

Christ Church United Church of Christ
200 South White Oak Street
Annville, PA 17003



2020 May Wake Tree



The Wake Tree



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Roller Coaster

According to Wikipedia, A roller coaster is a type of amusement ride that employs a form of elevated railroad track designed with tight turns, steep slopes, and sometimes inversions. People ride along the trail in open cars, and the rides are in amusement parks and theme parks around the world.

I think this explains the entire world. These last few months are challenging our emotions. Honestly, not only those that live with physical and mental illness but all of humanity is experiencing feelings that either we are not familiar with or hidden to remain whole. We, as humans, should not be ashamed of our emotions but honor and experience our feelings. Less Brown quotes, “one should ask for help not because you are weak; however, ask for help because you want to remain healthy.”

Here we are in perhaps another month of social Isolation. May is usually a month that Mothers Day is when the family wants to take mothers out to dinner, and flowers are tokens of love. Then graduation from school is the launching of graduates to taking their rightful place into society.

However, two truths exist out here one is of broken hearts, and the other is burning courage. It is not just the tragedy of what happened that hurts, but the gaping hole of all that could have happened but won't.

Amid a pandemic, our lives are taking on new meanings. We are using different techniques to live and communicate with each other. Our existence is changing with unforeseen twists and turns that can lead to anxiety, displeasure, and actually disillusionment. When our lives contain unanticipated effort, we hope for it all to be well, and when all seems to be well, we yearn that it all will continue for as long as possible. While we as human beings are diverse in countless ways, we all have undergone sudden moments of unpredicted disappointment, and we all have felt the torrential surge of despair. For our new normal is like a roller coaster. Deep within us, we know that this will pass the roller coaster of emotions; however, it will one day end; hopefully, life will make us stronger and more resilient. However, in a fantastic turn of events, perhaps if we are still enough, we will welcome a new way to move an old path. Instead of traveling alone as collaborators, we will embrace the remarkable new life that is awaiting us, and no matter what the conditions, we have nothing to fear and everything to embrace. Yes, we must remain smart in our actions for ourselves, families, and friends.

As we altogether look to the future and admire what it all may bring, we can know the roller coaster ride of emotions because the journey will cease. Importantly we must remember God continues to do the same for us here and now. As collaborators, let us grasp the prophecy of God's abiding presence, believe the comfort and challenge that arrives with it, and, together, may we move onward into a mysterious destiny with enthusiasm that all will undoubtedly be well.



Pastor Tony Fields, Sr.

Christ Church United Church of Christ Consistory Meeting – No April 2020 Meeting

Congregational Care/Hospitality Committee Meeting – Brief meeting on Zoom in April

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

10:00 am each Sunday – Service live streamed on Facebook
12:00 am each Wednesday – Prayer live streamed on Facebook



If anyone you know received their last Wake Tree due to inactivity at CCUCC but would still like to receive the Wake Tree please let secretary know their email address and they will be put back on list to receive it monthly. If they do not have email please provide secretary with mailing address. Thank you!

Have you ever wanted to learn how to make the communion bread?
If you would like a copy of the recipe, please contact Stacey Bernardo the church secretary at ccuccannville@gmail.com or 717-867-1641 We are always happy to have more people willing to bake!"

Subs and Sandwiches: Sub orders are on hold until further notice due to Covid-19 precautions.





Anyone using the church during hours outside office hours need to contact Shirley Wolfe (717-865-2789 or Shirley.wolfe94@yahoo.com) and provide her with the times you need the doors unlocked, as well as the portions of the church to which you need access. This would be for special church functions, meetings, or if you are renting the church for a special event. Thank you.

Congregational Care & Hospitality Committee

Congregational Care Committee hopes all church members, their families, and friends as well as our community are doing well staying in place. As the state comes up with plans for reopening our community in the upcoming months - Please let Stacey the church secretary know if you need any assistance such as: figuring out how to watch the church services on facebook, getting a facebook account, needing help with grocery pickups etc. If you can help out your fellow church members by picking up groceries for them and delivering maintaining social distancing and wearing masks - please let Stacey know - we are putting together a list of folks volunteering to help.

