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The Lifeline

MARCH 2018



From the Minister's Desk

I was sitting between Jen and Austin during the Pancake Supper on Ash Wednesday when I saw the updated headline that 17 people had been killed in the school shooting down in Broward County, Florida just a few hours earlier. Part of me responded to the headline by thinking, 'and here's another one'.

That's messed up. I, and I know that I am not alone, have become so used to these tragedies taking place that they become 'another one'.

During the worship service that was held a short while later, we heard from the prophet Joel who proclaimed the coming of God to be like a great and powerful army that was going to sweep over all of the people because they had become so comfortable with living in ways that are contrary to the way of God that they weren't able or willing to do anything different.

Sound familiar? 'Here's another one'. I know that it can feel like there is nothing, or at the very least, next to nothing that we can do to stop the sin and brokenness that pervades the world...so we don't.

But it doesn't have to end that way.

Immediately following the prophecy just mentioned in Joel, we are provided the action step: 'Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart.' We live in a world that feels upside down and inside out where there is little to nothing that can be done to curtail the madness. 'Yet even now, return to me with all your heart.' As we move through these days, you can do something which will affect you...which will plant the seeds of change in those around you...which will ripple out further in ways that we never imaged or planned: 'Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart.'

We need to. Today. That way, when the next one happens, it's not just 'another one'.

'Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart.'

With Love in Christ,

Pastor Ryan



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

1 Peter Bohnenkamp
 2 Mathew Markert
 2 Tracy Reuter
 2 Kelsey Rochelle
 2 Patti Ann (Thornton) Conner
 3 Tammy Wise
 4 Erik Hergert
 5 Timothy Carlo
 6 Gloria Herder
 6 Michael Spies
 7 Robert Serridge, II
 8 Lisa McKeown
 8 Tyler Nehila
 11 Riaan Erwee
 11 Brian Jones

11 Scott Schnitzer
 13 Adam Hepburn
 13 Sean Concannon
 13 Trent McFadden
 13 Chase Nehila
 13 James Traynor
 19 Erin Bauer
 19 Benjamin Lyman
 23 Bonnie Riche
 24 Craig Hall
 25 Benjamin Koch
 28 John C. McKeown
 29 Melanie Kosinski
 29 Meagan McFadden

31 Richard Hallam

Anniversaries

10 Marilyn and Wayne Heater
 24 Jean and Colin Mallows
 24 Susan and Jeff O'Connor
 26 Mary Jane and Edward Drenkhahn

If you have a birthday or anniversary that's not listed here, please call the church Office at 908-788-3022 to let us know your special date so we can add it to our list.

Ushers

4 Eric Christensen, Fiona Bradshaw, Gerry Rihl, Ed Drenkhahn
 11 Scott Beers, Malcom Hallam, Richard and Linda Kacvinski
 18 Ken Moser, Sue Newborn, Peter and Barbara Wisniewski
 25 Bill Wilcox, Rob Benton, Dick Stothoff, Keith Snyder,

Greeters

4 Fiona Bradshaw
 11 Sheila and Malcolm Hallam
 18 Dan and Emily Heitkamp
 25 The Breuer Family

Nursery

4 The Mead Family
 11 Cindy Katsempris
 18 Monica Hoopes
 25 Trevor Benton

Tech Closet

4 Eric Rasch
 11 Edmund Knowles
 18 Greg Mead
 25 Dirk Beisner

Fellowship Coffee Time

4 Lisa Thornton
 11 Spiritual Growth
 18 Worship Commission
 25

Flowers in the Sanctuary to the Glory of God

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 11 Dave Boelhouwer in memory of Elaine Boelhouwer
 18
 25

**Thank
 you to
 those
 who
 help
 during
 worship**



Easter Services

- March 25** **10:15am Palm Sunday Service**
Easter Egg Hunt after Worship
- March 29** **7:30pm Maundy Thursday**
Service of Tenebrae
In the midst of darkness, the light of God is able to shine forth. This service invites you to recognize and receive that light. You are invited to journey to the empty tomb by first feeling the betrayal and rejection that takes place prior to sacrifice made for our sake on the cross. Come. Worship. Receive the light.
- March 30** **7:30pm at Neshanic Reformed Church**
Good Friday Service
We will once again be worshipping with Clover Hill and Neshanic Reformed Churches. This year's service will be held at Neshanic will remind all of us what Jesus endured... and who he endured it for. Let us gather together.
- April 1** **6:30 am Easter Sunrise Service**
(breakfast will be served)
10:15 am Easter Sunday Service

