

The Salt Shaker

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF DANVILLE

March 2020

PASTOR'S CORNER

The season of Lent is upon us! Beginning on Ash Wednesday (February 26 this year), Lent is the period of 40 days before Easter Sunday that many Christians use as a time to renew and strengthen their faith as they prepare for the holiest of Christian days.

Historically, this was the time new believers were mentored in the faith, preparing for their baptisms. The idea of giving something up for Lent came out of this tradition, when fasting was used to raise one's spiritual consciousness and empty oneself before God. Fasting or giving up something for Lent can be a good way to explore a deeper expression of faith, if it is not just for show.

You may find it meaningful to give something up for Lent, but it is not required. Some may find a more valuable spiritual exercise in taking something on during Lent—a more Christ-like attitude toward others, a humble spirit at work, or a feeling of gratitude in the midst of scarcity.

If you decide to fast from something like screen time (television, Facebook, Instagram), consider how you might spend that time feasting on something else. Could you use that extra hour to have a conversation with your spouse or to read to a child or grandchild? Could you use that hour to journal or to sit in silence?

If you are looking for something to feast on this year, consider these options:

- 1. Provide personal care items for disaster assistance kits that Presbyterian Disaster Assistance will make available to victims of natural disaster around the globe. Check out the table in Fellowship Hall for examples. Additional information can be found on page 6.
- 2. Feast on the Presbyterians Today 2020 Lenten Devotional, Becoming a Beloved Community: A Matthew 25 journey to the cross. Additional information can be found on page 5.
- 3. Feast on the Presbyterian Hunger Program 2020 Lenten Devotional, Tread Lightly for Lent, which encourages sustainable choices that restore and protect all of God's children and creation. We have hard copies at church or you can access it on-line at https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/tread-lightly-for-lent-2020/
- 4. Feast on one practice for each day using 40 Simples Practices for Lent from Sarah Bessey: https://sarahbessey.substack.com/p/40-simple-practices-for-lent?fbclid=IwAR3a15P1onP1WFFXLGY-DDn-sKG8-0rWVaxqIWqbdE8-EdyKxC-t0HxEkQI

However you decide to renew and strengthen your faith during this Lenten season, blessings on your journey!

Caroline

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Don't miss a special Music on Main Street concert on March 8 at 3pm!



Danville native Lydia Graham will perform her senior recital that will be given at The Juilliard School NYC later this spring.



A reception will follow, and the concert is free and open to the public. All are welcome.

LEGACY FUND NOTEBOOK

We recently had Reverend Mamisoa Rakotomalala from Madagascar preach at our church. Our church has a long history of supporting missionaries and mission around the world. We never know where the word will be spreading in the future and in what form. Currently through World Mission we support ministries not only in Madagascar but also directly in India, the Congo, South Sudan, the ZOA project in Africa and in a host of countries through KIVA.

The Legacy Fund Endowment will continue to allow those who wish to support foreign ministry with a stable source of income for years to come as our World Mission Committee sees fit in the future. Don Porter is available on Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m. until noon at the church or by appointment. 859-324-5020 or dwporter2@bellsouth.net.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR SPRING EVENTS!

Parents Night Out – Friday, March 13, 5:30-9:00 p.m.

Spring Fling – Wednesday, April 22, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Godly Play Closing – Sunday, May 3, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Wednesday Night Fellowship Closing – Wednesday, May 13, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

EASTER EGGS AND CANDY NEEDED

The Children's Formation Committee would appreciate your donations of plastic Easter eggs and/or wrapped candy (no nuts, please!) for our annual egg hunt on Easter Sunday. Please place them in the box in Fellowship Hall by Sunday, March 29. Thank you!!



The TV in fellowship hall is down for repairs. Worship Services will not be broadcast until further notice.

Sunday, March 1

First Sunday in Lent

8:30 AM Worship with Eucharist

9:30 AM Christian Formation for All Ages

11:00 AM Worship with Eucharist

5:15 PM DYC at First Christian

Monday, March 2

9:00 AM GED classes

10:00 AM AA Meeting

2:00 PM Home School Spanish

6:30 PM Stephen Ministry Cont. Ed.

