



GOOD NEWS FROM YOUR CHURCH

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SUNDAY February 2, 2020

9:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Communion
Scout Sunday

11:00 A.M. CHURCH SCHOOL



SOUPE BOWL OF CARING will take place on Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 2.

Following worship, students will be holding large soup pots to take donations. The idea behind this fundraiser is that as we watch the biggest football game of the year, we tend to stuff our faces with delicious finger food while people in our own town barely have a bowl of soup. All money donated goes to the Greater Woodbury Cooperative Ministries Food Bank and the Community Dinner, so be sure to bring your change and cash that day!

SUNDAY February 9, 2020

9:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

10:30 A.M.
Nominating Committee Meeting



WHAT IS THE CHURCH

I, originally, had intended an entirely different article; but in truth, I was so moved by Pastor Phil's message in the last newsletter that I felt compelled to offer a follow up piece along the same lines. I wanted to echo the theme of the great importance of being together in worship – each with our own traits, talents, gifts and challenges gathering as the body of Christ.

As Gregg Louis Taylor writes: “we need to view the church not as a place or product, but as people. We need to look at the church not as something; but as someone; more accurately as a kaleidoscopic collection of someones on their way to becoming a community that embodies the reality that the glory of God is human beings fully alive.”

We are not the people of perfect ways, but people with family problems, marital difficulties, money issues, health concerns, traumatic concerns and addictions. We struggle with our own demon, search to find at times a glimmer of light in our dark places and need companions to help mend our wounds and sit with us in the dark. We have doubts, fears and trust issues that may at times drive us to our knees. But we have faith, we have hope in the knowledge and love of Christ and we have each other to worship with and express that faith. And, we are called to invite others to join us.

So, with the poet Kamand Kojuri, we keep saying, and all who seek this way of being church continue to say with us:

Come friends, come with your grief
Come with your loss
Carry all the pieces of your heart, and come sit with us.
Bring your disappointments and your failures.
Bring your betrayals and your masks.
We welcome you no matter where you came from, and what you bring.
Come and join us at the intersection of acceptance and forgiveness, where you will find our house of love.
Bring your empty cups, and we will have a feast.

This is what the church is;
and this is what we are to be.
Thanks be to God.

Milt Fredericks
Lay Pastor of Congregational Care

COMMUNITY DINNER

6th Year Anniversary!



Thursday,
February 13, 2020
5:30 P.M.

Join the church and community for a time of delicious food and fellowship!

"To our Church Family: As some of you already know, Nancy and I have relocated to southern Delaware. Nancy took a job in Georgetown, DE in October. We have sold our house in Riverwinds and moved the week after Christmas. It happened so fast that we did not have an opportunity to let everyone know.

We are so thankful for all of you; for inspiring us, praying and caring for us. This is not a goodbye, as we will not be that far away, and will worship with you again when we are back in Jersey."

Yours In Christ,
Larry and Nancy Geiger

TRI-CENNTENTIAL FUNDRAISER

The Committee is selling small Valentine treats, to give or to keep! These Valentines will each have a Bible verse about love on a heart "tag". Each Valentine will be \$5.00. They will be sold in the chapel on Sunday, February 2nd before and after church. Any questions, see Beth Kaighn or Mary Lynne Diehlman.



WINTER BLOCK 2020

Adult Education

Imprint of Church Music: Led by Jack Hill on February 2, 2020. Join us for part 2 of the history of music from the early church to the present and the imprint and influence on worship through the years.

PITMAN BIBLE STUDY: Join us at the Pitman Manor on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 11:00 am. Short Stories by Jesus will be the new Bible Study. Books are available.

VOLUNTEERS are needed for the Beginner's Class for the 1st Sunday of each month. Please sign up for a Sunday or two or three. Sign-up sheet is in the chapel.

T.E.A. TIME - February 8 at 4:00 pm. Teens Empowering Adults! Our new initiative this year to help bridge the generations together. Adults come and get your tech questions answered by the teens. Please see sign-up sheet in the chapel for both adults and students participating.

YOUTH 30-HR. FAMINE - Saturday, February 22, 7:00 am - 7:00 pm at Wenonah Presbyterian Church. This year we will be having a 1 day event with Service Projects, tribe games and fasting taking place as we raise money for those suffering of hunger around the world. See Becky for details.



30-HR. FAMINE HELP NEEDED: There are signups for donations for desserts, cookie dough, monetary donations and help with driving to service sites. Please see the large display board for signups in the chapel. The event is Saturday, February 22nd at Wenonah Presbyterian Church.

PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT: The first offering envelope in the box is for the Per Capita offering. This offering of \$37.00 per person (\$74.00 per couple) helps offset the Per Capita Apportionment. If each member donates their share, over \$11,000 would be freed up for church programs and Mission use.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Cheryl Kier upon the death her brother, Jane White and family upon the death of her daughter, Jack Brower, Janet Muhm, Florence Hillman, Meghan and Dave Orem, Emma Mustard, Amelia Exley, Judy Fetty, and Marie Batten. A reminder to keep our military personnel in your prayers, including Jonathan Gabler, Nathan Wadding, Cameron Wadding, Jarrod Fetty, and Wesley Tatham.

Entering the Passion of Jesus A Beginners Guide to Holy Week Sunday Mornings 11:00am



Jesus' final days were full of risk. Every move he made was filled with anticipation, danger, and the potential for great loss or great reward. Jesus risked his reputation when he entered Jerusalem in a victory parade. He risked his life when he dared to teach in the Temple. His followers risked everything when they left behind their homes, or anointed him with costly perfume. We take risks as we read and re-read these stories, finding new meanings and new challenges. In *Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week*, author, professor, and biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine explores the biblical texts surrounding the Passion story. She shows us how the text raises ethical and spiritual questions for the reader, and how we all face risk in our Christian experience.

February 16---Preparing for the Journey

February 23---Jerusalem: Risking Reputation

March 1---The Temple: Risking Righteous Anger

March 8---Teachings: Risking Challenge

March 15---The First Dinner: Risking Rejection

March 22---The Last Supper: Risking the Loss of Friends

March 29---Gethsemane: Risking Temptation

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: FEBRUARY 2 - 8, 2020

Sunday:	8:45 AM	Adult Choir
	9:00 AM	Prayer Room 3
	9:30 AM	Worship Service/Communion
		Scout Sunday/Souper Bowl of Caring
	10:45 AM	Children's Choir
	11:00 AM	Church School
Monday:	6:30 PM	Task Force Chairpersons
	7:00 PM	Task Force Meetings
Tuesday:	1:00 PM	60+ Small Group
	6:30 PM	Cub Scouts
Wednesday:	10:00 AM	Staff Meeting
	6:30 PM	Cub Scouts
Thursday:	6:30 PM	Cub Scouts
Saturday:	4:00 PM	T.E.A. Time with Youth

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Sunday:	8:45 AM	Adult Choir
	9:00 AM	Prayer Room 3
	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	10:30 AM	Nominating Committee Meeting
Monday:	10:00 AM	Pitman Manor Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Trustees
Tuesday:	1:00 PM	60+ Small Group
	6:30 PM	Cub Scouts
Wednesday:	10:00 AM	Staff Meeting
	6:30 PM	Cub Scouts
Thursday:	5:30 PM	Community Dinner
	6:30 PM	Cub Scouts
Sunday:	8:45 AM	Adult Choir
	9:00 AM	Prayer Room 3
	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Children's Choir
	11:00 AM	Church School for all Ages
	3:00 PM	Vision Meeting