

News of Bethany



2019 Lenten Study & Devotional

Simon Peter: Flawed but Faithful Disciple: Our 2019 Lenten Study will be *Simon Peter: Flawed but Faithful Disciple*, by Adam Hamilton. Simon Peter left everything to follow his teacher and possessed a passion that would change the world. He was poor, uneducated, quick-tempered, and full of doubts and fears. Can this be the same man? That's the point of this study. Peter was just an ordinary guy who heard and followed God's extraordinary call.

Join us on Wednesday mornings at 10am in the Memorial Parlor beginning on March 13. The study is both video and print based. Copies of Adam Hamilton's new book will be available on Sunday morning starting March 3. See Rev. Holmes for your copy! Plan to join us for this journey into the life and ministry of Simon Peter.



Awakening to God's Beauty: Awakening to God's Beauty is the Presbyterians Today 2019 Lenten Devotional. Each Sunday, we'll be invited to practice the spiritual discipline of visio divina, which means "divine seeing." To do so, we'll view and meditate upon the beautiful photographs of Krin Van Tatenhove, author and photographer. During the week, our journey to Easter continues with reflections on God's handiwork and beauty as told in the Psalms and reflected upon by Krin Van Tatenhove.

Copies of Awakening to God's Beauty will be made available to all family units and individual members of the Bethany congregation. They will be available on Sunday morning from our ushers or during the week on the tables in the Narthex and the Welcome Center. This will be a wonder-filled opportunity for our faith community to journey to Jerusalem together!

Mission Statement:
Bethany Presbyterian Church is a church making an impact on the lives of all people through the love of Jesus Christ.

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Bethany News & Notes

Special Dates in March 2019

Transfiguration Sunday

Sunday, March 3

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, March 6

LENT

First Sunday in Lent & Daylight Savings

Sunday, March 10

Second Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 17

First Day of Spring

Wednesday, March 20

Spring

Third Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 24

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 31

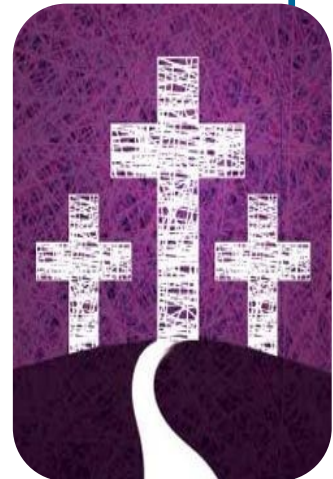


2019 Lenten Dinners: Mark your calendars now and join us for our three Annual Lenten Dinners. The first one will be held on Ash Wednesday, March 6, at 6pm in Donegal Hall. The main course will be lasagna. Following dinner, at 7pm, we will hold our traditional “Service of Ashes” and celebrate the Lord’s Supper in Donegal Hall to inaugurate this year’s Lenten Journey to Jerusalem.

Our second Lenten Dinner will be held on Wednesday, March 27, at 6pm in Donegal Hall. The Boy Scouts will be preparing our meal for us. Following dinner, we will celebrate Evensong with the singing of hymns, the reading of Scripture, and a brief Homily. We will be finished by 7:30pm.

Our third and final Lenten Dinner of the season will be held on Maundy Thursday, April 18. We will begin the evening at 6pm in Donegal Hall with a ham loaf dinner prepared by the Presbyterian Women. Following dinner at 7pm, we will hold our Maundy Thursday service of worship. This year, the Rev. Dr. Erin Cox-Holmes, the Executive Presbyter of Donegal Presbytery, will deliver the message. The Lord’s Supper will be celebrated.

It is requested that those in attendance bring either a salad, vegetable, or dessert to share that will serve eight. We look forward to your attendance with us as we join in a time of food, fellowship, and spiritual renewal.



Thanks to everyone who contributed to the SOUPER Bowl of Caring. We collected 36lbs of canned soup that was donated to the LCCC Food Bank while \$85 was sent along to Columbia PC’s food ministry projects.

