

# TIDINGS

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## The Lenten Journey: Deepening Trust in God

When one reads all of the scriptures for Lent leading up to and including Good Friday, what becomes very clear is that our Journey to Jerusalem with Jesus is a journey to deepen our trust in God, which will empower us to willingly give ourselves to God and God’s way of being and serving the world. A deepened trust in the God, who redeemed Israel, who rescues the righteous, whose love and faithfulness are manifest in the coming of Jesus of Nazareth, who in turn, put his life into God’s hands, lived a life of perfect obedience, suffered death of a slave and who was raised to new life by God, as Marianne Thompson, professor of New Testament has written.



This call to deepened trust in God will become more important and powerful for you as the Narrative Transition Process continues its movement to the community observation and assessment that begins in March and the completing of the Pastoral Characteristic and Competency survey leading to the beginning of the search for the next installed pastor, including the election of the Pastor Nominating Committee.

The Pastor Nominating Committee will use all the information created by the Narrative Transition Process to discern whom God is calling to serve you and partner with you as you journey into the future God is leading you to go. This call to deepened trust will be marked as well by the continuing ministries you will be doing and those new ministries that will be formed and shaped into reality.

This call to deepened trust in God is not about exterior signs of fasting, ashes, practices of piety or acts of giving something up for Lent. Rather, it is a call to self-reflection about the ways God has time and time again created pathways of new life to burst forth for each person and for this congregation and to discern how God may be creating new pathways for life even now.

May the blessings of the God of new life come to all of you in abundance during this season of deepening trust.

Peace,  
 Pastor Carson

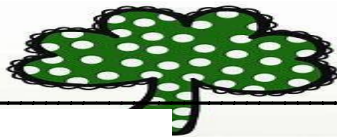
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*Interim Pastor-----Rev. Dr. Carson O. Mouser  
 Administrative Assistant-----Elizabeth Bayer  
 Clerk of Session-----Stephanie Stine  
 Deacon Moderator----- Marty Pond  
 Director of Music & Choir-----Rheta Jenks  
 Organist -----Lee Johnston  
 Nursery School Director-----Jessica Newcomb*

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## Seven Words to the Cross Bible Study

The Seven Words to the Cross Lenten Bible study begins in-person 10 am Monday March 7 with the same lesson repeated 7 pm Wednesday March 9 on Zoom. Pastor Carson will be leading both classes.

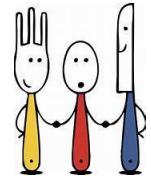
The Church Office will mail and email a daily devotional booklet to the congregation. The participants will use the booklet for the Lenten study throughout Lent, including Holy Week. The first Lesson begins with Ash Wednesday with the first word to the cross being "scorn."

Each week the class will study one word contained in the Scriptures chosen for each week. In addition to the word are questions for reflection and prayers, labyrinth meditations, and a finger labyrinth participants will use with the labyrinth meditations.

Each class will talk about the word for the week and address all the questions for each week. A new week begins each Wednesday.

Hopefully, everyone will participate in one of the classes and use the daily devotional booklet for their Lenten daily prayer practice on our journey from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday.

## Community Dinners: Volunteer Needed!



Prior to the Pandemic, our church had the honor of hosting a Community Dinner the first Thursday of each month (except July and August). This dinner, open to the public and free of charge, was enjoyed by many who appreciated a hot meal and the opportunity to socialize with others.

Our last dinner was held in March 2020 when we served an Irish themed dinner to 130 happy members of our community. We would like to resume the dinners in September 2022. Barb Winegard will coordinate the dinner on odd months (Jan, March, May, Sept, Nov). We are looking for a volunteer to coordinate the dinner on even months (Feb, April, June, Oct, Dec). This person would be responsible for planning, purchasing, preparing and serving the meal. If desired, the person could form a committee to work together, but a single person needs to be responsible for the coordination.

Once all plans are in place, recruiting volunteers from the congregation is not usually an issue. We will continue to hold our dinners the first Thursday of each month; St. Mark's Lutheran Church hosts the dinner on the third Thursday. For more information or to volunteer your services, please contact Barb at (315) 635-7133.

## Welcome to Andrea Ducharme!



Andrea is our new Financial Secretary. She replaced Nancy Dobbins after the first

of the year. Andrea, her husband, Matt, and 2 sons, Lincoln and Grant, have lived in Baldwinsville since 2003.

Andrea and her family enjoy skiing, hiking and swimming. Two hobbies that Andrea enjoys are playing the piano and singing.

Please help welcome Andrea to our church.

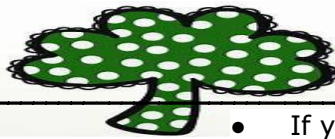
## 2022 Session Elders

Tricia Adams	Jamie Gruppe	Rush Pond
Harry Boak	Victor Jenkins	Stephanie Stine*
Andy Brussel	Jeanne Le Porte	

\*Clerk



Planning has started for this year's Rummage Sale. We will start collecting donations July 24. The sale will be held on August 5 & 6. Last year's sale was a huge success, so start cleaning out and setting aside your donations!



