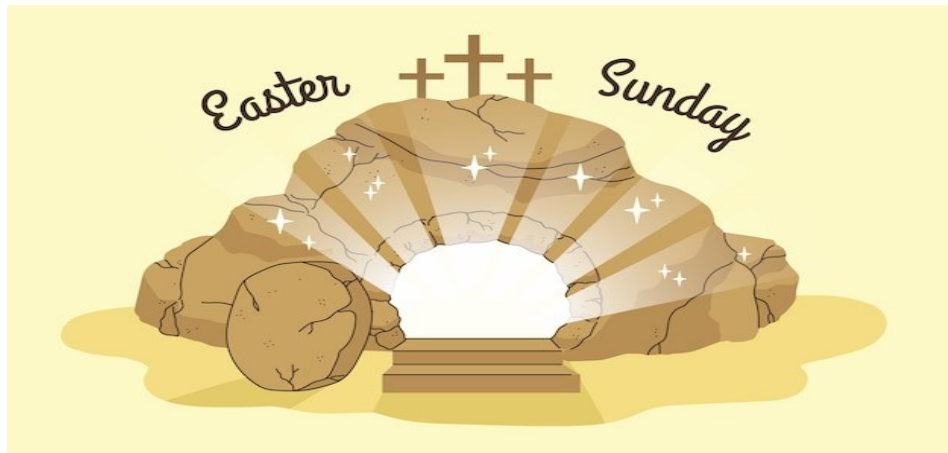


# CARLISLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DOC)

## APRIL 2025



### What is Easter?

Easter is one of the central holidays, or Holy Days, of Christianity. It honors the [Resurrection of Jesus](#) three days after His [death by crucifixion](#). For many Christian churches, Easter is the joyful conclusion to the [Lenten season](#) of devoted prayer, [fasting](#), and penitence.

Along with the [Nativity of Christ](#), Easter is one of the most important celebrations in the Christian calendar. It is when Christians glorify and give thanks for the [Resurrection](#) of Jesus Christ. After His crucifixion, death, and burial, Christ rose from the grave three days later. By this, He conquered death and redeemed us from sin.

"The word does not properly occur in Scripture, although the King James Version has it in [Acts 12:4](#) where it stands for [Passover](#), as it is rightly rendered in the Revised Version (British and American). There is no trace of Easter celebration in the New Testament, though some would see an intimation of it in [1 Corinthians 5:7](#). The Jewish Christians in the early church continued to celebrate the Passover, regarding Christ as the true paschal lamb, and this naturally passed over into a commemoration of the death and resurrection of our Lord or an Easter feast."

The resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday is the cornerstone of the Christian faith, signifying the fulfillment of God's plan for redemption and offering believers the promise of eternal life. It is a day of immense joy and hope, as Christians celebrate the victory of light over darkness, life over death, and the triumph of God's love for humanity. Easter Sunday serves as a profound reminder of the transformative power of faith and the enduring message of hope that resonates throughout the ages.

***Let Jesus come and live within your heart today.***

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock" (Rev. 3:20).

"Christ in you, the hope of glory" (Colossians 1:27).

"He that abided in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit" (John 15:5).

***Easter is a good time to start living!***

### Palm Sun Victory

They cut the branches from the trees  
And strewed them in the way,  
Because they knew their Lord and King  
Would come along that day.

They sang hosanna to the King  
And praised his holy name—  
Now even in this modern day,  
We, too, should do the same.

The Christ who came that palm-strewn way  
To enter in the gate,  
Will enter in your heart today,  
So do not make him wait.

That palm-strewn path of long ago  
Is still a victory sign  
That Christ still comes along the way  
Into your heart and mine.  
—Raymond Orner

### He Is Risen!

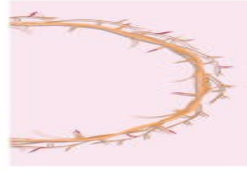
How do I know that Christ is risen?  
What proof have I to give?  
He touched my life one blessed day  
And I began to live.

How do I know he left the tomb  
That morning long ago?  
I met him just this morning  
And my heart is till aglow.

How do I know that endless life  
He gained for me that day?  
His life within is proof enough  
O immortality.

