

# Aston Press

## Monthly Newsletter



### April 2025

April 5th - Easter Sunday/Communion Sunday  
 April 5th - Easter Potluck Brunch/Easter Egg Hunt  
 April 12th - Guest Pastor William Schuler Jr.  
 April 22nd - Earth Day  
 April 25th - Spring Market 1:00pm - 5:00pm

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## From the Pastor's Desk

Easter greetings! He is risen, He is risen indeed! This joyful exultation begins our celebration of Easter when we celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord. He who was dead now lives. The grave could not hold him. This is a central doctrine of the church. Each time we say the Apostles' Creed we say that Jesus "was crucified, dead and buried...the third day he rose again from the dead". All four gospels attest to the resurrection.

This year Easter Sunday is the first Sunday of the month so we will have communion. We will decorate the flower cross; I have never seen this before coming here and I think it is a wonderful tradition. The children will have an Easter Egg hunt and we will also have our Easter Sunday brunch. Yum! I hope to see many of you on Easter.

Our country is now at war with Iran. Let us pray for the war to swiftly come to an end. Let us pray for all those in our armed services; that they will be protected and come safely home. Let us pray for all the innocents caught up in this war, and for the families of the thousands of people who have already died in this war. May peace come to this region of the world that has seen such fighting through all the centuries.

May we all live in the hope of the Resurrection.

God's blessings to all,

Rev. Christine

# APC Committees

## April Birthdays



- April 6th - Paul Kugelman
- April 9th - Jack Bomhoff
- April 28th - Andrea Sampson
- April 30th - Dotti Canavin
- April 30th - Barbara Krauss

*Aston Presbyterian  
Spring Market & Craft Fair*

Saturday, April 25th, 2026  
1:00pm - 5:00pm

Aston Presbyterian Church  
2401 Baldwin Run Drive Aston, PA 19014

## Mission Committee: Cents-Ability

**Delco Helping Hands was the designated recipient for Cents-Ability in March.** As of this writing, the bins in the narthex are getting full. Thank you very much for helping to provide necessities to those served by Delco Helping Hands.

**APRIL's** receipts will be dedicated to our **One Great Hour of Sharing.** The Fish Banks were distributed at the beginning of Lent and will be due back on Easter Sunday. Our Learning Center is also involved with the Fish Bank for OGHS. All funds received in the month of April will go to the OGHS for Presbytery Mission. Looking forward to seeing all on **Easter Sunday, April 5th, & each Sunday.**

All non-perishable food items provided for the Chester Eastside Food Cupboard (located in the Narthex) will be transported to assist our neighbors with food. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Blessings at Easter and always. ~ Mission Committee

## Easter Events



*Easter  
Celebration  
Potluck*

We invite you to come and celebrate the resurrection of our Lord with us.

*9:30am & 11:30am  
Heibeck Hall*

*All are Welcome!*

*Easter Egg Hunt*

*April 5th ~11:30am  
(after worship service)*





**Now that we have just remembered Jesus'** entry into Jerusalem with the crowds calling out "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." We are venturing into the days of this week that are called Holy as we follow our Lord through the Last Supper, His trial and Crucifixion and then the celebration of His resurrection on Easter Sunday.

**Five years Ago - 2021** - The lead article in the April newsletter was a follow up to a February piece on Shalom. This month's article spoke about gun violence. The author said that we need peace to come to our streets and must of all we need Jesus the Prince of Peace to bless us and to dwell within us. We must remember when Jesus went to the Father, he told us: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you." Day Care News: April 6th: Celebration of Friends with Autism, April 20th: A visit from Tom the Magician, April 27th: Celebrated Easter by planting flowers.

**Ten years ago - 2016** - Pastor Graham Robinson wrote in his column about the "Rule of Three". He noted that we would be practicing the "Power of Three" as we celebrate Easter, the 150th Anniversary of our Church, and the Choir Cantata. He said these would be three important moments in the life of Aston Presbyterian Church. Day Care News: April 6th: A visit from Storyteller Vickie Town, April 7th: APC Daycare Spirit Night fundraiser at the Lima Chick-fil-a, April 21st: The Giggle Magic Show. A Special worship was held on April 3rd for the 150th Anniversary with former Pastors Dr. Robert P. Boell, Dr. N. Scott Cupp & Rev. Jane Ritterson along with Pastor Graham Robinson sharing Worship leadership.

**Fifteen years Ago - 2011** - Rev. Jane Ritterson wrote that repentance is a critical part of our Christian journey during Lent. Day Care News: April 5th: APC Day Care Center Pride Day, April 15th: An Easter Parade and Party, April 27th: Segal Puppet Theatre. On April 24th there was an Easter Breakfast followed by the Worship celebration of the Resurrection and after Worship there was an Easter Egg Hunt for the children. On April 10th, The Choir presented the message through the cantata "In Calvary's Shadow" under the direction of Jim Sredenschek and Andrea Sampson.