Congregational Care Committee will be having their next meeting via Zoom (on the computer) on **May 4th at 4:30 pm**. If you would like to join this meeting just let the church secretary know and she will send you the link.

MAY CHALLENGE to all church members. Take out your church directory and make calls to 3 church members. Although we are physically distancing it doesn't mean that we have to be socially distancing. It's always good to hear from a fellow church member and know they care.

Ideas of things to do during May while you are at home:

- 1.) Sign up for UCC's weekly seeds at: https://www.ucc.org/weekly_seeds . Each week you get a focus prayer, reading, questions, and reflection thoughts.
- 2.) For kids - Hartman Center is having special weekly events for kids- check out Hartman Center's Facebook page:
 Mondays: 3:30 Time for Young at Heart – Facebook Live (& watch party!)
 4:00 Bible Study – Zoom -
 Wednesday: 6:00 Devotion & Hangout – Zoom
- 3.) Knit hats for others. Christ Church Crafters looking for all knitters to help with knitting or crocheting to make hats/scarves to give out in the fall for folks.
- 4.) Join a book club. For example, check out Oprah's book club online at: <http://www.oprah.com/app/books.html>
- 5.) Let us know other resources that we can share with our church members.

2nd Annual Flea Market for Christ Church in June 2020 is CANCELED. Will try again next year in June 2021.

Fall Rummage Sale still on for October 2020. As we are all staying in place - what better time then to go through closets and drawers to de-clutter. Right now we are going to plan to have the Rummage Sale in October - Congregational Care Committee will post more information as we head into the summer.

Are you in need of a Home Baked Meal? In the coming months, if you need help in the coming months due to an illness or hospitalization, please contact the church secretary who will let the chairs of this group know (Joan Finger and Marsha Asman).



Christ Church Crafters – May meeting cancelled due to Covid-19 precautions.

Is becoming a Christ Church Member one of your goals for 2020? Pastor Tony will be looking to start a new members class in 2020 - please contact him or church secretary with your interest or if you have any questions.



SHOP WITH SCRIP

There is a complete list of participating retailers in the lobby. Get cards for groceries, gas, gifts, and practically anything else you use. To remind you how it works, give Marilyn Meech the card name(s) and the total amount in cash or check (made payable to Christ UCC SCRIP).

You get the card(s) the next Sunday. A percentage (rebate) of every gift card sold is returned to the church. For example, Starbucks offers a 7% rebate; Giant Foods is a 4% rebate. Dozens of retailers are on the list. Thank you - Marilyn Meech Call 760-421-2336 to order your gift-cards. **This is a great way to support the church while you buy your groceries and gas, etc.**

‘Be The Church’ magnetic bumper stickers - \$5.00 each, see Marilyn Meech to get yours, these are magnetic and will not damage your vehicle. Spread the word to “Be the Church”.

Hartman Center

· **SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**

Go to <https://hartmancenter.com/lifelong-learning/> for more information

Although we must practice social distancing remember to reach out to your loved ones, friends, neighbors, church members, colleagues etc. via telephone. Check on those who are housebound who may just like to hear a friendly voice. Check on any needs they may have. Remember to also take care of yourself mentally and physically.

Please let the church office know of any needs you may have at 717-867-1641, if no one is in the office leave a message and we will get back to you.

Stay Safe & Healthy!!

Some take care tips:

1. Smoothie – try a tasty recipe packed with nutritious ingredients to support health & well-being.
2. Make your bed – begin your day with a tidy bed to start things off on a good foot.
3. Fresh air – Always a good idea: get outside, feel some sun, & stretch your muscles.
4. Get dressed – putting on “real clothes” helps put you in a productive mindset
5. Audiobook – kick back and listen in as your favorite authors transport you to a new world



Join us each Sunday morning at 10 am on Facebook for a
live-streamed church service by Pastor Tony

Wednesday nights at 12:00 am on Facebook for Midnight
Prayer





Almighty God:

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Heal us from our opinions, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Jesus Christ, healer of all, firmly hold our hand in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your comfort.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Christ Jesus our Lord, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your calming peace. In Jesus' name. Amen.

