

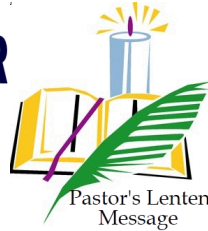


Among Friends

MARCH, 2022



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR



Greetings,

The Lenten season begins March 2 and lasts until Easter Sunday. It should be a time for reflection and growth. It should be a time for us to examine our lives and rid us of anything and everything that impedes our relationship with our Savior.

Lent also aligns with the arrival of the spring season, a time to refresh from the long, cold winter months. The days are getting longer and warmer, something I think all of us welcome.

So many times, we want to leap right to the resurrection without giving any thought to the sacrifice and commitment that Jesus displayed in his life. The wilderness—the desert days of Lent—is the true path to a spiritual transformation. Just as beauty comes to life in the springtime, our spiritual life should be renewed as well.

Many people will spend the 40 days of Lent giving up something or trying something new. However, I think the best way to spend the 40 days of Lent is to take our relationship and commitment with Christ to a new level. Take time to remember how Jesus set aside His glory and majesty to become a man. And while He was here, he washed dirty feet, touched unclean lepers and shared meals with wicked people. He *“endured the cross scorning its shame”* (Hebrews 12:20). And He did all of these things to give us hope, a family and a home in glory.

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APRIL

**Newsletter
Deadline**

March 23

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SPECIAL DATES IN MARCH

- Ash Wednesday, March 2
- World Day of Prayer, March 4
- Daylight saving time begins, March 13
- First day of spring, March 20



Deadline for
APRIL
submission of
information is
MARCH 23

Submit to:

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Harrisville, PA 16038

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724-991-5863

From Our Pastor's Desk (continued)

I would like to share this prayer with you.

A PRAYER FOR LENTEN GRACE

Loving God,

*During the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you.
Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and
solitude, so that I may re-discover the grace
of a prayer-full life.*

*enlarge my heart so that I give to those
in need and, in so doing, re-discover the grace
of gratitude and generosity.*

*Help me to fast from those things that
threaten the well-being of body and soul,
remind me of the grace and simplicity.*

*May this season be grace-filled time to
Rekindle my love for and faith in you. Amen.
(www.ShareCatholic.com)*

Remember His great love for you and share that love with others during this Lenten season.

In His love,
Diane



THE SATURDAY CONCERT

There will be no Second Saturday Concert in March. Please share this information with your friends and family!

FRIENDSHIP PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The Friendship Presbyterian Women's group will be meeting on March 9, at 7:00 p.m., at the Community Center. Hostesses for the evening will be Cindy Cross and Michelle Whitehouse.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FPC?

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Spring lessons are titled "God Frees and Redeems" and examine the nature of God who acts to deliver and free people in different situations. March lessons come from Ezra and Deuteronomy and explore the memory of the liberating event of the Exodus as the Jewish people came back from exile and rebuilt the temple. All are welcome to join us for Bible study, discussion and sharing any Sunday morning at 9:45.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL:

The Children's. Sunday School class is studying the miracles of Jesus and the people he preached to. We meet at 9:45 a.m. each week.



MISSION UPDATE



CHURCH WORLD SERVICE BLANKET DRIVE:

The Blanket Drive continues for a few more Sundays. A red heart is displayed on the blanket in the sanctuary for each \$5 donated. Each heart represents a blanket purchased through World Church Service for people in need around the world.



DRESS FOR SUCCESS: As you clean out your closets during this spring time, please consider donation any clothing you are getting rid of for the Dress For Success program in Butler. We are hoping to take a donation in May or June. Clothing should be clean and on hangers. Clothing should be appropriate for the work place, both formal and informal. Shoes, socks, jewelry, jackets are also needed.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING: For over 70 years, **One Great Hour of Sharing** has provided Presbyterians a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world. At Friendship Presbyterian Church it is received during the season of Lent (March 2 – April 17). You are given the opportunity to participate in this offering in two ways. The first way is by using the "Gracie" fish banks and sharing calendar (available in the church vestibule). The second way is by contributing using the special envelopes provided on Easter Sunday. Watch the bulletins during the season of Lent for more information on this offering.



COMPLETE SERENITY

Many of us have heard the first part of what's called "The Serenity Prayer," attributed to theologian Reinhold Niebuhr. But we would do well to learn the rest of it as well.



