

The Disciple

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If you seek Me
with all
your heart,
you will
find Me.
Jeremiah
29:13

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**REMINDER:
VBS STARTS
SUNDAY, JUNE 9TH
6-8:30 PM**

PRAYER CHAIN

Begins In The Church Office

(724)843-0862

Prayer concerns for our Church Family & Friends...

Mourning Loss

Lohra Allcorn Family

General Health

Jeff
 April Beige
 George Flickinger
 Mitchell Goehring
 Kathy May
 Michael Razanauskas
 Dave Smail

Medical Treatments

Hilliary Lawson
 Finley Metzler
 George Peffer
 Karen Valko
 Tom Wolbert

Surgery & Procedures

Amy
 Dave
 Josh Coulter
 Sharlaine Gallegos
 Chrissy Guay
 Thelma Miller
 Tom Miller
 Tracy Vucinic
 Dave Wilson

Missionaries

Karl & Deb Crossman
 Franz Payoute
 Darlene Rimer
 Skybacher Ministries

Praise

Jack Mulik
 Answered Prayer
 Church Family
 Praise in Waiting

Other Prayer Needs

Armed Forces
 Elected Officials
 First Responders
 Our Children & Youth
 Our Church
 Our Community
 Our Ministries
 Our Schools
 Pastor Alan & Lois
*Someone you haven't
 seen in awhile*
 Struggling Families
 The Lost
 Unspoken needs
 VBS SCUBA

Home Touch

Joe Biddle
 Fran Boyde
 Bim Brightwell
 Don & Nancy Deutsch
 Linda Eiler
 Pat Elick
 Paul Grimes
 Sylvia Hendrickson
 Elmira Hollingshead
 Lee Jenkins
 Thelma Koch
 Josephine Lopic
 Thelma Miller
 Dawn Mohrbacher
 Jackie Neal
 Janet Pfaff
 Tim Ramsey
 Duane & Diana Rape
 Amie Ritter

Extended Care

Russ Bernardo
 Troy & Nora Baker
 Cody Boors
 Deb Britton
 Jean Brown
 Judy Cantner
 Caitlin Edge
 Lindsey Novak Errett
 Carolyn Ewing
 Margaret Ewing
 Mike Gray
 Bruce Guay
 Freida Kughn
 Gary Lucente
 Mary Ann Mencher
 Finley Metzler
 Richard Moody
 Janet Pfaff
 Tim Shane
 Wendy Shellhammer
 Alice & Sam Short
 Amy Smail

In the midst of the storm, seek the Lord and run to Him for shelter. He will protect you and help you endure. Don't think about the bad weather, but instead seek peace through Christ. Meditate on His promises and be strong. The sun doesn't always have to be out to give the Lord thanks so continue to give Him praise.

Names will appear on the prayer list for four consecutive weeks with the exception of the Home Touch and Extended Care lists. The Extended Care list is for those with Chronic Illnesses who will likely need prayer long term. From time to time, if we have not received an update on a person or if a person has been doing well, they may be removed from the Extended Care list until we are asked to put them back on with an update to their condition.

Prayer Chain

If you or anyone you know would like to be added to the prayer list or to either the telephone or email prayer chain, please contact the church office.
 (724)843-0862

Happy Birthday To You...



- 06/01 Ruby Gigliotti
- 06/02 Nick Brightwell
- 06/03 Linda Miller
- 06/04 JR Canonge
- 06/05 Sue Ann Evans
- 06/06 Toni Grimes
- 06/09 Lois Morrison
- 06/10 Taylor Moehrle
- 06/10 Duke Donawitz
- 06/12 Tom Smith
- 06/12 Kevin Lawrence
- 06/13 Jace Kester
- 06/13 Haylie Petrik
- 06/13 Walt Everly
- 06/14 FLAG DAY

- 06/14 Breanna Reynolds
- 06/14 Gary Boyd
- 06/14 Donna Miller
- 06/16 FATHER'S DAY
- 06/19 Haven Keil
- 06/21 Declan Salter
- 06/21 Jack Boyde
- 06/23 Janna Kline
- 06/24 Doug Hefner
- 06/25 Jeff McKinney
- 06/26 Joni Richards
- 06/26 Raylan Mack
- 06/27 Robert McKinney
- 06/29 Phil Boyd



