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Chris Thomas
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Flower Coordinator.....Sally Wakeley
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Scheduling.....Nancy Brown
Thanksgiving Baskets.....All Deacons
Correspondence.....Aye Mosier
Funeral Dinners.....Peggie Smith
Aye Mosier

Dear Ones,

Did March come in like a lion or a lamb? Mary Stewart and I decided it was neither. Or maybe a donkey.

But looking at the number of things happening here this month, I'd say it's was more like a racehorse. Or maybe a racehorse carrying an elephant.

Please check the calendar and join your church family for as many of the regular and Lenten events as possible.

As the season of Lent begins once again, many are feeling a great spirit working among us. We seem hungry for new things, and we're experiencing God in new, exciting ways. For that, I am so truly grateful, and grateful to be spending another season of Lent along with you.

The thoughts on Lent below are from *Companion to the Book of Common Worship*.

“Therefore, at the beginning of Lent, we are reminded that our possessions, our rulers, our empires, our projects, our families and even our lives do not last forever. “You are dust, and to dust you shall return” (Genesis 3:19). The liturgies throughout Lent try to pry loose our fingers, one by one, from presumed securities and plunge us into unknown baptismal waters, waters that turn out to be not only our death tomb but surprisingly our womb of life. Rather than falling back into nothingness, we fall back on everlasting arms. Death? How can we fear what we have already undergone in baptism?

“It is the power of the resurrection on the horizon ahead that draws us into repentance toward the cross and tomb. Through the intervention of God’s gracious resurrection, lifelong changes in our values and behavior become possible. By turning from the end of the “old self” in us, Lenten repentance makes it possible for us to affirm joyfully, “Death is no more!” and to aim toward the landscape of the new age. Faithfully adhering to the Lenten journey of “prayer, fasting and almsgiving” leads to the destination of Easter.”

Bless us all on our journey through Lent to a glorious Easter.

Blessings,
Pastor Robin

Worship

"and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." - John 4:24



The Season of Lent Begins

During Ash Wednesday services, on the first day of Lent, many pastors will invite their congregations "to observe a holy Lent: by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's Holy Word" While you may be aware of this season leading up to Easter, you may wonder how you might "observe a holy Lent."

There is no one prescribed way. Instead, we are each encouraged to find our own method of confronting our sinfulness, remembering our mortality, and giving thanks for the gift of salvation we receive through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.



Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. We will be observing the tradition of receiving ashes.

Drive-Thru Ashes

Wednesday, March 6
10 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 2 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Service and

Wednesday, March 6
7:30 p.m.

Reception of Confirmation Class



We will be receiving four of our youth into full membership of the church on Sunday, March 10, 2019. After months of study, they are ready to affirm their baptismal vows and join the church. Welcome to:

Troy Barker

Janie Hedlund

Jessie Hedlund

Sam Wedzik

LET'S CELEBRATE! Please plan to join us after church as we welcome our new members from the **2019 Confirmation Class**. What a great time to celebrate this major event in their lives and the life of our church family, See you there.

THE CONFIRMATION GROUP is hosting a food drive for the Harborcreek Food Pantry. The **canned fruit and vegetable drive** will be picked up Sunday, March 17th. Please bring in canned goods and place them in the box at the back of the sanctuary. Thanks, Confirmation Group

Helping the Homeless



A BASKET has been placed in the old vestibule for collection of **travel size personal care products** to be given to the homeless at The Upper Room. Please consider donating those little bottles from your hotel stays. Thanks, Mission Committee



Worship Schedules for March

Lectionary Readings for March

Sunday, March 3

Exodus 34:29-35
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Transfiguration of the Lord
Psalm 99
Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)



*Sacrament of
 Holy Communion*

Wednesday, March 6

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17
Psalm 51:1-17
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Ash Wednesday
Isaiah 58:1-12
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Sunday, March 10

Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Romans 10:8b-13

1st Sunday in Lent
 Confirmation Class Received
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Luke 4:1-13

