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## A Brief History of Lent and Holy Week

This article focuses on the conclusion of Lent at Holy Week. How did the traditions of Holy Week emerge in the early church? How did they first fall out of favor and then resurface among Reformed/Presbyterian churches? And how might they best be put into practice today?

The roots of the Christian year can be traced to the first and second centuries when an annual commemoration of Christ's dying and rising emerged around the time of the Jewish Passover. Early Christians debated whether this event ought to take place on the day of Passover or on the following Sunday (and liturgical historians continue to argue about which tradition came first). Ultimately, in 325 the Council of Nicaea fixed the date of Easter on a Sunday to be determined by an obscure set of calculations based on the date of the spring equinox and the cycles of the moon. (Eastern and Western churches arrive at different dates due to their use of different calendar systems.)

The earliest annual celebrations of Christ's resurrection seem to have been preceded by

a day of fasting and a night of readings and prayers — the origin of our Easter Vigil. Over the first few centuries of the church's history, however, this simple day of fasting grew —

first to two days, then a whole week. The days leading up to Easter came to be connected with particular events in the Gospels — Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, his Passover meal with the disciples and his death on the cross — particularly as pilgrims to the Holy Land sought to walk in Christ's footsteps. In fact, the best account of Holy Week during this time comes from

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a Spanish woman (possibly a nun) named Egeria, who took a pilgrimage to Jerusalem around the year 385.

Churches throughout the Christian world continued to expand on these traditions in the centuries that followed. Many of the rites and practices that emerged were connected with the reconciliation of penitent persons at the Maundy Thursday service and with preparations to baptize new believers (catechumens) at the Easter Vigil. Thus, Lent came to be understood as a time for the exercise of spiritual discipline — es-

pecially for those joining or returning to the church — with Holy Week as the culmination of the season.

mandment to love one another as He has loved us.

The sixth day (Good Friday) proclaims Christ's death on the cross for the life of the world, calling us to join Jesus' intercession for the world that God so loves.

Early leaders in the Reformation didn't necessarily object to the biblically-inspired, Christ-centered celebrations of the liturgical calendar. For instance, the 1566 Second Helvetic Confession states, "if in Christian liberty the churches religiously celebrate the memory of the Lord's nativity, circumcision, passion, resurrection, and of his ascension into heaven, and the send-

## Holy Week



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The Sunday before Easter (Palm/Passion Sunday) offers a synopsis of the week to come and captures the poignant paradox of the gospel. From the exuberant procession with palms the church quickly turns to the events of Jesus' betrayal, arrest, denial, trial and crucifixion. The fifth day of Holy Week (Maundy Thursday) celebrates Jesus' example of humble service and extravagant love with the washing of feet and sharing of communion. "Maundy" comes from the Latin word *mandatum* (commandment); at this service, we remember Jesus' new com-

ing of the Holy Spirit upon his disciples, we approve of it highly" (Book of Confessions, 5.226).

Presbyterian service-books from the early 20th century demonstrate the slow and steady rediscovery of the liturgical calendar. The 1906 "Book of Common Worship" provided a small assortment of prayers for the Christian year, including Advent, Christmas Day, Good Friday and Easter Day. A 1932 revision expanded on that collection, adding resources for Lent, Palm Sunday, Pentecost and All Saints. The 1946 iteration of the "Book of Common Worship" added the "Thursday before Easter" to the materials for

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Holy Week. It also included a two-year lectionary borrowed from the “Book of Common Order” of the Church of Scotland.

With the 1983 reunion that formed the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) came a new version of the Directory for Worship. In its listing of the days and seasons of the church year, the denomination’s current Book of Order includes these entries: “Lent, a season of spiritual discipline and preparation, beginning with Ash Wednesday, anticipating the celebration of the death and resurrection of Christ” and “Holy Week, a time of remembrance and proclamation of the atoning suffering and death of Jesus Christ” (W-3.2002).

The past century has brought a remarkable range of new (or rather ancient) possibilities for Presbyterian worship. Some of these gifts have already been widely welcomed and explored; others remain largely untried. How might we continue to renew the church’s worship at Holy Week?

Through 500 years of Reformed worship we have witnessed the fall and rise of Holy Week. The real “fall and rise” of Holy Week, however, is the great mystery of faith the church proclaims in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The point of all of our liturgical traditions — however popular (or not) they may be — is pointing to this holy mystery and drawing others into the height and depth of Christ’s saving, life-giving love.