*God, grant me the Serenity
To accept the things I cannot change...
Courage to change the things I can,
And Wisdom to know the difference.
Living one day at a time,
Enjoying one moment at a time,
Accepting hardship as the pathway to peace.
Taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is,
Not as I would have it.
Trusting that He will make all things right
if I surrender to His will.
That I may be reasonably happy in this life,
And supremely happy with Him forever in the next.
Amen.*

Prayer List

Anne D.
April and Todd
Bonnie of Georgia
The Alben Family
Gary Allison
Jane Allison
Carly Atkisson
Zachary Barto
Candy Boulanger
Kayla Brundige
Tyler Burson
Martie Cooper
Phyllis Cooper
Ruth Cooper
Jeff & Cindy Cross
The Family of Kay Curtis
Heather Datt
Jim Dickey
Mark Doerr
Blanche English
Jennifer Gilliland

Donna Grossman
David Hall
Timothy James
Rev. & Mrs.
William Jamieson
Graham Larimore
Landry Lawson
Ed Lind
Joe Lowers
Will McCoy
Kevin Michael
Willard Morse
Randy Morgan
David Parker
Bernie and Linda
Bill & Chris Schroeder
Micheal Scott
Cindy Solman's
Mother and Sister
George Sonnet & Family
Joe Vivelo

Seth Vogan
Joan West
Woman from Michigan
Our military at home and
abroad
Persecuted Christians
around the world,
Alpha Omega (SR)
Pregnancy Center
Feed My Sheep Food
Cupboard
Beaver Butler Presbytery
The Cooperstown
Church Family
Our Friendship
Presbyterian Church
Family

All those who have been
impacted by
COVID19

*“Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord.”
James 5:16*

A PRAYER FOR LENT



This year, Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, falls on March 2. During worship services that day, pastors in many Christian churches dip a finger in ashes (often made by burning branches from the previous Palm Sunday) and make a cross on parishioners' foreheads.

Why ashes? Traditionally, they're a sign of mourning, humiliation and penitence. Ashes also represent the frailty and temporary nature of human life ("You are dust, and to dust you shall return," Genesis 3:19). Christians are pained because our sins led to Jesus' death. With repentant hearts, we begin the season of Lent, knowing that it leads to Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday.

For Ash Wednesday — and throughout the 40 days of Lent — ponder this prayer from an Italian sacramentary, or liturgical book:

“O God, you know how fragile is our human nature, wounded as it is by sin. Help your people to enter upon the Lenten journey strengthened by the power of your word, so that we may be victorious over the seduction of the Evil One and reach the paschal feast in the joy of the Holy Spirit.”

The Newsletter Newsletter, March 2022



Joanne Campbell, 3/3
Wendi Vukson, 3/4
Mark Weidner, 3/10
Patty Musulin, 3/16
Savanna Crawford, 3/24
Karen Pepper, 3/27
Michelle Whitehouse, 3/31



Our Ash Wednesday Service and disposition of ashes will be held on Wednesday, March 2, at 7:00 p.m.

Please join us as we begin our journey through Lent.

GET READY TO SPRING FORWARD!

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME
MARCH 13, 2022



The Beaver-Butler Presbytery annual
LEADERSHIP AND ADMINISTRATIVE
EVENT

“Where Do We Go From Here?”
*Using improvisation to imagine, create, and
implement ministries that are faithful,
sustainable, and impactful in moving beyond
the pandemic.*

SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2022

2:00—5:00 p.m.
CRANBERRY COMMUNITY U.P. CHURCH
2662 ROCHESTER RD.
CRANBERRY TWP. PA

**It's been quite a couple of years for our world and for
the church...a time that has left us with questions like:**

*What ministry is God calling us toward at this time?
What ministries are no longer ours to do?
How can we make the most of this liminal moment?*

**Come join us as we think together and equip ourselves for
the following of God's calling to be the church.**

**Brochures with registration forms are
available in the church vestibule.**

Our sympathy to Rev. Jeff Curtis and his family on the death of his wife, Kay Curtis. Jeff has been our moderator of session for the past several years and Kay always accompanied him to the meetings that he led. Kay was 71 years of age at her death, was born in Cambridge, Ohio, was the mother of 2 children and 4 step-children. She also had 14 grandchildren. Kay was a beloved preacher's wife at the Mount Chestnut Presbyterian Church where she was also a very active member.

