



Our Lenten Journey 2018

United Church of Christ East Goshen

1201 NORTH CHESTER ROAD
WEST CHESTER, PA 19380
610-692-2951

www.UCCEastGoshen.org

Rev. Angelee Benner-Smith, Pastor

*Caroline A. Dunleavy
Director of Music Ministry*

*Phyllis Kinser
Administrative Assistant*

LENT is the season of our liturgical calendar when we celebrate and remember Christ's incarnation and humanness and prepare our hearts for his death and resurrection. To be human is to be limited, finite and sinful. Christ came to join us in our humanity and to redeem our sins so we could live eternally with God. Lent is a time of repentance, reflection and renewal in preparation for our Easter Resurrection!

You are invited to join with the Church Universal in celebrating the season of Lent with the following activities here at our local church!



Lenten Schedule

February 13, Tuesday -

8:30 am Senior Breakfast at W.C. Sr. Center
10:30 – 12:00 Café Script Bible Study

February 14, Ash Wednesday

7:00 pm Service of Communion
& Distribution of Ashes

The imposition of ashes reminds us of our humanity, "earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust." The imposition of ashes is an Early Church tradition which symbolizes our humanity and our need for redemption as we begin the Holy Season.

February 17, Saturday

5:30 Roots & Roofs Service
Theme: God's covenant with Noah

February 18 - First Sunday in Lent

10:00 Family Worship
11:15 Fellowship

February 19, Monday

7:00 pm Council Meeting

February 21, Wednesday

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

February 24, Saturday

5:30 Roots & Roofs Service
God's Covenant with Abraham

February 25 – Second Sunday in Lent

10:00 am Worship Service
Guest Preacher, Seminarian Beth Eustis
11:15 Fellowship

February 27, Tuesday

10:30-12:00 Café Script Bible Study

February 28, Wednesday

6-7 pm Soup & Reflection in Fellowship Hall
Char & Chuck Gosselink, hosts
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

March 1, Thursday

We Prepare a Meal for the Salvation Army shelter

March 2, Friday

1:00 pm Lunch Bunch Meets

March 3, Saturday

1:00-3:30 pm Learn to create traditional *Pysanky*
eggs. Watch for details
5:30 pm Roots & Roofs
The Ten Commandments
Special Guest – Barbara Thornton,
Iconographer

March 4, Third Sunday in Lent

10:00 am Worship & Communion Service
11:15 Fellowship
11:30 New Member Meeting

March 6, Tuesday

10:30-12:00 Café Script Bible Study

March 7, Wednesday

6-7 pm Soup & Reflection in Fellowship Hall
Linda Ardao, host (*Meditation*)
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

March 8, Thursday

6-7 pm New Member Meeting

March 10, Saturday

5:30 Roots & Roofs Service
God Loves Us!
Special Guest - Celeste Montgomery,
Story Teller

March 11, Fourth Sunday in Lent

(Daylight Savings Time Begins)

10:00 am Worship & Healing Service
11:15 Fellowship
11:30 am Youth Group Meeting

March 13, Tuesday

8:30 am Senior Breakfast at W.C. Sr. Center
10:30-12:00 Café Script

March 14, Wednesday

6-7 pm Soup & Reflection in Fellowship Hall
Patty Yarnall, host
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

March 17, Saturday

5:30 Roots & Roofs Service
New Covenants

March 18, Fifth Sunday in Lent

8:30 am Council/New Member Breakfast
10:00 am Worship Service, New Members Received
11:15 Fellowship

March 19, Monday

7 pm Council Meeting

March 20, Tuesday

10:30-12:00 Café Script Bible Study

March 21, Wednesday

6-7 pm Soup & Reflection in Fellowship Hall
Al & Angelee Benner-Smith, host
(*Walking the Labyrinth*)

March 24, Lazarus Saturday

5:30 Roots & Roofs Service

Palm to Passion Sunday

March 25, Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday

We re-live and celebrate Christ's entry to Jerusalem, focusing on the events of the last week of His life among us.

8:30 am Pancake Breakfast hosted by the Men's Group in Fellowship Hall. A free will offering will be received.

10:00 am Worship Service
Our palm branches wave and songs are sung as we hear the scriptures of Jesus' triumphant entry to Jerusalem. We move toward Christ's journey to the Cross.

11:15 am Fellowship

March 28, Wednesday

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

March 29, Maundy Thursday

6:00 pm Simple soup supper with traditional Passover items around the tables. *You are invited to bring food items from the sign-up sheet found in the Narthex.*

7:00 pm Worship Service, Holy Communion shared.