I invite you to join in the observance of Lent and Holy Week at Unionville Presbyterian Church by participating in any or all of our worship celebrations: Ash Wednesday (March 6 at 7:00PM), Maundy Thursday service with communion (April 18 at 7:00PM), Good Friday Prayer Vigil (April 19 from noon until 3:00), Easter Sunrise Service with communion (April 21, 6:00AM), and Easter Sunday Worship featuring the Easter Choir Cantata (April 21, 9:AM).

Blessings, Pastor Annalie

## On The Pastor’s Night Stand

This month I read Richard Rohr’s Everything Belongs. This popular and bestselling book of the renowned Franciscan challenges people to move beyond the comfort of a settled life toward an understanding of themselves that is rooted in their connection to God. Only when they rest in God can they find the certainty and the freedom to become all that they can be. Contemplation has its place at the heart of Christianity, a place that allows people to experience how “everything belongs.” This book, one of the fastest-selling books in spirituality today, offers a personal retreat for those who hunger for a deeper prayer life but don’t know what contem-

plation is. It comes with a handy reflection guide.

I invite you to obtain your own copy and join me over a cup of coffee (or ice cream) and talk about it. If there is enough interest, we could start a discussion group. If you need assistance purchasing the book, just let me know.

Happy reading to you! If you need assistance purchasing the book, please do not hesitate to contact me.





## Celebration!

This will be a year of celebration, but the big party will be on May 5, 2019. We will celebrate communion using our antique pewter communion ware, honor our heritage with a Service of the Scottish Rite, and enjoy a fabulous catered brunch following worship.

***This celebration will not be possible without your help!***



If you are interested in helping us cele-

brate, please let Pastor Annalie know. This is a great opportunity for those who like short-term projects – any and all gifts can be used!



## LOVING OURSELVES

**LEAD ME TO THE CROSS...**a dramatic Easter musical, created by Deborah Craig-Claar and David T. Clydesdale and arranged by David T. Clydesdale will be presented by our UPC choir, directed by Director of Music, Bill Johnson, on Easter Sunday morning during our 9:00 a.m. worship service.

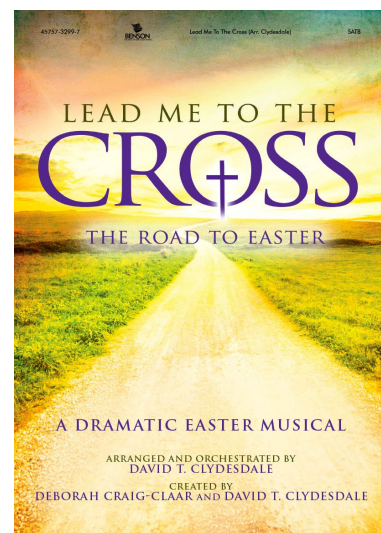
Expressive arrangements bring a fresh perspective to the Easter story with narration that weaves together the perspectives of Mary, Thomas, and Cleopas to tell of Christ's great sacrifice. This blend of new and familiar songs will draw us closer to the passionate love of Jesus.

Participants include: Mardette Alexander, Carol Buckley, Fran Rush, Betty Hughes, Lillian Ryan, Mary Lou Johnson, Karen Statz, Donald Lester,

Curt McCray, Betty Bryer, Rob MacPherson, and Sue Minarchi.

There were many roads that led to Easter: a palm-lined street, a long dirt road up to Calvary, and finally a passageway that led from a garden tomb into a morning that would light the entire world. Jesus walked them all in submission and obedience, knowing that each path led Him closer to the fulfillment of His Father's plan of redemption for humankind.

This Easter, we invite you to reflect on the journey Christ took to give us freedom and unending grace. Come and hear songs of victory as you accept the call to pick up your cross daily and follow Him. May the story of Easter come alive in every heart as you learn of His great love and power over the grave.



## Finance Ministry Team Update

As of January 31, income received (\$38,394) was greater than operating expenses incurred (\$19,456). **Income was unusually high because** there were a few people who made a full year contribution in January that is inflating the income year to date. Our expenses through January month-end are below budget (\$19,456 vs \$21,755).

The Finance Ministry Team will continue to monitor and report income and expenses on a monthly basis and look for ways to control expenses.

We would like to recognize Rob

MacPherson for his years of leadership and welcome Fred Hoge as our new chair.

If you have any questions, suggestions, or comments for the FMT, please feel free to contact its chair, Fred Hoge. You can do so in person, by phone (610-357-8464), or email ([hogekf@verizon.net](mailto:hogekf@verizon.net)). You may also contact the church treasurer, Mary Hewes, by phone at 610-347-2327 or by email at [hewesmb@aol.com](mailto:hewesmb@aol.com).

