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WORSHIP:

In-Sanctuary Worship on Sundays at **10:00 a.m.**

MINISTERS:

ALL THE MEMBERS EVERYDAY

PARISH SECRETARY:

Korinne Hotzman, 610-790-7195 (cell)
Office Hours: Tuesday 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
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MUSIC DIRECTOR:

Jane Battaglieri, Phone: 610-370-0965

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Brenda Reichart, President
Richard Gruber, Vice President
Theresa Shurr, Secretary
David Hartman, Treasurer
Pat Yocum, Financial Secretary
Jane Battaglieri
Christopher Becker
Michael Braucher
Richard Greener
Linda Lash
Erin Readinger

BUILDING PRINCIPLES:

- Devotion to Jesus as Lord and Savior
- Compassionate Sharing and Community Service
- Persistent Faithfulness
- Courageous Witness
- Flexible Leadership

PURPOSE STATEMENT:

God's purpose for our congregation is to:

Learn God's mission

Share God's love

Witness through Word and Service

Welcome all to a fellowship of forgiveness and thankful praise

BERN BUGLE NEWSLETTER SPONSOR

The *Bern Bugle* for February is given to the Glory of God by Philip and JoAnn Ketz in honor of all first responders.

RE-ORGANIZATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Thank you to Michael Braucher for serving as Council President for the past two years and welcome and congratulations to our newly elected Council President, Brenda Reichart. Our other elected and appointed council officers are listed below:

- Richard Gruber – Council Vice-President
- Theresa Shurr – Council Secretary
- David Hartman – Treasurer
- Patricia Yocum – Financial Secretary
- Dianne Leininger – Assistant Financial Secretary

We welcome our new council member, Richard Greener and thank all who continue to serve on council: Jane Battaglieri, Christopher Becker, Michael Braucher, Richard Gruber, Linda Lash, and Erin Readinger. Your selfless commitment to serve as leaders is greatly appreciated all year long.

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The following discussions took place and decisions made at our council meeting on Monday, January 15th:

- There will be an Endowment Meeting with a Thrivent representative on Thursday, January 18th.
- Memorial Fund money will be used to cover the cost of the sound system.
- The plexiglass and struts in the outdoor sign were replaced.
- A discussion took place about bringing back the Offertory collection during the worship service.
- A Licensed Lay Minister meeting is to be held on Saturday, January 20th.

OUR NEXT COUNCIL MEETING will be on **Monday, February 19, at 7:00 p.m.**

FOOD PANTRY “SOUPer” BOWL!

The Confirmation class will be collecting donations for the Schuylkill Valley Food Pantry. On **Sunday, February 4, and Sunday, February 11**, you can donate money or canned soup. Monetary donations can be placed in the large soup pots located in the narthex. The pots will have images of the two teams and you may place your donation in the pot showing the team you think (or hope) will win. Members of our class will be in the narthex to collect your canned soup donations as well.



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Articles for the March *Bern Bugle* are due by **Tuesday, February 20th**.

VBS MEETING

There will be a meeting on **Monday, February 12, at 6:30 p.m.** to discuss plans for Vacation Bible School to be held this year Sunday, July 21 through Thursday, July 25. If you would like to help, please plan to attend.

CONFIRMATION CLASS AND ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Below is the schedule for our Confirmation classes and the acolytes scheduled for the month of February:

Acolyte

February 4 – Class	Derian Readinger
February 11 – Class	Hannah Lash
February 18 – NO Class	Jameson Kasisky
February 25 – Class	Aidan Slusser

SUNDAY SCHOOL

All children are invited to join us for Sunday School after the worship service from 11:00-11:30 a.m.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Sunday School on Sunday, February 18, due to the Annual Congregational Meeting after worship.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on **Sunday, February 18**, immediately following our worship service. At our meeting we will be reviewing reports from the various committees. A quorum of 25 voting members is needed to conduct the business of the church. Copies of the Annual Report will be available on the round table in the narthex shortly.

END-OF-YEAR CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

You should have received your end-of-year contribution statements. Please check them over carefully and notify Korinne in the church office if you notice any discrepancies. If you have not received your copy, please contact the church office and another can be mailed or emailed to you. Thank you!