A memorial service will be held at Mount Chestnut Presbyterian Church at 4pm on Monday, March 14, 2022.



With Sympathy

LOOK FOR THE SIGN!

Submitted by Evelyn Vargo

*When driving past the
Community Center don't
forget to look for the sign!*

FRIENDSHIP PRESBYTERIAN COMMUNITY CENTER

**THIS DAY BELONGS TO YOU
SPEND IT WISELY**

To Book Call: 724-738-0953

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**IT'S THE LITTLE
THINGS THAT MEAN
THE MOST**

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**SOMETIMES THE
WISEST THING TO SAY
IS NOTHING**

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**LOVE ONE ANOTHER
PEACE IS BEAUTIFUL**

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On the Road Again

Twice The Fun This Year!



Live on Stage at:



FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2022

Tour Cost: \$149.00 per person

Tour Includes: Roundtrip motorcoach transportation
Free time at Hartville Flea Market/Shops OR Hardware Store
Lunch and Show - Hartville Kitchen Conference Room with
The Oak Ridge Boys
Hartville Bakery - Goodies to take home!
All taxes and meal gratuities

Check payable to Jeff Cross

Tour Departs: 7:00 a.m. Friendship Community Center, 886 New Castle Road, Slippery Rock, PA

Tour Returns: 6:30 p.m. Friendship Community Center 886 New Castle Road, Slippery Rock, PA

Due to advance payment for tickets, payment in FULL must be made when making your reservation(s).

JUNE 23-24, 2022

2 Days - 1 Night



Live on Stage at:



Tour Cost: \$380 per person double occupancy
\$365 per person triple occupancy (two beds)
\$440 per person single occupancy

Tour Includes: Roundtrip motorcoach transportation
One night accommodations Country Inn & Suites
One Breakfast - Day 2, Country Inn & Suites
Two Lunches - Day 1, Shady Maple Smorgasbord (Awesome!)
Day 2, Amish Home Family-Style
One Dinner - Pizza at hotel after the show
Sight and Sound Theatre – **DAVID** (New Show for 2022)
Bird-In-Hand Bakery (Goodies)
Strasburg Railroad and Choo Choo Model Train Museum
All taxes, meal gratuities and baggage handling.

Deposit Due: \$50.00 per person to guarantee your reservation

Balance Due: Friday, May 20, 2022

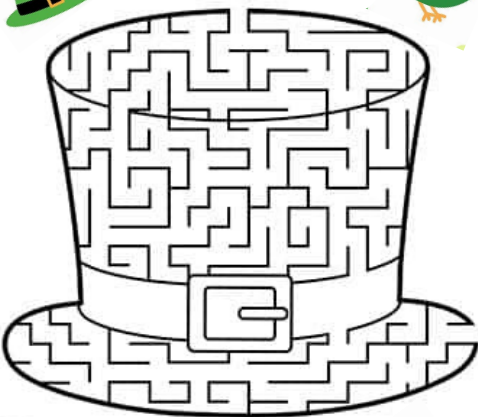
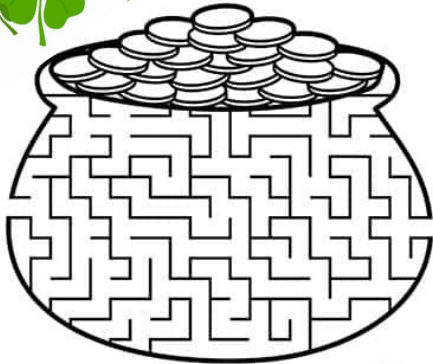
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Payable: Friendship Presbyterian Church

Forward to: Jeff Cross

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JUST FOR FUN



I SPY St. Patrick's Day



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How can you spot a jealous shamrock?



It will be wearing green.

Why do people wear shamrocks on St. Patrick's Day?



Regular rocks are too heavy.

Why can't you borrow money from a leprechaun?



They're always a little short.

Why shouldn't you iron a four-leaf clover?



You shouldn't press your luck.

What do you get when 2 leprechauns have a conversation?



A lot of small talk.



FRIENDSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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*March roars in like a lion, with a bluster and a slam!
And tiptoes out gently, like a quiet little lamb.*

Submitted by Heather Datt