Thank
You

As I prepared this month's column, I couldn't help but reflect on the fact that this year celebrates the 70th Anniversary of the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering. Amazing! I can remember putting together my first OGHS fish bank in 1950, when I was four. All the Sunday School classes at Wilshire Crest Presbyterian Church participated in the offering. I pestered my folks endlessly for their loose change with which I could fill my bank. There was always a contest to see which grade could raise the most money, thus putting great pressure on our families. Especially on those with multiple kids in Sunday School! Unlike today, change in the 1950's had a lot of purchasing power – it wasn't randomly disposed of. It took work to fill a bank!



I didn't realize until much later that our little banks signified the start of Lent, as well. Until Vatican II, Protestants didn't really celebrate Lent as a significant part of the Liturgical Year. I always just assumed it was a "Catholic" thing when I was growing up. My Catholic friends were always talking about "giving-up" something for Lent. It made me glad that, as a Presbyterian, I didn't have to worry about that kind of thing. Deep down, though, I was always just a little bit jealous that they got to put ashes on their foreheads and we didn't. So much for ecumenism!

Norman Shawchuck writes: "The season of Lent is like a roller coaster ride with emotions that are down and up again and again as the story of our salvation makes plain our sinful ways and the cost of our redemption. We begin with Ash Wednesday where we roughly bump up against our own mortality. Here we know that sin and death are real, and they are real not just for someone else. Sin and death are real for us. . . . If we did not know how the story ends, this would be a dark and depressing journey. But we do know how the story ends, and therefore, in the midst of austerity and fasting, we remember our faithful Savior and the Easter declaration that life is always victorious over death, always!"

With that in mind then, I invite you to join me as we embark, together, on our Journey to Jerusalem. As Sawchuck warns, it is a roller coaster of a ride! As many years as I've gone on this journey, it never ceases to amaze and delight me. Each year, I learn more about myself and the One who calls me to follow him on The Way. The Season of Lent is the ultimate spiritual discipline. But you know what? This year, in honor of the 70th Anniversary of the OGHS offering, I'm going to put together one of the fish banks and fill it to the brim with coins. I know the counters will love me for it!



March Birthdays



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|-------|------------------|-------|-----------------|
| 03/04 | Helen Cumpston | 03/17 | Donald Risser |
| 03/10 | Michael Morrison | 03/20 | Donald Piefer |
| 03/12 | Jo Fleckenstein | 03/23 | Patricia Rineer |
| 03/12 | Gene Moore | 03/25 | Marcia Trach |

Homebound of Bethany



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Lancaster, Pa. 17603

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65 Mill Pond Dr.
Lancaster PA 17603

Adeline Henderson
The Glen Room 310
635 Willow Valley Square
Lancaster, Pa. 17602

Helen Cumpston
Mennonite Home
202B Jackson Run
Lancaster, Pa. 17601

SPRING PRAYER REQUESTS

Anne Erdman
Carol Martin
Agnes Taylor
Jo Fleckenstein
Polly Snyder



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

MARCH 6 - APRIL 21

2019

70th ANNIVERSARY

One Great Hour of Sharing: Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through *One Great Hour of Sharing* to share God's love with people experiencing need. Your gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, food for the hungry, and community development that helps people find safe refuge, start new lives, and work together to strengthen their families and communities. This year celebrates the 70th Anniversary of *One Great Hour of Sharing*. Let's do our best to make sure this is a banner year for this venerable offering. Remember, when God's people work together through *One Great Hour of Sharing*, the possibilities are endless!