*We enjoy being able to share your special dates.
Please, if we overlook you or someone you know, let us know so that we can add the special date to our records.
Please hold these special people in prayer this month.*



Happy Anniversary

- 06/02 Mike & Jaime Loschinsky
- 06/02 Ryan & Samantha Sharpless
- 06/05 Dan & Dawn Evans
- 06/05 Bill & Elizabeth Deal
- 06/05 Jack & Pat Boyde
- 06/05 Michael & Colleen White

- 06/09 Chris & Amanda Chaousy
- 06/15 David & Raelene Mack
- 06/20 Roy & Dawn Alexander
- 06/20 Zach & Becca Huwar
- 06/20 John & Lori Calve
- 06/22 Chad & Wendy Kline

- 06/23 Walt & Carole Young
- 06/25 Justin & Olivia Jones
- 06/26 Andy & Kristi Ebel
- 06/26 Erik & Shawna Solinger
- 06/29 Matt & Kelli Currey

JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 1	Community Breakfast
June 2	Sunday Worship
June 4	VBS SCUBA Workday, Sewing, VBS SCUBA Worknight
June 5	VBS SCUBA Worknight
June 6	VBS SCUBA Worknight
June 7	VBS SCUBA Worknight
June 8	VBS SCUBA Workday
June 5-8	Western PA Annual Conference
June 9	Sunday Worship, SCUBA VBS
June 10	SCUBA VBS
June 11	SCUBA VBS
June 12	SCUBA VBS
June 13	SCUBA VBS & CELEBRATION
June 16	Sunday Worship & VBS Recap, Donuts with Dad
June 17	United Women in Faith Summer Picnic
June 18	Sewing, Food Pantry
June 23	Sunday Worship, Congregation Meeting
June 25	Sewing
June 30	Sunday Worship, Fifth Sunday Luncheon

Looking Ahead

July 16	Food Pantry
July 17	Red Cross Blood Drive



PASTOR'S CORNER*Pastor Alan***Pastor's
Corner****Heaven and Hell – Do We Believe?**

One of my friends, shared this story shared in the Easter Sermon by their pastor. I searched the internet to see if I could find who originally wrote the story, to no avail. It was quoted in many blogs, church websites, sermon illustration databases, and YouTube. So, I don't know the author.

"In a mother's womb were two babies. One asked the other: "Do you believe in life after delivery?" The other replied, "Why, of course. There has to be something after delivery. Maybe we are here to prepare ourselves for what we will be later." "Nonsense" said the first. "There is no life after delivery. What kind of life would that be?" The second said, "I don't know, but there will be more light than here. Maybe we will walk with our legs and eat from our mouths. Maybe we will have other senses that we can't understand now." The first replied, "That is absurd. Walking is impossible. And eating with our mouths? Ridiculous! The umbilical cord supplies nutrition and everything we need. But the umbilical cord is so short. Life after delivery is to be logically excluded." The second insisted, "Well I think there is something and maybe it's different than it is here. Maybe we won't need this physical cord anymore." The first replied, "Nonsense. And moreover, if there is life, then why has no one ever come back from there? Delivery is the end of life, and in the after-delivery there is nothing but darkness and silence and oblivion. It takes us nowhere." "Well, I don't know," said the second, "but certainly we will meet Mother and she will take care of us." The first replied "Mother? You actually believe in Mother? That's laughable. If Mother exists then where is She now?" The second said, "She is all around us. We are surrounded by her. We are of Her. It is in Her that we live. Without Her this world would not and could not exist." Said the first: "Well I don't see Her, so it is only logical that She doesn't exist." To which the second replied, "Sometimes, when you're in silence and you focus and you really listen, you can perceive Her presence, and you can hear her loving voice, calling down from above."

Everything I know about Hell, I learned from Dante's Inferno. The Bible says very little about Hell. The Bible only says a little bit more about Heaven, in terms of a life after this life. But using the story above, as a springboard for conversation, what I realize is that I know what Hell is. It may be darkness, silence, and oblivion, as much as it could be the fiery fires that Dante suggests. In either case, it is the absence of God. If Hell is the absence of God, then Heaven is the presence of God. And as Jesus told his disciples, the Kingdom of God comes near to us all the time. Or as the one twin expresses. We are surrounded by God. We are of God. It is in God that we live. Without God, this world and we would not and could not exist. And sometimes, when we are silent and we focus to really listen, you can perceive God's presence, and hear God's loving voice, calling.

