



# THE CALLER

April 2024

*"The Stone Church with a Warm Heart"*

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## **From the Pastor....**

Tetelestai. Recently, I've seen advertisements with shirts that contain the word, "Tetelestai." I noticed it; it kept my attention and made me think. I knew what the word means. It means, "It is finished" in Greek. This is written only twice in the New Testament in John 19:28 and John 19:30.

*<sup>28</sup> After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty."... <sup>30</sup> When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. (John 19:28, 30)*

We are in the final week of Lent as I contemplate this powerful word and write this article. These words Jesus speaks are powerful, life changing, and definitely transformative. As I saw the Greek word on the shirt, I wondered why anyone would want to wear such a statement. Yet now, I cannot stop thinking of it because of the grace that came down at that time and the promise of everlasting life we have received through salvation through Christ. There is so much beauty in the word, "Tetelestai."

The root of the word, "tetelestai" is "teleo" which means complete, to end. Scholars have noted that in ancient times, creditors would write the word "tetel" on debts that were paid, which could have been an abbreviation for the word "tetelestai." Think about a time when you have completed a task or when you finished paying off a bill. Once the bill is paid in full, you don't need to do anything more; you don't have any more payments because that debt has been paid in full. "Tetelestai" in the Greek language is a perfect tense verb which indicates the task or action was completed in the past but that the results of that task or action continue into the present and on into the future.

When Jesus spoke these words on the cross, "It is finished (Tetelestai)," He was essentially saying his purpose coming to earth, showing the people how to live and to love the Lord and one another, and how He came to earth to redeem the people – to pay the ultimate sacrifice for us has now been accomplished that day and every day. Often when I have read those words in Scripture when Jesus said, "It is finished," I thought about how Jesus walked on that long road to Calvary and how He suffered, but that now [it] is finished because He was weary and worn down. BUT, that is not what those words mean. Instead, we receive words of hope and promise. Instead, we read how our God is all gracious, merciful, and compassionate that his plan has always been about redemption.

Tetelestai is a reminder that our God is all about life. Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life. As He said in John 11:25-26, "I am the

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## **Sunday Morning Schedule**

Informal Service            8:00 A.M.  
Contemporary Service    10:15 A.M.  
Traditional Service        10:30 A.M.

## **Office Hours**

Monday - Friday  
9:00 A.M. — 12:00 P.M.

## April Mission of the Month

Heart & Hand Mission Trip, submitted by Amanda Hollich

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served,  
but to serve." Mark 10:45

Cornwall UMC has been supporting a mission trip to West Virginia for more than twenty years now! We have built numerous houses, handicap ramps, new roofs, car-worthy bridges, plumbing, and many other smaller but very important projects. These projects make a real impact in the communities and families we have served. We often work alongside those benefiting from our projects, giving us the opportunity to see our sacrifices become a blessing in their lives. All these years of work have been because of the generous support this congregation has sent down.

Everyone, no matter their skill level, is welcome and encouraged to take this opportunity to embrace His call. This mission was originally a youth group trip, but in recent years, youth attendance has dwindled. We love seeing the younger generation come into their own and step out of their comfort zone. It's a fantastic learning environment. Youth should have a designated guardian unless going into high school. Please consider joining the team for the first time or returning for another year.

Your donations throughout the month of April will be graciously accepted and we look forward to sending our church's warm heart to West Virginia once again this year! Please, also keep those whom we will serve in your prayers as well as those who are volunteering.

John 20:21 "As the father has sent me, I am sending you."

### Missions Trip Information and Meeting

Mission trip to West Virginia on June 23<sup>rd</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>! If you are interested or just have some questions, join us for an informational meeting on Wednesday, April 3 at 7:00 P.M. in Rm. 60. In this meeting we will discuss the upcoming trip and fundraisers, as well as answer any questions you might have. Please contact Andrew Pasquale: 717-507-8206 or Amanda Hollich: 717-228-8139 for details. It is a week that could change your life!



