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Community Church News April 2021

Come Worship With Us

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Listen and Love

Sitting on the steps of a Catholic church in Antingua, Guatemala, I watched a car drive up to the curb. The driver got out of the car and opened all the doors, the trunk, and engine hood. A priest then walked over holding what looked like a small flyswatter. The man nodded and the priest leaned over, and flicked the little flyswatter into and over the car. Then, with the driver standing still and his head bowed reverently, the priest flicked it three times over the man's head. The driver made the sign of the cross from forehead to chest, shoulder to shoulder. The priest turned toward the church and the man closed up his car and drove away.

What was going on? I had never seen anything quite like that. As I sat reviewing the event, I realized that the priest was blessing the car and blessing the man who drove the car. Later, I was told that this is a common expression of faith God's protection. After witnessing the lawless, frantic traffic on the streets of Guatemala, this made sense.

Mezuzah

Nailed to the doorpost of every Orthodox Jewish home is a little container with a small piece of parchment in it. This called a Mezuzah. On one side of the parchment is printed the words of Deuteronomy 6:4-9, or *Shema* as it is reverently known in Hebrew.



4 "Listen, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. 5 And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. 6 And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. 7 Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. 8 Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. 9 Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

The Mezuzah is a reminder to those who come and go through that door to listen and love. It merges command and blessing as faith is lived in the world. It offers a narrative of God and God's people in the world that is passed from generation to generation. It is fixed to the doorpost, but it is lived out in the world.

We need such reminders to listen and love as we live out and pass faith on to future generations. How will we Mezuzah our world?

Steve Slagel, Interim Pastor

If you would like to schedule a conversation, give me a call at 574.536.1461, or email me at steves@designgroupintl.com



APRIL 2021

Birthdays & Anniversaries

1st Jen Beda

Maundy Thursday

2nd Peggi Dry



3rd **Nelson & Ruth VanDeursen**
Mike & Allyson Duwe
 4th Helen Townsend
 Julia Malicki

Easter Sunday



6th Arnie Bolin
 Terry Simeone
 8th Jay Christgau
 Ken Perry
 9th **Peter & Ruth Johnson**
 11th Hannah Loew
 12th Carrie Spencer
 15th Ken Carlson
 16th Gary Buchert
 18th Ron Winter
 20th Joni Vehrs
 28th Paul Kulas
Don & Lois Osborn
 29th **Ty & Becky Prigge**

Dear Friends,
 As our country and our church continue to practice safe gathering for indoor worship we thank those who volunteer as readers, sound system monitors, offer special music, etc. We will continue to request that those in attendance at the service volunteer to serve as ushers & greeters. Thank you again for sharing your time and talent with our congregation.
 Blessings!
 Glen Wildenberg

Check out our website! Good information about all aspects of our church is available 24/7. Watch a worship service when it is convenient for you, find out about weekly services and special events, download newsletters, learn about our history, and much more. Go to <http://commchbj.org>.



April 4th Ellie Orbison
 April 11th Betty Clough
 April 18th Ruth Johnson
 April 25th Bruce Greenhill


Special Music for April
 March 7th – Barb Slagel & Lorine Walters
 March 14th – Jason Boor
 March 21st – Kris Roepke
 March 28th – Sarah Poisson
 Thank you to all who enrich our services by sharing your time, talent and special gifts.
 If you wish to offer “special music”, please contact Gracie (Chirp) Vickerstaff at 715-356-3315 or call the church office to schedule a date.

From the Church Office . . .

COMMUNION

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be observed at the worship service April 4, 2021 as part of our Easter Celebration.

COUNCIL MEETING

Church Council meets Tuesday April 13th at 5:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. Prior to the Council meeting, the Elders meet at 4:30 p.m. Watch the Sunday bulletin for announcements of when other departments or committees meet.

FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is looking for volunteers for Spring/Summer. Interested parties can call Fred Zarembka at 715-892-5894.

APRIL FOOD PANTRY DONATION

The Food Pantry requests special donations from the Community Church this month. **Personal Supplies** items are needed including deodorant, hand cream, feminine hygiene products, Q-tips, toothbrushes and paste, floss, lip protection and mouthwash. Please drop off items at church.

CARING MINISTRIES

Caring Ministries is seeking volunteers to drive those in need to medical appointments. For more information, contact Shelby Tallroth at: shelby.tallroth@gmail.com or 715-605-2665.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

The Maundy Thursday worship service will be at 6:30 pm on April 1. The gathering will be in-person, recorded and will include a service of communion.

EASTER SERVICES

Our Easter Celebration (April 4) will begin with a 6:30 am sunrise service at the Boulder Lake boat landing on Airport Road. We will continue our Easter celebration in worship at 9:30 am in the sanctuary.