Come to Worship! Let's listen for the voice of God together!

Blessings!

Alan

"Jesus replied, 'Do you believe because you see me? Happy are those who don't see and yet believe.'"

JOHN 20:29





Jun 2	<i>"All-Knowing Creator"</i> Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
Jun 9	<i>"Immutable in Love"</i> Psalm 138
Jun 16	<i>Father's Day Sunday & VBS Celebration</i> <i>"All-Powerful to Save"</i> Psalm 20



And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 10:24-25

Congregation Meeting

Sunday, June 23rd
Following Worship

Please plan to attend. This will be a time for open dialog, questions & answers concerning legislation passed at the UMC General Conference and following the wrap-up of the Western PA Annual Conference.

Please keep this meeting and the future of Unionville in your prayers.

Pray for discernment, wisdom and direction as we navigate and envision God's plan for the future in his church here at Unionville.

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

1 Corinthians 12:27



Jun 23	<i>Guest Speaker – Jack Boyde</i> 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 & Mark 4:35-41
Jun 30	<i>"In Need and Abundance"</i> 2 Corinthians 8:7-15
Jul 7	<i>"In Weakness and in Strength"</i> 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

PRAYER MINISTRY

Linda Miller

"At it's foundation, prayer assumes we have a relationship with God. We are able to speak to God not because we are worthy on our own merits, but because he has welcomed us into a relationship with himself through Jesus Christ. That relationship is the basis for our communication with God. He graciously invites us into his presence and receives us there. In return, he wants us to *seek* him. He wants us to *want* to come to him. He desires for us to deliberately and humbly set our hearts and minds on him:

If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land. ~2 Chronicles 7:14

Search for the Lord and for his strength; continually seek him. ~Psalm 105:4

The Lord is close to all who call on him, yes, to all who call on him in truth. ~Psalm 145:18

Seek the Lord while you can find him. Call on him now while he is near. ~Isaiah 55:6

If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me. ~Jeremiah 29:13

Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ~Matthew 11:28

Let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most. ~Hebrews 4:16

Come close to God, and God will come close to you. ~James 4:8

Isn't it amazing? The God who made all things wants us to have a relationship with him. He wants us to come to him and depend on him. And he wants us to communicate with him through prayer. In fact, he welcomes us as his children."

*Excerpt from "The Potential and Power of Prayer"
By Chuck Lawless*

If there is to be a vibrant future for Unionville Church we need to:

"get prayer into the DNA of our church. By DNA, I mean a fundamental commitment or foundation that characterizes the church. I want people to know our church as a congregation that takes prayer seriously, continually turns to God for guidance, and sees answers to our prayers. When prayer becomes part of the DNA of a church, God's power is released." -Chuck Lawless

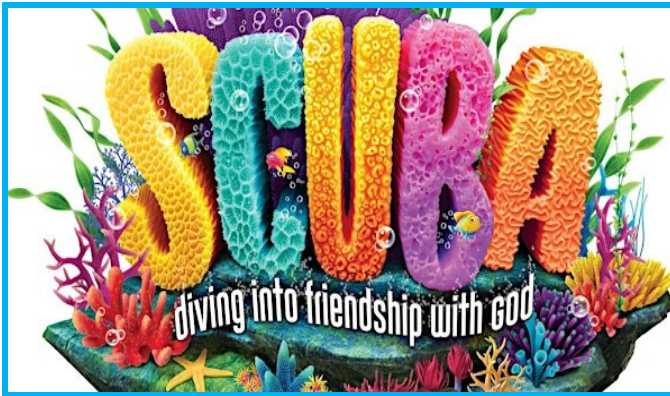
I would like to schedule a number of Prayer Meetings. My goal is to meet not just in our Sanctuary but in small groups in homes. If you are willing to open your home for a small group prayer meeting, please see Linda Miller for details and to get onto the church calendar.

