



# Glad Tidings

East Bangor United Methodist Community Church Newsletter

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## Mark Your Calendar!

- Apr. 7<sup>th</sup>** VBS Planning Meeting (after worship)  
Free Community Dinner  
4:00-5:30pm
- Apr. 10<sup>th</sup>** UMW Meeting 7:00pm
- Apr. 16<sup>th</sup>** Combined Committees Meeting  
7:00pm
- Apr. 18<sup>th</sup>** Holy Thursday Communion 7pm
- Apr. 19<sup>th</sup>** Good Friday Cross Walk @  
Trinity Lutheran Church 12pm
- Apr. 21<sup>st</sup>** *He is Risen!* Easter Sunday  
Worship 9:15am
- Apr. 28<sup>th</sup>** After Church Fellowship

### Every Week

#### Mondays

Bible Study 7:00pm

#### Tuesdays

Girl Scouts 7:00pm

#### Wednesdays

Girl Scouts 5:30pm

#### Thursdays

Bazaar Committee 1:00pm  
Choir Practice 6:30pm

#### Saturdays

AA Meeting 8:00pm

#### Sundays

Choir Practice 8:30am  
Worship 9:15am  
Children's Church (during Worship)  
Adult Forum (after Worship)

*Sharing the good news of Jesus Christ  
through the ministry and mission of East Bangor United  
Methodist Community Church*

*"Do this in remembrance of me."*



*Holy Thursday Communion - April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00*

## April Servants

<b><u>Ministers</u></b>	All the People
<b><u>Pastor</u></b>	Rev. Dave Goss
<b><u>Organist</u></b>	Jane Ann Reimer
<b><u>Acolytes</u></b>	Children of the Church
<b><u>Greeter</u></b>	<i>Needed</i>
<b><u>Ushers</u></b>	Jim Honey & Richard Kern
<b><u>Congregation</u></b>	Those with a mission to "Reach Teach and Share God's Love."



## Come and Eat Cake!

As part of After Church Fellowship on **the last Sunday of April**, we'll be having a party for everyone with a birthday in April! Come on out and join in the joyful noise as we sing "Happy Birthday!" to our April celebrants.

# Celebrations in the Church

## Happy Birthday!

April 2<sup>th</sup> Mya Pearl Bartosh  
 April 3<sup>rd</sup> Shirley Horn  
 April 8<sup>th</sup> Gavin Newton  
 April 9<sup>th</sup> David Williams  
 April 11<sup>th</sup> Dorothy Cann  
 April 13<sup>th</sup> Jonathan David Grube  
 April 14<sup>th</sup> Karla Meckler  
 April 18<sup>th</sup> Kilee Abel Goss  
 April 18<sup>th</sup> Deena Miller  
 April 20<sup>th</sup> Joe Mozingo  
 April 22<sup>nd</sup> Eric Reimer  
 April 25<sup>th</sup> John Abbott  
 April 25<sup>th</sup> Kasey Renee Hanlon  
 April 26<sup>th</sup> Kristin Biggs Brickler  
 April 26<sup>th</sup> Gabrielle Zazulak  
 April 28<sup>th</sup> Gary Bertholf  
 April 28<sup>th</sup> Dante Pavan  
 April 29<sup>th</sup> Debbie Dietz  
 April 30<sup>th</sup> Betty Josephson  
 April 30<sup>th</sup> Sandra Orner Doyle

## Thanks So Much!

Thank you so much to everyone for all your cards, thoughts, and prayers. I had them all hanging up in my hospital room. They bring a smile to my face knowing I have such a caring community praying for me while I go on this journey.

Thank you so much!  
Angela Lemmer & Family

## CRADLE ROLL

We welcome Hannah Mae Meckler to our Cradle Roll. Hannah was born June 18th, 2018 to Brandon and Brittany (Martinez) Meckler. She was baptized by Pastor Dave Goss on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Hannah is the granddaughter of Ron and Karla (Brown) Meckler, and great-granddaughter of the late Archie & Donnabell Brown. God bless the Meckler and Martinez families.

Please keep them in your prayers.

## VBS PLANNING MEETING

There will be a VBS planning meeting following worship on Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. Anyone who might be interested in helping with Vacation Bible School this year is welcome to attend.



## Happy Anniversary

April 5<sup>th</sup> Mr. & Mrs. Rodney Vennel  
 April 7<sup>th</sup> Mr. & Mrs. Granville Ross

April 14<sup>th</sup> Mr. & Mrs. Dale Mitchell  
 April 17<sup>th</sup> Mr. & Mrs. Jim Malachowski

## Sponsors & Volunteers

Sign-up sheets for sponsors for Altar Flowers (\$40), Worship Bulletins (\$20), and Dial-a-Message (\$20) for 2019 are available on the bulletin board outside the offices on the first floor.

