

The Visitor April 2024

#### The Easter Bunny vs. The Risen Christ.

I have been seeing lots of fun Easter Egg hunts and the Easter Bunny popping up in all sorts of secular events, from business to community events. I don't mind so much. If the world wants to have a secular holiday and enjoy hunting for eggs and a fun-loving giant bunny as the mascot, fine. It just makes it necessary to communicate what Easter means to us clearly.

Before we can communicate Easter's importance and essence, we must first lay a little groundwork. The worldly view of being human, the existence of God, the Son of God, and the Holy Spirit. You cannot fully appreciate Easter without claiming our truth as Christians.

In the worldly view, a person's existence is a happy accident resulting from millions of years of evolution. Cells just happened to stumble into the right formation to take the next step in evolution. There is a religious version of evolution that acknowledges the power of God, calling all living things to the smallest molecule to become their highest possible expression of themselves. This study of God's work is called Process Theology. In the worldly view, we are born and live with no thanks to God, and when we die, we become dirt. No life after death, no spirit, no soul. In this worldview, why not turn the Easter Bunny into a mascot and a prop for promoting your business or organization without mentioning Christ or God?

Contrast that with a person of Faith's view of being human. Our physical body are the living temple of the spirit God breathed into us. Each birth is a series of millions of miracles, God's influence calling every cell and molecule to form a child. This life force is the divine power calling all things into being. We believe we have a spirit, a life force that comes from God and will someday return to God. We also call this spirit a soul. The soul indicates a certain wisdom, a knowledge of the divine reality that goes beyond our ability mentally to capture it fully. The more we practice living in faith, the more we see God working in and through our lives. Our life journey, in short, starts and ends with our God, and our walk is fulfilling as we experience the joy of God's presence in our lives.

The worldly view of God is that there is no God, and if there is, it is irrelevant to our lives because bad things happen to good people and God does not stop it. God does not exist, or if he does, he is a cruel God that does not care.

We of Faith believe God deeply cares and, more importantly, is with us in our suffering. We also believe God has the power to heal, and we believe and see miracles happen. That is not to say we are untouched by life losses. We see all of life's blessings and pains in their entirety. We don't presume to understand why God chooses to act or not. God is beyond our understanding but not our ability to worship, praise, and experience God's grace, peace, and Love.

In the worldly view, Jesus is a great man, a teacher, and perhaps even a prophet. We of faith see Jesus as alive, healing, feeding, and renewing our faith. Jesus was the human manifestation of God for us to experience living in the truth and presence of God. Jesus suffered every kind of pain, from betrayal to being crucified. His resurrection from death to life is not in our past but present and future. Jesus' grace turned even the theft on the cross next to him into a testimony to the love of God that never stops giving us a choice to be with him. Jesus took our brokenness, our sin, and our pain to the tomb. In his resurrection, he brought us out of that tomb to join him in the present and someday in heaven.

In the worldly view, there is no seeking the Holy Spirit. To us, the Holy Spirit is the presence of Christ, our Lord, in our lives. The spirit is how we encounter Christ in our daily lives. We center ourselves in Christ's peace.

Let us be clear about what we stand for as Christians! We live and serve the risen Savior with great joy, and when our race is won, we will unite with Christ in Heaven!

Very Happy Easter! Pastor



#### **Easter at Hoyleton House**



On a chilly morning on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, 11 youth and 10 adult volunteers from St. John UCC and Zion UCC met to prepare for a very special day. We were about to take a 1 ½-hour drive through Southern Illinois to bring Easter to the residents of Hoyleton House, in keeping with a nearly 10-year tradition.

The day started bright and early, with UCC volunteers assembling sandwiches and loading up 5 vehicles with food, crafts, and gifts. After a beautiful drive through several small farming communities in Southern Illinois, we arrived at The Chapel on the Hoyleton residential campus.

We were met there by Christy and Ashley, as well as other members of Hoyleton staff, who helped us prepare for the residents that would be arriving from six various cottages, including kids who travelled all the way from Lehre Haus in Belleville, IL.

