

The Linfield UCC Buzz

April 2025



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR CAROLINE...

Spring is a season of renewal, and in that spirit, I am delighted to share that Linfield UCC will celebrate New Member Sunday on Pentecost, June 8th. Pentecost is a time when we remember the birth of the Church and the movement of the Holy Spirit among God's people—what better time to welcome new members into our faith community! If you have been worshipping with us and feel called to make Linfield UCC your spiritual home, I invite you to consider joining our congregation as a member. Membership in the United Church of Christ is a meaningful commitment, and I'd love to talk with anyone who is interested.

At Linfield, we strive to be a welcoming church where all feel embraced by God's love. Welcoming new people is a sacred responsibility—one that calls us to extend hospitality with authenticity and integrity. True welcome means creating space for individuals to explore their faith and feel at home without pressure or expectation. It means fostering a community where everyone is valued for who they are and where they are on their journey.

As we prepare for New Member Sunday, it is a good time to reflect on what it means to be a member of a UCC church. Membership is not about privilege or status but about commitment—to God, to one another, and to the mission of Christ in the world. The questions asked during the membership ceremony mirror those of baptism, as found in the United Church of Christ Book of Worship, emphasizing our ongoing journey of faith:

- Do you desire to affirm your baptism into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?
- Do you renounce the powers of evil and desire the freedom of new life in Christ?
- Do you profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?
- Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be Christ's disciple, to follow in the way of your Savior, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best you are able?

- Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to grow in the Christian faith and to be a faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ, celebrating Christ's presence and furthering Christ's mission in all the world?

When we answer, "I do" or "I will, with the help of God," we affirm that membership is not just about belonging—it is about discipleship. It is about walking together in faith, supporting one another in love, and being a church that reflects Christ's call to love and serve.

I encourage our entire congregation to be present on Pentecost Sunday as we celebrate and affirm those who are choosing to join our church family. Your presence and prayers will be a blessing to those making this commitment.

If you are interested in joining Linfield UCC or simply want to learn more about membership, please reach out. I would love to have that conversation with you!

With gratitude and blessings,
Pastor Caroline

CALENDAR – Note: The list of worship participants is posted on the website & in the Fellowship Hall.

April 6th 9:00 Worship

Greeter: Don Bolonski
Liturgist: Carol Vickers
Ushers: Cora and Bob Smith
Coffee Hour: Muhlack

April 13th 9:00am Worship

Greeter: Donna Lintott
Liturgist: Rich Lintott
Ushers: Teresa Diena & Judy Landis
Coffee Hour: Coin

April 20th 9:00am Worship – Easter

Greeter: Susan Ross
Liturgist: Nancy Detterline
Ushers: Carol & Ron Vickers
Communion: Jon & Nancy Detterline
Coffee Hour: Easter

April 27th 9:00am Worship

Greeter: Carol Vickers
Liturgist: Bob Smith
Ushers: Adrien & Pete Cibulsky
Coffee Hour: Profile Team

April Altar Guild: Diane Muhlack

If you would like to serve as a worship participant, liturgist, greeter, usher, or altar guild, please contact Susan Ross after worship or email at sross10@comcast.net.

THIS MONTH'S MEETING SCHEDULE

April 2 nd	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast at Urban's
April 2 nd	10:30-11:30 am	Bible Study
April 2 nd	7:00 pm	Christian Ed Team Meeting
April 9 th	10:30-11:30 am	Bible Study
April 13 th	9:00 am	Palm Sunday
April 13 th	After Worship	Easter Bunny Visit & Photo Op
April 13 th	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Teacher's Closet Open
April 16 th	10:30-11:30 am	Bible Study
April 17 th	6:30 pm	Maundy Thursday Service at First UCC
April 18 th		Profile Writing Team Meeting
April 19 th	10:00 am	Easter Decorating
April 23 rd	10:30-11:30 am	Bible Study
April 23 rd	7:00 pm	Mission Meeting
April 24 th	6:30-8:00 pm	Faith and Fellowship Gathering
April 28 th	7:00 pm	Ursinus Association Meeting
April 29 th	7:00-8:00 pm	Consistory Meeting
April 30 th	10:30-11:30 am	Bible Study

EASTER DECORATIONG

We are looking for volunteers to help decorate the church for Easter. We will meet at 10:00am on Saturday April 19th. Coffee and donuts will be provided to keep your strength up! Hoping to see you there, the more hands we have the quicker we'll be done.

COFFEE HOUR

Please check out the sign-up sheets on the board in Fellowship Hall to help supply refreshments for Coffee Hour. Coffee will be provided. All monetary donations are used to purchase paper supplies and coffee. Thank you for your generosity!

REMINDER

Elders are available to visit and bring home communion to those who are unable to come to worship.

PRAYER CHAIN

Please refer your prayer chain requests to Karen Bolonski at 610-639-0416 or email at karenbolonski@gmail.com. Remember due to HIPAA regulations, the disclosure of sensitive health information is prohibited without the specific knowledge and consent of the individual.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Please join us for an Easter Bunny visit and photo op on April 13th immediately following Palm Sunday worship service. The Easter Bunny will have baskets of gifts and goodies for you – children and adults! We hope you bring your children and grandchildren to this fun event.

The Faith and Fellowship Gathering will be held on Thursday April 24th 6:30 to 8pm.

THE TEACHER'S CLOSET

The Teacher's Closet will be open on April 13th from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. Items needed are glue sticks, two-gallon bags, tissues and Clorox wipes.

FUNDRAISING

We are taking orders for carrot salad now. The salad will be ready for pickup on April 13th, just in time for Easter. The order sheet is in the Narthex. The price is \$10/quart. The Spring Tea & Raffle Saturday will be held on May 3rd. Tickets will be \$20. Our Entertainment will be the Historical Hysterical Hat Show - presented by retired teachers whose main purpose is to raise money for scholarships for women studying to be teachers. These ladies take us down a trip on memory Lane of hats. They ask that all attending wear a hat of any kind. (formal, fancy, trendy, baseball, do rags). Anything goes. If you are interested in attending or purchasing a ticket to donate to this great mission to help provide scholarship money for future teachers a sign-up sheet will be in the narthex or contact Karen or Cookie.

MISSION

Update on Pottstown Beacon of Hope (PBOH): The Pottstown Planning Commission has given preliminary approval for the 42 bed, 6 office future home for PBOH. This is an important step in moving forward with proposed construction of the West High Street location. PBOH has abbreviated their Warming Center operations to conclude April 1st, due in part to accommodations available at the Days Inn.

We continue to collect food for the Animal House Project to benefit underfunded pet owners with donated pet food and other products. Distribution is on the 1st Saturday of each month from their location on Robinson Street in Pottstown. Current needs primarily are for cat food.

The next meeting of the Mission Committee will be April 23rd at 6:00 PM.

PROPERTY

Contact Don Bolonski or Dennis Reagan with any property issues. Also contact them if you would like to help with mowing or weeding this spring or summer.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

We hope you enjoyed the USS Linfield event in March. More activities will be coming soon.

*Happy Spring...Happy Easter
to you and yours !*