How do I know that Christ still lives  
Rich blessings to impart?  
He walks with me along the way  
And lives within my heart.  
—Author unknown

HAPPY  
*Holy Week*



April 13: Worship Service with palm branches swaying at 10:30 a.m. followed by a meal in the Fellowship Hall.

Everyone is invited to go to the Carlisle Care Center to worship in song with the residents at 1:00 p.m.

**Palm Sunday** commemorates the Christian belief in the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, when he was greeted by cheering crowds waving palm branches that they set out on the ground along his path, according to the Bible.



April 17: Maundy Thursday Service will begin at 6:00 p.m. Immediately following the service at 7:00 p.m. the 24-hour prayer vigil begins.

**Maundy Thursday** is the Thursday before Easter, believed to be the day when Jesus celebrated his final Passover with His disciples. Most notably, that Passover meal was when Jesus washed the feet of His disciples in an extraordinary display of humility. He then commanded them to do the same for each other.

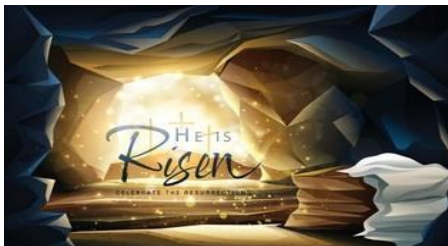


April 18: Our congregation will worship at Middle River Friends Church at 7:00 p.m.

The prayer vigil ends at 7:00 p.m.

**Good Friday**, also known as Black Friday, Holy Friday, Great Friday, Great and Holy Friday, or Friday of the Passion of the Lord, is a solemn Christian holy day commemorating the crucifixion of Jesus and his death at Calvary.

*We Christians call that day "Good" Friday because we see revealed there the supreme goodness and extraordinary love of God and God's offer of salvation to all ...*



April 20: The day begins at 7:00 a.m. with a sunrise service at the Community United Presbyterian Church in Hartford. Breakfast follows this service.

Carlisle Christian Church is having an Easter Service at 10:30 a.m.

**Easter** marks the Resurrection of Jesus three days after his death by crucifixion. Easter is the joyful end to the Lenten season of fasting and penitence.

*Easter is when we celebrate our risen Savior and the fact that He has conquered sin and death forever, giving us new life!*

**CARLISLE COMMUNITY BUILDING EVENTS**

*A meal is served M-F at 11:00 a.m. (You may also request the meal be delivered to you.)* 515-989-4367 for more details. If the Carlisle Community School District is closed due to weather, no meals will be delivered.

**Most days activities begin around 10:00 a.m. and sometimes sooner:**

- Mondays: cards and games
- Tuesdays: band starts between 9-9:30 a.m. --- cards/games after lunch
- Wednesdays: Bingo 10-11:00 a.m.
- Thursdays and Fridays: cards and games

**THE MEAL SITE IS DESPARATELY NEEDING A VOLUNTEER DRIVER ON THURSDAY MORNINGS AT THIS TIME! PLEASE PASS THE WORD!** Only takes an hour a day to help others. Reach out to Mary at 515-989-4367. THANK YOU!

The 4th of July committee’s Bingo night is the first Friday every month at the community building- Scouts serve dinner at 5:30 p.m. Come SUPPORT the community and troop (our own church member Vincent) with a fun night of food and prizes!

**ONGOING COMMUNITY EVENTS**

*Free Breakfast: Middle River Friends Church*  
1<sup>st</sup> Saturday each month  
8:00-9:30 a.m.

Carlisle Area Historical Society Breakfast  
Randleman House Adults \$10  
2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday each month  
8:00 -10:00 a.m.

*Free Breakfast: Masonic Lodge, Hartford*  
3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday each month  
7:00-10:00 a.m.

**ONGOING FOOD PANTRIES**

Middle Rvr Friends Church, 4057 S 23 Hwy  
Mon & Wed 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1100 Market St  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tues, 4-5:30 p.m.

School Food Pantry, 430 School St.  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs, 4-5:30 p.m.

CCA Blessing Box, Carlisle Christian Church  
305 Market St., North side of bldg  
Open 24/7 (toiletries, deodorants, bat-  
teries, laundry items, etc.)

