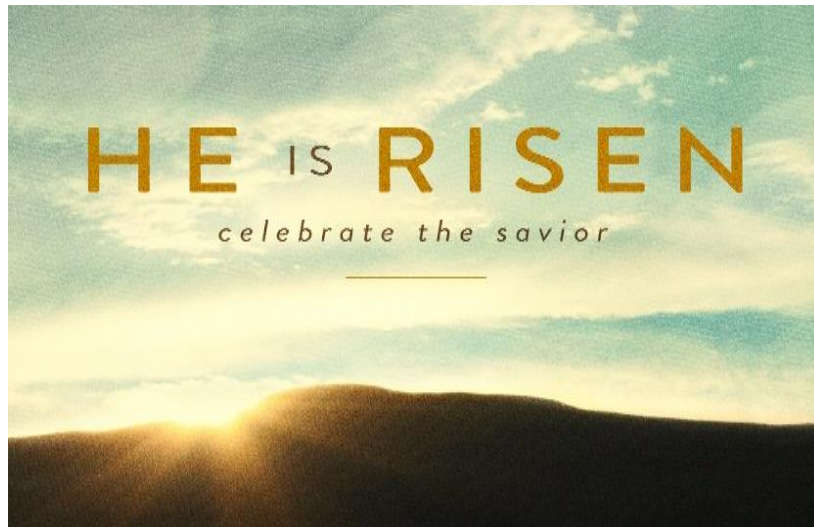


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Community Church News April 2023 Come Worship With Us

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I am truly excited. Are you?



What is the Spirit whispering to you? April represents Easter. It is the season of renewal and restoration.

This is a FULL month ahead and we have much to be grateful for.

As we enter Palm Sunday (the first Sunday in April), let us remember what we are praising God for. Let's allow him to enter our hearts, enter our homes, and enter our church. God is working already in ways we can see and ways we haven't even imagined for us.

Easter was a special time in the early church. Our modern churches do not know this anymore but around 150 AD, Christians generally viewed the process to become a Jesus follower in three stages. The first stage was simple assent to the Faith, accepting Jesus was and is the Savior. The second stage was a probation period to see if the new believer was sincere and willing to accept real change in their life, often with a sponsor to support and mentor them. It was not till the Third stage they were brought in for baptism. The new believer would fast and pray for several days and were baptized Easter morning. This was a chance for the new believer to join in Jesus' passion and be sealed in Christ's resurrection. The Lenten season was originally designed as a shortened path for new converts to follow this process that would result in baptism.

Before, our church has gone through a long Lenten period. A time of heartache and turmoil. But it is a new day. A new season of resurrection and renewal. We look forward to what God will do next. Sometimes His actions do leave us confused, or even scared, but we are safe in His hands alone. We enter this month with an event to Welcome in our own new believers. We also enter this month dedicated to pray and process over a vision that will guide us forward in living out our faith to each other and to the world around us.

Let us join in the celebration of this month together. Though there is still heartache, fear, and confusion that persists, I charge us to seek God even more than we ever have before. For the world around us is desperate for the living God. God asks us to come together as one body in worship, in love, and in hope that God is leading us to abundant life.

Love,
Pastor Nathan

Lectionary Readings for April 2023

April 2nd - Sixth Sunday in Lent (Palm Sunday)

- Psalm 31:9-16
- First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a
- Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11
- Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11

April 6th - Maundy Thursday

- Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
- First Reading: Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14
- Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
- Gospel: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

April 9th - Resurrection of the Lord

- Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
- First Reading: Acts 10:34-43
- Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4
- Gospel: John 20:1-18

April 16th - Second Sunday of Easter

- Psalm 16
- First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22-32
- Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9
- Gospel: John 20:19-31

April 23rd - Third Sunday of Easter

- Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
- First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41
- Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-23
- Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

April 30th - Fourth Sunday of Easter

- Psalm 23
- First Reading: Acts 2:42-47
- Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:19-25
- Gospel: John 10:1-10

Easter Morning Breakfast, 8am Sunday April 9th.

