



**Worship - 10:45 a.m.**  
**Service of Holy Communion each week**  
**Reverend Jenny Richards, Pastor**



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*We have something to Share...*

*“Come - let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.” Revelation 22:17*

*From the Pastor's Desk*

The baptismal font can be like an oasis in the starkness of the season of lent. On Valentine's Day we also celebrate the holy day of Ash Wednesday, a reminder that we are made of dust, and to dust we shall one day return. A dichotomy like these two holidays falling on the same day, might make you think that Ash Wednesday is not a day full of love and hope, but Ash Wednesday reminds me that I am not to worry about anything because I am not God! The God of love however is about to show us what true love is. Lent carries those stories of love to us. And the baptismal waters, well they refresh the dust. The waters turn dust into pliable mud to be shaped and reformed by God.

I know that's a lot of flowery language, so let me set it in plain language. In this coming season of lent we will be hearing stories from the ancient texts of the Bible. Kicking it off on the first Sunday in lent, we will hear about God's promise to Noah. Yes, Julie, when you asked if it would be appropriate to lead a bible study in lent about Noah, you didn't even know that the Holy Spirit was working through you, did you? How about that? Our second Sunday in lent brings us to Abram and Sarai given a promise by God and celebrated with new names - Abraham and Sarah! This is a reminder that at the font we are called out by name and given promises by the very same God who called out Abraham and Sarah. Are you seeing a common theme here with water and the word? I'll leave you with these two examples, and we'll see if you can find any other connections to baptism over the coming weeks of lent.

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**February**

- Sat 10 6-9 p.m. Valentines Day Dinner Dance
- Wed 14 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service at St Matthews
- Fri 16 Noon Lenten Luncheon at 1st United Presbyterian
- Wed 21 6 p.m. Soup and Bible Study at BSU
- Fri 23 Noon Lenten Luncheon at 1st United Presbyterian
- Sun 25 Food Bank setup
- Mon 26 9-11 a.m. Food Bank distribution
- 6 p.m. Council Meeting
- Wed 28 6 p.m. Soup and Bible Study at BSU

**March**

- Fri 1 Noon Lenten Luncheon at 1st United Presbyterian
- Wed 6 6 p.m. Soup and Bible Study at BSU
- Fri 8 Noon Lenten Luncheon at 1st United Presbyterian
- Sat 9 4-6 p.m. Pot Pie Dinner - Drive-Thru
- Wed 13 6 p.m. Soup and Bible Study at BSU
- Fri 15 Noon Lenten Luncheon at 1st United Presbyterian
- 7:30 p.m. Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt at BSU
- Wed 20 6 p.m. Soup and Bible Study at BSU
- Fri 15 Noon Lenten Luncheon at 1st United Presbyterian
- Newsletter Deadline for April/May Issue
- Wed 22 6 p.m. Soup and Bible Study at BSU
- Sat 23 10 a.m. Childrens Easter Egg Hunt at BSU
- Sun 24 10:45 a.m. Palm Sunday Service
- Food Bank setup
- Mon 25 9-11 a.m. Food Bank distribution
- 6 p.m. Council Meeting
- Thu 6 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service at Zion
- Fri 29 3 p.m. Good Friday at BSU
- 6 p.m. Community Cross Walk  
(begins in Zion Lutheran parking lot)
- Sun 31 7 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service (Memorial Garden)
- following the service - Easter Breakfast
- 10:45 a.m. Easter Festival Service

**April**

- Sun 7 10:15 a.m. Holy Humor Sunday Breakfast and Service

Everyone is welcome, please join us in our mission of

**OUTREACH:**

- O** Opportunities for worship, prayer and fellowship
- U** Uniting in ministry, rooted in Word and Sacrament
- T** Teaching God's Word
- R** Reaching out to others, healing and helping
- E** Empowering all to use their gifts
- A** Accepting of everyone
- C** Christ-centered, caring community
- H** Holy Spirit-guided

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# Congregational News

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

March brings us to Holy Week and on the final day of the month of March arrives the holiest day in the church year- Christ's Resurrection. Easter is a day to remind us that we are connected to Christ through promise. God promised in those baptismal waters – we are marked by the cross of Christ and sealed by the Holy Spirit – a promise by God to share in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. When we return to dust, God brings us home. There is no greater promise of love than this.