INCLEMENT WEATHER

From time to time the weather may affect our scheduled worship services and activities at church. If there would be inclement weather, particularly on a Sunday morning, there are a few ways you can check to see if worship has been cancelled. You can check the message on the answering machine, check our website or Facebook page, or tune into WFMZ-TV Channel 69 for any information on delays and/or closings. Any decision to cancel the worship service will be made through consultation with the officers of Council at least 2 hours before our worship service.



ALTAR FLOWER, BULLETIN, AND NEWSLETTER SPONSORSHIPS

Sign-up sheets for 2024 are now available on the bulletin board in the hallway. Prices remain the same as last year with Altar Flowers costing \$35.00/week, Bulletins for \$20.00/week, and the Newsletter for \$40.00/month. You are welcome to sponsor any of these items in honor of important birthdays/anniversaries, in honor of or in memory of a loved one, or to the Glory of God. You may also contact Korinne in the church office to sponsor any of these items.

FEBRUARY SIGN-UP SHEETS

We are in need of Altar Flower sponsors and Bulletin sponsors for Sunday, February 4, 11, 18, and 25. Please sign up on the sheets in the hallway if you would like to sponsor any of these dates. Thank you!

REDNER'S GROCERY RECEIPTS

Thank you to everyone who brings in Redner's receipts. When you shop at Redner's with a rewards card, bring your receipts to church and place them in the box in the hallway near the guest book. Those small pieces of paper turn into dollars for our congregation. Thank you all!

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Thank you to those members who designate their Thrivent Choice dollars to Bern Lutheran Church. This program continues to benefit our church through your quarterly designations. If you would like to designate your "Choice Dollars" to Bern Lutheran Church, please call Thrivent at 1-800-847-4836. When you hear the menu options, simply say "Choice Dollars" and you will be connected to an operator to conduct the transaction. To make your designation by email, go to Thrivent's website at www.Thrivent.com and fill in the necessary information. Thank you!

INK CARTRIDGE RECYCLING

Don't forget that you can bring in your used ink cartridges to be recycled. Look for the box in the narthex.

FOOD & FAITH WORSHIP SERVICE

Epler's UCC will be holding their Food & Faith worship service on **Friday, February 2**, with a fellowship meal at 6:00 p.m. The worship service will begin at 7:00 p.m. Dress is casual and membership is not required to attend. Come out for an evening of worship and fellowship.

HOSPITAL NOTIFICATIONS

Since we are only notified by Tower Health/Reading Hospital when a member is admitted to the hospital, we are asking that if you, a member of your family, or a member of our congregation is ever hospitalized at Penn State Health/St. Joseph's Hospital or any other hospital, please let us know by contacting the church office at 610-374-4343.

DESIGNATED PASTOR

Just a reminder that Pastor Gary Rarick of Epler's UCC is our Designated Pastor. Pastor Rarick is available for homebound visits and communion, funerals and weddings, and other pastoral care needs. Feel free to contact him at 610-401-1545 or email him at pastorrarick@gmail.com.

A NOTE FROM OUR MEMBERS, KENNETH AND DEBBIE BEISSEL

Hi, BELC Family, this is to inform you we have finally moved. Moving out of Berks County wasn't easy for us, but we always wanted to move a bit closer to our son and his family. As we reflect back, the timing was right, although hectic, through the Christmas holidays. (Our poor kitty, Snickers, was very stressed living in four different locations and moving three times within three weeks.) As these past 2½ years have been difficult for us, things are

beginning to fall into place and finally slowing down as we are starting a new chapter in our lives. We will miss the many friends at BELC and wish you all a very Happy New Year! Fondly, *Ken and Debbie Beissel*



This year we will be joining together with other Schuylkill Valley area churches to celebrate Lent. The midweek Lenten services will begin with a soup and sandwich luncheon at 12:00 noon followed by an abbreviated Lenten worship, followed by dessert after the worship service. The Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday services will begin at 7:00 p.m. Below is the schedule for the Lenten and Midweek Lenten services:

Ash Wednesday, February 14 at 7:00 p.m.

St. John's Gernant's Lutheran Church
13 Gernants Church Road, Leesport

Midweek Worship, February 21 at 12:00 p.m.

Epler's UCC
1151 West Leesport Road, Leesport

Midweek Worship, February 28 at 12:00 p.m.

Bern UCC
3196 Bernville Road, Leesport

Midweek Worship, March 6 at 12:00 p.m.

Salem Belleman's Church
3540 Bellemans Church Road, Mohrsville

Midweek Worship, March 13 at 12:00 p.m.

Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity
102 Apple Street, Leesport

Midweek Worship, March 20 at 12:00 p.m.

Bern Lutheran Church
820 West Leesport Road, Leesport

Maundy Thursday, March 28 at 7:00 p.m.

Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church
308 Main Street, Leesport

Good Friday, March 29 at 7:00 p.m.

Salem Belleman's Church
3540 Bellemans Church Road, Mohrsville



INCOME AND ATTENDANCE

<u>For the Week Ending</u>	<u>Income toward Budget Expenses</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
01/07/2024	(service cancelled)	--
01/14/2023	\$ 3,279.50	44
01/21/2023	\$ 2,715.00	46

***\$3,259.19 is needed per week to meet 100%
of the Budgeted Expenses***

Budget Report – Year to Date

	<u>December</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$18,661.00	\$183,240.00
Congregational Fundraising	.00	2,597.00
Total Funds	<u>\$18,661.00</u>	<u>\$185,837.00</u>

Actual Income / Expenses	<u>December</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Budgeted Income	\$16,271.00	\$138,980.00
Non-Budgeted Income	2,390.00	46,857.00
Budgeted Expenses	11,107.00	98,360.00
Non-Budgeted Expenses	1,839.00	45,946.00
Benevolence to be Paid	3,489.00	.00
Surplus/Deficit	<u>+2,226.00</u>	<u>+41,531.00</u>

Benevolence	<u>YTD</u>	<u>2023 Pledge</u>
Synod and ELCA	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
World Hunger	1,500.00	1,500.00
Mission Field	1,300.00	1,300.00
W.B.M.D.	600.00	600.00
Other	2,967.00	

Capital Improvement Acct.	<u>December</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Member Contributions	\$135.00	\$1,395.00
Interest	75.21	667.36
Expense	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
		<u>\$44,395.44</u>

Savings Account	<u>YTD</u>
Thrivent Choice Dollars	\$1,054.00
Interest	3,522.98
Expenses	.00
	<u>\$238,083.00</u>



February BIRTHDAYS

(* Denotes 80 years young)

- 5 Joslyn Spieker
- 7 Josh Riker
- 12 Tanner Mountz
- 20 Julia Greenwood
- 20 Margaret Spieker
- 21 Nancy Rickenbach *
- 21 Jacob Riker
- 22 Debra Beissel
- 22 Laura Berger
- 22 Stacey Reifsnnyder
- 24 Sandra Schucker
- 25 Michael Leh
- 25 Shawn Slusser
- 28 Donna Giles



None this month.



Congratulations to Rowbee'C Kasisky who graduated from Neumann University on December 20, 2023 with a Doctor of Education degree.

Do you have any news you would like to share or celebrate with the members of Bern Lutheran Church. We

would love to hear about it. Please let Secretary Korinne know. You can call her or email her with the information and any pictures you may have.

"Always show kindness and love to others. Your words might be filling the empty places in someone's heart."

—Mandy Hale

ALTAR FLOWER, BULLETIN, AND NEWSLETTER SPONSORSHIPS

You can sponsor Altar Flowers for \$35.00/week, Bulletins for \$20.00/week, or our monthly Newsletter for \$40.00/month. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway with your name and dedication next to the date(s) you want to sponsor.

If you wish to sponsor Altar Flowers, but don't want to pay the cost for both vases, you can split the cost with another member. Each vase would cost \$17.50 and each sponsor could still include a dedication in the bulletin. Thank you!

Altar Flower Sponsors:

February 4 – *sponsor needed*
February 11 – *sponsor needed*
February 18 – *sponsor needed*
February 25 – *sponsor needed*

Bulletin Sponsors:

February 4 – *sponsor needed*
February 11 – *sponsor needed*
February 18 – *sponsor needed*
February 25 – *sponsor needed*

Newsletter Sponsor:

Philip and JoAnn Ketz

Church Openers:

February 4 – Patricia Yocum
February 11 – Jane Battaglieri
February 18 – Richard Gruber
February 25 – Christopher Becker

Church Greeters:

February 4 – Barbara Auchenbach
February 11 – Nancy Malandra
February 18 – Barbara Auchenbach
February 25 – Nancy Malandra

Acolytes:

February 4 – Derian Readinger
February 11 – Hannah Lash
February 18 – Jameson Kasisky
February 25 – Aidan Slusser

