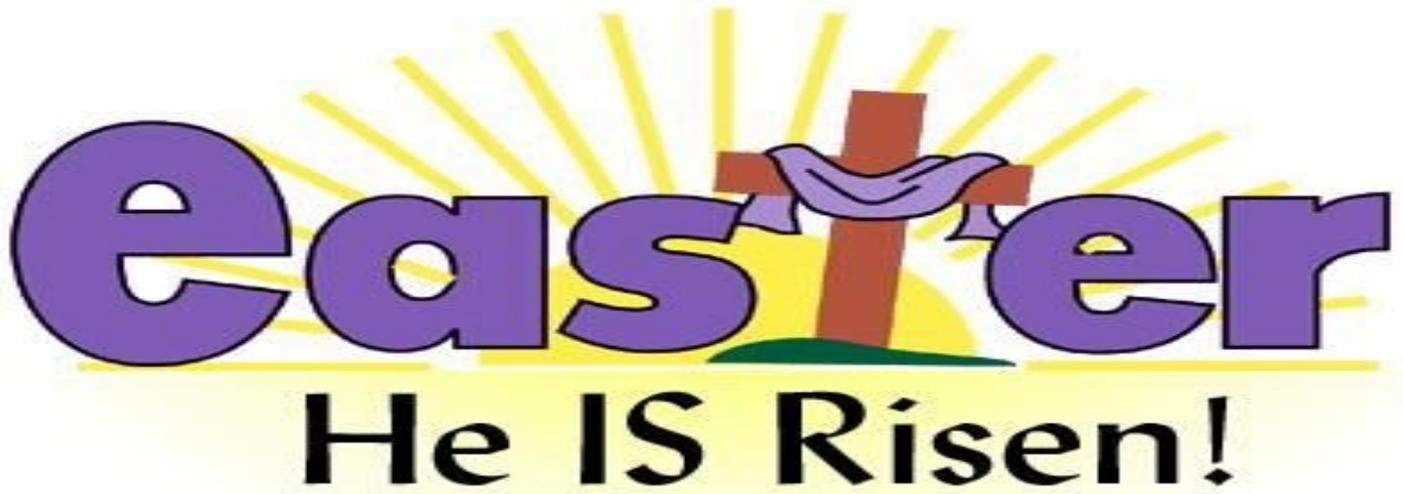
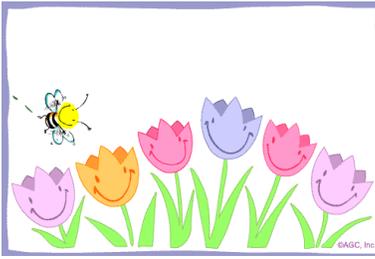


# April 2020 Tidings



**First Presbyterian Church  
5 Court Street  
Towanda, PA 18848**





# APRIL 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Day of Prayer  Lenten Lunch @ Methodist Church (?)	2  6:30 Chancel Choir	3	4
5 Palm Sunday Holy Comm. 10:00 Morning Worship 11:30 SS Classes 5:00 Girl Scouts	6  5:00 Trustees 6:30 Boy Scouts	7 9:00 Bible Study @ Fox Home 12:00 Worship Tm. 1:00 Christian Ed 1:00 Seekers BS	8  5:30 Kids/SWAG	9  6:30 Chancel Choir 7:00 Maundy Thursday Service	10  Good Friday 1:00 Fellowship Mtg. 7:00 Good Friday Service	11  Holy Saturday
12  EASTER 10:00 Worship	13  6:30 Boy Scouts	14 9:00 Bible Study @ Fox Home 1:00 Seekers BS 6:00 Session	15 Tidings Deadline 1:00 Prayer Group @ Peggy Richards	16  6:30 Chancel Choir	17	18
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26 10:00 Worship 11:30 SS Classes	27  6:30 Boy Scouts	28 9:00 BS @ fox Home 1:00 Seekers BS 6:00 Session	29	30  6:30 Chancel Choir		

## Holy Week Schedule

- April 9th - Maundy Thursday Service  
7:00PM
- April 10th - Good Friday Service  
7:00PM
- April 12th - Sunrise Service @ Liberty  
Corners Church (inside)  
7:00AM
- Easter Morning Worship  
10:00AM

## April Birthdays

- 1- Stacey Walsh, Peggy Putnam  
2 - Carol Ann Anderson  
3 - Sharon Horton  
5 - Brian Zechman  
6 - Jesse Bacon  
8 - Ray Fleming  
19 - Richard Kopetan  
24 - Barb McLaud  
25 - T.J. Scott



## April 1 Day of Prayer

1. For us to witness to Christ's peace and hope in uncertain days surrounding the coronavirus.
2. For those impacted in any way by the virus, and for our leaders to make wise decisions during stressful times.
3. For our celebration of Christ's resurrection to resound the hope we have for eternity. Jesus IS risen--Alleluia!
4. Pray how the Lord is leading you to help others and encourage them today.
5. For the lonely, homebound, homeless, mentally ill, addicted, and those struggling to make ends meet. May the love of Christ meet them where they are, and uplift them.