Paint Party Recipe



The Paint Party was a great time for all who attended. Many people asked for Stephanie's recipe for Salsa di Parmigiano so here it is:

Salsa di Parmigiano (taken from Michael Chiarello's Casual Cooking Cookbook)

Makes 2+ Cups

- 8 oz. Parmesan cheese, broken into 1" chunks
- 8 oz. Asiago cheese, broken into 1" chunks
- 1 Tablespoon chopped garlic
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 2 Tablespoons chopped basil
- 2 Tablespoons chopped scallions
- 1 teaspoon pepper flakes (I used 1/2 teaspoon to keep it mild)
- 1 1/2 cups extra virgin olive oil

Place all of the ingredients in the bowl of food processor. Pulse for about 10 seconds, to break the cheese into small granules. Use a rubber spatula to scrape down & recombine between every couple of pulses. Transfer the salsa to a sealed container & refrigerate for up to a week. Bring to room temperature before serving.

Chef's note: serve as topping for bread, toss with pasta, spoon over fresh sliced tomatoes, the possibilities are endless.

Thank You from the Church in St Thomas



Good morning members of 3 Bridges Reformed Church,

On behalf of the St Thomas Reformed Church, MBW and the island of St Thomas, please accept our deep gratitude for all that your group did here and for what you brought to our island. It was a blessing to have you staying with us and sharing in our ministry. You represented 3 Bridges well, worked hard, went with the flow, and left your mark! You reminded us that we belong to a larger body of Christ, and for that we give thanks!

May God continue to bless the work of your hands!

Peace,

Jeff & STR



Live Generously

Stewardship & Finance

Have you noticed the colorful inserts in the worship bulletin over the past couple of weeks? The 2018 stewardship conversation is underway and we hope you have been hearing and reading words of hope and inspiration about the abundance of blessings in our faith community.

You should also have received in the mail this year's Estimate of Giving card which presents an opportunity to reflect on the blessings in each of our own lives and to consider prayerfully how we should respond through volunteer efforts and financial offerings. If you don't have an Estimate of Giving card, you can pick one up at church or call the office and we will mail one to you. We will receive completed cards as a congregation during worship on March 18. Feel free, however, to return your card to the church any time, if possible before March 31.

We encourage everyone to return an Estimate of Giving so that Consistory and the various Commissions can put together a viable budget for church operations and programs.

Our church family continues to be blessed in many ways – thanks be to God. Let us give thanks through proper stewardship of our gifts and let His light shine brightly through the community that is our church at Three Bridges.

For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. (2 Cor. 8:9)



Adults Bible Study

We have embarked on reading and discussing the book of Isaiah. Please join us on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the church lounge. Regulars, occasionals, visitors and first-timers are all welcome.



The Nursery School

The Nursery School will be holding a fundraiser on March 8th. Please look at page 6 of this Lifeline for more information.

Prayer Concerns

Please include these people in your prayers this month. In addition, they may really appreciate an occasional card.

