

The Linfield UCC Buzz

May 2025



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR CAROLINE...

It's official—we're spending this Easter Season walking through the Resurrection story with scripture in one hand and a playlist from the 70s & 80s in the other. Each Sunday, we're pairing a resurrection story from the Gospel of John with a hit song from decades past. I hope it's fair to say that thus far, it's been joyful, surprising, and a little bit nostalgic in all the best ways.

If you missed the first two weeks, no worries—you've still got time to catch the groove. We began with U2's *I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For*, where Mary Magdalene and the disciples come to the tomb expecting to find the body of their Lord... and found only linen and mystery. The search for Jesus continued until finally Mary found what she was looking for!

Then came Queen and David Bowie's *Under Pressure*, echoing in the background as the disciples lock themselves away in fear. In that tight, anxious space—where “the terror of knowing what the world is about” feels all too real—Jesus enters anyway. He offers peace. He offers presence. And like the song says, he gives love another chance... and another... and another.

Now that we're cruising into May, I thought I'd offer a sneak peek into the next four weeks. Of course, I *won't* just tell you what songs are coming (what would be the fun in that?). Instead, you're invited to decode these delightfully subtle hints.

Week 3: We'll cast our nets wide in John 21, where fish are caught, breakfast is served, and love is asked and answered not once, not twice, but three times. This one calls for someone reliable—someone who'll remind you they're always there, even when you're running on empty. A friend to lean on, perhaps?

Week 4: In John 10, we'll lean in and listen for the voice of the Good Shepherd. He calls us by name, cuts through the static, and leads us through the noise. You might want to follow your heart on this one... just listen closely.

Week 5: Just when things seem to settle down, Jesus hits us with a new commandment: love one another. But this isn't the polite, Hallmark-card kind of love. It's wild, unpredictable, and definitely not easy to define. Sounds like the kind of love that might drive you a little crazy.

Week 6: And finally, in John 14, Jesus offers comfort that lasts beyond the goodbye. It's the kind of message that keeps you going when life gets tough. A little bit of soul, a lot of resilience, and maybe just enough sass to keep you dancing even when things are hard.

So, bring your curiosity, your love of good music, and maybe your best guess at this week's tune. Whether you've been here every week or are just jumping in, there's a place for you in this season. Come for the scripture, stay for the surprise... and maybe hum a tune on your way out. The tomb is still empty, the stone is still rolled, and the beat goes on.

See you Sunday,
Pastor Caroline

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

May 4th 9:00 Worship

Greeter: Bill Schaeffer
Liturgist: TBD
Ushers: TBD
Coffee Hour:

May 11th 9:00am Worship

Greeter: Perry Wetzel
Liturgist: Carol Vickers
Ushers: Joanne & Al Thomas
Coffee Hour: Schaeffer

May 18th 9:00am Worship

Greeter: Nancy Detterline
Liturgist: Jon Detterline
Ushers: Diane & Bob Muhlack
Communion: Bob Smith & Carol Vickers
Coffee Hour: Detterline

May 25th 9:00am Worship

Greeter: Adrien Cibulsky
Liturgist: Kenzie Keith
Ushers: Ellen Goodman & Judy Gondal
Coffee Hour: McDaniel

May 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

May 3 rd	12:00 pm	Ladies Tea
May 7 th	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast at Urban's
May 7 th	10:30-11:30 am	Bible Study
May 7 th	6:30 pm	Spiritual Council Meeting
May 7 th	7:00 pm	Christian Ed Team Meeting
May 14 th	10:30-11:30 am	Bible Study
May 15 th	6:30-8:00 pm	Faith and Fellowship meeting
May 21 st	10:30-11:30 am	Bible Study
May 22 nd	7:00 pm	Worship Team Meeting
May 27 th	7:00-8:00 pm	Consistory Meeting
May 28 th	10:30 – 11:30	Bible Study

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

The Faith & Fellowship Gathering is on May 15th from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Stay tune as there may be a surprise location. Bible study continues on Wednesday mornings from 10:30 – 11:30 am. Mission projects focusing on children were discussed and forwarded to the Mission Team.

THE TEACHER'S CLOSET

The Teacher's Closet will be open on from May 18th from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. Items needed are, plastic bags – quart, one-gallon and two-gallon, tissues, cap erasers, masking tape, large drawing pads and dot paints.

FUNDRAISING



The Spring Tea & Raffle will be held on Saturday, May 3rd at 12:00 pm. Tickets will be \$20 per person. 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 at 610 495-5411.

The Pottstown Rotary Duck Race will be held at 3:00 pm on July 4th at Memorial Park in Pottstown. Tickets are \$5 each. After selling 300 or more tickets, we will receive a return of \$4 for each ticket sold. To purchase tickets, contact Teresa at 610-970-1975 or see her on Sundays at church. Please make checks out to Linfield UCC. All monies and tickets must be returned by June 1st. Thank you!

MISSION

In May we will continue to collect items during the offering time for Project Outreach Food Pantry. Items needed at this time are pasta sauce, canned tomatoes, canned potatoes, canned gravy, paper towels and toiletries. In June we will collect food items for Operation 143 which you

will be hearing more about soon. The funds collected in the cash jar on Sundays will be sent to Heifer International which will be used to purchase animal(s) through Heifer International to benefit needy families. More information to follow! The next meeting of the Mission Committee will be August 13th at 3:00 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

Watch for announcements for new activities coming soon.



*Enjoy the beauty of
the spring flowers
and the songs of the
birds...*