

THE LAMPLIGHTER

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
1600 Kanawha Boulevard, East
Charleston, WV 25311

Our Mission is to live and share God’s Word in Jesus Christ

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I wish to do two things with the “Pastor’s Corner” this month. First, I want to let you know some of the ways we will be celebrating our Lord’s victory over death on Easter morning. Secondly, I want to talk about how Christ’s victory inspired the Rev. Dietrich Bonhoeffer to challenge the powers of his day.

This year Easter comes almost as late as Easter can possibly come: April 24. The churches in Charleston will unite at Appalachian Power Park for our 6:30 Easter sunrise service. Rev. Joe Jarrett will give the sermon this year. Trinity’s Brass Ensemble, assisted by other musicians, will provide music; Eva Jones will be soloist. I will give the children’s sermon. This service begins in darkness and ends in the morning light.

Of course, the sunrise service is not necessarily the first service of Easter morning. Here at Trinity we greet Easter morning at 12:00 am. You are invited to join us in our Easter Vigil. We gather outside in the parking lot at 11:00 pm Easter Eve, light our candles in the darkness and process into the lounge for the reading of God’s Word. We then process into the church, carrying our lights, celebrate and reflect on our baptism, commune, and greet the new resurrection day.

CONTACT US!

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Easter is April 24. April 9 is also an important day. That is the day we commemorate Lutheran pastor and theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Bonhoeffer was born on February 4, 1906 in Breslau, Germany, the son of a university professor. He studied at the universities of Berlin and Tuebingen, and was a gifted student, quickly matriculating in his studies. His doctoral thesis, published in 1930, was entitled *Communio Sanctorum* (“The Communion of Saints”) and enthusiastically received. He served as the assistant pastor of a German speaking congregation in Barcelona, Spain and then journeyed to New York, where he spent a year at the prominent Union Theological Seminary. After a year in the United States, he returned to Berlin to take a professorship at the university in Systematic Theology.

In 1933, the Nationalist Socialist Party (the Nazis) ascended into power in Germany. Bonhoeffer joined other pastors in dissent and opposition to the Nazi policies, especially anti-Semitic laws. Bonhoeffer left his comfortable professorship to pastor two small German speaking Lutheran congregations in London, England, where he became the leading voice of dissent in an ecclesial movement that became known as “The Confessing Church”. In 1935, he was appointed to form a new seminary in Finkenwald, Germany, to form and train pastors apart from the Prussian Synod (which supported Nazi ideology), which was the state supported institution. At the Finkenwald Seminary, Bonhoeffer wrote his famous books *Life Together* (which describes Christian community), *The Cost of Discipleship* (which details the necessity of Christian discipleship) and *Spiritual Care* (which is a collection of lectures given to the Finkenwald students on the care of souls). In 1937, the Nazi government cracked down on dissenters, arrested many pastors, and closed the Finkenwald seminary. Bonhoeffer was expelled from Berlin, and spent time traveling abroad in Great Britain and the United States.

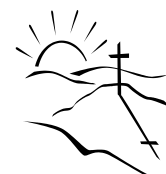
In 1939, as World War II began, Bonhoeffer was offered a professorship at Union Seminary in New York and asylum in the United States. Several leading Church authorities begged him to accept, and Bonhoeffer considered the offer, but in the end chose to return to Germany and to continue ministering to his people. Upon arriving in Germany, he became an operative in the Abwehr, a civilian intelligence agency. While outwardly serving the Nazi agency, he plotted in several attempts to overthrow Adolph Hitler, and eventually to assassinate Hitler. The attempt failed, and the conspirators, including Bonhoeffer, were arrested. He was jailed in several prisons, and was eventually sent to the concentration camp at Flossenbug. He kept a large correspondence and journal throughout his imprisonment, which was later published as his *Letters and Papers from Prison*, which kept a witness of Christ

To include your news item in your Church publications, please observe the following deadlines. Submission by email is appreciated!

