



# HOLMES HERALD

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*Please join us on  
 Sunday mornings for...*

**April 2024**

**Adult Sunday School :** 9:15 AM  
**Children's Sunday School:** 10:30 AM  
**Traditional worship service:** 10:30 AM



On May 2nd, Holmes Church will be observing the National Day of Prayer. The Sanctuary will be open for prayer from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm. Everyone is invited to come to the Sanctuary during these hours and offer prayers for our nation. (Use Holmes Road door). A prayer list will be provided.

## Mother's Day Luncheon



For Christians, Sundays are the Lord's Day when we have the opportunity to worship God. So, each Lord's Day is special to us. On Sunday, May 12th, our nation pays

tribute to mothers. Holmes Church is grateful for the opportunity to support the mother's role in the family unit and recognizes the women of our congregation and their strong faith as one of our greatest treasures.

To recognize this day, the Deacons will be holding a Mother's Day luncheon following worship. Please take some time to recognize the women of the church and enjoy some refreshments.

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The following are thoughts from Elder Angelo LoCastro

## RESPONSIBILITY

I am in the middle of reading 3 books right now and the concept of responsibility is ringing in my head as I get into them.

**Book 1** – Buddhism 101 – I purchased it at 5 Below but on the back cover it is a \$15.99 book published by Simon and Shuster so it has some credibility with me. It starts with the life of the Buddha when he was a prince or nobleman in northern India. He has great wealth was married and had a kid, but he left his family to find the awakening. How is the Buddha a responsible person, I would never follow a man who leaves his family. If I heard of a man doing that today I would say he was an irresponsible hippie. Buddhism has some good points about life; no killing, stealing, alcohol abuse. I am not going to convert but it is interesting to read.

**Book 2** – the U.S. Constitution – The constitution isn't a very long document only about 4000 words. As I was going through the Bill of rights and seeing my favorite right - number 2 – the right to bear arms. A well-regulated militia being necessary for a free state the right to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed. Well as I think about those words some parts of it have nothing to do with 21 st century America. In the 18 th century militias were used for defense and even though there are numerous militias throughout the country we have standing armies and the national guard. The president would never activate any militia for nation defense, well I take that back he would activate them if the alien invasion were to come but that won't happen until the year 2540 and we will have a bigger space force. Anyway, getting back to responsibility, what would our country look like if the Bill of Rights was called the Bill of Rights and Responsibilities? What would the supreme court say about the law, would we have mass shootings, would parents leave loaded guns in their house or car for small children to find? Would people just have relations without thinking about the responsibility of bringing a child into the world.

**Book 3** – The Bible. I started over. Genesis. Cain and Able. We all have some responsibility with our siblings. It changes over time, but we all have the responsibility not to harm our brother or sister. Cain was irresponsible. I don't blame God for punishing him. I don't understand the punishment but He is God so He knows best.

In conclusion, think about responsibility and pass that on.

## Borrowed Thoughts



Chemistry – Alcohol is a very good solvent and glue. Alcohol can dissolve relationships, marriages, friendships, jobs, and bank accounts. It can glue you to divorce lawyers, unemployment, bankruptcy court, loan sharks and AA.

We at Holmes Church are blessed to have a team of Deacons who faithfully reach out and support those in need. Every May, it is customary for them to focus their assistance on mothers in celebration of Mother's Day. Please watch for the planned collection to bless mothers and children of a selected organization in the next edition of the Holmes Herald.



## Birthdays and Anniversaries in

### April:

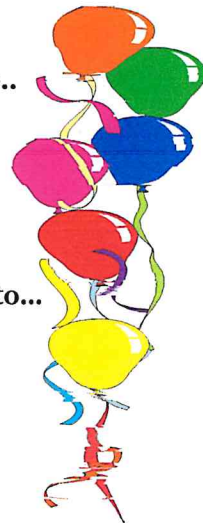
#### Happy Birthday to..

23 Leeann McCullough

#### Happy Anniversary to...

8 Larry & Linda Gloner

9 Carol & Angelo LoCastro



### April Fellowship Hour

Please save the date of April 21st, for our next Fellowship Hour after worship in the Music Room.

Everyone is invited to attend!

Our sister church Wayne Presbyterian Church is offering a free concert for the community. Please see the information below.

### Easter Egg Hunt 2024

Thank You!



Thank you to all of you who donated candy, those who filled over 3000 Easter Eggs. It poured on our initial date of March 23rd, so we re-scheduled it to March

30th. God blessed us with a glorious spring day.

We had families line the whole walkways around the church!