Lectors:

February 4 – Kate Schuler
February 11 – Brenda Reichart
February 18 – Beth Hartman
February 25 – Barbara Braucher

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

MEMBERS:

JoAnn Ketz, Arlene Lengel, Tina Hissinger, Gail Landis, Jane Battaglieri, Brooke Noecker, Evelyn Drobnick, Robert Hissinger, Donna Marks, Pauline Shuman, Lisa Miller, Tim Moyer, Myra Bernhart, and Ruth Keeney

FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Thomas Ottey, Sherry Lockhart, Kelly Cockrum, Terri Hine, Ziomara, Nick Odagis, Lara Pappas, Danielle Roberts, Alex Vasquez, Paul, Sheri Mafeo, Eleanor, Glenva, Warren, Courtney Davis, Giselle Davis, Joanne King, Tim Brown, Robin Brown, Matt DeLeon, Pastor Joyce Seip, Natalie, Bob Stoner, Ashley Rizzuto, Philip Triantis, Mike, Peggy Deemer, Joe and Karen Young, Brian, Jamie Hey, Glenn Jones, Kailey, Renee Fullmer, Patrick, Susan, Owen Hey, Joyce, Rev. Fred Foerster, and Brenda Frey

(If you would like to add anyone to our prayer list, please contact Korinne in the church office. Please also notify her of anyone that could be removed.)

INVALUABLE!

“The kingdom of heaven,” said Jesus, “is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it” (Matthew 13:45-46, NRSV).



In 2021, the Good News Network reported that a crab fisherman in Thailand stumbled upon a valuable Melo pearl while cutting up a snail for lunch. In wonder, he brought it to his brother to verify the discovery. “My family had been fishing for generations,” said Prasarnphon Phunwan, “but I believe our fate is about to change because of my lunch.” Several months prior, another fisherman had been offered \$351,000 for a similar pearl.

Likewise, God's priceless love immeasurably alters our eternal fate. If we fully comprehended the value of that love, we'd give up everything to obtain it. But the greater wonder is that we don't have to buy it. God gives it to us as a gift! Whether we seemed to encounter Jesus by chance or someone joyfully shared the Gospel with us, our Savior is the merchant who “sold all that he had” — even his life. So priceless is salvation! So valuable are we!

“Love is the strongest force the world possesses, and yet it is the humblest imaginable.”

—Mahatma Gandhi

—Heidi Hyland Mann

VALENTINE'S DAY / ASH WEDNESDAY MASHUP

Because Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday fall on the same day this year, February 14 gives us a real clash of messages!

As stewards of both our personal lives and our greater world, what can we make of a day that, on the one hand says sweetly, "I love you," and on the other hand says sternly, "Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return"? How should we observe a day with such disjointed messages? Putting them together, we can come up with some interesting responses.

Ash Wednesday tells us that our lives are finite and fleeting, a truth woven throughout the Bible. Psalm 103:15 says our lives are like the grass that flourishes and then is gone. Ash Wednesday also reminds us that we are in the hands of the creator God who decreed that our earthly lives begin and end in dust.

And although our culture revels in romantic love, the Bible gives us a wider vision of love that we can aspire to: love through care and concern for the world, for creation and those around us.

Putting the two messages together, we know there is no delaying our call to love our neighbors as ourselves (Mark 12:31) and to provide for the least among us (Matthew 25:31-46).

With wars raging in Ukraine and Gaza, refugee crises across the globe and Covid on the rise (to name just a few problems), perhaps this can be the year you can send a "Valentine" someone who needs not only love, but food, medicine, shelter and clothes. Many reputable church charities would gladly use your contribution to help the neediest. Who are the people in your church and community who need your love and your care? How can you, both individually and congregationally, love and assist them?

The diverse messages of Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day give us a prime opportunity to grow in faith, love and discipleship –while there's time.

–Rob Blezard

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ELCA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

"to use and share what God has given for the sake of all."

That's the definition of good stewardship, an integral part of the ELCA's mission. The ELCA Federal Credit Union supports that mission by providing services and benefits to all of its members regardless of their socioeconomic status.

