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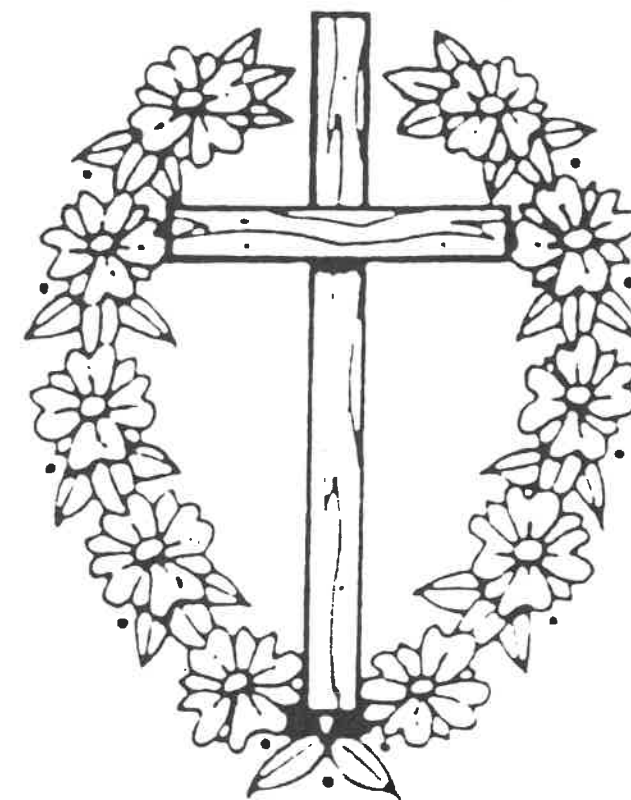
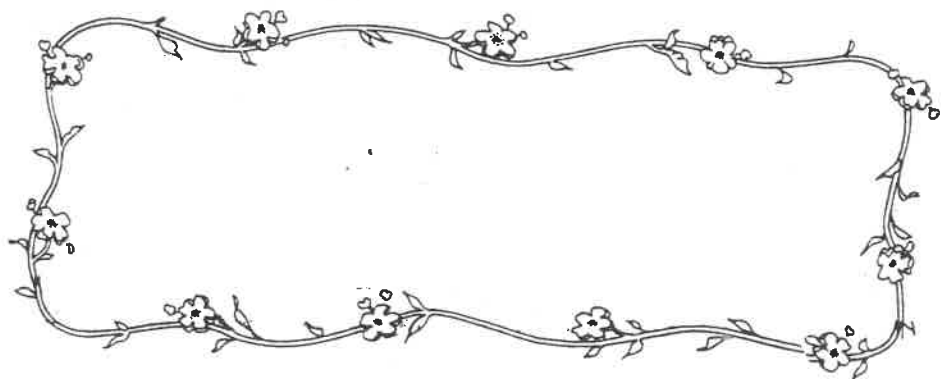


Meeting House Memos

MARCH 2019



THE NEWSLETTER OF COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

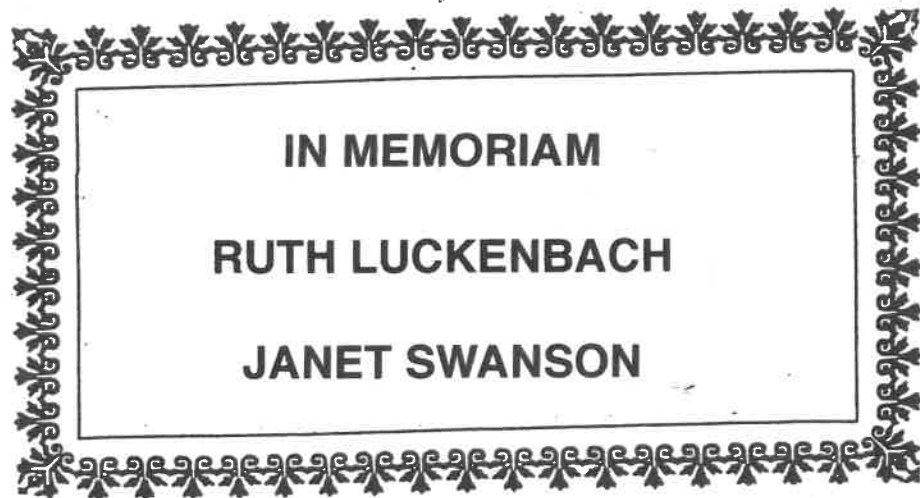


LENT



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

4	Luke Hoydich	25	Julie Fristensky
5	Gary Cantagallo	29	Chrissy Souder
10	Bonnie Canevari		Ann Zakovic
24	Connie Fayen	31	Kristin Joham Blaylock
	Andi Hoy		
	Laurie Weeks Thomas		



