



APRIL
NEWSLETTER

From Rev. Zina Jacque

A question. Are you likely to:

Listen more than you talk.

Avoid making snap decisions.

Sincerely, seek out people for suggestions.

Encourage frankness.

Hunt for new learning/growth opportunities.

If you answered four out of these five questions with yes, you are most likely an open-minded person. If you answered fewer than four in the affirmative, well, there may be work to do if you wish to become a more open-minded person. The list of questions comes from a 2013 *Forbes Magazine* article by David K. Williams. Among other points in the article, Williams cautions that people believe they are more open-minded than they are.

In our world, where the ability to disagree, discuss, and discern where we are aligned and where we are different seems so easily fractured; becoming open-minded is both an ingredient for hope and the grounds for building relationships.

Barrington is unique both for its generosity and generally harmonious spirit, **and** it is the same as other communities where people find few safe spaces to learn from those who think and believe differently. However, I hope this state of affairs, in Barrington, is about to shift.

Beginning on May 23rd with an evening with National Public Radio's Krista Tippett, and continuing from September 2019 through May 2020, Barrington will have the opportunity to participate in ***A Year of Courageous Conversations***. The details of this project are included in the newsletter. What is essential to know as you learn about the series is, I believe Community Church has been gently practicing courageous conversations with grace and hope. We have talked about the role of Black Lives Matter. We have considered what it means to be less certain and more faithful. We have walked with refugees new to our nation. We have entertained what it means to let go of old notions and open ourselves to new ideas. And, we have lived together in a space where we care for one another. However, even we need help in going deeper and learning from, not erasing, our differences.

I hope many of you will share in ***A Year of Courageous Conversations***. It is structured to open hearts and minds and enhance the way we engage with those who hold ideas different from ours. And, I am living witness to the benefits of being in relationship with someone who thinks differently. One of the most important relationships in my life is the one I share with the Church Administrator for CCB, Sandy Mytys. Sandy and I hold different opinions on many things. But she is a fabulous conversation partner for me. I am not sure, if, over the 12 years we have been together, either of us has shifted our positions significantly. But my attitude and beliefs have been enlarged and my understanding of her positions clarified. She has enabled me to experience a different way of seeing the world. And she has done so, in part, because there has been no desire to persuade, convince, cajole or shame. Our relationship is only an opportunity to be open-minded and to learn. This is my hope for ***A Year of Courageous Conversations***. I hope you might join us for one or two, or more sessions in the series. Moreover, may our hearts be opened and our minds as well.

Pastor - Rev. Dr. Zina Jacque
Musician - Natalia Revinski
Christian Educator—Dr. Samira El-Yasir

Church Secretary - Sandra Mytys
Moderator - Jayne Majzan
Pastor - Rev. Zina Jacque

You're Invited!



There are so many events happening here at CCB! Believe it or not, Spring is actually on its way.

This April will be full of events to help us celebrate the spring that we've all been waiting for. Please plan on joining us for all our Holy Week events:

Palm Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, April 14 – make sure you're with us to help wave our palms - Hosanna!!

Maundy Thursday will be celebrated with our friends at St. Paul's Church on Main St. in Barrington on Thursday, April 18, with a light supper starting at 5:30 p.m., followed by a Maundy Thursday service beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Service will be held here at CCB on Friday, April 19, starting at 7:00 p.m.

Please join us on Easter Sunday, April 21 for our annual breakfast potluck that will begin at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Please sign up to bring a potluck item – casseroles, bacon, and all types of breakfast treats will be appreciated!

Following our Easter breakfast, we will celebrate with a wonderful Easter service that will begin at 10:30 a.m. – He Is Risen Indeed!!

Following our Easter celebrations, please plan on joining us for the Annual Program & Council Election Meeting on Sunday, April 28th. We'll be enjoying a Tapas meal provided by our CCB Youth as a fundraiser for the mission trip at Redbird, KY coming up this summer.

Once we've filled ourselves with a wonderful lunch, we'll enjoy a brief meeting and elect our new Council for the 2019-2020 program year.

So please mark your calendars for the month of April – it's packed with celebrations and fellowship – see you there!