Sign-up is now available in Fellowship hall. We will be celebrating our Risen Lord with an 8:00 am breakfast followed by 9:30 am service. Please consider donating baked goods, fruit, egg bake or your favorite food item. Also looking for a few hands to help set-up/take down. If you have questions, contact the church office.



Worship services in April include:

Palm Sunday service will be on
April 2nd at 9:30am

Maundy Thursday service April 6th, 6:30pm

On Good Friday instead of a formal service
the church will be available for personal
Prayer and Devotion from 12:00 to 3:00pm.

Easter Sunrise Time of Prayer
7:00am at the Boulder Lake Boat Landing.

Easter Breakfast Potluck
8:00am, Fellowship Hall

Easter Sunday Service, with
Communion, will be Celebrated at
9:30am on April 9th.

For God called you to do *good*,
even if it means suffering, just as
Christ suffered for you.
He is your example,
and you must follow
in his **STEPS.**

- 1 Peter 2:21 (NLT)





April 2023

Birthdays & Anniversaries

1 st	Jen Beda
2 nd	<i>Palm Sunday</i>
	Peggi Dry
3 rd	Mike & Allyson Duwe
4 th	Helen Townsend
	Julia Malicki
6 th	Arnie Bolin
	Terry Simeone
8 th	Jay Christgau
	Ken Perry
9 th	<i>Easter Sunday</i>
	Peter & Ruth Johnson
11 th	Hannah Loew
15 th	Ken Carlson
16 th	Gary Buchert
18 th	Ron Winter
28 th	Don & Lois Osborn

NEW!

The Church Wi-Fi Network has been updated. To utilize the Wi-Fi network while at church, please choose "Church Guest" as your option. No password is required.

Spring Blooms brighten lives and offer the Promise of hope. You can share yours in the sanctuary during this Easter season. Drop them off in the fellowship hall on Saturdays or by 9:00 am on Sundays. Please save and share your Easter lilies for Easter Sunday. Pick up your blooms after service. Contact Luella Doss with questions at 262-370-2048.



April 2 nd	Bonnie Spear & Kris Roepke
April 9 th	Deb Halverson & Lee Ann Ondracek
April 16 th	Betty Clough & Diana Dunker
April 23 rd	Dick & Sue Govier
April 30 th	Mary Anderson & Joyce Marquardt

If anyone would like to join the team for ushering and greeting our congregation on Sundays, let me know. Thank you to all who help in any area. Joyce Marquardt (715/385-2720)



April 2 nd	Steve Sherriff
April 9 th	Betty Clough
April 16 th	Caleb Keisler
April 23 rd	Don Meisbauer
April 30 th	Ellie Orbison

Welcome our New **-Reader Coordinator**. Ellie Orbison has agreed to take on this task. Please contact her at 715-892-1240 if interested in participating.

March Special Gifts

<i>April 2nd</i>	<i>Adam Zogata</i>
<i>April 9th</i>	<i>Nathan & Nicole Keisler</i>
<i>April 16th</i>	<i>Steve Sherriff</i>
<i>April 23rd</i>	<i>Mary Congdon</i>
<i>April 30th</i>	<i>Nathan Keisler</i>

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

PLEASE NOTE: The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be observed at the Easter worship service April 9, 2023.

COUNCIL MEETING

Church Council meets Tuesday, April 11th, at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Prior to the Council meeting, Elders Department meets at 4:15 p.m. Watch the Sunday bulletin or check the BIG wall calendar for announcements of when other departments or committees meet.

WEEKLY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you would like to place an announcement in the weekly bulletin, please submit it to the church office by Wednesday afternoon.

FILL IN THE CALANDAR

Laurie requests that Departments, Committees, and others put meeting notices on the large format calendar across from the office. This information is used to inform every one of the happenings in the church.

