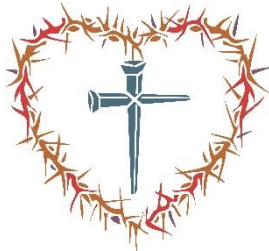




First United Methodist Church of Ellwood City April 2020 Newsletter

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LENTEN CALENDAR

*All Services (excluding Good Friday) will be
Facebook Live Stream*
<https://www.facebook.com/1stUMCEllwood/>

Good Friday, April 10, 2020
Community Worship Service with Trinity Lutheran Church
<https://www.facebook.com/TrinityEllwood/> at 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020
Worship Service at 11:00 am

“So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old
has passed away; see, everything has become new!” 2 Corinthians
5:17 NRSV

A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to disrupt our daily lives. Yet, we will continue to create meaningful ways to stay connected during this period of “Stay at Home” order. We will continue to follow the Local, State, Federal, and CDC recommendations for “Social Distancing”. **All activities have been cancelled until further notice.** Please monitor our current media sources for any updates.

Again, rest assure that our leadership team is working diligently to create ways to stay connected and to offer the best practice of care and concern of our Church. If you have any concerns or have a need please do not hesitate to contact Pastor Angelique Bradford at 412-722-2806.

Continue to pray for those who have been directly affected by the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic, our Nation, our community, those in the medical field, first responders, police, those who are still working, and the entire world. I am praying for you and with you and please remember to pray for each other.

He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, “He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust.” Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler And from the perilous pestilence. He shall cover you with His feathers, And under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler.

*You shall not be afraid of the terror by night,
Nor of the arrow that flies by day, Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, Nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday. A thousand may fall at your side, And ten thousand at your right hand; But it shall not come near you. Only with your eyes shall you look, And see the reward of the wicked. Because you have made the Lord, who is my refuge, Even the Most High, your dwelling place, No evil shall befall you, Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; For He shall give His angels charge over you,
To keep you in all your ways.*

Grace, Peace, & Hope!
Pastor Angelique

INTERCESSORY PRAYER



“And this is the boldness we have in him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask we know that we have obtained the requests made of him”.

1 John 5:14-15 NRSV

Please pray for all spoken requests, all those afflicted among us with health concerns, our shut-ins, our nation, our ministry leaders, our pastor Rev. Angelique Bradford, Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference and the continued growth of our church family both spiritually and physically.

If you have any specific prayer requests that you would like to be included within the weekly bulletin, please contact the church secretary by calling 724-758-6278 or email secretary@firstumcec.org. Thank you!

Opportunity to Serve In Ministry ~As believers in Jesus Christ we seek to live out Christ commandment which is to *"Love one another just as I have love you....by this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love one for another"* John 13: 34-35 NRSV

If you are interested in Caring & Visitation Ministry which provides hearing and responding to the care related needs of our Congregation, please contact Pastor Angelique for further details.

Visitation ~ If you would like a Pastoral Care visit or know someone who is homebound, in a nursing homes, or has experienced social or spiritual isolation. Please call our Administrative Office at 724-758-6278 to request a Pastoral Care visit from our Pastor, Rev. Angelique Bradford.

Prayer Chapel is available to everyone before/after worship

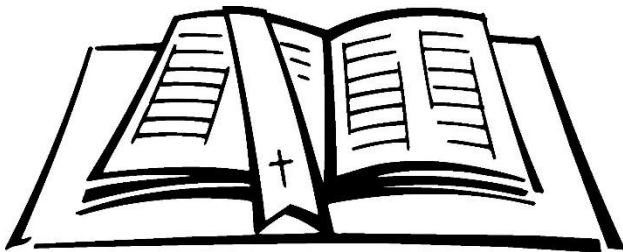


We have a new display of CareNotes located near the mailboxes. CareNotes are small booklets that offer strength, help and healing for those who are hurting, among other topics. Please stop by and pick one up.

REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY DAILY READINGS

The daily readings expand the range of biblical reading in worship and personal devotion by providing daily citations for the full three-year cycle of the Revised Common Lectionary. These readings complement the Sunday and festival readings: Thursday through Saturday readings help prepare the reader for the Sunday ahead; Monday through Wednesday readings help the reader reflect on and digest what they heard in worship.

Wednesday, April 1, 2020:	Psalm 143; Jeremiah 32:1-9, 36-41; Matthew 22:23-33
Thursday, April 2, 2020:	Psalm 31:9-16; 1 Samuel 16:11-13; Philippians 1:1-11
Friday, April 3, 2020:	Psalm 31:9-16; Job 13:13-19; Philippians 1:21-30
Saturday, April 4, 2020:	Psalm 31:9-16; Lamentations 3:55-66; Mark 10:32-34
Sunday, April 5, 2020:	Liturgy of the Palms
Sunday, April 5, 2020:	Liturgy of the Passion
Monday, April 6, 2020:	Monday of Holy Week
Tuesday, April 7, 2020:	Tuesday of Holy Week
Wednesday, April 8, 2020:	Wednesday of Holy Week
Thursday, April 9, 2020:	Maundy Thursday
Friday, April 10, 2020:	Good Friday
Saturday, April 11, 2020:	Holy Saturday
Sunday, April 12, 2020:	Easter Vigil
Sunday, April 12, 2020:	Resurrection of the Lord
Sunday, April 12, 2020:	Easter Evening
Monday, April 13, 2020:	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21; Colossians 3:5-11
Tuesday, April 14, 2020:	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Exodus 15:1-18; Colossians 3:12-17
Wednesday, April 15, 2020:	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Joshua 3:1-17; Matthew 28:1-10
Thursday, April 16, 2020:	Psalm 16; Song of Solomon 2:8-15; Colossians 4:2-5
Friday, April 17, 2020:	Psalm 16; Song of Solomon 5:9-6:3; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Saturday, April 18, 2020:	Psalm 16; Song of Solomon 8:6-7; John 20:11-20
Sunday, April 19, 2020:	Second Sunday of Easter
Monday, April 20, 2020:	Psalm 114; Judges 6:36-40; 1 Corinthians 15:12-20
Tuesday, April 21, 2020:	Psalm 114; Jonah 1:1-17; 1 Corinthians 15:19-28
Wednesday, April 22, 2020:	Psalm 114; Jonah 2:1-10; Matthew 12:38-42
Thursday, April 23, 2020:	Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; Isaiah 25:1-5; 1 Peter 1:8b-12
Friday, April 24, 2020:	Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; Isaiah 26:1-4; 1 Peter 1:13-16
Saturday, April 25, 2020:	Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; Isaiah 25:6-9; Luke 14:12-14
Sunday, April 26, 2020:	Third Sunday of Easter
Monday, April 27, 2020:	Psalm 134; Genesis 18:1-14; 1 Peter 1:23-25
Tuesday, April 28, 2020:	Psalm 134; Proverbs 8:32-9:6; 1 Peter 2:1-3
Wednesday, April 29, 2020:	Psalm 134; Exodus 24:1-11; John 21:1-14
Thursday, April 30, 2020:	Psalm 23; Exodus 2:15b-25; 1 Peter 2:9-12



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FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP



Special Sundays are designated Sundays throughout the year that provide opportunities for giving. These special offerings are earmarked to support designated ministries. On these Sundays, we empower our congregations to give toward causes and organizations that promote sustainable life change. These offerings help provide refuge in times of disaster, promote peace and justice, provide scholarships, reach out to the community, teach skills to encourage self-sufficiency and share the love of Jesus Christ with God's people everywhere. These Special Sundays are part of our denomination-wide effort we call connectional giving. It is one of the most powerful vehicles for generosity we have. Together, our churches are making an impact all over the world.

NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY ~ APRIL 26, 2020

Since 1988, we have been celebrating Native American individuals and congregations in the United Methodist community. On this day, we honor the unique and beautiful contributions of Native Americans by giving generously to a special fund set aside for seminary students and for congregations that are finding authentic ways to minister to their communities. United Methodist Native American seminary students and congregations are empowered to develop new ways of doing church that honor the creative expression of the culture. They are enabled to form new ministry partnerships and coalitions, allowing the process of reconciliation, restoration and release between communities. Will you join us today in supporting these efforts? Together, we will make a lasting impact today. Your offering will reach across the country because. . .
TOGETHER, WE DO MORE.

