

# CHRIST CHRONICLES

## April 2025



### *Worship Services For April*

*April 6, 13, 20, 27*

*Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 AM*

*April 6—Holy Communion*

*April 13—PALM SUNDAY*

*April 20—EASTER SUNDAY*

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## Concerns of the Congregation

*To add or remove a name from the prayer list, contact the church office.*

### PRAY FOR OUR NATION - PRAY FOR OUR WORLD

***PRAYING THE ROLL: We are family, and families pray for one another.***

***Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers for the week of...***

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| April | 6  | Ken Sible; Dr. James and Elena Sillaman; Dana and Dewey Silvis                                    |
|       | 13 | Marianne Smith; Debra, Ryan, and Nathan Stahl; Loretta Staruk                                     |
|       | 20 | Gloria and Nathan Stevens; Robert and Carolyn Stutzman;<br>Ryan, Brook, Peyton, and Parker Thomas |
|       | 27 | Sally Walker; Joan and Ben Zeiders; Amy Zomisky   |

*“Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.” Galatians 6:2*

Toni and Stush Apryas, Gene Burd, Richard and Ruth Burns, Mary Cernetic, Mary Crawford, Andrew Crouse, Ruth Eversole, Ralph France, Pam George, Carolyn Grapes, Lesley Sillaman Hitchman, Ethel Hlzer, Todd Hudson, John (Brandey Eberhart’s Friend); Barb Keefe, Beverly Keefe, Scott McCully, Men of Union Mission, Evelyn Neightly, Connie Nelson, Harvey Nbel, Desiree Patterson, Mary Ann and Andy Phillips, Bonnie Pickle, Joe Pickle, John Porterfield, Joyce Puzak, Winter Reese, Christy Repko, Melissa Ruth Sager, Janice Seigle, Ken Sible, Dottie Stahl, Brooke Stutzman, John Svidron, Jean Thomas, Amy Thropp, Melissa Whited, Sara Young, Amy Zomisky

***“Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”***

Philippians 4:6-7

## USHERS

### APRIL

- |    |                           |
|----|---------------------------|
| 6  | Dana and Dewey Silvis     |
| 13 | Elena and Jim Sillaman    |
| 20 | Bob and Carolyn Stutzman  |
| 27 | Art Dira and Jim O’Connor |

## Lay Readers

### APRIL

- |    |                  |
|----|------------------|
| 6  | Elena Sillaman   |
| 13 | Ann Baltich      |
| 20 | Jim O’Connor     |
| 27 | Jonathan Marasco |



## *A Note from Julie*

*“Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.... Serve the Lord with gladness, come into His presence with singing.”*

*Excerpt from Psalm 100.*

The beginning verses of the 100th psalm give us encouragement to worship God with enthusiasm and cheerfulness.

We have all heard the phrase, God loves a cheerful giver, but I feel that God also loves His flock to come to worship with open hearts, ready to sing His praises.

As we near the end of the Lenten season, I hope that you have spent time reflecting on the sacrifice that was made by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Easter Sunday is a day of celebration! Please join us as we join our voices in “making a joyful noise” as we sing and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. I promise that the hymns on Easter will be uplifting and familiar.

The Reverend David Ackerman will be in the pulpit that morning leading us in worship.

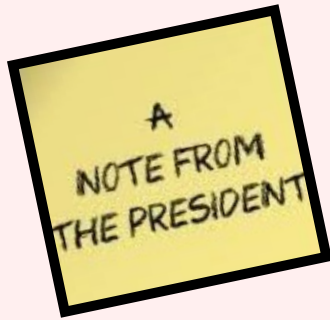
*“He is Risen!” He is Risen, Indeed!”*

*Wishing you all a blessed Easter!*  
*Julie*



*“I was glad when they said unto me,  
Let us go into the house of the Lord.”*

*Psalm 122:1*



***Here it is April already.  
Unfortunately, the weather is not Spring like.***

***In the past two months, we have had a variety of guests leading our services, and we are now well into the Lenten season. Palm Sunday and Easter will be here before we know it.***

***Ann, Julie, Ellen, and Sally have been doing a wonderful job arranging our Sunday services.***

***Dana and I will be coming to the end of our terms at the end of May. We need one more person to agree to serve on Consistory as either elder or deacon. We are hoping someone will step forward.***