Rev. Becky Pratt, (*Stanton Reformed Church*); Jan Miller (*Classis Minister, Steve Miller's wife*), Barbara MacMillan (*mother of Susan Zehner*), David Miller (*Barbara Livingston, Nephew*), Duane Reuter, Rich Petersen (*Marlyn Reuter*), Rose (*mother of a friend, Roxanne*), Michelle Kelly (*family friend, Newborns*), Leah and Chuck (*Friends of Nace's*) Chantel (*wife of Joseph, Haiti*), Brittany, Jared Louzier and family (*Kim Kacvinski*), Joe Pate (*John Pate's father*), Janny van Vliet (*Dirk Beisner, family*) Bruno Eisner (*Renee McFadden, friend*), Kyler Martin (*Kacvinski, Grandson*), Kathy (*Ed Thornton's, Co-Worker wife*), Joesph Perrozzio (*Roy Presser, Son-in-Law*) Luke Burtch (*Kaitlyn Corsentino's husband*), Kathy Brandt (*Peggy Corsentino*), Gerdus Korb (*Karin Erwee, Nephew*) Rev. Becky Pratt, Rose Mishinski (*Roy Presser*), Donna Traynor (*Kathy Traynor, daughter*), Ann Stiles (*Ed Drenkhahn, friend*), Connie Sanfilippo (*Lisa Thornton's Aunt*), Jeff Lageman's mother (*Rachel Moser's friend's husband*), Helen Chin, Alexa (*Lucinda Snyder*), Michael Heater (*Sue Newborn*), Duan VanWylie (*Melanie Kosinski, father*), Aileen D'Agostino's Mother, Jason Rau (*Anthony Katsempris*), Liz (*Jean Mallows' daughter; Tasha Scruggs' mom*), AJ Celeste (*Friend, Rachel Moser*), Megan Wheeler & her child (*neice, Lacinda Snyder*), Scott Darden (*Dirk Beisner*), Helen Reitsna (*Grandmother-in-law, Kimberly Kacvinski*), Alex Vining, Betsy Taylor, Andrea Shadel (*friends, Sally Markert*), Jen Watkins (*Friend of Sarah Milhiem*), Ashley Hayas (*granddaughter, Jean Mallows & sister, Tasha Scruggs*), Jim Crooke (*family friend of Laurie Riebe*), Jessica Toscano, Justin (Zippy) Cimino (*Renee McFadden*) Janet Murphy (*Cory Christensen*), Joanna (*LeighAnn Koch's friend's mother*), Emma Banker (*Adella Kline's friend*), Barbara MacMillan (*Susan Zehner's Mother*), Donna (*Barbara Marino's Co-Worker*) Dawn (*Renee McFadden*), Calyssa (*Luke and Zina Kirby's Niece*), Peggy McKibben (*Dirk Beisner's Cousin*), Mrs. Ondina Neves (*Dirk Beisner; co-workers mother*), Deborah Joy Quinn (*Rachel Moser; cousin*), Lori Wilcox; Mark Wilcox (*Peggy and Bill's daughter and son*); Matt, Mike Maranon (*Renee McFadden*) Cole Bachman (*Lynda Benton, Friend of parents*), Donna Stefanick (*Lois Hanna*), Elise Henkelman (*Debbie Bulik's friend*), Margaret Marone (*family friend of Koch's*), Mary Hilligas (*Michael Reuter's Mother-in-Law*) Ron Sparvero (*Kathy Moser, friend*), Cheryl Agans (*Kathy Moser, friend*), Duncan (*Herb Wood*), Joan Reilly and Matthew Harms (*friends of the Mead's*), Ray and Edie Schmidt (*Adella Kline*), Bobbie MacGregor (*friend of Suanne Presser*), Katherine Emerson Higgins (*Courtenay Gayeski; grandmother*), Joan (*sister of Barbara Marino*), Paula (*friend, Patti and Sarah Thornton*), George Bartlett (*friend of Audrey Spies*), Kory Wiita (*Renee McFadden girlfriend's cousin*), Thomas Forsythe and Family, Elaine Tublin (*friends of Peggy Corsentino*), Larry Hanna, Brian Walsh (*friend of McFadden's*), Jessie Lenah-Glue (*friend of Shelly Lyman*), Bridget Gum (*child—friend of Pam DeStefano*), Sue McCarthy (*friend of Renee McFadden*), Ian Bradshaw

On-Going Church Members: Barbara Keen, Peggy Wilcox, Lois Hanna, Meredith Taylor, Trent McFadden, Austin Nace, Suanne Presser, Roy Presser, Agnes Pesce, Susan Zehner, Casey Jack Reilly, Carter Bulik, Audre Morrison, Logan Hutchins, Kate Lim, Haldri Ann Sjøvold, Susan O'Connor, Ed Drenkhahn

Our Missionaries: Jeremy and Susan Beebout, Republic of Niger www.rca.org/jeremy-susan-beebout

Our Haiti Sponsored Children: Stevenley, Jeph, Micheleine, Yamiley, Robenson, Chrislove, Widson, Rosebenita, Renalson Frizline and Adlinda

Additional Haiti Children supported by individuals :

Andrise, Nana, Coby Jean, Fabiana, Michel-Lynn, Rose Carline, Angeline, Westerson, Slaend, Kenelson, Milenska Rose, Robinson, Madeline, Sedeline, Jennica.

Military Service: 1st Lieutenant Madeleine Wilcox (Peggy and Bill Wilcox, Grand-daughter) Ben Danner, Marines (Sharyn Danner, son) Carlos Hermosa, Marines (Renee McFadden, Friend), Joel Sparvero, Army/ Fort Bragg (Roxanne Alpaugh, Son-in-Law) Airman Nickolas Heitkamp; US Air National Guard (Daniel Heitkamp, Brother), Evan Toyberg, Marines (Peggy Ferrone, Grandson); Dirk & Wendy Beisner, nephew) Seppe Heitkamp, Marines (Daniel Heitkamp, brother)

Classis Churches: Pray for strength and revitalization as well as for each of our congregations and each other on a weekly basis: Blawenburg 3/4, Bradley Gardens 3/11, Centro Cristian 3/18, Crossroads 3/25

