

NEWSLETTER

FOR MEMBERS & FRIENDS OF FALKNER SWAMP UCC



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- *Confirmands*

As a reminder, we stream live every Sunday, 10 AM, on Facebook. Contrary to popular belief, you don't need a Facebook account to watch. Here's how to access it: Type: facebook.com/falknerswampucc in your computer browser. Scroll past the opening screen that asks for a log in. The livestream should be the first, and you can keep scrolling to see past videos. They look like boxes with a triangle in the middle.



*Prayer requests will be kept on the prayer list for 3 weeks.
Please contact Rev. Frances if the prayer request should be extended.*

- for Caitlin & Jordan, for Caitlin's pregnancy and the unborn baby
- Veronica Rosenberry, Brenda B's mother, recovering from a fall
- Louise Jones is fully recovered from her infection; Pastor Paul appreciates your prayers and well wishes.
- Lucas K, for continued healing of his ankle, now that he is in a brace and beginning physical therapy
- Father Steven (uncle to Danielle Wenk) passed away this week after a month in ICU; the family is grateful for our prayers.

Church Family News

Two families joyously announce pregnancies: The Mercer family, for Jordan and Caitlin Mercer, baby expected end of June; and the Becker family, for Marco & Caitlin Pangrazi, baby expected end of September. Congratulations, we celebrate with you!

1 Corinthians 12: 4-6

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

Consistory and the chairs of each of Falkner Swamp's committees had the opportunity to meet on two separate Saturdays. One in February and the second this past Saturday (April 2nd), with a third meeting scheduled for June 25th. The purpose of the gatherings is to discern with each other the function of each committee. The conversations have been focusing on what the role and mission is for each committee. The hope from Consistory is to gather information and ideas on how we as a church together can work smarter not harder. The process may lead to restructuring or combining the tasks of some committees. Together as a collective group our goal is to find ways to be more efficient and effective for God and for Falkner Swamp.

-Brenda Semach, Chair of Pastoral Relations Committee (PRC)



Every child should feel special on their birthday and our Women's Ministries group supports this sentiment. They put together birthday bags for children at Multi-Service. They contain supplies needed for a birthday party such as paper cups, napkins plates, cake mix, etc.



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Confirmation Sunday 10 AM/Worship w/Communion 7 PM/AA Mtg.		**Rev. Frances' & Sharon's office hours 9 – 12 PM	*Rev. Frances is on vacation 5/4 - 5/7 Sharon's office hours 9:30 – 1:30 PM Choir 7 PM			
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10 AM/Worship Future of F.S. Offering 7 PM/AA Mtg.		**Rev. Frances' & Sharon's office hours 9 – 12 PM				

** Times vary, please call or text for an appointment: 484-995-2705.



The clouds parted just long enough for Falkner Swamp's 10 and under Easter Egg hunt on Sat. April 9.

Seven young ones hauled their big ones to the event set up by Becky Comer & Susan Mercer. They were treated to the egg hunt plus some Easter stories, a homemade treat and a take-home bag of crafts & Easter messages.

Confirmands Cameron & Abby hid the eggs in two sections behind our church. Our 5 and ups went to the cemetery where they had to work hard to find those eggs! Younger ones found eggs around the playground. Just as the last cupcake icing was licked off fingers, a big dark cloud showed up dropping fat rain drops.

It was GREAT to see a number of our kids come out, and their parents and grandparents!





The Easter flowers were given by:

- Ken & Fran Berkowitz, three tulips in memory of our parents
- The Chester Family, one lily, one hyacinth and one daffodil in memory of all the fallen in the war against Ukraine
- Becky Comer, one tulip in honor of Rev. Frances for her love & devotion to FSUCC. Thank you!
- Becky Comer, three tulips in memory of her parents, brothers, grandparents, and cousins
- Vicki Fronheiser, one lily in memory of her parents, Geraldine & Paul Bartman
- Barbara Geary, two tulips in memory of her parents and brothers
- Lee & Peg Heffner, one tulip and one hyacinth in memory of Judy Heffner and Dick Lambert
- Debbie Lord, one hyacinth in memory of her mother, Kathryne Lord
- Ted & Beth Reese, 2 tulips and one daffodil in memory of Ted & Eleanor Reese and Bill & Betty Lobb
- Emma and RJ Roney, one lily, one tulip and one daffodil in memory of Barry Roney and LaVerne & Hulda Junker
- Brenda Semach, two hyacinths in memory of loved ones
- Arlene K. Umstead, three hyacinths in memory of Charles R. Butts

Hello Falkner Swamp Friends,

May 1 we celebrate the rite of Confirmation. I met with our Confirmands from September to April for instruction, service, and reflection on the Christian faith. A Mentor walked with each of them in their Confirmation journey, as well. Their decision to be confirmed confers upon them church membership at Falkner Swamp specifically, affirming their membership in the church universal upon their baptism.

Please join our worship this Sunday at 10 am, and stay to enjoy time together over cake in Fellowship Hall. I am grateful to the Women's Ministries for sponsoring the cake.
With you on the journey, Rev. Frances

The following will be confirmed:

Elijah Brown, 8th grade at Boyertown West, Concert & Marching Bands (French Horn); sings in Concert & Show Choir; in school play and selected for Junior County band & choir this year; Boy Scout rank of First Class.

Abby Chester, 8th grade at Great Valley Middle School, dances contemporary, modern, hip hop & ballet at Feet First Dance in Phoenixville & member of youth company "Footage"; Junior member, National Honor Society.

Cameron Krause, 9th grade at BASH, played trumpet in band this year and enjoys playing piano at home; enjoys movies, playing video games, and traveling.

Finn McDonough, 8th grade at Boyertown West, plays soccer with the Boyertown Soccer Club; loves playing all types of sports with his friends and being a clown to make people laugh.

Casey Shaak, 9th grade at BASH, on BASH sports teams of football, wrestling & lacrosse; in the Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC).