

COLEMANVILLE COMMUNICATOR

Your Monthly Newsletter of Happenings at
Colemanville United Methodist Church



April 2026

**Colemanville
United Methodist Church**
"To Love Others, As God Loves Us"

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Address Services Requested

Worship Service:

Worship Service
8:40 a.m.
Sunday School
10:15 a.m.

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Our Mission: To love others as God loves us... To be a lighthouse radiating God's love



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Happy Resurrection Day! Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

As the center of our faith, the Resurrection of Jesus opens the way for us to liberate ourselves from our everyday bondage and to live out a transformed life for others and all of God's creation. The late Old Testament theologian, Walter Brueggemann, emphasizes that the Resurrection of Jesus is not the final paragraph in the history of our faith; it is an ongoing story of God's liberating and transforming love as connected to the life and ministries of Jesus in the Gospels. In the power of the *Parakletos* or the Spirit of Christ, the life-giving and restoring resurrection of Jesus continues to take place in our daily lives.

The Resurrection of Christ is about the fullness of life. It means life as humbly and intentionally lived in the lordship of Jesus and his Gospel. Everything that denies life is not Resurrection! Everything that violates life is not Resurrection! Everything that desecrates life is not Resurrection! Everything that destroys life is not Resurrection! Living a Resurrection life is invested in receiving, giving, healing, restoring, reconciling, nurturing, recreating, and blessing God's gift of life. It breathes the breath of life to all who have been destroyed by death-dealing bodies and spirits. Paradoxically, Resurrection is our resolve to die our "little-to-large deaths" on a daily basis so that others will live. Resurrection necessitates dying to self. It compels us to constantly repent of our transgressions and relentlessly work for distributive justice, peace, and the well-being of all people and creation. To have

its life-giving power experienced more powerfully on earth, the Resurrection of Christ should be an ongoing, growing, unrelenting, and transforming energy of our lives and communities. We need to practice Resurrection over and over again!

Franciscan priest and mystic, Fr. Richard Rohr, powerfully summarizes the all-inclusive meaning of Resurrection: "Resurrection is about the whole of creation, it is about history, it is about every human who has ever been conceived, sinned, suffered, and died, every animal that has lived and died a tortured death, every element that has changed from solid to liquid, to ether, over great expanses of time. It is about you and me. It is about everything. The 'Christ journey' is indeed another name for everything." Is there anything more reassuring and liberating than to know that the Resurrection of Christ embraces all of life and absorbs the tears and wails and blood of the innocents and the sinned against, including non-human beings, toward their complete resurrection? In this time of great uncertainties, fears, and anxieties, don't we see the Risen Lord pulling humanity and the whole creation out of the dominion of the dead into the transfigured world of being alive in the Crucified and Resurrected Christ?

May the good news of Christ's risenness revive our faith, hope, and courage to bring about God's love, justice, peace, and salvation in this broken world.

Easter blessings,

Pastor Manny



The next UWF meetings will be on
 April 6th at 9:30 am
 May 4th at 9:30 am

Questions/Concerns can be addressed with UWF board members: Judy Rambo- President, Pat Collins- Vice President, Darlene Hunsberger- Secretary, Donna Eshleman- Treasurer



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- April 2nd** 7 pm – Maundy Thursday Service
at Colemanville
- April 3rd** 7 pm – Good Friday Service at Boehm’s
- April 3rd** – Office Closed
- April 4th** 11 am – Easter Egg Hunt
- April 5th** 6:30 am – Easter Sunrise Service
at West Willow UMC
- April 5th** 8:40 am – Easter Service at Colemanville
- April 6th** 9:30 am – UWF Meeting
- April 7th** 6:30 pm – Finance Meeting
- April 8th** – Community Meal
- April 13th** 6:30 pm – Trustees Meeting
- April 18th** 4 – 6 pm- Game/Pizza/Bingo event
- April 19th** – Native American Ministries Sunday
- April 21st** 11:30 am – Widow/Widowers luncheon
- April 21st** 5:30 pm – VBS Meeting
- April 21st** 6:30 pm – Church Council Meeting
- April 26th** – Newsletter Blips Due
- April 28th** 1 pm – Outreach Meeting
- April 28th** 6 pm – SPRC Meeting



EGG HUNT

April 4th at 11 am

Easter egg hunt for children ages 1 through 12 sponsored by the UWF. Please invite family and friends to this event.