## *April Greeters*

- 5 - Bucky & Martha Field  
12 - Jack & Pearl Fox  
19 - Shirley Strohl  
26 - Lynn Homet



## Little League Opening Day

As you may know, our church sponsors a local Little League team. If you want to meet our team and see the advertising we have at Memorial Park, come out to opening day festivities. At this time, they are scheduled for April 25 starting at 8:30. Schedules for our team's games will be available soon in case you want to cheer them on.



## **VOLUNTEER**

### Can you help once a month?

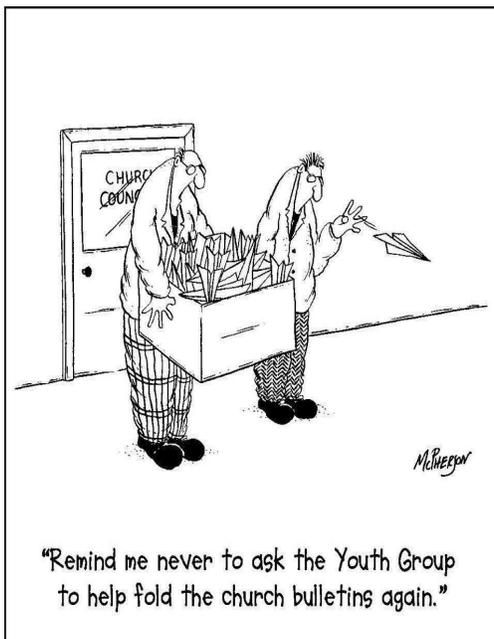
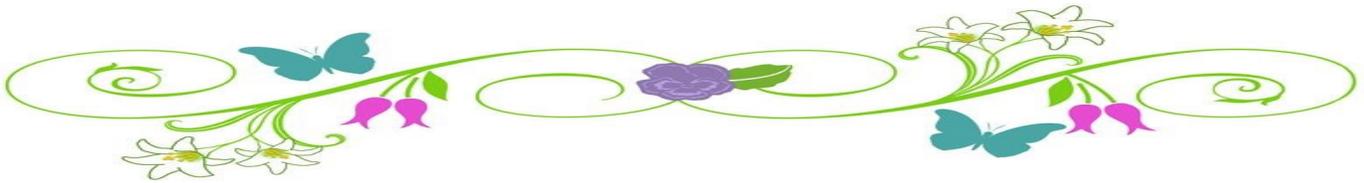
We would like a volunteer to help run the sound board and video system 1 Sunday per month. You'll be fully trained. Please see Cathy Guffey, Brian Zechman or Pastor Rachel if you're willing to give it a try.

## Flourishing Leaders

*"Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit." John 5:15*

And so it is within the church. Flourishing Churches are led by Flourishing Leaders who are Flourishing Disciples. You will be hearing about Flourishing Leaders more and more as time goes on. Your leaders, in particular, the Elders, will be involved in training that will explore 1) who, as individuals, are we? 2) What are we leading? And thirdly, How do we lead?

It's not a prescription for telling us what to do and how to lead. Rather it is a transformational journey that will require time, energy and commitment. We trust the Holy Spirit will be at work to show each one of us what flourishing leadership looks like in our church in the middle of Towanda. We trust and believe that we become flourishing disciples and leaders so that our church can flourish! What we need from each member is for you to keep us and the process in prayer. Believe that the Holy Spirit will reside in each of us and show us the way! It is not about increasing membership and/or increasing the church bank account. It is about creating flourishing disciples. Each and every one of us can become an effective spiritual leader. Each and every one of us can abide in the Lord's presence and invite others to join us. Have faith that the Holy Spirit can lead us and this community in revival!!



The library has a lot of great books, movies and CD's. If you haven't stopped in lately to look around make sure you do! The following titles have recently been added:

- \**God Where Are You? Finding Strength & Purpose in Your Wilderness*, by John Bevere,
- \**Jesus, The God Who Knows Your Name*, by Max Lucado
- \**The Camera Never Lies*, a novel by David Rawlings.
- \*Classic DVD *The Pilgrim's Progress*, based on John Bunyan's epic masterpiece.