Jayne Majzan, Moderator

Community Meal Program Celebrates 10 Years of Growth

The Community Meal program will celebrate its tenth anniversary in May. All are invited to a brief celebratory service and follow-up meal at Lutheran Church of the Atonement (Atonement) on Thursday May 9. The service, in which Pastor Zina is scheduled to speak, will begin at 4:30 pm. The Community Meal will follow from 5 pm to 7 pm.

The Community Meal program started in May 2009 by Mary Hasse and her Mom, Sandy Hasse, who are active members at Atonement. Community Church began participating in September 2009, and has been engaged in the program over the last 10 years. In addition to hosting Community Meals at CCB, we serve on the program's core team to help support meals hosted at other churches, the Greencastle retirement and assisted living facility, and lunch at the Barrington Giving Day each year.

Under Mary's and Sandy's leadership, the Community Meal program has grown significantly each year since its inception. During 2018, the program served 5,275 meals at 25 sites and two additional good will meals at Sunny Hill Elementary school. This represents a 10% growth from the meals served during 2017 and about 10 times the meals served in 2009.

However, the mission of the program and help it provides each individual is more important than the numbers. As stated on the Community Meal website:

Our mission is to show Christian hospitality by providing a welcoming place, nourishing food, a listening ear, and acceptance to all regardless of faith beliefs or economic means. The simple act of sharing a meal together gives hope to the elderly, lonely and hungry. We strengthen friendships and inspire a community that will be inclusive and loving towards one another.

With multiple meals now being served each month, the program is currently undergoing a transition in which host churches and other facilities will take on most of the responsibility of preparing meals, greeting and serving guests, and cleaning up following the meal. It is simply not possible for Sandy and Mary to manage these activities at every meal. Fortunately, CCB will not notice much change, since our volunteers already take a leadership role in all aspects of hosting a Community Meal. Also, the Community Meal program has provided food warmers, the signature checkered tablecloths, and water/lemonade dispensers that are dedicated for CCB use, eliminating the need to shuttle these back and forth among host sites for each meal.

The Community Meal website at www.thecommunitymeal.org has a meal calendar you can consult to learn of upcoming meals. The next time CCB will host a Community Meal is Thursday, September 19, serving from 5 pm to 7 pm. If you would like more information about volunteering for this meal, please contact Stu Overby, our Community Meal core team member, whose contact info is in the CCB Directory.



Youth in the Church - Youth in Missions The hands and feet and the heart of Jesus



Community Church of Barrington takes its commitment to our youth and teenagers seriously. CCB understands the youth are active and integral parts of the church, the community, and our ministry. With that said, this year, our youth are not only serving the community and at mission sites, but also are seeking a renewed focus within the church.

Many times there's a feeling that teenagers are not interested in the church or the things of God. At CCB we have a core group of youth for whom this is not the case. Did you know that in the Bible, many times, God actually used people of young ages to carry out His will? There was Mary, the mother of Jesus who was a teenager when she gave birth to the Savior. David was only a young man when he became a slayer, and then there was Samuel, the prophet, who was a young boy when God called him to minister in the tabernacle. And just like then, God is working in the hearts of our teenagers today.

