

the Messenger



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**Sundays
at 10:00am
Fellowship Hall**

“Faith Practices for Lent” ...an exploration of various devotional practices meant to grow, focus, and deepen one’s faith during the Lenten season.

Details of these sessions are on display near the Ministry Resource table in the Commons.

- **March 19: READING SCRIPTURE.** Pastor Brandi will lead the group in a Lectio Divina (divine reading), of John 9:1-41. This ancient practice of contemplative praying and meditating on the scriptures can be a meaningful part of your Lenten journey.
- **March 26: PILGRIMAGE.** Pastor Dan will present a video recapping his recent trip to the Holy Land.

Up Next in Adult Faith & Life:

Climate Change: Facts and Faith
April 16, 23, and 30

We will explore various effects of climate change, from human impact worldwide to environmental impact on our local waterways, and seek faith-based common ground and conversation starters between various views of this complex issue.



Midweek Lenten Worship
“Rooted in God’s Welcome”
through March 29
12:00pm – 12:30pm



Maundy Thursday April 6 • 7:30pm
Good Friday April 7 • 12noon & 7:30pm
Easter Sunday April 9
8:45am & 11:00am
NO Education Hour on Easter Sunday



CAN2 Update

Our container arrived safely in Honduras and was discharged in Puerto Cortes on March 10! We are awaiting news that it has cleared customs and will provide further updates as they are available.

Attention High School Seniors:

The **Newtown Yardley Ministerium** has announced their annual *Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Scholarship* and is seeking applicants who share Dr. King’s passion for social justice and community service. Up to \$1,500 will be awarded.

Applications are **due April 30**. [CLICK HERE](#) to complete online or see the flier in the **Lobby of Love** ♥.



God’s Caring Stitchers

March 24 • 1:00pm • Room A1/A2

We welcome guest speaker **Marlene Ganz** from *Affinity Care of PA* hospice services. We look forward to learning more about this organization as we make lap robes and prayer squares for them.
Questions? Cindy Sundstrom



April Fellowship Dinner & Line Dancing

NEW DATE!! Sunday, April 2 • 4:00pm • Fellowship Hall

There will be dancing at the April Fellowship Dinner! From 4-5pm, an instructor will lead us in some fun line dancing (snacks will be available for non-dancers). A casual BBQ meal will follow. Please bring your own beverage. Approx cost: \$20/person. [RSVP HERE](#) by March 27.

Scripture Readings
for March 26

Ezekiel 37:1-14
The dry bones brought to life

Romans 8:6-11
Life in the Spirit

John 11:1-45
The raising of Lazarus

Grapevine of Friends Luncheon

Gather for a simple meal (homemade soup plus sandwiches and salad) and a guided Stations of the Cross meditation.

THIS TUESDAY, March 21
11:30am • Fellowship Hall

This event is open to all looking for fellowship and connection.

NO RSVP? No worries!
Please join us.



What a privilege and opportunity it is to utterly come to the end of one's hope—not only to run out of answers but to run out of questions. To be beyond fighting, to come to that suspended animation where we are so confused and so weak that we can neither fight [nor] run.

When you come to the end of yourself, you find the beginning of God. And there and nowhere else, you find the answers you seek. You find fulfillment for the longings of your soul.



—Max Anders

AHTN Shared Meal • Saturday, April 29 4:00pm – 5:00pm • Fellowship Hall

In-person Shared Meals are returning!

There are many ways to help: buy supplies, cook, bake, and help to serve our guests.

[SIGN UP HERE](#) to help. **God calls us to serve the needy.**



Supporting the Homeless

God's Love provides lunches to the *Reach Out Foundation's* homeless center in Pennel. **Want to help? [SIGN UP HERE FOR APRIL](#).** Donations due in the **Lobby of Love** ❤️ **by 10:30am on Tuesdays. The need is great, but God's love is greater!**



March's Collection: Egg-citing

In preparation for our annual Easter Egg Scramble, we are collecting **filled plastic eggs**. Donations of 4 dozen (or more) plastic eggs filled with *non-peanut* candy or other small prizes are requested. Donations due in the **Lobby of Love** ❤️ **by March 26**. Last year more than **1,200 eggs** were used!



Easter Egg Scramble • Saturday, April 1 • 1:00pm

This event is co-hosted by the church and the preschool and is open to the public. All ages are welcome.

Registration begins at 12:45pm; the scramble begins at 1:00pm by the Good Neighbor Garden (*or Fellowship Hall if it rains*). This is a great way to invite the community to see all the good things happening here at God's Love and to get the word out about our fantastic preschool. **Hope to see you there!**



Ways you can SERVE

Ushers, Readers, Communion Assistants, Altar Guild, Acolytes... many people working together for Sunday services.

[SIGN UP HERE FOR APRIL/MAY](#) to serve in

one or more of these roles during worship. New volunteers are always welcome. For more information call the church office.

The resource table provides meaningful and timely ministry tools that impact our daily lives. "On-loan" resources coincide with the Lenten emphasis on *Faith Practices*. You will find resources pertaining to hospitality, prayer, Bible reading, fasting, giving, etc. **Welcome!**



God's Love Christian Preschool B-I-N-G-O Fundraiser Friday, March 24 • 7:00pm • Fellowship Hall

Raffle baskets for Friday's BINGO event are on display in the preschool hallway. Stop by Sunday morning or next week during office hours to view the baskets and purchase raffle tickets for your chance to win. Raffle tickets are \$1 (15 for \$10, 35 for \$20) with all proceeds benefitting the preschool.

For BINGO event tickets and information, contact the preschool office.



The Preschool held their annual *Sue Heinze Memorial Hop-A-Thon* in February and raised **\$1,751.75—a record amount of money** to benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society!

Gal's BOOK CLUB Thursday, March 30 7:00pm • Lounge

"The Magnolia Palace"
by Fiona Davis

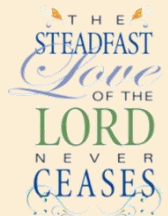


Bible Book-of-the-Month Study – Lamentations

Monday, March 27 • 7:00pm ZOOM

Read through the book at your own pace with the help of this [Reader's Guide](#) and then join the discussion, led by Pastor Dan.

The **ZOOM** link will be emailed.



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