### Groceries Give Back Gift Cards



Don't forget we still have Sheetz cards available, nine \$100 cards! Please think about a Sheetz card when you are traveling this summer. Please stop by the church office Monday through Friday from 9:00 - 12:00 to purchase these last few cards. Thank you for supporting this program.



*LCCM  
Food Bank  
Wish List*

**Whole Grain Pasta**  
(1 lb. boxes)

**Rice** (1 lb. bags or boxes)

**Flour and Sugar**  
(1 lb. or 2 lb. bags or boxes)

**Canned Fruit**  
(15 oz. cans in fruit juice)

**Canned Tuna, Chicken & Salmon** (approx. 9 oz. cans)

**Chicken & Tuna Salad Kits**

**Spaghetti Sauce**  
(24 oz. cans)

**Diced Tomatoes**  
(24 oz. cans)

**Boxed Cereal**  
(healthy varieties)

**Boxed Oatmeal**

**Ground Coffee**  
(10-12 oz. bags or tubs)

**Tea Bags** (small boxes)  
(approx. 20 bags)

**Keurig Coffee & Tea Pods**

**Salad Dressing**

**Olive Oil**

**Ketchup**

**Mayo**

**Mustard**

**Soup** (low-sodium preferred)

These are the items most needed right now. However, all non-perishable food items are always welcome. Please note that the food bank **cannot** accept expired items.

All items can be placed in the grocery cart in the link.



### VBS Planning

Be on the lookout for some exciting information on Vacation Bible School 2024!  
We're planning something HUGE & we need your help!  
Please plan to attend a VBS planning meeting on April 14 right after services or contact Amanda Hollich if you would like to find out how you can be a part of VBS 2024!



### **Graduate Recognition Sunday, May 19**

On Sunday, May 19 we would like to take time to recognize those in our church who have graduated or will be graduating!

If you or your child are graduating from high school, college, trade school, etc., please let us know! Contact the church office ASAP to let us know when and where you will be graduating from as well as your future plans.

717-272-0148 or [Cornwallumc@comcast.net](mailto:Cornwallumc@comcast.net)



Gretna Glen camp brochures are now available in the 1<sup>st</sup> floor elevator foyer.

We are happy to announce that we are again able to provide scholarships to our children and youth for summer camp.

Scholarships are for **half the cost** of camp up to \$225. (e.g., if camp cost is \$500, scholarship will be \$225; camp cost, \$350, scholarship will be \$175).

Make sure you get a camp catalogue and register for camp early!

After registering, please submit a copy of your Statement of Account (available from the camp website) so that the church can pay its portion.

### Youth Group

#### **April Schedule**

**April 7** - Youth Sunday School;  
Youth Group

**April 14** - No Youth Sunday School;  
Youth Group

**April 21** - Youth Sunday School;  
Youth Group

**April 28** - Youth Sunday School;  
Youth Group

**Times** (unless listed otherwise):  
Sunday School 9 - 10 A.M.  
Youth Group 6 - 8 P.M.

#### **Need to contact Jon?**

email: [js200@cairn.edu](mailto:js200@cairn.edu)

cell phone: 717-202-7789

## Election Day Soup and Bake Sale

Election Day is Tues., April 23. Cornwall UMC is the polling place for many residents in Cornwall. From 7 A.M. until the polls close (or when we run out) we will be having a soup and bake sale. Soup will be sold by the quart and will be takeout only. Everyone is welcome, even if this is NOT your polling place.



### Soups

Chicken Corn Noodle  
Tomato Basil  
Ham and Green Beans



Help support the church by buying some delicious food and most importantly, make sure to go to your assigned polling place and vote!

We need:

- Baked goods - drop off in the church office on April 22 from 9 A.M.– 1 P.M; in kitchen on April 23 or contact Jen in the church office to make other arrangements.
- Sellers – Help is needed from 9 A.M – 11 A.M.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, contact the church office at 717-272-0148.