Condolences to: The Riebe Family in the death of Lynn S. Allahand, Laurie's sister

If you would like to see an addition or changes to the prayer list, please contact the church office at 3brc@comcast.net or 908-788-3022



EASTER FLOWERS

DEADLINE FOR PLACING AN ORDER IS MARCH 2ND

E A S T E R F L O W E R O R D E R F O R M

to the glory of God and in memory or honor of a Loved One on April 1st, Easter Sunday

Name _____

Phone _____

(please write your name as you wish it to be printed in the bulletin)

Yes, I would like to order # _____ lilies at \$ 20.00 each
(8" Gold foil wrapped pot with 2+ blooms)

Yes, I would like to order # _____ tulips at \$ 10.00 each
(8" Gold foil wrapped pot with 8 blooms)

Yes, I would like to order # _____ Daffodils at \$ 11.00 each
(8" Gold foil wrapped pot)

Total amount enclosed \$ _____ (check please)

In Memory of

In Honor of

Yes, I will take after the Easter Service

Please give to shut-in

Checks only, please, made out to TBRC

Memo Line: Easter Flowers

Please return to the church office or place in an offering plate.

Order by: March 2, 2018

CHILI'S IS PROUD TO SUPPORT

Three Bridges Christian Nursery School

Let Chili's do the cooking while we support Three Bridges Christian Nursery School at the same time. With each flyer presented on Thursday Chili's will donate 10% of the event day sales.

The Three Bridges Christian Nursery School Give Back Event is:
March 8, 2018
11 a.m. - 11 p.m.

only at:
Flemington
325 US Hwy 202
Flemington, NJ 08822-1730
908-782-1517 - www.chilis.com

We look forward to seeing you at Chili's!



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Mention or show the Give Back Event Flyer with each check to receive credit for the sale. Sale cannot be included in donation amount with flyer. Offer only valid on the date and location stated above. Donations will not be given on sales made prior to or past this date.

March

To Know Christ and To Make Christ Known

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6:30 am Men's Bible 7:15 pm Vocals	2 7:30 - 10p Sr High Games	3 8 a- 3 p Classis
4 9:00 am Adult/ Confirmation 10:15 am Communion Sunday School 12 - 1 p Sr. High @ Clover Hill	5 4:44-6:44 pm Music & More 7:15pm Bells 7:15pm Dart League 7:30-9:30 pm SrHigh	6 7:30am Women's Bible Study / Panera 7-8:30p Boy Scouts	7 2-4 pm Knitting 2:15p Sr. Exercise	8 6:30 am Men's Bible 7:15 pm Vocals	9 7:30 - 10p Sr High Games	10
11 9:00 am Adult/ Confirmation 10:15 am Worship / Sunday School 12 - 1 p Sr. High @	12 4:44-6:44 pm Music & More 7:15pm Bells 7:30-9:30 pm SrHigh	13 7:30am Women's Bible Study / Panera 7:00 pm TBCNS Board 7:00 pm Fellowship	14 2-4 pm Knitting 2:15p Sr. Exercise 6:30 p Elders 7:30 p Consistory	15 6:30 am Men's Bible 7:15 pm Vocals 7:30p Ladies Book Hope Force Conf.	16 No TBCNS Classes Hope Force Conf.	17 Hope Force Conf.
18 9:00 am Adult/ Confirmation 10:15 am Worship / Sunday School 12 - 1 p Sr. High @ Clover Hill	19 4:44-6:44 pm Music & More 7:15pm Bells 7:30-9:30 pm SrHigh	20 7:30am Women's Bible Study / Panera 7:00 pm Stewardship & Finance 7-8:30p Boy Scouts	21 2-4 pm Knitting 2:15p Sr. Exercise	22 6:30 am Men's Bible Study 6-8:30pm Girl Scouts FH/K 7:15 pm Vocals	23 7:30 - 10p Sr High Games	24
25 Pal m Sunday: 9:00 am Adult Study 10:15am Worship/ 10:40 am Sunday school	26 4:44-6:44 pm Music & More 7:15pm Bells 7:30-9:30 pm SrHigh	27 7:30am Women's Bible Study / Panera 7:00 pm Buildings and Grounds 7-8:30p Boy Scouts	28 2-4 pm Knitting 2:15p Sr. Exercise	29 6:30 am Men's Bible 7:30 pm Maundy Service TBCNS Spring Break	30 - Office Closed - 7:30 pm Good Friday Service	31 Holy Saturday/ Easter Vigil

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