The ELCA Federal Credit Union is a financial partner that shares its profits and shares your values. ELCA members and employees of congregations and ministries are eligible to join the ELCA Federal Credit Union and take advantage of membership benefits, including, no-fee checking accounts with no monthly maintenance, minimum balance or overdraft fees. Auto loan rates for up to 50% less than the national average. And, for a limited time, no payments for up to 60 days and rates as low as 5.99% on personal loans for home improvement projects, repairs and other expenses. The ELCA Federal Credit Union is a not-for-profit financial cooperative that shares its profits in the form of lower fees and better rates—helping you and the ministries you love do more with your money.

If you would like to get more information on the ELCA Federal Credit Union click on the link below to go to their website.

[ELCA Federal Credit Union](#)



VANCO ONLINE GIVING

Did you know you have the option to give your church contributions electronically? You can make a one-time donation or set up a recurring donation. Please click on the link or scan the QR code below to be taken directly to Bern Lutheran's Vanco online giving page.

[VANCO Online Payments](#)

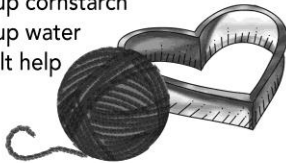


HEART strings

Make this heartfelt craft as a decoration or gift.

What you need:

- Yarn
- Scissors
- Parchment paper
- Baking sheet
- Heart-shaped cookie cutters
- ¼ cup cornstarch
- ½ cup water
- Adult help



What you do:

1. Cut yarn into 12-inch pieces.
2. Place cookie cutters atop a baking sheet lined with parchment paper.
3. Combine cornstarch and water in a saucepan. Heat mixture over medium heat, stirring until thick and smooth. Remove from heat and cool to form a "glue."
4. Dip each piece of yarn into the mixture to coat completely. Squeeze off any excess.
5. Place yarn in the cookie cutters, allowing pieces to cross and loop within the heart. Add more until the cookie cutter is filled and the yarn looks like a heart.
6. Remove cookie cutters and bake the sheet for two hours at 150°F, or until hearts are dry and hard.



CONNECTED BY LOVE

God's Word is filled with messages about love, which connects us to God and to one another.

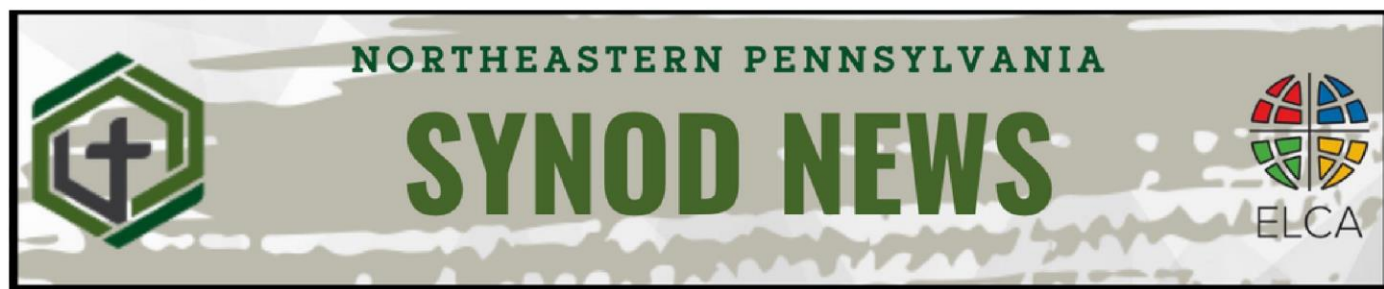
Directions: Draw a line from the beginning of each Bible verse (on the left side) through the heart to the rest of the verse (on the right side). Use the Scripture references for help.

- a. We
- b. Above all,
- c. My command is this:
- d. And over all these virtues put on
- e. Greater
- f. See what great
- g. There is no fear in

1. each other as I have loved you. John 15:12
2. has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. John 15:13
3. But perfect love drives out fear. 1 John 4:18
4. each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. 1 Peter 4:8
5. the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! 1 John 3:1
6. because he first loved us. 1 John 4:19
7. which binds them all together in perfect unity. Colossians 3:14



Answers: a 6, b 4, c 1, d 7, e 2, f 5, g 3



Advent Shares: Hope Out Loud

Support from the HOL! (Hope Out Loud!) Capital Campaign saw Advent members participate in dozens of projects – some new, some one-time; some existing ministries were expanded or refreshed. The dedicated members of Advent who truly care about people in need were very active and supportive. One member shared: “When I had some tough years, my church came through for me! That experience changed me in big ways. I vowed that I would get involved more and & pay it forward”. Helping others has made me a happier Christian.” There are so many completed (and ongoing!) projects. These ministries are wide-ranging and varied – food, clothing, shelter, blankets, books, and prayers. Cookies at Christmastime.