I encourage you to participate in our weekly Lenten bible study this year. I think Julie has a surprise

announcement for those who are interested in coming to these studies. Aaaand... I've heard that there's gonna be soup (and maybe wine too??). Is that enough to pique your curiosity?

May your Lenten journey fill you with hope and love, and some chocolates on Valentine's Day/Ash Wednesday. I think that's a God moment too, that lent starts on a day celebrating love!

In Christ,  
Pastor Jenny

## LENT AND EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### Combined Lenten Services:

February 14 - Ash Wednesday - 7 p.m. at Centerville and St. Matthews

March 28 - Maundy Thursday - 7 p.m. at Zion

March 29 - Good Friday - 3 p.m. at BSULC

### Weekly Lenten Bible Studies:

Wednesdays - 9 a.m. at Centerville with coffee

4:30 p.m. at St. Matthews

6 p.m. at BSULC with soup and wine

Thursdays - 7:00 p.m. at Zion

**Community Cross Walk** at 6 p.m. on Good Friday, March 29, beginning at Zion parking lot

**Friday Lenten Luncheons** at noon February 16, 23, March 1, 8, 15, 22 held at First United Presbyterian Church.

**Palm Sunday Service** at BSULC - March 24. 10:45 a.m.

### Easter Morning at BSULC

March 31 Sunrise Service 7 a.m. in the Memorial Garden

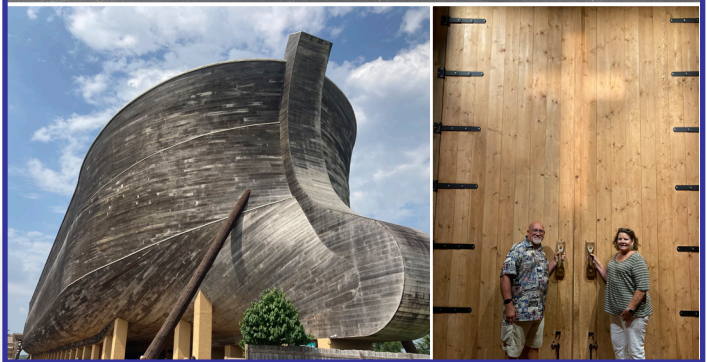
Breakfast following the sunrise service

Sunday Service 10:45 a.m.

Thanks for sharing God's Word with the Local Lutheran community!

## LENTEN BIBLE STUDIES 6 P.M. AT BSULC FEBRUARY 21, 28 MARCH 6, 13, 20

Looking to further your Lenten journey? Then join us each Wednesday evening at 6:00 during Lent for soup, wine, and word as Julie Barrick will lead a Bible study on Noah and the doors of the Bible. Look for more information in your weekly bulletin announcements!



**PRAYER CHAIN** To place someone on the prayer chain, please call Pat McKeehan (448-9555)

# Worship, Fellowship, Youth & Family Events



## 2024 Worship, Fellowship, Youth & Family Events

### February

- Sat 10 Valentine's Day Dinner Dance 6-9 p.m.  
w/Shippensburg Swing Band  
Wed 14 Ash Wednesday 7 p.m.

### March

- Sat 9 Pot Pie Dinner - Drive thru 4-6 p.m.  
Fri 15 Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt 7:30 p.m.  
Sat 23 Easter Egg Hunt 10 a.m.  
Sun 24 Palm Sunday Service 10:45 a.m.  
Thur 28 Maundy Thursday Service 7 p.m.  
Fri 29 Good Friday Service 3p.m.  
Newville Community Cross Walk 6 p.m.  
Sun 31 Easter Sunrise Service 7 a.m.  
Easter Breakfast following the service  
Easter Sunday Service 10:45 a.m.

