



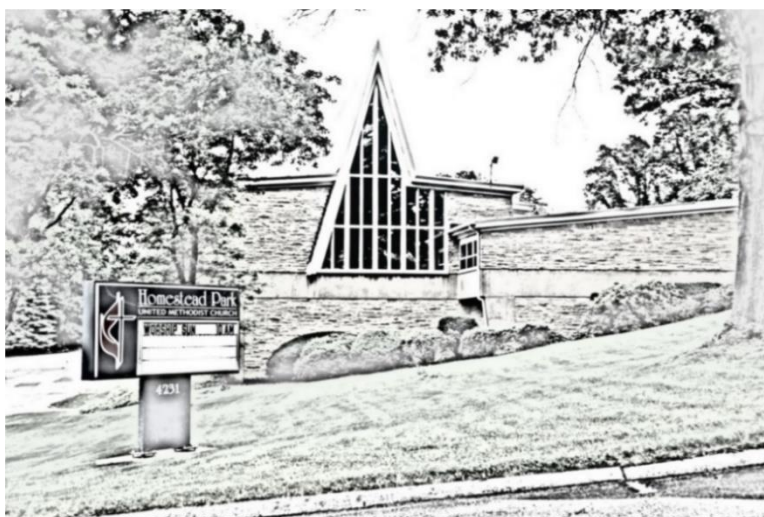
**April 21, 2024**

**10 am Worship**

**Easter Season**

**Message:  
Open Wide Your Hearts!**

**Scripture:  
2 Corinthians 6: 1-13 NIV**



*Our Mission*

*The mission of the church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ  
for the transformation of the world.*

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## Easter Season

### *Prelude*

### *Welcome and Announcements*

#### *\*Opening Prayer (unison)*

Lord Jesus, healer of blind eyes,  
there are so many ways we live our lives in darkness,  
so many ways we miss the mark,  
so many ways we fall short of your glory.  
We simply do not have it in us  
to reach across the chasm separating us from you.  
But you come to us in the silence.  
You lift us away from all our fear.  
You allow us to hear your voice.  
You claim us as your choice.  
May we learn to be still and know you are here,  
and we are yours. Amen.

#### *\*Call to Worship: Litany of Hope (responsive)*

Pastor: In the midst of my anguish, God hears my cry

All: My soul gives glory to God.

Pastor: Even in the darkest valleys, God is with me.

All: My soul gives glory to God.

Pastor: When my hope is spent, God's faithfulness remains.

All: My soul gives glory to God.

#### *\* Hymn of Preparation*

O How I Love Jesus #170

### *Children's Message*

### *Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings*

#### *Offertory*

#### *\*Doxology*

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow #95

#### *\*Prayer of Dedication*

\* Please stand as you are able.



## Our Time of Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

*\* Hymn of Praise*

Glory be to the Father #70

*Scripture*

**2 Corinthians 6: 1-13 NIV**

As God's co-workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain. <sup>2</sup> For he says, "In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you."

I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation.

<sup>3</sup> We put no stumbling block in anyone's path, so that our ministry will not be discredited. <sup>4</sup> Rather, as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses; <sup>5</sup> in beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger; <sup>6</sup> in purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love; <sup>7</sup> in truthful speech and in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left; <sup>8</sup> through glory and dishonor, bad report and good report; genuine, yet regarded as impostors; <sup>9</sup> known, yet regarded as unknown; dying, and yet we live on; beaten, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup> sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

<sup>11</sup> We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians, and opened wide our hearts to you. <sup>12</sup> We are not withholding our affection from you, but you are withholding yours from us. <sup>13</sup> As a fair exchange—I speak as to my children—open wide your hearts also.

***Message***

Pastor Don Kephart

**Open Wide Your Hearts!**

*\* Hymn of Dedication*

Trust and Obey #467

***Benediction***

*Worship for today is over, but your service to God for the week is just beginning.*

## weekly schedule

All are welcome!  
Please contact the office for more information.

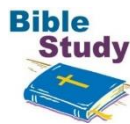
Sunday 10am	Worship
Sunday 11am (Prayer Room)	Prayer Meeting
Monday 9:30am (Fellowship Hall)	Tai Chi
Monday 6:30pm (Fellowship Hall)	Cub Scouts
Monday 7pm (4 <sup>th</sup> Fl Annex Hall)	Boy Scouts
Tuesday 10am (Fellowship Hall)	Line Dancers
Tuesday 7pm (Fellowship Hall)	Just Recovery
Friday 10am (Fellowship Hall)	Line Dancers
Saturday (Fellowship Hall)	Homeless Ministry

Sunday, April 21, 2024 11am SPRC Meeting

Pittsburgh District Conference

Sunday, April 21, 2024 3pm

~ Dutilh Church, 1270 Dutilh Rd, Cranberry Township, PA 16066 ~ The meeting is held to conduct necessary business of the district. All welcome!



04/23/2024 11 am Tuesday in the "Word" Bible Study

The Book of Esther - Chapter 7 - Haman is Hanged

- Chapter 8 - Esther Saves her People

Any and All are Welcome! (4<sup>th</sup> Fl Annex Hall)





## upcoming Events

Sunday, April 28, 2024 11am

Light Lunch ~ Presentation Pastor Don and Julie  
~ Journey into Guatemala

### A Note from Pastor Don

Members and Friends, Please contact me directly by cell phone text or email if you need to speak with me. My contact information is located in the bulletin as well as on the business cards in the back of the Sanctuary. Thank you.

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### Holy Communion Schedule

Holy Communion will be held on the **first Sunday** of **February, June, August, October, and December**, as well as on **Ash Wednesday** and **Maundy Thursday**.