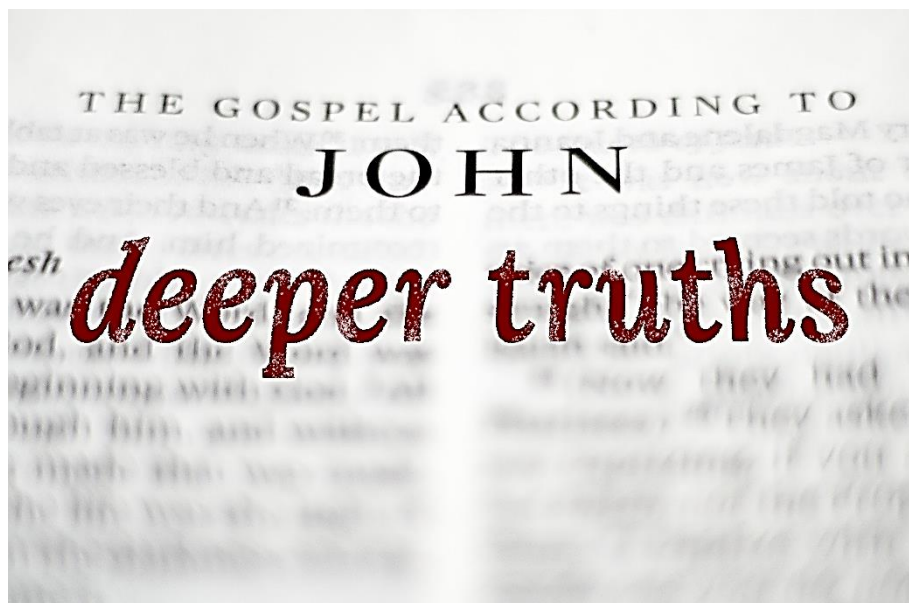




Love and Serve Through Christ



March 19th, 2017

Third Sunday in Lent

* Worship @ 9:15 a.m. (*contemporary praise, lower level*)
10:30 a.m. (*blended traditional, sanctuary*)

Greetings to all who worship with us today!

Children are welcome in all of our services.

Preschool – 3rd grade: dismissed at noted times to worship childcare.

Children ages 4 & under: may be dropped off for childcare or nursery before the service.

THIS WEEK AT **WAYNE** CHURCH | A United Methodist Community

TODAY (March 19)

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| Cherub Choir rehearsal (Upper Room) | 9:00 a.m. |
| The Final Days of Jesus class (Parlor) | 9:15 a.m. |
| Children's Sunday School classes (Education Wing) | 9:15 a.m. |
| THE GATHERING PLACE service (lower level) | 9:15 a.m. |
| Chancel Chorale mini-rehearsal (Sanctuary) | 9:45 a.m. |
| WORSHIP Service (Sanctuary) | 10:30 a.m. |
| Christ Church Anglican Service (Sanctuary) | 4:00 p.m. |
| Senior High Youth Group (Youth Room) | 7:00 p.m. |

MONDAY (March 20)

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| RHSSF Meeting (Parlor) | 7:00 p.m. |
| Ladies' Evening Bible Study (@ Kimm's!) | 7:00 p.m. |

TUESDAY (March 21)

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| Ladies' Morning Bible Study (Conference Room) | 10:15 a.m. |
| Disciple One Class (Parlor) | 7:00 p.m. |
| Into the Word, Into the World – Gospel of Luke (Conference Rm) | 7:00 p.m. |

WEDNESDAY (March 22)

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| Food Pantry Distribution Hours (Office Lobby) | 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. |
| Paul's Letters & the Book of Acts study (Art Room) | 9:15 a.m. |
| Lenten Dinner & Study (lower level) | dinner @ 6:00 p.m. study @ 6:30 p.m. |

THURSDAY (March 23)

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| Food Pantry Distribution Hours (Office Lobby) | 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. |
| Wesley Choir rehearsal (Choir Room) | 5:00 p.m. |
| Praise Bells rehearsal (Sanctuary) | 7:00 p.m. |
| Chancel Chorale rehearsal (Choir & Upper Room) | 8:00 p.m. |