Due to the age differences of the cottage residents, we arranged activities by cottage. We had an Easter egg hunt, complimented with an Easter bunny (Cody) and a bubble machine. Inside we had stations set up for face painting, crafts, book giveaways and gift baskets. Some walked over to Koelling field to play a competitive game of kickball. By the end of the day, the smiles on the faces of the residents, and their telling us of how much fun they had, made the long day more than worth it!

St. John UCC of Maeystown has been supporting the mission of Hoyleton Youth & Family Services for about 100 years. The church has been providing this Easter celebration to the residents for about 10 years, with a pause during Covid. This is our second year since the pandemic.

Hoyleton Youth and Family Services provides therapeutic residential care, counseling care and fostering support to vulnerable youth in Southern Illinois. You can see more about their programs at <u>Hoyleton Youth and Family Services</u> or follow them on social media.

#### Easter at Hoyleton....









One of the most important things you can do on this earth is to let people know they are not alone.

#### **Easter Sunrise Service**









#### **Confirmands**

Henry Knoll Parker Brandt Emma Schultheis



#### **Easter Egg Hunt**



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#### **Notes from Church Council**

#### **Student Pastor**

- Pastor reviewed a proposal to make Tim Burns a Student Pastor at St. John and Zion UCC. Pastor reviewed the student pastor responsibilities. Tim is currently in an online pastoral certificate program and active in the church ministry.
- The annual cost of the student pastor position is estimated at \$11,700 annually with St. John responsible for 2/3 of the cost and Zion responsible for 1/3. St. John has \$5,000 in the 2024 budget funded by donor to support the Student Pastor position.
- A motion was made by Fay Ross to approve the proposal to add Tim Burns as a Student Pastor and seconded by Mark Rey. All in favor. Motion carried.
- The council will hold an information meeting after church on April 28<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Student Pastor proposal. The congregational ballot vote to approve the Student Pastor will occur on May 19<sup>th</sup>.
- More information regarding the Student Pastor responsibilities is included below.

### **Student Pastor**

#### Description and responsibilities for the proposed St. John and Zion UCC Student Pastor position

- **Primary responsibilities:** Learn and grow in their gifts for ministry.
- Secondary responsibilities: Provide added support to the many missions, ministries, and programs of the church, congregation, and community.

#### **Participation in Ministry**

- **Preaching:** Leading the Sunday worship service at least once every 6 weeks, as well as filling in for Pastor Poole when absent.
- Senior Programs and Ministries: Aiding with the existing programs as well as helping to develop new ministries.
- **Music Ministry:** Special music for Sunday Worship service as needed, sharing personal songs and their context with the Youth Group, as well as the seasonal outdoor performances held prior to the Sunday worship service outside the Church Hall.
- Wednesday Warmup Program: Continuing the existing Wednesday warmup program, as well as exploring other possible social media ministries.
- Youth Ministries: Providing devotional messages at youth group meetings, as well as added support for the After School Program and all other youth events and ministry efforts.

#### Education

• Currently enrolled since August of 2023 in an online Pastoral Certificate Program provided through Phillips Theological Seminary Center for Ministry and Lay Training.

#### **UCC Illinois South Conference**

• As of February 2024, approved and accepted into the Conference as a Member in Discernment (Student-In-Care) pursuing licensed ministry.

#### **Hours and Income**

- Hours and income will be divided between St. John (2/3) and Zion (1/3) churches
- 15 hours a week at \$15 an hour, totaling \$11,700 yearly
- St. John responsible for \$7,800 (2/3) \*\*\$5,000 currently in the budget for seminary student
- Zion responsible for \$3,900 (1/3)

#### Women's Fellowship

The February meeting of the Women's Fellowship was called to order by Faye Birk on Thursday February 1<sup>st</sup> with 13 members present. Pastor was not able to attend due to illness.

The treasurer's report was read, the balance for January 31<sup>st</sup> was 3596.37. A motion to accept was made by Linda, Nancy second, motion carried.

The secretary's report for January was read. Sharon made the motion to accept, Barb second, motion carried.

Faye discussed the Women's Fellowship banquet for our new members. The banquet will be removed from the agenda temporarily, having no members to chair the event at this time.

Faye thanked everyone that helped take down the church and hall Christmas decorations after the last meeting.