## Our March Sponsors

### Worship Bulletins

Worship Bulletins for *April* are presented to the Glory of God in Loving Memory of **Albert Cope** by **Shirley Cope & Family**

### Dial-A-Message

Dial-A-Message for *April* is presented to the Glory of God in Loving Memory of **Albert Cope** by **Shirley Cope & Family**

### Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers for the month of *April* are presented:

April 7 To the Glory of God in Loving Memory of **Albert Cope** by **Shirley Cope & Family**  
 April 14 To the Glory of God in Loving Memory of **Larry Parsons** by **The Wilson Family**  
 April 21 To the Glory of God in Loving Honor & Memory of **Loved Ones** by **Kevin & Peggy Hower and Family**  
 April 28 To the Glory of God in Loving Memory of **Dad, Al & Mom, Kitty Konya** for their birthdays by **Sandy Konya**

# Pastor's Page

*Then he said to him a third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep."*

----- John 21:17 RSV

## **Incomplete Thoughts**

One of the great definers of the Christian faith is the historic creeds, such as the Nicene Creed and the Apostles Creed. These creeds were devised to set the requirements for what it meant to be Christian.

Some of the back story, especially with the Nicene Creed, had as much to do with the unity of the Roman Empire as it did the unity of the Church. Nonetheless, many fine saints gave countless hours in prayer and discussion to construct these seminal documents.

That, being said, they are limited to what is "orthodox" (proper belief). They do not begin to touch on "orthopraxy" (proper practices). So, in the case of the Apostles Creed we move from the birth of Jesus to the suffering of the Christ under Pontius Pilate without a dot or tittle dedicated to what Jesus taught or wanted from others.

Thus, we have a C & E (Christmas and Easter) approach to faith. We celebrate both holidays with overwhelming joy (as we should!). But we actually live out our faith through the teachings and commandments of Christ as he and the disciples ministered in his earthly time and place.

When the resurrected Christ confronted Peter by the Sea of Galilee, he asked him a direct question, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He asks the question three times (perhaps to offset the fact that Peter denied Jesus 3 times in Pilate's courtyard). The answer Peter always gives is yes, to which Jesus responds that he should put his belief into action ("feed my lambs, tend my sheep, feed my sheep). In other words, the call of the resurrected Christ is not to merely believe, but to act.

Along with our Easter finery, the beauty of spring flowers, and the celebration that "He is risen! He is risen, indeed!" is not just the call to believe in the resurrection but to be empowered by it to act on Jesus' behalf in this day and age.

Truly, we who love Jesus are called to more than a recitation of beliefs. How do you play those beliefs out in your Christian service?

Straight ahead!

Pastor Dave



# Announcements

## PASTIES & WEIS SLIPS

In March, 73 pasties were sold with a profit of \$ 75.50. In April, 91 pasties were sold with a profit of \$95. The next sale will be May 7<sup>th</sup>. Orders are due to Lois on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to all who bought them.

Also, \$218 worth of Weis slips were turned in. Thanks to everyone who saved them. -Lois

## **FREE** Spaghetti & Meatsauce Dinner



**Sunday April 7th,  
4:00 to 5:30 pm.  
East Bangor United Methodist  
Community Church.**

We also distribute household cleaning plus health and beauty supplies for **FREE** on Sunday mornings from **10:30 to 11:45.**

### SAVE THE DATE:

**June 18-19 (tentative):** Slate Belt UMC Cluster work party and needy resident's home. More information to follow.

## CHOIR CANTATA

Our choir is pleased to be able to present the Easter cantata, "A Living Hope: Celebrating the Risen Christ," on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> during morning worship.

Even Jesus' closest friends doubted his promise: "In three days I will rise again." However, Christ triumphed over death, and through his resurrection, those who follow him have a new and Living Hope! Created by Tom Fettke and Thomas Grassi, this impassioned work will surely be an Eastertide blessing to you.



On March 13<sup>th</sup>, the UMW met at Bloom Creative Studio for a Paint Night. A great time was had by all! Bloom supports women in need in the Slate Belt. For more info, visit: <http://bloombangor.org/about>

## NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

Those who have been visiting with us and are interested in making a commitment to the congregation by becoming full members are invited to see Pastor Dave for more information. Full members promise to support the church through their prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. If you are not a full member of the congregation, please give prayerful consideration to declaring East Bangor UMCC as your church home.

## IN THE COMMUNITY

**Free Community Meal** every Thursday, 6 – 8 p.m. First UMC of Wind Gap, 19 W. West Street, Wind Gap, PA

**Make Sleeping Mats for the Homeless:** Meets the first Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. at Richmond UMC.



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Sunday WORSHIP begins at 9:15 a.m.

Children's Church is available for young children during Worship.

AMPLE OFF STREET paved parking is provided just behind our church building. Wheelchair accessible.

A covered dish Fellowship Hour is held the last Sunday of each month following worship.

Pasties are sold for the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month. Cost is \$5.50.

Manna Ministry: Sundays 10:45 am-11:30 am/  
Free Community Dinners 4-5:30 p.m. 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month.

Visit our Web Site: [www.ebumc.org](http://www.ebumc.org)

Dial-A-Message: (610) 588-3896

*We send this along with our best wishes  
and God's blessing to you.*

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