NEXT SUNDAY (March 26)

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| Cherub Choir rehearsal (Upper Room) | 9:00 a.m. |
| The Final Days of Jesus class (Parlor) | 9:15 a.m. |
| Children's Sunday School classes (Education Wing) | 9:15 a.m. |
| THE GATHERING PLACE service (lower level) | 9:15 a.m. |
| Chancel Chorale mini-rehearsal (Sanctuary) | 9:45 a.m. |
| WORSHIP Service (Sanctuary) | 10:30 a.m. |
| *DROP-OFF FOR RUMMAGE BEGINS! (lower level) | 12:00 p.m. |
| *Youth Trip to SkyZone! | 12:00 p.m. |
| Christ Church Anglican Service (Sanctuary) | 4:00 p.m. |

** Denotes a special event - OR- a change of date, time, location, or other alteration.*

WAYNECHURCH | A UNITED METHODIST COMMUNITY

SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2017

10:30 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome & Announcements

Covenant of Friendship

Introit

"Draw the Circle Wide"
(by Mark Miller)

York County
Junior Honors Choir

* The Call to Worship

Leader: We gather to worship the One who crafted creation out of chaos,

People: our cries of joy join the anthems of the universe.

Leader: We gather to lift our praise to the God who gives us voice,

People: we bring the songs which have echoed in our hearts all week long.

Leader: We gather as the children of God, our joy unbroken in God's love.

People: young and old, tone deaf and perfect-pitched, lift the new, new songs of faith.

* Hymn # 160

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Worship through Music

"Psalm 8"
(by Dan Forrest)

York County
Junior Honors Choir

"Why We Sing"
(by Greg Gilpin)

Gnothi Safton
(by Jim Papoulis)

Congregational Prayer: (*unison*) We thank you, most loving God, for the opportunity offered by this time in your house of love created by the Crucified One. Do not allow us to be like spectators, but draw us into

the soul of the music, prayers, psalms and Bible readings, and let us be ready to hear within yet beyond the sermon that Living Word which passes all human sentences as the sunrise surpasses a candle. Through Jesus Christ, your crucified son, Amen.

Scripture Reading

JOHN 2:1-11
(Pew Bible, p. 1649)

Message "MORE THAN A MIRACLE" Pastor Tom Ebersole

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer: (*unison*) Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Giving Our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory "Will the Circle Be Unbroken" York County
(by David Moore) Junior Honors Choir

"I Was Here"
(by Brice Williams)

Blessing & Dismissal

* Benediction "Benedictus" York County
(by Andrea Klouse) Junior Honors Choir

* Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

All are invited to stay after worship for refreshments & conversation!

*Altar flowers are given by Ruben Gaspar
in loving memory of Rev. Charlene Gaspar.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Janet Allen & family; Greg Anderson; Nick Breslin; Suzi Brinkman; Kathy Brooks; Emily Brown; Ed Carney; Jim Coyle; Noni Cui; Cayla Digiovanni & family; Norma DiVito; Janis Downs; Ann Emmons; the Friel family; Julia Glanzmann; Florence Grafton; Nancy & Ed Hagelgans; Larry Henry; Linda & Jerry Hogan; Diane Hurst; Ethel Johnson; Hannah Joy; Svetlana Khaltueva; Sarah Kirch; John Lynch; Christian Marshall; Dr. Henry Mayer; Susan Wildemore Meyer; Sarah Miller; Wan Ping Ng; Nicole Obenski; Norm Oberholtzer; Tanya Khaltueva O'Connor; the Oelkers family; Louis Sciotto; Alex Scott; Danielle Sholes; Rich Slawter; Sally Smith; Cara Sparks; the Stahlman family; Rob Staurowsky; Gale Terrio; Tracey Layden Traub; Randi Trent; George Warner; Ben Varges; John Yenca; and Brenda Ziglar.



Central District Monthly Prayer Scriptures

MARCH 2017

“But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.”

