

Aston Press

Monthly Newsletter



April 2024 Events

- April 1st - Easter Monday
- April 7th - Communion Sunday
- April 8th - Solar Eclipse
- April 9th Session Meeting 6:30 pm
- April 17th - PW in MacMurphy Room - 12:30pm
- April 22nd - Earth Day

Elder of the Month

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From the Pastor's Desk

As I write this we are in Holy Week. Last Sunday was Palm Sunday. We celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem but we also acknowledged the coming rejection He would face.

This Thursday we will celebrate Maundy Thursday by eating a meal together and sharing communion at the table as we commemorate the Last Supper Jesus ate with His disciples. The word Maundy means mandate or command and it refers to the new commandment Jesus gave to His disciples that night according to the gospel of John when Jesus said, "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

This coming Sunday is Easter. All the hopes and expectations of Christians are realized in the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, making Easter the most festive day of the church year. It is a time of joy, celebration and renewal. Here at Aston Presbyterian Church we will share Easter Brunch together and there will be an Easter Egg Hunt for the children.

This month let us remember Jesus' new commandment. Let us love one another as Jesus loves us.

He is risen, He is risen indeed!

God's blessings to all,

Rev. Christine

APC Committees



April Birthdays

- April 6th - Paul Kugelman
- April 9th - Jack Bomhoff
- April 28th - Andrea Sampson
- April 30th - Dotti Canavin
- April 30th - Barbara Krauss

Buildings & Grounds/St. Andrews

Please continue to bring in your food items for our food cupboard in the church narthex and the St. Andrews group will continue to deliver these items monthly. Thanks again for everyone's help in feeding those in need.

Come join the free coffee hour on Wednesday morning at 9:00 am around the "Round Table" in the boiler room of the Church. Be prepared to solve the world's problems.

Contact Bill G if you have questions.



Aston Presbyterian Church
Food Cupboard

Mission & Stewardship

Cents Ability for April - Delco Food Bank

The folks of Imago Dei Metropolitan Community Church officially kicked off the Delco Food Project ministry at St. Timothy's in 2020 with the Covid pandemic shut downs. DFP still is operating in a unique and dignified drive-thru style, packing dry goods, fresh produce and bakery items for more than 200 families a week! Delaware County's Food Bank Program "Share" and Small Things Philly (a Philabundance supplied warehouse) currently provide us with truckloads of food every Thursday morning. They are located in St. Timothy's Lutheran Church where our host and partners gave their library to house the food project. The Holy Spirit has blessed this ministry as she sends supplies, contacts and friends to gather with us in Aston. All are welcome!



DELCO Food Project
Neighbors Feeding Neighbors!

Financial Corner

Financial Corner as of Feb. 29, 2024

How are we doing?

	YTD Budget	YTD
Envelope Giving	10,666.67	19,908.00
Loose Offering	83.33	220.00
DC Learning Ctr	2,000.00	1,200.00
Building Use	200.00	270.00
Initial Offering	100.00	93.00
Per Capita	400.00	210.00
Investment Fund Div.	583.33	-
Insurance Div.	-	641.48
Misc. Income	41.67	
Income	13,658.33	22,542.48
Local Expenses	13,642.17	12,052.56
Mission Giving	404.88	-
Operating Expenses	14,047.04	12,052.56
Surplus (Shortfall)	(388.71)	10,489.92

Our 2024 surplus at this point in time is \$10,489.92. This surplus is due to the fact that some members having pre-paid their pledge for the entire year or a partial year, which helps not to have to withdraw from our investment account early on.

As we always say, your church needs you, as we all need our church. There is much we need to take care of, so we must be careful not to neglect anything.

We miss all of you former "regulars". We express our "Get Well's" and "Condolences" to all those in need of these prayers.

Let's hope for a great 2024. I will soon be saying good-bye to a job that I have loved and held for almost 28 years. I wish all good things for this congregation as we welcome Michele Kane as our new Treasurer very soon. Thank you, as always, for ALL your support over the years. It was and is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted: Donna Marie Gawne



As we begin April, we are still in the Easter Season; the season in which we continue to highlight our Risen Lord Jesus Christ and His appearances to the disciples and to many others before His ascension to the Father. April is also the month of showers that will bring us May flowers. Now let us pause to look back on past April's at Aston Presbyterian Church.

