THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

It is Transfiguration Sunday! It is the Sunday before the season of Lent begins. We remember the time that Jesus went up on the mountain with a few of his disciples and there he was changed before their eyes. It was a special glimpse, for these special few, of Jesus’ true nature before they would see him smeared by the world; ultimately dying the most horrible death on the cross. Each one of us deals with difficult and ugly things in our lives. What is it that helps us through? Probably lots of things, different things; and maybe we aren’t doing such a good job. Knowing Jesus, all of Jesus, trusting and following him, is the best thing to help us through our tough times. Come for a word of blessing and encouragement. Join us, and bring a friend at 8:00 AM or 10:30 AM for worship and fellowship where there will be God’s word, prayer, and music. This week, communion will be shared as well. Hope to see you there.

GRETNA GLEN CAMP & RETREAT CENTER IS HIRING FOR SUMMER 2019

Gretna Glen Camp & Retreat Center is hiring for the upcoming summer camp season. Summer staff arrive for staff training on June 5th and serve at Gretna Glen through August 10th. Gretna Glen is hiring lifeguards, counselors, food service and program team members. These positions are often held by college age staff, but please know we welcome applications from any adult that seeks to work in a Christian camp environment. More details are available at www.gretnaglen.org along with our application or call our office. 717-273-6525

THANK YOU

Thanks to all who contributed to the “surprise box” you gave us. We have enjoyed everything in it! Your thoughtfulness is truly a blessing to us. -Bill Mahan

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Do you like to visit with people? We are looking for volunteers to be part of a new visitation ministry to help connect members of the church. If interested, or for more information please contact Ted Achey at 717-665-3733.

WOMEN’S PRAYER AND SHARE GROUP

Women’s Prayer and Share Group meets on Fridays from 10:00 to 11:00am. This is a time for sharing prayer requests and praying for each other, our church and our Country.

FAITH AND FAMILY NIGHT

Come out for fun and fellowship as Ruhl’s Church joins Faith & Family Night at the Giant Center on March 16th at 7 P.M. The Hershey Bears take on the Bridgeport Sound Tigers (New York Islanders). Cost is $16.00 Per person. Seats are in section 205 rows A – D. Deadline to sign up – February 3rd, 2019. Make checks payable to: Barb Dunmire, 497 Meadowlark Lane, Manheim, PA 17545. Questions? Contact Barb Dunmire at 717-201-7566 or bwbarb@hotmail.com

CHICKEN POT PIE DINNER

All you can eat Chicken Pot Pie Dinner Saturday, March 23rd from 4:00pm till 7:00pm or until sold out. Other menu items include: Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Applesauce, Homemade Desserts, and Beverages. Cost: Adults $12.00, Children (6-12) $5.00, Children under 5 are free. Take out Chicken Pot Pie will be $8.00 a quart. All proceeds benefit mission trip in June 2019.
BUS TOUR—MUSEUM OF THE BIBLE OR SMITHSONIAN ZOO

When: April 6th, 2019

Cost: Museum of the Bible - Adults $82.00, ages 5-11 years $70.00, Under 5 years $55.00
Cost: Smithsonian Zoo - Adults $69.00, ages 5-11 years $60.00, Under 5 years $55.00.

Flyers & sign-up sheets on bulletin board in Fellowship Hall or contact Barb Dunmire at 717-201-7566 or bwbbarb@gmail.com

SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY PREGNANCY CENTER

Here at Ruhl’s Church, we support the work of the SVPC through our Mission Team. You can help personally. In the main lobby there is a manger to collect items that are used by SVPC. Anytime the Spirit moves you, purchase an item and drop it off. (All items should be new unless noted otherwise.) Items will be delivered when the manger starts to get full. Items to support this local ministry include: Baby bathtubs, Bottles, Boppy Pillows, Pacifiers, Diaper Bags, Baby Wash, High Chairs, Baby Bouncer, Teething Rings, Receiving Blankets, Burp Cloths, Wipes, Hooded Towels, Crib Sheets, Baby Lotion, Diapers, (New OR GENTLY used) Clothing – sizes preemie up to 5T.

