



# Ebenezer UCC Tidings

Monthly Newsletter - March 2024



*A note from Pastor Wally -*

"What A difference!" a person at the Lent small group said to me. They said how different the social hall looked after coatings of paint. They continued, "It looks much bigger." I must admit it does look bigger and better than before. So does the hallway coming to the social hall from the portico. The new lights have made such a big difference - we can read what is on the bulletin board finally without having to use our phone light. Yes, the place is looking better each month that goes by. The 6 old TVs in the classroom are almost gone from when I first came in October 2020. The outside is sprucing up, too. The bushes have been removed and trimmed with more to come. Old dead trees are gone for new tree planting to take their place. The pavilion was painted a first coat with another yet to come. The leaking roof in the teen room has been fixed. The leaking urinals are fixed and there are new faucets with motion sensors. The new preschool classroom is filled with kids and teaching resources.

Folks, we are getting there. "What is *there*, Wally," you ask? It is we are becoming open for our mission again to teach the good news to all - to fill the building with people!!! That is the purpose of our building. It is to teach people how to live the Way and how to teach others how to live the Way of God. Our building is to be used to attract people into relationship with those who serve God in the building. The people serving God must be mature in faith to model the faith to those who enter the building. The church is to be a place where others enter to see holy people representing God to visitors. This open house mentality is what we need to do to attract and befriend new members to help maintain and pass on this gift from our ancestors that was built over 130 years ago. They built this place with a "wow factor" in 1900. The sanctuary was not made by a group of young adults throwing together a tree house or a log cabin. They took time and energy to make something that still today amazes us all and all who visit. We stand in a wow moment each time we walk into our sanctuary. This has been an amazing feat from people who took the time to consider all who would walk through our doors for 100 years. They spent money and time to make sure this church building attracted the eyes of all. This architectural feat was not cheap or quickly decided. They planned and planned to impress generations.

"We know, Wally, it is beautiful. What are you saying?" I'm saying let's continue to plan and invest time and money into a new social hall that, too, will have a wow factor so that 50 years from now, people will enter our social hall like they do to the sanctuary and say, "wow!" Let's place memories in the next generation that will make beautiful memories of birthday parties, anniversaries, concerts and plays, Eagle scouts and wedding receptions, meals with entertainment, plays and recitals, comedy nights and funeral receptions. All these opportunities to sit in a room that makes you feel it is a holy, beautiful basement of God's house.

Agape and Blessings, Wally

If you would like to speak with Pastor Wally about a questions, concern or counseling need, please contact him.

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*He is Risen!*

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"  
JOHN 11:25-26

*For up to the minute news from Ebenezer UCC, please*

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[EbenezerNewTripoli.org](http://EbenezerNewTripoli.org)

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**My Church phone APP**



Submission Deadline for the Ebenezer UCC Tidings is the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

Please contact Jana at the Ebenezer office with ideas and suggestions for our publication.

### Meet our new secretary: Jana Murray

You might have noticed a new face when passing by our office at Ebenezer. Jana has recently joined the Ebenezer staff as our new secretary. Together with her husband Raub and son Benjamin, they have recently relocated from Slovakia to the US.



Jana is excited to be getting to know our community at Ebenezer and working with everyone. Her son Benjamin has started going to our Preschool so you will most likely meet both of them in our hallways 😊 Jana loves spending time with her family, being in nature, reading, studying languages and discovering the world. She has a Master's degree from Faculty of Management (Comenius University, Slovakia) as well as diverse work experience and is excited to put her skills to good use here at Ebenezer.