If you want to learn more about Native American Ministries Sunday or give online visit:
<http://www.umcsgiving.org/ministry-articles/native-american-ministries-sunday>

UPCOMING SPECIAL SUNDAYS

Peace with Justice Sunday ~ June 7, 2020
World Communion Sunday ~ October 4, 2020
Student Sunday ~ November 29, 2020

Don't Forget to Use Amazon Smile for Your Online Shopping

Did you know that if you shop on Amazon.com, a portion of your purchases can be donated back to the church? Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible smile.amazon.com purchases to First United Methodist Church of Ellwood City. Just visit our unique charity link at <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/25-1223330>, sign into your amazon.com account and make your purchases as usual. Thank you for participating!

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of your choice

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications for the First United Methodist Church Scholarships are available by calling Steven Miller at 724-201-0295. Applications are due by April 26, 2020. Applicants must be a member of the First United Methodist Church and must be enrolled in an accredited school in Fall 2020.

Three potential scholarships are available. The Hazel Adams Scholarship is available if attending an accredited institution of higher education. The John Seaburn Memorial Scholarship is available if attending an accredited institution of higher education. The Snyder Memorial Scholarship is available if attending an accredited institution of higher education as a graduate student.

Scholarships will be presented on Sunday, June 7th.
Your presence is requested, but it is not required.



2020 Youth and Young Adult Sundays

May 31, 2020

August 31, 2020

November 29, 2020

YOUTH INFORMATION: on the web at <https://www.wpaumc.org/youthevents>

Check out all of the Youth news at <https://www.wpaumc.org/Youth>

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



ROSALIND CANDY SALE

If you ordered Easter candy, someone will be in touch with you regarding delivery details at that time. Thank you for your patience!
Delivery is scheduled for April 6.

APRIL MEETING

The UMW meeting scheduled for April has been Cancelled.
We hope to resume in May, more information will follow.

[UM Women e-news: This FREE monthly electronic newsletter contains information on many topics. Subscribe](#)

We are still collecting *new* pillows for the Lawrence County Crisis Shelter.
Please place your pillows in the Alturistic Room, when in-person services resume.

<https://www.wpaumc.org/UMWomen>

MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM

Mission & Evangelism Committee News

Holy Redeemer Social Services Food Panty is in need of the following items. During the month of **April** we will collect:

- Sanitizers, paper towels, toilet paper
- Tuna, boxed meals
- Pasta and sauce

We ask that you drop off items directly at the Ellwood City Food Bank using the Third Street entrance of the former Holy Redeemer School, 311 Lawrence Ave., Ellwood City, PA 16117

If you pull up to the door on Third Street, some one can come out and collect your donation(s).

Their hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm. If you need assistance, call 724-758-3465.



A Member of the UMCOR
Relief Supply Network

226 Church Lane

New Castle, PA 16105

missionbarn@gmail.com

p: 724-856-8241

Sponsor a Child Today!

When you sponsor a child, you'll be personally connected with a boy or girl who will know your name and treasure the thought that you care. Your support of \$38 per month provides life-changing opportunities such as:

- an opportunity to attend or stay in school
 - medical care, which often saves lives
 - nourishing food
- mentoring and a safe environment through a local evangelical church
 - and most important, opportunities to hear the gospel.

Compassion child sponsorship works! Millions of children have “graduated” from our program and are now responsible, fulfilled Christian adults. Allow God to work through you in the life of a child in poverty. [Sponsor a child](#) today!

www.compassion.com

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



We're putting together a special Easter Video, and we want to involve all of our church families. All you need to do is use your phone and video an Easter greeting, such as what you love about Easter, a favorite Easter memory, or whatever you would like to share. Please include as many members as you can.