## The Cornwall Church XYZ Fellowship invites you to **Celebrating Life Spectacular**

*“Honoring our 80 and older Friends & Members”*

**Who:** Everyone 60 and over - *We especially encourage those age 60-80 to come out in support of those celebrating 80+.*

**Where:** Cornwall UMC Fellowship Hall

**When:** Saturday, April 27, 2024

11:30 A.M. - Gathering & Social Time

12:00 P.M. - Catered Hot Lunch w/piano music

1:00 P.M. - Entertainment & Program of  
2024 Honorees

**Cost:** Donations accepted to defray luncheon costs

*Transportation is available for Cornwall Manor residents and other members who no longer drive. Indicate need when making your reservation.*

**Reservations required:** Contact Sue or Jim Brimmer at 717-273-6224 or [jbrimmer1675@gmail.com](mailto:jbrimmer1675@gmail.com)

**Deadline** for reservations is **Thursday, April 11**

XYZ Fellowship Chair is Margaret Sowers: 717-272-9703

### Bus to Bethlehem

The XYZ group is planning a trip to historic Bethlehem, PA at the Christmas season. Time and date to be determined. Experience Bethlehem and all its holiday events, shopping, lunch, museums and tour of the beautiful evening lights. We are inquiring how many church members and their friends may be interested. Please contact Martha Miller at 717-699-1883 to let her know if you are interested.





**The Lettermen and the Buckingham  
at American Music Theatre  
with the Honeybees**

On Sunday, June 9, the Honeybees will head to Lancaster to hear the Lettermen and the Buckingham perform at 3 P.M. Tickets are \$49. Our seats will be located on the balcony. Your telephone tree coordinator will call you shortly with all the details and directions for securing your seat on our bus and at the theatre. All tickets must be purchased by April 1 to make sure we all get seating together!



**Vacation**

Pastor Deanna will be on vacation from Monday, April 8 through Sunday, April 14. Pastoral coverage will be provided by Chaplain Dave Harris at:

Cell - 717-679-1546  
Office - 717-675-1524

Jon Simpson will be preaching on Sunday, April 14.

***From the Pastor (cont'd)....***

resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.”

In this Easter season, take time to reflect on the word “Tetelestai;” take time to reflect on Jesus’ last words, “It is finished” and what that means for you today. Through Christ, we have hope. Through Christ, we have been redeemed. Through Christ, we have been saved. Through Christ, we are promised an abundant life. Jesus paid the ultimate price for each of us because of God’s love for us. How will you live your life to honor and glorify God through your words, actions, and presence? We are called to make a difference right where we are because of the love of God revealed in and through our lives. You have been blessed. Receive the grace and mercy of God. Receive the blessings God has bestowed upon you. But, we cannot keep these blessings to ourselves. God has blessed you and redeemed you so that you can go be a blessing and go make a difference in the name of Jesus.

Easter Blessings,  
Pastor Deanna Geiter



**Adult Education on Sunday Mornings**

On March 10, the adults began a new study on the book of Ecclesiastes from Right Now Media, “Where to Turn When Life Lets You Down.” Led by Pastor Jonathan Pokluda, Harris Creek Church in Waco, TX, the series will last through mid-May.

Life is a gift, but it rarely turns out how we expect. We’re convinced things like wealth, power, fame, and control will give us meaning and lead us to a flourishing life—but, every time, they let us down. So where do we go when the bottom falls out? Where do we turn when things are going great but we still feel empty? We are not alone in our search for meaning. Discover how God himself, not the things of this world, satisfies our deepest desires for meaning.

Can’t join us in person? Contact Kathy Snively at [info@lightkeeper.net](mailto:info@lightkeeper.net) for a link to view at your convenience. Hope to see you there!!



### **New Piano**

Special thanks to Cornwall Manor resident, Dr. Joe Bering for the donation of a grand piano to Cornwall UMC. Stop by the first floor chapel to see this beautiful instrument.



