

APRIL SHOWERS BRING
MAY FLOWERS



News of the...

Clinton United
Presbyterian
Church

The CUP

Announcements

Pastoral Care Emergency: In case of need of pastoral care, please contact the church office at 724-695-7993

Finance Meeting

The Finance and Stewardship committee is scheduled to meet Tuesday, the 16th at 7PM.

Session Meeting

Session is scheduled to have a meeting Thursday, the 18th at 7pm.

Sunday Worship and Online resources

Worship begins at 11:00a.m.

Did you know that here are several ways that you can remotely worship with us.

- Live Video of our worship service every Sunday can be found [here](#)
- You may watch the service at your convenience under the worship archived section of our website [Recording of services](#).
- Every week Pastor Karen sends out a weekly letter to the congregation via email. This letter can also be found every Friday on her page on our website. [Pastor Karen's page](#)
- We have copies of the Upper Room daily bible devotional on the table in the Narthex. If you are unable to get a copy in person or prefer to read a copy on your computer, please contact the office.



Sanctuary Flowers

Did you know that you can make a donation for fresh flowers to be in the sanctuary on Sunday morning, in Honor or Memory of a loved one or special occasion? There is a

signup sheet, along with forms in the narthex for anyone that would like to celebrate that special someone. Please signup for whichever Sunday you would like. You **MUST** include an information form along with your payment, so that the office knows to order your flowers! Payments can be dropped off in the office or in the offertory. Please list flowers on your giving envelope or in the memo line of your check. A \$50 seasonal arrangement of the florists choice will automatically be ordered unless you pick something more specific. Please contact Rachele Murin with any questions that you may have.

Office Hours

Our **office hours** are **Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 10-3.** During these hours the office staff may be out picking up supplies or doing the banking, it may be best to call the office if you plan on stopping by. Rachele thanks you all for understanding, as she continues to adjust her schedule to navigate being the busy working mother of our very active CUP toddler. If you require to meet with the office at a different time, please call to schedule an appointment. You can reach Rachele or Pastor Karen via phone at 724-695-7993 or the church email at clintupch@gmail.com. As always, emails and voicemails are checked daily.

Special Dates in April

- April 1 April fool's Day
- April 20 Earth Day
- April 24 Administrative Professionals Day



WAMA Food Pantry
(Warehouse behind RiteAid)

**105 West Allegheny Rd.
Imperial, PA 15126**

We appreciate any help the churches can give us as we are now back to our normal schedule for the 2024 year.

April's Distributions

Tuesday, April 9 th	9:00 to 12:00pm.
Wednesday, April 10 th	4:30 to 6:30pm.
Tuesday, April 23 rd	9:00 to 12:00pm.
Wednesday, April 24 th	4:30 to 6:30pm.

Please call the Food Pantry number 724-695-1305 to let our FP Coordinators: Tim Opfermann and Linda Stoner know if you would like to help.

Also, in addition, the Food Pantry would welcome any attendees who might need our services or if they know of anyone else in need, please refer them to us.

A message from Rev. Dr. Karen F. Younger

Dear Clinton Church Family,

It's exciting to see our church family growing! As a way to help us get to know one another better, over the coming months, we continue to feature our newer members for the newsletter. My prayer is that our love for another will continue to grow even as our love of God transforms us.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Karen

Getting to know the Fisher Family

Where were you and your spouse born and raised?

Matthew Eric Fisher was born September 1980, in East Liverpool Ohio. Graduated East Liverpool Highschool in 1999, Studied at Kent State East Liverpool and CCAC in Pittsburgh. Annastasia Marie Fisher born May 1980 in Cheyenne, Wyoming, raised in Wyoming until I was 10 yrs. old and moved to Pittsburgh. Graduated from West Allegheny High School in 1998. Then attended the International Culinary Academy in June of 1998 and graduated in Jan of 1999.

What brought you to the area? How long have you been here?

Matthew was brought to the area by his loving wife. I have been here in PA for 13 years. Annastasia was brought to the area in 1990 by her family. She has been here for 30+ years. I lived in Ohio with my husband for 6 years. We then moved back to PA together.

Tell me a little about your children. How old are they? Hobbies, sports, etc.

Kasara Rose Fisher was born May of 2006, age 17 Hobbies include Painting, Marching Band, Stage Crew, JROTC, Flag Football, Martial Arts, Tabletop games, and the occasional video game.