Spread the word and invite family members, children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, etc, from all over the world to participate. Have fun being creative. Show us flowers in your yard, playing outside, or something you love in your house. You can even make several short or long videos. The puppets on the Palm Sunday video were a big hit.

For a full-screen effect of the finished product, it's suggested that you hold your phone sideways, horizontally, when filming.

If you know someone who isn't able to film themselves, we can make arrangements to film them sharing a greeting from their porch or yard. We can stand back at a far distance and zoom in on them.

Please send your Videos by Friday afternoon to Lori Teh at loriteh@gmail.com, or texting 724-944-0342.

SUPER SATURDAY

Our monthly gathering for April has been Cancelled.
We will keep you updated for future gatherings.

VBS 2020
*****MAKER's Station*****
JUNE 15-19, 2020
9:00-noon

**It will be a jam-packed week & summer focusing on arts, ingenuity,
music, dance & more!**

*"I have no greater joy than this, to hear that my children are walking in the truth."
~ 3 John 1:4 NRSV*

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS, NEWS & INFORMATION

Our church needs your support now more than ever

If you are able - please mail your tithes and offerings to:

First United Methodist Church Ellwood City
416 Crescent Avenue, Ellwood City, PA 16117

MONTHLY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Next Meeting Date TBA (hopefully May)

Read and study what you feel led to. Just do something!

Bring any insights on passages to share at our next meeting. With everything that has been going on in March and now April, we all need to keep reading and learning and walking in the Word of God. Sharing will have to wait, but it will be interesting to see what everyone chooses to read and what they learn.

Can't wait to see you at the next meeting!

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE VIA LIVESTREAM

Trinity Lutheran Church of Ellwood City

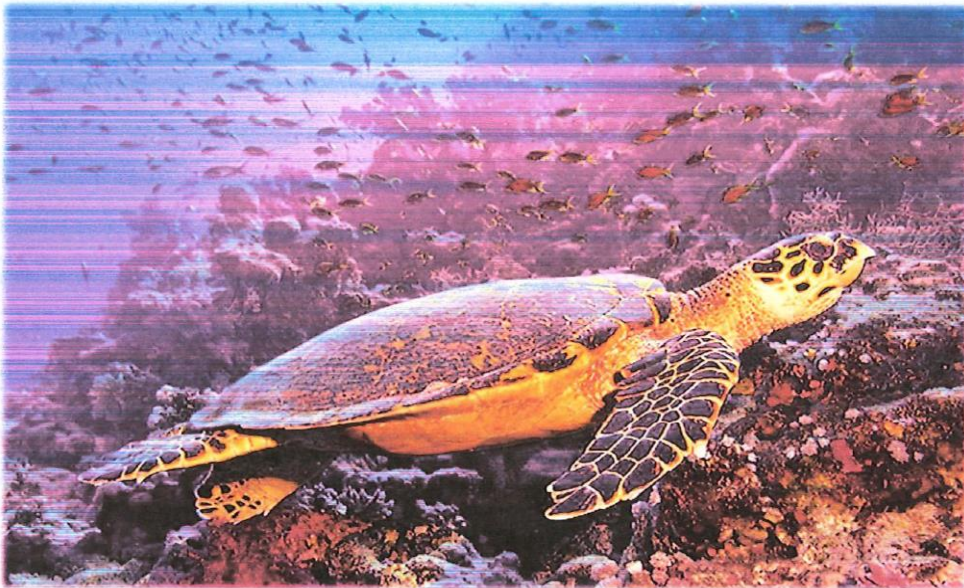
April 10, 2020 at 7:00 pm

The community is invited to attend Good Friday worship services with Trinity Lutheran Church of Ellwood City. Due to COVID-19, Trinity will be livestreaming the worship service via their Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/TrinityEllwood/>