"Ministering to Persons Needing Long Term Care"

Tuesday, March 3

9:00 AM GED classes

12:30 PM Worship Staff Meeting

3:00 PM After School Tutoring

6:00 PM World Mission

Wednesday, March 4

7:15 AM High School Devotions

9:00 AM GED classes

9:30 AM Beginning Yoga

10:00 AM AA Meeting

12:30 PM Garden Club Mtg

2:00 PM Hammered Dulcimers

5:30 PM Wednesday Night Fellowship

6:00 PM Bell Choir

7:00 PM Choir

Thursday, March 5

9:00 AM GED classes

10:30 AM Bible Study

12:00 PM Budget and Finance

1:00 PM Home School Latin and Spanish

3:00 PM After School Tutoring

6:00 PM NAMI

Friday, March 6

World Day of Prayer

10:00 AM AA Meeting

Saturday, March 7

Sunday, March 8

Second Sunday in Lent

Daylight-Saving Time Begins

8:30 AM Worship with Eucharist 9:30 AM Christian Formation for All Ages

11:00 AM Worship

3:00 PM McDowell Place Worship Service

3:00 PM Music on Main Street

5:15 PM DYC at First Christian

Monday, March 9

9:00 AM GED classes

10:00 AM AA Meeting

2:00 PM Home School Spanish

Tuesday, March 10

9:00 AM GED classes

9:30 AM Women's Book Study

12:30 PM Worship Staff Meeting

3:00 PM After School Tutoring

7:00 PM Session Meeting

7:30 PM Norton Center Event

Wednesday, March 11

10:00 AM AA Meeting

5:30 PM Wednesday Night Fellowship

6:00 PM Bell Choir

7:00 PM Choir

Thursday, March 12

9:00 AM GED classes

10:30 AM Bible Study

3:00 PM After School Tutoring

6:00 PM NAMI

5:30 PM Parents Night Out

Saturday, March 14

8:30 AM Soups On Us

Sunday, March 15

Third Sunday in Lent

9:30 AM Christian Formation for All Ages

11:00 AM Worship

5:15 PM DYC at First Christian

Monday, March 16

10:00 AM AA Meeting

2:00 PM Home School Spanish

"Ministering to Persons Needing Long Term

Tuesday, March 17

St. Patrick's Day

12:30 PM Worship Staff Meeting

3:00 PM After School Tutoring

Wednesday, March 18

7:15 AM High School Devotions

9:00 AM GED classes

9:00 AM Stephen Leaders

9:30 AM Beginning Yoga

10:00 AM AA Meeting

2:00 PM Hammered Dulcimers

5:30 PM Wednesday Night Fellowship

6:00 PM Bell Choir

7:00 PM Choir

Thursday, March 19

First Day of Spring

1:00 PM Home School Latin and Spanish

3:00 PM After School Tutoring

5:15 PM Arnold Tower—Session

6:00 PM NAMI

Friday, March 20

10:00 AM AA Meeting

Saturday, March 21

Sunday, March 22

Fourth Sunday in Lent

8:30 AM Worship with Eucharist

9:30 AM Christian Formation for All Ages

11:00 AM Worship

5:15 PM DYC at First Christian

6:30 PM New Member Dinner

Monday, March 23

9:00 AM GED classes

10:00 AM AA Meeting

2:00 PM Home School Spanish

Tuesday, March 24

9:00 AM GED classes

12:30 PM Worship Staff Meeting

Wednesday, March 25

7:15 AM High School Devotions

9:00 AM GED classes

9:30 AM Beginning Yoga

10:00 AM AA Meeting

1:00 PM Staff Meeting

2:00 PM Hammered Dulcimers

5:30 PM Wednesday Night Fellowship

6:00 PM Bell Choir

7:00 PM Choir

Thursday, March 26

9:00 AM GED classes

10:30 AM Bible Study 6:00 PM NAMI

Friday, March 27 10:00 AM AA Meeting

Saturday, March 28

Sunday, March 29

Fifth Sunday in Lent

8:30 AM Worship with Eucharist

9:30 AM Christian Formation for All Ages

11:00 AM Worship 5:15 PM DYC at First Christian

Monday, March 30

9:00 AM GED classes

10:00 AM AA Meeting 2:00 PM Home School Spanish

Tuesday, March 31

9:00 AM GED classes

12:30 PM Worship Staff Meeting 3:00 PM After School Tutoring



7:15 AM High School Devotions

9:00 AM GED classes

9:30 AM Beginning Yoga

1:00 PM Staff Meeting

2:00 PM Hammered Dulcimers

Friday, March 13

10:00 AM AA Meeting

8:30 AM Worship with Eucharist

9:00 AM GED classes

6:30 PM Stephen Ministry Cont. Ed.