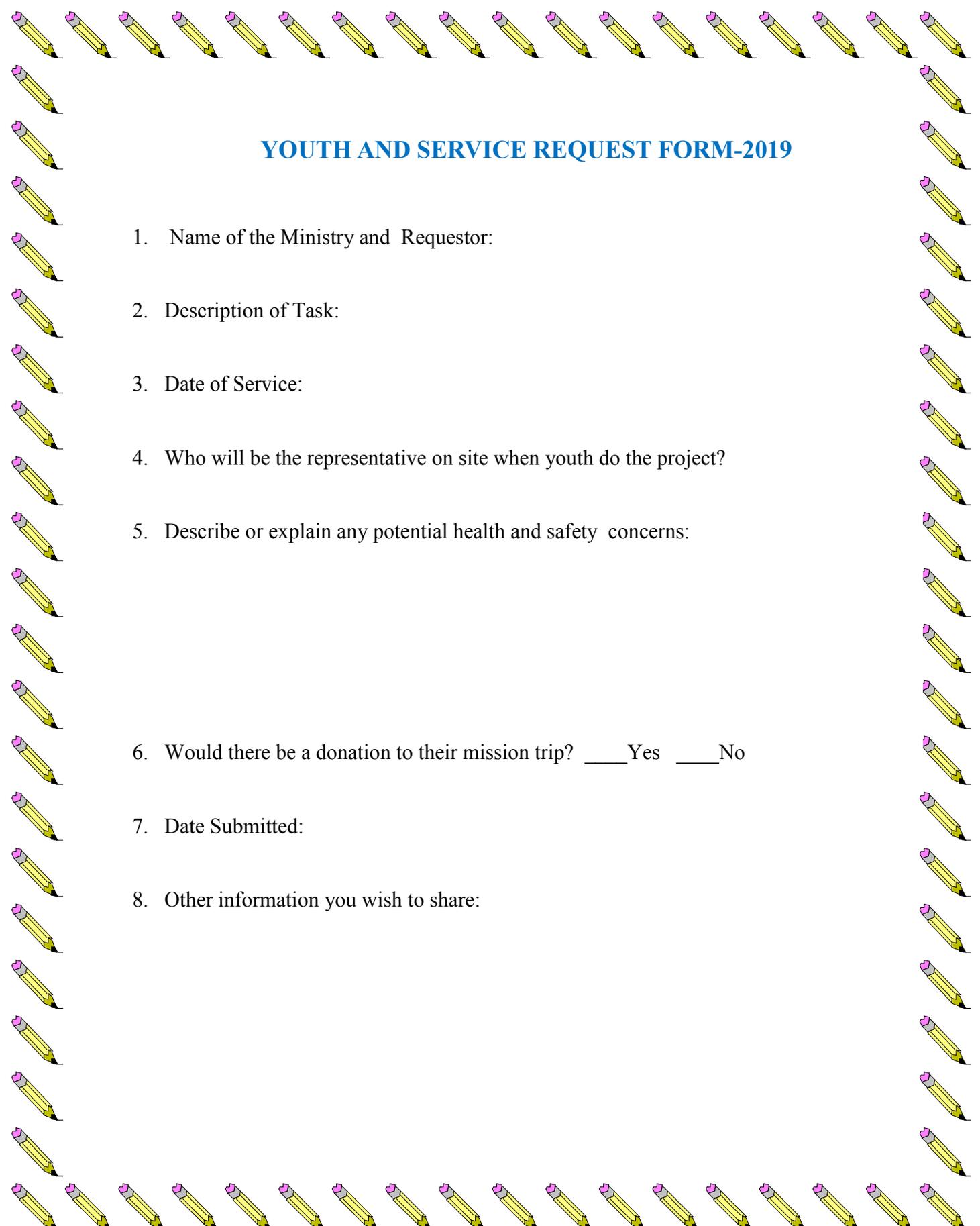
As part of their ministry this year they wish to continue to make a difference in the lives of others, one life at a time, and also in the workings of the church. At the same time, however, they also lead very busy lives outside of the church, and thus we must all be careful to monitor what we ask of them lest we overburden their good intentions. To assist all of us in engaging our youth in ministries and projects in the most positive ways possible, we have established the following set of guidelines for future requests.

1. The request needs to come to us 3 months prior to the start date (their schedules are set 6 months out)
2. We will need a detailed description of the task plus the anticipated hours required for completion
3. We will need to consider what safety issues or health concerns might be involved, e.g., allergies "safe church"-friendly, etc.
4. Although a mission trip contribution made to the group for the project is a consideration, it is definitely not a necessary component. :-)
5. Complete the form and put it in Dr. Sami's mailbox in the office or slip it under her door. Please follow up that submission with an email to Dr. Sami to confirm her receipt of the request.
6. Dr. Sami will meet with the youth group to pray and review the request.
7. Dr. Sami will then respond to the request.
8. The Youth Request Service Forms are located on the board across from the office.

Please note: if the response to your request is "no", please keep in mind that there are many reasons for that to occur. They are in school, they have homework, sports, jobs, music, and family responsibilities, and we must consider all of those as we strive to keep them balanced and healthy.

Youth are important, and they are already leaders. It is key that we continue to support them and create an environment which welcomes our youth, and encourages them to live a life of service.

