator: George Long

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS AND CONTACT

8:30am to 12:30pm Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

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JUNE NEWSLETTER

Articles for the May Reporter are due to the church office by **MAY 24**. Please keep this in mind when submitting articles that are date sensitive. Thank you for your cooperation. Articles should be e-mailed to: office@penbrookucc.org

MEMBER ASSISTANCE FUND

The Church maintains a fund for members and friends of the congregation who need temporary financial assistance. There are basic needs for gas and food. If you have a need for this kind of assistance, we encourage you to talk to Rev. Brian.

ALTAR COMMITTEE

The altar committee needs more people to join us, (Men or Women). Please call the Church office and leave your name and phone number and I will get in touch with you. Thank you, Linda Grier.

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Penbrook United Church of Christ is an accepting, caring, and nurturing community gathering to worship God and welcoming all persons in their journey on the spiritual path.

As faithful stewards, we follow the model of Jesus Christ through loving service to the local community and to the larger world.

We strive in all aspects of our life as a congregation to be a people of courage and a people of peace.