- LUKE 6:27-28

W O R S H I P

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN: DEEPER TRUTHS | A Lenten Sermon Series
“In the beginning was the Word...” The Gospel of John is a life-giving pool, shallow enough for a child to wade, yet so deep that even the best swimmers are challenged. The enigmatic nature of John uses rich symbolism and profound ironies that keep us digging for deeper truths relevant to our lives today. Join us for a life-changing Lenten sermon series that will renew our spirits and help us understand who Jesus really is.

March 5 | *They Will Know You by Your Love*

March 12 | *Light & Life*

TODAY | *More Than a Miracle*

March 26 | *“I AM”*

April 2 | *The Urgent Message of Jesus*

PALM SUNDAY | *Arrested, Tried, Crucified*

EASTER | *There is Always HOPE!*

April 30 | *You are the Rock!*

SERMON NOTES:

- In the Gospel of John, Jesus sounds different than he does in the synoptic Gospels. What is the difference? What does it mean to read John's Gospel allegorically?

- In John's Gospel, miracles are called "signs." What do signs do?

- Turning water into wine is Jesus' first miraculous sign in the Gospel of John. What is the significance of the following:
 - a) The third day?

 - b) Mary says, "Do whatever he tells you."?

 - c) A wedding banquet:

 - d) Wine? The wine runs out?

 - e) 6 stone water jars? Filled them to the brim? 20 to 30 gallons each?

 - f) The best wine is served last?

- Answer these 3 questions:
 - a) What does this passage tell me about Jesus?

 - b) How does Jesus bring "Life" to me?

 - c) What response is required of me?

W O R S H I P

HOLY WEEK @ WAYNE CHURCH!

April 9 PALM SUNDAY

9:15 AM | WORSHIP (contemporary praise, lower level)

10:30 AM | WORSHIP (blended traditional, Sanctuary)

April 13 MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:00 PM | Communion Service (Sanctuary)

April 14 GOOD FRIDAY

11:45 AM | Convene at Wayne Church to process to Wayne Presbyterian

12:00 PM | COMMUNITY SERVICE at Wayne Presbyterian

7:00 PM | Christ Church Anglican Good Friday service

April 15 HOLY SATURDAY

8:00 PM | Christ Church Anglican, Easter Vigil service

April 16 EASTER SUNDAY

Time TBA | Sunrise Service @ Valley Forge Park.*

* *Easter Sunrise is a combined service with 5 local Methodist churches.*

We will gather at the Muhlenburg Brigade, stop #2 on the Valley Forge Park Tour, just south of the Visitor Center.

9:15 AM | Easter Potluck Breakfast (lower level)

9:15 AM | WORSHIP (contemporary praise, Sanctuary)

10:30 AM | WORSHIP (blended traditional, Sanctuary)

4:00 PM | WORSHIP & Potluck Supper (Christ Church, Sanctuary)

NURTURE

CONTEND FOR THE FAITH: LESSONS FROM JUDE

Lenten Dinner & Study | Wednesday nights; March 8-April 12

dinner @ 6:00PM; study @ 6:30PM | Bring your favorite dish to share!

Childcare available for infants through 4th grade! (lower level)

(A community study with Berwyn, St. Matthew's, and Wayne UMCs; & First Baptist Church.) *Jude picked up his pen, dipped it into the inkwell, and began writing. "Beloved, while eagerly preparing to write to you about the salvation we share, I find it necessary to write and appeal to you to contend for the faith..." What's going on? Why has Jude shifted topics in his letter to these early Christians? Deep anxiety has prompted Jude to write this letter—a letter that surely he never wanted to be necessary to write! Jude has learned that this first century church is at great risk; the authority of Jesus Christ has been compromised and sinful behavior is being shamelessly practiced! Jude's thunderous letter—full of harsh warnings about church dividers, but also unmistakable counseling and encouragement for these early believers, and for us!—merits our reading and study today.*