**We are looking for a newsletter editor. If you have some interest, please contact the church office.*

Boy Scout Troop 806

Caribbean Conservation Project



In June 2021, Boy Scouts from Ellwood City Troop 806 have the opportunity to travel to St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands to take part in an 8-day eco-adventure. The Scouts will circumnavigate St. Thomas on a 40-foot sailing vessel while studying the plants, animals and habitats of the Caribbean Sea. In conjunction with the University of the Virgin Islands, Scouts will collect data to help preserve coral reefs and endangered sea turtles while learning how to protect marine ecosystems. Scouts will also have the opportunity to fish, snorkel, and go hiking in U.S. Virgin Islands National Park. If you are interested in donating to help the Scouts make this trip a reality, contributions can be mailed to: **Boy Scout Troop 806, 416 Crescent Avenue, Ellwood City, PA 16117**. For more information about the trip, e-mail Scoutmaster Doug Smith at kylelevisdad@yahoo.com.

Adventure with a purpose!

WPAC BUTLER DISTRICT & ANNUAL CONFERENCE NEWS

Pirates 8th Annual Faith Night

Where: PNC Park

Saturday, June 6, 2020 4:00 PM

<https://www.mlb.com/pirates/tickets/specials/faith-night>



Saturday, June 6, which is a 4:05 pm game against St. Louis. After the game, fans are invited to stay and see a more personal side of our players and coaches where a large number from the team come back out to the field to discuss how faith has impacted their careers and personal lives. Groups of 10 or more are on sale now, and Groups can be reserved with a deposit. You can reach me directly at (412) 325-4756. Chad Glover, Pirates Account Manager & Seating Sales.

WPA 2020 Annual Conference

Thursday, June 11, 2020 to Saturday, June 13, 2020

Grove City College

100 Campus Dr

Grove City, PA 16127

The Way Forward Task Force

The Task Force's role was to provide opportunities for Western PA United Methodists to hear accurate information about the Commission on a Way Forward's proposals to address the impasse over human sexuality. Additionally, it was tasked with providing opportunities for clergy and laity and to express their thoughts, hopes, dreams and concerns about the Council of Bishops' recommendation of the One-Church Model.

For additional resources on The Way Forward go to <https://www.wpaumc.org/A-Way-Forward>

Keep Up With Upcoming Events - WPAUMC Conference

The website for upcoming events is: <http://www.wpaumc.org/events>.

Western PA Conference
The United Methodist Church Butler District
1204 Freedom Road
P.O. Box 5002 Cranberry Township, PA 16066-0002
Phone: 724-252-3198

HOMWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NEWS



AA Meetings are held every Thursday at 1:00 pm at
HUMC

OPEN DOOR FELLOWSHIP (cancelled until further notice)

Join Homewood United Methodist Church each week on Thursdays from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm for “Open Door”. This is a time of sharing the Love of God with our neighbors and offering Radical Hospitality.

Mission Statement of Homewood United Methodist Church

“To spread the love of our Lord, Jesus Christ, by means of fellowship and discipleship, from our loving hearts through our giving hands”

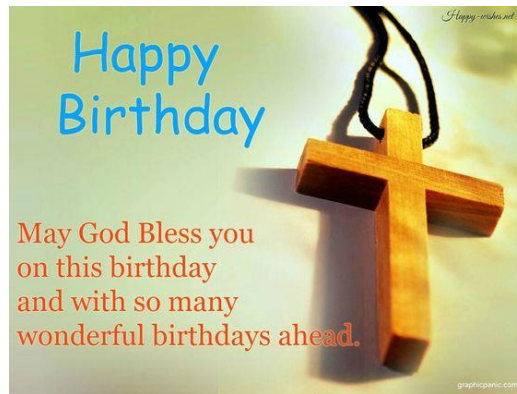
127 1st Avenue, Beaver Falls, PA 15010
(724) 846-1212