Serving with you, Dr. Samira



YOUTH AND SERVICE REQUEST FORM-2019

1. Name of the Ministry and Requestor:
2. Description of Task:
3. Date of Service:
4. Who will be the representative on site when youth do the project?
5. Describe or explain any potential health and safety concerns:
6. Would there be a donation to their mission trip? ____Yes ____No
7. Date Submitted:
8. Other information you wish to share:

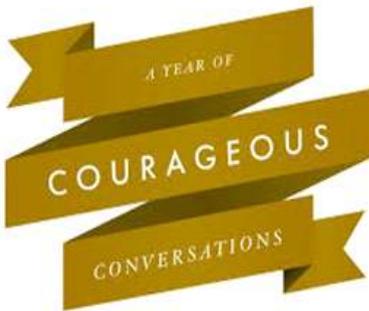
Dear Members and Friends,

Over the past several months, I have been involved with three amazing young women, Jessica Swoyer Green, Lauren Wood, and Claire Nelson. Our efforts focused on developing an academic year long series of conversations to take place in Barrington, beginning in September, 2019. *A Year of Courageous Conversations* is meant to open our minds and souls to deepened ways of engaging in conversations, using topics that seem to set at odds our nation, community and families. A description of the series and the topics we plan to cover, follow below. The series is offered ala carte, and all are welcomed to join us, each second Tuesday of the month for what promised to be an expansive opportunity for conversation, learning and growth. All sessions will be held at the Barrington White House, 435 Main Street, Barrington and will begin at 7 pm. Registration for the program will open on Thursday, May 23rd, after the Evening with Krista Tippett (described later in this newsletter).

As you continue to read, please know the goal of the series is *not* to persuade or convince or win. It is to open all who participate to new ways of thinking and engaging in civil discourse for the good of our community and beyond. If you have questions, please let me know. Looking forward to the journey.

Pastor Zina

THE SERIES



As America becomes increasingly diverse, we are also dangerously polarized—not just in our politics, but our everyday lives. The good news? We can change this, if we’re willing to try. Join us to explore our greatest challenge—how to live together in difference.

Beginning in 2019, we are inviting Barrington area community members and guest experts for a series of monthly talks designed to spark critical inquiry, awareness & growth. Topics include: The Art of Listening, Cultivating Curiosity, Understanding Privilege, Confronting Prejudice and Practicing Courage. Read more below.

THE HOSTS

This series is made possible thanks to generous support from Jessica Swoyer Green & Kim Duchossois, and presented through a unique urban/suburban partnership between Urban Consulate, a national network of parlors for civic exchange, and Barrington’s White House, the historic cultural center in the heart of downtown Barrington.

THE STORY

After venturing off to other cities, two daughters of Barrington, Jessica Swoyer Green & Claire Nelson, found themselves struggling to talk about social issues back at home. Through conversations with Zina Jacque and Lauren Hood, and the help of their families, they began hatching a series for learning & exchange—*A Year of Courageous Conversations*.

A YEAR OF COURAGEOUS CONVERSATIONS BARRINGTON CONVERSATION TOPICS

DEFINING COURAGE: What are we afraid of? What does it mean to have courage? Let's learn about the neuroscience of fear & courage, what is really going on inside our brains, and what tools & techniques we can use to control & respond.

PRACTICING MINDFULNESS: Our lives are stressful and busy, and our anxiety can impact our social interactions, especially those with whom we disagree. How can we practice mindfulness to bring our attention to the present moment, allow ourselves to think & breathe, and create space between ourselves & our reactions?

CULTIVATING CURIOSITY: We are born with wide eyes of wonder—but this curiosity can fade with age. How do we keep our fervor for learning, understanding & adapting to the changing world around us? How can we check our tendencies toward stubborn certainty, false confidence or confirmation bias? How do we remain open-minded to new ideas & different perspectives?

THE ART OF LISTENING: Active listening with less judgment and more curiosity, humility & empathy is a skill that takes training & practice. Journalists, therapists & clergy are taught this—how can more of us learn?

UNDERSTANDING PRIVILEGE: We often say we are “blessed” or “fortunate,” but do we really know how much? Let's look at the numbers, regionally & nationally, and learn about our place within a historical context and contemporary systems & structures. How can we use any advantages we may have for good?

CONFRONTING PREJUDICE: How should we respond to discrimination when we encounter it? How do we respectfully correct misinformation or stereotypes we may hear at home, school or work? How can we counteract biases, from xenophobia to homophobia? What does it mean to be a good ally or upstander?