Community Conversation continues

Sunday April 16
With the Nominations Committee and
Sunday April 30
With Fellowship Committee.

NEW MEMBER EVENT

Sunday April 23, 11:00am to 2:00pm

Potluck/ Sandwich lunch included.

(more information later in newsletter)

Sunday April 30, during Worship Service

Prayers offered for those participating in the
New Member Event.

TREASURER'S REPORT

	Income	Expense
February	\$ 7,879.21	\$ 17,422.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$134,647.69	\$131,988.37

Hello Church family and friends.

As some of you learned during the Community Conversation on March 19, the Stewardship of Finance does more than count the weekly offering and make sure the treasurer is paying the bills. Here are a few of the other projects we are working on in service of the church.

- ☐ Introduction of a new Member Management system including gifts, communication, and congregant record keeping
- ☐ Preparation of a system for identifying specific projects appropriate for the allocation of memorial funds.
- ☐ Working with the Properties Department, documenting and budgeting for both short-term and long-term capital needs for building maintenance, plant, and equipment.

And as mentioned last month, we continue to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to participate in the good works of the church community, in whatever manner works best for you.

In Faithful Service, The Stewardship Department.



Position Available:

The Property Department is seeking a qualified individual for the job of Inside Custodian, to be paid hourly up to 6 hours/ week. For more information, please call Steve Sherriff at (715) 559-0841.

Did You Know???

The weekly service bulletin is emailed to all friends and members of the church each week from the church email account: secretary@commchbj.org. If you are not receiving or finding the email/bulletin in your Inbox, please check your Junk or Spam folder – it more than likely landed there. Grab that email and drag into your Inbox and then you will be set to receive future bulletins in your Inbox. OR –
Contact Laurie at the church office and she will assist you.

CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT

March 14, 2023

The Council meeting was called to order at 5:30pm. Devotions were presented by the Department of Elders. Minutes for the February 14, 2023, meeting was approved. Treasurers Report was presented and approved. Pastors Report: There will be a prayer service at 7:00am on Easter Sunday at the Boulder Lake boat landing followed by Fellowship at Church at 8:00am. On April 23rd there will be a new member event.

Department Reports: Elders: communion will be served on Easter Sunday (the second Sunday of the month). Property Department is seeking bids for the parking lot resurfacing and stripping. Worship and Music: Announced the resignation of Glen Wildenberg and expressed appreciation for all the years of service. New songbooks are completed and in the pews. The Department has decided to donate the choir robes overseas. Personnel presented a revised job description for the Keyboardist and Choir Director. Motion and Approved.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business: none

The next Council meeting is April 11th, 2023, at 5:30 pm.

Editor's Note: Church Council minutes are available on the bulletin board outside the office. Copies are available. Contact the office manager to pick one up or have mailed to you.

The Nominating Committee

is seeking Community Church members to serve in the everyday functioning of our church.

We invite you to pray and consider involvement.

Nominees are especially needed for the following departments:

Department of Missions and

Department of Worship and Music.

If a church member is interested in helping in any capacity, please prayerful consider your participation. There is a sign-up sheet in the church vestibule that lists all department vacancies and nominees to date.

If questions, please contact nominating committee chair Stephanie Miesbauer at 715-499-3823. Nominees will be submitted to church council at the July council meeting. (second Tuesday of the month)



Community Conversations

Join us in April for two episodes in this continuing series designed to provide updates and information about church Departments and Committees.

Sunday April 16th, the Nominations Committee and Sunday April 30th, the Fellowship Committee will share information from 10:45-11:00 in the fellowship hall. Come and learn more about the good works happening in our church.

Mission Moment:

Thank You

*to all who contributed to Samaritans Purse for
Earthquake Relief in Turkey.*

Over \$1700 was given.

What a blessing we can be when we serve Him together.