Sunday, March 17

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
Philippians 3:17-4:1

2nd Sunday in Lent
Psalm 27
Luke 13:31-35

Sunday, March 24

Isaiah 55:1-9
1 Corinthians 10:1-13

3rd Sunday in Lent
Psalm 63:1-8
Luke 13:1-9

Sunday, March 31

Joshua 5:9-12
1 Corinthians 10:1-13

4th Sunday in Lent
Psalm 63:1-8
Luke 13:1-9



Worship Leaders

March 3

Liturgist: Kyle Foust
 Greeters: Evan and Kyle Foust

March 10

Liturgist: Nancy McNally
 Greeters: Barry and Jane Wile
 Journey to the Cross: Graff Family

March 17

Liturgist: Karen Foust
 Greeters: Matt and Dena Barker
 Journey to the Cross: Barker Family

March 24

Liturgist: Larry Hanes
 Greeters: Joanne Scott
 and Cindy Skladanowski
 Journey to the Cross: Mosier Family

March 31

Liturgist: Nancy Brown
 Greeters: Matt and Dena Barker
 Journey to the Cross: Kevin & Evan Foust

April 7

Liturgist: Dave Maille
 Greeters: Marge and Esther Noonan
 Journey to the Cross: Hedlund Family

April 14

Liturgist: Nancy McNally
 Greeters: Jeremy and Annie Stewart
 Journey to the Cross: Stewart Family

April 21 (11:00 service)

Liturgist: Eileen Kriner
 Greeters: Joanne Scott
 and Cindy Skladanowski

April 28

Liturgist: Debi Lyon
 Greeters: Hedlund Family

Harborcreek Food Pantry

Just a reminder our congregation supports the Harborcreek Food Bank. Nonperishable food items, paper products and personal hygiene items are always needed and can be left at the top of the stairs in the main entrance of our church.

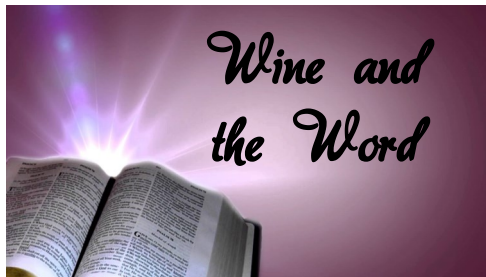


Study Opportunities . . .



Calvin Fellowship and Breakfast

The **breakfast and a movie series** continues every Sunday at 9:30 in Fellowship Hall. We are currently viewing "Do You Believe?" which is available for free on YouTube. Please join us.



Those who attended the first **Wine and the Word** decided it should take place every week, instead of only once a month. So that's what we'll do! Dave Maille has undergone another partial knee replacement, and won't be too mobile the next couple weeks, so we'll meet at the Maille's, 7653 Dutton Rd., on March 4 at 7 p.m. Dave and Andrea will provide the wine! We will return to meeting at the Fiddle Inn on March 11. The books ("Making Sense of the Cross") are still available, and new people are welcome at any time. Please join us!



Lenten Devotion guides are included in your bulletin each Sunday of Lent. A devotion for every day of the week will guide through your journey through Lent to Easter morning. The themes this year are:

- Week 1: Jesus Proclaims
- Week 2: Jesus Prays
- Week 3: Jesus Heals
- Week 4: Jesus Teaches
- Week 5: Jesus Feeds
- Holy Week: Jesus Serves

If you are unable to be at worship a complete Lenten Devotional can be mailed to you by calling the church office at 899-1031.



Don't let your children or grandchildren miss out!



Sunday School is offered for children K-6th every

Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m. in the C.E. Building. Join us for some holy fun!



Question?

If we were to offer one free half-day class in computer basics, would anyone be interested? Please let Pastor Robin know.