SESSION – Attendance

January 6	58
January 13	50
January 20	36
January 27	59

February 3	60
February 10	68
February 17	42
February 24	53

Sara Meissner, Clerk of Session



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - Get ready for Vacation Bible School! July 8-12 9:30-12:15. Come and explore the African jungle and all its beauty as we learn to ROAR with the love of God. Wherever life leads us, God is there and God is good! We'll watch videos and meet children just like you and learn about their lives in Africa. There are great music videos to sing and dance to. Bible stories, science, games and more. Don't miss the FUN!

This year we are asking the congregation to donate snacks for our youth staff who work every day to make this experience absolutely wonderful for our community children. Thank you in advance!

Contact Bonnie Canevari to volunteer or to ask questions about this event. 908-230-0778 or mbcanevari@verizon.net.

**Trustee's Report
March 2019
2020 Fund Challenge!**

Life does present challenges. This month it's our 2020 Fund and Manse bathroom repairs!

Water leaks from the upstairs shower resulted in the need to open the walls and remove all the tiles in the floor and walls to find the cause of the leak. As you can see from the pictures below, all of the supporting studs and exposed sheathing have "rotted away". What started out as updating the shower has turned into a structural repair on two sides of the bathroom (see below).



ROTTEN STUDS AND SHEATHING



REBUILD OF ALL SHOWER/BATHROOM WALLS

Between the bathroom repair and the anticipated sanctuary roof shingle replacement scheduled for this summer, the 2020 Fund will be significantly depleted. We need the congregation to continue to support the fund by increasing pledges and to complete an already designated pledge. We have met a large number of our planned goals for the 2020 Fund, but not everything has been accomplished.

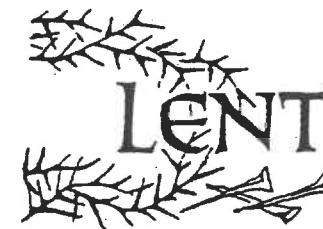
COMPLETED:

- 2 parking lot repaving projects
- Repaved manse driveway
- Replaced manse windows
- Repaired the flagstone steps and entrance to the sanctuary
- Painting and repair of all exterior trim around the church and portico
- Painting of the interior of the sanctuary
- Replaced most fluorescent lights with LED bulbs in the sanctuary and church school

In the future we would like to: update the memorial room, assembly room, and pastor's office with new paint; repave a significant part of the the walkway in front of the church.

Please help us achieve our goals as well as meet additional emergency repairs.

Greg Meissner



FOR LENT: Try giving up

The bitter herbs of revenge,

The sharp spices of gossip,

The bland puddings of complacency,

The ego-building proteins of vanity,

The strong stimulant of prejudice,

The heavy bread that nourishes unkindness, and

The drugging wine of self-pity.



WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

The book group will meet at 1:30 on March 18th at the home of Sandy Burdge, 312 Old Tote Rd. The book to be discussed is "Say You're Sorry" by Melinda Leigh.

The Lenten Brunch will be at 10:30 on Saturday, March 30th, in the Assembly Room.

News from Elizabethport Center

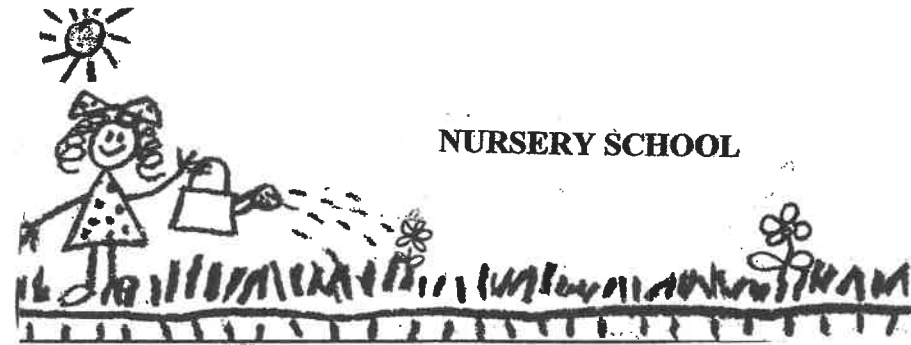
Elizabethport Center is excited about several youth programs taking place this year:

Story-Telling Project— a language arts based program designed to help students in grades 3 - 9 express themselves verbally and in writing, using works of art as a stimulus.