**"For where two or three are gathered together in my name,
there am I in the midst of them." ~Matthew 18:20**

PLEASE PRAY

For VBS Participants, Youth & Adult Volunteers


Miller	Evelynn	April	Carter
Aubrey	Peyton	Elijah	Hannah
Gemma	Carson	Carter	Jace
Asher	Aaliyah	Asher	Enzo
Sidney	Preston	Chase	Grady
Luca	Max	Connor	Ellie
Calia	Joseph	Emma	Cole
Rayna	RJ	Ruby	Luna
Eva	Hendrix	Lennon	Aubre
Tori	Alex	Asher	Kinsley
Cameron	Olivia	Savannah	Audrina
Jace	Avery	Grady	Kylan
Raylan	Taylor	Emmy	Haydn
Nolyn	Cassius	Leah	Robert
Maverick	Colton	Peyton	Declan
Sloane	Liliana	Nolan	Caroline
Levi	Steven	Camilla	Clara
Autumn	Lucas	Karaline	Jackson
Owen	Sylvia	Coty	Brenton
Matthew	Melissa	Dawn	Roy
Brian	Jon	Robin	Patty
Kelli	Leah	Elizabeth	Bill
Bryson	Farah	Linda	Terry
Ashley	Makayla	Tammy	Ava
Cathy	Rich	Haven	Tiffani
Chelsea	Gregory	Janna	Wendy
Madison	Christy	Jacey	Lisa
Linda	Sharon	Connor	Jordyn
Shannon	Tonya	Alan	
Jennifer	Jodie	Addison	
Nick	Heather	Cooper	



Please hold VBS in prayer
Before and After
June 9th-13th


PRAY FOR OUR VBS

"Dear God, thank you for going before us as we prepare for VBS. Help us meet any need of supplies, decorations, and volunteers we may have. Provide the opportunity for families far and wide to attend VBS. Thank you for the opportunity to pour into the lives of these kids in deep and meaningful ways. We pray that above all else you are glorified in our VBS."




PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH

"God, let our church be a great influence in our community through our VBS. We want your perfect love to be at the foundation of our city, and we pray that we spread your love. Let our doors be open and our hearts be welcoming to all kids and their families. Let your goodness shine through us."




PRAY FOR VOLUNTEERS

"Lord, please bring volunteers to serve at VBS. Fill their hearts with your love and patience to be poured out upon the kids. Give them strength, health, and an overwhelming joy to serve! We pray that our volunteers are given the opportunity to help children experience you and that they would grow closer to you!"




PRAY FOR OUR STAFF

"Lord, be with our staff as they plan, prepare, and put on our VBS this year. Keep them healthy in body and mind before, during, and after VBS. Allow opportunities for them to share the good news of who you are with kids. Give them creative ideas to reach children, give them peace when times get stressful, and fill their hearts with joy as they faithfully complete your work."




PRAY FOR FAMILIES

"Heavenly Father, let the changes in kids' hearts this week be an inspiration to their families. Let parents and caretakers pursue a deeper relationship with you. Let family connections grow stronger, deeper, and focused on you. Give kids strength to stand firmly rooted in their faith and relationship with you."



PRAY FOR OUR KIDS

"Jesus, we pray that through VBS, kids in our community will grow in their relationship with you. We ask that you begin to break down any walls that might be preventing their young hearts from receiving your love. We ask that the truth of who you are sinks deep into their hearts. Let them leave knowing who you are and the overwhelming, joyful love you have for each and every one of them. May the impact of VBS last a lifetime."



SCUBA VBS SET-UP

Your help is greatly appreciated!

**Tuesday 4th:
11am-2pm and 5-8 pm**

**Wednesday 5th:
5 pm-8 pm**

**Thursday 6th:
5 pm-8 pm**

**Friday 7th:
5 pm-9 pm**

**Saturday 8th:
9 am - noon, if needed**



Unionville Church Camper's Fund

PURPOSE:	The <i>Camper's Fund</i> is a ministry established to support the participation of our children, youth, and "adults with intellectual disabilities" to attend a faith-based summer camp experience or faith-based retreat each year. These include United Methodist or other denominational camps or retreats. This does not include mission trips or non-residential sport camps.
SOURCE OF FUNDING:	Funds received from the blue clothing collection box in the parking lot are designated to the camper's fund. Periodically, tips from the Community Breakfast, fish fry, or other events may be designated to the camper's fund by the pastor and fundraising event chair. Other funds may be designated by the Administrative Council at their discretion in addition to any funds specifically designated by a donor.
CAMPER ELIGIBILITY:	The camper must be regularly active in Unionville Church's worship, Sunday school, and/or other age-specific ministries such as Kid's Club and Youth Group.
FUND ADMINISTRATION:	Requests for scholarships are to be made in writing to the pastor who has approval authority to grant the scholarship. The pastor may consult with the Christian Education chair, Lay Leader, and Administrative Council chair, if a question arises.
SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT:	Based on available funds, the amount of the scholarship will be up to 50% of the total per person and paid directly to the event registrar once the camper has registered and paid their portion of the cost of camp (as of 2024, camp fees range from \$125 - \$725 depending on host facility, duration, age-level, and primary program feature).