Getting Ready for FUNdraisers!



JUNQUE FOR JESUS - Memorial Weekend - May 26-28

As spring approaches and you are thinking of clearing out your unused or unwanted items, think about donating those items in **good condition** to the Community Church. Boulder Junction hosts an all-town rummage sale on Memorial Weekend and our church would like to participate with your assistance again this year. Proceeds from the sale support scholarships for our youth. Please contact Sue Fehlandt at 715-892-7714 for donations and to volunteer pre, during, and post sale. There is plenty to do and we will need your help to make our sale a success.

SAVE THE DATE! Tuesday, July 18th

The Community Church will be selling **Strawberry Sundaes** at the Community Center in conjunction with the Lion's Flea Market from **10 am-2 pm**. NOTE: This is not a social, but Sundaes only! We're looking forward to your participation in this church event.



New Member Event April 23

Have you, (or someone you know), been wanting to become a member of CCBJ?

Great news, the Time Is Here!

On April 23, Pastor will be hosting an informative event in the fellowship hall after our regular Sunday schedule. If you are new to the area or are interested in joining our church, you are welcome to attend. Participants will be hearing more about our church, how it functions, service opportunities, expectations for members and any questions put forth. In addition, all members are welcome to attend as well.

Plan to have potluck lunch together – bring your favorite dish and the church will provide sandwiches. We will begin at 11:00 am and conclude by 2:00 pm.

Contact Pastor with questions.

To ensure enough sandwiches are prepared, please sign-up in Fellowship hall if you'll be attending or you can RSVP by calling the church office.

THANK YOU!



**With hearts filled with
Gratitude and Thanks, on March 26th
the church celebrated the service and
retirement of two of our employees.**

Glen Wildenberg is retiring his position as Choir Director effective March 31. His thoughtfulness and work with music and years of service to our church is greatly appreciated and has made a difference in many lives.

Connie Christopherson is retiring her position as Inside Custodian. Her dedication to have the church clean and ready for services each week has been outstanding.

Both have served the Lord and this church well, and we pray their next adventures bring them joy and new blessing in their lives.

Thank you, Glen and Connie.

April 2023

Community Church of Boulder Junction



He is Risen!

He is Risen Indeed!

Hallelujah!!!

Have a Blessed Easter.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:30 am Palm Sunday Service	3 8:00 am Gentle Weight Lifting 9:00 am Personnel 1:30 pm Worship and Music	4	5 8:00 am Gentle Weight Lifting 10:00 am Bible Study 4:30 pm Pastoral Relations	6 8:30 am Healthy Living Group 6:30 pm Maundy Thursday service	7 8:00 am Gentle Weight Lifting Good Friday Prayer Time 12:00-3:00 pm	8
9 7:00 am Sunrise Prayer 8:00 am Breakfast 9:30 am Easter Service w/Communion	10 8:00 am Gentle Weight Lifting	11 3:30 pm Stewardship 4:15 pm Elders 5:30 pm Council	12 8:00 am Gentle Weight Lifting 10:00 am Bible Study	13 8:30 am Healthy Living Group	14 8:00 am Gentle Weight Lifting	15
16 9:30 am Worship 10:45 am Community Conversation – Nominating Committee	17 8:00 am Gentle Weight Lifting	18 1:00 pm Bylaws	19 8:00 am Gentle Weight Lifting 10:00 am Bible Study	20 8:30 am Healthy Living Group	21 8:00 am Gentle Weight Lifting	22
23 9:30 am Worship 11:00 am-2:00 pm New Member Event and Potluck	24 8:00 am Gentle Weight Lifting	25	26 8:00 am Gentle Weight Lifting 10:00 am Bible Study	27 8:30 am Healthy Living Group	28 8:00 am Gentle Weight Lifting	29
30 9:30 am Worship and New Members 10:45 am Community Conversation – Fellowship Committee						

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 ccbnewsletter@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