Annabella Marie Fisher was born Feb 2013, age 11 Hobbies include Drawing, Painting, Building Legos, Band, Martial Arts, Tabletop games, Video games.

What does your family like to do together as a family?

Spend time together either walking, hiking. We enjoy going to the movies together or planning a movie theater like event at home. Playing Tabletop games together with family and friends. Dinner around the table is very important to us. Helping Family and Friends in need.



How did you hear about Clinton UP Church?

The Elek Family

Anything else you'd like us to know about you?

Our house is always busy every weekend with our children's friends. We enjoy the company and always look forward to the memories created.

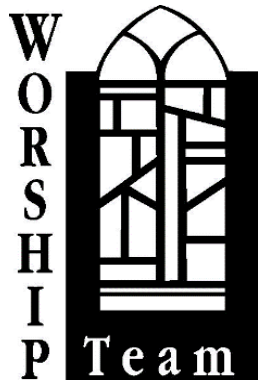


Kasara when she was little.



Annabella as a baby.

Upcoming Events And News



Worship News for April 2024:

Jesus Christ is Risen!
He is Risen indeed!

Palm Sunday and the Easter Worship service were very exciting for CUP!

On Palm Sunday we had one baptism, and ten adults joined the church.

The Deacons hosted a cookie reception in their honor.

Pastor Karen had five children in confirmation class this year. They joined the Church on Easter.

Please join us on Sunday mornings at 11:00 AM for worship.

What a great way to start your week! Praising our Lord and giving thanks for His love and mercy.

See You in Church!

Volunteers needed.

We are requesting volunteers to help us to continue to provide nursery/childcare during the worship service. There is a signup sheet in the Narthex for anyone who would like to volunteer. This is a great opportunity to serve in the church without having a long-term commitment.



The Deacons continue to serve our church and community. If you have any concerns that we may help you with or would like a visit, please contact one of the folks on the deacon committee and we will help. We are planning a family Bingo game night for April so keep checking the bulletin for the day and time. We hope that everyone will come and enjoy a fun evening together.

April's food pantry donation will be **CEREAL AND SALT.**

Our April meeting will be **April 7** and our May meeting will be **May 5**

Winners and Losers

- The winner is always part of the answer....the loser is always part of the problem.
- The winner always has a

program....the loser always has an excuse.

- The winner says, "Let me do it for you"....the loser says, "That's not my job."
- The winner says "It may be difficult, but it is possible...the loser says, "It may be possible, but it is too difficult."

Be a winner.



There is an Acolyte sign-up sheet located on the table in the Narthex. We encourage our youth or families to sign up. This is a great way for everyone young and old to participate in the worship service.



The Clinton Cemetery board is looking for sealed bids for the mowing and trimming of the old and new sections of the Clinton cemetery. Please submit your sealed bids to the Clinton Cemetery board **before April 15th.**



Moment with Marla

Back in the 1990's when I was a volunteer Sunday School teacher at my home church Pleasant Hills Community Presbyterian church, I never would have imagined being called to be a Christian educator in the Pittsburgh Presbytery. After all, I was very content being a stay at home mom. I had no formal ministry experience, education, or desire to work in ministry. I had my own plans, but you know what they say, if you want to hear God laugh tell him your plans. Before I knew what happened I found myself in full time ministry.

I was blessed to be surrounded by so many wonderful mentors who taught me Christian education isn't just teaching about Jesus. Christian education is about community and growing your personal relationship with Jesus while planting seeds for everyone you meet no matter their age. Then sitting back and waiting to see how it grows.

I am excited to be here with Clinton United Presbyterian Church. I can't wait to see what God is growing!

Spring Cleaning!

The Sunday School and Preschool area are dusting the winter cobwebs away! To help the process move a bit faster, no new toy donations will be accepted until further notice.

Thank you for your continued support of child and youth programming.



Get ready get set.....it's fabulous family fellowship bingo night for all ages. Held at Clinton U P Church on **Saturday April 20 at 6:30P.M.** Please bring a shareable snack and drinks will be provided. Lots of fun and fabulous prizes.



The Christian Education Committee is planning Graduation Sunday on **Sunday, May 19, 2024.** If you know of anyone who is graduating from high school or a post-secondary school, please provide the graduate's name and cell phone number to Carol Elek.



