

FEBRUARY 2012 - YARN



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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

Dear Friends,

Ah yes, February arrives with Valentine's Day cards in every store. Grey wintery days are growing stale. It is beginning to dawn that tax papers need to be prepared. Stray Christmas decorations have been stowed. One glove has been lost. And then...oh, then I brighten up when we realize it is Leap Year! Yes we get an extra day!

It is like some sort of a bonus day! Hey, enjoy it. Plan something special, something fun, or something you would not do on other days. Amazingly so, by the time we arrive at leap day we are a full week into the season of Lent. I still have some Christmas fudge in the refrigerator (an emergency stash), but all of a sudden it is now time to march on and get ready for Lent and Ash Wednesday. I have spent some time thinking about Ash Wednesday, February 22, and the season of Lent which runs from Ash Wednesday to Easter Day on April 8th.

As I have been thinking about this season, I have been considering the traditional themes of reflection and repentance, and I have also been thinking about a passage or story that might speak to us this year. I have found just the story. It is this wonderful little story in the book of Second Kings. It is found at 2 Kings 4:1-7. As the story goes the wife of a prophet comes to Elisha and tells him that her husband has died. She is left with children and debts to pay.

Not only has she lost her husband, but now those who hold the debt are threatening that if she does not pay they will take her children away and make them slaves. She does not have the money. She takes her crisis to Elisha and asks him what she is to do. He asks her if she has the money, and upon finding out she does not, he then asks her what she does have. She tells him that she has a jar of oil. One little jar of oil is all that she has. It is not worth much but it is the only thing of worth that she has.

Elisha instructs her to go to the neighbors and ask them for empty jars. She and her children are to gather into their house a number of empty vessels. Once she has them gathered together, she is to close the door of her house and start to pour oil from her jar into the empty vessels. She does it. They gather the jars. She shuts the door. She starts to pour.

She starts to pour oil from her jar into the empty jar. She fills it, and another, and another, and another until all of the gathered jars have been filled from her one little jar. Amazed she calls for more jars. Her children tell her that she has them all and she has filled them all. With all this oil she now has enough to go and sell it and pay the debt.

The miracle of the oil is the miracle of God's abundance among us. We will be considering that the Sunday's in Lent. We will also be doing a work of mission that will involve jars of peanut butter and jars of jelly as a give-away project. We will be incorporating jars of other things into our consideration.

As we approach Lent, consider your jar. What is in your jar? What resource do you have through which God is blessing you? What talent or gift is in your vessel? How are you using that to glory of God?

Blessings,
Daris



ASH WEDNESDAY

On Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2012, we will worship at 7PM. This worship service will be about 45 minutes in length and will include the imposition of ashes as well as the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent.

Some history.... Ash Wednesday developed as a day of penitence to mark the beginning of Lent---the forty days of preparation for the paschal celebrations of Easter. Ash Wednesday is a particular time for new beginnings in the faith, a time for returning to the Lord. On this day we recall our mortality and wait upon the Lord for a renewing Spirit. This is a time for putting aside the sins and failures of the past in the light of who we are yet to become by the grace of God.

Did you know that when calculating the days of the Lenten season the Sundays are not counted? Sundays are to be a mini-celebration of resurrection even in a season of reflection/repentance.

SUNDAY EVENINGS IN LENT

On Sundays February 26, March 4, 11, 18, & 25 at 6:00pm we will be sharing a soup and bread meal and then consider a selection from the book "The Last Week." A copy of the book will be provided for participants. This will be a great way to prepare for Holy Week and to grow our understanding of how that week of all weeks may have taken place. Join us for this study and opportunity for Lenten fellowship. How do you get your copy of the book: They will be available at the morning Lord's Day worship services starting on February 5th.



SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Harford Hammers, a ministry in mission project of the Presbyterian Churches of Harford County will be sponsoring a Pancake Supper on February 21, 2012 at Churchville Presbyterian Church and at Highland Presbyterian Church. Both locations will be serving from 5 to 8PM on the 21st and the cost is \$6 for Adults and \$3 for children 10 and under. Come eat your fill of pancakes...and learn about Harford Hammers too!

SHEPHERD'S KIDS ROLLS ALONG!!



Shepherd's Kids continues strong. We had 25+ kids on the both nights in January. We heard wonderful stories from Ms. Mary Lou and Ms. Elizabeth. With Ms. Diana away, we had to innovate. The first week the kids had fun making peace doves and the second week Rev. Daris had the kids moving with video-music. This program continues to be wildly popular with the kids and enjoyed by our adult volunteers.

The next Shepherd's Kids will be **February 8th and 15th**. If you have never experienced a Shepherd's Kids program, please join us. If you have kids, grandkids, or neighbor kids, bring them. We can offer fun, music, a story, and maybe a hot dog or some chicken nuggets.

Our Shepherd's Kids program has been a solid connection to our community for several years. Your Christian Education team, with help from others, has made this mission effort successful in reaching kids who, otherwise, might have no contact with Church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!!

