

God's Work, Our Hands



Our Clothing Rack continues to serve the community. The volunteers sorted through an abundance of donations last month. The Boyertown Library was collecting clothing for the Hope Rescue Mission for men, and the Lighthouse Women and Children's Center in Reading. Sandi Quicksell gathered several bags of requested items for the library's project. In addition, professional clothing was delivered to PA Workwear and children's items went to Opportunity House.

CCR "postcards" were shared with Oley School District guidance department. Boyertown School District already distributes the cards when needed. St. Andrews Church needed them for their monthly meal pick up. Multi- Service, the Salvation Army shelter and several churches also requested the information cards.



Ruth Nice's Action Team for the Pottstown Salvation Army shelter was completed in March. With your generosity plus the grant

funds, three carloads of items were delivered. Linens and towels filled the first carload. Hygiene products were packed for

the second and third trips. There is a thank you letter from the shelter on the bulletin board.

Thrivent approved Ron Ball's "Flashlights for Peace" for Boyertown's former Sister City, Bohodukhiv, Ukraine. Some flashlights are needed for families during black outs. Others are needed by the locals (men too old to fight in the war) who patrol the town at night.

Connie Hukari's Thrivent project delivered blankets, hygiene items, and hats from the St. Luke knitters to the Men's Mission in Philadelphia. She received many thanks from the residents for all items but especially the colorful hats. Thank you, knitting crew!



Our Scout Troup #36 held a community event on Saturday, March 16th. Ice cream with lots of toppings was served in Memorial Hall. Scout themed activities, tents, a pretend

campfire, weather rock and a scavenger hunt were held outside. Dave Janzow partnered with the Scouts for this fun day.





Just Farm Kids, a local non-profit, partnered with Mike Ferraro for their community egg hunt.

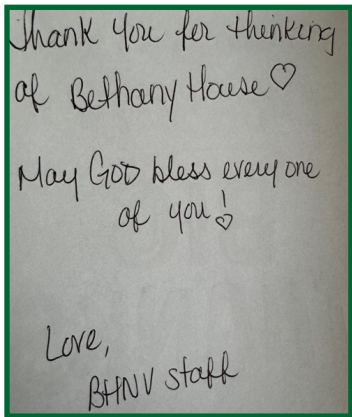
The Action Team funds were used to purchase candy for inside the colorful eggs. About 150 children attended and enjoyed this family event.



Another load of suitcases were dropped off at Safe Berks. Thank you to all who donated their used suitcases.



Pam Ferraro project donated 140 boxes of cookie to Bethany House, a shelter for Abused women. Pam's granddaughter, Avery, Brownies troop helped to donate the cookies. They also donated 142 boxes to the USO for the troops.



St. Luke Prayer Chain Ministry

As a reminder, St. Luke has an active prayer chain ministry. If you have a life event or health concern that you would like to have aided by prayer, please call the church office. We have a group of prayer warriors lead by Ruth Nice who are here for your needs.

St. Luke Calendar

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| April 2 | Worship & Music, 3:00 pm Boy Scouts, 7:00 pm |
| April 3 | CCR Donations, 1:00 to 4:00 pm |
| April 4 | Girl Scouts, 6:30 pm |
| April 5 | AA, 8:30 pm |
| April 7 | 2nd Sunday of Easter 9:30 am |
| April 9 | Boy Scouts, 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm |
| April 10 | CCR Shopping, 1:00 to 4:00 pm |
| April 11 | CCR Shopping, 6:00 to 8:00 pm Girl Scouts Bronze Award 6:30 pm Council Meeting 7:00 pm |
| April 12 | AA, 8:30 pm |
| April 14 | 3rd Sunday of Easter, 9:30 pm |
| April 16 | Boy Scouts, 7:00 pm |
| April 17 | CCR Shopping, 1:00 to 4:00 pm |
| April 18 | Girl Scouts, 6:30 pm |
| April 19 | AA, 8:30 pm |
| April 21 | 4th Sunday of Easter, 9:30 am |
| April 23 | Boy Scouts, 7:00 pm |
| April 24 | CCR Shopping, 1:00 to 4:00 pm |
| April 26 | AA, 8:30 pm |
| April 28 | 5th Sunday of Easter, 9:30 am |
| April 30 | Boy Scouts, 7:00 pm |



Wedding Anniversaries

April 7 Jim & Donna Beihl
 April 10 Scott & Martyne Moyer
 April 21 Ted & Valerie Schlegel
 April 24 Richard & Carol King

If you celebrate an anniversary but it is not listed or have any other corrections, please contact the church office.

March Attendance

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| March 3 | 45 |
| March 10 | 37 |
| March 17 | 65 |
| March 24 | 58 |
| March 31 | 80 |
| 2024 Yearly Average | 54.5 |
| 2023 Yearly Average | 41.2 |

Sponsors

There are open slots for sponsoring the Flowers, Communion Elements, Sanctuary Lamp and Bulletins for our weekly worship services in 2024.

