

# **April 2019 Locust Run/Thompsontown UMC Newsletter**

## **PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH**

As I am preparing for the last Sunday in March's sermon, my mind has been on the difference between positions and postures. In life, what our position is on most things does not matter. What is the best food? What is the best sport? What political party should I support? We can take different positions on all these issues. It will not impact our relationships if we have the right posture.

Our posture is crucial. Are we welcoming? Are we loving? Are we seeking God's will for our lives and the church? Do we approach the world with loving arms or are they crossed? Are we looking outward toward the folks not attending church, or are our eyes turned inward?

Easter is a great time of year to look outward. Many people who do not attend church regularly have fond memories of Easters past. With our larger culture focused on Easter, others consider coming to church. They want to know what this Easter thing is all about. Christians who infrequently attend church are more likely to attend. My invitation to us is to adopt a posture of loving hospitality. Who can we invite? How can we welcome visitors well? The Good News of Easter is too good to keep to ourselves. – *Pastor Andrew*

## **PASTORAL COVERAGE**

Pastor Andrew will be on vacation April 22-28. Pastor Denise Haskins will be covering pastoral emergencies. She can be contacted at [dhaskins@susumc.org](mailto:dhaskins@susumc.org) or 717-480-7393.

## **NEWSLETTER DELIVERY INFO**

The TT-LR Newsletter can be sent to you in several ways – by e-mail and U.S. mail. If you'd like to get your newsletter by e-mail, please send an e-mail to the JAGM office ([jagmin@embarqmail.com](mailto:jagmin@embarqmail.com)) and you'll be added to the e-mail list. If you'd like a copy mailed to you or would like a large-print version, contact the JAGM office by phone 717-436-2624 and verify your address. You can also pick one up at either church near the bulletins.

– *Nancy Walters, JAGM Administrative Assistant*

## **TT CONGREGATION**

We are continually collecting items for the Juniata County Food Pantry and soda tabs to help the elementary school and the Ronald McDonald House. Any questions? See me. – *Connie Eaton*

## **LR CONGREGATION – TWO REMINDERS**

There is a basket in the vestibule to collect Box Tops for Education for Juniata Mennonite School. Don't forget to get your Weis/Giant grocery cards. How? Check out the Sunday morning slides.

## **PENNIES FOR PIPP**

**TT Congregation: The Pennies for Pipp** collection for March was \$33.93! Thank you for your continued support of this missions. -- *Connie*

## **LENTEN STUDY ON ATONEMENT**

Deacon Megan and Pastor Andrew are leading a Lenten study on atonement examining key questions surrounding different theories of atonement: Why did Christ live and die? What or who does Christ save us from? Tuesday night sessions are at Locust Run at 7:00pm. Thursday morning sessions are at Thompsontown at 10:00am. The study will started on Thursday, March 7, and ends on Tuesday, April 16. All are welcome! The schedule is below.

Session 1 – March 7 & 12

Session 4 – March 28 & April 2

Session 2 – March 14 & 19

Session 5 – April 4 & 9

Session 3 – March 21 & 26

Session 6 – April 11 & 16

## **WALK THRU THE BIBLE**

Pastor Denise Haskins (Aldersgate UMC, Mifflintown) will be hosting a "Walk Thru the Bible" event at Thompsontown UMC on Saturday, May 4 (9:00am-Noon). The event will help participants learn to read the Old Testament better. The cost for the event will be eight dollars per person for the workbook. Please see Pastor Andrew if you are interested.

## **PASTOR PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE/TRUSTEES TRAINING**

The assisting elders of the State college District will be leading Pastor Parish Relations Committee training and Trustees training on Monday, May 20, at Port Royal UMC. The training will start at 7:00pm. All members of the trustees and the PPRC are encouraged to attend. Please see Pastor Andrew if you are interested.

## **SODA TABS & "SHINY" MAGAZINES**

TT & LR are collecting soda tabs and "shiny" magazines for Ronald McDonald House. (They recycle these items.) Both churches have a box for the magazines. We have used many services that the RMH provides both in the Children's Hospital and at the House itself. The Ronald McDonald House in Hershey is the only one in the state that provides housing/lodging FREE of charge to families and patients of the Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital.