We're here every Sunday morning learning interesting, useful, and thought-provoking stuff. Ms. Cindy is teaching the little kids, Ms. Rita is teaching the older kids, and Mr. Jim is teaching the ageless kids. Come and see what you are missing next Sunday.

The adults meet in the upper room at 9:30am with Jim. The kids meet in the Sanctuary for music at 9:30am and move to the lesson in the classroom. We hope you make it your priority to be with us.

See you on Sunday Morning!



FEBRUARY NOTEWORTHY NEWS

Well, I think I will soon be back in the organ saddle bench again. My hand is recovering from surgery and needs to gain some strength, but I hope to be at least starting to "tickle the ivories soon". Thank you to all for your prayers, cards, calls and support thru this journey again. I want express special appreciation to Pastor Daris and Matt Bunn, and all the great chefs who cooked and brought delicious dinners to the Ciccotelli home. I cannot express the relief knowing I would not have to worry about dinner for my guys! I am praying that this will be the last of operating room visits I will have for a long time!

In addition, CHANCEL SINGERS we need to get in singing mode again! Practice will begin on Wed. Feb 8 at 7:30 on the dot! I need everyone back again to prepare for our worship services.

Finally, I know it is February, but I do want to extend a public thank you to the Chancel Singers and Pastor Daris for all our December musical activities. Joyful singing created fun and more growing in God's love. Both Christmas Eve services had choir participation, which made the service even more jubilant! Anyone is invited to join us on Weds. at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary for practice and worship Sundays at 11:00.

Love in Christ,
Di Ciccotelli

CHANGES



Bob & Betty Walko – 410-679-2484

THANK YOU



Joan Douglas - I would like to thank everyone who sent prayers, cards, flowers, phone calls and visits to the hospital and home. It meant a lot to me.

May God Bless You All,
Joan Douglas

GIVING TREE -THANK YOU - Thanks to everyone who made donations to the families on our Giving Tree. We were able to provide food and gifts to 10 families. Thank you also to everyone who delivered the food and gifts. Many people are needed to participate in this program and once again Good Shepherd responded.

Thanks Again,
Jeanette Petnic

HAPPY-HAPPY

We would like to recognize important dates
in the lives of our members for
February 2012

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

February 15, 2008
Ann and Jon Bornstein
February 22, 1940
Miriam and George Jenkins



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

7 Jacob Wylam
10
Tony Barnes
Linda Link
17 Amanda Barnes
18 Tyler Deitrick
19 Daris Bultena
20
Kristin Barnes
Brianna Luu
22 Gary Workman
25 Ken LaMont
27 Jason Moeller

*The Deacons would like the church family to
know your important day! If we do not have
yours in our file, please notify
Ellie Pfoutz, 410-679-4813.*

SHARING TABLE



February 11 and August 11 are Good Shepherd's 2012 dates at The Sharing Table. Persons will be needed to prepare casseroles and/or serve. The casserole recipe and aluminum baking pans may be picked up from Dorothy's office. For further information, please contact Bill Starke.

Thanks, Bill

DEACON'S CORNER February 2012

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 19 AT 6:00 PM - Movie (The Help) and Popcorn Night

We will order pizza for dinner. Please bring a dessert to share for later. Sounds like a fun evening for all!!!



RECYCLED TREASURES: EARTH DAY EXTRAVAGANZA

A new gathering is in the works! On Earth Day, April 22, the Deacons are planning a White Elephant Auction at 6:00 pm. Clay Maas has volunteered to be our auctioneer. The profits will go to Heifer (a Christian humanitarian organization that donates animals and funding to communities worldwide) and to our own landscape projects.

More info to come as details are worked out.



REDNER'S SAVE A TAPE PROGRAM

Jeanette again has added up our Redner's tapes. \$14,000 worth will be sent in to receive \$140 for our church!! Unfortunately several thousand dollars worth had to be thrown away because they did not qualify.

** Do not tear off the bottoms of the tapes. You must use your Pump Perks Card for the tapes to qualify.

Please keep shopping and continue to bring in your Redner's Save a Tapes and place them in the red box in the narthex. Thanks!

CARE BAG MISSION – People are hungry all year. Thanks for your support of this church mission projects!!

