



NORTH LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER



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From the Pastor's Desk

Lenten greetings, brothers & sisters.

On Wednesday, (March 2nd — Ash Wednesday) we enter into the annual forty day period of contemplation on our Savior's earthly ministry and sacrificial death. It is an age-old process designed to mirror the Lord's 40 day wilderness seclusion and period of temptation.

During this season we are called to reflect on our own lives of faith and the ways in which we live that out in the world around us — or the ways in which we fail to do so. This time is supposed to provide us with both individual and common opportunities to contemplate our relationship with the Triune God Who created, redeemed and sustains us.

As we do so this year, we engage this process at the outbreak of the first European land-war since 1945. It is a conflict that threatens to overflow the borders of Ukraine and Russia very quickly. At home, we face a divided popular opinion that cannot decide between interventionism or isolationism. Again, this mirrors the American popular sentiments of 1939 thru December 1941.

Life may well get difficult and strained for quite some time to come, and all of us will face those challenges. The question will become, "How do we face those challenges as Christians in the second decade of the 21st Century?"

As we engage those realities and those questions, we should engage the Scriptures in a particular way that reinforces and refines what we do know about the Gospel, corrects our misunderstandings and re-focuses that renewed understanding upon our real world lives in the face of difficult circumstances, great joys and perpetual questions and frustrations.

In essence, this annual quest is nothing more, nor less, than a more intentional period of prayer, study and reflection than what we should already be engaged upon every day. It is the struggle to focus our Christian lives and to reacquire ourselves with what it means to be Christian. Questions 1 and 32 of the Heidelberg Catechism frames and answers precisely that question and challenge in the following way:

Q 1: What is my only comfort, in life and in death?

Q 1: That I belong — body and soul, in life and in death — not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him."

Q 32: But why are you called a Christian?

A 32: Because I am a member of Christ by faith, and thus am partaker of his anointing; that so I may confess his name, and present myself a living sacrifice of thankfulness to him: and also

that with a free and good conscience I may fight sin and Satan in this life and afterwards reign with him eternally over all creatures.

Let us embrace this continuing struggle this year and boldly engage this journey together — whether we face the fears of our earthly transience and mortality, or our fears of a more global struggle — let us do it in love for God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and for each other as those whom God has made in His own image. Let us contemplate the love of God for us in the sacrifice of His Son on our account and look forward to the celebration of His Resurrection.

Grace & Peace in Christ Jesus our Lord!



Pastor Rusty+



SESSION REPORT:

Regular Meeting of Session
February 11, 2022 || 6:00 pm
North Liberty Presbyterian Church

Elders Present:

Michele Bonnici, Sarah Coulter, John Hemmerlin, Joyce Youshock, Janice McElhinny and Gerry Sankey.

Moderator: Rev. Albert Stuart; Treasurer: Deb Hartman-ABSENT, Deacon & Trustee: Allen Fleming

Moderator-Rev. Stuart opened the meeting with prayer.

Deacons report: Allen advised the had a meeting and reorganized as follows:

Moderator: Allen Fleming Committees: Worship: Kathy Schultz
Vice-Moderator: Bob Carothers House: Bev Uber
Secretary: Dorry Sankey Christian Ed: Dorry Sankey
Treasurer: Kathy Schultz Friends of the Carpenter: Allen F & Bob C.
Mission/Ministries: Diana Stiles
Nominating: Bob Carothers

Trustees Report: Allen advised Ice Melt Box not working; Received timer for lights on Portico;
Discussion held on expense-repairs of back steps; purchased 2 new flags to install in Spring.

Treasure's Offering Count Sheet: March: Janice and Sarah, April: Allen, Gerry

Treasurer's Report: Deb stated the January income was down, expenses not covered.
Need to put an article in the Newsletter concerning this status.

Audit of books completed and passed. Will review at Congregational Meeting on Sunday, Feb. 20th 2022.

Business:

MOTION MADE, SECONDED, PASSED approved Session Minutes from 1/13/22 meeting.

Member Concerns and Review:

- Rusty to prepare Letter of Transfer for John Stoops to Meridan ECO Church, Butler, PA.
- Evelyn Koprivnikar in Mercy Hospital with Brain Tumor, Rusty and Tom to visit, speak with Dr. on Sat.
- Carole Augostine, Church Secretary in Butler Hospital with kidney stones & Abscess
- Carolyn Rizza still recovering from 2nd bout with COVID.
- Cathy Hemmerlin had the cast removed from foot surgery and now in boot.
- David Dunkerly had scans and as of now NO CANCER IN 6 wks new scans taken

Correspondence and Concerns: NONE

Communion on 2/27/22: Gerry to take care of the wine, Janice will take care of bread.

