



News from the Hill...

St. John-Hill U.C.C. 620 Hill Church Road, Boyertown, PA 19512 April 2019

Scriptures and Sermons for April

April 7

Fifth Sunday in Lent
Celebration of Communion
"Extravagant Gratitude"
Psalm 3:4b-14
John 12:1-11

April 14

Palm Sunday
"An Organized Demonstration"
Psalm 118:1-2,19-29
Luke 19:28-40

April 21

6:15 am Easter Sunrise Outdoor Worship
"I have seen the Lord!"
John 20:1-18

April 21

9:30 am Easter Worship
"Looking for the Living"
1 Corinthians 15:19-26
Luke 24: 1-12

April 28⁷

Second Sunday in Easter
"Touch Him"
Acts 5:27-32
John 20:19-31



Midweek Worship at 7 pm

Lenten Theme: Perfect Love Casts Out Fear

April 3 at St. Joseph's (Hill) Lutheran Church
1 Corinthians 13:1-13; John 14:15-31

April 10 at St. John - Hill U.C.C.
Deuteronomy 7:7-13; 1 John 4:7-21

Maundy Thursday 6:30 pm

April 18 Seder Meal at St. John - Hill U.C.C.

Good Friday

April 19 at St. Joseph's (Hill) Lutheran Church
Prayer Vigil (sign up in the Narthex)
7 pm Joint Cantata

EASTER

Sunrise Outdoor Worship

6:15 am

*At the flagpole in the cemetery
Bring your own chair*

Easter Worship

9:30 am

in the sanctuary

Holy Communion will be celebrated
at both services.

CONSISTORY NEWS

The Consistory met on Wednesday, March 12th, 2019 and discussed, reported and voted on the following items:

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the February Consistory meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report: General Operating Fund Income and Expense Summary for February 2019.

Operating Fund	February 2019	2019 YTD	February 2018	2018 YTD
Income	\$9,137.41	\$20,503.81	\$8,408.50	\$16,613.38
Expenses	\$10,463.98	\$18,974.75	\$7,676.36	\$17,746.38
Income vs. Expenses	(\$1,326.57)	\$1,529.06	\$732.14	(\$1,133.00)

• Benevolence received for February was \$276.00 and will be sent to PSEC. Year to date total is \$919.00

Reports from the various committees were reviewed. Their activities can be seen elsewhere in this newsletter.

Communion will be celebrated on April 7th, Maundy Thursday, and Easter Sunday.

We have set a date of April 6th, beginning at 8am for our annual spring cleaning. Please consider helping out as many hands make light work!

Pastor Chuck introduced the idea of a pulpit exchange, where he would lead the worship service at another church and that pastor would lead us in worship. We will be looking into this as an option for sometime over the summer.

We will be meeting with Baut Studios at the church to discuss and finalize plans for the installation of new entry doors.

We have received a quote from Stauffer Construction for the replacement of the church roof, and will be getting more quotes to start planning for this project.

Consistory Pre-Service set up for April will be provided by Bonnie Helmick and Arlan Schaeffer. The next monthly Consistory Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 9th at 7:00pm.

In Christ, Your Consistory: Rick Furches, Bonnie Helmick, Ray Kochey, David Mutter, Arlan Schaeffer, Terry Shane, Sally Shirk, Clarence Weller, Matt Weller, and Rev. Charles Maxfield.

Women's Guild News

We had our Women's Guild meeting on Sunday March 10th. Thank you to those who helped serve and those that made desserts for David Motz funeral. On April 28th we have refreshments for the Spring Conference meeting to be held at Hill Church. We will not have a meeting in April.

On Thursday May 2nd we are meeting at Phoebe Home at 5pm to visit with Marie Brumbach. We are bringing a covered dish dinner to share with her. All are invited. Anyone interested in going along, please let either Eileen Fisher, Megyn Weller or Nancy Weller know.

Choir Notes

The Choirs of St. Joseph Hill and St. John Hill will present the Cantata, “The Living Last Words” on Good Friday evening April 19 at 7:00 PM at St. Joseph Hill Lutheran Church. Please mark your calendar and join us for this inspiring worship experience.



Wed. April 3 - Sr. Choir 6:15 PM; Cantata 7:30 PM
-----at St. Joseph's Hill Lutheran Church

Wed. April 10 - Sr. Choir 6:15 PM; Cantata 7:30 PM
----- at St. John-Hill UCC

Wed. April 17 - Cantata 7:30 PM
-----at St. Joseph's Hill Lutheran Church

Thurs. April 18 - Sr. Choir 6:00 PM

Fri. April 19 - Joint Good Friday Cantata Worship 7:00 PM

Wed. April 24 - Sr. Choir 7:00 PM



MISSION TRIP NEWS

Mission Trip Birdsboro will be held Wednesday July 17 through Saturday July 20. As we gear up the planning we need to provide information regarding needed volunteers as well as work recipients.

A brief description of the six volunteer categories:

- Kitchen Crew – Provide healthy food option for all participants. This year, the kitchen crew are evolving and we may be asking for volunteers to prepare an evening meal. Details soon.
- Site Worker – Engage in the physical labor needed to complete homeowner and community work projects while being attentive to God's spirit. All skill levels are welcomed.
- Supply Crew – Affectionately known as the “POD People”, these volunteers organize, maintain and purchase supplies needed by the project teams. In addition logistical support and coordinating the movement of teams from site to site throughout the day.
- Photographer/Videographer – Capture the spirit of God's work being provided by the various participants in order to post “daily snapshots” and create a final slide show.
- Listener – Serve as an ear to homeowners showing compassion through listening.
- Spiritual Development – Provide faith enrichment opportunities for every Mission Trip Participant.