### April

- Sun 7 Holy Humor Sunday Breakfast  
and Service 10:15 a.m.

### May

- Sat 11 Kris Zeigler Turkey Dinner 4-6 p.m.

- June Wed 19 Dinner and Games

- July Wed 17 Dinner Out

- August Wed 21 Picnic and Games

### September

- Sun 8 GWOH

### October

- Sat 5 Fall Fest / Soup Sale 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

- Sun 27 Reformation Sunday Service 10:45 a.m.

- Thur 31 Trunk or Treat 6-8 p.m.

### November

- Sun 3 All Saints Sunday Service 10:45 a.m.

- Sat 9 Pot Pie Dinner - Drive thru 4-6 p.m.

- Sun 10 Harvest Home Service 10:45 a.m.

- Sun 24 Christ the King Sunday Service 10:45 a.m.

- Wed 27 Decorate Church 5 p.m.

- Sat 30 Christmas Dinner 6 p.m.

### December

- Sun 1 1st Sunday of Advent Service 10:45 a.m.  
Shippensburg Band Concert 2 p.m.

- Sun 8 Free Community Spaghetti Dinner  
w/Shippensburg Swing Band 6 p.m.

- Tues 24 Christmas Eve Service 8 p.m.

**VALENTINE DINNER DANCE** Please sign up to help with the set up for the dinner, and to do the clean up and reset for Sunday service. We would like dessert donations that do not need to be refrigerated and they can be dropped at the church On February 10th, from 10-1 or at 4:30.

*Valentines Dinner Dance*  
*Saturday, February 10, 6 p.m.*

*Shippensburg*  
*Swing Band*

*Meat & Vegetable*  
*Lasagna*

*\$18 per person*  
*Suggested Donation*

Please RSVP for Dinner to  
Lisa Ellerman at 440-2415  
or [ellermal@dickinson.edu](mailto:ellermal@dickinson.edu)

*Big Spring United*  
*Lutheran Church*

101 Crossroad School Road  
Newville, PA 17241



### KEEP IN TOUCH WITH OUR SHUT-INS'..

If you have a few extra minutes, send a little message to those who cannot be with us each Sunday. Here are just a few, if you know of anyone else, please give their name and address to Barbara Weary to be placed in the Sunday bulletin.

**Franz Schauer**  
8607 Park Road  
Orrstown PA 17244

**Monk Hilliard**  
100 Ege Drive  
Carlisle PA 17015

**Leonard Snyder**  
149 Steelstown Road  
Newville PA 17241

**Jack Nace**  
923 N College Street  
Carlisle PA 17013

# Worship, Fellowship, Youth & Family Events

## COMMUNITY LENTEN LUNCHEONS

Fridays of Lent, Feb. 16–Mar. 22, 12 noon-1 p.m.  
At First United Presbyterian Church, Newville  
Sponsored by the Big Spring Inter-Church Council

Each Friday of Lent, one of our local pastors leads a brief worship service, after which a light lunch is served. All are welcome! The free-will offering supports various local ministries, as designated by the BSICC.

On **March 8th BSULC and the Newville Lutheran Parish**, which consists of Zion and Centerville churches, are responsible for hosting the Lenten lunch and worship service located at First United Presbyterian Church in Newville. The service begins at noon followed by a meal, which we as a Lutheran community will provide and serve. **We will need volunteers to help set up, serve, and clean up as well as provide desserts. Please consider helping for this annual community event. There will be a sign up sheet in the Northex.**



The BSULC **Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday March 15, at 7:30 pm at BSUL.** This hunt is for the youth of BSULC members, family and their friends. There will be pizza at 7:30 pm, followed by the egg hunt in the dark. After the egg hunt there will be prizes, desserts and drinks. Everyone had a blast last year, so come and join us.