**VOLUNITEERS** are needed to help at the Middle River Friends CCA Food Pantry located at 4057 S23 Highway, Carlisle. The primary time for volunteering would be on Mondays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you are available to volunteer or would like more information, contact Julyn at 515-249-0366 or Cathie at 515-975-3815.

**SCOUTING FOR FOOD – COORDINATED BY: CARLISLE CUB SCOUTS, SCOUTS BSA, GIRL SCOUTS.** Scouts will deliver bags March 22-April 3. The bags will be picked up no later than 1:00 PM on April 5th. A box will be placed outside of Fareway to collect donations also. Contact Amber Clapper 515-443-5654 with questions.

**WINTER FARMER’S MARKET –**  
Last date is: April 19th. Time is 8:30–11:30 a.m.  
Location: Old high school gym, aka The Barn.

**A COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE** is being hosted in Carlisle on Friday, April 25th at Carlisle Baptist Church, 615 Highway 5, from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. To schedule an appointment to donate blood, call 1-800-287-4903 or visit [lifeservebloodcenter.org](http://lifeservebloodcenter.org).



Janet Ray is leading exercise classes in the Fellowship Hall downstairs on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings. Chair yoga is 4-5:00 p.m. and Pilates is 5:30-6:30 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays. Pilates strength class is Tuesdays at 5:30-6:30 p.m.



## Praying Together

Join with Regional Minister Josh Patty for fifteen minutes of prayer on Thursday, April 3 at 9:30 am via [YouTube](#) or Facebook. A recording of the prayer time will be available on regional [YouTube](#) and Facebook pages.



## An Important Season

Rev. Josh Patty  
*Regional Minister & President*

At this time of year, we celebrate the changing seasons. There are many new seasons upon us: spring, planting season, Lent, baseball. Many look forward to these things each year

In our tradition, we are in another season - pastor's baptism classes. While we recognize that we can celebrate the sacrament of baptism anytime throughout the year, many put extra emphasis during these weeks.

In some ways, we are following an important part of Christian tradition. For centuries, Lent has been the final preparation period for those preparing to be baptized at the culmination of Holy Week during the Great Vigil of Easter. More generally, the meaning of baptism closely relates to the promises of resurrection, so it's natural to think about baptism around Easter.

We celebrate all of those preparing for baptism in the coming weeks. I hope you'll join me in praying for their faithful development, their willingness to commit to following Jesus, and the hope of forgiveness and transformation anticipated in baptism. May they be gifts to us and others; may we be gifts to them.

I also invite you to experience a key part of the Great Vigil liturgy: remember *your baptism*. *Take time these weeks to remember the waters, remember the promises, and think about the path of your life since then. And, if you haven't yet been baptized, I invite you to consider whether God is inviting you to prepare for your baptism.*

***(Please contact Pastor Kristin Pike at 515-989-0176 as soon as possible if you are interested in being baptized on Easter Sunday or would like to join this congregation.)***

# 2025 Camp Schedule

For more information, scan the QR code.

## Another Way

- May 30-June 1 – Family Camp
- June 16-21 – ADAM Camp
- June 16-21 – Junior Camp 1
- June 21-22 – Grand Camp 1
- June 23-28 – Chi Rho Camp 1
- June 23-28 – CYF Camp 1
- June 30-July 5 – Junior Camp 2
- July 7-9 – Beginner Camp
- July 19-20 – Grand Camp 2
- July 21-26 – Chi Rho Camp 2
- July 21-26 – CYF Camp 2
- July 28-Aug 2 – Adventure Camp
- Aug 4-9 – Junior Camp 3
- Sept 15-17 – Senior Retreat

*Save the date!*

A session of camp at the Christian Conference Center includes games with friends, swimming in the pool and lake, worship around the campfire, songs, crafts, and more. We have **SERIOUS FUN** while learning to live with **POWERFUL PURPOSE**. Camps for all ages, including intergenerational camps, are available. See [www.newtonccc.org](http://www.newtonccc.org).