***Happy Easter to Everyone and Their Families!  
Art Dira  
Consistory President***

**Dear Children,  
April Sunday School dates are the 13th and the 27th.  
Our focus will be a discussion of the Lenten journey  
as well as the meaning of Palm Sunday.  
We hope to see everyone as we take part in the Palm  
Sunday Procession.**



**Blessings,  
Ms. Elena, Ms. Marsha, and Ms. Rosella**

**SUNDAY MORNING GUESTS:**  
**April 6 Rev. Liddy Barlow**  
**13 Rev. Thomas W. Caruso**  
**20 Rev. David Ackerman**  
**27 Maureen Ceidro**

***“Bible Study”  
will meet each Wednesday at  
10:00am.  
Come and join the discussion!***

# LayLife and Mission

The Lay Life and Mission Committee will meet on *Tuesday, April 1 at 2:00pm* in the Conference Room.

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The Lay Life and Mission Committee would like to thank all who donated to the March mission, Church World Service—Period Packs.



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*The Lay Life and Mission Committee will be packing lunches for Meals on Wheels on **March 31st thru April 4th**. If you would like to give a monetary donation to defray the costs, please see Stephanie. Thank you in advance.*

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***DON'T FORGET TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** The Lay Life and Mission Committee will hold their, first of the season, Soup and Salad Bar on Wednesday, April 23rd, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The price is \$10.00. Phone calls will be forthcoming requesting soups, salads, and/or desserts. Thank you in advance.*



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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** The Lay Life and Mission Committee will hold their annual Flea Market and Book Sale *August 16, 2025 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.* We will be accepting Flea Market items and Books **STARTING APRIL 1, 2025 THRU JULY 31, 2025!** (The Flea Market item(s) will go downstairs in the backroom, and the Books will stay on the main floor.)

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*The **Blessing Box** is an ongoing mission, if you would like to donate to this cause, there is a blue Rubbermaid box in the Chapel marked "Blessing Box" for food and personal items. Thank you in advance for your support.*



*"Whatever your task, work heartily, as serving the Lord and not men." Colossians 3:23*



For Mother's Day, Lay Life and Mission Committee has decided that a donation to our Blessing Box would be a way to honor or remember your mother or any woman you admire by filling out the form that is included in the insert of the Church Bulletin or the form below. Please place your donation and the form in an envelope earmarked "Mother's Day" and place it in the collection plate or submit it to the Church office by May 4<sup>th</sup>; *her name will be in the bulletin on May 11<sup>th</sup>*. If you are donating by check, *please make it payable to the Lay Life and Mission Committee*.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Her children rise up and  
call her blessed. Proverbs 31:28

## HONOR YOUR MOTHER

The Lay Life and Mission Committee usually honors the women of our congregation with a gift on Mother's Day. However, we are giving you the opportunity to honor or remember your mother or any woman you admire with a donation to our Blessing Box and her name in the bulletin on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

Just fill out the following form and submit it with your donation to the office or the collection plate by May 4<sup>th</sup>. Please put both your donation and the following slip in an envelope marked "Mother's Day" (if donating by check, please make it payable to Lay Life).

A Blessing Box donation has been made in honor of/in remembrance of:

(circle one)

\_\_\_\_\_, given in love by \_\_\_\_\_  
(woman's name) (your name)

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association

## APRIL MISSION

alzheimer's   
association

The Lay Life and Mission Committee has chosen the [Alzheimer's Association](#) for the April mission. The Alzheimer's Association – Greater Pennsylvania Chapter serves those individuals and their caregivers by hosting education programs and support groups, providing a 24/7 helpline, and offering care consultations to those going through a dementia diagnosis. The Lay Life and Mission Committee will be making two baskets (a children's basket and an auto basket) for a fundraising event that will be held on June 29<sup>th</sup> at Ginny's Neighborhood Pizza Joint in Export, PA. *If you would like to bring in items for the children's basket and/or items for the auto basket, please place them in the box provided in the Chapel marked Alzheimer's Association. Lay Life and Mission Committee will make up these baskets with the items brought in. If making a monetary donation to this worthy cause and are donating by check, please make it payable to Lay Life and Mission Committee and place your donation in an envelope; and place it in the offering basket earmarked Lay Life - Alzheimer's Association by April 22<sup>nd</sup> (Lay Life and Mission Committee will then purchase the necessary items to be placed in the baskets.)* Thank you for supporting this worthy cause.