Fastnacht was discussed. Cathy reminded everyone that items were needed for sale at the Country Store. Cathy Hoffmann and Anna Masse will man the table. Set up and kitchen preparations will be completed Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> after church. Donuts are needed for the event. Faye suggested that preordering from Walmart and Schnucks is recommended.

Quilt raffle will replace regular raffle held that night. Sue will provide a drum for the tickets. The drawing will take place at 7pm. An additional person may be needed to help with selling the tickets that evening. Cathy has volunteered to take the quilt to Floraville UCC February 11<sup>th</sup> to sell tickets.

After school workers were discussed. Faye will send out a text message for volunteers. It was decided that unless the volunteer is new we would only have one other worker since it has been difficult to get two volunteers per event.

Barb and Faye will bring desserts for the March meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup>.

March 3<sup>rd</sup> is Women's Sunday. Cathy and Nancy will be greeters. Pat, Barb and Marietta will take offering. Sue will read scriptures. Faye will read call to Worship/Invocation.

Hoyleton Honors night February 23 was discussed. Tickets are on sale with deadline of February 12<sup>th</sup>. St John's UCC Maeystown and Zion UCC St. Joe will be among the honorees that evening.

Laurie Brown has donated pie wedges for the Octoberfest Pie stand.

End of the year supplies reimbursement was discussed. The Fastnacht supplies are always donated so in the future and bill associated with the Fastnacht will not be included.

No birthdays celebrated. Nancy V and Barb made a motion to adjourn, motion carried. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

#### Sue Taylor acting Secretary

#### **Cemetery Board**

The Cemetery Board met on March 5, 2024, at 7:00 PM. Present for the meeting were Allyn Rohlfing, Lenny Schwarze, Ross Mueller, Sheryl Prange and Pastor Poole; Aaron Voelker was unable to attend.

The meeting was called to order by President Allyn Rohlfing, and Pastor opened the meeting with a prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were presented. The treasurer's report showed the following balances: General Fund-\$25,036.10; Savings Account-\$18,436.13; and Asphalt Fund-\$2,717.34. A motion was made by Lenny Schwarze, seconded by Ross Mueller to approve the reports as presented. Motion carried.

The Board budgeted the following expenses for 2024: \$10,000 for mowing and trimming; \$5,500 for tar and chip for the lower driveway; and \$4,000 to seal the asphalt (upper) driveway. Thanks to generous donations received, the Board feels that they will be able to complete projects that were postponed earlier due to lack of funds.

A motion was made by Lenny Schwarze, seconded by Ross Mueller to invest \$10,000 in General Funds for one year to increase income. Motion carried.

Old Business:

The street address sign as required by Monroe County 9-1-1 is ready to be installed. The light on the flagpole is being replaced by Charlie Hoerr.

The John Deere tractor is to be sold. Lenny Schwarze is interested in purchasing it, and a fair sales price will be determined.

New Business:

Routine maintenance: The dead tree has been removed from the outer edge of the cemetery along LL Road. The tree will be replaced this fall. The tree near the toilet building has been trimmed to prevent dead branches falling onto stones. Grass has been seeded, as needed.

The Board will review Illinois state law regarding the burial of cremains (ashes).

Cost of opening graves for cremation was discussed. It was decided that the price for Member/Spouse opening in the cemetery will be \$450; for a non-member the cost will remain at \$600.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Ross Mueller, seconded by Lenny Schwarze. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Sheryl Prange, Secretary-Treasurer

#### **Youth Fellowship**

Youth Fellowship met at 7:00 PM on January 17, 2024. The meeting was called to order by President Cody with 16 members present, and Pastor Poole opened with a prayer.

Pastor Andrea Asselmeier led an interesting discussion about her work as a chaplain at Emmaus Homes. Emmaus is supported by the UCC and provides services to developmentally and intellectually disabled adults. Pastor Andrea explained that the name of the ministry comes from the Bible. On the afternoon of Resurrection Day two of Jesus' disciples were traveling on the road to the village of Emmaus when Jesus appeared to them. At Emmaus Homes they journey along the road of life with their clients, supporting them as they worship, work, sleep and eat. Pastor Andrea also talked about some of her experiences at Eden Seminary and her journey that led her into ministry. Thank you, Pastor Andrea, for coming to our meeting.