*Remember the church  
in your will!*

## Deacon's Corner

As that special time of year comes for Our Risen Lord we will once again decorate the church with beautiful tulips and lilies! Please use the order form on the next page.

We have welcomed some new Deacons and some old familiar faces back to work in our church that we love and care so tenderly about.

If anyone has a concern that they feel they cannot bring

before the congregation, please contact one of the Deacons and share your concern or concerns so we can pray with you and for your concern and share with Pastor.

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Blessings to all from your Deacons!





## 2019 EASTER LILIES/TULIPS DEDICATIONS

*\*Return by April 14 \*Payment is due with order*

Unionville Presbyterian Church, 812 Wollaston Road, Kennett Square, PA 19348

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Lilies \$8.00 each/Tulips \$8.00 each)

# \_\_\_\_\_ In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

## 2019 BULLETIN DEDICATIONS

*\*payment is due with order*

Sunday Morning Service on \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$15/service)

In Honor/Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

## 2019 FLOWER DEDICATIONS

*\*payment is due with order*

Sunday Morning Service on \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Occasion of \_\_\_\_\_

Flowers: \$45 Mixed Bouquet \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor/Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Please donate to a shut-in (check here) \_\_\_\_\_



## Why Lent Is Better Than A New Year's Resolution

With Christmas cookies eaten, eggnog and cocoa drunk, and exercise forgotten, it is time to make our New Year's resolutions. If you are like me, you have the best of intentions – but keeping them is tough! I'll keep it real: I don't. My resolutions are always something I genuinely wanted to commit to badly, but between work and, you know, life, it just didn't happen.

Luckily, there's a chance for redemption in the near future! That chance is Ash Wednesday, March 6, this year. It marks the start of Lent, the 40-day period before Easter Sunday. During these 40 days, people often give up a certain habit as part of religious tradition, even though Lent is not mentioned in the Bible.

Let me tell you, Lent is a good deal. Why? Because observing Lent is a MUCH better way to make a resolution than the New Year.

Here are the reasons why:

1. It's realistic. When you make a resolution at the beginning of the year, you're assuming a lot about yourself for a long period of time. You're assuming you'll be physically and mentally up for certain tasks, during a period of time that spans multiple seasons. With Lent, on the other hand, you're making a commitment for just a month and some change. It's a period of time when the light at the end of the tunnel doesn't seem too far away. Accomplishing a successful Lent is much more within reach.
2. You get to make up for lost time. With Lent, you get a second chance at the resolution you should've been keeping. The best part about it?

There's no shame in starting over... because you have good reason. It's Lent! It's a tradition!<sup>3</sup>. You have extra motivation. No matter whether you're a super religious person or just not-so-religious, the idea of tying your ambition (the resolution) to a commitment to a higher power (which observing Lent means) is an awfully good motivator. It's one thing when you give up on yourself, but it's a whole other ball game when you feel like giving up is borderline sacrilegious. That feeling could be the difference between you going back to the gym the next day or staying at home.

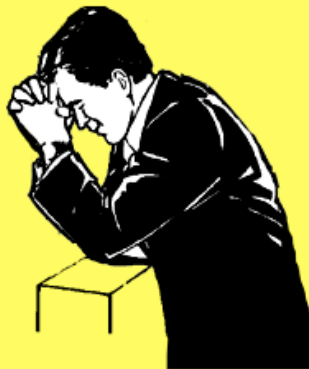
4. You can trick yourself. The beauty about Lent is when you combine the three elements mentioned above, you can sort of trick yourself into accomplishing a lofty goal you really wanted to achieve in the first place. Things you give up for Lent are often things you might think to do as New Year's resolutions, but you never actually tried to do them for 12 months because it was hard.

With Lent, you just might be in the 40-day period, thinking to yourself, "I can actually do this." Like I said, it's tricking yourself for a good cause.

Lent is amazing. When you combine the timing of it, the length and the opportunity to redeem yourself, it's clear observing Lent is like practicing a way better version of a New Year's resolution. Join us on Wednesday, March 6 at 7:00PM to begin the Lenten season with a short service that includes the imposition of ashes for those that wish them.

As much as I fought it, I've now found religion, so for Lent, let me give up...

...my New Year's resolutions. Amen.