They also provide a hot, home-cooked meal every day for families and twice a day on the weekends for families and patients as well. We go to RMH monthly and would be happy to take any that we collect.

### **JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY APRIL UPDATE**

In February 2019, the Food Pantry served 336 families – 879 of your neighbors! A big thank you to Matamoras UMC for volunteering on Saturdays in February. Join our family! We are always looking for a few good volunteers!

If you could help by donating the items below, we would be very grateful.

Food Pantry needs for April are: all non-perishable foods, shampoo, deodorant; cleaning supplies, laundry detergent, dish soap, and all-purpose household cleaners.

DONATIONS OF CASH AND GIFT CARDS ARE ALSO APPRECIATED!

**PO Box 44, 114 N. Main St, Mifflintown, 17059/Phone # 717-436-9718/Hours: Tues 9-12 & 1-5, Sat 9-12**

\*Our vestibule is open to receive non-perishable donations any hour, any day, but please deliver perishable foods when we are open. Cash or gift card donations may be deposited through the mail slot inside the vestibule. Thank you!

Visit our Website: [www.jfoodpantry.com](http://www.jfoodpantry.com) Like us on Face Book!

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# LR-TT U.M. Churches April 2019 Newsletter Calendar

Website: <http://juniataministry.org>

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>KEY</b> LR means Locust Run UMC TT means Thompsontown UMC	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>
		6:30-7:30pm, Sr. Hi Xtreme Club (gr. 9-12), TT Youth Ctr 7:00pm, Lenten B.S., LR	6:30 TT Choir Practice	10:00am Lenten Bible Study, TT 6:00-7:00pm, Jr. Hi Flipside (gr. 6-8) TT Youth Ctr. 6:15pm, TT Mission Mtg	7:30-8:30am, Breakfast Club (gr. 7-12), Bread of Life, McAlister.)	
<i>7</i> <b>5th Sunday In Lent</b>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>
7:30am, Men's Prayer Meeting, TT Office Communion 7:00pm Community Lenten Serv., East Salem UMC		6:30-7:30pm, Sr. Hi Xtreme Club (gr. 9-12), TT Youth Ctr 7:00pm, Lenten B.S., LR	6:30 TT Choir Practice	10:00am Lenten Bible Study, TT 6:00-7:00pm, Jr. Hi Flipside (gr. 6-8) TT Youth Ctr. 6:15pm, TT Mission Mtg	7:30-8:30am, Breakfast Club (gr. 7-12), Bread of Life, McAlister.)	
<i>14</i> <b>Palm Sunday</b>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>
7:30am, Men's Prayer Meeting, TT Office Youth Fund, LR 7:00pm Community Lenten Serv., Browns UMC		6:30-7:30pm, Sr. Hi Xtreme Club (gr. 9-12), TT Youth Ctr 7:00pm Lenten Bible Study, LR	6:30 TT Choir Practice	<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> 6:00-7:00pm, Jr. Hi Flipside (gr. 6-8) TT Youth Ctr. 7:00pm Maunday Thu. Serv., TT.	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> 7:30-8:30am, Breakfast Club (gr. 7-12), Bread of Life, McAlister. 2:00-4:30pm Good Fri. Day Camp, LR 7:00pm Good Fri. Service, LR	
<i>21</i> <b>Easter</b>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>
6:30am Easter Sunrise Service, TT Youth Ctr 7:30am, Easter Breakfast, TT Pennies for Pipp, TT		6:30-7:30pm, Sr. Hi Xtreme Club (gr. 9-12), TT Youth Ctr	Trip to Sight & Sound 6:30 TT Choir Practice	6:00-7:00pm, Jr. Hi Flipside (gr. 6-8) TT Youth Ctr.	<b>ARBOR DAY</b> 7:30-8:30am, Breakfast Club (gr. 7-12), Bread of Life, McAlister.	
<i>28</i> <b>2nd Sunday of Easter</b>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>				
7:30am, Men's Prayer Meeting, TT Office Building Fund, LR		6:30-7:30pm, Sr. Hi Xtreme Club (gr. 9-12), TT Youth Ctr				

WORSHIP TIMES		
Church	Worship	S.S.
T-town	9:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Loc. Run	10:30 a.m.	9:15 a.m.

*For more info about youth events, contact me.  
-- Danny Reed (Cell phone: 645-4437)*

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