**Twenty years Ago - 2006** - Bill Schuler, Jr, Clerk of Session wrote about our plans for Lent and Easter. He said the following persons would lead Worship through April: April 2nd: Elder Bill Schuler Jr, April 9th Palm Sunday - the Choir presented the cantata titled: "The Passion of the Lord", Easter Sunday-Rev. J. Barrie - Shepherd, April 23rd: Elder Pat Zebley, April 30th: Rev. Linda Robinson. Day Care News: April 4th a visit from Circus Clowns, April 6th: a visit from Poison Control's Mr. Yuk, April 20th: Crazy Hat Day, April 25th: Recycling Day. Also on April 25th the Kindergarten students took a trip to the circus. On Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Aston Presbyterian joins with Middletown Presbyterian at Middletown for Worship Services.

**Twenty-five years Ago - 2001** - Pastor Pam Cowan in her "From the Pastor's Hat Rack Column" wrote about various hats that she had worn during her life. She said that Jesus wore the ultimate hat when He wore the "Crown of Thorns." She noted that through Christ's resurrection He shares His crown of glory with each of us. On Palm Sunday April 5th the Sunday School children assisted in leading Worship. On Maundy Thursday-a reenactment of Leonardo DaVinci's "Last Supper" was presented during Worship; A Good Friday prayer vigil was held on April 13th. On Easter Sunday the Worship Celebration of the Resurrection was followed by an Easter Egg Hunt. Day Care News: Kindergarten Class went to the Academy of Natural Sciences and the four-year-old class went to Sesame Street Live.

**Thirty years ago - 1996** - Pastor Scott

Cupp in his "Ex Cathedra Colum" wrote that the disciples could not believe what the women told them about having seen the risen Lord. So, they went to see for themselves, but the religious authorities said His rising from the dead was a lie. On April 4th, the Aston Singers of the Gospel led Worship with a cantata titled: "Festival of Praise". The following members of Cub Pack #292 received awards: John Schultz-Bear Badge, Brian Sheridan-Wolf Badge. Also, Jason Sheridan crossed over from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts and earned his Arrow of Light Award.

**Thirty-five years Ago - 1991** - Pastor Scott Cupp's "Ex Cathedra Colum" was about the end of the Gulf War. He also spoke about the violence and poverty that is attacking our cities. He said that it was time for our country to declare war against violence and poverty. On April 7<sup>th</sup> the Choir led Worship with various Easter Anthems, April 14<sup>th</sup> was Invite a Friend to Worship Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> was Youth Sunday with our teenagers serving as Liturgists' and Elder Bill Schuler, Jr. giving the message which was titled: "A Mentor for Timothy". The Who's Who column was about Henry Rumbel, (Ruth Schuler's Father) who served on our first Board of Deacons. On April 21<sup>st</sup>, a Covered Dish Dinner was held with Rev. Herbert Links from the Christian approach to the Jews telling us about their mission. Stephanie Allen was chosen to be part of the Elementary All-Star Chorus from Pennell Elementary School and would be singing in their concert at Coatesville High School.

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# April

# Memories

**Forty years ago - 1986** - Pastor Bob Boell wrote that hymns are a wonderful way of expressing our faith. On April 13th at Worship, we celebrated paying off the mortgage on our 1978 building addition three years early by burning the mortgage document. The Sr. High Sunday School Class was doing a study called: "Social Principles in the News." Elder Dick Hartranft was teaching the Class. The Adult Class was doing a study titled: "Being Good and Doing Good" that was being led by Fred Wiley. In the Church Family: Eileen Seaman was serving as the President of the Parkside Elementary School PTA, Michele Kan was a finalist for a Business Career Award, Fran Slawter was serving as the Secretary at First Presbyterian Church of Chester, Jeff Schneeman was serving in the Air Force, Tom & Teresa Zebly just moved into their new home on Cathy Lane in Aston. On April 6th, the Aston Singers of the Gospel presented a musical at Worship titled "We Are So Blessed" directed by Laura Worrell.

**Forty-five years ago - 1981** - Pastor Bob Boell in his column talked about a person stopping by a Church while Easter decorating was going on. The person asked why all this fuss because Easter will be over in one day. Pastor Boell said that true Easter is never over because Jesus Christ has been raised from death, is alive, and will be alive today, tomorrow, and forever. On April 12th, the Choir led Worship with a cantata entitled: "Thorns and Purple". The Adult Class was beginning a study of Peter led by Jim Lawton.