## A Big Call to Action' on Mental Health

**Following a General Assembly overture, group meets to begin building networks for PC(USA) by Rich Copley | *Presbyterian News Service***

A committee charged with forming networks within the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to work with mental health issues held its first meetings at the Presbyterian Center in Louisville, Kentucky on Feb. 12-13. (Photo by Rich Copley)

LOUISVILLE — When Doug Beach's son suffered a mental breakdown on an overseas trip, he didn't know what to do.

"We could have used a lot more help," Beach said, recalling the event.

His church was supportive, but staff and clergy weren't familiar with the resources available to help people with mental health issues and their loved ones. Last week, Beach was part of a Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) initiative working to change that.

Doug Beach speaks to a committee charged with forming networks within the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to work with mental health issues. (Photo by Rich Copley)

On Feb. 12-13, more than 20 people with varying experiences with mental health and the church met at the Presbyterian Center in Louisville to begin work on an effort that began last summer when two Presbyterian churches in Texas brought an overture to the 223<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly in St. Louis to implement and potentially update "[Comfort My People: A Policy Statement on Serious Mental Illness](#)," which had been approved at the 218<sup>th</sup> General Assembly in 2008.

"It was someone from the pews who came to me and said, 'I need help,'" Rev. Josh Robinson of [Hope Presbyterian Church in Austin, Texas](#) said. "I've got this document called the 'Comfort My People' policy statement, and it has gone nowhere. It has good, robust items of action for us to embrace and to do, but I see no evidence that it's been deployed within our denomination or our church congregation."

The Rev. Josh Robinson speaks to a committee charged with forming networks within the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to work with mental health issues. (Photo by Rich Copley)

"Having read it, having studied it, I said, 'This is a great document. We can do these things. We don't need congressional approval. There are things here we can do.' So we started doing it, and two years later, after we had gotten started on our mental health ministry, I got somewhat frustrated and said, 'I don't know that it's going to make a big difference in the grand scheme of things in the life of the denomination.' And I said, 'Well, let's write an overture. Let's get the denomination to get re-excited about this.'"

Hope was joined by [Covenant Presbyterian Church](#) in San Antonio in bringing the overture to the General Assembly, where 20 presbyteries concurred. It was passed and included \$250,000 for grants.

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The group that met for the first time last week began work on four major goals, according to notes by group member Jason Whitehead:

- Launch of a church-wide network that is intentionally and purposefully diverse

- Establish a grant system (\$250,000) to provide grants to help implement actions in the 'Comfort My People' document

- Conduct a survey of presbyteries, seminaries, and churches

- Review/update the 'Comfort My People' document.

"It's one of the most important things PC(USA) can do because it speaks to all of us, whether we're in the pews or the pulpit," Beach said. "It speaks to our families, our communities, and I think we're called to reach out and comfort people and help support them, and we need to do more of that.

"This is a big call to action."

For Sara Lisherness, director the [Compassion, Peace & Justice ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency](#), the effort has been initiated exactly as it should: from congregations, and is focused as it should be, to equip congregations, pastors, mid-councils and seminaries as they respond compassionately to people with mental health issues in their communities.

Because mental health resources and policies vary widely between states and regions, Lisherness says it is particularly important that tackling the issue is a grassroots effort led by people with expertise in their communities.

"The folks gathered here are a force and an organization within themselves," Lisherness said of the group working at the Presbyterian Center. "We have come together to set a common vision, then to walk alongside these leaders as they make connections and build a network across the church."

To Lisherness, this is a good time to revisit "Comfort My People," as perspectives on mental health and issues have emerged and evolved in the last decade. Mental health, she points out, is an intersectional issue that touches many ministries in Compassion, Peace and Justice, crossing paths with societal concerns such as poverty and homelessness, post-traumatic stress syndrome resulting from war, other forms of violence, natural and human caused disasters, and suicide resulting from easy access to guns.

Debra Johnson of Roxbury, Mass., at left, suffered grief and trauma in 2010 when her son was murdered. She's now helping others deal with trauma. (Photo by Rich Copley)

Debra Johnson of Roxbury, Mass. experienced her own trauma when her son was murdered in 2010. She is now part of helping others deal with trauma at the Cory Johnson Program for Post-Traumatic Healing, based at the [Roxbury Presbyterian Church Social Impact Center](#).

At the center of the program is "Can We Talk?," Thursday night sessions featuring dinner, childcare and an open forum where people recovering from trauma can tell their stories.

"I myself have a story, and I have found that telling it has helped me a whole lot," Johnson said. "When I started the program, I was still in a dark place, and as time moves on, I could see a little shift. There's light filtering in."