Eastminster Presbyterian Church

2320 East Lake Road

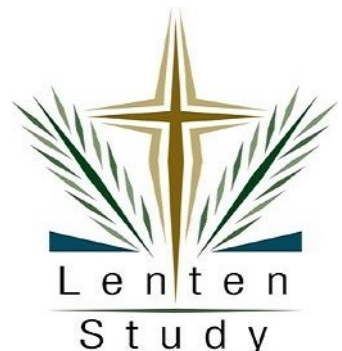
invites you to a 2019 Lenten Bible Study

"Our Spiritual Ancestors"

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m.

beginning March 13

See poster on bulletin board at back of sanctuary for more information.



STEAK Swiss DINNER

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Saturday, April 13, 2019

4:30—7:00 p.m.

Adults \$11.00

Children \$5:00 (6-12 yrs.)

Under 6 free

Serving Family Style

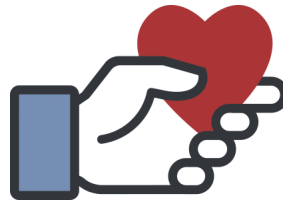
Take-outs Available

SMART GIVING

AFTER TAX REFORM

If you are 70 1/2 or older and have an IRA, you can direct funds to qualified charities (like the First Presbyterian Church) TAX FREE! Your fund manager has the simple form to fill out as it must go directly to the charity--not to your bank account. This is a tax effective way to make charitable donations--regardless of whether you can deduct your gifts on your tax return.

Marking gifts of stocks or mutual funds that have increased in value may be particularly attractive this year. When you give in this way your tax deduction is based on the current value of the shares, not just the amount you paid for them. As an added benefit, no capital gains tax will be owed on the increased value. This also allows you to conserve your cash for other uses.



Contact Jim Watson, Bob Kellerman or Dave Maille if you have any particular questions.



Remember Our Homebound

Some of you have asked about what you can do to keep connected to those who are unable to come to worship or participate in church activities. Listed below are some of those you could send a card or a note of encouragement.

Lois Cochran
4400 E. Lake Road
Apt. 257 Erie, PA 16511

Margaret Crider
Heritage House 30 East Street
North East, PA 16428

Jessie Denniston
1885 Rifle Range Rd. Cove 34
Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464

Jim & Peggy Nelson
2 Gibson St. Apt. 102
North East, PA 16428

Sandy Spangler
Sarah Reed Retirement Ctr. Room 9
227 W. 22nd Street
Erie, PA 16502

Eleanor Stanley
Springhill Retirement Com.
2301 Edinboro Road
Erie, PA 16509

Here's what is happening . . .



Where: Harborcreek First Presbyterian Church
(unless otherwise indicated)

When: 12:00 noon

Tuesday, March 26

Program: Bill & Ann Nesgoda - All about their trip to Ireland with slides

Menu: Jim Erickson is making pizza for us plus we will have salad and dessert.

Tuesday, April 23 at Noon

Program: Ginnie Geisler food critic at the Erie Times News

Menu: Taco Bar, Red Beans & Rice, dessert

Tuesday, May 28 at Noon

Program: Lisa Ferrick will speak about her job as District Justice

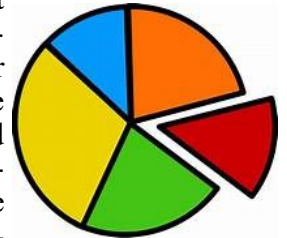
Menu: Turkey Breast, Dressing, Peas, Coleslaw, Cranberry Sauce, and dessert

Pretzel Sandwich Sale



THE PRESCHOOL IS HOSTING A FUNDRAISER Their Annual Pretzel Sandwich Sale is underway. There are two kinds of sandwiches: ham with Swiss cheese and turkey with provolone cheese. Order deadline is March 24. Order forms are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Completed forms can be left in the office.

2019 PER CAPITA As part of a connectional church system, we contribute \$32 per member to help support the Lake Erie Presbytery, Synod of the Trinity and the Biennial General Assembly. We ask members of the congregation to help with this obligation by covering their part of the apportionment by the end of March. There is special blue envelope in your offering box or you can just write "per capita" on a generic pew envelope (or memo line of your check).



