



GOOD NEWS FROM YOUR CHURCH

The Newsletter of The Presbyterian Church at Woodbury

March 7, 2023
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3rd Sunday in Lent March 12, 2023

10:00 A.M.

WORSHIP SERVICE RESOURCE

John 4:5-42
Woman at the Well

Children Pre-K to Grade 7
Dismiss to Sunday School Class
after the Children's Message

11:00 AM

Coffee and Fellowship

11:15 AM

Adult Sunday School

4th Sunday in Lent March 19, 2023

10:00 A.M.

WORSHIP SERVICE REVEAL

John 9:1-41
A Man Born Blind

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FROM THE PASTOR...

*"Prayer is none other than an
expanding of our hearts in the
presence of God"*

John Calvin

If you have been involved in the church for a while, it is likely that you have heard a sermon on prayer, been asked to pray, and have heard others pray aloud. What we take away from these experiences of prayer form our understanding of how to pray, who can pray, when to pray, and the definition of prayer itself.

Prayer involves both speaking to God and allowing God to speak to us. The corporate practice of prayer is one form of communion with God, where we come to God in humility and honesty with ourselves and our faith community. By praying together, we encounter God in the tangible love and care of the community who journeys with us.

Individual prayer is an intimate communion with God, who knows us and knows our every weakness, and loves us still. Prayer can take many forms but is always an invitation for us to hit the pause button on our own agendas of life and place ourselves in a space where we can realign ourselves with God.

If we understand Sabbath to be an exchange of our daily rhythms for holy rhythms, then prayer becomes the threshold to Sabbath-keeping. Prayer can function like a pause button on our anxieties,

fears, concerns, and troubles. It is key to entering into a Sabbath rest, allowing us to let go of those things which bind us or keep us stuck.

Sabbath, like prayer, can be both individual and communal. Sabbath offers a space for coming together in celebration of the communal bond we have in Christ. The practice of prayer in community is an opportunity for reconciliation with God and with one another so we may go back into the world to bear witness to God's reconciling love.

We will offer our prayer vigils in the prayer garden beginning in April, and I hope that you will join your us for a time to pause from anxiety, fear, concern, trouble, and encounter God.

Third Thursday of the Month at 7pm
The Prayer Garden

April 20

May 18

June 15

July 20

August 17

September 21

In Christ,
Phil

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COMMUNITY DINNER
March 9, 2023
5:30 PM - Eat In

HELP AND FOOD ITEMS NEEDED:
Volunteers are needed to help in the kitchen, clean up and to provide dessert for the Community Dinner. Please sign up or call the church office if you can help.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: A new Adult series started March 5th: *"In the Footsteps of Jesus"* - a six-week Lenten study. We will be using Max Lucado's DVD. He will be teaching on site in Israel at Capernaum, Sea of Galilee, Mt of Beatitudes, Temple Steps, Garden Tomb and Caesarea. After the 20-minute DVD, we will have discussions on how to follow Jesus when we doubt...when we go through life's storms...when we worry... when we need hope and when we need grace. Join us for an enriching experience. All are invited!

COMMUNITY LENTEN

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

6:00 pm -7:00 pm – Soup Supper

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm – Bible Study

At Christ Episcopal Church

62 Delaware Street, Woodbury, NJ

The Return of the Prodigal Son:

Henri Nouwen

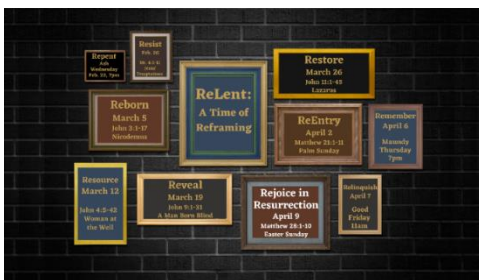
BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE

March 8	The Younger Son	pp.25-58
March 15	The Elder Son	pp.59-88
March 22	The Father	pp.89-119
March 29	Conclusion/Epilogue	pp.120-139

PHILLIES GAME: Join us on July 14th at **6:05 pm.** as the Phillies take on the San Diego Padres with **fireworks** to follow the game. Ticket price is \$30.00. Questions? Call Dean Sommers at (856) 534-5722. Sign up sheet is in the chapel.

THE RUMMAGE SALE is the only fundraiser the Women's Association has and is held in May and November. They have done this for at least 50 years! The money raised goes back into the church to help pay for different things such as new stoves, reupholstering of chairs for the sanctuary, tables for fellowship hall, sponsoring college scholarships each year and money to other ministries just to name a few things. This year's Spring Rummage Sale will be held on Saturday, May 6th from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. Due to limited space, we will NOT be collecting personal items, crafts or stationery. Also, no HUGE pictures – nothing larger than 2' x 2'. Start saving your donations – we will let you know when you can drop them off, as well as have a sign-up sheet for helpers in the near future.

ReLent
A Time of ReFraming



LENT AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 12	3 rd Sunday in Lent	John 4:5-42
Sunday, March 19	4 th Sunday in Lent	John 9:1-41
Sunday, March 26	5 th Sunday in Lent	John 11:1-45
Sunday, April 2	Palm/Passion	Lazarus
Thursday, April 6	Maundy Thursday	Matthew 21:1-11
Friday, April 7	REMEMBER	John 13:1-7, 31b-35
Sunday, April 9	REJOICE IN RESURRECTION	7pm Service
	REVEAL	John 18:19:42
	RESTORE	7pm Service
	REENTRY	Matthew 28:1-10
	RELINQUISH	
	Easter	
	REJOICE IN RESURRECTION	

LENTEN SERVICE PROJECT: We will be doing personal hygiene kits for the Community Food Pantry again this year. You can help by donating any of the following items: soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, and single toothbrushes. All items are due **March 26th**.

AID FOR UKRAINE: Please help as we join with the Wenonah Presbyterian Church and their project of Hygiene Kits for Ukraine. They are looking for donations of hand towels (16" x 28"), washcloths, wide-tooth combs, nail clippers, bars of soap, toothbrushes, Band Aids and gallon size zip lock bags. Bins are located in the chapel. All items are due April 12th.

MARDI-BRA TIME: GWCM Food Pantry is collecting NEW bras of ANY color and ANY size to give to our clients for Mother's Day. Bras will be collected now through the month of March and can be put in the Mardi-BRA box in the Chapel. Donations are also welcome (Make checks out to GWCM and put BRA GWCM on the memo line. **MEN'S ITEMS:** In addition to bras GWCM is, at the same time, collecting boxers and briefs for men to be distributed to the men who come to the Food Pantry around Father's Day.). If you have any questions, please see Judy Roberts. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Sue Gerard, Cathy Howell, and Janet Muhm. A reminder to keep our military personnel in your prayers, including Jonathan Gabler, Nathan Wadding, Cameron Wadding, Jarrod Fetty, and Wesley Tatham.