Bulletin	9:00 am Tuesdays
Midweek	9:00 am Mondays
Newsletter	The 20th of the month

*God’s Work ...
Our Hands*

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LUTHERAN LINES

The latest issue of *Lutheran Lines* is available at www.Lutheransonline.com/mtnwelca A copy is also on the board in the Social Hall. Learn more about WELCA on the national website: www.womenoftheelca.org

Women of the ELCA

Our Purpose:

*As a community of women created in the image of God,
called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and
empowered by the Holy Spirit,
we commit ourselves to grow in faith,
affirm our gifts,
support one another in our callings,
engage in ministry and action, and
promote healing and wholeness in the church,
the society, and the world.*

WELCA Dates for 2011

April 9, 2011	Saturday Brunch at Trinity 10:30 am (meeting)
April 17, 2011	Coffee Fellowship Palm Sunday
May 15, 2011	Coffee Fellowship Graduation Sunday
July, 2011	Picnic (date to be announced)
July 14-17, 2011	WELCA Triennial Convention, Spokane, Washington
August 5-6, 2011	Convention in Huttonsville
September 17, 2011	Saturday Brunch at Trinity 10:30 am (meeting)
September 18, 2011	Coffee Fellowship
October 15, 2011	Hot Dog Bake Sale
October 16, 2011	Coffee Fellowship
October 22-23, 2011	Fall Retreat at Tygart Lake
November 2011	Bean soup mix sale (date to be announced)
November 20, 2011	Coffee Fellowship
December 18, 2011	Coffee Fellowship (Christmas Program)

Suzanna Circle

Suzanna Circle will meet on **Tuesday**, April 5 at 9:30 am in the Social Hall. Nancy Schmellenkamp will be providing our lesson and tasty treats this month.

Rebekah Circle

Our next **Rebekah Circle** meeting will be Thursday, April 7 at 7:00 pm. in the church Social Hall. Carol Kimberling will present our Bible study *Pray Always*, Session 3—*Power*. In this session we seek to understand the power of prayer to change us and perhaps our circumstances, too. Karen Stouch will provide us with our tasty treat during fellowship. Hope you can come and join in our study and fellowship.

WELCA Devotion: Mercy Wild**Prayer**

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In you great mercy, receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.

Reading: Ephesians 2:4-8

But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

Reflection

My 3-year-old daughter was walking around the house singing this verse from a familiar hymn: “Peace on earth and mercy wild, God and sinners reconciled.” I was going to correct her so that she knew the phrase was really “mercy mild.” Then on second thought, I decided I rather liked the idea of wild mercy. Because that’s true, isn’t it? God is rich in mercy, and that mercy is wildly wonderful. Mercy is not always tame, not always calm. And as we move through Lent toward Easter, we remember God’s saving grace and the risen life we share with Christ. God’s love and mercy for us is vast, immeasurable, and yes, wild. It inspires us to continue our good works and live out our mission.

Closing Prayer

Most merciful God, we have all sinned and fallen short of your glory. Strengthen our faith as we approach Lent, and give us grace to follow your example of love, mercy and forgiveness as we walk in the way of the cross, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Hymn: The Risen Christ, ELW 390

Triennial Convention July 14-17, 2011, Spokane, Washington

“The Triennial Convention shall be the highest legislative authority of Women of the ELCA and shall deal with all matters that are necessary in the pursuit of the purpose and functions of this organization” (Churchwide Constitution of Women of the ELCA, Article XI, Section 1).

Women of the ELCA meets in convention every three years. This is where the business of the organization is accomplished:

- Delegates hear a report from the executive board describing the activities of the organization since the last Triennial Convention.
- Officers and board members are elected.
- The previous fiscal year’s audit and the next year’s budget are discussed and voted on.
- Issues of concern--memorials--raised at synodical women's organization conventions and memorialized to the Triennial Convention are presented and voted on.
- Issues raised by delegates--resolutions--are brought to the convention as new business and voted on.
- Constitutional changes are made.