- If you know of anyone in our church family who could benefit from a phone call and/or "thinking of you" card please contact any of your Deacons or Marty Pond at 315-440-0779.  
-Marty Pond, Moderator of Deacons



02 – Rick Smith	14 –
Diane James	
05 – John Murphy	15 – Brennan
Gruppe	
06 – Miranda Pennock	17 – Pat Hovey
06 – Howard Rose	26 – Nancy
Dobbins	
07 – Fred Mathieson	29 – Dan Sheehan
09 – Patricia Johnson	31 – Barb
Winegard	
11 – Eleanor Pennock	



Frank & Diana Anastas, March 9

Add your or a loved one's birthday or anniversary date to our list by contacting the church office.



### **From the Deacons Desk**

- Coffee Hour will start up again on Sunday, April 3rd-provided Covid numbers do not increase- watch for update announcements in Church.

- Deacons will be providing financial support as well as volunteers at the Samaritan Center on Saturday, April 23rd.
- BeeFull pantry continues to be a top priority. Food and/or Aldi gift cards are greatly appreciated. Special thanks for your donations.

### **What is on the Calendar?**

#### **Sundays 10 am**

Worship in the sanctuary

#### **Mondays 7 pm**

Boy Scout Troop 107  
Fellowship Hall

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#### **Weds., March 2 - Ash Wednesday**

Ash Wednesday Service, 7 pm

#### **Sun., March 6 - 10 am**

Communion

#### **Mon., March 7**

10:00: Seven Words to the Cross Lenten Bible study in the

Media Center

1:30 pm - Music & Worship

#### **Tues., March 8**

7 pm - Session

#### **Wed., March 9**

6-8 pm Girl Scout Troop 60867

7:00: Seven Words to the Cross

Lenten  
via Zoom

Bible study

#### **Mon., March 14**

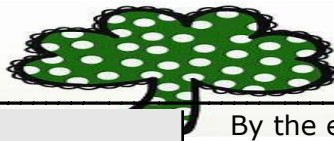
5:45 Girl Scout Troop 60735

#### **Tues., March. 15**

7 pm - Deacons

### **2022 Board of Deacons**

Peg Brussel	Pam Keckison	Peggy Suddaby
Marge Calkins	Matt McGivney	Martha Stevens
Mark Chamberlin	Marty Pond*	Barb Winegard
Heidi Henderson	Joanne Rodriguez	



\*Moderator

By the end of the day, members had worked together to develop a new Identity Statement for the Congregation, which can be read below.

- March 6 – Luke 4:1-13
- March 13 – Luke 13:31-35
- March 20 – Luke 13:1-9
- March 27 – Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

**Identity Statement**

We are a loving family of God, following Christ by practicing our legacy of worship, education, and mission to neighbors.

**One Day Congregational Retreat**

On Saturday, February 12, Pastor Carson hosted a retreat for the entire congregation in the Fellowship Hall and on Zoom. The topic of the retreat was "Discovering the Congregation's Why". It was well attended and participants enjoyed four homemade soups and bread for lunch.



*Rev. Dr. Carson O. Mouser*



***Remember in Your Prayers  
& Correspondence,***

*since our last newsletter*

♥ GRIEVING  
Wendy VanDerveer and family, upon the loss of her mother Gwen VanDerveer  
Ginny Swanson's family, upon the loss of Ginny

♥ HEALTH CHALLENGES  
Barry Bullis  
Nancy Dobbins  
Harold "Mic" Jenkins

♥ RECOVERING  
Bea Boak  
Lillian Olsen

♥ SERVING IN THE MILITARY  
Ethan Derr (Marines), Connor Murphy (Navy)

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*Generally, names remain on the prayer list for one month. Please let the church office know if you wish otherwise.*

 SPECIAL OFFERINGS

The Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church offer the whole Church a way to embody Matthew 25 through the Spirit-inspired stories and gifts which place us in partnership with those who have least. Through gifts to the Special Offerings, we support ministries of compassion, justice, hunger, Christian formation, education, peacemaking and global witness. This season we are supporting **One Great Hour of Sharing** which supports the self-development of people through the





Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and Presbyterian Hunger Program. The offering is March 2 – April 17. Offering envelopes are in the sanctuary or available in the church office.

## Floral Arrangements



If you have any requests for the Floral Committee, please contact Peg Brussel or Marge Calkins in Marilyn's temporary absence.



## Nursery School News

During March we will celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday, as well as St. Patrick's Day. The 3 year old classes will talk about food and nutrition and the classroom will be transformed into a grocery store for a week of fun pretend play. Although the playground was covered in snow, we took advantage on a couple of the milder days and took the kids for a walk.

We are currently registering students for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please have them call me at (315) 635-7391.

*-Jessica Newcomb, Director, PNS*

## Scout Sunday

The Scouts participated in Scout Sunday on February 13, 2022. Committee Chair Jamie Gruppe shared what the scouting program does for youth and how much the troop appreciates its long-standing support from the church. Jamie was joined by scout Master Armpriester, and Assistant Scout Masters Callahan and Warner. Scouts Brennan Gruppe, Josh Armpriester, Kevin Callahan, and Joe Warner participated as greeters, acolytes, and liturgists.