Tutorial Program— aimed at young people aged 8 - 14 and teaming with the Summit School District. Each week 40 students are bused from Elizabeth to the Central Presbyterian Church in Summit where a group of 60 high school students act as tutors for the Elizabeth children. The aim is to help improve academic skills, as well as to share language and cultural exposure to newly arrived Spanish speaking children.

Music Classes— partnering with the Institute of Music for Children, students from Elizabethport Center are able to take classes in voice, dance and instrumental instruction.

From the Financial Secretary: the statements for the third and fourth quarters of 2018 have been mailed including the 2018 tax statements for your tax filing. If you have not received your statement or find a discrepancy, please contact Julie Fristensky via email at jfristensky51@gmail.com or leave a message at 908-543-1731.



COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN NURSERY SCHOOL

The nursery school is now registering for Fall 2019. There are openings for the 2s, 3s, and 4s programs. School starts at 8:30, and Play Care is also offered.

Please call Stacy Cole at 908-232-9490 to schedule a private tour so you can see the wonderful program to be ofnd at CPC.



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

EVERY SUNDAY
10:30 AM
Worship Service
11:30 AM
Coffee Hour

MONDAY - FRIDAY
8:30 AM
Nursery School

THURSDAY
5:00 PM
Children's Choir
6:30 PM
Bell Choir
7:30 PM
Chancel Choir

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 After Hours Youth Group 7:00 - 9:00 PM	2
3 	4	5	6 Ash Wednesday LENT	7 	8	9
10 	11	12	13 Trustees 7:00 PM	14 	15 After Hours Youth Group 7:00 - 9:00 PM	16
17 	18 	19	20 Spring Begins 	21	22	23
24 Session After Worship	25 Men's Luncheon 12:15 pm 	26	27 Deacons 7:00 PM	28 	29	30
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3/25
Newsletter
Deadline!



Dear friends,

What a wonderful meeting we had Sunday afternoon to begin looking at the results of our congregational survey! It was great to feast together on the pot luck offerings and to meet the MST – do you know what that is? Our Mission Study Team: Nick Bradshaw, Connie Fayen, Lisette Guzman, Matthew Kersey, Anne Russell and Susan Santos. Please give them your prayerful support as they review the survey data and put together a Mission Study Report (MSR) from it and their other research.

The Adult Bible Study class reflecting on the life and faith of Dietrich Bonhoeffer continues Sundays at noon in the Memorial Room. As I write this, I am beginning a continuing education week at Princeton and already have some interesting findings to share with them.

With Easter falling in late April this year, we are just entering the season of Lent. On Sunday, since we do not have Ash Wednesday evening worship on March 6, I will offer Imposition of Ashes at the close of the regular worship service. Don't forget this is also a Sunday we celebrate the Lord's Supper. Lent should be a meaningful time together, as we head from the mountaintop experience of the Transfiguration to the darkness of Gethsemane.

Looking forward to walking this Lenten journey with each of you over the next seven weeks of Lent. May you grow in faith as we approach the Day of Resurrection, which gives our faith its meaning.

Blessings,
Pastor Leigh

"Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" John 11:40

Lent



CHURCH MOUSE.....

.....The Women's Group enjoyed "Ladies Night Out" at Sorrento's in Westfield. It was a nice evening of fellowship and food! Thanks to Diane McCurdy for arranging this dinner.

.....The Men's Group continues to enjoy monthly luncheons at various nearby restaurants.

.....Congratulations to Andrew Hoydich on his marriage to Steffi in San Francisco.

.....Volunteers are needed to sign up for future Coffee Hours. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Assembly Room. Coffee Hour does not need to be elaborate - coffee and a few "goodies" are all you need. People look forward to this informal gathering after Sunday service. Ask a friend to help you for a future Sunday.

.....Our prayers continue for Erasmus Belden, Wolfgang Gerhard, Gisela Groiss, Elsa Jackson, Julia Kobie (Alice Gillman's sister), the Schoenknecht family, Anne Zakovic, and Stacy Cole's father.

.....Our sympathy to the families of Ruth Luckenbach and Janet Swanson on their recent passing.

.....This newsletter is only as interesting as YOU make it! If you have any news items you would like included, please notify the church office or one of the editors. We would love to hear from you!

.....Spring is around the corner - even if we have all of March to go - Daylight Savings Time begins on March 10th - don't forget to change your clocks!

.....The deadline for the April newsletter is Monday, March 25th, at 10 am.



Happy Spring from your editors three,
Bobbie, Sandy and Sara