Delegates to the convention represent women in their region, synodical women’s organization, and unit. They cast votes on their behalf. If you are interested in going as a delegate or a visitor, please see Pat Schillings for more information.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

April	3 Sunday	9:45 am SCS Opening 12:00 pm Committees
	5 Tuesday	9:30 am Suzanna Circle 6-9 pm PRIDE
	6 Wednesday	6:15 pm Worship Study Dinner/Lenten Service
	7 Thursday	7:00 pm Rebekah Circle
	10 Sunday	9:45 am SCS 12:00 pm Congregational Luncheon/Church Council
	12 Tuesday	6-9 pm PRIDE
	13 Wednesday	6:15 pm Worship Study Dinner/Lenten Service
	14 Thursday	4:00 pm Alpha Iota
	16 Saturday	8:30 am Men's Breakfast
	Palm Sunday	17 Sunday
18 Monday		9:30 am KCARSE Board Meeting
19 Tuesday		6:15 pm Seder Meal
20 Wednesday		11:00 am Friendly Lutherans
Maundy Thursday	21 Thursday	7:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service
Good Friday	22 Friday	7:30 pm Good Friday Service
	23 Saturday	11:00 pm Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday	24 Sunday	7:30 am Breakfast 9:45 am SCS Easter Egg Hunt
	26 Tuesday	6-9 pm PRIDE 7:30 pm Rose Society, Social Hall
	27 Wednesday	6:15 pm Covered Dish Dinner
	29 Friday	2:00 pm Meadowbrook

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Sunday School News

See you at 9:45 in the Social Hall on April 3 for the next Sunday School Opening! This will be our last opening for a few months.

Easter Sunday (April 24) we will meet in the social hall for our annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by Trinity Youth Group. The Easter Bunny will visit us and then it is outside to find the treats!

CHURCH ACTIVITIES, cont.



ALTAR GUILD

Looking for a new and different way to serve the church? Want to know more about why we do what we do during Communion or the services? Want to get involved with making new banners, paraments or liturgical art? Then you need to be a member of the Altar Guild! Contact the office, Linda Cook or Eunice Burch if you are interested. We'd love to get you involved!



There are open dates on the readers list for both services. Stop and look at the chart located on the bulletin board opposite the secretary's office. If you are not comfortable singing the Psalm, the Pastor will do it for you. If you are looking for something to do for your church, this is one thing you can do. Thank you.

Do you enjoy the **Children's Sermon**? See Laura Knauff or any of the presenters listed to volunteer.



April 3	Linda Cook
April 10	Sara Busse
April 17	Adam Knauff
April 24	Pastor Ron



To dedicate the altar flowers or sanctuary candle to someone, place their name and information on the sign-up sheets across from the church office. Flowers are \$46.00 and candles are \$2.00. You may place the money in the offering plate or bring it to the church office.

Altar Guild Easter Work Schedule

Saturday, April 16, 10:00 am

Work party to set up for Palm Sunday, clean silver if there's time, set up Communion, cut and separate palms, set up palm stands in front of church. There will be a processional on Sunday with confirmands, so banners need to be brought out and things taken to back of church. ALL HANDS NEEDED

Prepare what we can for Holy Week services. CAN YOU SERVE MAUNDY THURSDAY TO STRIP ALTAR? Four people are needed. Let Linda or Eunice know if you can help.

Palm Sunday, April 17

Palms will need to be taken out of stands and refrigerated in water to save for use on Easter.

Saturday, April 23, 10:00 am

Work party to set up for Easter Sunday. Finish cleaning silver, set up Communion, set up lilies and palms in front of church. Change out all banners. Another processional for this day. ALL HANDS NEEDED.

Wednesday Lenten Services

Apr 6	Covered Dish at 6:15	Worship @ 6:45 - Barabbas
Apr 13	Covered Dish at 6:15	Worship @ 6:45 - Pilate

Calling All 2011 Graduates

Christian Education needs the names of those family members who are graduating from high school, college or graduate school this May, or who graduated in the fall of 2010. Please contact Pat Schillings at 304.345.9003 or purrfectpat@suddenlink.net



Handbell News

The Trinity Bell Tones will present their annual "Spring Ring" on Saturday May 14th. The concert will be followed by a spaghetti dinner hosted by the Social Ministry Committee. There will be many reminders around to help you remember the date. AND..... You know that Karen will write several helpful reminders for you. Please plan now on attending this concert. The handbell members have worked very hard to put together a very nice concert for you to enjoy. It would be very sad for us as a group not to have a large sized audience to enjoy the program. .