Additional information and applications for assistance or volunteering can be found at www.stpaulsbirdsboro.org under the “What We Do” tab. For additional information or forms contact Terry Shane or Mark and Connie Hile.

Additional Mission Trip representatives will be with us Sunday April 28 for a sign-up day.

We look forward to your support.

Park Committee News



Work day Saturday April 13th March winds are gone, and April flowers are here. Time for more winter clean up.

CHURCH
WORKDAY

We normally meet at the Creek Side Diner for breakfast about 6:30 AM or at the church parking lot about 8:00 AM.

Any questions call Mark Hile 610-367-6572 or Terry Shane 610-367-7938

“See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land. The fig tree forms its early fruit; the blossoming vines spread their fragrance. Arise, come, my darling; my beautiful one, come with me.” ~ Song of Songs 2:11-13 (NIV)

VBS NEWS

ROAR VBS is coming to Hill Church this Summer!!!
Sunday - Wednesday, June 9-12
NEW TIME - 6-8 PM



Volunteer Forms are in the bulletin or
contact Nikki Weller, Dottie Fronheiser or Tracy Kochey if you want to help out!

Registration forms will be available soon in church and online!

Our donation board will be in the Narthex by Palm Sunday. Please help us out and take a tag, purchase the item and bring it back to church by the date requested.



VBS Fundraiser



We are asking YOU to be a part of VBS this year. Help us by participating in our ROARing contest by making an African Drum. You can use any materials you want and make it any size you want. Please bring your drum to church by April 14 so we can get them displayed and ready to vote on by Easter Sunday. An example is in the Narthex for you to see, but please be creative and use your imagination. To vote you can place money in a jar by the drum you want to win - all “votes” will be used to purchase music CDs for each VBS family. The winning drum maker will receive a VBS t-shirt! Voting will take place from April 21-May 5!

Church Contact Information

Rev. Charles Maxfield - Interim Pastor

Mr. Charles Anhalt - Sexton

Mr. Elmer Miller – Musical Director/
Organist



Mrs. Wendy Shane - Church Treasurer

Mrs. Nikki Weller – Church Secretary

Church Telephone: 610-367-8114

Church Website: www.stjohnhillucc.org

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Announcements from the Hill

Easter Egg Hunt

The annual community egg hunt is April 20th at 10 am. Donations of goodies (individually wrapped candy, stickers, toys, etc) to fill plastic egg will be accepted until April 14th. Boxes for donations are in the Sunday School hallway and in the Narthex. We will fill the eggs following worship on 4/14.



ALTAR FLOWERS & BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP

The 2019 sign up charts for “Flower & Bulletin Sponsorship” are posted on the Narthex bulletin board. The cost is \$30 for flowers and \$15 for bulletins. As always, we greatly appreciate and need your stewardship. When signing up, please include with your name, how you would like the “In Memory Of” or “In Honor Of” to appear in the bulletin. Thank you!



Anhalt Carpet & Tile Cleaning



Anhalt Carpet & Tile Cleaning has been selected for the 2018 Best of Boyertown Award in the Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning category by the Boyertown Award Program.

Don't forget to contact our sexton, Charles Anhalt, for discounted in-house tile and carpet cleaning. 20% of all proceeds received will be donated to our church in honor of you. Contact Charles at 484-333-1424.

CEMETERY FLOWERS

In preparation for Spring, please remove all flowers from grave sites by Sunday, March 31, 2019. Thank you!



Think warm thoughts...April 6 will be our annual Spring Cleaning. Please plan on coming out to help keep our beautiful church clean. Many hands will make light work! We will begin cleaning around 8:00 am. Supplies will be available, but please feel free to bring your own.

Membership Update

The consistory has decided to go through our membership list to update addresses, phone numbers, & emails. You may receive a phone call or post card to fill out and return to the church. We would like to have the list completed and ready for when we call our new pastor. We are asking for volunteers to form a committee to complete this task. Please contact Terry Shane if you are interested. Thank You for your cooperation.

GROCERY CARDS

Don't forget grocery cards for Giant, Redner's and Weis Markets are available for purchase. They may be used towards groceries, gas and pharmacy purchases and make terrific gifts! We receive 5% for every card you purchase which will be used to support our Church Missions program. See Connie Hile to purchase your cards today!

Hill Church Events

Holy Communion

1st Sunday of the Month

Park Committee Work Days

2nd Saturday of the month at 8 am

Joyful Noise Offering

3rd Sunday of the Month

Children's Message

3rd Sunday of the Month

Newsletter Deadline

3rd Sunday of the Month

Choir Rehearsal

Every Wednesday September thru May

(see newsletter for times)

Here is a list of ongoing committee meetings. These meetings are open for anyone who wishes to attend. Most meetings are held in the Christian Education building.

Christian Education

1st Monday of the month at 7 pm

Women's Guild

2nd Sunday of the month after church

Consistory

2nd Tuesday of the month at 7 pm

Want to get involved? These are our upcoming community events.

Ham Supper

3rd Saturday in May

Boyertown Alumni Band Summer Concert

June 29, 2019

Ringgold Band Picnic & Concert

1st Saturday in August

Remington Ryde Summer Concert

September 15, 2019

Buckwheat & Sausage Supper

1st Saturday in October

Turkey Supper

1st Saturday in November

Mission Opportunities - Whether you are in need of help or you want to help others, our Hill Church Mission team is here for you.

For more information on any of these items, contact the church office at 610-367-8114

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Sexton - Mr. Charles Anhalt

Consistory President - Matt Weller

Consistory Vice President - Arlan Schaeffer

Trustees - Mark Hile, Bill Moyer, Terry Shane

Christian Education Superintendent - Elmer Miller

Cemetery Board President - Elmer Miller

Park Committee President - Mark Hile

Women's Guild President - Megyn Weller

Mission Team - Mark Hile