**Fifty years ago - 1976** - Pastor Bob Bell wrote that we have been living through Lent by reading the Gospels and sharing in prayer. On April 4th, a Lenten Communion Supper was held. At the Presbyterian Women's meeting on April 6th Mrs. Robert Kessel spoke about comparing Passover and the Lord's Supper. Mrs. Kessel is the wife of Robert Kessel the Sr. Pastor at Media Presbyterian Church.

**Once again as we complete the journey through Lent with Jesus, let us rejoice in His sacrifice** for the sins of all humanity and rejoice that He is alive and is guiding us through the Holy Spirit.

May these words from Dick Avery and Don Marsh's hymn inspire us to live every day for our Risen Savior: "Every morning is Easter morning from now, everyday is resurrection day from now on."

He's Alive, He's Alive, Hallelujah!

Happy Easter.  
Bill Schuler



## Recipe of the Month Lemon Tiramisu

### Ingredients:

For the lemon curd:

5 large eggs  
1 1/4 cups granulated sugar  
1 cup freshly squeezed lemon juice (4 to 5 lemons)  
1/8 teaspoon kosher salt  
8 tablespoons (1 stick) unsalted butter, diced

For the lemon syrup:

1/2 cup granulated sugar  
1/2 cup freshly squeezed lemon juice (2 to 3 lemons)  
1/2 cup water

For the cream filling and assembly:

16 ounces mascarpone cheese  
1/4 teaspoon kosher salt  
1 1/2 cups cold heavy cream  
1 tablespoon vanilla extract  
Lemon curd (recipe above)  
40 to 45 crisp ladyfingers  
Powdered sugar, for dusting (optional)

(Note - You can use limoncello instead of the lemon syrup for an extra kick)

### Instructions:

**Lemon Curd:** Whisk 5 large eggs, 1 1/4 cups granulated sugar, 1 cup lemon juice, and 1/8 teaspoon kosher salt in a medium saucepan until well combined. Cook over medium-low heat, whisking constantly and scraping the corners and sides of the pan occasionally, until thickened and the mixture coats the back of a spoon, 8 to 10 minutes. Do not let the mixture boil. Remove the saucepan from the heat. Stir in 1 stick diced unsalted butter until melted and smooth. Transfer to a bowl or jar and press a sheet of plastic wrap directly onto the surface to prevent a skin from forming. Let cool completely, about 2 hours. Meanwhile, make the lemon syrup.

Mix syrup ingredients until sugar is dissolved  
Mix cream filling until smooth and combine.

Dip lady fingers into syrup and later with cream, topping with lemon curd at the end and refrigerate for at least a couple of hours.

# Aston Pres. Learning Center



## April 2026 Learning Center Events

March 28th - April 6th - Spring Break (LC Closed)  
 April 7th -10th Week of the Young Child  
 April 14th - "Get Happy Show"  
 April 15th - Pre-K Grand Friends Day

April 17th - Cheese Ball Day  
 April 20th Neon Day  
 April 22nd - Earth Day/Bubble Party  
 April 25th - Spring Market  
 April 29th - Superhero/Princess Day



## APC Learning Center

Happy April!!! This month we have a lot going on as we return from spring break the first full week of April. We are also starting the month off with "Week of the Young Child" helping our young children to grow and explore with fun themed days. Monday, we have Music Monday and since we are closed for Easter Monday we are encouraging our students to find objects around the house and make instruments or use an instrument they may own and share with us when we return. Tuesday is Tasty Tuesday as we enjoy putting together a fun snack. Wednesday is Work Together Wednesday as we provide opportunities for our classes to work together to create something new. Thursday we will show our creativity off with a fun creative art project for Artsy Thursday. Lastly, for Family Friday we provide note cards for families to write a note for their child that the teachers will read at lunchtime. The students and staff are really looking forward to this week.

We also have "Grand-Friends Week" that we are looking forward to as our little ones get to bring a grandparent, parent, or special adult to school to do a little gardening together and share a snack. Our special days this month that we are looking forward to include PJ Day when we return from break, Animal Print Day, Cheeseball Day, Neon Day, Earth Day, and a popular favorite-Superhero/Princess Day. All providing opportunities to wear fun colors, prints, characters and have time to explore the Earth we live on and discovering ways to take care of it. Apart from our traditional activities this month we are also looking forward to some fun new entertainment and opportunities in school we have a new magician come in to show us a "Get Happy" magic show to entertain our little ones as we focus on making laughs and keeping us all smiling. The staff and families are looking forward to our first ever Craft Fair on April 25<sup>th</sup> from 1-5pm as we come together to fundraise. We hope to see you there!