Worship & Ministry plan due to COVID issues: Will continue the same, NO issues at this time.

Old Business:

- a. We received \$1,000 from All Good Things that needs to be designated at the March meeting.
- b. Check with Debby if sent a Thank You note to All Good Things
- c. Memorial Fund monies need to be designated at the March Meeting.
- d. Past Session notebooks need to be signed.

New Business:

- a. Delegates for Feb. 22, 2022 Presbytery meeting via Zoom is Sarah and John. If going in person it's at 6:30pm at Trinity Church in Mercer, PA.
- b. MOTION MADE, 2ND, PASSED
- c. to approve Clerk's Statistical Report for 2021, for the Presbytery Website.
- d. Annual congregational meeting is Sunday, 2/20/22 after church service. Will review reports, answer any questions and accept the Auditors Report.

Committee reports:

Christian Ed: Joyce advised will meet on Monday 2/14/22 at 1pm at the church.

Mission: Sarah advised Ham Loaf sale 3/25, 1lb loaf-\$5.00, 2 lb loaf \$10.00

Worship: Janice Will meet Tues, 2/15/22, 8pm.at after choir practice concerning Lent.

Nominating: Gerry & Michele: NONE

House: John: Request from Emily Campbell

MOTION MADE, 2ND & PASSED, for 3/19 use Fellowship Hall/Kitchen for Maddox birthday party.

Pastor's Report:

- Will have a Confirmation Class for Amanda Petroff, Deckoda Hemmerlin, Lorna Carothers.
- Rusty & Rev. Morse did a funeral service for Martha Dunlap/ Rev. Mahaffey did Joan Dickey's funeral.
- Rusty has made telephone calls, answers emails, texts, phone calls.
- Rusty has been doing some of the Secretary's work along with Karen Carothers since Carole in hospital.

Announcement: Next regular session meeting for March to be decided due to work schedules, John will advise by email.

Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, 2/20/22 at NOON.

MOTION MADE, 2ND PASSED to adjourn the meeting with prayer led by Pastor Rusty.

Joyce Youshock, Recording Clerk

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S NEWS

"Lent is the season in which we ought to be surprised by joy. Our self-sacrifices serve no purpose unless, by laying aside this or that desire, we are able to focus on our heart's deepest longing: unity with Christ. In Him-- in His suffering and death, His resurrection and triumph, we find our truest joy."

Bread and Wine: Readings for Lent and Easter

March 3, Circle Meetings: AM – 10:30 PM – 12:30

What Our Grandmothers Taught Us: Lesson 2 Tamar

You are invited to bring a picture of your grandparents wedding or one of your own wedding.

March 21 North Liberty Spring Gathering: 7:00 PM

A business meeting including the dedication of the "Least Coin."

Speaker: Theresa Betz speaks on Genealogy.

Together in Service:

Grove Manor received 850 Valentine's cards and messages and thanks all who participated! Jackie Bowser, whose birthday was Valentine's Day received 65+ birthday cards for her 80th Birthday.

Joy box collections for February have gone well and only needed for the February contributions at this point are six sets of boys hats and gloves. Thank you to those who have contributed. March items requested are socks.

The red, white and pink Valentine's Bags for College Students have been distributed to our students or their families, and a large number have also been delivered to Bob's Cupboard at the SRU McCoskey Center.

March items requested for Bob's Cupboard are fruits and vegetables.

Another work day for cleaning and bagging shoes and working on mats has been set for Thursday, March 10 from 10 to 12 with lunch.

The mission trip to the Dominican Republic this March is asking for donations of: toothbrush, toothpaste, disposable sanitary napkins, small towels, underwear, shorts bathing soap and/or cash contributions with envelope marked DR.



Who Was St. Patrick?

Around 1,600 years ago a man dedicated his life to proclaiming the gospel, resulting in tens of thousands coming to faith in Christ. Patrick, who was never canonized by the Catholic Church, was born to a wealthy family in AD 387 in Kilpatrick, Scotland. His real name was Maewyn Succat. It was his extensive missionary work in Ireland for which Patrick is famous. During the thirty years of work there, he supposedly converted over 135,000 people, established 300 churches, and consecrated 350 bishops.