9:00 AM GED classes

7:00 PM Local Mission

9:00 AM GED classes

10:30 AM Bible Study

SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

Sunday, March 1 (8:30 a.m.)

Ruling Elder of the Week: Alice Davis

Liturgist: Sara Egge

Communion Preparers: Dudley and Mary

Spoonamore

Ushers: Don and Nancy Porter

Sunday, March 1 (11:00 a.m.)

Deacon of the Week: Beth Leahey

Liturgist: Tara Strauch

Ushers: Bo Smith, Rebecca Miles, Jamey and

Beth Leahey

Greeter: Elspeth Cobb Nursery: Molly Boyd

Communion Preparers: Bill and Mary Beth

Garriott

Communion Servers: Adam Wade, Karen Moore, Susan Matherly, Eric Smith, Jim Moore, Kathy Howells, Greg Caudill, Mary Jane Nelson

and Patsi Trollinger

Sunday, March 8 (8:30 a.m.)

Ruling Elder of the Week: Greg Caudill

Liturgist: Mark Tibbles

Communion Preparers: Cole Miller and Jackie

Stigall

Ushers: Don and Nancy Porter

Sunday, March 8 (11:00 a.m.)

Deacon of the Week: Kathy Howells

Liturgist: Youth

Ushers: Bo Smith, Karl Benson and Rebecca

Miles

Greeter: Elspeth Cobb

Nursery: Sid and Katie Beth Woolcott

Sunday, March 15 (8:30 a.m.)

Ruling Elder of the Week: John Lacy

Liturgist: Dale Kihlman

Communion Preparers: Dale and Shan Kihlman

Ushers: Don and Nancy Porter

Sunday, March 15 (11:00 a.m.)

Ruling Elder of the Week: Jim Boyd

Liturgist:

Ushers: Jim Mooney, Jamey and Beth Leahey

Greeter: Elspeth Cobb Nursery: Tara Strauch

Sunday, March 22 (8:30 a.m.)

Ruling Elder of the Week: John Lacy

Liturgist: Harold McKinney

Communion Preparers: Ed and Denise Rall

Ushers: Don and Nancy Porter

Sunday, March 22 (11:00 a.m.)

Deacon of the Week: Bo Smith

Liturgist:

Ushers: Frank and Laura Russell

Greeter: Elspeth Cobb Nursery: Laurie Pierce

Sunday, March 29 (8:30 a.m.)

Ruling Elder of the Week: Mary Covell

Liturgist:

Communion Preparers: Don and Nancy Porter

Ushers: Don and Nancy Porter

Sunday, March 29 (11:00 a.m.)

Ruling Elder of the Week: Peggy Tudor

Liturgist:

Ushers: Karl Benson Greeter: Elspeth Cobb Nursery: Tom Quilligan

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Larry Cullen
Janelle Dishman
Dan Elkin
Ann Erwin
Jo Ann Fischer
Nancy Gower
Judith Pointer Jia
Jane Love

Frances Nido
Jackie Owens
John Rodes
Jean Smith
Kila Tripp (Janelle Dishman's Granddaughter)
And those unnamed



Gerry Jackson November 22, 1937— February 14, 2020

TAKE A MOMENT TO REFLECT THIS LENTEN SEASON...

Becoming a Beloved Community: A Matthew 25 journey to the cross

This year's Lenten devotional invites us on a thought-provoking journey to see firsthand how Jesus' words to "feed the hungry" and "clothe the naked" still change lives today.

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. spoke of "beloved community" to describe a society where everyone has their needs met. In "Becoming a Beloved Community," we discover how needs are met when selfless love breaks down racial barriers, gives voice to the voiceless and feeds hungry hearts, souls and bodies. Readers are treated to beautiful ancient Christian mosaics throughout the devotional. Just the way mosaics are constructed, we are invited to reflect on how our little tile piece could be added to contribute another dimension to the beloved community where we live.

Lenten devotionals are available in the lobby, narthex and connector.