### The Committees of Ebenezer UCC - *we need members for all committees!*

- Altar Guild – prepares our sanctuary for worship  
**CHAIRPERSON: Anna Lou Fritzinger**
- Christian Ed. – responsible for the educational work of our church  
**CHAIRPERSON: Steph Quier**
- Communications (Marketing Team) - prepares our newsletter, church directory and other publications  
**CHAIRPERSON: Valerie Borman**
- Evangelism and Outreach – connects with unchurched members of the community  
**CHAIRPERSON: Sheila Burkert**
- Finance (Budget) – oversees our church finances  
**CHAIRPERSON: Jason Breininger**
- Long-Range Planning – the chairs of each committee
- Nominating – develops a slate of potential Elders and Deacons  
**CHAIRPERSON: Susan Christ**
- Pastoral Relations/Spiritual Council – aids our Pastor in spiritual affairs  
**CHAIRPERSON: Pastor Wally**
- Property – oversees operations and maintenance of our building and property  
**CHAIRPERSON: Mike Wertman**
- Stewardship – inspires our membership to give generously  
**CHAIRPERSON: Holly Rainey**
- Worship & Music – plans and leads music for the worship service  
**CHAIRPERSON: Valerie Borman**

*Please join a committee and help to accomplish the work of Ebenezer UCC.*

Your talents and contributions would be most welcomed AND you can be a member of multiple committees! Contact a chairperson for more info.

### HOLY WEEK SERVICES

**Palm Sunday Celebration** – Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> – 10:15 a.m.

**Maundy Thursday Service** – Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> – 7 p.m.

**Good Friday Walk with The Cross** – Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> – 10 a.m.

**Easter Worship and Communion** – Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> – 10:15 a.m.

### Church Staff

#### Pastor

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### Our Consistory

#### Elders:

*Jason Breininger (Vice Pres.)*

*Mike Schock (President)*

*Mike Wertman*

#### Deacons:

*Valerie Borman*

*Debra Boyer*

*Sheila Burkert*

*Pam Delligatti*

*AnnaLou Fritzinger*

*Cheryl Handler*

*Clarence Opolsky*

*Holly Rainey (Secretary)*

*Bambi Snyder*

Our monthly Consistory Meeting  
will be held on

Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.  
*Members are welcome to observe.*

### Women of the Church

NEXT Monthly Meeting

Tuesday APRIL 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 7 p.m.

*All women are welcome to attend!*



Wayne and Ruth Frey celebrated their 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on February 13<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations!

The Ebenezer Candy Crew filled orders for over 540 lbs. of Easter Candy! Thank you to all of our volunteers who made the candy, to everyone who provided meals for our confectioners and to everyone who sold candy!

*See photos of our amazing Candy Crew on page 6.*

**Please join us as we pray for:**

- Sheila Burkert
- Doris Bruder
- Tim Snyder
- Scott Koenig
- Anne Bowers
- Jean Borman
- All homebound members
- All friends and family members recovering from an illness or a loss
- Our Veterans, Military Service Personnel, Firemen and First Responders



To request prayers, please use this QR code:



Thank you to everyone who donated to our February Soup vs. Pasta Souper Bowl Food Drive for the Lowhill Food Pantry!

**Ebenezer UCC donated 733 lbs of food to the Christ's Church at Lowhill Food Pantry in 2023!**

*"Thank you for your continued support of our mission!"*

*-Bev Kistler*

*The painting in our Fellowship Hall has been completed. Thank you to our painters: Nancy Zellner, Mike Schock, Pastor Wally, Fred Reith and Mark Binder. Thank you to Susan Christ for bringing a delicious lunch!*

**FELLOWSHIP HALL RENOVATIONS**



The next improvement to be completed: the installation of new flooring!



**Worship Service Sundays - Volunteer Opportunities**

Service	Greeter	Acolytes	Lay Reader
3/3	Donna Herman & Nancy Zellner	<b>NEEDED</b>	Loder/Wagstaff Family
3/10	Sharon Andersch	<b>NEEDED</b>	Tyahla Family
3/17	Linda Smith	<b>NEEDED</b>	Pam Delligatti
3/24	<b>NEEDED</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>	Sansone Family
3/31	<b>NEEDED</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>	Hansut Family

**UPCOMING SERVICES with Fellowship**

Join us for worship with FELLOWSHIP following these services:

March 3 – Holy Communion – Birthday Celebration Sunday

March 17 – Wearing of the Green! Bring a Friend!