March 30, Friday

7:00 pm Lessons and Processions
A procession of scripture lessons and songs from outside into the sanctuary as we remember Jesus death on the cross

March 31, Saturday

5:30 pm Roots & Roofs
Easter Vigil with a Dixieland Band

April 1, Easter Sunday

- 6:30 am HE HAS RISEN INDEED!
Resurrection Celebration with an outside sunrise worship at our Church with sweet guitar accompaniment. Holy Communion shared. Following our worship, please join us inside to warm up with coffee and sweet rolls.
- 10:00 am Worship *as the sounds of organ and voice sing the news, "The stone was rolled away. No longer death, but life."* Holy Communion shared.
- 11:30 am Special Fellowship with sweets and finger foods. Children are invited to an Easter Egg Hunt for eggs and candy in the Church yard.

EASTER FLOWERS

Please look for the order forms that will be available in the Narthex for ordering flowers this year. You may order 6-inch pots of tulips and hyacinths for \$8 and lilies for \$10. They will be delivered to the church for the Easter Sunday service and your dedications will be printed in that day's Bulletin. You can take them home afterwards or request that they be delivered to a shut-in. Please see Tina Larsen or Carol Swingle with questions. The last day to order is March 11, so be thinking about how many you would like to order. It is a wonderful way to honor a loved one, provide a beautiful addition to our Easter celebration, and brighten someone's days for weeks afterward.



Soup & Spiritual Practices

On Wednesday evenings during the season of Lent, we offer a simple soup/bread meal and a time of reflection on a spiritual practices. A spiritual practice could be praying, religious movement, reflection, writing on a scripture, creating something with our hands, yoga/breathing, chanting, drumming.

You are invited to come explore spiritual practices and integrate a new way to know the Holy Presence in your life. All are invited to join 6-7 pm. You are encouraged to contact weekly hosts to help that evening. A sign-up sheet is provided in the narthex so we can plan for enough soup. Our hosts and some of their topics:

- 2/28 Char & Chuck Gosselink
- 3/7 Linda Ardao (meditation)
- 3/14 Patty Yarnall
- 3/21 Al & Angelee Benner-Smith (walking the labyrinth)



Our Saturday Worship Service

United Church of Christ East Goshen has been enjoying a new service on Saturdays at 5:30 pm. We pray that folks seeking a Saturday evening worship

experience will come to know the unconditional love of God that is presented every Sunday morning from our pulpit, but in a different way to worship.

For all those looking for a new time of day to sing God's praise; a more informal setting (we gather in Fellowship Hall), a new experience of refreshing spiritual uplift, come and give Roots & Roofs a try. You will be welcomed with a UCC East Goshen extravagant welcome!

Follow us on [Facebook.com/RootsandRoofs](https://www.facebook.com/RootsandRoofs).

Calling all friends of UCCEG

Do you feel God nudging you to make a new faith commitment?

Are you interested in church membership?

Do you have questions about what make UCCEG tick? Are you curious how to get on a volunteer list? Do you wonder what the UCC denomination is all about?

Please bring your questions and meet with Pastor Angelee and others interested in membership for two informal gatherings. We will meet on Sunday March 4 at 11:30 am -12:45 and Thursday March 8 from 6-7pm. Both meetings will be held in the Lambert Sunday school wing of church. If you need child care or if these times don't suit but you would still like to join in membership, please speak to Pastor Angelee.

New members will join the congregation on March 18 at the 10 am service. A "welcome breakfast" with the council will be held at 8:30 am that day.

Wherever you are on your journey, you are WELCOME here at UCCEG!!!!



Healing Service: March 11 at 10 am

Whether in time of specific need or just in our everyday lives, we all need the reminder that our God is good and faithful to us. Our service will focus on comfort and healing, with music, candle lighting, and the opportunity to be anointed with oil by our Pastor.

Pysanky Egg Decorating!!

Learn to create traditional Ukrainian eggs!! Pysanky are decorated with molten beeswax and then dipped in a series of dyes, creating a *resist*, or *batik*-style multicolored effect. It's beautiful, and because of the focus one puts in to it, relaxing! All supplies needed are provided by our instructor, professional egg designer, Allison. There are 6 openings available for the class. Cost is \$25.00 each. Please sign up in the Narthex.





Community Breakfast: March 14 8:30-10:00 am

Breakfast is held at the West Chester Senior Center.
All ages invited...a full meal is \$4.00.

Help Prepare for our Easter Egg Hunt

On March 11 and 18 empty Easter eggs will be available for families to pick up and fill with wrapped candy, coins, small toys. Please return the filled eggs on Palm Sunday, March 25. These will be hidden for children to find Easter Sunday.