QUESTIONS? Email learnmore@wayneumc.org

THE FINAL DAYS OF JESUS: *The most important week of the most important person who ever lived.* | Sundays, March 12-April 9 @ 9:15AM in the Parlor | Led by Scott Wilson

During our five weeks together, we will cover the last days of Jesus' physical life. This final week is a week of extraordinary importance. With its climax on Good Friday and Easter, it is a "Holy Week," the most sacred time of the Christian year. The gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John will be our guide as we walk through the events, parables, people, and places. We will map out the events of each day as Jesus fulfills his destiny. Our four weeks together will culminate on Palm Sunday, the start of Holy Week. Hopefully, this study will help everyone review, remember, and pray about the events of each day leading up to Easter Sunday.

March 12 | *What do we remember of this Holy week? What happened on the first Sunday?*

TODAY | *Monday and Tuesday Happenings*

March 26 | *Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday Events*

April 2 | *Friday and Saturday – The long weekend begins...*

April 9 | *Palm Sunday - Sunday and later appearances – The end or the beginning?*

QUESTIONS? Email Scott Wilson – SWilson19087@yahoo.com

NURTURE

SPRING 2017 CLASS ON THE GOSPEL OF LUKE | Tuesdays @ 7PM

The interpretative pages in the manual, *Into the Word*, are very important for getting an overview of the Gospel of Luke--the historical background, the themes and sub themes, and the definitions of some key words. Read it with anticipation that God will speak to you through these two books. Look for both joys and sorrows, both successes and challenges. Pay attention to the images of Jesus interacting with people in Luke. Dates: March 21, 28; April 18, 25; May 2, 9, 16 & 23 (Conference Rm) We are going to use the original Disciple II material entitled "Into the Word, Into the World." INTERESTED? Contact Galen Black - revgblack@aol.com or (440)318-4505.

EASTER EGG HUNT! Saturday, April 8 @ 10AM-11:15AM

Don't miss our annual non-competitive Easter Egg hunt! Help needed at 9:30AM for hiding the eggs. For kids ages 2 years through 5th grade! QUESTIONS OR WILLING TO HELP? Contact Janet - jnfteach@aol.com

WOMEN'S BOOK DISCUSSION | Monday, April 10 @ 7PM

The Book Thief by Markus Zusak | On Monday, April 10 at 7PM we will have our next book discussion on *The Book Thief*. It will be at the home of Jenny Wannenburg: 313 Oak Terrace, St. Davids, PA 19087. Bring a snack to share if you can. If you plan on coming it would be helpful to let Jenny know: jennyp1014@gmail.com

EASTER BREAKFAST! Sunday, April 16 @ 9:15AM (lower level)

Come to our annual potluck Easter breakfast on the lower level @ 9:15AM!

Here are some ideas about what to bring:

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| Doughnuts | Artisan Bread & Cheese | Orange Juice |
| Bagels & cream cheese | Hard boiled Easter eggs | Breakfast Casseroles |
| Coffee cakes | Fruit salad | |

Also, please plan to come a little early if you are available/willing to help with set-up beforehand.

NURTURE

SENIOR LUNCHEON | Thursday, April 27 @ 12:00PM (Art Room)
Save the date for our next senior luncheon on Thursday, April 27! All are welcome, both senior and not so senior at all! Suggested donation of \$10. You must RSVP to the church office by the Tuesday before the luncheon so that we may place our catering order accordingly!
RSVP to Laura - L.santamaria@wayneumc.org or (610)688-5650.

YOUTH GROUP EVENTS!

