

TUMC WEEKLY NEWS – April 1, 2022

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Good Afternoon, TUMC,

There is much good news to share with all of you. First, we're looking forward to welcoming the community to our Easter Eggstravaganza on Saturday—many thanks to all who contributed in any way.

We are planning a fundraising event here at TUMC to benefit our brothers and sisters in Ukraine. Mark your calendars for **June 11th from 10:00 am—2:00 pm**. It will include food trucks, craft vendors, flea market, a moon bounce for children and an ongoing concert. We'll share more as the details come together.



If you're interested in being a part of this team to make this happen, let me know. In the meantime, I want to share a car wash opportunity from Hopewell UMC and Crop's taking place in the community on Saturday afternoon.

We have received a \$2500 grant from the Dewees Fund through our Conference. We applied for this money to help us prepare two rooms for our "Comcast Lift Zone." I've shared that Comcast has wired our building downstairs with free internet that we will make available to those in our community who do not have internet connectivity at home. Stay tuned for opportunities to help us with cleaning and painting those rooms very soon.

Another highlight to share is our partnership with The Well in Downingtown. This is a ministry of Hopewell UMC serving students at Bradford Heights Elementary School. They use our van to transport the students after school to The Well and then home afterward.

As an expression of their gratitude for our partnering with them in this way, the students spent nearly two hours cleaning our creek on Wednesday afternoon. We are grateful for this support and glad they had some fun doing it too! They were also grateful for the snacks and hot cocoa in the Worship Center afterward. More photos on the next page.

There is much to celebrate in this new season - thanks be to God!

Gratefully,
Pastor Shauna

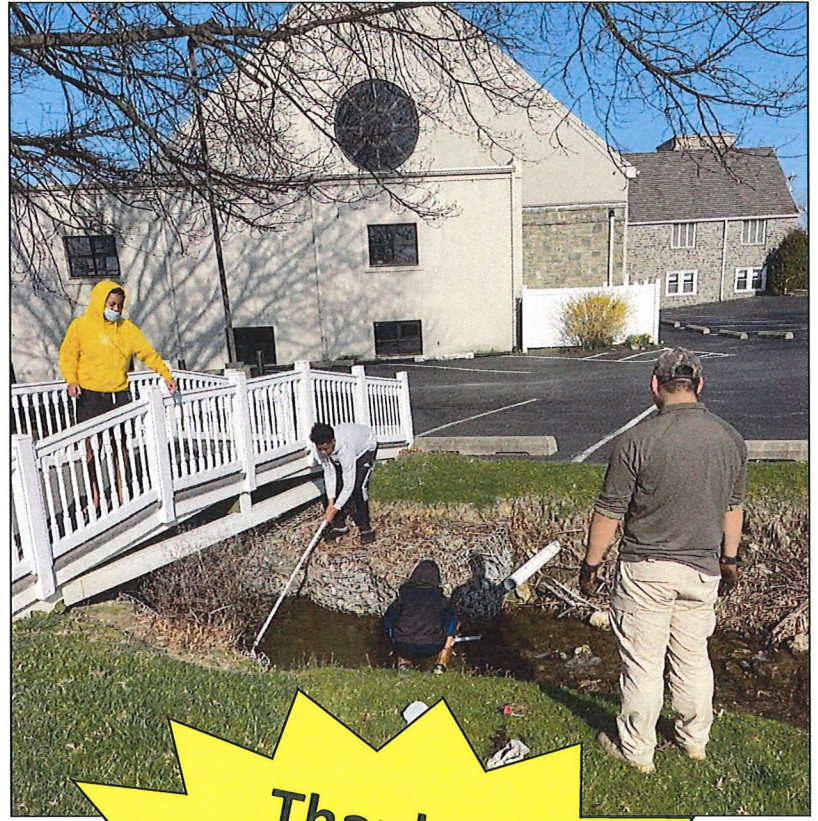
CAR WASH FOR UKRAINE

Sunday, April 3, 2022
1:00–3:00 PM
Crop's Parking Lot
1257 Horseshoe Pike
Downingtown

CROP'S
Fresh
MARKETPLACE

Hopewell
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH





Thank You!
We're grateful
for each of you!



Good Enough:

Embracing the Imperfections
of Life and Faith

Lent 5

"We are fragile."