April 7 - 10:15 am – Birthday Celebration Sunday

April 21 – Spring Cleanup Day – Bring a Friend!

May 5<sup>th</sup> – Holy Communion – Birthday Celebration Sunday

May 19<sup>th</sup> – Pentecost and Confirmation Sunday – Bring a Friend!



## The Preschool at Ebenezer

The Preschool at Ebenezer is now accepting registrations for our 2023-24 school year. Registration forms are available outside the preschool room and on our website:

[EbenezerNewTripoli.org/preschool-program/](http://EbenezerNewTripoli.org/preschool-program/)



Join us for our OPEN HOUSE on April 18<sup>th</sup>, 6-8 pm!

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are in need of additional Sunday School teachers. Our Christian Ed. & Preschool Director, Steph Quier, would like to have a rotation of volunteers who could help to fill in regularly. If you would like to help teach our Sunday School students at 9 a.m. on Sunday mornings, please contact Steph!



## Ebenezer Vacation Bible School 2024

Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> - Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup>

6 p.m. to 8 p.m. daily

We need adult and teen volunteers to lead our 2024 VBS classes and activities. Our sign-up sheet is located outside the sanctuary.



Use this QR code to sign up as a volunteer!



## Lenten Challenge for Ebenezer

Pastor Wally's 4-week, Small Group Experience on Forgiveness continues this month.

Wednesdays, 6 – 7 p.m.:

3/6 & 3/13

Saturdays, 10 – 11 a.m.:

3/2, 3/9 & 3/16

## Guide to Holy Week



### Palm Sunday

Sunday before Easter. Celebration of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Observed with palm branches, parades, and celebration.



### Maundy Thursday

Thursday before Easter. Commemorates the Last Supper. Often observed with foot washing, stripping of the altar, and overnight prayer vigil to keep watch with Jesus in the garden.



### Good Friday

Friday before Easter. Most solemn day of the church year. Observes the day Jesus was crucified. Observed by praying the Stations of the Cross and three hours of silent prayer while Jesus was on the cross.



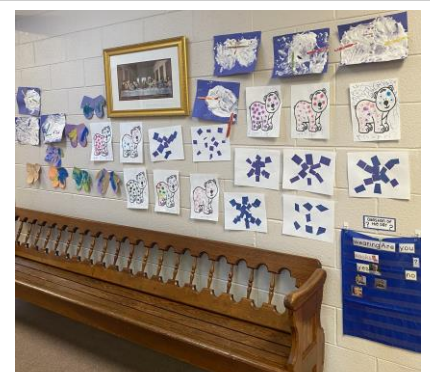
### Holy Saturday

Saturday before Easter. Observes the day Jesus was in the tomb. This is a day of somber reflection, reflecting on what we'd miss in a world without Jesus.



### Easter Sunday

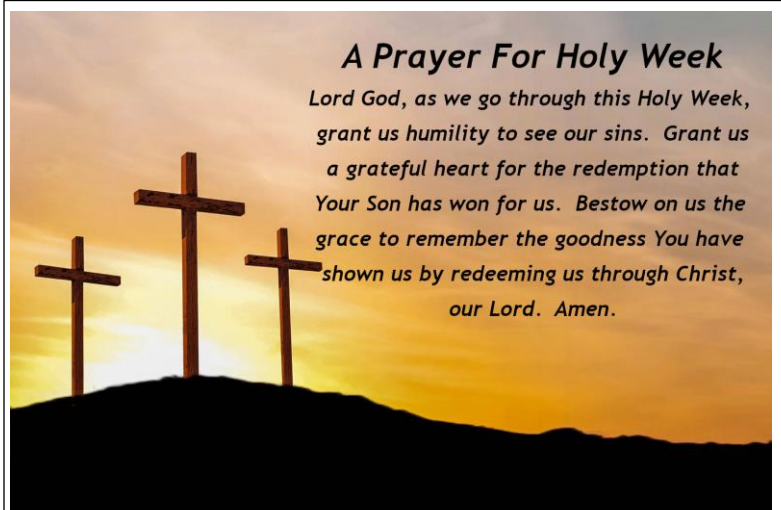
Hallelujah! Christ has risen! This day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Sing hallelujahs and celebrate with great joy.