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Glen Rectenwald
- 1 Reece Schanno
- 2 Brent Edwards
- 3 Janice Greathouse
- 3 Deana Phillips
- 4 Jody Miller
- 4 Toran Young
- 6 Joyce Lutz
- 7 Nicole Stelter
- 9 John Doughty
- 9 Nelly Schweinsberg
- 10 Ken Ketterer
- 10 Evelyn Porter
- 11 Cory Rectenwald
- 13 Jim Hall
- 14 Carol DiFrischia
- 14 Kimberly Lechner
- 14 Randi Sharketti
- 15 Roy Champion
- 16 Eric Daubenspeck
- 16 Rebecca Rouse
- 16 Viola Seaburn
- 17 Carolyn Sarver
- 18 Jay Wiley
- 21 Pam Richter
- 22 Alex Stillwagon
- 24 Cindy Fox
- 24 Hannah Squicquero
- 25 Alissa Durbin
- 26 Jill McWhertor
- 27 Tanya Bellissimo
- 28 Jennifer Latimer
- 29 Ryan Houk
- 30 April Postupac



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 8 Dustin and Jennifer Latimer
- 10 Rich and Kim Hudson
- 21 Ben and Georgia Mohr
- 24 Michael and Darlene Patterson
- 30 Philip and LaRhoda Smilek

***Our records need updating....Please contact the church office via telephone or email with any birthday/anniversary updates.
Thank you**

*Love is patient. Love is kind.
It always protects, always trusts,
always hopes, always perseveres.
Love never fails.*

1 Corinthians 13:4, 7-8

FUMCEC CALENDAR

April 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 AA Meeting at HUMC-1:00 pm	3	4
5 – Palm Sunday ONLINE Worship 11:00 am FUMC Facebook page Drive Up Communion 12:00 – 1:00 pm Fellowship Hall Doors	6	7	8	9 AA Meeting at HUMC-1:00 pm	10	11
12 – Easter ONLINE Worship 11:00 am FUMC Facebook page	13	14	15	16 AA Meeting at HUMC-1:00 pm	17	18
18 ONLINE Worship 11:00 am FUMC Facebook page	19	20	21	22 AA Meeting at HUMC-1:00 pm	23	24
25 ONLINE Worship 11:00 am FUMC Facebook page	26	27	28	29 AA Meeting at HUMC-1:00 pm	30	

COMMUNITY NEWS, WEBSITE & FACEBOOK LINKS, ETC.

Ellwood City's Got Faith Facebook Page
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/221439285717980/>

Bible.com
Read the bible on your phone

Adventurebible.com
Activities for children

Ark Encounter
<https://www.facebook.com/arkencounter/>

Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden
<https://www.facebook.com/cincinnati-zoo/>

Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/zoo/>

Western Pennsylvania Diaper Bank
<http://www.wpadiaperbank.org/>

People In Need
<https://www.pinpa.org/services.html>

The services of People in Need are available to all people of Lawrence County and the surrounding counties regardless of race, sex, national origin, religion, age, political affiliation, creed, or handicap.

Ellwood City Food Bank

We are here for our community. Our food bank is open for drive up service Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 to 3:30. Closed 12 to 1 for lunch. We are located at 311 Lawrence Ave. (Door #2)

Please stop by and a volunteer will load your car. Our phone number 724-758-3465.