## BIG SPRING AREA FOOD BANK

Big Spring Area Food Bank  
101 Crossroad School Road  
(mailing address: PO Box 82 Newville)  
717-422-4603 | bsafoodbank@gmail.com



The 2024 distribution dates for the Big Spring Area Food Bank are:

Jan 29	April 29	July 29	Oct 28
Feb 26	May 20 (early)	Aug 26	Nov. 25
Mar 25	June 24	Sept 30	Dec. 30 (early)

(early) indicates distribution is NOT on the last Monday of the month

In the event of a **weather** delay or cancellation by Big Spring Schools, the food bank will follow the school schedule and reopen when the schools reopen. Info will be available on Food Bank phone 717-422-4603.



Our **regular Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, March 23 at 10 am at BSUL**, rain or shine. This hunt is open to any BSULC and community youth. Following the hunt there will be snacks, drinks and activities. So come and enjoy the fun!

## FREE SPAGHETTI SUPPER AND THE SHIPPENSBURG SWING BAND

On December 10th your fellowship crew came together to make and provide a free spaghetti supper to the community. Thanks to all who helped prepare the meal which also included salad and yummy desserts. The Shippensburg Swing Band once again entertained us with wonderful Christmas music during the supper. It was so nice to see everyone enjoying themselves with good food, good music, and even good dancing!



# Worship, Fellowship, Youth & Family Events



Kudos to your property chair, **Layne Barrick** and **Greg Ellerman** for taking care of the recent snow storms covering the church parking lot!



## Big Spring United Lutheran Council

In the next column you will find phone numbers and email for our council members. We hope you will feel free to contact any of them with any suggestions or concerns. **Council meets at 6 p.m. the last Monday of each month, except May and December (5/20, 12/23).** You are welcome to attend any meeting or speak at the beginning of the meeting during the open comment period. Please contact Julie Barrick to make arrangements.

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## CHRISTMAS EVE DAY AND CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Both of the Christmas Eve Day and Christmas Eve services were filled with lots of wonderful music and words! The morning service was led by Jerry Clouse and included lessons and carols for the final Sunday in Advent. Thanks to all of the readers and Jerry for participating in this beautiful service. Our evening candle light service was also a beautiful one filled with great music from

Barbara Weary on her keyboard, the choir anthems, and lovely Christmas hymns. Our attendance was overwhelming with 65 people coming out to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, baby Jesus. The church was beautifully decorated both inside and out. Thanks to all who made this evening service memorable!



# Congregational News

## February Worship Assistants

Assisting Minister Andrew Auchey  
Lector Julie Barrick  
Communion Assistant/Altar Guild Robin Tolan, Pat Belden  
Greeter Bill & Soney Ellis  
Usher Greg & Lisa Ellerman

## March Worship Assistants

Assisting Minister Pat Belden  
Lector Suelyn Reisinger  
Communion Assistant/Altar Guild Jerry Clouse, Suelyn Reisinger  
Greeter Bev & George Stets  
Usher Lauren Zeigler, Pat Belden

## February Birthdays & Anniversaries

- |                    |                             |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 Janelle Miller   | 16 Greg Ellerman II         |
| Kristapher Zeigler | 18 Pat McKeehan             |
| 2 Branda Schock    | Todd Moul                   |
| Sue Swartz         | 22 Leonard Snyder           |
| 5 Shani Shenk      | 28 Charlee Schock           |
| 7 Marlene Moul     | <b>Anniversaries</b>        |
| 8 Tanya Wanish     | 10 Mark & Karen Mallin      |
| 9 Emily Washburn   | 28 Greg II & Kerry Ellerman |
| 11 Lucas Shenk     |                             |

## March Birthdays & Anniversaries

- |                     |                           |
|---------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 Rae Ann Brougher  | 26 Erwin Wiser            |
| 2 Bridget McAlister | 27 Koltin Gettle          |
| 5 Julie Barrick     | 28 Myra Barrick           |
| Teri Istle          | 29 Tom Gehman             |
| Mark Mallin         | <b>Anniversaries</b>      |
| 13 Lennon Anderson  | 9 Todd & Dennette Moul    |
| 15 Hunter Adams     | 27 Harry & Peggy Wheeler  |
| 23 Durwin Ellerman  | 28 Brandon & Teresa Weary |
| Olivia Dechene      | Rhonda & Scott Willis     |
| 24 Tyriq Laney      | 29 Larry & Marlene Moul   |