**“C” Dollar Bills  
for the Union Mission**



As of March 16, 2025, the accumulated total donated to the Union Mission is \$2970. Thanks to all who have helped to reach this amazing total one dollar at a time.

**SENIOR FOOD DISTRIBUTION**

*Tuesday, April 15*



**Volunteers will be needed at  
8:30 AM**

Thanks so much for your help as  
always.



**APRIL 2025 SUPPER CLUB  
Friday, April 11, 2025, 5:30PM**

**Touchdown Club**

*Route 30, Latrobe*

Hosts: Jim and Karen O'Connor

For reservations: [koconnorhga@hotmail.com](mailto:koconnorhga@hotmail.com) or 724-238-2578

*Come and join us for food and fun!*



**BIENVENUE**

*Wednesday, April 2, 2025 at 12:30PM*

**Mailey's Provisions Restaurant  
335 Main Street, Latrobe**

*All the ladies of the Church are welcome.*

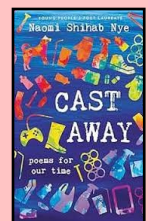


**BOOK DISCUSSION**

**Tuesday, April 8, 2025 - 10:30 am**

**Cast Away by Naomi Shihab Nye**

- a book of poetry that casts a light on things we throw away.



**LENTEN SERVICES AT TRINITY  
LUTHERAN CHURCH – WELDON  
STREET**

**ASH WEDNESDAY (March 5)**

**Communion and Ashes – 8:00AM and  
7:00PM**

**Drive Through Communion and Ashes  
- NOON**

**WEEKLY SERVICES (Beginning**

**March 11)**

**Tuesdays and Thursdays – 8:00AM**

**Wednesdays – 8:00AM and 6:30PM**

**SPY WEDNESDAY**

**Wednesday, April 16 – 7:00PM**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

**Thursday, April 17 – 7:00PM**

**GOOD FRIDAY**

**Friday, April 18 – Seven Last Words**

**Service – NOON to 3:00PM**

**Centering Prayer - 3:00PM**

**Tenebrae – 7:00PM**

**HOLY SATURDAY**

**Easterfest – 7:30PM**

**Latrobe Poetry Neighborhood**

**Thursday, April 3 5:00pm—7:00pm**

*Poetry Neighborhood Opening* Latrobe Art Center  
(Refreshments will be served)

**Tuesday, April 8 5:30pm—7:30pm**

*Ephraim Poetry Workshop* Latrobe Art Center  
(writing poems based on visual art)

**Tuesday, April 15 6:00pm**

*Grief Poetry* Trinity Lutheran Church

(Give sorrow words...write or share your own)

**Saturday, April 19 11:00am**

*Dead Poets Society* Adams Memorial Library

(Reading your favorite poetry)

**Tuesday, April 22 5:00pm—7:00pm**

*Poet, Indran Amirthanayagam* Verostko Art Gallery, St. Vincent College  
(Indran is reading as part of the Ragan Poetry Competition at Saint Vincent College.  
Winners will be reading with him.)

**Thursday, April 24 6:00pm**

*Mystical Poetry* Eclectique Boutique  
(Rumi, Rilke, Hafiz and...a meditative experience)

**Sunday, April 27 meet at the barn at 4:00pm**

*Nature Poetry Walk* Winnie Palmer Nature Reserve  
(Bring your favorite nature poetry—and be prepared to walk)

**Monday, April 28 6:00pm—7:30pm**

*Poetry and Music* Latrobe Art Center  
(Music inspired by poetry—led by local musicians)



*Bienvenue is sponsoring an Open Mic beginning at  
3PM Sunday afternoon, April 27.*

*Although Pastor Bobbie had open mics last year, this is a new venture for  
Bienvenue.*

*We believe that one way to make our church more visible in the community is to  
bring people through the door.*