Adopted by the Administrative Council on April 2, 2024.

FREE



Child Evangelism Fellowship® of Beaver County invites you!

Who? Children completed K-5th grade

What? Bible lessons, missionary stories, games, crafts, singing, Bible memory verses, puppets, play time, & meals.

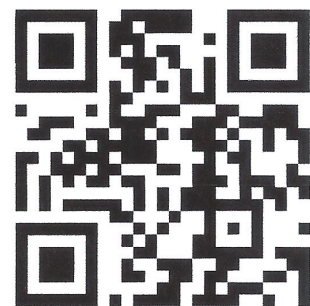
When? August 5-9 & 12-16, 2024 9:30am-2:30pm

Where? Prayer Mountain Ministries, 114 Fisher Drive, Darlington, PA 16115

Why? To provide the best week of summer by sharing Gospel hope in a fun, loving, & safe environment!

Price? FREE—breakfast & lunch included, transportation from many sites in Beaver County

Scan to register or go to
beavercountycef.com



Bus transportation provided from local schools to Camp!

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Elizabeth Deal

It's Almost Time for.....United Women in Faith June Annual Picnic!

**Monday, June 17th starting at 6pm, FLC
Bring a potluck dish to share.**



Our decade theme this year is — 60's!

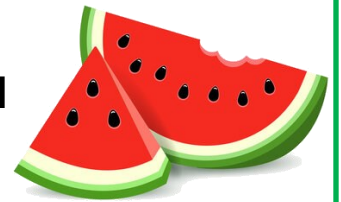
**So put on your GROOVY t-shirt
and come on out to join in the fun!**

All Women and Girls of the Church are Welcome to Attend!



FIFTH SUNDAY POTLUCK LUNCHEON

Sunday, June 30th following worship



Mark your calendar, break out your favorite recipe to share
and plan to stay and break bread together immediately following worship.

COMPASSIONATE MINISTRIES

Just a reminder:

Do you have a neighbor, friend, or family member who is having financial difficulties?