### PAW PACKS

Friday, February 16  
8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

Please consider helping to pack food for the PAW Packs program on Friday, February 16th from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. at the Newville 1st Church of God on Route 533. The PAW Packs program is currently providing food for 280 to 300 children in the Big Spring School District every Friday. Your help is greatly appreciated! Please let Julie know if you are available.



**POT PIE DRIVE THRU DINNER** will be March 9th, donations of beef and broth will be needed. Volunteers are needed to begin scooping the pot pie at 3 p.m. and take out begins at 4 p.m.

**Saturday, March 9**  
**4 – 6 PM**

**POT PIE by-the-quart**  
**Drive thru only**

HAM, CHICKEN, OR BEEF

No pre orders  
**QUART**  
**\$12.00**

Big Spring United Lutheran Church

A big thank you to Greg Thomas for donating this beautiful deacons bench for our Narthex.



# Financial Report

Below is a review of the 2023 Finances.

- 2023 was a year with strong results. We finished the year just shy of \$12,000 to the positive. We had 7 positive months and 5 months where we spent more than we received.

○ January	\$ 1,163.24
○ February	\$4,650.92
○ March	\$ 8,761.36
○ April	\$ 584.13
○ May	-\$ 311.24
○ June	-\$ 972.32
○ July	-\$ 693.85
○ August	\$4,984.38
○ September	\$ 477.47
○ October	\$1,431.24
○ November	-\$1,612.66
○ December	\$2,801.50

**YTD Total \$11,962.33**

- The budget for 2024 came to almost \$150,600. That means each month we need 12,550 in receipts to cover our actual expenses. Out of the total, \$54,000 are for the mortgage (36%) and \$57,236 are for Pastor Jenni and supply pastors (38%). Receipts (or giving) in 2023 were almost \$160,000. We need to stay vigilant with

watching the finances as we are working with a thin margin.

- Fundraiser results for 2023:
  - Spring Pot Pie Dinner = \$1,860.00
  - Soybean Sale = \$7,000.00
  - Turkey Dinner = \$2,049.00
  - Fall Pot Pie Dinner = \$2,204.00
- The Balance of the Endowment is \$93,730.
- The balance owed on the mortgage is \$502,943.
- Please remember that we have online giving options available for use. This is a great under-utilized option to look into if you are out of town traveling often or don't want to worry with an envelope. Please remember that the church's expenses occur weekly regardless of attendance (Pastor, electricity, insurance, etc.). Online giving through Tithe.ly or Paypal is a good way to give on a consistent basis. Links are on bsulc.org to both online giving options.

For a more in-depth look at the finances (both receipts and expenses), please look for the council minutes and financial report to be posted the Sunday following the council meeting each month. The reports will be posted on the bulletin board by the water fountain. See Mike or Mark if you have additional questions.

## SHIPPENSBURG TOWN BAND

The Shippensburg Town Band entertained us with awesome Christmas music in the afternoon of December 3rd. Various fundraisers throughout the year earned money for us to give to the PAW Packs program, the

Food Bank, Neighbors in Christ, and Furry Friends. Thanks to those who provided Christmas cookies for refreshments and all of the members who continue to help make all of our fundraisers successful!



# Community News

## BIG SPRING SENIOR CENTER

See our website at [www.bigspringseiorcenter.weebly.com](http://www.bigspringseiorcenter.weebly.com) for more information.