John 12:1-8

Worship in-person with us at 9:15 am on Sunday mornings or livestreamed on-line via our YouTube channel or anytime afterward. Do not forget to leave comments and let us know where you are joining us from.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCwKffzSZ9By5sasoPFftNA>

HOLY COMMUNION this Sunday, April 3rd!

We will celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion in worship at **9:15 am**. We'll offer an **afternoon drive through option at 12:30 pm** as well. Simply drive to the back parking lot where you'll receive directions. You may remain in your car and we'll come to you!



WORSHIP FOR HOLY WEEK:

Maundy Thursday – April 14, 2022

7:00 PM – Sanctuary at Hibernia UMC and via Zoom

Good Friday – April 15, 2022*

7:00 PM – Worship Center at Thorndale UMC and via Zoom

Easter Sunday – April 17, 2022 (Holy Communion at both services)

6:15 AM – Sunrise service in Thorndale's rear parking lot.

Bring a lawn chair to sit outside or you may choose to remain
In your vehicle.

(In case of inclement weather, the service will be moved to the Worship Center.)

9:15 AM – Worship Center and live streamed.

*The Downtown Ministerium welcomes all to their Good Friday service at:
Downtown Friends Meeting, outdoors on their grounds.

April 15, 2022

12PM-1PM

In case of inclement weather, the service will move indoors with respect for social distancing and mask wearing.

(See flyer at the end of the newsletter.)

HEALTHY COMMUNITY LIFE

Providing opportunities to build and strengthen relationships within our faith community through communication, collaboration, and accountability.



Upcoming Birthdays:

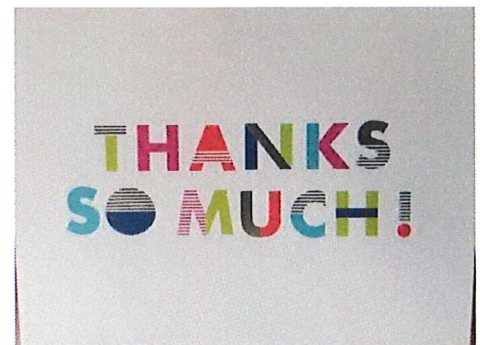
4/2 - Ken Battin	
4/3 - Barbara Sielski	
4/9 - Kim Battin	
4/11 - Renay O.	
4/20 - Paul Voorhees	
4/22 - Penny Hunt	
4/28 - Lucas Duncan	
4/29 - Kim Nicolazzo	
	4/4 - Lanna Cox – 100th
	4/10 - Barbara Bailey
	4/19 - Terry Moore
	4/21 - Kendal Hart
	4/22 - Devon Hart
	4/29 - Wayne Barrows

Let's throw Lanna a card shower for her 100th birthday. Her address is 288 Loomis Avenue, Coatesville, PA 19320-2330



The 2022 Flower calendar has been posted to the bulletin board outside the office. Open dates begin in May which is just around the corner. Thank you for your continued sponsorship of our altar flowers. Sign up early so you get your desired date. You can pay later as the date becomes closer.

THANK YOU for the food, your cards and prayers extended for my family and me following the unexpected death of my son-in-law. Our church family is always there when needed, no matter what the need. In His Holy Name, Bobbie Polovina.



SHUT-INS:

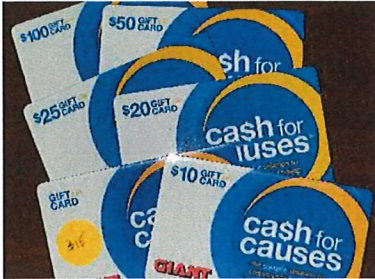
Listed below are our shut-ins and their mailing addresses if you would like to send them a card.

Onzelle Barber	Hickory House, 3120 Horseshoe Pike, Honey Brook, PA 19344
Richard Bohot	St. Martha's Villa-Room 10, 490 Manor Ave., Downingtown, PA 19335
Gretna Crossan	Newport Meadows, Birch Unit, Rm. 206, 41 Newport Avenue Christiana, PA 17509
Ivan Purcell	Regal Heights Healthcare, Room 7A, 6525 Lancaster Pike, Hockessin, DE 19707
Shirley Hammons	Newport Meadows, Room 108C, 41 Newport Avenue, Christiana, PA 17509

Stewardship

FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP

God is the giver of every gift. Therefore, we will grow in our generosity to be active in our mission and ministries through our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.