Preschool artwork decorates our halls at Ebenezer!

## A Prayer For Holy Week

Lord God, as we go through this Holy Week, grant us humility to see our sins. Grant us a grateful heart for the redemption that Your Son has won for us. Bestow on us the grace to remember the goodness You have shown us by redeeming us through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



## Why Do We Celebrate EASTER?

Easter is a special holiday that we celebrate to remember that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came to save us from our sins.

We are all sinners because we have all disobeyed God.

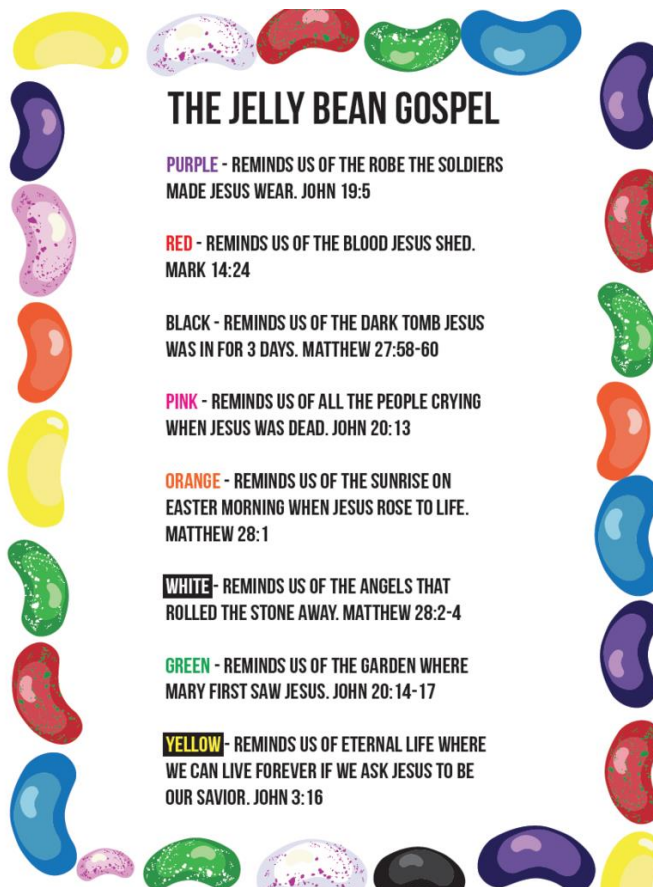
God is holy and just. He cannot let sinners come into heaven.

God sent Jesus Christ, His Son, into the world to live a perfect life in our place and then to die in our place, to take the punishment for our sins.

If we believe in Jesus Christ as our Savior, we can be saved from our sins and spend all of eternity in Heaven with God.



Jesus died for our sins. But, He didn't stay dead. He rose again from the dead on the third day. And that is the wonderful story of EASTER!