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Colleen Sharka, a licensed mental health counselor and director of the Johnson program, says the effort extends beyond the sessions, helping people seeking services and trying to cope in other ways. She and Johnson were invited to be part of the group to share their experiences and learn from others.

“We’re sort of doing what they’re talking about here,” Sharka says. “We found a way — it’s one way, not the only way — for people to come to the doors of the church from the community at large.

“I hope we can be a resource to what’s happening here as well as part of the network.”

The Rev. Dan Milford, pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church in San Antonio, said that while it can be difficult, the job of the church is to “run into the chaos.” (Photo by Rich Copley)

The group engaged in brainstorming sessions as well as discussion of issues such as suicide awareness. Dan Milford, pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church in San Antonio, said suicide impacted his congregation when a 15-year-old boy took his own life. Two years later the father died by suicide.

While it’s a painful to deal with, Milford said, “That’s the job of the church of Jesus Christ: To run into the chaos.”

The group received an exhortation from the Rev. Dr. Diane Moffett, president and executive director of the [Presbyterian Mission Agency](#), who told participants the work they were doing is right in line with the [denomination’s focus on being a Matthew 25 church](#), based on Christ’s command to care for “the least of these.”

She said that after 32 years as a pastor she knows that mental illness is an issue churches are faced with all the time, “because of all the craziness in the world and systems we have set up. ... We make living hard.

“We are a Matthew 25 people, actively engaging in the world,” Moffett said. “You are blessed, you are blessing.”

The Rev. Amy Petré Hill is Minister of Mental Health and Inclusion Ministries at Mountain View United Church in Aurora, Colo. (Photo by Rich Copley)

Participation in the group was not limited to the Presbyterian Church. Rev. Amy Petré Hill, Minister of Mental Health and Inclusion Ministries at [Mountain View United Church](#) in Aurora, Colo., was ordained in the United Church of Christ. That denomination has already done work building mental health networks under the [WISE church initiative](#), meaning Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive and Engaged for Mental Health.

“All denominations should be supporting each other and sharing best practices,” said Hill, who was a disability rights attorney before going into ministry. “There should not be any silos, because we want everyone’s mental health inclusion to thrive.”

She said she was there to share with the group what the United Church of Christ has done and to learn from the PC(USA) ideas.

After a day of meetings, Hill observed, “This denomination does a wonderful job of thinking through, if we’re going to support a policy, we’re going to look at social science, we’re going to look at theology, we’re going to look at all of this to think through why we’re going to take the stand or the action we are taking.”

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# COMMUNITY

## Boy Scouts Conowingo Dam Trip (January 2019)

On the Weekend of January 18 to 20<sup>th</sup>, the Troop traveled



*Figure 1: Conowingo Dam Generator*

down to the town of Conowingo Maryland, where they stayed in a Girl Scout Camp facility and had Pizza for dinner on Friday night. On Saturday (following a breakfast of



*Figure 2 Introduction to Muddy Run Park*

boiled eggs, sausage, and pancakes) the Troop went to take a tour of Exelon's Conowingo Dam, where they learned about how the flow of water converts to useable energy. The Dam even included a ladder for eels to climb up since

they are not able to swim upstream because of the Dam. Instead, they are carried in trucks to be transported to different parts of the river. We also traveled to Muddy Run Observatory to learn about Astronomy. The Facility has 2 telescopes that study the activities of stars and plan-

ets. Afterwards, the troop returned to the facility to begin the Energy Merit Badge instructed by Ravi Ganti. We had tacos



*Figure 3; Warming up at iCore Fitness*

for dinner and played games. After packing up and leaving Sunday, the Group went to the Icore Fitness Gym to take on an "America Ninja Warrior" like-course, and to have plenty of fun there as well. Led by Coach Bryce, the Troop enjoyed many activities in the Gym such as the course, trampolines, a foam pit, and a challenging obstacle course.



*Figure 4; The troop at iCore Fitness*





*SPC Community Outreach Center, Erected 2014*

## **SHILOH Presbyterian Church Oxford**

### **PANCAKE & OMELET BREAKFAST March 9, 2019**



- Place:** SPC Community Outreach Center  
42 South Fifth Street, Oxford, PA
- Time:** 8:30 – 10:30 A.M.
- Donation:** Adults, \$7.00; Children (4–11),  
\$5.00; 3 years and under, free.  
Tickets are purchased at the door.
- Coordinators:** Sheila Bowers and Susan Ruffin

This Breakfast has been scheduled for the second Saturday every other month.  
Various items are included on the menu.