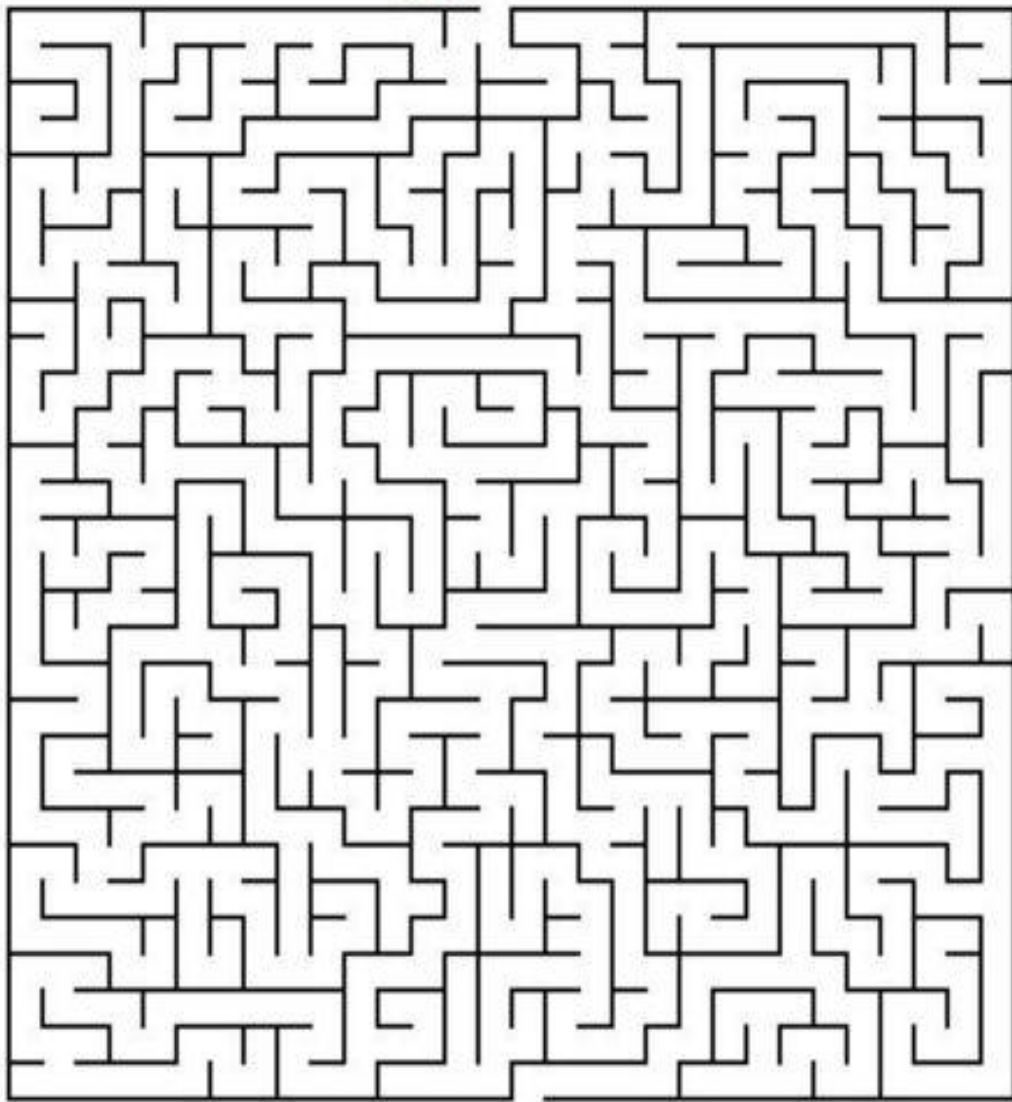
The food bank is open for all Ellwood City/Riverside School District Residents!

Salvation Army
<https://wpa.salvationarmy.org/>

The Salvation Army exists to meet human need wherever, whenever, and however we can

Easter Egg Maze

Help the chick get through the maze and find the Easter eggs.



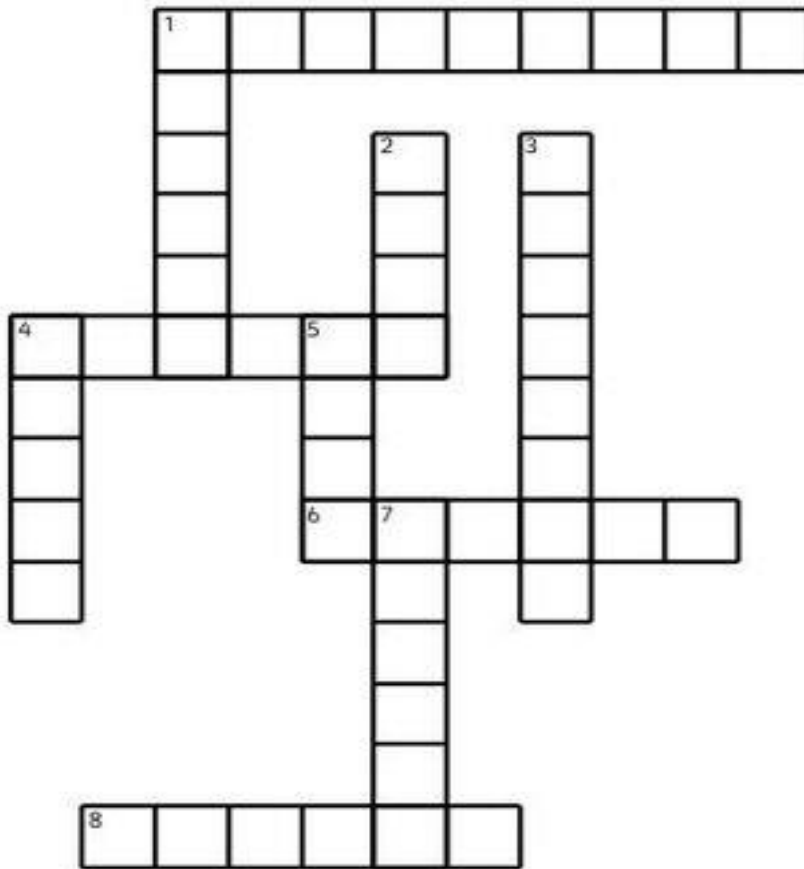
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Easter Crossword



