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# The Great Surprise

By Tina Weiler | March 2017



This is a Family Easter Event! At The Great Surprise, kids and their families will experience hands-on fun with a variety of surprising activities. Through these **WOW** experiences, everyone discovers the amazing surprise that **Jesus is alive!** Please plan to join us on Saturday, April 8th at 6 pm for this fun event!

## Lenten Soup Suppers

By Amy | March 2017



## **Epworth Sunday Evening Lenten Soup Suppers**

*Sundays: March 5 through April 9 5:00 p.m.*

*What a fellowship! Meetin' and greetin' and eatin' and watchin' and talkin'-it-over on Lenten Sunday evenings with Epworth family!*

Lenten Soup Suppers continue through Palm Sunday. We enjoy fresh rolls from DeLuca's Bakery. How fresh are they? - baked that morning! Our very own chefs bring homemade soups, sometimes stepping up to the plate at the very last moment. A series of Nooma films with Rob Bell have been followed by inspired discussion led by Pastor Charlie. We all go home having been fed in many ways.

Many hearts and hands make these suppers possible, from choosing the topics, to shopping, to setting up, to making soup, to serving and to cleaning up. *We whole-heartedly thank all of you* as individuals and as groups. These suppers began more than 30 years ago and were originally held on Wednesday evenings.

***Everyone is invited. Bring a friend, bring family, bring a neighbor.***

Are you or your group willing to make soup? Are you willing to help set up and clean up? ***Sign up in the narthex or contact [Jo Malessa](#).***

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## **Tri-boro Lenten Soup Suppers**

The Tri-boro soup suppers that are held on Wednesday nights at 6:30pm during Lent, suggested donation of \$3 per person. Children under age 12 are free.

The schedule for this year:

- March 8: [Sacred Heart RCC](#), 103 4th St., Riverton, preacher John Doll, “Giving Up Control”
- March 15: [Bethany Lutheran Church](#), 617 Morgan Ave., Palmyra, preacher Joel Buckwater, “Giving Up Expectations”
- March 22: [Asbury United Methodist Church](#), 2492 Andover Rd, Cinnaminson, preacher Tristan Shin, “Giving Up Superiority”
- March 29: [Central Baptist](#), 514 Maple Ave., Palmyra, preacher Joe Donadieu, “Giving Up Enemies”
- April 5: [Covenant Presbyterian Church](#), 2619 New Albany Rd, Cinnaminson, preacher Wes Allen, “Giving Up Our Lives”

## Kickball Night

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Save the date for Friday, March 31 for Kickball Night! The fun starts at 6:30 pm in the gym. Everyone is welcome to join!

## He Chose the Nails Bible Study

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# Lenten Bible Study



Beginning on Wednesday, March 8, at 7pm we will begin a new small group discussion using Max Lucado's study "He Chose the Nails". It is the companion series to the study we did during advent. (However, it is not necessary for you to have been part of that group.)

In this 5 week study, Max examines the gifts that Christ gave us at the crucifixion. These include not only the gift of the cross, but also the gift of the thorns, the nails, and the empty tomb. The cross is rich with God's gift of grace, and as we unwrap them, we will hear him whisper, "I did it just for you."

We hope you will make time to have this be part of your Lenten journey.

## Spring Clean Up

By Amy | March 2017



### Church - Wide Spring "Clean-Up Day At The Church"

We have planned a clean up and purge day on Saturday, March 25th. We will meet at the church at 8:30am-12:00pm. There are several areas that need to be cleaned of "stuff" that is just gathering dust. From the basement to the attic, we have areas that need to be gone through and organized. We also hope to clean the grounds around the outside of the church too. We would love to have the WHOLE



congregation involved for this project, even if you are only available for an hour!!

Additionally, if you are available during that week, you are welcome to stop by as well. Just contact [Pastor Charlie](#) and let him know.

## **Grace Circle Hosts Trades of Hope**

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TRADES  
*of*  
HOPE

Grace Circle is hosting a [Trades of Hope](#) demonstration on Tuesday, April 11th at 7 pm, in the parlor. You will be able to view a variety of items created by women from other countries. All purchases help these women become self-sufficient and help them care for their children. This event is open to everyone. Please feel free to bring a friend.

## Youth Group Easter Candy Sale

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***Easter, April 16th will be here in 5 weeks!***

Epworth's Jr. and Sr. High Youth are holding an Easter Candy fundraiser. The company, Cardella's Chocolates in Mercerville, NJ, has been hand-making chocolate for over 40 years, by the same family. They use Belgian chocolate and the samples were yummy!

You can place an order before or after worship in the narthex or through the church office. Order forms and payment are due by Wednesday, March 15th! You may pay by cash or by check made payable to Epworth UMC with YOUTH GROUP on the memo line.

Candy will be available to pick up on Palm Sunday, April 9th.