- Senior High Youth Group – *TONIGHT @ 7PM
 - Youth Trip to SkyZone! – Next Sunday, March 26 @ Noon-3PM
 - MSYG Mission Project – Friday, March 31 @ 6PM
 - MSYG Mission Project – Friday, April 7 @ 6PM
 - Senior High Youth Group – Sunday, April 9 @ 7PM
- QUESTIONS or RSVP? Email Matt – m.schweitzer@wayneumc.org
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WORSHIP CHILDCARE SCHEDULE ADULT VOLUNTEERS

| Date | Nursery | Preschool | K-3 rd |
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| 3/19 | Julia Fisher | Kimm Ebersole | - |
| 3/26 | Julia Fisher | Emily Quinones | Lara Tatman |
| 4/2 | Agnes Fischer | Denise Carmichael | Grace Hillers |

WORSHIP CHILDCARE SCHEDULE YOUTH VOLUNTEERS

| Date | Nursery | Preschool |
|------|----------------|---------------|
| 3/19 | A. Glanzmann | A. Glanzmann |
| 3/26 | Madison Seeley | Maly Lindgren |
| 4/2 | Maddy Tickner | Temmi Kallick |

SAVE THE DATES FOR OUR WOMEN'S RETREAT! October 21-22
Attention women of Wayne Church! Want to enjoy a weekend of fellowship, renewal, and spiritual nurturing? Get out your 2017 calendar & save these dates: Saturday, October 21 through Sunday, October 22. This is the weekend reserved for our annual Women's Retreat and you do not want to miss this well-loved event! Keep an eye out for further details!

NURTURE

JOIN ONE OF OUR ONGOING BIBLE STUDIES!

- Ladies' Tuesday Morning Bible Study – Tuesdays @ 9:15AM, Conference Room. Currently studying *The Will of God* by Leslie Weatherhead. Contact Janet French – JNFteach@aol.com
 - Ladies' Evening Bible Study – 1st Monday and 3rd Wednesday of the month @ 7:00PM, Currently studying the book of Mark! If you are interested in hosting or being added to the email list, contact Kimm Ebersole – ebersolekimm@gmail.com
 - Disciple One – Tuesdays @ 7:00PM, Parlor. A comprehensive look at the whole Bible and its application to our lives! Contact Mark Evangelista – mark.evangelista@hotmail.com
 - Into the Word, Into the World – the Gospel of Luke – Tuesdays @ 7:00PM, Conference Room. Contact Galen Black – revgblack@aol.com
 - Paul's Letters & the Book of Acts – Wednesdays @ 9:15AM, Art Room. Contact Katie – katesend@aol.com
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HOSPITALITY GREETERS & FELLOWSHIP HOUR

| Date | Families/Individuals |
|------|------------------------------|
| 3/19 | Bruno; Petty; Puglisi |
| 3/26 | Dressel/Zeh; Hillers; Wesley |
| 4/2 | Bell; Fisher; Hooper |

HOSPITALITY HOSTS UPCOMING

| Date | Head Host | Hospitality Team |
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| 3/19 | Dan Cushing | Steve Bell, Bob King, & Mike Sticklin |
| 3/26 | Tom Ford | Rich Switzer, Paul Taylor, & Kris Wempa |
| 4/2 | Steve Bell | Jamie Layden, Michele Leonard, & Beth Lindgren |

OUTREACH

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS! We are low on the following items!

Our food pantry serves 35+ families on a weekly basis! This is a wonderful opportunity to help our neighbors in need!

WE ESPECIALLY NEED PEANUT BUTTER, JAMS/JELLIES, & CANNED MEAT (i.e. chicken, chili, tuna)!

- cereal
- applesauce
- canned soup
- canned beans
- canned fruit
- canned tuna/chicken/meats
- boxed rice & mashed potatoes
- meal kits (i.e. Hamburger Helper)
- toiletries (i.e. toilet paper, toothpaste, shampoo, soap, etc.)
- spaghetti sauce
- pasta
- mac & cheese
- canned vegetables
- jams/jellies/peanut butter

If you feel called to support this ministry, please drop off non-perishable items in the designated bins in the church office lobby during business hours. Please check the expiration dates on your items before donating, as we cannot distribute expired food items! We have members who are willing to do the shopping, so if you would like to participate in this ministry but are unable to pick up food items, please consider a monetary donation! (Simply send a payment to the church office, use our [online donation form](#), OR drop in the offering plate - with a note that your donation is for the Food Pantry!)



OUTREACH

T&E CARE'S 6TH ANNUAL KIDS' CLOTHING DRIVE!