*This will not be a religious event, but it could give folks an opportunity to  
experience our hospitality and get to know us better. Please invite your family,  
friends, and neighbors, and even offer to bring them. **This is for everyone.** In the  
past, we have had our own folk band, the Highland Strummers Ukulele Band,  
pianists, vocalists, joke tellers, flutists, and small bands.*

*It is an afternoon of free entertainment that can be enjoyed by all ages. There is  
even an opportunity for some audience singalongs.*

*Bienvenue will be serving **light refreshments** afterwards. There will be some flyers  
available to post around town or your neighborhoods. Although there is no charge  
for the event, we would encourage audience members to bring a canned good for the  
Blessing Box, and there will be a donation box available for the same cause.*

*If you have a talent, please come and share it.*

*If that's not your thing, please be part of our audience and help us make this a  
success.*

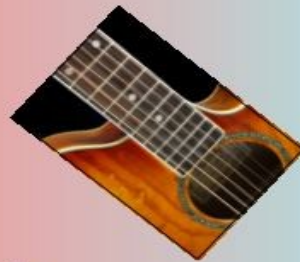
# Open-Mic Night

at Christ UCC

1414 Ligonier Street, Latrobe  
724-537-4901



An afternoon of free  
entertainment for  
all ages.



Everyone is Welcome!

Light refreshments following the event.



*Sunday,  
April 27, 2025  
3:00pm-4:30pm*

If you have a talent, please come and share it.  
If that's not your thing, please be part of our  
audience and help us make this a success.

**Just Come!**

*Please bring a canned food item for the Blessing Box!*

## April 2025 Prayer Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
		Pray for strength to overcome temptation.	Praise God for the light of each new day.	Ask God to bless the work of Christ Church.	Thank God for the rain that makes crops and flowers grow and gives us water to drink.	Thank God for God's love and mercy.
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
Thank God for our church and our worship.	Remember those who live with pain.	Thank God for the Bible for guidance in our lives.	Pray for more opportunities to share our faith.	Pray for those who are homeless.	Sing praise to God today.	Ask God for courage to move on to new experiences.
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
Pray for those who are unemployed	Pray for those who suffer from the disease of addiction.	Pray for orphans.	Pray for children who have been abused and cruelly treated.	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> Thank God for your daily food.	<b>Good Friday</b> <b>Arbor Day</b> Pray for foresters who plant and harvest trees.	Praise God for the beauty of the earth.
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Easter</b> Praise God for His love.	Pray for all those who work outdoors.	<b>Earth Day</b> Pray for conservationists who guard the heritage of the earth.	<b>Administrative Professional's Day</b> – Keep Caryn in your prayers.	Pray for photographers and artists who capture the beauty of the earth.	Pray for those with Alzheimer's disease or dementia and their caregivers.	Pray for those who fish for a living.
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>			
Lift up those with cancer or chronic illness, praying for healing and comfort.	Ask God to send us wisdom to guide Christ Church.	Pray for people who have come from other countries to live in the USA.	Praise God for birds that sing.	Generous God, whether I need to share my money, my time, my feelings, or my thoughts, help me to imagine a more generous way of life.  Lillian Daniel		

### Christ United Church of Christ Consistory 2024-2025

**Art Dira, President**  
**Ann Baltich, Vice President**  
**Dana Silvis, Secretary**  
**Josh Neighly, Karen O'Connor,**  
**Ryan Cribbs**