### **Men's Choir**

All men are invited to sing in a men's choir for Mother's Day, May 12<sup>th</sup>. The men will sing in the 10:30 A.M. Traditional Service. You will be able to sit with your families during the service. If you would like to sing, please let Mike Brimmer, 717-679-0504 or Jen Trexler, 717-277-8968, know. We will have short practices after church on Sun., April 28 and Sun., May 5 as well as at 10 A.M. on Sun., May 12.

### **Freezer Needed**

Each year attendance at the Peach Festival has increased so each year we have to make more food, and that includes ice cream! However, with more ice cream being made, we need more freezer space. Contact Bob Doll at 717-273-8013 if you have a chest freezer you no longer need/use and would like to donate to the church.




### **From Finance –**

Last month, finance placed a pie chart in the Caller showing how 2023 monies were expended. That chart showed that the largest category was worship and it accounted for \$183,666, or just over 38% of the total. Here is how we calculated that number. Our pastor preaches every Sunday, but she does much more than that throughout the week. So, we applied half of her salary and other expenses to worship. One hundred percent (100%) of our organist, choir director, contemporary worship leaders, and pianist salaries were all assigned to the area of worship. Other expenses, such as utilities, insurance, cleaning, maintenance, and connectional ministries were assigned at 50% to worship. The next largest category of expenses is that of discipleship. Next month, we will give an overview of how those expenses were calculated, along with a breakdown of the multiple areas of our church activities that fall into discipleship. Remember, for every dollar given, the many ministries of Cornwall United Methodist Church are supported in work within the church and community.

James Brimmer, Finance Chair



# April 2024

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
	1 Office Closed	2 Women's Bible Study 7pm Cub Scouts 7pm	3 Memorial Service for Tim Gamble 1pm Missions Trip Mtg. 7pm	4 Choir 7:30pm	5	6
7 Communion Girl Scout Cookie Bake-Off 5:30pm Youth Group 6pm Men's Group 7pm	8 Women's Bible Study 1:30pm Boy Scouts 7pm	9 XYZ Planning mtg. 12pm Women's Bible Study 7pm Cub Scouts 7pm	10 Women's Bible Study 10am	11 LCCM noon meal Choir 7:30pm	12	13
----- Pastor Deanna on Vacation April 8 - April 14 -----						
14 Jon Simpson, Guest Speaker VBS mtg. after services Youth Group 6pm Men's Group 7pm	15 Women's Bible Study 1:30pm Boy Scouts 7pm Finance 7pm	16 Women's Bible Study 7pm Cub Scouts 7pm	17 Women's Bible Study 10am	18 Trustee mtg. 7pm Choir 7:30pm	19	20
21 Girl Scouts 3-4:30, 6-7:30pm Youth Group 6pm Men's Group 7pm	22 Women's Bible Study 1:30pm Ad Board 7pm	23 Women's Bible Study 7pm Soup/Bake Sale 	24 Women's Bible Study 10am COM mtg. 7pm	25 Choir 7:30pm XYZ set-up in FH	26 XYZ set-up in FH	27 XYZ Luncheon
28 Men's Choir practice after church Youth Group 6pm Men's Group 7pm	29 Women's Bible Study 1:30pm Boy Scouts 7pm SPRC 7pm	30 Women's Bible Study 7pm Cub Scouts 7pm				



**The Second Annual Cornwall Girl Scout Cookie Bakeoff**  
**Sunday, April 7**

In a joint effort with our church's Girl Scout troops, we are hosting the Cornwall Girl Scout (GS) Cookie Bakeoff on Sunday, April 7 from 5:30-7:30 P.M. There are 20 age-related and cookie flavor categories for prizes. Create a recipe using any flavor GS cookie, Adventurefuls, Toast-Yay!, Lemonades, Trefoils, Thin Mints, Peanut Butter Patties, Caramel deLites, Peanut Butter Sandwich or Caramel Chocolate Chip, by yourself or with a partner. **Entry forms are due by April 1<sup>st</sup>** and are available at [www.lightkeeper.net](http://www.lightkeeper.net) or by contacting the church office at 717-272-0148.



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