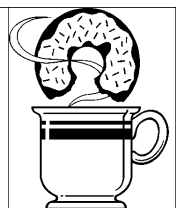


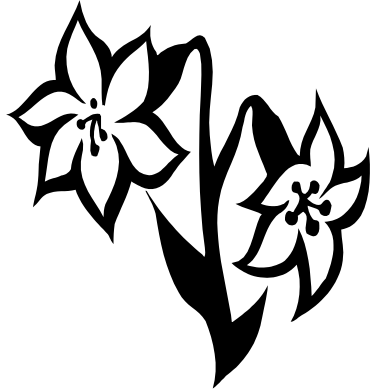
Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast will be held on March 16 at 8:30 am. Y'all come and bring your appetites. It is a great way to start your Saturday with fellowship and good food.

Coffee Fellowship

April 17 is our Special Coffee Fellowship Sunday after our one service at 10:00 am on Palm Sunday. The Rebekah and Susanna Circles will be serving some of our tasty treats and you may help by bringing fruit, veggies/dip, small sandwiches, cookies, nuts, cheese/crackers, etc. Coffee and punch will be provided. Questions? Check with Eunice or Pat.





Easter Lily Order Form

You may place this order and payment in a pew envelope in the offering place.

Orders for lilies must be in the church office by Sunday, April 10, 2011

You may also email your order to office@trinitywv.org

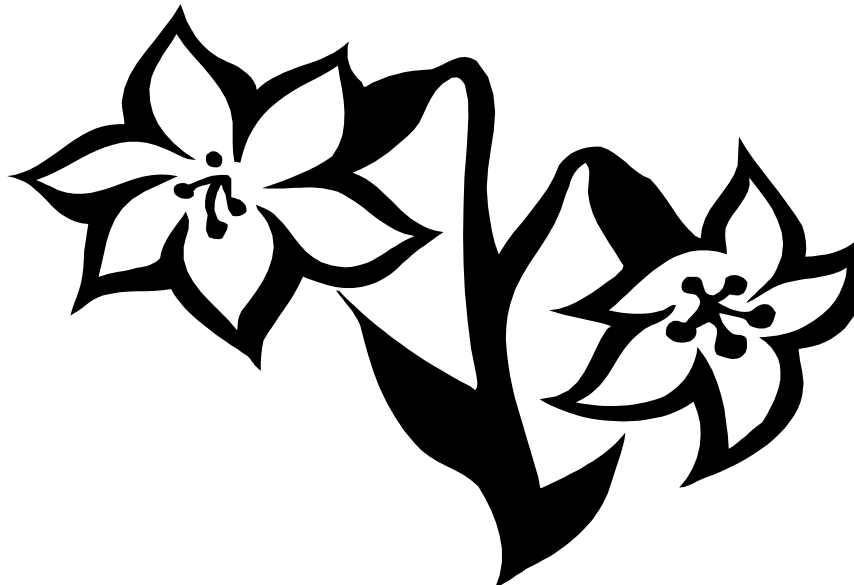
_____ Number wanted

Cost : \$12.00 each

In **HONOR** or **MEMORY** of (circle one):

or **Given to the Glory of God**

Given by: (please print)



REMEMBER the DATE !!!!!

May 14, 2011 at 4:30 pm



HANDBELL CONCERT

Followed by

SPAGHETTI DINNER

5:30 pm

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
1600 KANAWHA BOULEVARD
CHARLESTON, WV 25311

The concert is a goodwill offering and the Spaghetti Dinner is \$6.00 for adults. The children's price will be announced later.



CHURCH ACTIVITIES, cont.

FRIENDLY LUTHERANS



Friendly Lutheran News

Friendly Lutherans will meet April 20th beginning at 11 am with snacks and visiting. This month, ham will be provided and you are asked to bring something to go with the ham. As always, we will snack starting at 11 am and visit, then at noon, we will sit down for our meal.

As always, let Pastor Ron or Karen know if you would like to have a special meal. In May, some of you suggested we have mainly chicken dishes. It is not too early for you to put your thinking caps on as to what you would like to bring.

Meadowbrook

You are invited to join us in our nursing home ministry at Meadowbrook Acres Nursing Home on Friday, April 29 at 2:00 pm. We will celebrate birthdays as we sing songs, offer prayers, and eat cake. For more information, please call Jonalee Young at 304-346-1851 or Pat Schillings at 304-345-9003.