WAYNE CHURCH COLLECTION DATES: MARCH 15-24

We will be serving as a collection point for T&E Care's annual clothing drive yet again this year. Starting on Wednesday, March 15, we will have drop-off bins located in the church office lobby and the narthex for clothing donations.

Please donate new or gently used children's clothing for all seasons:

- clean clothes for Infants through Teens
- shoes, boots
- coats
- hats, gloves

Items NOT accepted:

- adult clothing
- toys
- household items
- bathing suits
- socks, underwear
- shirts with inappropriate logos
- shirts with camp logos
- shirts with youth sports team logos

Learn more about T&E Care: www.tecare.org | email: clothes@tecare.org

THANK YOU TO OUR CHOSEN 300 VOLUNTEERS!

A huge THANK YOU to all the volunteers that worked our last Chosen 300 meal-hosting on Saturday, February 25. It was a great success! We served over 80 individuals in need, and provided a warm and welcoming atmosphere. There was prayer, a message, a warm meal, and donated clothing distributed. It was an amazing group effort. Kudos to our cooks, shoppers, worship leaders, singers, servers, drivers, and people who donated funds and food. Thank you to Wegmans and Giant for their gift-card and food donations.

Our next hosting is Saturday, April 22. If you are interested in participating in this wonderful ministry, stay tuned for emails requesting volunteers soon!

QUESTIONS? Contact Kimm Ebersole - ebersolekimm@gmail.com or Agnes Fischer - 5fischer.a@gmail.com

The Chosen 300 Meal Action Team: Kimm Ebersole, Betsy Sherretta, Becky Douglas, Beth Schoenlank, Elissa Schoenlank, Carolyn King-Layden, Will Buckley, Kristin Stitz, Liz Howley, and Agnes Fischer.

WITNESS

RUMMAGE SALE | DROP-OFF BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY, 3/26!

- DROP-OFF: Donation drop-off is accepted only after Sunday services Sunday, March 26 through Wednesday, March 29!
- SALE HOURS: Friday, March 31 @ 8:30AM-1:00PM
Saturday, April 1 @ 9:00AM-Noon

If you would like to help or have any questions, please contact Rummage Ministry Team Leader Virginia Gardiner - gardiner.family@verizon.net

RESOURCES

2017 CENTRAL DISTRICT INTENSIVE TRAINING DAY: Vibrant Congregations and Vital Ministry in the 21st Century | Saturday, March 25
Cedarville UMC
1092 Laurelwood Road
Pottstown, PA. 19465

Registration Fee: \$10 per person

Register Online at:

<https://epaumc.churchcenteronline.com/registrations/events/54760>

Registration Deadline: *EXTENDED THROUGH MONDAY, MARCH 20*

Schedule: 8:00-8:30 a.m. Check-in, coffee and breakfast snacks
8:30-9:00 a.m. Opening Program
9:15-12:15 Workshops

Easter Flower Order Form:

***ORDERS DUE BY SUNDAY, APRIL 2nd!**

It's that time of year again!

Help us adorn our altar on Easter morning by contributing a lily, tulip, or daffodil in honor or in memory of a loved one. Plants may be taken home after the Easter Service.

The cost is \$10.00 per plant.

Please write the # of each plant requested in the space provided:

_____ Lily _____ Tulip _____ Daffodil

Your Name: _____

In honor of / memory of (*circle one*): _____

Please submit this form to the church office so that we may print your dedication. See below for payment options.

Make checks payable to Wayne United Methodist Church (memo: "Easter flowers") and place in the Sunday offering plate or mail to Linda Sands, 210 South Wayne Ave., Wayne, PA 19087.

You can also pay for your donations online!

Just go to the [GIVE page](#) on our church website, and then click the blue "***ONLINE DONATION FORM***" button to submit payment.

Just be sure to submit the order form with your dedication by dropping it in the offering plate on Sunday morning, mailing it in, or even emailing it to Linda at L.sands@wayneumc.org.