We thank everyone that purchased all the beautiful Easter flowers and made special donations.

On **Maundy Thursday** we raised \$221.00 for the West Allegheny Food Pantry. During the Lenten Season we collected \$304.00 for **One Great Hour of Sharing.**



Enrollment for our Summer Camp is now open. This year we will have 6 weeks of summer camp, each following a different theme as follows:

June 10th - June 14th, Planets & Space

June 17th - June 21st, STEM: Mad Scientists

June 24th - June 28th, Wild World of Sports

July 8th - July 12th, U.S.A.: Red White & Blue Under the Sea: Ocean Adventures

July 15th - July 19th, Animal Planet

July 29th - August 2nd
Under the Sea: Ocean Adventures

The camp is open to students entering Kindergarten - 5th grade.

Hours of operation: Monday-Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm.

Fee Schedule: \$185 per week, \$120 for siblings, \$90 for Junior Helpers. Payment is due in full by June 1, 2024

Please contact Rachel Ayers at Rmiller1215@gmail.com with any questions.

Looking back at March



We had 27 join us for the cookie decorating class. Thank you to Grammy Pammy Sweetery for teaching the class and Linda Wade for hosting.



We welcomed our first ever Children and Youth Director, Marla Kemmler. We are so happy to have her as the newest member of our team!

On Palm Sunday, 99 joined us in worship, as we celebrated a baptism and welcomed 10 new members into our Clinton U.P. Church family.

Maundy Thursday, we were joined by Rev. Rea and the Hebron Presbyterian Church Choir. If you missed this service I would encourage you to watch the livestream. The choir was an absolute delight.

On Easter Sunday, we enjoyed the beautifully fragrant flowers, the Adult and Children's choirs, and welcomed 4 confirmands into the church.







Our Easter Egg Hunt and Breakfast was a great success! We had around 70 join us for breakfast, an Easter egg hunt, crafts, and of course a visit and photos with the Easter bunny. Thank you to our Christian Ed department for putting together this event, the Deacons for helping to serve food, everyone who helped with clean up, and we thank God that the rain stopped just long enough for an outdoor egg hunt.

~ Cup Preschool ~



Looking back in March, our preschool programs celebrated St. Patrick's Day with bubbles, paint, and a gold coin search. We celebrated Easter with an egg hunt, games, and a special visit from the Easter Bunny!

And all our children's ministry programs got to enjoy the hatching of chicks!

Church Directory

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Financial Asst.—Rachelle Murin
Administrative Asst. – Rachelle Murin
Children and Youth Director- Marla Kemmler
Choir Director—Aida Olarte
Treasurer – Mark Elek
Church Sexton—Rachel Ayers
Session
Clerk of Session – Linda Wade
Mark Elek, Judy Huemmrich, Rick Lamb – 2024
Carol Elek, Linda Wade – 2025
Jennifer Beaumont, Howard Fugitt – 2026

Deacons

Marsha Beck, Sandi Cogis, Maxine Wilson – 2024
Lynn Kopko, Cindy Macek – 2025
Dana Kopko, June Miller - 2026

Trustees

James Murin Jr. ---2024, Scott Hilpert ---2025
Dale Huemmrich, Steve McCullough – 2026
Denny Macek – 2028

Auditors

Lorrie Leonard, Judy McConnell - -2024
Carla Fugitt – 2026

Sunday School

Superintendent—Rachel Ayers
Asst. Superintendent—Amber Hilpert

Cemetery Board

Kevin Campbell ---2024 Dale Huemmrich---2025
Dennis Macek—2026
Rick Lamb – 2027
Rich Hamil – 2028

Nominating Team

Amber Hilpert, Judy Huemmrich, Amanda Wade

Finance Team

Doug Beaumont, Sophie Chamberlain, Mark Elek, Lynne
Hamil, Thomas McCullough, Rachelle Speary-Murin,
Jennifer Rossman

Safety Team

Heather Campbell, Rick Lamb, Joe Miller

Community Involvement

The Deacon's Giving Campaign: if you know someone that needs a visit or a meal taken to them, we can help with that, please contact. Our job is to serve our congregation and community in helpful ways.

*Through the month of **April**, we will be collecting **Cereal and Salt**. Items can be placed in the container under the table in the Narthex.*



The CUP



Thank you,
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