For information, please leave a message at the church office, 610-932-9256.

Thanks for your support. Happy St. Patrick's Day!!



## Mysteries of Medicare - Are You Enrolled in Medicare or Turning 65 Soon?

In either case, APPRISE, the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (“SHIP”) of Pennsylvania, can help you to understand your health care coverage options so you can make sound choices - both when new to Medicare and on an ongoing basis. APPRISE counselors are specially-trained volunteers who can answer questions about Medicare, Medigap plans, Medicare Advantage Plans, Medicare Prescription Plans, and more. Our services are confidential and unbiased. In Chester County, APPRISE operates under the Chester County Department of Aging Services. We are funded through the Administration for Community Living under the US Department of Health and Human Services.

Most people are overwhelmed by the deluge of information sent to them when they become Medicare eligible. A “Medicare 101” presentation provided by an APPRISE counselor can help you understand when and how to enroll and your options for coverage in addition to basic Medicare. Our services go beyond your initial enrollment; we can help you evaluate your coverage during the Annual Open Enrollment Period (AOEP), Oct 15 through Dec 7, help file an appeal if a claim is denied, help low income individuals apply for and navigate various assistance programs such as Medicaid and PACE, and generally answer your questions on Medicare and related health insurance. We offer one-on-one meetings with an APPRISE counselor at eleven convenient locations across Chester County (see below), and you can also contact us by phone (610-344-5004) and email ([appriseshesco@outlook.com](mailto:appriseshesco@outlook.com)). During AOEP we hold special counseling sessions at senior centers, libraries, and other locations.

Chester County APPRISE counseling locations and contact numbers:

Church of the Good Samaritan (Paoli)	610-344-6035
Coatesville Senior Center	610-383-6900
Downingtown Senior Center	610-269-3939
East Goshen Township	610-344-6035
Government Services Center (Westtown Road, West Chester)	610-344-6035
Kennett Area Senior Center	610-444-4819
Oxford Senior Center	610-932-5244
Phoenixville Senior Center	610-935-1515
Surrey Services for Seniors (Devon)	610-647-6404
West Chester Senior Center	610-431-4242
West Whiteland Township Building	610-344-6035

Kennett Township Police Department,  
in partnership with the Chester County  
Overdose Prevention Task Force  
Present:



# Opioid Epidemic Past, Present, Future

The presentation will cover the opioid epidemic in Chester County including how we got here, information on the life-saving drug Naloxone, and how to access treatment services in Chester County.

**Wednesday, March 13, 2019**

**7:00pm-8:30pm**

Kennett Township Municipal Building  
801 Burrows Run Rd, Chadds Ford, PA 19317

Questions? Contact Kate Genthert,  
[kgenthert@chesco.org](mailto:kgenthert@chesco.org)



# THE RED TENT

## Anita Diamant Conversation and Book Signing

MARCH  
23  
2019

7PM-9PM

Anita Diamant is coming to Beth Chaim on Saturday, March 23rd from 7-9 PM. Ms. Diamant will do a Q&A with the Rabbi, answer your questions and sign her books. Copies will be on hand and available for purchase. Dessert will follow the signing.

Ms. Diamant is the bestselling author of the *The Red Tent* and *The Boston Girl*. She has also written six nonfiction guides to contemporary Jewish life, including her most recent, *The Jewish Wedding Now*.

On Sunday, March 24th from 11 AM - 1 PM, Elsa Zukin will be hosting a tea for Anita in her elegant home. This tea has limited seating and offers a more intimate setting in which to speak with the author.

Please go to our website, [BethChaim.net](http://BethChaim.net) and then "Click Here for Tickets." Individual evening tickets cost \$36.00. Supporter and Patron levels of giving are listed.

Please invite your family, your friends and neighbors. All are welcome.

*Join us to support Beth Chaim!*



Also by the author:  
*Pitching My Tent*  
*Day After Night*  
*Good Harbor*  
*Living a Jewish Life*





# LOVING GOD

## From the Desk of the DCM

Dear Friends,

As I look forward to spring and Easter my heart is already singing on of my favorite songs and it is one for which I wait all



year: "Jesus Christ is Risen Today!" Whether I am singing by myself or with many voices the song just makes me feel like skipping with joy. Jesus is risen, our relationship restored and anything is possible! God fully loves and likes us.