GIANT GROCERY Cards are available for purchase in the office on Sunday mornings or during the week. Current denominations available are: \$25, \$20, \$15, and \$10.

Our church earns 5% on the sale of each gift card.

Thank you for your purchases.

THANK YOU for making a difference with your **AMAZON smile** shopping. We received \$12.85 for the past quarter through your designated shopping. Remember, it makes a difference with no additional cost to you! You shop at smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7408418

amazonsmile
You shop. Amazon gives.

Engaging with Children, Youth and Families

God loves each of us and we are all children of God. Inviting, welcoming, and connecting with families of all ages



Out reach



We are ambassadors for Christ, called to share Him with our community and beyond

SAVE THE DATE – SATURDAY, APRIL 9TH
7AM – 11 AM
Pancake Breakfast on Opening Day for Caln Little League

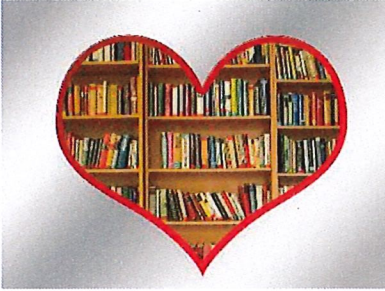


Help is needed! There is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings. It will be in the office during the week so please call to sign-up to help for whatever time you can give. This is an annual event where we welcome our neighbors and have an opportunity to share Christ's love.

APRIL/MAY DONATIONS FOR CALN SCHOOL

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40 NIV

Thank you for your amazing support of our March collection. **A total of 803 individual snacks were provided.** I know first-hand that the children do not look forward to standardized testing (neither do their teachers!). They do, however, enjoy the snack time which follows. Your generous donations will allow them to look forward to that break.



Our April/May collection will be books for summer reading. Studies indicate that students who do not read, or read infrequently, during their summer vacation see their reading abilities stagnate or decline. Children who read four or more books over the summer fare better on reading comprehension tests in the fall than their peers who have not read over the summer.

To help the children at Caln keep their reading skills sharp, **we will be collecting new or gently used children's books for our April/May donation.** Any book suitable for an elementary age child is acceptable, however, because it is a public school, we cannot include religious stories. If you need suggestions, a book list can be found at the end of this newsletter. Copies can also be picked up from the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings or in the office during the week. **Books are due Sunday, May 15.** Note that this collection does not run until the end of May. The early cut-off date will allow the teachers time to sort and select books for each child.

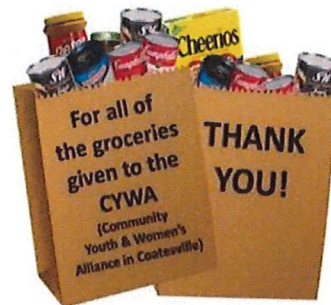
If you are able to donate for the April/May collection, the bin will be inside the door each weekday from 9:00-2:00 to receive your donations. It will be in its usual location at the top of the stairs on Sundays.

This will be our last collection for this school year. Thank you for your continued support and prayers for this ministry.

Holly Orr, Caln School Coordinator

Thank you for your continued non-perishable food donations that support our food ministries to the CYWA and to It Takes a Village's community food box. **82 pounds of food was donated in March to the CYWA.**

Donations to the food distribution at the CYWA may be placed in the brown wicker basket in the front entranceway at the bottom of the stairs. Donations to the community food box may be placed in the box at any time.



THE RED CROSS NEEDS ALL TYPES OF DONORS! Donations have declined 10% since the beginning of the pandemic. Can you help? Sign up here:

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/>

ATKINSON REPORT

"Heavenly Father, move us to live in service to others." – Stefan Woolsey-Lyons

Team 3 delivered two meals to the residents of the Atkinson Men's Homeless Shelter in Coatesville.