March



March 3, 2019 @ 10:00 a.m. - Transfiguration Sunday

The Message: "Going Up & Coming Down" Scripture: Luke 9:28-43a
 Preaching: Rev. Holmes



March 6, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m. - Ash Wednesday

The Message: "The Fast God Chooses" Scripture: Isaiah 58:1-12
 Preaching: Rev. Holmes Celebration of the Lord's Supper & Imposition of Ashes

March 10, 2019 @ 10:00 a.m. - First Sunday in Lent

The Message: "A Wilderness Experience" Scripture: Luke 4:1-13
 Preaching: Rev. Holmes



March 17, 2019 @ 10:00 a.m. - Second Sunday in Lent

The Message: "Standing Firm" Scripture: Philippians 3:17-4:1
 Preaching: Rev. Holmes

March 24, 2019 @ 10:00 a.m. - Third Sunday in Lent

The Message: "Ho, Everyone Who Thirsts"
 Scripture: Isaiah 55:1-9 Preaching: Rev. Holmes

March 31, 2019 @ 10:00 a.m. - Fourth Sunday in Lent

The Message: "A Family Story" Scripture: 1Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
 Preaching: Rev. Alicia Conklin-Wood



| | March 3 | March 10 | March 17 | March 24 | March 31 |
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| Greeters | Eva Lauer | Michelle Atwater | Elaine Bornstein | Maurine Smith | Jim Grossman |
| Fellowship | Eva Lauer | Michelle Atwater | Elaine Bornstein | Maurine Smith | Jim Grossman |
| Ushers | Jim Grossman Michelle Atwater | Bob & Jean Schwartz | Gary & Nancy Peters | Brian & Diane Ashba | Maurine & Doug Smith |
| Liturgists | Elaine Bornstein | Judy Maier | David Schwartz | Choir Member | Rev. Kent Holmes |

March 2019

Sunday

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

Office Hours:

Tues - Thurs
9:30 A.M. -
12:30 P.M.

3 Transfiguration

10:00 A.M. Worship
11:30 A.M. Resurrection
2:00 P.M.



10 1st Sunday of Lent

10:00 A.M. Worship
11:30 A.M. Resurrection
2:00 P.M. Oromo

17 2nd Sunday of Lent

10:00 A.M. Worship
11:30 A.M. Resurrection
2:00 P.M. Oromo

Scout Camp Out

24/31

3rd & 4th Sunday of Lent
10:00 A.M. Worship
11:30 A.M. Resurrection
2:00 P.M. Oromo

Scout Camp Out

4

6:15 P.M. Patrol
Leaders Mtg.
6:45 P.M. Scouts
7:00 P.M. Cub Pack



5

7:00 P.M. Troop
Committee Meeting

6 Ash Wednesday

10:00 A.M.
Wednesdays at Ten
6:00 P.M. Lent Dinner
& Service
8:00 P.M. Al Anon

12

7:00 P.M. Scout
District Roundtable

13

10:00 A.M.
Lenten Study
8:00 P.M. Al Anon

14

7:00 P.M. AA
8:00 P.M. Al Anon

19

7:00 P.M. Scout Pack
Meeting

20 Spring

10:00 A.M.
Lenten Study
8:00 P.M. Al Anon



21

7:00 P.M. AA
8:00 P.M. Al Anon

26

6:45 P.M. Scouts
7:00 P.M. Cub Pack
Sub Sale Pick Up

27

10:00 A.M.
Lent Study
6:00 P.M. Lent Dinner
8:00 P.M. Al Anon

28

7:00 P.M. AA
8:00 P.M. Al Anon



LENT BEGINS

1

7:00 P.M. AA
8:00 P.M. Al Anon

2

8:00 A.M.
Men's Breakfast

8

7:00 P.M. AA
8:00 P.M. Al Anon

9

8:00 A.M.
Cub Pack Pinewood
Derby Race

15

7:00 P.M. AA
8:00 P.M. Al Anon

16

6:45 P.M.
White Deer Run
Scout Camp Out

22

7:00 P.M. AA
8:00 P.M. Al Anon

23

Scout Camp Out

29

Scout Camp Out

30

Scout Camp Out