



GOOD NEWS FROM YOUR CHURCH

The Newsletter of The Presbyterian Church at Woodbury

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3RD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 7, 2021

WORSHIP SERVICE

Communion

300th Anniversary Speaker

Rev. Dr. Mouris A. Yousef
Blackwood Presbyterian Church
Blackwood, NJ

In-Person and
Virtual Worship Service

10:30 A.M.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

4TH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 14, 2021

9:30 A.M.

WORSHIP SERVICE

In-Person and

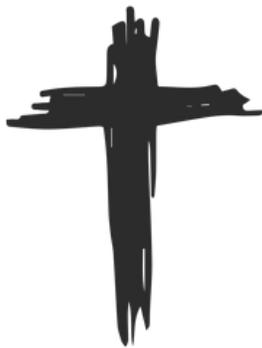
Virtual Worship Service

10:30 A.M.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

From the Pastor...

We are in the midst of a Lenten Study by Jon Meacham on the Last Seven Words of Jesus Christ on the Cross. During one of the recent Zoom gathering, we talked about the image of the cross and the symbolism of the cross for modern believers. How do we “see” this powerful image that was used to kill our Savior?



Professor Donald K. McKim says that “The cross is the central symbol of Christianity. Ever since early Christians began to reflect on the death of Jesus Christ, they knew the three hours when Jesus of Nazareth hung on a Roman cross were decisively important to their eternal salvation and their relationship with God. They found the cross of Christ had the power to change lives forever, through the forgiveness of sins and the new life that comes through the power of God (1 Corinthians 1:18).”

The centrality of the cross continues for contemporary Christians. We, too, know that what the world saw as foolishness and weakness is really the means to a new way of living that affects completely who we are. No longer are we “into” ourselves. Now we are “in Christ,” as we live “by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me” (Galatians 2:20).

Looking at the cross focuses us on the core of our beliefs about what God has done in Jesus Christ. The New Testament presents a range of images to describe what happened on the cross. Considering what the cross means theologically and personally is vitally important for us as Christians in the church.

With the apostle Paul, “we proclaim Christ crucified” (1 Corinthians 1:23)! May we remember the cross not as jewelry or a decorative item in our homes, but as the central reminder of Jesus’ passion, death and resurrection!

In Christ,
Rev. Dr. Philip W. Oehler, Sr.



COVID VACCINES: If you're having trouble scheduling an appointment for the vaccine you can:

- Call Virtua Health at 888-847-8823, select option 1, then option 1 again to speak with someone. This is for *Virtua's mega site at the Moorestown Mall*. You'll be on hold for a while but wait & you'll get your appointment scheduled. Best time to call M-F 9 AM to 5 PM.
- Rowan is offering a phone number for senior citizens to call and make an appointment at (856) 853-3276. When you call you will get a live person who will help schedule your appointment and arrange for accessibility.

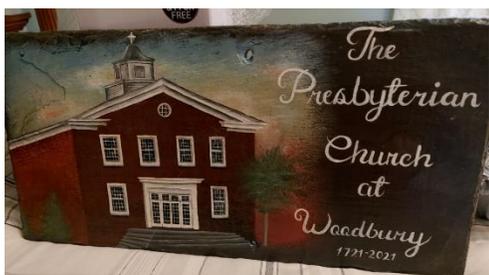
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME begins on Sunday, March 14th. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead before bed that Saturday evening.

MISSION PROJECT: Thank you to our Mission and Outreach Team and Volunteers who wrote 350 Thank You Notes to all the staff members of the Woodbury School District. Each staff member was also given a gift certificate to Whole and Ground Café to show appreciation for all they do.



The Greater Woodbury Cooperative Ministry FOOD PANTRY continues to help our neighbors who are struggling with food insecurity. Please consider picking up a few extra items next time you go shopping. Typical items- canned fruit & veggies, tuna, pasta & sauce, complete pancake mix & syrup plus liquid laundry detergent. Thanks for your continued generosity!!

**Hand Painted Slate Tiles
Tricentennial Anniversary Online
Auction**



Slate Roof Tiles from the Presbyterian Church at Woodbury have been beautifully painted by member Becca Brown. There are six hand painted tiles - each with a unique picture of the sanctuary up for auction. Bidding for a slate tile begins at \$100.00 and the highest bidder will receive first choice of the tiles. The remaining five tiles will follow suit in choosing their tile. Bidding has begun *and ends May 16, 2021* at midnight. Winners will be announced on Pentecost Sunday, May 23. Please send bids to Mary Lynne Diehlman at diehlman@comcast.net All bids will be acknowledged by email and you will be notified if your bid falls below the top six bids. Thanks for supporting this fundraising event as we celebrate 300 years as a congregation.

**2021 Lenten Bible Study
via Zoom
"The Hope of Glory"**
Wednesdays 7:00 pm-8:00 pm
Please email the pastor for the Zoom link at Phil.Oehler@pcwoobury.com and to reserve a copy of Jon Meacham's book.

IN MEMORIAM

Emma F. Mustard

July 29, 1929 – February 21, 2021

"I am the Resurrection and the Life; he who believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die."
John 11:25

VIRTUAL HOLY WEEK SERVICES: The Session has decided that in the best interest and health of the community ALL Holy Week Services will be VIRTUAL via the church's Facebook Live page.

Holy Week



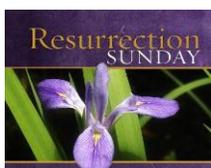
Palm/Passion Sunday
Sunday, March 28 - 9:30am



Maundy Thursday
Thursday, April 1 - 7:00pm
Virtual Communion



Good Friday
Friday, April 2 - 7:00pm
Traditional Tenebrae service



***Easter
Resurrection of the Lord***
Sunday, April 4 - 9:30am

On this occasion the church joyfully proclaims the good news that is at the very heart of the gospel: that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. The service should be centered around the typical and fundamental elements of Christian worship on the Lord's Day: the proclamation of the Word and the celebration of the Lord's Supper. We will celebrate Communion and have Rev. Dr. Debby Brincivalli, our Executive Presbyter, participate in worship, as we continue to celebrate the Tricentennial.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Wendy Kunz in Shady Lane Rehab, Joe Leone, Ed and Carol Parkin, Al Edwards, Geri Petri, Meg Orem, Charlotte Nelson, Janet Muhm, Judy Fetty, Alex Jenei, 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.