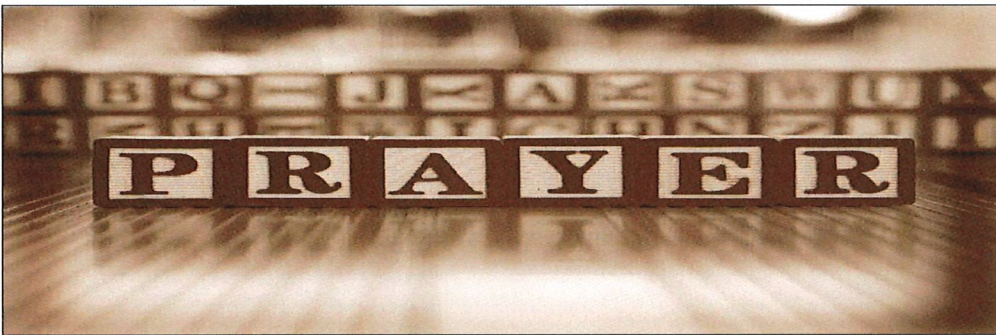
The first – hot and ready to eat – was Lasagna, Pasta with Sausage, Tossed Salad (enough made for a second meal), Dressings, Home-baked dinner rolls, Butter and assorted desserts that included Blueberry Cake, Vanilla Pound Cake, and Blond Brownies. Beverages were regular and diet Iced Tea and Water.

Another anonymous donor gave money for the second homemade meal (to be heated for a later date). This meal was Shredded beef in gravy over diced potatoes, creamed yellow beans with desserts of Individual Jell-O Pudding Cups, and a layer pie of Cream Cheese and Chocolate and Vanilla Pudding. Drinks were a varied of sodas.

As always, I ask for your prayers for the residents and staff at the shelter and for the members of our teams. Thank you.

"I will abundantly bless her provision. I will satisfy her poor with bread." – Psalm 132:15 KJV

Take Care. God Bless. Bobbie Polovina



"When you draw close to God, God will draw close to you." James 4:8

Where have you experienced God's presence in your life this week?

- Doing yard work with our daughter and kids.
- For inspiration and ideas while planning the preschool's Adventure Camps.
- The birds and blooms everywhere

Praise and Thanksgiving:

- Safe trip home for Brian Faust following 3 weeks of training.
- Good trip with children Matt Almond – 40th Birthday
- Stefanie Tatum – 40th Birthday Doug – returning home
- Good check-up for skin cancer check. Mary Jane
- Birthday brunch with daughters.

Condolences:

- Blacka family on death of brother-in-law Jack
- Snyder family on the death of Bob.
- Joe Mammarella family.
- Rev. Robert Wilt on the passing of his mother.

Hospitalizations, Treatments, Tests & Surgeries:

Meg Dennis B-hip surgery on 4/18
Mark E. Cyndy-skin cancer surgery

Barry G.
Dot Johnson-Chester County

Traveling:

Olivia Kurtz-Dublin IR (study abroad).

Refugees from Ukraine

Pray for our Staff: Whitney Phelan

Pray for our Ministry Team: Prayer Team

Pray for our Outreach Ministries: Thorndale Learning Center

Pray for our TLC Students: Holden. Nilani. Nikolas. Shrinika. Future students and staff.

Other:

- Betty Parsons-proper diagnosis for recent falls.
- Ivan Purcell on his upcoming move.
- Prayers for hope for Ukrainian people.
- For the Bresler and Gershunov families still in Ukraine. These are the in-laws of a former co-worker of Pete Scotti.
- People of Ukraine and Russia. Refugees fleeing Ukraine
- For world leaders making difficult decisions.
(God of wisdom, rain down your Spirit onto the leaders of the world that they might find a way where there is no way.)
- Peace in the world

Healing

Barry G.
Andy
Michelle C.
Tom Zynn
Carl Purcell
Helen Pennell
Tina S.

Larry
Diana
Karen Moore
Meg
Matt Scott
Lee & Shirley Carroll
Carl & Janet Kline

Amy
Chuck M (Holly's cousin)
Phillip Byers
Uncle Ken
Doris Kramer
Bob Wilt, Sr.
Father John Symonds

