



Dear Friends,

My Lenten journey this year has been defined by my move to Montclair and my introduction to this faith community. This year, I chose to “give up” watching television for Lent. It has been very interesting to spend more time reading as I am now reading a book a week (this week, I’m reading, *Red Famine, Stalin’s War on Ukraine*, by Anne Applebaum). I’m actually finding that it has been a blessing NOT to allow myself to get caught up on the ongoing conflict in the Ukraine and taking “control” of the amount of time I spend on this ongoing story. A great learning for me is that I am valuing the additional time spent without the noise or the anxiety found on television. It is making me think about the ways I spend my “free” time.

Along with my “entry” into the community, I appreciate the worship experiences on Sunday. I have been participating in the Wednesday Night book study (it is fun to be with people and eat food, too!). There are other activities: the Men’s Saturday Bible Study, Sunday youth group, and meetings that allow me to learn more about how the community seeks to live out its faith commitment. I am really enjoying my time with you.

At the same time, I am both excited and a little nervous about the conclusion of Lent and the activities that will be taking place. I am seeking to be sensitive to how people have worshiped during this important season. Along with being new, I am recognizing in this chapter of COVID, that we are all beginning to determine how we might engage in our faith activities with others.

What I personally value during Holy Week is the opportunity to reflect upon the reality that we can glimpse through the experiences of Jesus and his disciples, the true nature of humanity.

From the hopes and excitement of Palm Sunday, the powerful Passover meal celebrated in an upper room, to an arrest, trial, torture, death in the space of twenty four hours, we again witness the limitations of our plans and agendas.

Richard Rohr shares:

“The cross is the standing statement of what we do to one another and to ourselves. The resurrection is the standing statement of what God does to us in return.”
— Richard Rohr

What will we experience as we celebrate this Easter?

I look forward to celebrating Easter with you. See you in church – in person or online!

Grace and peace,

Pete



Easter Holy Week

This year we will hold all of our Easter Holy Week services on the Central Presbyterian Church campus. Services will be in-person and online. We look forward to worshipping together with you.

Palm Sunday

April 10

10 am Worship - Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday

April 14

7 pm Worship – Grace Hall

Good Friday

April 15

7 pm Worship - Sanctuary

Easter Sunday

April 17

10 am Worship - Sanctuary



(Photo: A vase of flowers atop the April calendar.)

Easter: The Week That Changed the World

“The cross is the banner of what we do to one another and to God. The resurrection is the banner of what God does to us in return.

Easter is the announcement of God’s perfect and final victory.” - Richard Rohr



Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 9, 2022

2 – 4 pm

Our 123Kids/Outreach Committee has outdone themselves planning an amazing Easter egg hunt. Registration has already filled up with 100 children and their families planning to attend. *Please – if you wanted to RSVP and didn't get a chance, email Christina (below) for a "pass".*

Event Fun Includes:

- Egg hunt (ages 0-5, and 6-12)
- Face painters
- Balloon animals
- Bouncy house
- Photo booth
- Coffee/treats

Thank you to the many volunteers supporting this hands-on day of family joy and play!

Contact: Christina Cattell at ccurtiscattell@gmail.com

Faith & Fellowship



YOUTH GROUP

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1st and 3rd Sundays (this month no 2nd date due to Easter Sunday)

April 3rd, 5:30 – 7 pm

All middle and high school youth are welcome.

Program contact: Carolyn Buck – goulderbuck@verizon.net



SUNDAY SCHOOL

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Sundays after Time with Young Disciples (10:15 am)

Kindergarten through fifth graders are invited to a volunteer-led lesson with an activity during the church service. Follow the leader through to the colorful classroom in the Education Building.

Program contact: Carolyn Buck – goulderbuck@verizon.net



Community Movement Project

COMMUNITY MOVEMENT PROJECT

Spring Session 1: March 8th – April 12th (7 classes)

Spring Session 2: April 26th – June 7th, 2022 (7 classes)

Tuesdays, 10-11 am

Pilates/Barre Blend with Erin, in-person.

Suggested Donation: \$140 (\$20/class)

Register and More Info: www.communitymovementproject.org



Men's Bible Study

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Saturdays, April 2nd and 16th at 8 am

Program contact: Contact Scott Osborne at 201-704-2510 or scott.osborne@verizon.net

April Birthdays

- 6 Lon Hoyt
- 7 Cecil Mitchell
- 8 Don Waisanen
Tom White
- 10 Kim O'Hare
- 11 Aubin Ames
- 18 Christina Cattell
- 21 Max Sneden
- 22 Ron Naspo
- 26 Katie Dancy
- 29 Ellie Cattell
- 30 Charlotte Eveleth



The Central Church Steeple is illuminated in April, her birthday month, in loving memory of Mary Wood.

April 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Egg Hunt Prep
3 10:00 AM Worship w/Lord's Supper 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Youth Group 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM AA	4	5 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Community Movement Project 6:00 PM Christian Ed. Committee meeting	6 7:30 PM Personnel Committee meeting	7 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	8	9 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Easter Egg Hunt
10 Palm Sunday 10:00 AM Worship w/Sunday School 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM AA	11	12 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM Database Meeting 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Community Movement Project 7:00 PM Session Meeting	13	14 Maundy Thursday 1:00 PM - 6:30 PM Red Cross Blood Drive 7:00 PM Worship Service	15 Good Friday <i>Office closed</i> 7:00 PM Worship Service	16 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
17 Easter Sunday 10:00 AM Worship w/Sunday School 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM AA	18	19 8:00 PM Worship Committee meeting	20	21	22	23
24 10:00 AM Worship w/Sunday School 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM AA	25	26 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Community Movement Project 7:30 PM Communication Spiritual Outreach	27 7:00 PM Deacons meet	28 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	29	30



Sweet Moment:

On Sunday, March 27th, our congregation presented Marilyn Stone with a hymnal in recognition of her faithful love for our community. The congregation also gifted her a card in honor of the countless people she made feel special over the years by remembering their birthday with a card. She has been a member since 1959. This month she begins a new chapter, moving closer to family out of state.



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