By: Rev. Jason Royle

Part of Nora's Message to the Penn Central Conference – March 25, 2020

“Once I was able to validate my feelings as OK, rather than try to dispel them, I was able to do something with them. I made conscious decisions to only look at the news at designated times, not constantly or every time a news alert flashed on my phone. I limited my moments on social media and I sat with my fears and anxieties and invited God to help me hold them rather than assume God would take them away.

One verse that I kept returning to was I John 4:18, “perfect love drives out fear.” As I sat with God and my feelings of fear of anxiety, I began to feel God’s presence with me. God is love. Now I cannot say to you that knowing that love and presence drove out my fear, but it has in fact helped me to hold it and carry it differently.

I am beginning to feel that part of holding fear inside the same space as God’s perfect love is exactly what is driving my desire to DO something. So right now the things I am DOING to show God’s perfect LOVE for me and others include:

- Being at home
- Being isolated and with God
- Being connected through the phone, social media, zoom, etc.
- Being with my feelings

I am praying about ways that I might be called to DO in the coming weeks and days. There is going to be a wave of need the likes of which many of us have never seen before. There is going to be increased food needs, clothing needs, cleaning needs, hygiene needs, and shelter needs, as well as unforeseen needs. This season of being with God and my feelings and connecting with others in new and different ways will have me spiritually prepared to DO the acts of LOVE that share God with others when the time is right and necessity calls on me.

How are you sitting with God’s perfect love right now? How might that sitting prepare you for doing in the tomorrows that will come?”

Shalom,

Nora Foust

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Schedulers

Acolytes - Secretary (Alphabetical order)

Counters – Judi Snyder

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Greeters after worship - Secretary – (Consistory Members)

Lay Readers - Sharon Riganati

Nursery - Gloria Wentling

Ushers & Greeters - Sharon Riganati

Wake Tree Folding /Mailing Team: Russ and Pat Chadwick

CHRIST CHURCH LONG TERM CARE “AT HOME”

- Ruth Smith – 1246 E Derry Rd. Hershey, PA 17033 - 717-298-1827**
- Kathryn Shifflett – 122 Black Oak Road, Lebanon, PA 17046 - 717-865-0976**
- Catherine Smith – 1742 E. Caracas Ave., Hershey, PA 17033 - 717-533-5677**
- Brenda Gallagher – 1517 N. 7th Street, Lebanon, PA 17046 - 717-273-0244**
- Betty Heisey – 785 Bachman Road, Annville, PA 17003 – 717-867-4977**

CHRIST CHURCH LONG TERM CARE LIST – SENIOR HOUSING

LEBANON VALLEY HOME – 550 E MAIN STREET, ANNVILLE, PA 17003 –867-4467

Grace Bachman
Phoebe Fernsler

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Nancy Blouch – Room 323

NEW HORIZONS

Currently on Hold

BIRD HOUSE NEWS

The “**Bird House News**” will feature news within CCUCC’s church family, much like the ‘Church Mouse’ article of times past. The difference between the two will be that one person wrote the ‘Church Mouse’ and the “Bird House News” will be written and submitted to the Wake Tree editor, as individuals would like to share news. Please place your news article in the Wake Tree editor’s mail slot or place in the plastic window holder outside the office. Please title your article and identify yourself as the writer. Looking forward to some good “**Bird House News**” - *Judy Barchet*



Many of you already know that I planned a Birthday Celebration for May 17th. You were all going to be invited. Now, all I can say is I’m sorry. The celebration is cancelled due to the health situation. – Dolores Wolfe

I wish to say a “Hearty Thank You” for all that is being done to keep us united through this difficult time. The Church services, telephone calls, cards and people offering help. Special thanks to Pastor Tony, Stacey, Kevin, Jodi and all others who have been helping.