During this Lenten Season, we will prepare the children for Easter Sunday using the Grace and Gratitude Curriculum, supplemented by lessons on people in the Bible. I've enjoyed Annalie's series on the people on the Bible and taking a closer look at their stories. What lessons do we see? Do we see ourselves? On the Sunday we studied Queen Esther, the children attended children's chat, watched the movie, colored a picture and we prayed to follow Queen Esther's example of bravery. When we finished our closing prayer, one of the Sun-

day school children said "Hey, we were just talking about being brave like the lady in the movie. We can do that." Sometimes the children are the best teachers. Certainly if they are willing to play with a new friend or share toy, I can look for opportunities to be brave too. Are there stories and relationships that would benefit from my being reminded that "Jesus Christ is Risen today?" How can I open the door for Jesus' love? This Lenten season I hope to find new ways to be brave, living with God's joy and believing with God anything is possible.

### Grace and Gratitude Spring Lessons:

March 3 "Listen to Jesus" Luke 9:28-36

March 10 "Who is my Neighbor" Luke 10:25-37

March 17 "Little to Big" Luke 13:18-31

March 24 "Part Time" Luke 14:15-24

March 31 "Lost and Found" Luke 15:1-10

April 7 "Welcome Home" Luke 15:11-32

April 14 "The King of Glory Comes" Luke 19:28-40

April 21 "He is Risen" Luke 24:1-12

April 28 "Our Eyes were Opened" Luke 24:13-35

### Serving Sundays:

On Serving Sundays children of all ages sign up to participate in the worship service by doing different jobs. These jobs include greeting and passing out bulletins, ringing the bell, acolyte, receiving the of-



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fering and being the worship leader. It's fun for the kids to try new activities and fun for the adults to see the kids. The children are so proud of themselves for their participation and love seeing everyone.

Following the worship service we join together and have an intergenerational service project that helps our local community. Watch your email to sign up to bring supplies for our project or sign children up for a job and participate in the worship service. Reminder: all children are invited to participate. This includes

neighbors, grandchildren, and visiting friends and relatives. If you miss the online sign up, please come. There are jobs for everyone.

March 31, 2019

April 28, 2019

Thank you for sharing your children with us.

Please call or text me with any questions, Lizabeth 484-880-6505



# LOVING NEIGHBORS

## Mission/Outreach - Mark Your Calendar

The Mission/Outreach Ministry Team has scheduled a number of events to help support several local charities. Please mark your calendars for the following:

Bake Sales will be held on Sunday March 3 at 10:00 a.m. and Sunday, April 7 at 10:00 a.m. Proceeds will benefit this year's Rise Against Hunger event.



The Pinto Bean and Rice sale is coming once again on



Food We've already done the shopping for you. Just buy the

March 10th and 17th to benefit the Kennett Cupboard.

packages of rice and/or pinto beans from the display in the Narthex that you want to donate, drop them in the basket and help feed your neighbors a healthy meal in their time of need. And always, watch for those UPC Specials!

The next Outgrown Sale will be held April 4-6.



More information will be in the bulletin as the time

gets closer. Please check your closets for outgrown children's clothes to donate.

UPC is once again joining forces with Bethany Presbyterian Church for a Rise Against Hunger (formerly Stop Hunger Now) food packaging event on April 28th at Bethany Presbyterian Church from 1:00-3:00 p.m. This is a fun event for all ages and abilities. More details will be coming in future church bulletins.



## Rise Against Hunger

**Meal Packaging Event : April 28, 2019 at Bethany Presbyterian Church;  
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.**

Here are a few notes to help you prepare for your event:

- \* Please wear comfortable clothing and shoes.
- \* Rise Against Hunger strives to meet all food safety and quality guidelines. Please wear a baseball cap if you have one. If not, hairnets will be provided at the event.
- \* Please leave watches and loose, dangling jewelry at home. Plain bands such as wedding bands are OK.
- \* We ask that you do not attend if you have had a fever or intestinal illness 24 hours before the event.

For directions, visit the event home page here:

<http://events.stophungernow.org/BethanyPC>

Thank you for joining the movement to create a world with zero hunger — we'll see you soon! For more information, please visit [www.riseagainsthunger.org](http://www.riseagainsthunger.org).

We invite you to continue to support our mission of ending hunger by 2030 by [donating now](#). Every gift makes a difference in the lives of people facing food insecurity around the world.

Gratefully,

Rise Against Hunger

*Together we*



## Ministry Teams 2019

### Building and Grounds – Elders Curt McCray and Michael King

**Matthew 7:24-27:** “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. <sup>25</sup>The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock.