COMMUNITY NEEDS & NEWS

ON-GOING MINISTRY

In each monthly newsletter there is usually included a list of the needs of various agencies in our area such as the Gabriel Project, Covenant House, and the Food Pantry. You may sometimes ask yourself "when do I have time to take my donations to these different places, where exactly are these various agencies located, and what hours might they be open to accept donations?" Those are very good questions, and Trinity's Social Ministry Committee has the answers! To make it easier for Trinity's members to donate to the many needs of these local groups, each month the Committee will focus on a particular group's needs with a collection box in the Church foyer. At the end of the particular month, the Committee will deliver all of the donated items. *During April 2011 the Committee will be collecting items for the Gabriel Project.*

The Gabriel Project . Please bring in new or used onesies, sleepers, socks and receiving blankets. Also, diapers, formula and baby toiletries are always needed. A collection box is in the Church lobby.

Covenant House Yard Sale

Covenant House will be having a Yard Sale on Saturday, April 30 from 8 am-1 pm at their Shrewsbury Street location. They are accepting any household donations from 8 am- 4 pm any weekday.

Food Pantry Needs:

Donations are welcome in the Food Pantry. The food pantry is in need of any type of grain items such as cereal, macaroni and cheese, and plain macaroni. Pasta sauce and peanut butter is also appreciated.

Pastor's Corner, continued

in the face of oppression, violence, and suffering. Reportedly, Bonhoeffer endured his imprisonment with great hope, charity, and cheerfulness, daily greeting his jailors with a blessing and wishing them a good night with a benediction. On April 9, 1945, as the war was drawing to a close, Bonhoeffer was hung at the Flossenbug camp, along with several other political dissidents, at the order of Hitler himself. According to the witness of the guards, he went to the makeshift gallows with a smile, telling one that the reason for his good cheer was that he knew he was going to be with his beloved Jesus. His final words were, "This is the end. For me, the beginning of life!"

Bonhoeffer's witness provides us with a powerful example of how the Christian faith sustains and gives the faithful courage to endure great trials and proclaim the Gospel in the face of, what seems to us to be, an overwhelming evil. In the face of great persecution and seemingly triumphant evil, Christians must stand fast, struggle with, and bear faithful witness to Christ our Lord. Dietrich Bonhoeffer's example reminds us that evil cannot win the day, that the Gospel always is greater than evil or hate. In Bonhoeffer, we see a triumphant example of faith and faithfulness in the midst of a great trial. And for that example, we give God thanks and praise.

Pastor Ron





CARE LIST



If you or someone you know is in need of prayer on a Sunday morning, please fill out a prayer card and hand it to the usher (as we have done for some time). The usher will give the cards to Pastor Ron, who will mention those names in the prayer of the church that morning. If you or the person whose name you present is in need of prayer over a long period of time, please call the church office so we can put the name on Trinity's prayer list.

Please let us know if a name needs to be added or removed.

Please pray for:
 Rose Anadei
 Cathryn Angel
 Martha Cox
 Kitty DeBolt
 Ruth DeBolt
 Dewey Dixon
 Nancy Entley
 Rachel Farnsworth
 Gwen Fawcett
 Heather Harper
 Florence Heilman
 Barron Helgoe
 Vera Howe
 Judith Judy
 Leah
 David McCormick

George McKinney, III
 Shawn McKinney
 Penny and Alan Meadows
 Avrie Nelms
 Cynthia Pratt
 Linda Ruthers
 Susan Slater
 Dorothy Strohmerger
 Raelyn Strader
 Norma Weddington
 Evelyn Weirick
 Laveda Winkler
 Charlie Young Sr.
 Marian Zamiela

The dear ones below would love calls, cards, or prayers from their friends at Trinity. Won't you contact one of these folks today?