The 3000 eggs were found within 5 minutes, but fun was had by all. Many people from the neighborhood commented how thankful they were for the Holmes Egg Hunt and how they look forward to it each year. Again, thank you to all of you who made this event possible.



Time to Bloom!

The Wayne Oratorio Society  
A Ministry of Wayne Presbyterian Church  
Presents

St. Cecilia Mass  
Charles Gounod  
The Canticle of the Sun  
Amy Beach  
John Grecia, Conductor  
140-Voice Choir, Professional Soloists, and Orchestra

Saturday, April 13  
Sunday, April 14, 2024  
7:30pm

-Free Concert-  
-Free-Will Offering Taken-  
-Arrive Early for Best Parking and Seating-

the WAYNE ORATORIO SOCIETY  
125 E. Lancaster Ave. Wayne, PA  
For more information, [wayne@wayneprs.org](mailto:wayne@wayneprs.org)

# Compassion International



FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO MAY NOT KNOW .....COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL IS A CHRISTIAN CHARITY DEDICATED TO RELEASING CHILDREN FROM POVERTY IN JESUS' NAME. THROUGH SPONSORSHIPS AND DONATIONS, THEY EMPOWER LOCAL CHURCHES TO PROVIDE INDIVIDUALIZED AND HOLISTIC CARE TO CHILDREN IN POVERTY SO THEY ARE FREE TO LEARN, GROW, PLAY AND DREAM. COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL IS CHRIST-CENTERED, CHURCH-DRIVEN AND CHILD-FOCUSED.

Compassion helps the poorest of the poor, the children in greatest need, without ulterior motive because they are a "love thy neighbor" ministry. Beginning in 1952, when Rev. Everett Swanson first developed special sponsorship programs for individuals, families or churches to help support Korean War orphans for a few dollars a month, Compassion has worked to help children realize their full potential and develop into all God intends them to be.

Jesus' life, teachings and character shape it's programs and guide all aspects of it's ministry. From how Compassion works to how they treat people, respect communities and cooperate with nations, Compassion's response to a world filled with hundreds of millions of children living in extreme poverty is to love like Jesus did. Compassion International is an organization that loves God, and they demonstrate their love and live out their faith by extending care to others in Jesus' name — irrespective of caste, creed, class or religion. This way of living is modeled and shared with the beneficiaries of it's programs in age-appropriate, culturally relevant ways without coercion, manipulation or forced compliance. All the checkups for physical care, the safe environments for play and interaction, the regular mentoring and tutoring...all of it's work is done in accord with the teaching of Jesus to love God and love our neighbor as ourselves (Matthew 22:36-40, NIV).

Compassion International's Impact:

## **2.3 Million Children Served**

We empowered 8,600 Frontline Church Partners to care for 2.3M impoverished children in their communities.

## **1.5 Million Medical Interventions**

We provided medical care like emergency surgeries, injury treatments and trauma counseling to 1.5M vulnerable children.

## **10.6 Million Family Food Packs**

We enabled local churches to come alongside hungry families and provide the vital nutrition they need to thrive.

## **7.6 Million Hygiene Kits**

We delivered 7.6M hygiene care kits to fight diseases that threaten children in poverty.

## **16 Million Given to Disaster Relief**

We supplied local churches across the world with resources to respond when disasters struck the most vulnerable.

## **1.3M Letters Written To Children**

Loving sponsors wrote 1.3M letters of encouragement to their sponsored children, giving them hope for better futures.

Holmes Church sponsors four Compassion children and those children need our help for a better life and future. Would you kindly consider baking a baked good item for our bake sale, or buy flowers or hoagies at our Compassion Flower Sale, or consider being a volunteer at the Compassion sale on Saturday, May 4th, 2024? More information will be forthcoming each week as the sale approaches. Your christian compassion is and will be greatly appreciated.

# BAKE/FLOWER SALE

It is that time of year when we raise money to sponsor our four children through Compassion International. Their goal is to make a difference in the lives of these children by continuing to bring the hope and love of Jesus to them by providing healthcare, food, recreational activities and Christ-centered guidance. The children we support are: Josias from Burkina Faso in Africa, Natoli from Ethiopia, Marcos from Brazil and Hurgen from Haiti. It has been through the faithful and generous support of the Holmes Church family that we have had the opportunity to show compassion for these children.

More information will be presented about our sponsored children and the Compassion program during our worship service on **Compassion Sunday, April 28th**. As you will hear on April 28th, your previous support has been life changing to these children. Our yearly Flower and Hoagie fundraiser to support this sponsorship will be held on Saturday, **May 4th, from 9 AM to 2 PM (Raindate May 11th)**. Hoagies will be available for pick up from 12-2pm and flowers will be available for pick up between 10am and 2pm.