Five years Ago-2019 Pastor Michelle Grunsiech wrote about Holy Week and Easter. She wished the following for our congregation: "May you live each day as His Easter people and may God hold each of you in the palm of His hand. The Adult Class was discussing a series entitled: "Embracing an Adult Faith" which was being led by Carol Koffenberger Jones. On April 26th the Choir led in Worship with their cantata. The Day Care students enjoyed a visit from the Easter Bunny on April 12th.

Ten years ago-2014 Ruth Voss, Clerk of Session in the "From the Clerk's Desk" column wrote that the /session had appointed the following Elders as a Committee to Search for our next Pastor: Bill Gawne, Kellie Anderson, Paul

Kugleman and Pat Zebley. She noted that the following person would be supplying the Pulpit for April: April 6th-The Choir Easter Cantata, April 13th Elder Bill Schuler, Jr., and the Rev. Anita Bell would be leading Worship on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter Sunday and on April 27th Elder Pat Zebley. The Day Care students enjoyed the following events: April 11th-Easter Parade and Egg Hunt, April 23rd Fairy Tale Day, April 28th the Segal Puppet Theater, April 29th storyteller Vicki Town.

Fifteen years Ago-2009- Pastor Jane Ritterson in her "From the Pastor's Desk" column, she wrote that celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ with our own Church community was the best way to celebrate. Day Care is shared in these events during April: April 3rd-Easter Party, April 24th Stripes Day, April 28th Aston Pres Day Care Pride Day.

Twenty years ago-2004- Pastor Pam Cowan in her "From the Pastor's Hat Rack" column she wrote that for us Easter was the great light of God's love that would shine upon us and light up our faces, She also said, that the light of

the Holy Spirit would support us in the face of whatever life offers. She told us that the light Christ's face would touch us, rekindling the light of our own faith. The VOLT Youth Group led us in Worship on April 18th. The Day Care Kindergarten Class attended the circus on April 23rd.

Twenty-five years Ago-1999 - Interim Pastor Paul Tuttle in his "In Between Thoughts" column said that the point of the Easter Season is the time when we are looking for direction as individuals, as a Church family as to how best bear witness to our Risen Lord while we seek a new Pastor. On April 18th the Mariners visited the Brookwood Home outside of Media and presented a sing-along plus refreshments for the residents. The Pastor Nominating Committee was in the process of reviewing dossiers of prospective Pastors.

Thirty years ago-1994- Pastor Scott Cupp in his "Ex Cathedra" column wrote that the resurrection is the seal of approval that God has placed on the message and ministry of Jesus. Easter is the assurance that nothing can separate us from the love of God. Cub Pack #292 and Boy Scout Troop #292 donated a tree in memory of Jason Voss. Steve Beddow and Matthew Cupp received the Cub Scout /arrow of Light Award. Paul Micun, Cub Pack #292's leader was given the honor of being "Scouter of the Year for his leadership. New members received in April 1994: Walt Beddow, Lori Clements, Karen Gordon, Barbara and Jim Morton and Betsy Wrench.





elected President of District 1 Presbyterian. On April 29th a Homecoming Event was held with many former members attending.

Forty-five years ago-1979-

Pastor Bob Boell in his column spoke about Easter being a time to shout and laugh because Jesus Christ has risen from the dead. So, he noted we should laugh on Easter Morning as we celebrate His resurrection. The Presbyterian Women's Lenten Breakfast was held on April 3rd with Ruth Horotkins sharing her musical talents. The Adult Class was doing a study called "Basic Bible Study" led by Ralph and Olive Beiswenger.

Fifty-years ago- 1974- Pastor Bob Boell in his column said that the Risen Christ could not be programmed to any time or place that He was alive in the world and could not be kept in one place. The Presbyterian Women of our church toured Presbyterian University of Pennsylvania Hospital on April 2nd. On April 7th the Choir brought the message with the cantata "Love's Awakening".