Advent members help men, women, babies, children, people in prison, people in recovery from addictions, hungry people – in our community, our country, and around the world. Members have said that they feel joy in providing the services and the looks on the faces of the recipients reinforce joy there too. Some of the projects receive seed money from Thrivent Action Teams. Some of our favorite ministries and activities are Bombas Socks donations, books and Bibles for Berks County Prison, Christmas Cookies for Common Ground, the Hungry Yard Sale, Family Promise, our Little Free Library and Little Free Pantry, the (new in 2020) Prayer Team, and the many clothing drives.

As one example of the positive impact in the community: The Little Free Pantry was filled and emptied on the same day. We cannot keep it filled fast enough. Through our \$250.00 Thrivent Action Team sponsorship by members of different committees, we can grocery shop and fill our shelves in Advent’s grocery shelves. We fill up my grocery cart three times a week and go outside to our Little Free Pantry. Within hours it had been emptied. Praise God for Thrivent and Advent’s church members in helping fill our community’s bellies with happiness through our wonderful blessed giving! Another goal of the HOL! The campaign was to increase the use of technology in our church life. In the middle of the pandemic, we premiered a fresh, beautiful, new website to tell people about Advent – reaching out in a modern way to share God’s word and work with our neighbors, friends, and people who want to learn about God. This new website increases our visibility in the community and provides valuable information for members and visitors alike. Seeing new people attend and join our church brings



joy, creating more of a sense of “community”. We continue to be inspired by: 1) Jesus’ examples of sharing, healing – “love our neighbor as ourselves”, (2) a thirst for learning about our faith through study and worship, (3) the need for support in our local and global community, (4) Reflection on our blessings and those less fortunate, (5) and, socializing with others while providing service. Members think Advent’s sermons and services explicitly help to keep us inspired and filled with the joy of serving.



Reconsiderations Task Force for Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust

The 2022 ELCA Churchwide Assembly authorized two reconsiderations of the social statement Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust. A task force will begin working in 2024 to lead this five-year process of discernment. Information is available about the reconsiderations and task force expectations. Apply or nominate



FEBRUARY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>SOUPER BOWL COLLECTION FOR FOOD PANTRY ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4 AND FEBRUARY 11</p>				<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6:00pm-Food and Faith Worship Service, Epler's UCC</p> <p>6:00-8:00pm – Frog Pond (AA)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">GROUNDHOG DAY</p>	
<p>4</p> <p><u>5th Sunday after Epiphany</u></p> <p>9:00am- Confirmation Class</p> <p>10:00am-Worship</p> <p>11:00am-Sunday School</p> <p>-Souper Bowl Collection</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6:00pm-Hawk Mountain Boy Scouts (Social Hall use)</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6:00-8:00pm – Frog Pond (AA)</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11</p> <p><u>Transfiguration of Our Lord</u></p> <p>9:00am-Confirmation Class</p> <p>10:00am-Worship</p> <p>11:00am-Sunday School</p> <p>-Souper Bowl Collection</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6:30pm-VBS Meeting</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7:00pm-Ash Wednesday worship service, St. John's Gernant's Church, Leesport</p> <p style="text-align: center;">VALENTINE'S DAY ASH WEDNESDAY</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6:00-8:00pm – Frog Pond (AA)</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18</p> <p><u>First Sunday in Lent</u></p> <p>No Confirmation Class</p> <p>10:00am-Worship</p> <p>No Sunday School</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7:00pm-Council Meeting</p> 	<p>20</p> <p>9:00am-Berks Quilters Guild All-day Workshop (Social Hall use)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</p>	<p>21</p> <p>12:00pm-Midweek Lenten service, Epler's UCC, Leesport</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6:00-8:00pm – Frog Pond (AA)</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25</p> <p><u>Second Sunday in Lent</u></p> <p>9:00am-Confirmation Class</p> <p>10:00am-Worship</p> <p>11:00am-Sunday School</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>4:00-7:00pm-Berks Festival of Faith</p>	<p>28</p> <p>12:00pm-Midweek Lenten service, Bern UCC, Leesport</p>	<p>29</p>		