SCHEDULES

Usher:

Feb 5 Matthai(2), Petnic, Johnson
Feb 12 Tich(2), Lambert
Feb 19 Douglas(2), Goldberg, Lawson
Feb 26 Maas(2), Pollard, Wronowski

Tellers:

Lawson & Terry
Starke & Aims
Morgan & Tich
Matthai

Children's Time:

Aims
Starke
PreVatte
Bultena



PRAYER LIST – GSprayers@juno.com



Philip Pugh, Rose Urban, Evelyn McCurdy, Wayne Weich, Phyllis Grumbine, George & Miriam Jenkins, Baby Paige, Millie Slayton, Bill Hanna, Stephanie Herd, Elaine Carroll, Tom Bunn, Rebecca Hale, Annette Thielman, Mitch PreVatte, Mary Lou Jefferson, Ron Phillips, George Whitehurst, Dale Coleman, Ron Bates, John & Janet Pamp, Jerry Tich, George Whitehurst, Andrew Young, Ann Nitsch, Michael, Carol & Jim Haggerty, Eloise Schwarz, Jenelle Meyers, Diona Wylam, Monica Boesch, Tyler, Tim Morgan, Ina Mills, Joan Douglas, Di Ciccotelli, Diane Billinger, Jessica McFeaters, Toy Hanlin, Joann Steranka, Carol Huber, Brianna Luu, Marilyn Guzinski, Endiah Jones, Laurie, Lisa, Ann Cook Nitsch, Neil Taylor



GSPC WOMEN'S CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY



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Thursday, February 9th

<<<<<10:00 am – 1:00 pm >>>>>

Upper Room

Confessing the Beatitudes

Lesson 6: Greatly Honored are The Pure of Heart

Matthew 5:8; Psalm 24; Psalm 51:1-12

How appropriate that for the month of February, we are addressing the pure of heart in our Bible study. What does pure of heart mean to you?

KEY IDEA: Jesus upholds those who, with genuine hearts, wrestle with God, are changed, and live in a way that strengthens the whole people of God.

MISSION: The little children of our daycare program will benefit from our mission project this month. The Crafty Ladies have made and decorated small felt carriers containing a Beanie Baby to love and some chocolate kisses to let them know that we think that they are special.

THERE WILL BE A TIME OF FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING CIRCLE

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!!!



The donations of toiletries for the Harford County homeless shelters filled three large baskets. We collected 180 items. Harford Family House and SARC were very appreciative of our donations. Thank you for helping the Circle of the Women's Association with the mission of honoring those who are merciful.



MARCH MISSION

For March, we are honoring the peacemakers, the 7th Beatitude. For our mission, we are collecting books and magazines for the veterans who are at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Perryville. This collection will take place on Sunday, March 4th.

The books must only have a western theme. No other books can be accepted. So check your shelves and flea markets. Ask family members and friends. The magazines may be geared towards men and women and should be recent issues. (6 months). Here is a list of authors of Westerns.

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| James R. Allen | W. R. Benton | D. J. Bishop |
| Stephen Bly | Max Brand | Peter Brandvold aka Frank Leslie |
| Bill Brooks | Chuck Lewis | James W. Johnson |
| J. P. S. Brown | Sean Chandler | Marc Crump |
| John Dunclee | Ray Foster | Rye James |
| Mike Kearby | Allan Kimball | Kermit Lopez |
| Matthew Mayo | Clay More | Charles G. West |
| Chap O'Keefe | Florin Owen | Judith R. Parker |
| Ian Parnham | J.R. Primm | Dusty Richards |
| Emily Richardson | Randall Scott | Kai Starr |
| Charlie Steel | Kevin Thorsheim | Woodrow W. Walker |
| Will Welton | Louis L'Amour | Zane Grey |



COLLECTION DATE: SUNDAY, MARCH 4th



FEBRUARY 2012



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FIRDAY	SATURDAY
			1 NO Choir	2 Crafty Ladies 10:00 Deacons 7:00	3	4
5  Sunday School 9:30 Worship 11:00 Congregational Mtg. Coffee 12:00	6	7	8 Shepherd's Kids 5:30 – 7:00 Choir 7:30	9 Circle 10:00	10	11 Sharing Table
12 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 11:00 Coffee 12:00	13	14  Commission on People 7:00	15 Shepherd's Kids 5:30 – 7:00 Choir 7:30	16 Crafty Ladies 10:00 Commission on Program 7:00	17	18
19  Sunday School 9:30 Worship 11:00 Coffee 12:00 YARN Deadline Soup & Chili Night 6:00	20 Office Closed Presidents' Day	21 Commission on Property 7:00	22 ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE 7:00 	23 Crafty Ladies 10:00 Commission on Praise 7:00	24	25
26 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 11:00 Coffee 12:00 Lenten Study & Dinner 6:00	27	28	29 Commission on Principle 7:00 Choir 7:30			
REMEMBER TO MARK YOUR 2012 EVENTS ON THE OFFICE CALENDAR						

GSPC - OFFICERS

SESSION

Class of 2012 Carla Cathcart Hazel Morgan Bill Starke Jerry Tich
 Class of 2013 Diana Ciccotelli Rita Garrity Ellie Pfoutz Joan Pugh
 Class of 2014 Bob Aims Mike McKemy Robert Terry

DEACONS

Class of 2012 Susan Schlein Doris Matthai Jane Workman
 Class of 2013 Joan Douglas Kathy Young
 Class of 2014 Mary Lou Aims Becky McKemy Elizabeth Stevens