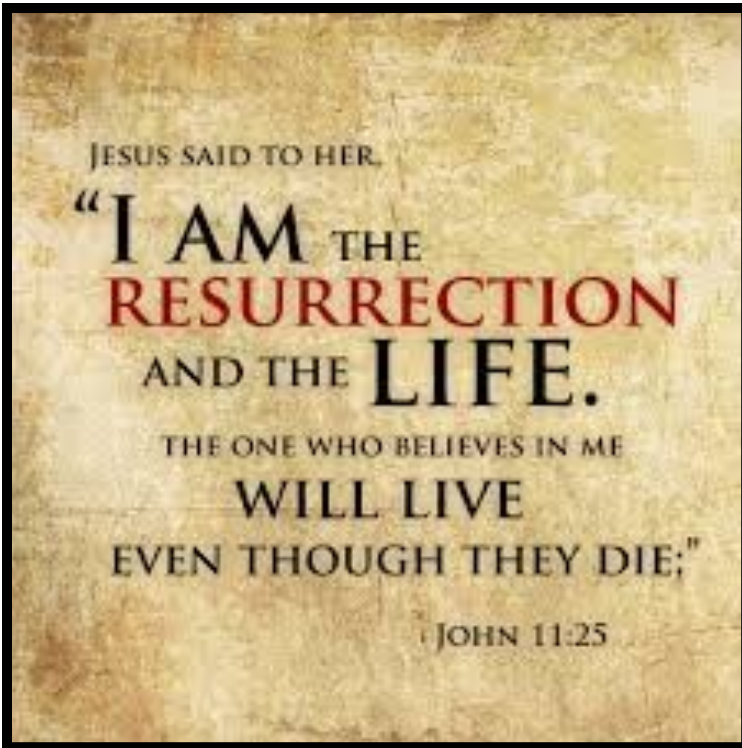
*No matter who you are or where you've been, you are welcome here!*

*Mission Statement: To reflect Christ's love in everything we do*  
*Vision Statement: Not our will, but God's*

# April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>1</i>  <b>2:00PM</b> <b>LAY LIFE</b>	<b>2</b> <b>10:00am</b> <b>BIBLE STUDY</b> <b>12:30PM</b> <b>Bienvencue</b>	<b>3</b> <b>5:30PM</b> <b>Choir</b>  <b>6:30PM Bells</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>MEALS ON WHEELS</b>						
<b>6</b> <b>11:00AM</b> <b>Worship</b> <b>COMMUNION</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>10:30AM</b> <b>BOOK</b> <b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>9</b> <b>10:00am</b> <b>BIBLE STUDY</b>	<b>10</b>  <b>5:30PM</b> <b>Choir</b>  <b>6:30PM Bells</b>	<b>11</b>  <b>5:30PM</b> <b>SUPPER</b> <b>CLUB</b> <b>At Touchdown</b> <b>Club</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> <b>11:00AM</b> <b>Worship</b> <b>PALM</b> <b>SUNDAY</b> <b>Children's Sunday</b> <b>School</b>	<b>14</b>  <b>6:00PM</b> <b>Consistory</b>	<b>15</b> <b>8:30AM</b> <b>SENIOR FOOD</b> <b>DISTRIBUTION</b>  <b>LAST DAY FOR</b> <b>NEWSLETTER</b> <b>SUBMISSIONS</b>	<b>16</b>  <b>10:00am</b> <b>BIBLE STUDY</b>	<b>17</b>  <b>MAUNDY</b> <b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>18</b>  <b>GOOD</b> <b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> <b>11:00AM</b> <b>Worship</b>  <b>RESURRECTION</b> <b>DAY</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <b>NO BIBLE</b> <b>STUDY</b>  <b>11:00am—</b> <b>1:00pm</b> <b>SOUP AND</b> <b>SALAD</b> <b>LUNCH</b>	<b>24</b>  <b>6:30PM Bells</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>CARYN OUT OF OFFICE</b>						
<b>27</b> <b>11:00AM</b> <b>Worship</b> <b>Children's Sunday</b> <b>School</b>  <b>3:00PM</b> <b>Open Mic</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>10:00am</b> <b>BIBLE STUDY</b>	<b>BIRTHDAYS:</b> <b>1</b> David Albaugh <b>13</b> Uzziah Marasco <b>16</b> Ray Hennenkamp <b>16</b> Harvey Noel <b>20</b> Alzene Heining <b>25</b> Amy Burd <b>29</b> Gebreyesus Eyosias <div style="float: right; text-align: right;">     </div>		
<b>CARYN OUT OF OFFICE</b>						





# Celebrate

# Jesus

## *To Do List*

*Wait Patiently—Psalm 27:14*

*Have Faith—II Corinthians 5:7*

*Pray—Philippians 4:6*

*Think of Others—Philippians 2:4*

*Trust In The Lord—Proverbs 3:5*

*Read God's Word—Psalm 119:12*

*Give Thanks—Psalm 136*

He's  
 Alive!