### THE JELLY BEAN GOSPEL

**PURPLE** - REMINDS US OF THE ROBE THE SOLDIERS MADE JESUS WEAR. JOHN 19:5

**RED** - REMINDS US OF THE BLOOD JESUS SHED. MARK 14:24

**BLACK** - REMINDS US OF THE DARK TOMB JESUS WAS IN FOR 3 DAYS. MATTHEW 27:58-60

**PINK** - REMINDS US OF ALL THE PEOPLE CRYING WHEN JESUS WAS DEAD. JOHN 20:13

**ORANGE** - REMINDS US OF THE SUNRISE ON EASTER MORNING WHEN JESUS ROSE TO LIFE. MATTHEW 28:1

**WHITE** - REMINDS US OF THE ANGELS THAT ROLLED THE STONE AWAY. MATTHEW 28:2-4

**GREEN** - REMINDS US OF THE GARDEN WHERE MARY FIRST SAW JESUS. JOHN 20:14-17

**YELLOW** - REMINDS US OF ETERNAL LIFE WHERE WE CAN LIVE FOREVER IF WE ASK JESUS TO BE OUR SAVIOR. JOHN 3:16

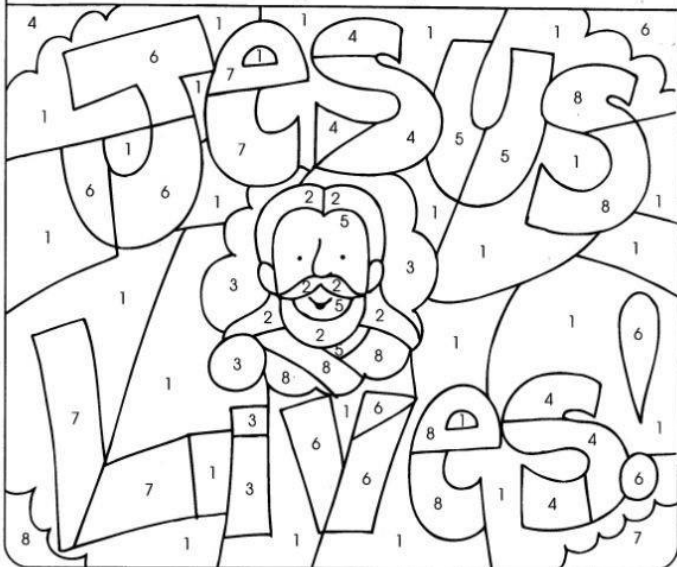
## Jesus Is Alive!

(John 20)

At the empty tomb, Mary Magdalene talked to a man. She thought he was a gardener. But then she saw that the man was really Jesus! He had risen from the dead and was alive again!

Color the picture using the code. Cut it out and tape it up so you can be reminded of this wonderful truth!

1 = green	3 = blue	5 = pink	7 = purple
2 = brown	4 = orange	6 = yellow	8 = red



## Jesus is Risen! Easter Sunrise

### SUPPLIES:

- 1 small paper plate
- Watercolors, crayons, or markers in yellow, orange, red, purple and blue
- 1 piece of black construction paper



### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Beginning at the top of the plate, create the sunset by coloring with blue, then purple, red, orange, and yellow.
2. Fold the sheet of black construction paper in half.
3. Cut out a set of crosses as shown in the graphic here.
4. Unfold and glue the crosses to the sunrise/plate.
5. Celebrate our risen Lord!







The Children's Message



### Basic First Aid Class with Earl Ostrander of CPRRoadTour.com

Stay tuned for future CPR/AED and Basic First Aid Certification Classes to be held at Ebenezer.



### Family Game Night



### February Birthdays Celebration and Fellowship



Thank you to Cheryl Handler for making our birthday cakes and to Pam Delligatti for facilitating our "Valentine's Share the Love of Christ" fellowship meal!



### Candy Crew Easter 2024



### Christian Ed.'s Soup & Chili Cook-off



February photo credits to Pam Delligatti, Donna Krenicky and Bonnie Smoyer.