CHALLENGING SEPARATION: The demographic maps are clear: we sort ourselves geographically and socially based on race & class. Where we live and spend our time can inflame polarization and harm social mobility. How can we become more proximate to people with different lived experiences? How can we disrupt patterns of segregation for greater diversity & inclusion?

PAYING IT FORWARD: How does our spending and giving align with our values? How can we be more conscientious investors and consumers? How can we share resources for the common good? Let's talk about ways we can each be a part of creating a more inclusive economy.

FOSTERING BELONGING: Have you ever felt out of place? What does it feel like to be a minority in a room or community? Courageous Barringtonians share their stories of seeking belonging & acceptance while staying true to their authentic selves, identities, cultures, and faiths. How can we ensure everyone feels equally welcome & valued in our community?

PRACTICING COURAGE: How can we apply what we've learned through this series in our everyday lives? Courage Fellows share their learnings, pledges & commitments—and invite friends & neighbors to join in practicing courage.



A YEAR OF
COURAGEOUS
CONVERSATIONS

AN EVENING WITH

KRISTA TIPPETT

On Being | Becoming Wise | The Civil Conversations Project

THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2019 | DOORS OPEN 6:30 PM
BARRINGTON HIGH SCHOOL, JOHNSON AUDITORIUM
616 WEST MAIN STREET, BARRINGTON, ILLINOIS

TICKETS

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JESSICA SWOYER GREEN
& KIM DUCHOSSOIS



BARRINGTON'S
WHITE HOUSE



library
barrington area



**JOIN US FOR THE
JOURNEY OF HOLY WEEK**

PALM SUNDAY
April 14th
10:30 Worship
Easter Egg Search

MAUNDY THURSDAY
April 18th
5:30 - 6:45 Dinner
7 PM Worship
St. Paul UCC
401 East Main Street

GOOD FRIDAY
April 19th
7 PM
Community Church

EASTER SUNDAY
April 21st
9:15 am Pot Luck Brunch
10:30 am Worship



**All Members and Friends Are
Welcome**

**Join us for our 2019 Spring Annual
Meeting**
Sunday, April 28, 2019
After Worship

Items to be covered:

Opening Prayer
Recognition of Retiring Members
Election of 2019 Council Members
Closing Prayer

Regarding lunch, this year the Youth group will sponsor their annual Tapas Lunch Fund Raiser on the same day as the Annual Meeting. Members will be able to purchase a delicious lunch that has been lovingly prepared by the youth. Regular coffee hour fare will also be available, without charge for those who might prefer a lighter snack.

**Please mark your calendars
and join us.**

April Birthdays!

April 02 James Goldstein

April 02 Paige Rivers

April 03 John Grom

April 05 Marjorie Kiefer Newman

April 06 Jackie Phinney

April 06 Jim Zurek

April 07 Grace Merchant

April 08 Art Rice

April 10 Lindsay Campe

April 15 Denny McLean

April 16 Jim Majzan

April 18 Jayne Majzan

April Anniversaries!

April 9th Lisa & Steve Gilliana

April 20th Dave & Jackie Phinney

G.R.O.W. The ladies of GROW will meet on **Thursday, April 18th at the church.** All women of the church are invited. Please RSVP to the church office by **Monday, April 15th.**



WOMEN WHO BREAKFAST - Join us **April 3rd** for breakfast and coffee, or just drop in for a chat at the Bread Basket 7:30 a.m. All ladies are welcome.

¡Hola! Mark your calendars: The Sr. High Annual Tapas Fundraiser will take place this year on Sunday, April 28th, 2019, right after the wonderful time of worship which ends at approximately 11:30 a.m. The youth will be preparing many delicious foods from a wide variety of places.



EASTER EGG HUNT—APRIL 14TH!

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP meets on the second and fourth Saturday of each month at the church. This month they will meet on April 13th and 27th.

Book Club meets the second Tuesday of each month in the Adult Sunday School Room. Join this fun group on Tuesday, April 9th for lively discussion. See Jayne Majzan for more information.



Mark Your calendar for the Annual Meeting Sunday, April 28th, after the worship service.

POTLUCK— Join us for Potluck on Wednesday, April 10th. Bring a dish to pass and prepare to share fellowship and great conversation with all who attend. It starts at 6:00 pm.

April 2019

Monthly Planner

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May you have
The gladness of Easter 
which is Hope.
The promise of Easter 
which is Peace.
The spirit of Easter 
which is Love.