Attending camp this year are:  
Vincent Nurdyke: Chi Rho Feb 28-Mar 2.  
Bradyn Prall: CYF Feb 28-Mar 2; CYF Camp 1 June 23 -28; CYF Camp 2 July 21-26; and Adventure Camp July 28-Aug 2  
Jacob Mott: Adventure Camp  
Mark Prall will be a counselor and is awaiting his assignment.

**CARD OF THANKS**

Greetings to everyone at Carlisle Christian Church!  
I'll be spending some time in Pennsylvania at daughter Renee's home.  
Many prayers coming your way!  
God bless all!. Marci Palar

Thank you so much for the cards and well wishes to mom. She's doing great in PA!  
We will be planning a trip back — perhaps for Easter!  
Please continue to keep her in your prayers and thoughts Renee Wertz

Thank you so much for the lovely “blessing basket”. It was so nice of you to include me in your prayers. I really appreciated it and it certainly cheered me up. Debbie Milligan

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- Kathy Betzer 4/1
- Judy Watkins 4/3
- Steve Thompson 4/9
- Abbie Molina 4/10
- Berenice Chastain 4/11
- Phyllis Mann 4/11
- Sherril Owens 4/12
- Margaret Cummings 4/16
- Tom Hall 4/23
- AJ Killen 4/25
- Rose Weaver 4/28

APRIL ANNIVESARIES

- Eric and Pastor Kristin Pike 4/3
- Mike and Linda Robinson 4/10
- Bob Stuyvesant 4/1, 50 years of practicing law



**PRAYERS AND CONCERNS**

***Our friends in Care Centers:*** Doris Cully Katie Hakes  
Gordy Kain Joe Lang  
Patsy Overton

***Friends & family members:*** Cathie Berg Karin Doss Nancy Jones  
Rodger Rothfus Nancy Klingensmith  
Dora Bartholomew Ryan Jackson  
Family

**REMEMBERING MILITARY PERSONNEL**

Justin Miller (NC) Tara Wesner (Kuwait) Josh Wesner (IN)

## REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

### **BOARD NEWS, Dan Crum, Chair**

How nice it is to be able to get outside and enjoy the Spring! I hope you're taking this time to refresh in God's glory as the seasons once again change. March was a busy month. As we wind it down, we will be meeting with the congregation to go over plans to install a lift to assist those who are disabled to get into our Fellowship Hall. We will take the feedback we get from the congregation and proceed. But I have to be honest with you, this will not be cheap. We will need everyone's help! So I hope that you will take some time and pray for our Board as they go through the process of determining what needs we have and how best to serve them. But that is not the only thing that is going on, with Lent upon us, we started the Red Letter Challenge study group on Wednesday nights. We've had great attendance. We also have a day-time group on Tuesdays looking at the book of Romans. We are excited in the direction we are going to provide education and to Worship our God. There's always room for anyone to help out with our programs. Just reach out and let us know what interests you.

As we come down to Holy Week, I hope you will take time to Worship with us! Easter is always about renewal, as we celebrate the risen Christ, I pray that you will find room in your heart to join us, and help us to move forward.

### **WORSHIP, Judy Watkins, Chair**

The order form for Easter memorial tulips or donation to Christian Community in Action is included with this newsletter. Please return the order to the church by April 13th. There is a prayer vigil (which begins Maundy Thursday at 7:00 p.m.) sign up sheet available now in the coatroom at church. You may also contact the church office (515-989-0176) to request a time slot. You can do your praying at the church or home at your convenience. Maundy Thursday service is at our church April 17th at 6:00 p.m. Good Fri-

### **EDUCATION, Pastor Krisin Pike, Chair**

Pastor Kristin is leading a study on Romans at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesdays.

On Wednesdays we begin the evening with a light meal at 5:30 p.m. Conversation regarding the Red Letter Challenge for the week begins at 6:00 p.m. Come find out the purpose for following Jesus and what He wants from us. This 40 day Lenten program has been a great soul-searching process. Learning and practicing what Jesus asks of us.

The Chosen series will begin again as soon as it is released to churches.

### **FINANCE, Cheree Miller, Chair**

Conversations continue regarding access to Fellowship Hall.

Approval has been given to purchase sump pumps.

