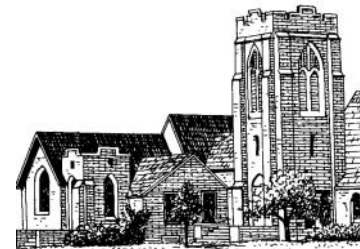


The Caller



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April
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April Worship Calendar Lenten Sermon Series - God Moves

God Moves Us to Empty Ourselves

John 12:1-8

As Mary anointed Jesus with the scent of sacrifice,
we are called to pour out ourselves for him.

April 7

Palm Sunday God Moves the Cross

Luke 23:1-49

Throughout his story Jesus to has been moving in one direction:
To the cross.

April 14

Holy Thursday

A Simple Gathering for Soup & Fellowship
(In honor of the New Commandment)

5:30pm - 7:30pm

April 18

Good Friday

Interactive Stations of the Cross
(self-guided)

1:00—3:00pm

April 19

Easter Sunday

God Moves Out of the Tomb

Luke 24:1-12

Even the grave could not still Jesus.
He is alive and active and moving in our lives and our world.

April 21

A Surprising Turnaround

Acts 5:27-32

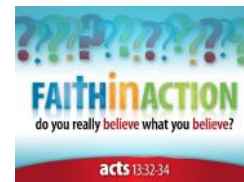
The resurrection can spark changes
in our beliefs and behaviors
that surprise even us.

April 28

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*He has showed you, O Mortal, what is good.
And what does the Lord **require** of you?
Just this: To do Justice; To love Kindness; and to walk, humbly, with your God.*



OUTREACH NEWS

April 2019

It is a time to count our blessings during Lent. We are not asking you to give up anything during Lent. Rather we are inviting you to contribute to the Eastern PA UMC camping ministries. Summer will be here soon and a week at camp can be transformative for youth. There are four camps supported by our conference: Carson Simpson Farm, Innabah, Gretna Glen and Pocono Plateau. The real cost of a week of camp per camper ranges from \$350 to more than \$500 per week, but reduced fees are available to families with the help of generous donors like us. If you would like to make a donation, please make a check payable to SUMC with a notation that it is for camping ministries.

Our final hosting of Grace Café for the season takes place on Sunday, April 7. Grace Café is an outreach ministry of Arch Street UMC in Center City Philadelphia. Every Sunday from September through June, Arch Street offers an evening worship service followed by a dinner free to all comers. They have been serving between 150-200 guests of an evening. Their congregation can only provide this ministry with the help of partnering congregations like ours. If you would like to serve dinner that evening, gather at SUMC at 4:15 p.m. so that we can carpool in to Philadelphia. Dinner is served at 6:00 and we are back in Swarthmore by 8:00 p.m. Please contact Janice Ciampa if you would like to participate or if you would like to make a donation of cash or needed food items.

PBJ Night will be on Wednesday, April 17 at 7:45 p.m. Sandwiches made benefit the Life Center of Eastern Delaware County in Upper Darby and City Team in Chester. Bring two loaves of sliced bread and we will provide the peanut butter and jelly.

The Chester/Delco Chapter of Heeding God's Call to End Gun Violence will be putting up the first 2019 Tee Shirt Memorial to the Lost on Saturday, April 6 at St. John Chrysostom in Wallingford, starting time to be determined. The Tee Shirt Memorial recognizes the deaths due to gun violence in Delaware County over the preceding five years. This year the Memorial will have 194 names, the highest tally to date. There is still much work to be done to end the culture of gun violence. If you would like to know more about Heeding God's Call, please contact Ralph Ciampa, Judy Luzak, or Carl Everett.

Plans are under way for two weeks of service to Appalachia Service Project this summer. SUMC and Swarthmore Presbyterian Church are jointly sponsoring the two work weeks, both of which will take volunteers to Chavies, Kentucky. The first week of service will be June 23-29 and the second week of service will be July 7-13. We are actively recruiting more volunteers, both youth and adults. If you would like to participate or want more information please contact Linton Stables at lstable52@gmail.com or Linda McCullough at linda.mccullough@swarthmorepres.org.