WAYNECHURCH STAFF

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| Pastor Tom Ebersole | <i>Senior Pastor</i> |
| John A. Shannon | <i>Congregational Care Pastor</i> |
| Eric Cui | <i>Director of Music</i> |
| Janet N. French | <i>Director of Christian Education</i> |
| Matthew Schweitzer | <i>Director of Youth Ministry</i> |
| Linda Sands | <i>Office Administrator</i> |
| Laura SantaMaria | <i>Administrative Assistant</i> |
| Frank D. Lynch | <i>Building Maintenance and Repair</i> |
| Kevin Farrell | <i>Tech Coordinator</i> |

WAYNECHURCH VOLUNTEER STAFF

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| Rev. Ben Caldwell | <i>Deacon</i> |
| Becky Douglas | <i>Children's Wesley Choir Director</i> |
| Simone Howard | <i>Children's Cherub Choir Director</i> |

UPCOMING EVENTS AT **WAYNE**CHURCH

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|---|--------------------------------|
| T&E Cares Kids' Clothing Drive | ongoing - March 24 |
| Lenten Dinner & Study | Wednesdays, ongoing - April 12 |
| Central District Intensive Training Day | March 25 |
| Rummage Drop-Off | March 26-29 |
| Rummage Sale | March 31 & April 1 |
| Easter Flower Orders Due! | April 2 |
| Easter Egg Hunt! | April 8 |
| Palm Sunday | April 9 |
| Women's Book Discussion @ Jenny Wannenburg's! | April 10 |
| Maundy Thursday Service @ 7:00PM | April 13 |
| Good Friday (CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED) | April 14 |
| Good Friday Community Service @ 12PM | April 14 |
| Holy Saturday (Christ Church Easter Vigil @ 8:00PM) | April 15 |
| Easter Day (No Sunday School classes!) | April 16 |



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York County Junior Honors Choir 2016 - 2017

York County Junior Honors Choir is comprised of 100 select singers in grades 7, 8, and 9 from 21 public and private school districts, homeschools, churches, and voice studios of York County, PA. Under the direction of Mrs. Donna Knott, the group has been invited to perform in Heinz Chapel, the Naval Academy Chapel, New Bethel Baptist Church in Washington, D.C., American Choral Directors Eastern Division and State Conferences, PA Music Educators State Conference, and invited to sing for the Music Education Department of Penn State University.

The group has enjoyed choral exchange programs with numerous public school choral programs throughout the state. They have participated in choral workshops with such conductors as Nick Page, composer, song leader, conductor of world music; Dr. Anthony Leach, director of Penn State's "Essence of Joy," nationally-known composer and conductor of world music; as well as Christine Jordanoff from Duquesne University and Dr. Lon Beery from Syracuse University. They have also performed Rutter's Mass of the Children with York

Symphony, sung with the University of Pittsburgh Men's Glee Club, the Penn State Men's Glee Club, Essence of Joy and Orianna Singers, the Heinz Chapel Choir under the direction of Chanticleer alumnus John Goldsmith, and Morehouse College Men's Glee Club. This March, the choir is honored to perform with Philadelphia's Keystone State Boychoir and Gettysburg College Concert Choir. Junior Honors Choir acts as mentors for York County's annual Elementary Choral Festival and travels annually to various elementary schools in York County to promote choral education, underlining the importance of community and leadership.

In addition to Junior Honors Choir, the 40-member Synergy Vocal Ensemble is available to sing in smaller venues. The Ensemble has performed with the David Benoit Jazz Quartet and as part of "Christmas with The Celts."

More than just a choir, this unique collaboration with choral directors, private music instructors, and families from all over York County gives students the opportunity to share their talents with others who have the same love of music, level of dedication, and desire for excellence, in a non-competitive environment. As the students return to their home schools and neighborhoods, they serve as leaders and positive role models, and develop an appreciation for community involvement.

York County Honors Choirs is organized and maintained by a volunteer Board of Directors that is responsible for managing the choirs' operations. York County businesses, grants, and private patrons support the group financially. Please visit our website to make a valuable donation to the future of our choirs.

www.theYCHC.org