Pantry Distribution

**June 19th & July 16th
5:00—7:00 PM**

Questions? Call Jo Shane @ 724-846-5146

**Current Food Pantry needs can be found on
Unionville's Website @ unionvilleumc.org**

HOME TOUCH

Joe Biddle

902 Eighth Avenue
Freedom, PA 15042

Bim & Deb Brightwell

1290 Route 68
Rochester, PA 15074

Fran Boyde

c/o Jack Boyde
904 Pine Run Road
Freedom, PA 15042

Don & Nancy Deutsch

535 Lincoln Blvd
Freedom, PA 15042

Linda Eiler

125 Pflug Road
New Brighton, PA 15066

Pat Elick

1310 Route 68
Rochester, PA 15074

Paul Grimes

The Grove at Harmony
191 Evergreen Mill Rd
Harmony, PA 16037

Sylvia Hendrickson

10 Adams Ridge Blvd. Rm A-8
Mars, PA 16046

Elmira Hollingshead

1013 Stockton Ridge
Cranberry Twp., PA 16066

Lee Jenkins

1080 Robinson Street
Freedom, PA 15042

Thelma Koch

427 Lakeview Drive
New Brighton, PA 15066

Josephine Lopic

902 Tulip Drive
New Brighton, PA 15066

Thelma Miller

1281 Route 68
Rochester, PA 15074

Dawn Mohrbacher

3308 N 31st Street
New Brighton, PA 15066

Jackie Neal

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Cowpens, SC 29330

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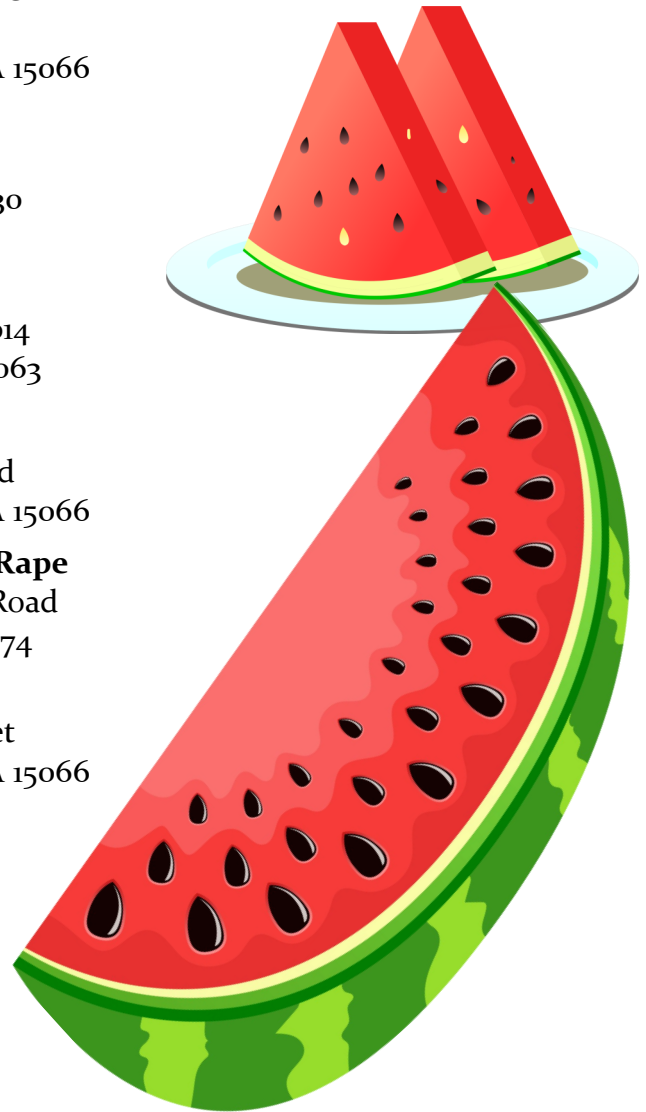
724 Druschel Road
New Brighton, PA 15066

Duane & Diana Rape

130 Harkins Mill Road
Rochester, PA 15074

Amie Ritter

141 R Harold Street
New Brighton, PA 15066



***Please take a moment to remember our
Home Touch Friends***

With a note, card, phone call and especially a prayer.

***If you know of someone who should be
added to our Home Touch Friend List,
Please contact the church office.***

***If you would like a visit from our Home Touch Team or
Pastor Alan, please notify the church office.***



NexTrex Recycling Challenge

Unionville has signed up to participate as a collection site for plastic bags/films/wraps. You can find the square white bins in the hallway of our Education Building and in the Family Life Center.

When we collect 1000 pounds of plastics by March 2, 2025; we will receive a NexTrex bench free of charge.

That's a lot of plastic, so spread the word and start gathering and saving.

Below is a list of items accepted.

All items must be clean, dry and free of food residue!



What can I win?



Trex Bench

What can be recycled?

All plastic must be clean, dry and free of food residue.



Grocery bags



Bread bags



Bubble wrap



Dry cleaning bags



Newspaper sleeves



Ice bags



Plastic shipping envelopes



Ziploc & other reclosable food storage bags



Cereal bags



Case overwrap



Salt bags



Pallet wrap & stretch film



Wood pellet bags



Produce bags

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR

HDPE (#2)
High Density Polyethylene

LDPE (#4)
Low Density Polyethylene

LLDPE (#4)
Linear Low Density Polyethylene

Community Breakfast

June 1st

8:00—10:00 am

Last Breakfast until October

Please come and lend a hand; come and eat;
invite your friends & neighbors!
An all-you-care-to-eat buffet for only \$12.00!
The proceeds from these meals help fund
various ministries throughout the year.



Meet
for
Breakfast

FAMILY LIFE CENTER

RENTALS

We are currently taking
Rental reservations.

Call the Church Office

At (724)843-0862

Join us for Sunday Worship

In our Sanctuary @9:30 am
or virtually. via

Our YouTube channel.

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday noon –2:00 pm

Thursday noon—4:00 pm

*Messages and emails are being checked
throughout the week.*