We continue to collect food and toiletries for City Team Chester. Cathy Darrell makes the weekly deliveries for us and they continue to be grateful for the donations.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please join us for the following events:

- April 6: Heeding God's Call to End Gun Violence—T-Shirt Memorial—St John Chrysostom, Wallingford
- April 7: Grace Café—4:15pm to car pool
- April 14: Palm Sunday
- April 17: PBJ Night—Centennial—7:45pm
- April 18: Holy Thursday—A Simple Gathering for Soup and Fellowship—5:30pm—7:30pm
- April 19: Good Friday—Stations of the Cross (Self-Guided) - 1:00pm—3:00pm and 6:00—8:00pm
- April 21: Easter

Deadline for the May Caller is Thursday, April 18th

Book Club Dates

Second Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm

April 10 at 7:30pm, Sheila Bell's home, 1305 Kendall Road, Swarthmore, PA 19081
Discussion book is *The Hired Girl* by Laura Amy Schlitz



All the World's a Stage
Theater Groups at Swarthmore United Methodist Church
MARPLE-NEWTOWN PLAYERS-SPOTLIGHT THEATER



Talking With...

BY Jane Martin
Presented by special arrangement
with SAMUEL FRENCH, INC
Staged Reading Drama
Directed by Cindy Walton
April 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 2019

Prelude to a Kiss

By Craig Lucas
Presented by special arrangement
with DRAMATISTS PLAY SERVICE. INC.
Directed by Jess Stinson
April 26, 27

Tickets: Phone 610-328-1079 or on-line at *Ticketleap* (fees apply)

From the Pastor's Desk

April's Fools

As Easter falls in April this year, we really are April's Fools. Holy Fools that believe not only in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, but in the power of resurrection today and everyday. The living Christ continues to give people new life and new hope. The living Christ continues to bring life to a deadened and dead-end world. May we as a people of faith carry our crosses faithfully into the coming Easter season. May we all trust a better life and a better world awaits us all on the other side of the Cross: In this life and the life to come. May be we Holy Fools who give ourselves away to Jesus Christ.

With Foolish Love for God,
Pastor Kevin

Our Parents



Anna Hoover celebrated her 100th birthday on March 11. She and her husband, Charles, were long-time members of SUMC and sang in the choir every Sunday.

At one point there were 3 generations of Hoovers singing in the choir.



Anna taught Sunday school and Charles kept busy with projects around the church such as building all the black boards that were used as room dividers between the Sunday school classes. Anna taught middle school English in the Springfield School District and Charles worked as an aeronautical engineer at the Naval Yard. Today Anna lives in Cokesbury Village in Hockessin, Delaware.

Chuck Stevens celebrated his 101st birthday on February 26 and Bea Stevens will celebrate her 100th birthday on November 26. Chuck and Bea moved from Detroit to Philadelphia in 1956 and joined the SUMC in the spring of 1957, the same year Janet Hyde joined the church.



We are lucky to have our parents with us for such a long time.
Kay and Charlie Hoover



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Faith and Life Offerings

April 2019

Join us for the Faith and Life offerings in April. We meet from approximately 11:45-12:45, following the fellowship time, in either the Centennial Room or the Parlor.

April 7: As we approach Easter, we leave the Great Courses Old Testament series to better understand how Luke portrays Jesus as the savior of the world. Join us for a lecture presented by New Testament scholar, Professor Bart D. Ehrman, as he elaborates on how Luke puts a stress on Jesus' message of compassion for the poor and the downtrodden.

April 14: Mary Gay Scanlon and Mark Stewart recently participated in the 54th Anniversary Selma Bridge Crossing Commemoration to honor those involved in this historic Voting Rights Movement that resulted in the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Please join us to learn more about this historic event and how it relates to us today.

April 21: Easter: No Faith and Life session.

April 28: There is no Faith and Life session on this date. After morning worship, there will be a brief memorial service and committal of ashes in the memorial garden for Janice Ciampa's mother, Ruth Cederstrom, followed by a buffet luncheon at the Inn at Swarthmore—all are invited.