<sup>26</sup>And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand.

<sup>27</sup>The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!”

### Discipleship – Reverend Annalie (Adult) and Elder Greg Permar (Children)

**Matthew 28:18-20:** And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

### Evangelism/PR – Elders Brooke Wren and Michael King

**Matthew 5:14-16:** <sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lamp stand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

### Family Promise – Elder Karen Wells (resting)

**Isaiah 58:7:** “Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?”

### Fellowship – Elder Carol Buckley

**Matthew 18:20:** “For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

### Finance – Elder Fred Hoge

**Luke 14:28:** <sup>28</sup>For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it?

### Historical Preservation – Elder Susan Minarchi

**Job 8:8-9:** “For inquire now of bygone generations, and consider what their ancestors have found; <sup>9</sup>for we are but of yesterday, and we know nothing, for our days on earth are but a shadow

### Memorial Gifts – Elder Fred Hoge

**Matthew 6:19-21:** “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; <sup>20</sup>but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

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### Mission – Elder Carol Buckley

**Hebrews 10:24:** And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds.

### Nominating – Elders Curt McCray and JR Nelson

**I Peter 4:10-11:** Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. <sup>11</sup>Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

### Personnel – Elder Michael King

**Romans 13:1:** Let every person be subject to

the governing authorities; for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God.

### Stewardship – Elder Greg Permar

**II Corinthians 9:6-7:** The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup>Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

### Worship – Elder Curt McCray

**Luke 4:8:** Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”

## Leadership of Unionville Presbyterian Church

### ELDERS

Moderator: Rev. Annalie Korengel

Clerk of Session: Sue Minarchi

#### Class of 2019

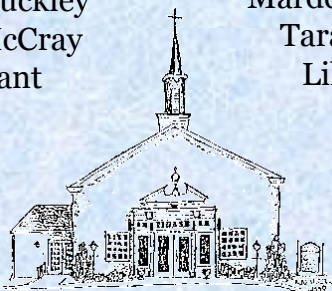
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Curt McCray  
vacant

#### Class of 2021

Fred Hoge  
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and Kay Dunkle

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#### Class of 2021

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Secretary: Judy Krug

Financial Secretary/ Treasurer: Mary Hewes

Director of Music Ministry: Bill Johnson


Nursery Attendant: Olivia Finkey



# MARCH 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 AA 7:00	2
3 COMMUNION Worship 9:00 Discipleship 9:00 Bake Sale 10:00 Rice/Beans Sale	4	5 Choir 7:00	6 Adult Study 9:30 ✠ Ash Wednesday 7:00	7 LIFE 9:30 Adult Study 7:00	8 AA 7:00	9
10 Daylight Savings Begins Worship 9:00 Discipleship 9:00	11 Finance 10:00	12 Choir 7:00	13 Adult Study 9:30 If Love Was Enough 7:30	14 LIFE 9:30 Adult Study 7:00	15 AA 7:00	16
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24 SERVING SUNDAY Worship 9:00 Discipleship 9:00 →	25 Session 7:00	26 Choir 7:00	27 Adult Study 9:30 Prayer/Praise 3:30	28 LIFE 9:30 Adult Study 7:00	29 AA 7:00	30 Outgrown Sale Setup
31 Worship 9:00 Discipleship 9:00						

# April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Handbells 6:15 Choir 7:00	3 Adult Study 9:30	4 LIFE 9:30 Outgrown Sale 5:00-7 Adult Study 7:00	5 Outgrown Sale 5:00-7 AA 7:00	6 Outgrown Sale 8:00-10
7 COMMUNION Worship 9:00 Discipleship 9:00 Bake Sale 10:00	8 Finance 10:00	9 Handbells 6:15 Choir 7:00	10 Adult Study 9:30 If Love Was Enough 7:30	11 LIFE 9:30 Adult Study 7:00	12 AA 7:00	13 Easter Egg Hunt 4:00
14 PALM SUNDAY Worship 9:00 Discipleship 9:00 	15	16 Handbells 6:15 Choir 7:00	17 Adult Study 9:30	18 LIFE 9:30 Maundy Thurs Service 7:00 	19 Prayer Vigil 12-3 AA 7:00 	20
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**You are invited to UPC for the 2019 Lenten Season:**

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

Palm Sunday, April 14 - Worship Service 9:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 18 - Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 19 - Prayer Vigil 12 noon - 3:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 21 - Sunrise Service 6:00 a.m.

Easter Cantata 9:00 a.m.

# Lent