Mozart Requiem Community Mosaic Concert

The Chamber Choir of the Chester Children's Chorus and Friends are presenting the powerful Mozart *Requiem* in concert on Sunday March 18 at 3 PM in Lang Concert Hall on the campus of Swarthmore College, Swarthmore PA. No tickets required but check out their Facebook page for updates (www.facebook.com/ChesterChildrensChorus) (they sometimes expect a full house in this 450-seat auditorium). You can also check with Todd Speece or Carol Swingle who are some of the "friends" who will be singing with the CCC. This is a piece that you should have on your "bucket list" to hear at least once in your lifetime!

Café Script ~ Tuesday Mornings

The Pastor's Bible discussion group meets most Tuesday mornings from 10:30 to 12:00. All are welcome to participate. Please join us!

Please note that during the Lenten season this group will not meet on February 20th, February 27th and March 27th.

Everyone is welcome to join us for all our events.

We are an open and affirming congregation.

*We are praying for your presence
in these Lenten journey offerings.*

We have Space!!

We may have what you are looking for! Do you, *or someone you know*, need someplace to hold your meeting, discussion group, business meetings (rooms for break-out sessions), music lessons/recital, dance/yoga class, or other event? Let us help you with your need for space! We have space to accommodate 4 – 80 people.

Contact our office at 610-692-2951 for more information. See Steve Yost (215-570-7775) to check a date or ask for pricing.



Equal Exchange Coffee Sale

Thanks to everyone who supported our recent sales of Equal Exchange fairly traded coffee and other products. We would like to hold sales of these products regularly several times a year, beginning in February. Please look for the order forms in the Narthex. We have also ordered brochures so you can learn more about Equal Exchange and fair trade. You can place your order form with payment in Caroline's Music Ministry/Choir mailbox in the church office, or return to Caroline or Denise in person. We would like to place the group order in early March so that your items will arrive in time for Easter. Thanks for your support of this important (and delicious) ministry!

Caroline Dunleavy and Denise Casey

SUNDAY SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

VOLUNTEERS	February 11	February 18	February 25
Greeters	Sue Ogram & Char Gosselink	Scott & Drinda Burkhart	Todd Speece & Carol Swingle
Acolyte	Cole Benner-Smith	Sofia Keith	Anna Lubnow
Children's Chat	Al Benner-Smith	Scott Burkhart	Bonnie Yost
Scripture	Scott Burkhart	Linda Ardao	Ann Boohar
Hospitality	Keljikian Family	Pam Onyx & Tina Erhardt	Burkhart Family

VOLUNTEERS	March 4	March 11	March 18	March 25
Greeters	Scott & Drinda Burkhart	Sue Ogram & Bunny Watts	Bonnie & Steve Yost	Scott & Drinda Burkhart
Acolyte	Eva Yost	Cole Benner-Smith	Lily Yost	Cole Benner-Smith
Children's Chat	Todd Speece	Chuck Gosselink	Lisa Novy-Wikowski	Pastor Angelee
Scripture	Scott Burkhart	Al Benner-Smith	B. Yost	Al Benner-Smith
Hospitality	Pauli Family	Barber Family	Patty Yarnall & Charity Harter	Sayler Family ... and leftover pancakes!

Some Easter Facts

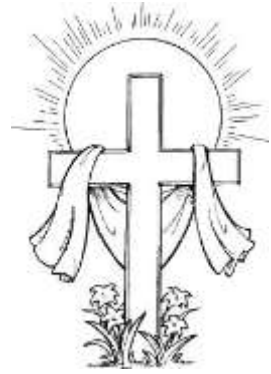
The English word, “Easter” may have come from *Eostre*, the Teutonic (ancient German) goddess of spring, or from the Teutonic festival of spring called *Eostur*.

The word “Easter” is not found in the Bible.

Eggs represent the new life that returns to nature around Easter time.

Early Christians of Mesopotamia were the first to use colored eggs for Easter. In some European countries people colored eggs red to represent the joy of the resurrection.

From a Christian perspective, Easter eggs are said to represent Jesus’ emergence from the tomb and resurrection. Decorating eggs for Easter is a tradition that dates back to at least the 13th century, according to some sources. One explanation for this custom is that eggs were formerly a forbidden food during the Lenten season, so people would paint and decorate them to mark the end of the period of penance and fasting, then eat them on Easter as a celebration.



The largest Easter egg ever made was over 25 feet high and weighed over 8,000 pounds. It was built out of chocolate and marshmallow and supported by an internal steel frame.



The lamb is one of the symbols of Easter. The symbol comes from the Jewish *Pesach* (Passover) holiday. The Jewish Passover celebration is a partial re-enactment of the events of the Exodus when Jewish families killed a lamb and sprinkled its blood on their doorposts.

The date of Easter varies from year to year. It falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon following March 21 (the vernal equinox). So, Easter could be any date between March 22 and April 25. The first Nicene Council (325 A.D.) determined the method for setting the date to observe Easter.