Journey to the Cross

This devotional experience, written especially for students (but wonderful for adults, too!), seeks to provide reflections on themes that impact our faith journey. The devotionals are written by ministers, professors, students, teachers and missionaries, and accompanied by instrumental music. It is a collaborative project of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, the Presbyterian Mission Agency and the Episcopal Church. To sign up for daily emails click here or go to https://d365.org/subscribe-journey-cross/

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

We need volunteers for Children's Church! Children's Church takes place during the 11:00 a.m. service. Following the Time with the Young Disciples, children go out to the Fellowship Hall, where they learn a Bible verse and do a craft or other activity. They return to the sanctuary during the hymn after the sermon, and they can choose to return to their parents or sit in the front pew for the remainder of the service. Volunteers would take the children out, supervise the activity, and sit with them in the front pew. There are a couple Centre students to help as well. Please contact Amy Wilson if you are willing to volunteer for a Sunday.

GODLY PLAY

We are looking for doorpersons for Godly Play next year! Godly Play is our Sunday School program for children ages $3-5^{th}$ grade. We meet upstairs from 9:30-10:30 a.m. each Sunday. The doorperson welcomes the children to the classroom, helps the storyteller during response time and the feast, and dismisses the children after they receive a blessing. The time commitment is about one hour for 1 or 2 Sundays per month. Please contact Amy Wilson if you are interested. We can arrange for you to observe a class before you make a decision.

SUNDAY MORNING BOOK STUDY

On March 1, the **Adult Book Study class** will return to Roger Bullard's *Messiah: The Gospel according to Handel's Oratorio* for its Lenten read. The class meets on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in Room 122. Need the book? Contact Bill Garriott or call the church office.

APCE

During the last week of January, I once again had the wonderful opportunity to attend the APCE annual conference. APCE is the Association of Presbyterian Church Educators, and it has members all around the world. This year several hundred educators gathered in Little Rock, AR to attend workshops and plenaries, to worship together, and to learn from each other.

I chose four workshops called Family Faith Formation, Faith Formation in a Box, From Chaos to Clarity, and What Happens at Home. In these classes, I learned more about equipping families to do faith formation at home. Did you know that the church only sees your child for about 40 hours per year, while you at home have around 3000 hours? This statistic is from the ReThink Group, and I think it really shows us that it does take a whole village to raise and educate our children. We need to work together to teach our children about God's love for them.

I have several ideas that I would like to try over the next year, and I would love it if you would let me know how they work (or don't work) for your family.

APCE also provided some awesome experiences outside of the workshops. They held a reception for us at the Clinton Presidential Library, and they brought in a guest speaker, Elizabeth Eckford, who is one of the Little Rock Nine. Her story of bravery as she faced an angry mob every day on the way to school left me awestruck. I thank you all for allowing me to attend this amazing conference each year.

Blessings,

Amy Wilson

MISSION

DISASTER KITS

During the upcoming Lenten season, a time usually associated with "giving UP something", your World and Local mission committees are encouraging you to "give TO something". Specifically, we are asking you to contribute items to make up disaster preparedness hygiene kits that will be sent to the PCUSA disaster headquarters, to be on hand when a natural disaster strikes. The items requested are very specific – things like soap and toothbrushes – and you'll find samples



of the requested items on a table in fellowship hall, with instructions about what is needed.



When disasters strike, we often feel powerless to help. This project gives us a way to offer tangible and useful assistance to victims of those tragedies. Our congregation is joining with many other Presbyterian churches across the state with a goal of several thousand disaster hygiene kits.

Please consider this as one of our congregational efforts as we begin the Lenten journey together. Thank you.

PANTRY PROJECT

Did you know that protein is one of the most requested food groups at food pantries, yet is the least donated? The Pantry Project will be collecting protein-rich foods for March. Items needed include tuna, salmon, canned meats, nuts, canned or dried beans, lentils, oatmeal, peanut butter, shelf stable milk or milk alternatives (such as almond or soy milk), boxed pre-cooked bacon, canned soups with meat, and broth. Please drop off items in the containers in Fellowship Hall or the Walnut Street lobby. Thank you!

INTRODUCING OUR MISSION PARTNERS



Mission co-workers Nancy & Shelvis Smith-Mather are engaged in reconciliation and peacemaking in South Sudan. With a decade of experience gained during Sudan's turbulent years of civil war, they know well the challenges facing this new nation.

Read more about Shelvis & Nancy in an article from Presbyterian News Service by Kathy Melvin.

FEBRUARY HAPPENINGS



Mardi Gras Fun

February 19, 2020









Jean, thank you for the 35 years of service and dedication!



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