Aluminum Cans

The recycling of aluminum benefits our outreach ministries to those in need.

Please place your cans in the recycling can behind the church.



Cancelled Stamps

Please bring your cancelled stamps to church and place them on the table on the old entrance. The stamps are boxed and forwarded to a Leprosy Organization to benefit their cause.

Greeting Cards

Sue Kellerman is still collecting greeting cards to be sent to St. Jude's Ranch for Children. The cards are recycled by the residents at St. Jude's Ranch to sell. There is a basket on the table in the old entrance.



Church Family News . . .



March Birthdays!

March

- 1 Dave Johnson
Aye Mosier
- 2 Carrie Woodard
Mary Skladanowski
- 4 Bill Nesgoda
- 6 Ron Flowers
- 10 Ann Nesgoda
- 11 Michael King
- 13 Jacque Foust
- 16 Judy Elwood
Bonnie Duckett
- 18 Linda DeAngelo
- 20 John Erickson
- 22 Ron Washe
- 24 Dave Maille
- 27 Ryan Lemke
- 28 Amy Erickson



March Anniversaries!

March

- 17 Don & Bonnie Duckett
- 27 Derek & Kelly Chew

If you notice an incorrect or missing birthday/ anniversary or one that is listed that should no longer be there, call the church office 899-1031 & we'll update our records.



Prayer List: For those serving in the armed forces. Ricky Hinkle, Jeremy Rockwell, Ryan Lemke, & Brian Hellmann. For the Lake Erie Presbytery & its leaders; for our pastor, Robin Cuneo, for church members, family & friends, we pray.

Barb Bemis	Emily Mellish
Claudia Brown	Jim Nelson
& Mike Faycheck	Jacob Nesgoda
Lois Cochran	Yvonne Peters
Jeanette Comstock	Sandy Spangler
Margaret Crider	Bill & Sandy Stewart
Donna Fannin	Tammy Stewart
Kevin Fisher	Larry Stultz
Rachel Hube	Megan Sweezey
Dave & Judy Johnson	Halli VanSlyke
Pat Kocher	Laura Waide
Dick May	Family of Carolyn
Hannah May	Washe
	David Zacks



PRAYER CHAIN

If you have a request for the prayer chain, please speak to any 2018 Deacon or Peggie Smith (814-899-9103) to activate the prayer chain. We care about confidentiality so please let us know what information you would like to share and what is confidential.



March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><u>Every Sunday Morning</u></p> <p>Fellowship Breakfast 9:30 a.m. Calvin Fellowship (Adult Sunday School) and Children's Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m.</p>					1	2
3 Transfiguration Sunday Sacrament of Holy Communion	4 Wine and the Word Study 7:00 p.m. Women's AA Fellowship Hall 5:00 p.m.	5 Mission Meeting 2:00 p.m.	6 Drive Thru Ashes 10-11 a.m. 1-2 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.	7	8	9
10 First Sunday in Lent Reception of Confirmation Class	11 Wine and the Word Study 7:00 p.m. Women's AA Fellowship Hall 5:00 p.m.	12	13	14  Deacon Meeting 2:00 p.m. Session Meeting 6:00 p.m.	15	16
17 Second Sunday in Lent	18 Wine and the Word Study 7:00 p.m. Women's AA Fellowship Hall 5:00 p.m.	19  Prayer Shawl Meeting 4:00 p.m.	20	21	22	23
24 Third Sunday in Lent Fellowship Hall in use for Baby Shower	25 Wine and the Word Study 7:00 p.m. Women's AA Fellowship Hall 5:00 p.m.	26  4th Tuesday Fellowship 12:00 Noon	27	28	29	30
31 Fourth Sunday in Lent	<div> Elder of the Month: Barb Griffith 822-4523 Deacon of the Month: Peggie Smith 899-9103 </div>					