



The Announcer

March 2020

*Our Vision is to be the church that displays the love of Christ and connects with people of all walks of life through our ministry, creative services, discipleship and outreach.
Our Mission is to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ and share God's love with others.*

Lectionary Readings

March 1, 2022 [Purple]
1st Sunday in Lent
Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
Psalm 32 (UMH 766)
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

March 8, 2020 [Purple]
2nd Sunday in Lent
Genesis 12:1-4a
Psalm 121 (UMH 844)
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-17

March 15, 2020 [Purple]
3rd Sunday in Lent
Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 95 (UMH 814)
Romans 5:1-11
John 4:5-42

March 22, 2020 [Purple]
4th Sunday in Lent
1 Samuel 16:1-13
Psalm 23 (UMH 754 or 137)
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

March 29, 2020 [Purple]
5th Sunday in Lent
Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 130 (UMH 848)
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45

March 2020 Liturgists & Scripture Readers

(Tentative Schedule)

March 1, 2020
March 8, 2020
March 15, 2020
March 22, 2020
March 29, 2020

Kermit Fitzgerald & Michelle Fitzgerald
Lygea Madison & Deb Kontra
Audrey Royster & Tedd Didden
Wendy Grayauskie & Bill Gildea
Bill Gildea & Ed Schulz



Fellowship Hour

March 1, 2020
April 5, 2020
May 3, 2020

Choir
Looking for volunteers
Women's Group

Fellowship Hour is the first Sunday of each month unless otherwise noted. Please arrive before worship to set up, provide simple snacks and clean up after fellowship time.

March Birthdays

02 Victoria Adjekpiyede
07 Carolynn Slusser
17 Charles Adjekpiyede
21 Andrew Beerer
24 Elaine Walla
29 Dorothy Januzelli
29 Emily Kinsey



Bible Study

We have just started our new study of the “Great Figures of the New Testament”. It is presented by Professor Amy-Jill Levine of the Vanderbilt University Divinity School. She will be discussing well-known individuals such as Pontius Pilate, James, and Philip but also important groups and individuals who are not specified by name such as the Centurions, the woman at the well, the shepherds, and others. Professor Levine deftly discusses details of the person from the perspectives of the Biblical stories, culture, and literary criticism, how the church has viewed the person through history, and how artists and worshippers have viewed them. Probably one of the most fascinating aspects of the course is how she brings their personalities to life based on how they spoke, acted, or reacted within the confines of their culture. Some of the many figures discussed include Elizabeth and Zechariah, John the Baptist, Joseph, Mary and Martha, Lazarus, the Samaritan woman, Pharisees and Sadducees, Thomas, James, John, Judas Iscariot, Stephen, Philip, Paul, and Jesus. Bill Gildea is serving as the facilitator of this class. Because of his extensive knowledge of ancient history, he is able to offer additional information to expand on the lectures, which adds a great deal to our understanding. Classes start at 8:30 a.m. in the fellowship area. Please join us.

Committee Meetings

The Trustees meet the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Annex. Church Council meets the third Monday at 2:00 p.m. in the Annex. If you have any questions, suggestions or building concerns, these are the meetings to address them. Both committee meetings are open to the congregation, although voting privileges are limited to committee members. **If there is a change in either schedule an announcement is usually made in church the preceding Sunday.**

Women’s Group Meeting

The Women’s Group will be meeting on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at 12:30 p.m. They are currently exploring the 21 Questions that John Wesley and his small group at Oxford would ask each other. The goal is to think about the questions, share their thoughts and become “aware” of the meaning that it has for each one of the members. Please plan to attend and bring a bag lunch.

West End Churches Lenten Devotions and Worship Schedule

Light Lunch and Devotion Discussion

Wednesday, March 4, 12 Noon:

Christ Church, United Church of Christ, 1003 W. Marshall Street
Rev. Sandra Etemad (All Saints), leader

Wednesday, March 11, 12 Noon:

All Saints Episcopal Church, 535 Haws Ave.
Rev. Jeffrey Johnson (Christ, UCC) leader

Wednesday, March 18, 12 Noon:

Ascension United Church of Christ, 1700 W. Main Street
Rev. Jeffrey Johnson (Christ, UCC), leader

Wednesday, March 25, 12 Noon:

Haws Avenue United Methodist Church
800 W. Marshall Street
Rev. Dwayne Mosier (Ascension UCC) leader

Wednesday, April 1, 12 Noon:

Calvary Baptist, 801 W. Marshall Street
Rev. Dwight Lundgren (Calvary), leader

Friday, April 10, 12 Noon: Good Friday Worship Service

Calvary Baptist Church, 801 W. Marshall Street - Rev. David Knipel (Calvary), preaching

Eastern PA Conference Events

March 2020

3/07/20	Tools for Ministry (On the Districts)		
3/14/20	Basic Sexual Ethics	9:30am- 3:00pm	Bethel UMC
3/20 – 3/22/20	Dismantling Racism 3-Day Training	Friday 5:00pm- Sunday 3:00pm	Desmond Hotel
3/21/20	ERT/VIM Training	8:00am- 4:00pm	Place TBD
3/21 – 3/22/20	UMW Girls on the Go Retreat	Time TBD	Camp Innabah
3/28/20	Racism, Post- Traumatic Stress, & Transformation	8:30am	Simpson House
3/28/20	EPA Youth Rally	TBD	Place TBD

An Announcement from Bishop Peggy A. Johnson

Bishop Peggy A. Johnson would like to announce the appointment of the Rev. Dr. Andrew L. Foster III as the District Superintendent for the East District in the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference effective July 1, 2020. He follows the Rev. Tracy Bass who will transfer to another conference effective July 1, 2020.