History records that Saint Patrick, at the age of sixteen, was captured by Irish raiders and spent several years as a slave in Ireland. It was during this time that he learned the various rituals, customs, and languages of Druids, and it was these people that he eventually evangelized and was able to build a strong foundation for Christianity. The Irish people were receptive to his teachings, especially in light of the fact that he was able to take several of their Celtic symbols and "Christianize" them. The most well-known of Patrick's illustrations is the shamrock, a certain type of clover sacred to the Druids, which he used as a symbol of the Trinity. Patrick died on March 17, 461 AD. For over a millennium, the Irish have celebrated St. Patrick's Day on March 17th.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS:

Christian Education Minutes

February 14, 2022

1:00 pm at church

Present: Joyce Youshock, Chairperson & Session & Adult Supt;
Dorry Sankey, Deacon & Childrens Supt.
Susan Black, representing PW
Pastor Rusty

Absent: Becky Dunkerly, representing the Congregation.

Devotion: Joyce read scripture from I Corinthians 13:13

Prayer: Pastor Rusty opened the meeting with prayer

Children's S.S. Dept.:

- Dorry will give Gretta and Abbey website to review material of "Holly Molly, thru Sparkhouse or Cokesberry.
- Dorry ordered small books for Easter and will distribute them at church and some in the neighborhood

Confirmation Class:

- Pastory Rusty will tentatively start on 3/13 and last 1 yr. || Students are: Amanda Petroff, Deckoda Hemmerlin, and Lorna Carothers.

Adult S.S: Kitchen Class continues to watch Video on 23rd Psalm, will try and get more people to attend.

Learner's Fellowship: Nina Cooper, John Hemmerlin

College Students:

- Sue Black made Valentine's Day bags with cards, candy and Bev Uber purchased popcorn for the bags..12 church college students and 18 students at SRU Bob's Food Cupboard.
- March: Sue, Dorry, Joyce will make a snack mix for St. Patrick's Day for college students

Presbyterian Women:

Sue presented a new Bible Study entitled: "What My Grandmothers Taught Me, Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus"

3/21/22 will have a speaker, Theresa Betz speaking on Genealogy.

Lenten Bible Study:

- Pastor Rusty will hold a Soup and Bible Study every Wednesday in March starting 3/2,9,16,23,30
- Sue has 2 crock pots of soup volunteered (will need 1 more) and a cake, she purchased placemats, cups.

Next Meeting: APRIL 11 AT 1:00PM at the church.

Sue Black closed the meeting with prayer.

Joyce Youshock-Chairperson

WORSHIP COMMITTEE:

Lenten Activities:

- Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd, with Soup & Study which will begin at 6:⁰⁰PM. These soup suppers and studies will continue on Wednesday evening throughout the Lenten Season.
- As COVID restriction have come down, and we are returning, again, to more normal lives, we will again be holding the Passover Seder Meal with the Lord's Supper. There will be a form in the April Newsletter to reserve spots for the observance. It will be held on Maundy Thursday, April 14th at 6:⁰⁰PM in the Fellowship Hall.
- Easter morning will begin with a Sunrise Service in the Sanctuary at 7:⁰⁰AM on Sunday, April 17th in the Sanctuary. This will be followed by breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. There will be no Sunday School that day. The Easter Sunday Service with the Lord's Supper will begin at 11:⁰⁰AM.

SEASON OF SPRING

Springtime seems to fill the air



With music all its own;
Frogs and crickets come to life
With such a pleasant tone.
Flowers peek their tiny heads
Above the fertile ground;
No other season of the year
Can such beauty ere be found.
Dear God, I am so thankful
For this season You bestow;
It fills my heart with gladness
And it helps my spirit grow.

Albert Theel





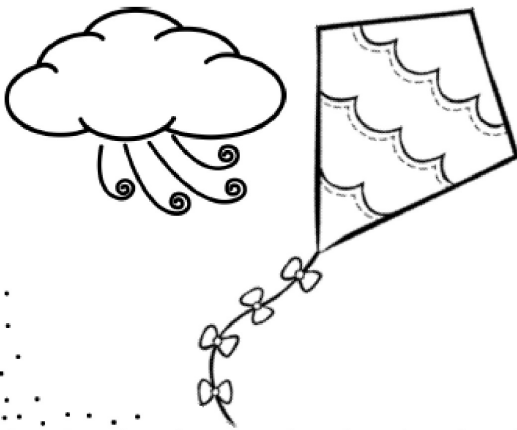
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Choir 7 p.m.	2 Lenten Soup & Study 6:00 PM	3 PW Circles Morn 10:30AM (Hall) Eve 12:30 PM (Parlor)	4	5
6 9:45 Prayer Group 10:00 Sun. Sch. 11:00 Worship	7	8 Choir 7 p.m.	9 Lenten Soup & Study 6:00 PM	10 10:00 A – 12:00 Nn PW Work Day	11	12
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March is Windy!

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