## Resourcing ECO Churches for Coronavirus

Though we are living through an uncertain and anxious time, our constant prayer is that you would remember that God is, and always has been, in control. Church is not canceled even if your worship service has been. People need the gospel in word and in deed, and this coronavirus situation may bring that need more prominently to the surface. There is a natural fear that arises with an unknown future and the short and long term physical and economic challenges that might occur on a macro or micro scale. However, in the midst of it all, we are called to be a light for Jesus Christ as we live out what it looks like to be The Church in our communities, right here, right now.

**Philippians 4:7 reminds us, “Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”**

We are here for you, grateful to partner in ministry with you, and would love to pray for you for anything large or small as we all face current realities that are unparalleled to those which we have previously experienced as a nation. Please let us know how we can be praying for you below as well as join us for weekly prayer meeting starting Monday, March 23rd. If you are unable to join us for this time, we will post this service online for you to watch and pray as you are able. As we take necessary precautions and consider logistics, might we also consider how the Lord might use us individually and corporately for His glory as we seek to be The Church in our world.

We look forward to hearing from you as we continue to trust in our faithful Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and cast all of our cares on Him. May He fill you with His peace and trust in the coming weeks.

-Synod Executive, Dana Allin

Our national ECO web site has numerous resources to assist individuals, families, and churches during these days. Please go to [eco-pres.org/covid-19/](http://eco-pres.org/covid-19/) to learn more.

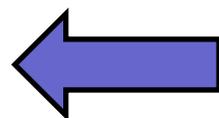
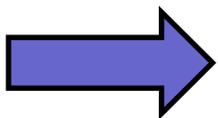
**CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP  
MINISTRIES ANNUAL BANQUET  
SATURDAY APRIL 18TH AT 5:30.  
BUFFET DINNER FOLLOWED BY CEF  
DIRECTOR’S REPORT, CAMP SCHEDULES  
AND ENTERTAINMENT BY  
JEREMY THE ILLUSIONIST.  
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL  
LAURA STANCER @ 570-247-2563**



### MEMORY VERSE FOR APRIL

John 11:25-26

<sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?”



## GOOD FRIDAY READING

*From Billy Graham*

### **Read: 1 Corinthians 15:44-49**

Good Friday celebrates the day our Lord died for our sins on the cross. I have often sat by the hour and tried to imagine the agony and suffering He went through because of our sins. At one point He said from the cross, "It is finished" (John 19:30). He meant that God had accepted His work on the cross as the penalty for our sins.

Christ's death on our behalf is the reason God can forgive us and still be just. And His death teaches us the depth and breadth that there should be in our forgiveness of one another.

While that holy Friday was tremendous, it was only a prelude to Sunday morning when He was raised from the dead. Godly women had come to see His tomb, but angels made the glorious announcement, "He has risen!" (Luke 24:6). His resurrection guaranteed that we, too, will be raised, if we are believers and obeyers of His Word.

*As you celebrate the truth that Jesus came from Heaven to redeem you, are you reflecting His likeness to those around you?*



### ***EASTER FLOWERS***

*Our thanks to the following who gave gifts in loving memory or honor of their loved ones allowing us to enjoy the flowers as they adorn our sanctuary this Resurrection Sunday*

In loving memory of Joshua Stone given by Henry & Sarah Dunn

In loving memory of Jamie V. McPherson by Virginia S. McPherson

In loving memory of Phil Durnin given by Peg Durnin & family

In loving memory of Jamie V. McPherson, Joe & Nancy Terascavage, Mable McPherson and Andrew Spina given by Dawn & Mike Terascavage

In loving memory of Wilbur W. Beers given by Beverly I. Beers & Family

In loving memory of Barbara Fleming given by Ray Fleming

In loving memory of Michelle Field Allen given by Martha & Bucky Field

In loving memory of my loving husband John, loving daughter Diane, parents Warren & Edna Card and Francis & Arlene Strohl given by Shirley Strohl

In loving memory of George R. Rohrer, Mr. & Mrs. Henry A Rohrer and Mr. & Mrs. A.L. Sebring given by Sally Rohrer

In loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Keir and Shirley Allen given by Dick & Sandy Walsh

In loving memory of Lois's parents George & Ruth Kempher given by Lois & Mark Smith

In loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Donald Chaffee and Mr. & Mrs. Willard Isaac given by Jim & Judy Isaac

In loving memory of Betty DeWitt given by Paul DeWitt

In honor of our grandchildren, Stephen, Adam & Elise and in loving memory of Sterling, Catherine & Merle Young and Wally & Francine McNeal given by Jerry & Cynthia Young

In honor of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and in memory of Justin Moyer, Harry & Mildred Dunham, Emil & Olga Mehalchick, Melanie Spencer, Ed & Jackie Farr, Ray Farr and Vernadeen Perry given by Bob & Claudia Mehalchick