Minutes of the meeting of November 15 were approved as presented on a motion by Hayden, seconded by Emma. Motion carried.

The checking account balance is \$4,935.85. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Hayden, seconded by Emma. Motion carried.

Old Business: T shirts were discussed. David Henerfauth has prepared the design, and the suggested shirt style is short sleeved crew neck in sapphire blue. A motion was made by Payton, seconded by Claire to approve the design, style and color. Motion carried.

New Business: Pastor encouraged the members to try to volunteer for a shift helping at Fastnacht.

Pastor presented information regarding the Hoyleton Honors banquet on February 23. Both Maeystown and St. Joe congregations, along with the youth, will be honored at the banquet. (The YPL donated \$500 to Hoyleton to purchase Christmas gifts, and also planned, sponsored and attended an Easter party at Hoyleton for their youth in 2023.) A motion was made by Emma, seconded by Henry to purchase a table for eight at the banquet for \$600. Motion carried.

This year's Easter party at Hoyleton will be March 23, if that date works with Hoyleton's schedule.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. The evening ended with a Roll the Dice Valentine gift exchange followed by refreshments. Thank you, Tricia, for the Rice Krispie treats!

Sheryl

## News and Notes

#### **Announcements:**

The annual Hike & Bike to benefit the youth of Hoyleton will be Saturday, May 11. Registration is open.

#### **Upcoming Events**:

- Pew Sisters will meet on March 15.
- VBS will be May 28-31. Registration is open and volunteers are needed.

#### **Thank You:**

Thank you to members of the Mission Team, YPL and Scholarship Committee for hosting the Pre-Lenten Service soup/spaghetti suppers and to everyone who brought food and desserts. The soups, spaghetti, sides, and desserts were all delicious! Thank you also to everyone who helped with set up and clean up. Each evening was truly a team effort.

We would also like to thank our friends at Zion for hosting meals the two evenings our services were held there. The soup, sandwiches and lasagna were awesome, not to mention the desserts! A special Thank You to all who joined us for fellowship and helped support our hosts each evening. Your generous free-will donations will help each group's mission within our church family.

Patti Brandt and Connie Turner

#### Please keep the following in your prayers

• Please Keep Amanda Braun and Amanda's Mother, Kathy Guenther, in your prayers as they mourn the loss of their aunt and sister, Sharon Gutjahr.

• Dave Berg Sr. is receiving treatment to ensure his cancer does not return.

• Mona Mothershead is receiving treatments for her cancer.

• Victoria Rippelmeyer's Sister-in-Law, Natalie Watson, is facing an aggressive cancer. Please keep Natalie and her family in your prayers.

• Florence Feldmeier is now recovering at Carla's and doing great!

• Dennis Knobloch's surgery was successful! He is home recovering.

• *Kaylee is getting stronger every day but still needs our prayers.* 

• Tim Branson in his battle with cancer.

- Scott Stoeckel, as he battles cancer.
- *Renesmae Brown, she is 3 yrs. old, has autism and now seizures.*
- Denise Farmer as she seeks answers for some neurological issues.

#### Acolyte Schedule:

#### April

- 7 Emma Schultheis & Claire Stafford14 Tanner Rosenkranz & Drew Stafford
- 21 Lucas Blackwell & Hudson Brandt
- 28 Matthew Blackwell & Parker Brandt

#### May

- 5 Chloe Carron & Drake Coats
- 12 Lilly Carron & Jake Coats
- 19 Owen Carron & Ashlyn Crouch
- 26 Payton Dilley & Dallen Edler

#### Visitor Report:

Beginning Balance - \$363.09 Income - \$0.00 Expense - \$58.09 U.S. Post Master - \$58.09 End Balance - \$305.00

Faye Birk, Treasurer

#### Sunday School – Checking

Beginning Balance - \$877.63 Income - \$48.00 Offering - \$48.00 Expenses - \$0.00 Ending Balance - \$925.63

#### Sunday School – Savings

Beginning Balance - \$7036.00 Income - \$0.00 Expenses - \$0.00 Ending Balance - \$7036.00

Faye Birk, Treasurer



#### Maeystown's Museum

Maeystown Preservation Society is in the process of expanding Maeystown's Museum to the second floor of the mill.