Communion Elements, Sanctuary Lamp and Bulletins are a \$10 donation. Flowers are purchased and brought to the sanctuary. Please let the church office know if you would like to sponsor a date.

New Sign

In an effort to advertise our church location, St. Luke has new signs posted on Philadelphia Ave. The signs will help people find our Church on Wilson Ave. Dave Girton and his father Ron, put up the signs just before Easter. The signs were printed by Everything printing.



"I am not superstitious, but I am a little stitious." - Michael Scott, the Office

"My mother always used to say: The older you get, the better you get, unless you're a banana." - Rose, the Golden Girls



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Council Meeting Minutes

Date: February 8, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:50pm by Connie Hukari, president. The motion passed. Our meeting was held in person.

Attendance: Pam Reifsnyder, John Bealer, Dave Girton, Connie Hukari, Scott Moyer, Donna Biehl, Mike Ferraro, Tom Undercuffler, Dave Janzow, and Bonnie Kuser.

Excused: Donna Conrad, Leslie Romasco, and Joe Vendetti

Adoption of Current Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was adopted as is with a motion by Tom Undercuffler and second by Dave Janzow. The motion passed.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting of January 11, 2024, were approved with a motion by Tom Undercuffler and second by Dave Girton. The motion passed.

Devotions were led by Connie Hukari.

Sharing was held.

Correspondence: None.

Unfinished/Old Business

Call Committee/Bobbie Hoffman update – Paperwork has been delivered to Synod and dates were offered for March.

Annual Congregational Meeting – The meeting went well. Joe’s video has been rescheduled for next Congregational meeting when we vote on Pastor.

Using Church for 2024 polling – Dave Janzow got answers to several questions. Two big ones the Fire police will not help with traffic and no shuttle. Council voted and the majority vote was no to using the memorial hall for polling.

Pastor’s Report – None.

Treasurer’s Reports (see report)

Dave Janzow made a motion to accept the report and Bonnie Kuser made a second. The motion passed.

Committees

Standing Committees

Worship & Music –

Finance

Evangelism/Social Ministry – Going forward the Committees will be split.

-Dave Girton made a proposal to update the signs on East Phila. Ave. The council approved and await more information.

-Pam Reifsnyder made a proposal that was suggested by Celesta Ball to set up a book box at the church. The committee can proceed, and Property Comm. will pick the place and set it up.

Property Committee

Endowment

Youth Group – Three youth members are going to the gathering in New Orleans Aslin & Carter Ramous and Emily Geiger.

Organizations

Clothing Rack

Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts – Scott reported several busted windows at the Scout cabin. He will look into fixing, and it was proposed to put up cameras.

Community Connections/St Luke Knolls

New Business –

Revised Budget – Pete will finish and then Council will vote via email to approve.

Operation 143 – Tom Undercuffler explained this program to get kids meal over the weekends. Meals are delivered on Thursday, so the kids have meals for Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Tom asked if the congregation could help in some way. He will get more info and we will decide how to help.

Adjournment

Dave Janzow moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm. Tom Undercuffler seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Connie Hukari concluded with a prayer.

Our next meeting is Thursday, March 14, 2024, at 6:45 pm.

Mike Ferraro will lead devotions at the next meeting.

Bonnie Kuser will provide refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Reifsnyder
Secretary of Church Council



April Birthdays



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| April 1 | Ross Geiger | April 13 | Tyler Jacob |
| April 2 | Joyce Evans | | Simone Penney |
| | Connie Hukari | | Maxwell Shalaway |
| April 4 | Lindsay White | April 14 | Dale Shaner |
| April 5 | Melinda Conrad | | Landon Wenger |
| April 6 | Alexandra Dreyman | April 16 | William Vendetti |
| | David Durante | April 19 | Giuliana Gregory |
| April 7 | Dan Harris | April 21 | Makenna Hess |
| April 8 | Owen Tabakalis | April 23 | Brenda Butcher |
| April 9 | Hilda Cooney | April 25 | Lori Lyons |
| | Brooke Kenna | April 28 | Jordon Treichler |
| April 12 | Donna Biehl | | Kyle Weller |
| | Matt Wambold | April 30 | Jenna Albright |

Worship Leader Schedule

| Date | Lector | Ushers | Audio Visual | Office Volunteer |
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| April 7 | Pat Hallman | Dave Girton Pete Huber | Ron Hukari | Pat Hallman (April 4) |
| April 14 | Kathy Billger | Larry Billger Terry Conrad | Ron Ball | Donna Biehl (April 11) |
| April 21 | Pat Hallman | Gary Fronheiser Ron Hukari | Mike Ferraro | Cindy Bealer (April 18) |
| April 28 | Ron Ball | Ron Hukari Dave Janzow | Ron Hukari | Pat Hallman (April 25) |

Sacristan for April - Kathy Billger



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