

# St. Stephen's United Church of Christ

## 2024 APRIL NEWSLETTER

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## Church Calendar

When clicking the link above you will be directed to our church calendar. Maria will be maintaining the calendar of all church activities. Please notify her of events that you would like posted and/or any revisions needed. Thanks, Maria.

You can reach Maria at [saintstephensucc@gmail.com](mailto:saintstephensucc@gmail.com)

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A HOLY REMINDER...as we enter Holy Week and our Easter celebration in these final days of March, please note the upcoming services:

- Maundy Thursday Service, March 28th @ 6 p.m.
- Good Friday Service, March 29th @ 7 p.m.
- Easter Sunday Service, March 31st - Sunrise Service in Church Garden @ 7:00 a.m. followed with Breakfast, Easter Egg hunt and Worship @ 10:30 a.m.

## Updates of Current Church Activities

- **First Fridays of the Valley**, Friday, April 5th, from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. - Elizabeth Williams will present a recital for both piano and organ. Her program will feature music of Germany and France from the 17th, 18th & 19th centuries including works by Pachelbel, Buxtehude, Bach, Debussy and Dupre. Come experience the sensation of listening to a musical virtuoso. Refreshments will be available. Contact Sarah Jones for further details, [s.f.jones@comcast.net](mailto:s.f.jones@comcast.net)

Additional events scheduled throughout downtown can be found [here](#).

- We are proud to announce that Pastor Craig Janney has recently been approved for full authorization as a minister in the UCC. His Installation Service is scheduled for Sunday, April 14th @ 4 p.m. with a reception immediately following. We hope everyone will be available to gather for this special celebration. This will be in conjunction with, and at the conclusion of, the meeting of The Shenandoah Valley UCC Association scheduled from 3 - 4 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

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- **Confirmation Classes** are continuing with the following confirmands attending: Tinsley Janney, Ashby Woodard, Zachery Breeden, Olivia and Josephine 'JoJo' Rudicille. The confirmation service has been rescheduled for **Sunday, June 9th @10:30 a.m.** with celebration festivities immediately following the service.

## Prayers, Concerns and Praises

Frances Owens, Pat & Greg Snider, Tom Snider, Allen Lee, Seth Arnold, Eric Ruple, Susan Mathias Smith, Ainsley Woodard, Alan Ritchie, Tchew Ren Chen, Betty Snider, Dixie & Ed Courtwright, Sylvia & Rodney Eagle,

## April Birthdays

Hunter Carter - 6	Crosby Stajduhar - 24	Josephine "JoJo" Rudacille - 29
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## Missions at St. Stephen's

At the core of the Christian faith is the call of Jesus to be servants in the service of others. At Saint Stephen's, our mission outreach extends to the community we call home. Among our missional efforts, there are several ministries to which we focus our attention:

Patchwork Pantry - <https://www.patchworkpantry.org/>

Saturday Lunch Program - Each Saturday between 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., a hot meal and a to-go meal are provided for the needy in our area. Saint Stephen's UCC hosts the community meal in partnership with Harrisonburg Baptist Church about once a quarter, serving a hearty

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and nutritious meal, packing a brown bag lunch, and providing personal hygiene items to guests.

St. Stephen's will be hosting this event on **Saturday, April 6th and May 18th**. All are welcome to participate in the fellowship.

Alcoholic Anonymous - <https://harrisonburgaa.org/>

Community Counseling Center - <https://hbccc.org/>

Habitat for Humanity - <https://www.habitat.org/>

Open Doors - <https://www.valleyopendoors.org/>

People Helping People - <https://phpharrisonburg.org/>

## 'TELL ME SOMETHING GOOD' ...

Surely someone has something fun and joyful to share. But, since nothing has been offered as of the printing of this newsletter, you'll have to bear my offering.

Every year our mom (Sarah & kay) would send us a poem to welcome the beautiful Spring season. During her best times, she would present it personally, as she loved to make the appropriate nasal inflection. I don't think mom wrote the poem, but I'm not sure of its origin.

Joyfully, my daughter Brae, has picked up the mantle.... **ENJOY!!**

*Sprig, sprig is in da air*

*Bud 'n slushes ebry where*

*A'hve doff'd ma winder flannels*

*'N pud on ma sumber clothes*

*'N for daze 'n daze ad a time*

*A'hve tried to blow ma doze.*



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If anyone would care to hear the poem recited, just ask Sarah or me; it brings back sweet memories :)

Message to All:

We invite you to share your personal activities/events/joys/memories under the 'Tell Me Something Good' section. Please send it to me, at [kay.acker@comcast.net](mailto:kay.acker@comcast.net) in a PDF file. Pictures are welcomed but need to be in a jpeg or png format.

To unsubscribe from this newsletter, please contact Maria at [saintstephensucc@gmail.com](mailto:saintstephensucc@gmail.com); or respond accordingly to this email.

### Serving St. Stephen's UCC in 2024 ...

- Nancy Cornwell, President
- Tom Dawson, Vice President
- Jane Garber, Secretary
- Patti King
- Kay Acker
- James McHone, Treasurer
- DD Dawson, Financial Secretary
- Craig A. Janney, Pastor
- Maria Blair, Church Secretary

Minutes of Council Meetings can be found posted in the Garrison Room. (Current Minutes are subject to approval and acceptance at the following Council meeting)

Rejoice, our Redeemer Lives!!

*"Live simply so others may simply live." Mahatma Gandhi*

