



Ardmore United Methodist Church Easter Newsletter—2015



Annual Easter Egg Hunt...

For all children of the congregation our annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on the church lawn, immediately following the Easter Service on Sunday, April 5th at 12:15. Children are to gather on the front porch outside the narthex after worship for a group photo. The hunt will commence from there. The section of the lawn closest to the education building will be designated for children birth thru Pre-K. The larger section of the lawn across the driveway will be designated for participants in grades kindergarten through fifth grade. Please help out our Easter Bunny by shelling the candy at the egg recycling station. Children keep the candy, the church keeps the eggs to reuse in future years.

Donations of cash and wrapped candy would be appreciated and can be dropped off in the church office. Thank you!

This year, on March 29th, the youth group and the Missions and Outreach Committee are making 25 baskets for a partner church in West Philadelphia. Your extra donations for this venture are also welcomed.

Easter Flowers....

The beauty of our church is enriched each year by the presence of glorious Easter Flowers. This year we will offer white Lilies and assorted Hydrangea. If you would like to participate by placing a plant in memory or in honor of a loved one, please fill out the enclosed order form and return it to the church office no later than March 29th.



Save the Date: Spring Yard Sale
Saturday, May 9, 2015
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

In Memorial: Charlotte Bode



The Worship of Holy Week

Palm Sunday

March 29th

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Ardmore Church Sanctuary

Distribution of Palms in worship

Maundy Thursday

April 2nd

7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Ardmore Church Sanctuary

(with Holy Communion at the altar)

Good Friday

April 3rd

Noon - 1:00 p.m.

Ardmore Church Sanctuary

"Reflections from the Cross"

Easter Sunday

April 5th

9 a.m. - Contemporary

11 a.m. - Traditional

Ardmore Church Sanctuary

Easter Egg Hunt

12:15 p.m. *(meet at front porch)*



Easter Blessings to All!

Sunday School News...

Our Sunday school program for Spring will continue to use the Grow, Proclaim, Serve! Curriculum. During April, Elementary school students will focus on the unit *Easter and Beyond*, remembering "Jesus is with me now and always". The nursery class will do a month of activities also revolving around the theme of Easter. In May, the focus of the unit will be *In The Spirit*, remembering "The Holy Spirit is always with me".

Reminder: Confirmation Class begins April 12, 2015, 10 a.m.

We celebrated in Worship on March 22, 2015 the Baptism of Dustin Battestelli and Reileigh Landry. Dustin is the son of Jessica Landry and Reileigh is the daughter of Christine Landry. Congratulations and God Bless.



Poverty Simulation

April 25, 2015, 9:30a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Hope UMC, Havertown, Pa,
The Eastern Main Line Mission Connexion will be hosting this informative experience. Both church and community members will be welcomed. More detail to come but save the date now.



Community Day with Partners for Sacred Places - Engaging the community to develop our Ministry.



Mission and Outreach

Clare to Thailand

Lay Leader Clare Sautter will be part of a UMCOR/VIM mission trip to Thailand May 19-29th. To the side is a picture of team leader, Rev. Karen Weiss. Karen was with us to preach and lead Sunday school on March 15th.



To support Clare, we will have a "Mission Dinner" on Tuesday April 28th at Sang Kee Restaurant, Wynnewood. 6:30-8:30 p.m., \$30.00 per person.

Easter Baskets

Contact: Georgette Champagnie

This year the youth group and the Missions and Outreach Committee are making 25 baskets for a partner church in West Philadelphia on the morning of Sunday, March 29. Your extra donations for this venture are most welcomed.

Relay for Life

Contact: Joe Mastronardo

The youth group will be participating in a 12-hour Relay for Life April 18-19th at Villanova.



Relay for Life is an American Cancer Society event that raises funds for research and awareness. In order to meet the group's \$1,000 goal, there will be two bake sales following church March 29th and April 12th. Additional donations can be made through the Relay for Life website.

Summer Camp Sponsorships

Contact: Diana Esposito

One week of summer camp is said to have the same impact on the spiritual growth of camper as a whole year in Sunday School. With overwhelming costs for some families, our current goal is to support 15 children to attend summer camp this year! There are three ways to support the camper-ship program.

- (1) Donate directly through the Go Fund Me website (www.gofundme.com/camperships2015) or to the church (please note that the donation is for camperships)
- (2) Attend the Dining to Donate event at Applebee's in the Manoa Shopping Center in Havertown on April 13, 2015 any time throughout the day, *must bring the dining to donate flyer* www.rosegroupdining.com
- (3) Pray for us and pass the word along to other people who may want to donate.

Finance update for 2015

Total offerings budgeted 1/1 -3/24:	\$55,251
Total offerings intended for '15, 1/1 - 3/24:	<u>\$50,223</u>
Balance	\$ 5,028

Thank you for your faithful giving. While we have a slight deficit, we trust your second mile giving at Easter will help us balance our budget for 2015. God loves a cheerful giver!

Prayer Works Café
Dinner & Concert
in Bailey Hall
Saturday, March 22nd
Using our building for
Outreach & Ministry.