LENTEN/EASTER SERVICES

April 2nd 7 pm- Maundy Thursday Service
Colemanville UMC

April 3rd 7 pm - Good Friday Service
Boehm's UMC

April 5th 6:30 am – Easter Sunrise Service - Combined (Boehm's, Colemanville, West Willow, and Strasburg) at West Willow UMC 118 West Willow Road, Willow Street, PA 17584

April 5th 8:40 am -Easter Service (Communion)
Colemanville UMC



CROSS OF FLOWERS

Jesus died on the cross for our sins. Nailed by hand and foot, speared through his side, his head cruelly adorned with a twisted crown of thorns. Let us at Colemanville show our gratitude and love to him this Easter by turning that painful image of thorns into a cross of colorful, aromatic flowers. This Easter, we will have a large cross inside at the altar during the service. Before the service, you are invited to bring multiple cut flowers to place in the cross as a symbolic thank you for his sacrifice for us. Then, may the beauty of a cross of flowers remind us of his resurrection.



COMMUNITY MEAL

Our Church Outreach community meals are growing, and we want to be able to serve you better. We ask that you please reserve your meal by the date below:

Deadline:

April 5th

Meal Date:

April 8th

April’s meal will be beef tips over noodles.

To make your reservation, please call (717) 872-7951 Take-outs will be available from 4:30 to 5 pm for shut-ins only. Dine-ins will be seated from 5:15 to 6:15 pm.

BOARD GAME/BINGO/PIZZA EVENT

The Outreach Committee is having a Board Game/Bingo/Pizza event on Saturday, April 18th, from 4 to 6 pm. There will be light refreshments available, which will include pizza and chicken salad sandwiches. Come and enjoy some good food, fellowship, and fun!



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Thursday, May 7th, The National Day of Prayer mobilizes public prayer. The 2026 theme “Glorify God Among the Nations, Seeking Him in All Generations,” is derived from 1 Chronicles 16:24 NASB. Watch for the opportunity to sign up for a 15-minute slot during the 24-hour prayer vigil. Contact Jill Kelley (717-872-2552).



PENNY JAR

The Penny Jar is located on the table in the Narthex. Funds collected through June will go to The Loft. Thank you, from the Mission Committee.



CONESTOGA FOOD BANK

Items needed: Jelly/Jam, Alfredo Sauce, Taco Kits, Canned Fruit, Dinty Moore Beef Stew, Canned Red Beets, Canned Carrots, Canned Peas/Carrots, Flavored Noodles, Flavored Potatoes, Muffin mix (Just add water). Please, no expired items; they cannot be accepted.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS is coming to Colemanville on Monday, June 22nd, Tuesday, June 23rd, and Wednesday, June 24th. from 9 am to 11:30 am. The ages will be 3 to 12. The theme is Babylon, “Daniel's Courage in Captivity”. If you have any questions, call Sue Rineer at 717-872-4334.

THANK YOU

Friends and Family of Colemanville,

Your outpouring of generosity has been such a blessing! A special Thank You to those who provided items to fill our box of Sunshine for Cana Booth during the month of March. The overflowing box is a simple way to provide a bright spot in dear little Cana's difficult weeks.

Many Blessings,
Omie Zecher & Kathy Rankin



COMMUNITY AID DONATIONS

Community Aid: Please give our Partner number #40101 when dropping off clothes at the Columbia Avenue/Good Drive location. Colemanville UMC will receive six cents per pound in donations. Donations are usually accepted Monday-Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

In 2025, we received a total of \$94.08 from Community Aid. If you would like a card with our partner number, please see Michelle Smith.



Thinking of You:

Tillie King

Our Shut-Ins:

Grace Aukamp
Edie Harrington
Bob Conn

Get Well Wishes:

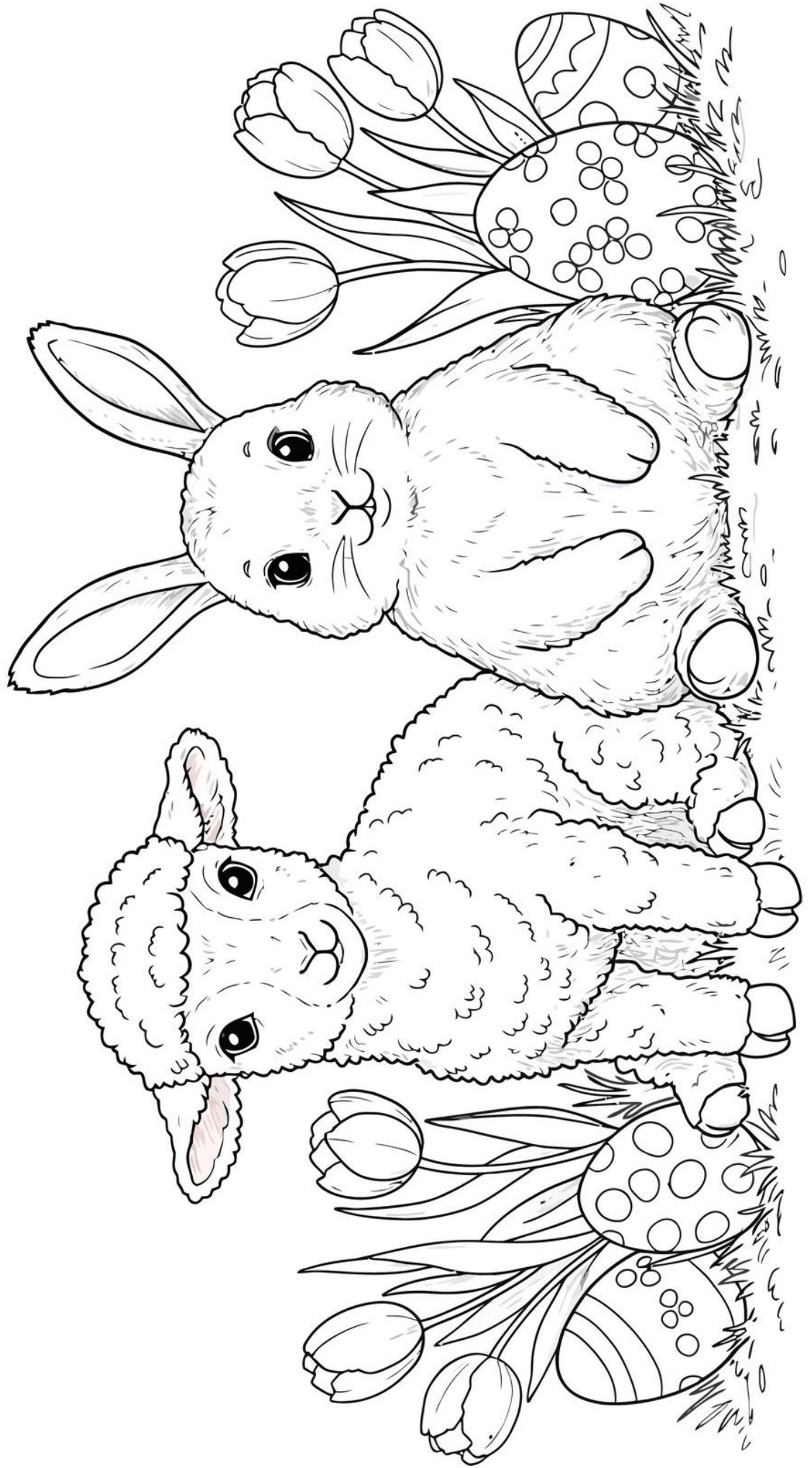
Cana Booth
Erika Breneisen
Justine Olsham
Linda Reburn
Matthew Hsia
Michelle Hsia
Nicole Graby

Happy Easter



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5 Easter Sunrise Service at West Willow 6:30 am Easter Service 8:40 am	6 UWF Meeting 9:30 am	7 Finance Meeting 6:30 pm	8 Community Meal	9 Maundy Thursday Service 7 pm Colemanville	10 Good Friday Service 7 pm Boehm's	11 Easter Egg Hunt 11 am
12	13 Trustee Meeting 6:30 pm	14	15	16	17	18
19 Native American Ministries Sunday	20	21 VBS Meeting 5:30 pm Church Council Meeting 6:30 pm	22	23	24	25 Game/Pizza/Bingo Event 4-6 pm
26 Newsletter Blips Due	27	28 Outreach Meeting 1 pm SPRC Meeting 6:30 pm	29	30		





Easter Word Search



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Find the Words:

APOSTLES	CAVE	CHURCH
CROSS	CROWN	CRUCIFIXION
DISCIPLES	FAITH	JESUS
CHRIST	LAMB	LENT
MARY	MIRACLE	PASSOVER
PENANCE	PENTECOST	PRAYER
REDEMPTION	REJOICE	RESURRECTION
RISEN	SAVIOR	SON