Dr. Foster recently served as the District Superintendent of the Rhode Island, Southeastern Massachusetts (RISEM) District in the New England Conference from July 1, 2017 to July 1, 2020. Under his leadership, Dr. Foster empowered the laity and clergy of the district to be more missionally focused. He served the connection faithfully and demonstrated the importance of excellence in ministry.



Dr. Foster is a native of the Germantown Section of Philadelphia, PA, receiving his early education in the Willingboro, NJ School District. He comes from a long line of Methodist pastors. He served in the United States Air Force and was honorably discharged. He is a graduate of Peirce College in Philadelphia, receiving an Associate in Science Degree in Business Management, a graduate of Rutgers University in Camden, NJ, receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science, and is a graduate of Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wynnewood, PA, receiving a Master of Divinity and a Doctor of Ministry Degree in Marriage and Family Counseling from Palmer Theological Seminary (formerly Eastern Baptist Seminary). He was the first African American pastor to serve at Clearview United Methodist Church (a

cross-cultural/racial appointment), located in the Eastwick section of Philadelphia. He served as the Assistant to the Pastor of the historic Tindley Temple United Methodist Church; Associate Pastor of Janes Memorial U.M. Church in Philadelphia, PA; Senior Pastor of Grace Community UMC in Chester, PA where he is the founder of Grace Community's Resource & Empowerment Center, Inc. (A Community Development Corporation). Dr. Foster served as the Senior Pastor of Janes Memorial UMC in Philadelphia.

Dr. Foster is a former board member of Unity Center, Inc., The Episcopal House, Inc., the Rocky Run YMCA, and former community liaison for the Chester Ministerium (an ecumenical body). He is the author of two books: "So, You've Answered the Call, Now What??" and "So, You Say You Want To Get Married?, Now What?" He has published articles in The Daily Times Newspaper, speaking against Gambling in Chester, PA "The Downside of Expanded Gambling: "For Bettor or Worse" and "Educational Genocide" speaking against the Chester Upland School District's treatment of Chester students.

Dr. Foster is blessed to be married to his best friend and partner in ministry, Rev. Lorraine V. Foster. They have 4 adult children and 8 grandchildren.

Dr. Foster's mission in life is to worship, honor and praise His Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ with his whole being! He wants nothing less than to give his all to Him; spending time with Him alone in prayer and in personal devotion reading His Word. Personal holiness and spiritual integrity are non-negotiables in his life. His on-going mission in life is to be the loving, servant leader God has called him to be.

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Retirement Party

For

Rev. Carlotta Madison

Please join us for this celebration

Sunday, March 29, 2020

11:30 Appetizers 12:00 Dinner

\$10.00 Per person

RSVP by March 8, 2020 to Linda or John Keenan

Asbury Community Out Reach Projects

Forteniters Toiletries Collection

The "Toiletries Box" in the Pine Street vestibule is an adjunct to the annual dinner. There is an on-going need for grooming products which can be distributed to the group's members. These personal grooming items include: combs, brushes, toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, shaving cream, shampoo, deodorant, emery boards, nail files and clippers, bobby pins, chap stick, bar soap, hand and body lotion, talcum powder, etc., (but no nail polish, that would require an acetone based remover.) **THE ONLY REQUIREMENT IS THAT NONE OF THE PRODUCTS CONTAIN ALCOHOL.** If you have any questions as to whether a certain product is suitable or not, speak with Linda or John Keenan before you make the purchase.



The Salvation Army Choice Food Pantry Collection

Thanks to everyone who continues to donate to this ongoing outreach project. Please continue to help fill the "Choice Food Pantry" shelves. Deliveries are made on Mondays, as the pantry is open on Tuesday by appointment only. This outreach project was started by the Women's Group in November 2015.

Items Needed

Peanut Butter
Jelly
Canned Soup
Boxed Macaroni and Cheese
Recyclable shopping bags








Next Collection Date is March 22, 2020

Just a reminder...

Be sure to check the expiration dates on the the Salvation Army Food Pantry donations.

Please contact Karen Gildea if interested in contributing to or volunteering at "The Community Interfaith Food Pantry". Please contact the McCoy's if interested in contributing to or volunteering at "Welcome" (Soup Kitchen at Calvary).

March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
1 8:30 am Bible Study 10:15 am Worship	2	3 Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm	4 Women's Group 12:30pm	5	6	7
8 8:30 am Bible Study 10:15 am Worship <i>Daylight saving time begins</i>	9 Trustees 7:00 pm	10 Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm	11	12	13	14
15 8:30 am Bible Study 10:15 am Worship	16 Church Council 2:00pm	17 Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm <i>St Patrick's Day</i>	18	19	20	21
22 8:30 am Bible Study 10:15 am Worship	23	24 Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm	25	26	27	28
29 10:15 am Worship <i>11:30 am Pastor Carlotta's Party</i>	30	31				

The deadline for the next Announcer is March 15, 2020

Email items to Cynthia at cyntober@aol.com.

Please include "Announcer" in the subject line.

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