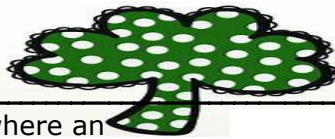
## Troop 107 is Keeping Busy

The scouts in Troop 107 have been keeping busy this January! The biggest project that the Troop has been working on is getting Eagle Scout required merit badges. Eagle Scout is the highest rank a scout can earn, but only 8% of scouts actually get it for one reason or another. One of the most common ways people fall short of getting the rank is not completing the time-consuming required merit badges. To help combat this, the Troop has been working on some badges as a group. In early January, we started on Citizenship in the World, a badge that reflects a scout's knowledge of international issues, international affairs, and how to be a good world citizen. At the very end of January, the First Aid merit badge was started, and will be completed throughout February.

The Troop also spent some time at our local YMCA over the weekend from the 29th to the 30th. The scouts got there in the evening right before closing and camped in! They all had lots of fun swimming and running around before falling asleep on the track. Sadly, they all had to be out of there by opening time the next day so they got up bright and early on Sunday morning.

That Saturday, in the afternoon, before going over to the YMCA, many brave scouts jumped into the Seneca River at Mercer Park. An annual event called The Big Chill, also known as the Polar





Plunge, is a tradition in Baldwinsville where an individual or a team of individuals sign up on the Big Chill website to jump into the river for charity. Each plunger must raise a minimum of \$100 in order to jump, but there is no maximum amount one can collect. The money raised goes to a charity of the plunging group's choice, and this year the scouts donated to the Kyle Schneider Foundation. It was an amazing turnout with lots of hand warmers, hot chocolate, and freezing scouts!  
 -Cam Padalino, Troop 107 Scribe

Thank you,  
 Bee Full

**Thankful!**

I want to thank you for your cards, phone calls and visits. All of your prayers and "get well" wishes have been very much appreciated as I heal from surgery with a new knee!

Blessings,  
 Bea Boak

**Looking Ahead**



During Lent we will be singing a few different styles of songs appropriate to the message of the worship. Even a different response will be replacing the Gloria Patri. (Don't panic----the music is easy to learn).

Pastor Carson has planned our worship for Palm/Passion Sunday, April 10th. Because of a different format, 7 people are requested as liturgists. We would like to have a brief run-through prior to the Sunday, so when you volunteer, we will schedule the time of practice. The division of scripture readings is similar to the format of our Christmas Eve service. It is a great opportunity to be personally engaged in celebrating worship.

Since it is good to include many as liturgists, please call me (315-635-3291) or the church office (315-635-9964) to volunteer for our worship. You know your schedule and are welcome to offer when most convenient. Please prayerfully consider these requests. Thank you to all who have served as liturgists and all who will help in the future.

-Rheta Jenks,  
 on behalf of Worship and Music Committee

**My Favorite Recipe**



In a recent Sunday message, Pastor Carson spoke of finding recipes to solve various situations. Well, during Covid restrictions (and even before) I had an appetite to hear familiar hymns and anthems. To satisfy my craving, I found that listening to several offerings by a Christian radio station helped greatly. WMHR, FM 102.9 has a special Heritage of Hymns on Sunday at 5:30 am and 5:30 pm. A wide variety of renditions of familiar hymns of the faith are presented both vocally and instrumentally.

Because I like many styles of Christian music, I also enjoy Country Crossroads on Saturdays from 2 to 4 pm. Southern gospel, country and bluegrass music are on the menu there. Another program dedicated to gospel style is also on Saturdays from 5 to 6pm. Probably my personal favorite on WMHR is Psalm 95 on Sunday at 10 pm. The National Christian Choir presents an inspiring variety of choral music---often with full orchestra accompaniment.

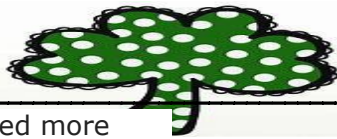
I guess a true confession is that I miss our choir and our opportunity to take part in worship. It has been a blessing to have our choir members join with Liverpool Presbyterian to prepare recordings to play on Sundays. David Rudari has assembled a group of vocalists from our 2 churches, OCC, and a few past students of his. Due to illness and prior commitments, we usually have 8 to 12 at rehearsals. We record our music (wearing masks) and a cd is made and delivered on Sunday morning. While it is not a perfect solution for the lack of a choir, we can be part of worship.

**Messages**

Presbyterian Church-

Thank you for your continued support of the Bee Full Food Pantry. Your generosity and kindness are extraordinary and allows us to feed over 30 families on a monthly basis.





In conclusion to my rambling----we need more people for choir to be a viable contribution to leading worship. Please consider joining us--give me a call (315-635-3291) or email me at [Bvillercj@gmail.com](mailto:Bvillercj@gmail.com) and let me know your interest. All are welcome and no audition is required--just a love of Jesus and the joy in sharing His message through music.

May you have a song in your heart, always.

*-Rheta Jenks, Coordinator of Music*