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Pastor's Thoughts

In the Gospel of John, Jesus reminds us, "In this world you will have tribulation, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

During the past few years we are well aware of 'tribulation' in our world generally, and in our church community specifically.

Here are events in our church life that we can celebrate!!!!

~ During Holy Week we enjoyed the Palm Sunday worship led by the Buzz Jones Quintet with vocalist Susan Hochmiller. What a great start to Holy Week.



~ After the Jazz Worship, we celebrated the tradition of a Children's Easter Egg Hunt.

The Easter Egg Hunt was enjoyed by 6 children: Beckett, Sophia, Lilly, Noah, Jacob, and Julian. Thank you for all the candy donations. Special thanks to Mrs. Deb O'Connor's ELL (English Learning Language) 3rd and 4th grade students from Harding Elementary for putting candy in the eggs. According to Noah 1,005 eggs were found.



~ On Easter Sunday we celebrated the Resurrection of our Lord. Easter is a constant reminder that with absolute reliance upon the Resurrection, life does not end. It is this belief that enables us to celebrate eternal life.



~ The last Sunday of April we celebrated the baptism of Ava Sabine Needham. Godparents are Nate and Jenelle Parker.



In the accompanying photo are Ava, brother Max, parents James and Katie Needham, grandparents Glenn and Jane Derr and Janel Derr, Ava's and Max's Aunt.

'Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit.' John 3:5

Happy Mother's Day

Welcome Bruce Greer

~ May 8 we celebrated Mother's Day and worship was led by the Rev. Bruce Greer, our new Interim Minister. The church council called Pastor Greer to serve our congregation as our full time Interim Pastor until a full time Settled Minister is called. We are looking forward to welcoming Rev. Greer on Sunday, June 5.

He will be spending several nights each week in Myerstown so we are in need of bedroom furniture. Please contact the church office, (717/866-5252), if you would like to donate.



~ Last but not least, we would like to recognize and celebrate our high school, college and tech school students who are graduating this Spring. Let us know who in your family is graduating. Please send a photo and biography to the church office at myerstownucc@comcast.net by Tuesday, May 24, 2022.



The office will be open Memorial Day Week on Tuesday, May 31st, Wednesday, June 1st and Thursday, June 2nd from 9:00 am–1:00 pm.

We look forward to many more reasons to celebrate within our church and community! If you want to share good news, please contact the office at 717/866-5252 or email myerstownucc@comcast.net.