**\*\*\*The deadline for all orders is April 21st**



## COMPASSION FUNDRAISER 2024

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Tel.# \_\_\_\_\_

**I would like to order geraniums (5" pots) @ \$7.00 each:**

\_\_\_\_ Red \_\_\_\_ White \_\_\_\_ Pink \_\_\_\_ Salmon  
\_\_\_\_ Purple

**I would like to order hanging baskets (10") @ \$22 each:**

\_\_\_\_ Lantana \_\_\_\_ Calibrachoa \_\_\_\_ New Guinea  
Impatiens \_\_\_\_ Ivy Geranium

**I would like to order a flat (32 plants) @ \$20.00/flat:**

**Petuna flats**

\_\_\_\_ Red \_\_\_\_ White \_\_\_\_ Blue Midnight \_\_\_\_ Mixed  
\_\_\_\_ Orchid

**Vinca flats**

\_\_\_\_ Pink \_\_\_\_ Red \_\_\_\_ White \_\_\_\_ Rose

**Begonia flats**

\_\_\_\_ Red \_\_\_\_ White \_\_\_\_ Pink

**Marigold flats**

\_\_\_\_ Mixed

**I would like to order hoagies @ \$6.00 each:**

(indicate # next to choice)

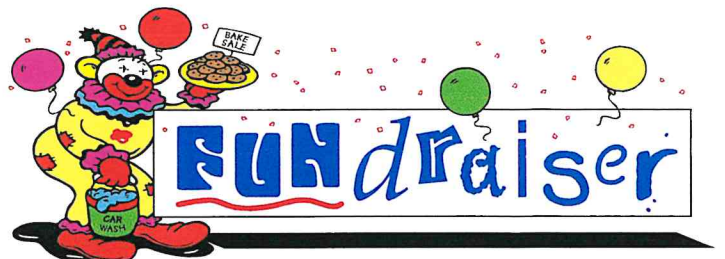
\_\_\_\_ Roast Beef/Cheese \_\_\_\_ Italian  
\_\_\_\_ Turkey/Cheese \_\_\_\_ Ham/Cheese

**I would like a hoagie meal @ \$9.00 each:**

(hoagie, chips & drink)

(indicate # next to choice)

\_\_\_\_ Roast Beef/Cheese \_\_\_\_ Italian  
\_\_\_\_ Turkey/Cheese \_\_\_\_ Ham/Cheese



# YOUTH NEWS

March found the Holmes Youth Group extremely busy. At the start of the month, we had our Soup Luncheon. Thank you to all the soup makers: The LoCastros, Charlotte Merker, Bob and Dyan White, Debbie Oliver, and Ed and Lisa Taylor. The soups were delicious and thank you to all that donated baked goods. We appreciate all your support to the Holmes Youth Group.

Then on St. Patrick's Day we gathered with other church friends and members to fill over 3000 eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt. Boy, were we sure busy! You have no idea how tedious it is to fill 3000 eggs and yet not one person/youth complained.

On Monday, March 25th, the youth gathered for our candy scavenger hunt where they had to answer questions to the Easter story in order to run out first to find the candy. We had the most youth attend this meeting that we've had in a year. Praise be to God! People in the neighborhood also commented on all the fun the youth were having.

Again, thank you to all who support this important ministry in so many ways and we are so grateful!

We look forward to helping the church with the Compassion Sale in May.

God Bless-  
Mark and Becky

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## A Heartfelt Thank you!



As Worship Chair and Outreach member, I would sincerely like to thank the many people who made this Lenten Season/Holy Week possible. The Lenten Season/Holy Week is a very busy time much more than Christmas, with so many church services within one week. Thank you to the Chancel Choir and to Mark, for all the special music each Sunday and for the special music during Holy Week, to Dyan White, for singing so beautifully on Palm Sunday, to Helen, for cleaning up after each event and service, to Debbie Oliver, for the ordering of the palms, taking care of the Easter flower orders and arranging them so beautifully in the sanctuary, to everybody who donated Easter Egg candy and helped fill (Youth group included) over 3000 eggs, and put 3000 Easter eggs on the church campus for the community egg hunt, to the Over the Hill Gang who put up the Cross on the campus, and who kept changing the community signage on the campus as each new event unfolded at church, and to all the friends, guests, and members who beautified the campus cross with flowers that symbolizes our new life in Christ with Jesus' resurrection!

God Bless-  
Becky Kalbach



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