Keep these Friends in your Prayers: Vivian Hunt, Marion Swanson, Arnie & Marilyn Bolin, Bill Gabert and Helen Townsend. Their contact information can be found on the Church Bulletin Board or by contacting the Church Office.

Prayer Chain Requests: Shelby Tallroth @ Shelby.tallroth@gmail.com Gracee (Chirp) Vickerstaff @ 715-356-3315

TREASURER'S REPORT

	Income	Expense
February	\$ 12,226.00	\$ 13,411.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$131,481.00	\$134,988.00

A Note from the Stewardship Department

The community Church, like everyone else continues to face extraordinary times. We are continuing to do God's work as He is leading us. We are supporting each other, the community and the ever-changing needs before us to the best of our ability. In addition to these new pressures placed on our Community, the Church's monthly obligations and financial commitments continue. To meet these needs and obligations we need your continued financial support. Offering is accepted during our Sunday services or dropped off at the church office. Weekly or monthly offerings can also be sent to the Church at P.O. Box 14, Boulder Junction, or you can pay online through Paypal at the link on the Church's website. If you have questions please contact our treasurer Bruce Greenhill or call the office. Together, with the help of God, we will continue to be a blessing to our community and each other.

In service, *Wendi Neupert, Stewardship Chair*

Each year the Nominating Committee seeks Church members to fill positions in the various Departments and Committees of the Church Council. This is your opportunity to work with others who are committed to managing the needs and activities of His church. Please take this as an invitation to Pray, seek information and be ready to say "Yes" when asked to use your time and talent to serve. For more information contact Stephanie Miesbauer Nominating Committee Chair, at 715-356-7032



[1 Peter 4:10](#)

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:

CHURCH COUNCIL REPORTS

CCBJ 's Church Council met on March 9.

Pastor Steve led us in a fun game discovering our Scripture passage for study. The Secretary's report was accepted as corrected. The Treasure reports was presented, resulting in some discussion and was approved. The Chair thanked Department and committee members for their continued meeting activity and their commitment to the responsibilities needed to keep the church running so well. Department reports included information of Pastor Steve's continued contract thru August, continued work by many to update the membership list and contact data, notice that the roof replacement should be on schedule for early in the roofing season, update for Maundy Thursday, and Easter Sunrise and Church service plans, and request for Newsletter articles. Resignations were presented and accepted from the Department of Christian Education Department for Leah Lowe, Allyson Duwe, Joni Vehrs, and Jim Stober. New Business included a request for volunteers to create and lead new fund-raising projects for this year, a request for departments and committees to review their members terms of service and report changes and needed additions to the Nominating Committee in preparation for the Annual Meeting. Due to personal life changes the Chairman submitted her resignation effective on this night. Ruth Johnson, Vice Chairman will take over responsibilities of the Council till the Annual Meeting elections.

Respectfully submitted, Maggie Wolf



As of this date, Covid protocols are interrupting our ability to hold our Annual Strawberry Social event for 2021. The Strawberry Social, and its companion Yard Sale event in July, have been major fundraising events that support a variety of church missions such as youth activities, camperships and scholarships for post high school education.

As support of these missions remains an important objective of our church community, we are seeking Big Thinkers and Doers to help develop and participate in New, Covid friendly fund-raising opportunities. One suggestion is an Online Auction but we're sure there are many more possibilities. If this peaks your interest, you have a creative streak or are looking for a way to give back to the community, please contact Sue Fehlandt at 715-892-7714

This just in. Boulder Junction is holding its **Town Wide Yard Sale Memorial weekend** and the Community Church will be participating. So... we are looking for Volunteers and Donations. And Donations and Volunteers. Contact Sue Fehlandt

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Healing Commitments

We desire healing from the pain of conflict and healing in our relationships with each other.

We know this healing involves the work of God's Spirit and the commitment of our thoughts and actions.

Therefore, we commit to...

Recognize times of disagreement and conflict are a part of human relationships and church life. These times can lead to growth and transformation.

Romans 14:1-19; Ephesians 4:15-16

Agree to step away from taking sides and begin to reconnect with "others." This will require that we stop assigning blame to others and realize that we all played a part in the drama. We must learn to listen first and speak last.

Ephesians 2:14-16; Galatians 5:22-26; James 1:19-20

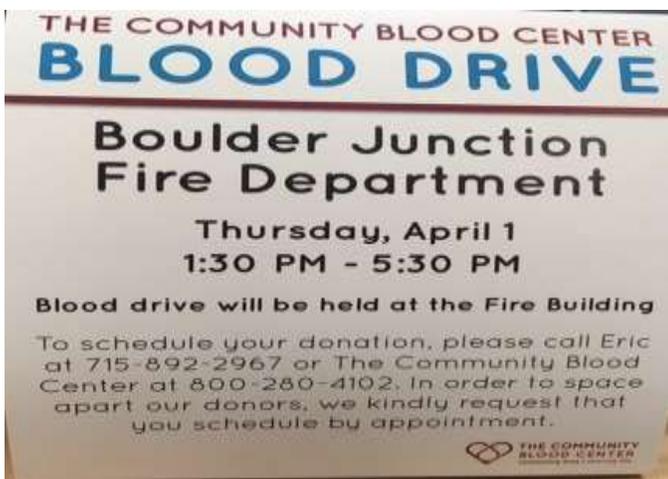
Understand that forgiveness begins with a gift of grace freely given.

Matthew 18:21-35; Colossians 3:13

Seek God's healing presence through prayer and spiritual disciplines.

Philippians 2:1-11; Acts 2:42





The Transition Team would like to thank all those who are currently participating in the Small Group Conversations and want to assure all others that more opportunities to be involved in the future plans of our church are in the works. Step by step our church is moving forward, and we are looking ahead to what God has planned for us. The Transition Team will continue to provide updates and invitations to future opportunities. If you have questions or comments, please contact Pastor Steve, or leave a message at the church office.



History corner continues next month.

THE GIFT OF EASTER

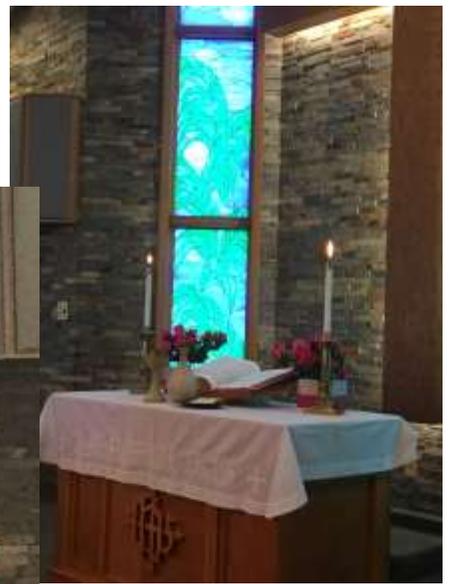
Divine Prodigal, the far country chosen not in rebellion but obedience, the sin not his own. He took no robe, no crown, no coin of the realm, only the Father's confidence and love, His return laden with salvation.

Before the Father he laid his gift,
A lost world now regained.

Because once more You reign in Glory, You deign again to come to earth and live, not within dark womb, but blazing light in the life of those who chose to bear the glory of your presence...
Who choose the gift of Easter.

by Bonnie Pollard





Sharing some images of indoor worship services. It has been so exciting to see many of our church family return to indoor worship as the comfort level of joining together increases. As we wait for expanded capacity allowances, we encourage you to join on Facebook or at the church website as we celebrate weekly God's presence in our church and community.



The Narrative Lectionary

The Worship & Music Committee based upon a recommendation by Pastor Steve is implementing The Narrative Lectionary in place of the Standard Common Lectionary that we are currently using. The following paragraph from its website (www.narrativelectionary.org) provides a basic description of its function. The website has several additional resources including suggested hymns and prayers appropriate for each Sunday.

The Narrative Lectionary is a four-year cycle of readings. On the Sundays from September through May each year the texts follow the sweep of the biblical story, from Creation through the early Christian church. The texts show the breadth and variety of voices within Scripture. They invite people to hear the stories of Abraham and Sarah, Moses and the prophets, Jesus, and Paul. Listening to the many different voices within Scripture enriches preaching and the life of faith. The texts include the major episodes in Scripture. They are arranged in a narrative sequence to help people see Scripture as a story that has coherence and a dynamic movement.

April Lectionary		
EASTER		
April 4th	<i>The Ressurrection / Luke 24.1-12</i>	Pastor Steve
Communion	Psalm 118.17, 21-24; Isaiah 25.6-9; Corinthians 15.1-11 or Acts 10.34-43 Acts 10.34-43	
The Story of the Church		
April 11th	<i>Burning Hearts / Luke 24.13-35</i> Psalm 30; Acts 4.32-35; 1 John 1:1-2:2	Pastor Steve
Apriril 18th	<i>Witness / Acts 6.1-7.2a, 44-60,</i> Psalm 4; Luke 23.33-34a, 46; 1 John 3:1-7	Pastor Steve
April 25th	<i>The Ethiopian & Phillip / Acts 8:26-39</i> Psalm 23; Luke 24.44-47; 1 John 3:16-24	Elders

Editor's Note: Thank you to all who contributed to this Newsletter. A reminder for those who have items to contribute, please have information to me at cbjnewsletter@gmail.com by the 3rd Thursday of the month (or before) so there is time to place everything and distribute prior to the end of each month.

Thank You Wendi Neupert