As our Easter Season continues on toward Pentecost let us sing with gusto these words from Bill and Gloria Gaither's Hymn: "Because He Lives": "God sent his Son, they called him Jesus; he came to love, heal, and forgive. He lived and died to buy my pardon; an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives, Because he lives, I can face tomorrow; because he lives all fear is gone; because I know he holds the future, and life is worth the living just because he lives."

Yes, our future is bright because He is Risen, He is Risen Indeed! Grace and Peace in the service of Christ Jesus,
Bill Schuler

Thirty-five years Ago- 1989-

Pastor Scott Cupp in his "Ex Cathedra" column spoke about rumors of Doom and Gloom problems within our Church. He noted that any problems we have tom face can be corrected by staying united. The Adult Class was studying the "Power of Myth" and was being led by Dick Hartranft. The St. Thomas and Friends class was studying the Presbyterian Church USA's Book of Confessions. An all-Church Fellowship Luncheon was held for everyone on April 23rd.

Forty years ago-1984-

Pastor Bob Buell in his column wrote that Jesus is alive in the world, and this is what we celebrate every Easter. On April 15th-Palm /Sunday, the choir presented the cantata "The Day He Wore My Crown". The Youth Group led at 7:00 am. Dawn Service on Easter Sunday followed by a pancake breakfast. On April 8th the first annual Spring Banquet was held. The Adult Class was in the midst of a study titled: "The Church and Education" and starting on April 29th they were beginning a study titled "The Church Looks at World Issues" with Congressman Bob Edgar as a guest speaker. In the Church Family: Steve Bomhoff was attending the University of South Alabama, Stephanie /carpenter was leading her class at Green Ridge Elementary in the number of books read with 25, Ginny Carroll was inducted into the National Junior Honor Society at Northley Middle School, Jean Boell was

Recipe of the Month: Impossible Ham Pie

Ingredients:

1 ½ cups cubed ham
1 cup shredded cheese
½ cup bisquick (pancake mix)
1 cup milk
2 eggs
salt and pepper to taste

How To Make:

1. Preheat oven to 400F
2. Grease a 9 inch pie pan
3. Sprinkle Ham and cheese into pie pan
4. Mix pancake mix, milk, eggs, salt and pepper
5. Pour over ham and cheese
6. Bake for 35-40 minutes or until browned and knife comes out clean
7. Let stand for 5 minutes before serving and enjoy

Optional add ins

Cheese - use swiss, cheddar, or any mix you like

Other add ins - chopped broccoli, drained and squeezed spinach, chopped onion, tomatoes, or other veggies.

This a great for Easter leftovers for breakfast, lunch or dinner.



Aston Pres. Learning Center



April 2024 Learning Center Events

- April 2nd - School Resumes from Spring Break
- April 3rd - Bubbles for Autism Sale begins
- April 15th - Oasis Family Fun Night/APCLC Spirit Day
- April 21st - 26th - Grand-Friends Week



APC Learning Center

Spring has sprung...well almost! We hope you all had a lovely Easter and spent time with family and friends. Prior to Spring Break, we had spring class parties, egg hunts, and a visit from the Easter bunny! This month, we will celebrate The Week of Young Child from 4/8-4/12. During that week, the children, staff, and families will participate in dance, STEM, food prep, and art. Simultaneously during the Week of the Young Child, we will sell bubbles and raise money for the Philadelphia Eagles Autism Challenge. On 4/8, we will have a bubble party and wear green for Autism Awareness. Please buy some bubbles and support this cause that is near and dear to the learning center's heart! On 4/15, we will have a Spirit Night at Oasis Family Fun Center in Glen Mills from 6-8pm. We'd love to see as many familiar faces as possible! The week of 4/22, we will host our Grand-Friends Planting event over three different days. We love this week and meeting those who play an important role in the kids' lives. April is full of family, love, and fun, and as always, we are grateful for the opportunity!