February Offering:	\$6,830.56
2025 Monthly Budget:	\$7,458.33
Overage/Shortage:	(\$627.77)

### **PROPERTY, Craig Price, Chair**

Thanks to Kyle and Emily for taking down the sliding wall in the double class room. Changed furnace filters, fixed pin on blessing box and removed rock from parking lot following snow removal.

Reviewed pricing for the lift, ramp, clean space for the north restroom walls and at the west wall at the bottom of the front stairway, painting the front of the church and steeple and pricing for the electric sump pumps, battery backup pumps and batteries for pumps. Spring cleaning at the church will be April 12th beginning at 9:00 a.m. All who are able, please join us in sprucing up our church before Easter.

### **COMMUNITY LIFE, Louanna Pezzetti, Chair**

Game night is Saturday, April 5th 6-8:00 p.m. in fellowship hall. Bring a friend and a snack to share.

Our monthly potluck is Sunday, April 13th featuring ham balls. All are welcome to join the fellowship and good food!

## REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES—CONTINUED

### **EVANGELISM, Kayla Price, Chair**

The Evangelism Committee is requesting donations of Easter candy to take to the food pantry. Please bring donations by April 6th and place them in the basket in the coatroom.

Our committee is currently working on a new project for the newsletter! You will be hearing from us soon!

Our “Blessing Box” is being utilized frequently.

Thank you for your donations!

Carlisle area Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts will be doing their canvas of the town food drive on Saturday April 5th. Please place items on your front porch by 9:00 a.m. that day. These items will be shared with our local food pantries.

Thank you for your support.

### **ELDERS, Mike Robinson, Chair**

The Elders continue to visit our friends and members who are in care centers, hospitals, home-bounds, hospice care, etc. These visits bring such joy to the recipients as well as to the Elders.

### **CWF, Linda Robinson, President**

Our Spring Salad luncheon is Monday, April 14 at noon. All women are welcome!



# April 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
						Game Night 6-8:00 pm
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2:00 p.m. Katie Pike Bridal Shower at CUPC in Hartford	Worship & Educational Meeting 5:30 p.m.	Pastor Kristin Book Study 10:00 a.m.	Meal/Red Letter Challenge 5:30 p.m. <b>Bulletin Items due</b>			Spring Cleaning at the church 9:00 a.m.
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
<b>PALM SUNDAY</b> Special Easter Offering Tulip orders due POTLUCK Carlisle Care Center @ 1:00 p.m.	CUF Salad Lunch at Noon Resource Meeting @ 5:30 p.m. Elders 6:30 p.m.	Pastor Kristin Book Study 10:00 a.m.	Meal/Red Letter Challenge 5:30 p.m. <b>Bulletin Items due</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> Worship 6:00 p.m. Prayer Vigil begins at 7:00 p.m.	<b>Good Friday</b> Worship at Middle River Friends Church 7:000 p.m. Prayer Vigil ends 7:00 p.m.	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
<b>GLORIOUS EASTER DAY</b> Sunrise Service at CUPC 7:00 a.m. with breakfast to follow Special Easter Offering CCC worship service at 10:30 a.m.	Evangelism and Community Life Meeting 5:30 p.m.	Pastor Kristin Book Study 10:00 a.m.	Meal/Red Letter Challenge 5:30 p.m. <b>Bulletin Items due</b> <b>Newsletter Items due</b> <b>Board Items due</b>			
27	28	29	30	31		
Board Meeting 11:30 a.m.		Pastor Kristin Book Study 10:00 a.m.	Meal/Red Letter Challenge 5:30 p.m. <b>Bulletin Items due</b>			



**Please indicate below the name of the person(s) you wish to memorialize or honor.**

Given By \_\_\_\_\_

**In Memory/Honor:**

**Tulip(s)**

**CCA**

	\$10 x # = \$	\$
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<b>Total:</b>	#	\$

**Fill out this form indicating your preference of tulip(s) and/or donation to the Christian Community in Action program. Total the amount and include cash or check in a tithing envelope and place it in the offering plate or church office. A check can be made out to Carlisle Christian Church indicating what it is for in the MEMO section of the check. Please place your order by Sunday, April 13th. Please pay when you order. If any questions, please call the Church Office at (515)989-0176. THANK YOU!**

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