- Dolores Wolfe



To all who donated items and monetary gifts to the blessing box!!! Your generosity is overwhelming. We continue to be able to bless those in need thanks to generous folks in our congregation and community!



Donna & Edgar Fernsler May 23rd – Happy 50th!!!
Pastor Tony & Jodie Fields – May 31st



May

- 4 Catherine Smith**
- 4 Steve Miller**
- 5 Doug Snyder**
- 6 Thomas Wolf**
- 9 Jan Deitz**
- 9 Phil Feather**
- 9 Joanne Kreider**
- 10 Steve Creamer**
- 17 Ruthann Calabrese**
- 17 Delaney Moyer**
- 22 Dolores Wolfe**
- 30 Judy Feather**
- 31 Carl Wenzler**

May 2020 Music Ministry Updates

Upcoming Ensemble Rehearsals

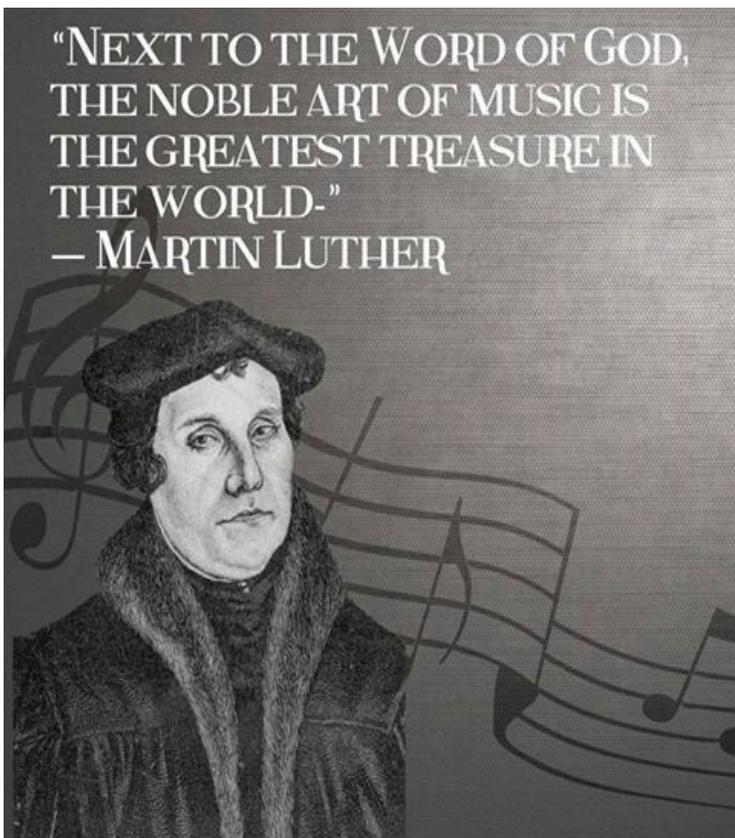
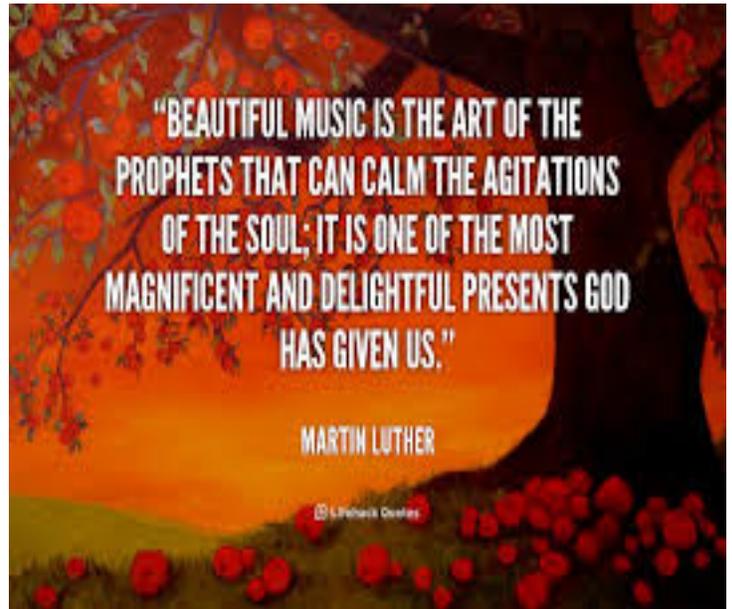
As of the writing of the Wake Tree our Wednesday evening ensemble rehearsals are on hold. As soon as we get the all clear, I will reach out to ensemble members with a plan for moving forward. Thank you for being patient during this unprecedented time!