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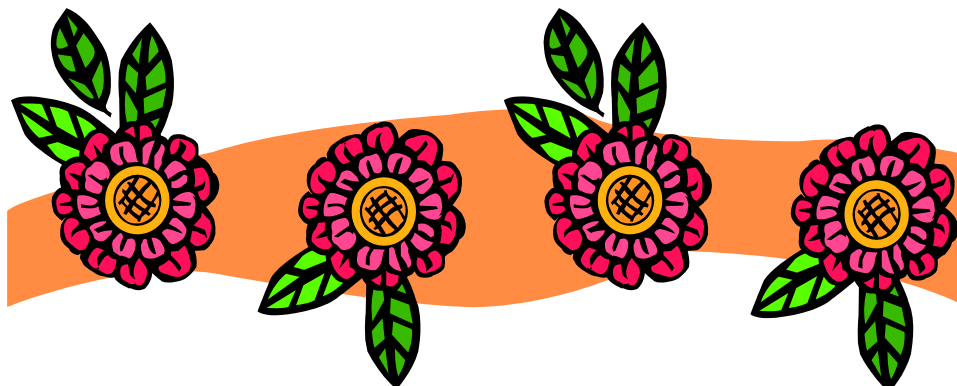
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Marian Zamiela
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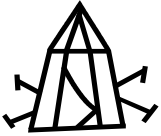
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CHURCH ACTIVITIES (continued)



Attention: Camp Luther Campers!

For the 66th year, the "hillsides of Camp Luther" will again come alive with laughter, music, learning, and fun, as Camp Luther participants gather the week of June 19-25 at Camp Caesar in Cowen, WV. The theme this year will be *Jesus Chooses Us!*

Be sure to get your application for Camp Luther (from Pat Schillings or on line; www.camplutherwv.com) and fill it out **now!** Don't be disappointed by returning your application and health forms too late. The registration **deadline is May 2, 2011.** (Full payment of \$190 must accompany applications.) Also, be sure to have your pastor sign your application and have your parents fill out the health form, which is to be sent with your application. A great week is in the plans for you!



Kids of all ages come and honor mom on Mother's Day-----or honor an adopted mom by "Fill-a-pew for Mom!" May 8th is Mother's Day. We will have a special Mother's day Reception between the services sponsored by the Evangelism Committee. Come and honor mom or grandma, or if you know a mom whose family is far away, adopt-a-mom! We look forward to seeing old friends and family on May 8th!

Trinity is fortunate to have a scholarship fund for members who need some help with college expenses. The Mabel and Donald Hopwood Scholarship fund was willed to Trinity by the Hopwoods to assist those full time students who need some financial assistance. It is a wonderful opportunity and there are few restrictions. The scholarship acts as a non-interest bearing loan with no time frame for repayment. The recipient is asked to repay in order that the fund may continue to assist others in the future.

The applicant does not need to be an entering freshman, but must be a member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Charleston who wishes to enter or return to an accredited four-year college and carry twelve or more semester hours of the equivalent. The fund is for undergraduate students only except those entering the seminary are eligible until their studies are completed. The student may request renewal with a new application each year.

All information, including the names of the recipients, is confidential.

Applications are available in the church office. Completed applications should be returned to the church office in a sealed envelope marked CONFIDENTIAL and addressed to the Scholarship Committee, Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1600 Kanawha Blvd., Charleston, WV 25311.

Applicants MUST meet the deadline date, June 5, 2011



Coffee Providers

Thanks to all the people who have been keeping our coffee hutch in the Social Hall filled with supplies. We are still in need of volunteers for 2011 and the volunteer list is at the hutch. Thanks again for your helpfulness!

WELCOME

We warmly welcome Julia Jesse, our new Church Secretary. An East End resident, Julia has two wonderful children, Emily 15, and Max, 8. She is looking forward to working with and meeting the members of the congregation.

West Virginia Institute of Spirituality April Schedule



- April 5, 12, 19, 26** **Meditation and Contemplative Prayer** from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm.
- April 1** **Soup & Silence** from 12:00 pm to 12:50 pm. Call WVIS at (304)345-0926 to make a reservation.
- April 1-2** **Silent, Directed Retreat** begins Friday evening at 6 pm
- April 27** **Father and Son Prayer Evening** 7:00-8:30 pm, let by Fr. Dave Glockner, G.H.M.

On-going opportunities for Individual Spiritual Direction - Call (304) 345-0926

For information on any of these activities or dates and times on the schedule, contact the West Virginia Institute of Spirituality at (304) 345-0926.