**Sit-Down & Grab n Go Lunches:** A hot and a frozen meal is provided to all those 60 and better when ordered and are distributed Monday through Friday between 11:30 a.m. – 12 noon. If you want to come into the Big Spring Senior Center to sit down the meal will be served at 11:30 a.m. All meals are a recommended donation of \$3. If you are 60 and better and want to request a meal (you must come to pick up), please call the senior center. Meals must be reserved one business day by 12 noon prior to pick up.

**Live Exercise Classes (If you are new to our exercise classes, please contact the Senior Center prior to attending class)**

**Zumba Gold:** Every Monday at 9 a.m. at First United Presbyterian Church, 111 W. Big Spring Ave., Newville. Cost is \$3 per class for those 60-plus and \$5 per class for those 50-59. Zumba Gold is a low-intensity version of the Latin dance-inspired fitness class aimed at a mature audience. Research at Minot State University in North Dakota has indicated that Zumba not only influences physical fitness, but also on cognitive (mental) function. Just walk in.

**T'ai Chi for Arthritis:** Tuesdays at 10 a.m. This class is held at First United Presbyterian Church, 111 W. Big Spring Ave., Newville. Cost is currently \$1 plus donation until further notice. To register, call 717-776-4478.

**Movement with Mindfulness (evolved from Yoga):** Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m. This class is held at First United Presbyterian Church, 111 W. Big Spring Ave., Newville. Yoga is a mind-body practice that combines stretching exercises, controlled breathing, and relaxation. Cost for a 10-week program is \$55 for members of the Big Spring Senior Center, and \$65 for non-members. Registration and payment are due before you start a class. Start dates will be pro-rated. Call 717-776-4478 to register. **Class instructed by the YMCA – Carlisle.**

**Senior Wellness Exercise Program:** Thursdays at 9 a.m. This class is held at First United Presbyterian Church, 111 W. Big Spring Avenue, Newville. the Senior Center. This

program instructed by Cathy Graver, Director of the Big Spring Senior Center will concentrate on strength, balance, coordination, endurance, and flexibility. Keeping to basics exercise will take place standing, sitting and a little dance to music centered on the oldies of the 50's & 60's. Per class charge is \$3 for seniors and \$5 for those 50-59.

**Virtual Exercise Class:** Contact the Big Spring Senior Center for more information. Currently we provide virtual classes for T'ai Chi for Arthritis.

### **More to Do:**

**Watercolor Painting Opportunity:** Mondays at 1:30 p.m. Do you have an interest in water coloring? It takes space, **inspiration, and motivation, and we can help. Join our friendly group of painters with our instructor, Kathleen Schungel.** The cost is \$5 per week to the instructor and \$1 to the Senior Center. **During this time, we also offer Coloring for Adults for \$1 (includes adult coloring books and coloring pencils)**

**Jewelry Making Class:** February 13th and February 27th at 1:00 p.m., Kathleen Schungel, professional art instructor (retired), will teach the techniques to create a variety of jewelry pieces. Cost is \$5.

**Crafts:** Tuesdays at 9 a.m. on Tuesdays. We could use your help, hands, and ideas. Come and make seasonal and everyday crafts, as well as new friends.

**Bible Study:** Every Wednesday at 1 p.m. Pastor Michael (Mike) Faust of Centerville and Zion Luther Churches will present the study "Miracles: Signs of God's Glory" by Douglas Connelly. Drop-ins are welcome.

**Game Day:** Lots of opportunities to play cards and games can be found at the Big Spring Senior Center beginning at 9:30 a.m. through 3:30 p.m. Thursdays. Walk-ins are welcome.

**Game Night:** 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. Snacks to share are always welcome.

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**Deadline for submitting articles for the bi-monthly newsletter is the 15th of the month before it is published. Information should be sent to Rae Ann Brougher, editor, at [lrbrougher45@gmail.com](mailto:lrbrougher45@gmail.com).**

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**Deadline for submitting information for the Sunday bulletin is Wednesday noon. Information should be sent to Barbara Weary at [wearyba80@gmail.com](mailto:wearyba80@gmail.com), and [bigspringunited@centurylink.net](mailto:bigspringunited@centurylink.net).**

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