We are planning a display of our local veterans, no matter if they served in war or peace time, we would like to honor them. (any veteran, any time they served from WWI to present)

Our display would feature their picture preferably in their uniform or of something they did while serving. Also, a brief write-up about their time in the service, pictures of them during their time. The display will be swing panels with one panel (size approx. 24" x 18") per person.

Just get a piece of posterboard and mark off the measurement of 20 x 26. You can attach the pictures/write-ups to the poster board with two-side tape. Put the tape on the BACK of the picture/write-up, then press it to the poster board. (or give the pictures to Joyce, I will attach for you). Fill in that 20 x 26 space with pictures (5x7 or 8x10 are good) anything you think folks would find interesting. Walgreens can help with enlargement of your photo.

Save **5 inches** (blank space) at the top for the **name, when served, and unit** (Joyce can do the name, when served, and unit for you, if you like, I have cardstock)

Do not give us a keepsake or medals because this will be a permanent display, we do not want to return anything. A photo of a medal or keepsake will be fine. <u>Deadline: Sept 1,</u> <u>2024</u>

When finished you may drop it off at the Museum (open Sat & Sun 10-4) or give to Joyce at church or bring to her house.

Call Joyce Kuergeleis with questions. 618-910-9775 <u>memocc@htc.net</u>

#### **Special Birthdays:**

- Glenn Woodcock celebrates his 83rd birthday on April 3.
- Carla Feldmeier celebrates her diamond jubilee birthday on April 7.
- John Hoefft turns 76 on April 8.
- Janet Trost celebrates her 72nd birthday on April 10, while Chuck Schaefer celebrates his 65th birthday the same day.
- Dorothy Matzenbacher turns 87 years young on April 12.
- Sharon Bergheger celebrates her 69th birthday on April 14.
- Dee Ann Trost celebrates her 79th on April 15.
- Sharon Keeney will celebrate her 64th birthday on April 17.
- Joann Knobloch turns 77 years young on April 27, while Debbie Barnes celebrates her platinum jubilee birthday the same day.
- Jean Rahn celebrates her 86th birthday on April 29.
- Shirley Stafford celebrates her 73rd birthday May 1.
- Dave Hesterberg turns 71 on May 7.
- Terry Roberson turns 72 on May 10.
- Eva Novakov celebrates her 79th birthday on May 13.

#### **Special Anniversaries:**

- Allyn & Trudi Rohlfing will celebrate 48 years of marriage on April 10.
- Mark & Susan Hoffmann will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary on April 14.
- Dennis & Janet Trost will celebrate 53 years of marriage on April 17.
- Bob & Debbie Barnes will celebrate 49 years of marriage on April 19.
- Randall & Connie Esker will celebrate 45 years of marriage on April 21.
- Ronald & Susan Brinkmann will celebrate 47 years of marriage on April 23.
- Ross & Dorothy Mueller will celebrate 58 years of marriage on April 30.
- Morris & Pat Brandt will celebrate 48 years of marriage on May 15.

#### Happy April Birthday to....

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Otis Wayne Hines	Apr. 6
Carla Feldmeier	Apr. 7
John Hoefft	Apr. 8
Courtney Hoffmann	Apr. 9
Karrin Larson	Apr. 9
Morgan Daniel Hoffmann	Apr. 9
Charles (Chuck) Schaefer	Apr. 10
Janet Trost	Apr. 10
Ashley Melvin	Apr. 10
Logan Matthew Albat	Apr. 10
Rilynn Grace Heidenreich	Apr. 11
Amelia Louise Hoffmann	Apr. 11
Dorothy Matzenbacher	Apr. 12
Kelly Ann Mathews	Apr. 12
Henry Alexander Knoll	Apr. 12
Stacy Brigance	Apr. 13
Sharon Bergheger	Apr. 14
DeeAnn Trost	Apr. 15
Sharon Keeney	Apr. 17
Jesse Barnes	Apr. 17
Tanner James Rosenkranz	Apr. 17
Robin Edler	Apr. 18
Jeremy Duane Ries	Apr. 18
Mary Catherine Graham	Apr. 19
Emma Ruth Miller	Apr. 19
Sage Elizabeth Kennedy	Apr. 19
Samantha Rippelmeyer	Apr. 20
Daniel Kyle Miller	Apr. 20 Apr. 21
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Ethan Floarke	
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Logan Michael Esker	Apr. 23
Eric Bollinger	Apr.25
Greg Knobloch	Apr. 27
Joann Knobloch	Apr. 27
Debbie Barnes	Apr. 27
Karen Rodenberg	Apr. 28
Kay Floarke	Apr. 28
Imogene (Jean) Rahn	Apr. 29
Owen Evans	Apr. 30
Shirley Stafford	May 1
Elise Sandra Rohlfing	May 3
Caleb Hicks	May 3
Shannon Marie Jansen	May 4
Luca Michael Heidenreich	May 4
Megan Vogt	May 5
Lilly Carron	May 5
Jensen Michael Roever	May 5
Sara Schreder	May 6
David Hesterberg	N/ 7
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Dawson Goldschmidt	May 7 May 7