TARGET YOUR DISCOUNT CARDS

The Preschool is once again selling the Target Your Discount Cards. This card allows you to access discounts at many businesses in the Manheim, Lititz, Mount Joy, and Lancaster areas and can be used as many times as you wish between now and December 31, 2019. The discounts vary from a percentage off a purchase or free items with a purchase. Visit www.targetyourdiscount.com for a complete list of businesses or Ginny Brown. If you have any questions or wish to purchase a card ($20) see Ginny Brown or call De Leitzel (664-3371). A TargetYourDiscount Card is a gift that keeps on giving. Thank you from the staff and children of Ruhl’s Preschool for your support!

FIREWOOD FOR SALE AT THE GROVE

CONTACT Dave Heisey 717-665-4499

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering envelopes have been moved to the church office. If you have not picked up your envelopes yet, please pick them up there.

FOOD PANTRY

At Ruhl’s Church we want to help out our neighbors in need. One of the ways we do that is through food ministry. In the main lobby, there is a grocery cart with a list of items each month. You are encouraged to give a food tithe. Every time you go to the grocery store, purchase one item that you will share with those in need and place it in the cart when you come to church.

The items collected ultimately go to the Food Pantry in Manheim, housed at the Salem United Methodist Church. However, we will pull a few items aside as they would be useful to keep a small selection here at Ruhl’s for special, emergency needs. In the Hallway between the Sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall, there is a white book case with a selection of food items that you can take and use personally or deliver to someone you are aware of who has an immediate need. Take whatever is useful. No questions asked!

FOOD PANTRY SPECIAL REQUESTS

Canned fruit, especially pineapples and pears
Applesauce
Saltines/snack crackers
Cranberry juice
Canned tuna and chicken
SOMETHING NEW IN THE BULLETIN - QR CODES

We have started to add QR Codes throughout the Sunday bulletin. When you access a QR Code on your Smart Phone, it will take you directly to a specific page on our website. This feature will work with your camera or you may need to download a QR Reader app.

CAN'T MAKE IT SUNDAY MORNING?

We are Live streaming services here at Ruhl’s. What does that mean exactly? Well that means if you are ever home sick or away on a Sunday morning, you can tune in and watch our service live from where ever you are with your cell phone, tablet, computer, or smart TV. All you need to do is go to www.youtube.com, then in the search bar type in Ruhl’s Church. The first thing that will pop up is the Ruhl’s Church channel. You click on that, select the live service or watch one of the previous uploaded sermons. The actual link is https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCixs22KP6jkwedmCXuwlfwMg

Our live services will be most 8:00am services and all of the 10:30am services. We also live stream our service to the nursery and the prayer room for anyone who may need to step out of the service for a while. The live stream is deleted soon as the service is over for copywrite issues and the Sermon part of the service will be put up on our website and youtube channel on Monday. If you have any problems or questions, see Dustin.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

30-hour Famine—Sign Up on the Bulletin Board!

Friday, March 8
~ Start fasting after lunch.
~ 9pm - Come to Ruhl’s church for sleepover

Saturday, March 9
~ 7am – Parents pick you up. Go home sleep and shower
~ 5pm – Come back to church for dinner (Bring money for dinner). Parents pick you up at church after dinner.

What to bring!
~ Drinks to share. One per person.
~ Sleeping stuff (sleeping bags, pillows)

IGNITE is held Sunday nights from 6:30 till 8:00pm for grades 6th through 12th. Our new series will be starting soon. We will be talking about “Godly Relationships”.

Youth Fundraiser: The youth are selling Hershey Park Tickets at a discounted rate. The best deal is to buy the tickets before March 15th. All checks need to be made out to Ruhl’s Church. For more info look on the Bulletin board in the NFH or talk to Barb Dunmire at 717-201-7566

Youth Update: The 30-hour Famine will be March 8th and 9th. Check the youth bulletin board for more info.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Leadership Team (Board of Ministry) have decided to do flowers different this year to cut down on cost. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the offices. If you would like to sponsor flowers this year please sign up and then there will be two options for you. The first being you can have the office order the usual flowers from Royer’s for $30 and we would need the money and the office notified by the Thursday before the Sunday you wish to sponsor flowers. The second option is for you to order flowers on your own from your own florist and to let the office know what you want in the bulletin for information. If you have any questions, please call the office. (717-665-3400)
It is the very last day of February, 2019. As many in the church here at Ruhl’s, and in the larger United Methodist Church know, that means that the Special Called General Conference is finished. That is true; but in another sense it is not. The dates of the Conference were Saturday, February 23 to Tuesday, February 26. The delegates adjourned, left the building, and went home. However, there is still much that seems uncertain about the outcome of the conference, and we still have to see how we can, and maybe in some instances will, live into the future with the outcome. In the immediate aftermath, it seems that there is no more unity than when the conference began, maybe less. Some are happy, or cautiously optimistic, some are confused, bewildered, others are enormously upset, even angry. The purpose of the General Conference was to find a way forward for the denomination as a whole in regard to issues of sexuality. While there is a direction that was voted, it does not seem that it is a direction that all of the churches and people in the United Methodist Church can go with. So, “now what?”