**THIS Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 8 p.m.**

Adults: \$12 | Children (12 & under): \$6

*Dinner includes spaghetti, salad, garlic bread and dessert. Gluten-free dinners available.*

**GIUSEPPE'S**



Make your reservation on the sheet outside the sanctuary or use this QR code to reserve your meal(s) online. >>>



Musical entertainment by Valerie Borman



## You're Not Alone

This is a support group for widows, divorcees, parents who've lost a child, those who've lost a sibling, anyone who is recovering from a loss. Please contact Donna Herman for more information:

📧 [donnaeherman47@gmail.com](mailto:donnaeherman47@gmail.com)

**Upcoming meetings:** Tuesdays,  
March 12<sup>th</sup> & March 26<sup>th</sup> @ 1 p.m., Room 126

## Ebenezer's Closet



*Ebenezer's Closet is open on the second Thursday and Saturday of every month. All clothing is FREE! Please spread to word so we can serve those in need.*



Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup> - 6 pm to 8 pm  
Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> - 10 am to 12 pm

## Ebenezer's Annual

### Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> - 1 p.m.

*More details to come!*



## Ebenezer's Escape Room Youth Event

Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Challenges for different age levels.

Fun for the whole family!

## Women of the Church's

### Annual Penny Party

Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>

Doors & Kitchen open at 12 p.m.

Play begins at 1 p.m.

**PENNY PARTY**



## Spring Clean-up Day

### with the Scouts

Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>

Come to church ready to work!

We will clean up around the church and property after our worship service.



## Mother's Day Cherry Blossom High Tea

Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>

1 p.m. - 3 p.m.



Join us for our Pentecost Sunday worship service on May 19<sup>th</sup> as our Confirmation Class students are confirmed as members of Ebenezer UCC.

## VENDOR & CRAFT FAIR

Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>

**1 TABLE - \$15**

**2 TABLES - \$25**



*More details to be announced.*



Coach - Michael Kors  
Vera Bradley - Kate Spade  
& more

Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> - Time TBA

Hosted by Diamond Fire Co.

209 Washington St., Walnutport, PA

SCOUT SUNDAY – February 25<sup>th</sup> Worship Service

## Our Local Community

**NORTHWESTERN LEHIGH AREA  
GIRL SCOUT TROOP 6741 PRESENTS**

## EGG MY YARD

**LET US BE YOUR EASTER BUNNY!**

Candy and toy filled eggs hidden in your yard for Easter morning. Deliveries take place night of 3/29 or 3/30 beginning at 7 PM. To sign up, use the link or scan the code.  
<https://bit.ly/41lpSm>

PRICES	
25 EGGS - \$20	100 EGGS - \$50
50 EGGS - \$35	150 EGGS - \$75
200 EGGS - \$95	

All payments must be received prior to delivery. Cash, Check and Venmo accepted. Order Deadline is March 24th.

QUESTIONS? AMY KINNON  
ALKINNON@GMAIL.COM

Delivery is for the Northwestern Lehigh area. Contact us for other areas.

**FAMILY STYLE  
Easter**

RESERVATIONS  
610-756-6588

ROAST TURKEY  
DIETRICH'S HAM  
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SCRATCH BAKED DINNER ROLLS  
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MARCH 31, 2024  
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KEMPTON, PA 19529

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## BROC'S NEW TRIPOLI SPRINGFEST

May 18, 2024  
12 pm until 7 pm

**OUTDOOR**  
FUN, FOOD & VENDORS

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NEW TRIPOLI, PA 18066  
610-298-8404

**FREE  
ADMISSION**

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ITEMS  
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Towels



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# March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27	28	29	1	2
					10am - Funeral - David	Birthday - Chrissa Sansone 10am - Lenten Small Group
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Birthday Celebration 9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Church 10:15am - Holy 7:30pm - Confirmation	10am - Quilters  Birthday - Mary Ann Weizger 9am - Crafters 7:30pm - Cemetery	Birthday - Jania Yenser 6pm - Lenten Small Group			Birthday - Ryland Zellers	Birthday - Kelly Frisch 10am - Lenten Small 4pm - Spaghetti Dinner
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**WELCOMING ALL WITH OPEN ARMS!**