Solve the crossword using the list of words and the clues



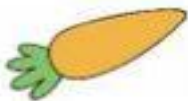
- basket
- bonnet
- bunny
- chicks
- chocolate
- daffodil
- eggs
- hunt
- parade
- spring

Across

1. Easter eggs are often made out of this treat!
4. Collect your eggs in this.
6. The season in which Easter is celebrated.
8. You may wear one in the Easter parade.

Down

1. These hatch out of real eggs.
2. You may go on an Easter egg ...
3. Cheerful, yellow spring flower.
4. Will he visit you this year?
5. We give chocolate ones at Easter.
7. Show off your Easter bonnet at one!



EASTER WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

FIND 20 WORDS HIDDEN IN THIS PUZZLE

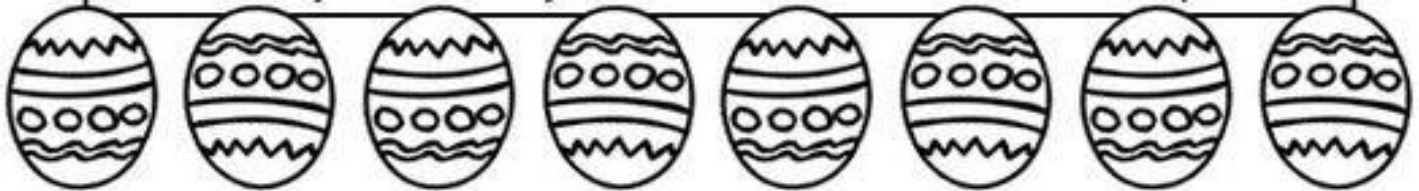


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Word List

BASKET
 BUNNY
 CANDY
 CHOCOLATE
 EASTER
 EGG
 FUN
 HUNT
 SUNDAY
 RABBIT
 SPRING
 DAFFODIL
 JELLYBEAN
 PARADE
 BONNET
 CHICKS
 SEARCH
 FIND
 DECORATED
 PAINT

Search the puzzle for the words shown in the word list. Circle each word that you find until you find all of the words in the whole puzzle!





First United Methodist Church
416 Crescent Avenue
Ellwood City, PA 16117



**No matter who you are or
where you come from
You are Welcome Here!**

Worship time 11:00 a.m. year-round.
Prayer Chapel is available to everyone before worship.
Church Office Hours: Monday & Tuesday 8:30 am-12:00 pm and Wednesday & Thursday 8:30 am – 2:00 pm
CLOSED Friday

How to Reach Us...

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Jennifer Agnew, Church Administrator Email: secretary@firstumcec.org
Office Phone: 724-758-6278 Pastor's Cell Phone: 412-722-2806
Church Website: <http://firstumcec.org/>

The Mission of the United Methodist Church

“The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”
Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors. The people of the United Methodist Church

The First United Methodist Church is a community of believers under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. It is a redemptive fellowship in which the Word of God is preached sacraments are administered, and the Gospel is taught and proclaimed.