

Community Engagement Update



Thank you to everyone who helped make our bags for ROC a success again this year! This is such a meaningful program that benefits children right in our own community. A special thank you to Jake Clark for organizing!

On February 22 a group of early morning volunteers gathered in the kitchen to make 60 submarine sandwiches to donate to South Buffalo Community Table. The job gets done very quickly and it feels great to know we can help feed some hungry people. Thank you to our shopper, Tina Nowicki, and Colleen and Dana Carlson, Mark Dechert, Kim Phillips and the 4 Byer kids along with their mom Sarah. -Darcy Sowyrda: Community Outreach

Help Needed!

News about ADVENT CALENDARS: A big thank you to our tree cutters and trimmers: Darcy, Mary, Sue, Judi, Molly, & Barb A. Well done! Now we need help to sew snaps. Good eyesight and patience are helpful. There are 24 snaps per tree and we're making 30. And is there anyone with nice handwriting who'd like to write the numbers on the pockets? Call or text Carol at 716-652-2547 or email carolpgriffis@gmail.com

Ms. Bridget's Sprouts

Come each week to join Ms. Bridget and her friend Sprout this spring! Sprouts is designed to enhance your child's early growth & development and increase socialization. Get ready to learn and have fun each Tuesday & Wednesday at 10:30am! See the calendar for details. Ages 6m-5y. Please contact Bridget Pacholec to register at 716-982-2000.



April Birthdays! Happy Birthday Everyone!

Theresa Bindig
Betsey Boss
Katherine Castle
Deborah Goggins

Lola Guppenberger
Aurora Hernandez
Betsy Hillier-Burt
Michael Krieger

Nicole Krieger
Michelle Parrish
RaeAnn Poturalski
Jean Reardon

Charles Specht
Tessa Specht
Lorraine Van Slooten

Join us for worship Sundays at 10am, in person or on Facebook!
The sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of every month.

The Chimes

Calendar

Al Anon:
April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 10am

Back Row Boys:
April 1, 9am @ The Iron Kettle

Bible Study:
April 1, 15 10am

Christian Education:
April 20, 6:30pm

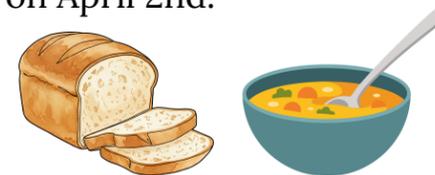
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April 28, 7pm

Ms. Bridget's Sprouts:
April 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 28, 29, 10:30am

Session:
April 13, 7pm

Maundy Thursday

Join us for a supper of soup and bread at 6:30 pm before our Maundy Thursday service at 7pm on April 2nd.



Happy Spring!



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April 2026

Aktion Club Dance!



On Wednesday, March 25 we held our second annual "Escape to the Tropics" dance with our friends from the Aktion Club! There was food, laughter and SO much dancing! We love spending time with our Aktion Club friends. Immense gratitude goes out to all who helped make it such a huge success! It truly takes a village, and ours is pretty wonderful!



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Christian Education Update

April is Here!

Easter is a reflective time to celebrate the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ which signifies God's love and ultimate sacrifice for humanity's sins. It is a time of thanksgiving for all that Jesus' life has provided us, unconditional love and eternal life.

Sharing Our Love... with Charlotte House

Keeping all of this mind, the Christian Education Committee, with assistance from our youth, will be collecting items and money to support Charlotte House, a comfort care home located in North Java. This amazing home provides care, comfort, and relief for loved ones in the end-stages of life as well as their families. One step over the threshold transforms family into being cared for instead of being caretakers. It is a place where one goes to live until the end surrounded by family and loving caretakers. Charlotte House is supported solely by fundraisers, donations, grants, memorials and bequests. So, CE thought this would be a perfect way to celebrate the Easter Season by supporting a program that provides unconditional support and whose employees and volunteers exemplify compassion.

Let's get started:

1-Simply check out the list below. Select an item or two you would like to donate and bring it to church April 22-29th.

2-Look out for CE fundraisers. The pk-2 and 3-7 grade classes will be selling notecards featuring their CE artwork. And the Youth Group will be selling decorated chip clips to raise funds.

3-A donation of money is welcomed, too. Please place the money or check in an envelope marked Charlotte House. This Mission Collection will be Short, Fun and Impactful!

Wish List



- Biotene
- Coffee - K cups
- Forever Stamps
- Copy Paper #20
- 5160 Avery Mailing Labels
- 5 & 13 gallon Garbage Bags
- Twin Extra Long Flat White Sheets
- 36x36 Disposable Bed Pads Medline Industries Lot # 44624050001
- Periguard Skin Protection Ointment by Derma Rite
- 1 ml Disposable Syringes with caps Brandzig Item # CMD2573A
- Liquid Scent-Free Laundry Soap
- Lysol Cling Toilet Bowl Cleaner
- Paper Napkins
- Paper Towels
- Quart & Gallon Freezer Bags
- Quart & Gallon Storage Bags

Please go to: <https://a.co/02Nrn4j>

to see an updated list of needed items on Amazon



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UPCOMING EVENTS:

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

-1st Sunday of the month featuring "Music with Brad" is cancelled due to Eater Service.

-2nd-4th Sunday regular Sunday School classes for pK-7 grades are offered.

-April 19th, the confirmation will work with their confirmation statement.

BIBLE STUDY

10 AM Wednesday Bible Study will meet April 1st and April 15th

CE COMMITTEE

March meeting is scheduled for April 20th at 6:30pm in the Youth Room.

A Note from the Pastor!

Happy Easter! Christ has risen – he has risen indeed! The resurrection, which is at the very core of our Christian belief, remains as mysterious as ever and is challenging to wrap our heads around. Even if we believe that we, too, will be resurrected, we still wonder how it will happen and what it will be like. We'll never have the answers we long for until that fateful day when each of us crosses over into the "great beyond." In the meantime, we hold on to our faith and take each day as it comes.

As difficult as it may be to believe fully in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, thankfully we do see examples of rebirth all around us, constantly. Flowers begin poking up out of the ground every spring. Buds, too, will soon burst onto the scene, filling our surroundings with all shades of green leaves. Birds return from their sojourns, and wildlife begin having babies. Even as we age, our own bodies heal from disease and mend broken bones and wounded skin. Some relationships end and new ones begin. The same is true with opportunities – some doors will be slammed shut, but others will open, sometimes in the most unlikely of places. When we mess up – big time – we find that, in time, the pain of failure and sin is soothed, and we get back up on our feet. The Spirit of God finds us wherever we are, sending reminders that God is very much present and all shall be well.

As the Apostle Paul encouraged the early believers in Rome, so, too, are we encouraged. In Romans 6:4 Paul declares, "Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life." May it be so – Amen!