Otis Wayne Hines

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Clinton Hicks	May 9
Terry Roberson	May 10
Lane Dale Mathews	May 11
Cole William Dilley	May 12
Eva Novakov	May 13
Lynden Prange	May 14
Paige Jackson	May 15
Kathy Ann Poole	May 15

#### Happy Anniversary to ....

Josh & Emily Reinhardt	Apr. 2
Randy & Brandy Hicks	Apr. 5
Garrett & Elise Rohlfing	Apr.
Jason & Sheri Dilley	Apr. 9
Luke & Alyssa Andres	Apr. 9
Allyn & Trudi Rohlfing	Apr. 10
Tom & Stacy Schilling	Apr. 10
Ron & Susan Richeson	Apr. 11
Mark & Susan Hoffmann	Apr. 14
Kody & Afton Schwarze	Apr. 16
Dennis & Janet Trost	Apr. 17
Aaron & Jenny Prange	Apr. 18
Bob & Debbie Barnes	Apr. 19
Michael & Barb Stafford	Apr. 20
Randall & Connie Esker	Apr. 21
Ronald & Susan Brinkmann	Apr. 23
Barry & Cathy Hoffmann	Apr. 24
Adam & Allison Prange	Apr. 29
Ross & Dorothy Mueller	Apr. 30
Terry & Debbie Walster	May 4
Ronald & Larita Mohl	May 7
Tim & Mary Branson	May 10
Kyle & Kaitlyn Andres	May 12
Erik & Erin Floarke	May 14
Pete & Dr. Jennifer Goessling	May 14
Jared & Amy Roever	May 14

#### Awakening the Soul Springtime's Spiritual Poetry

Spring, with its blossoming flowers, vibrant colors, and gentle breezes, is a season that inspires poets to delve into the depths of their souls, seeking spiritual connection and renewal. In the realm of poetry, this time of year has been known to evoke introspection, gratitude, and a profound sense of awe. Hope you enjoy the poetry.

#### A New Beginning (by Rumi)

Springtime has arrived, the season of rebirth, Where dormant seeds awaken, nurturing the earth.

The sun's warm embrace caresses tender blooms, As nature awakens from its wintery tombs.

In this season of renewal, let your spirit soar, Let go of the past, embrace the now, and more.

*Like nature, let new beginnings ignite your soul, And watch as your heart and spirit become whole.* 

#### Blossoming Soul (by Mary Oliver)

As the cherry blossoms unfold their delicate hues, My soul awakens, immersed in nature's muse.

A spiritual dance with the changing seasons, Where beauty blooms for countless reasons.

Each petal whispers secrets of divine creation, A kaleidoscope of colors, a heavenly sensation.

My spirit dances in rhythm with the earth, As my soul finds solace in nature's rebirth.



Morris & Pat Brandt

May 15





# <u>Annual Hike and Bike</u>

# May 11, 2024

5 Mile Hike/Bike: Start anytime 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

# Course begins & ends at St. John UCC, Maeystown

Course Route: North on Bushy Prairie Road, Continue on Altes Road to LL Road, Right on LL Road back to the church



Event is sponsored by St. John UCC, Maeystown, and Zion UCC, St. Joe. Proceeds benefit the youth of Hoyleton Youth and Family Services.



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<u>Thought for the day</u> Be careful with your words. They can only be forgiven, not forgotten.