Join us for Boy Scout Troop 116
summer camp fundraiser

**Spaghetti Dinner
& Bake Sale**

**Friday April 8th
5-7 pm**

Hibernia United Methodist Church
220 Hibernia Rd. Coatesville

Take out available
Tickets : \$10 per person

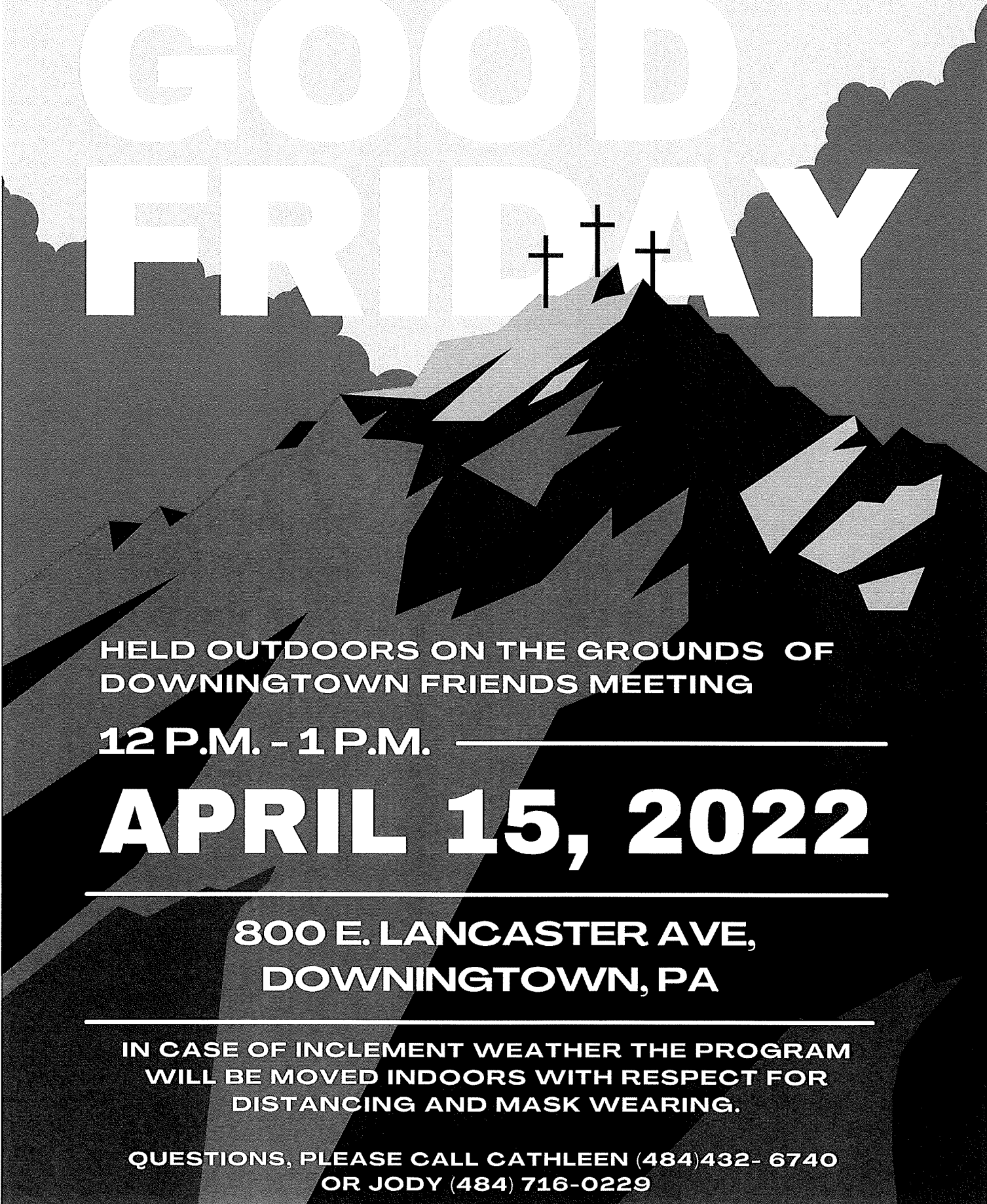
Ticket includes one spaghetti dinner,
salad, bread, and a beverage. Gluten
free and vegetarian options available
with advanced notice at time of ticket
purchase.

Tickets can be purchased from any
troop 116 scout or by emailing
Troop116tickets@gmail.com

all proceeds go towards ensuring that
every scout has the opportunity to attend summer camp

THE DOWNINGTOWN MINISTRIES
WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP, SHARE
AND

GOOD FRIDAY



HELD OUTDOORS ON THE GROUNDS OF
DOWNTOWN FRIENDS MEETING

12 P.M. - 1 P.M.

APRIL 15, 2022

800 E. LANCASTER AVE,
DOWNTOWN, PA

IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER THE PROGRAM
WILL BE MOVED INDOORS WITH RESPECT FOR
DISTANCING AND MASK WEARING.

QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL CATHLEEN (484) 432- 6740
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