Tonight, Thursday, we have a special Leadership Team meeting, open to all the church to attend, to hear and try to understand what has just happened. We will try to make sense as best we can, knowing that even now, we don’t have the full picture. I want you to begin thinking now, or whenever you might read this, what DO we do now? The first thing that I would urge is slow down, take a breath, and pray. Much has already been said in response that is clearly driven by emotion. Slow down, take a breath, and pray. Let God’s still small voice be heard in your heart. Are you loved by God? Yes. Are you a child of God? Yes. Then, let us act like children of God, and act in love at all times, in all circumstances. (Really the two go together.) God is still calling us to worship Him, honor Him, be faithful to Him, love Him, be obedient to Him, and serve Him. That is not something that we do in a solitary fashion. It will necessitate that we are in relationship with other brothers and sisters in Christ; and that we are in relationship with our larger community that does not know or accept Christ as Lord and Savior. No matter specifics of faith and belief (even ones that we are very passionate about - there are no small matters of faith), we are called to live by faith, honoring God.

It occurs to me, however you identify concerning the issues that were before the General Conference, or how you identify with a myriad of other issues as you try to live out your faith, it is like we are all in the wilderness and the time just following. After the people left Egypt, Israel wandered the wilderness for forty years before they entered into the promised land. Even when they entered into the promised land, their struggle was not over. There were years and years of unrest as they sought to take possession of what God had directed them. We have left Egypt; we have our salvation in Jesus Christ. But have we gotten through the wilderness and really taken possession of what has been prepared for us? Some may feel pretty confident about themselves personally, and I am not here to question that, only to remind - that the exodus, and possession of the promised land, was a group activity. Tonight, tomorrow, the next day and the next … let us begin again, or continue, to live as God calls us. Let us not grow weary in doing good. Let us be quick to encourage, share, serve and love - everyone we can. Walk in faith, and trust in God and in God’s timing, in all things.

Grace & Peace, Pastor Blaine
RUHL’S CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, March 3
8:00am – Traditional Worship Service
9:15am – Sunday School for All Ages
10:30am – Worship Service
6:00pm – Youthful Praise (music ministry for kids & youth)
6:30 – 8:00pm IGNITE for all Youth

Monday, March 4

Tuesday, March 5

Wednesday, March 6
7:00pm – Ash Wednesday Service
(No Bible Study or Choir Rehearsal this week)
8:15pm – Praise Band Rehearsal

Thursday, March 7
10:00am – Ruhl’s Church Prayer Walk (Come and pray for Ruhl’s)

Friday, March 8
10:00-11:00am—Women’s Prayer and Share
After lunch – Youth start fasting for 30-Hour Famine
9:00PM – Youth report to church for Sleepover—30-Hour Famine

Saturday, March 9
7:00am – Parent Pickup from Youth Sleepover
5:00pm – Dinner for 30-Hour Famine Youth

Sunday, March 10
8:00am– Traditional Worship Service
9:15am – Sunday School for All Ages
10:30am – Worship Service
6:00pm – Youthful Praise (music ministry for kids & youth)
6:30 – 8:00pm IGNITE for all Youth

Looking Ahead

Faith and Family Night – March 16, 7:00pm
Pot Pie Dinner – March 23, 4-7pm
Bishop’s Town Hall Meeting—March 28, 6:30pm at Ruhl’s
Easter Egg Hunt – April 14, 6:30pm
Easter Sunday – April 20
Strawberry & Waffle Breakfast – May 4, 7:00am
Summer Mission Trip – June 15 thru 22
Community Picnic – July 20
Grove Revival Week – July 21 thru 26
Vacation Bible School – July 29 thru August 2

What’s Happening in East PA. Conference/West District—See Pastor Blaine for Details

GIANT Yard Sale for Anchorage Breakfast Ministry, March 30, 7:30am-1pm
Lancaster Brethren in Christ, Fruitville Pike

District Conference—May 5, Location TBA
Equalizing Delegate must submit name to District Office by April 28