Jazz Worship Service with Third Stream

As you know, we postponed our jazz worship service in April. Tom Strohmman and the Third Stream Jazz Quartet agreed to reschedule the worship service. We hope they can join us in the Spring of 2021.

Spring Cantata

Our Spring cantata- *Redeeming Love* that was scheduled for Sunday, May 17 at 10:00 am at St. John's UCC Fredericksburg has been postponed. Louise Walmer, the Director of Music at St. John's and I agreed that this was for the best. We will be trying to reschedule this worship service for next Fall.



Summer Music Schedule

Jodi Loose and I have been working together to provide special music for each of our online worship services. We will continue to do that as long as we are live streaming our services. If you are willing to share an anthem, and are able to record it at your home, please reach out to Kevin or Jodi as soon as possible. We would love to include your music selection in one of the upcoming online worship services.

Summer Music Schedule

Regardless of the statewide shelter in place order, we will continue to plan anthems and music for our summer services. If you are willing to share your talents with Christ Church this summer, please let Kevin know as soon as possible. This may, or may not include recording your anthem at home. Time will tell.

Contact Kevin at pakevinb606@gmail.com or (717) 813-3515.



May 2020

May 3, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Act 2:42-47

Psalm 23

1 Peter 2:19-25

John 10:1-10

“Powerful Witness”

May 10, 2020

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60

Psalm 31:1-5,15-16

1 Peter 2:2-10

John 14:1-14

“Enduring Witness”

May 17, 2020

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 17:22-31

Psalm 66:8-20

1 Peter 3:13-22

John 14:15-21

“Witness of Love”

May 24, 2020

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:6-14

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

John 17:1-11

“Spirit of Witness”

May 31, 2020

Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-21

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

John 20:19-23

live-streamed on Facebook Sunday’s at 10:00 am until further notice

Remembering the following people in prayer.

Please help us keep our list current. Prayer

Requests: Jackson Solomon; Benjamin Graybill; Sharon Herrald; Zach Swartz; Sally Kline; Doris Horn; Brian & Eryn Graybill; Pray for ALL regarding Covid-19



including essential personnel who must be at work; Priscilla; Larry; Mary; Emma; Colton Reigle; Jack Uibel; Cliff Good; Phoebe Fernsler; Hannah Beck; All serving in Military & their families; Adrian Haak; Brenda Gallagher; Roy Kreider; Doris B; Judy Barchet; Beverly Copenhaver; Rich Bradford; Beth McCormack; Debbie Smith; Eddie Calabrese; Jennifer Merwine; Jim Engle, Sr; Mark Bucher; James Kruza; Beverly Asroff; Michael Fernsler; Zubeyda Rivera; Missy Royer; Sue Calabrese; Good Samaritan Hospital; Hershey Medical Center; Beth Lesniak; Barbara Reedy Parker; Mary Fields; Mary Graybill; Ross Morgan; Marilyn; Lucinda Royer; Terry Oxenreider; Lee Keaton; Scott Clements **Long Term Requests:** John Segneri; Ed McEvoy; Kathy Spicer; Pat Chadwick; Doris Horn; Joan Bernardo; Grace Bachman; Denise Snyder

*****PLEASE HELP US KEEP PRAYER LIST UP-TO-DATE. LET SECRETARY KNOW OF ANY ADDITIONS OR ANYONE WHO SHOULD BE REMOVED*****

CHECK OUT THE NEW WEBSITE AT WWW.CCUC.CC

