

The Lifeline

March 2019



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From the Minister's Desk

Ash Wednesday, this year recognized on March 6, is the first day of Lent, the season of preparation prior to Easter. This is a time, historically, when individuals who had been called to join the Church would, like Jesus in the wilderness, go through a period of prayerful isolation and fasting prior to being baptized into the faith.

When we compare that basic description of Lent to our own lives, many of us marvel at the commitment of the individuals who went through such sacrifice, while equally wondering if we would have anything close to a similar resolve. We wonder because there have been too many times when we have leapt into this or that venture with the greatest of determination, only to realize not all that much later that we are right back where we started.

Why? Why does that happen? At least part of the reason is that we haven't surrounded ourselves with the support structure that we need for those times when we invariably stumble or fall short. That reality is something that is not often recognized either in Jesus' account in the wilderness, or in the preparations of those who would become those early Christians. Remember, Jesus was 'waited upon' by angels (Mark 1:13), and those working toward baptism were surrounded by others who prayed with them, for them, and beside them. And, as we have also mentioned many times, all of this was done in the presence of the Almighty via prayer. They did not do it alone!

This year, you are invited to join in reading the daily devotional 'Rediscover Jesus' by Matthew Kelly. This is an opportunity to be more connected and devoted to the one we call Lord, Jesus Christ. And yes, your free copy is available to pick up at the church! These brief readings remind us that we cannot do it alone. As we gather together in this way you'll be reassured that you don't have to. Let us gather together and support one another as we journey together in faith.

With Love in Christ,

Pastor Ryan

Music



Adult Choir



Handbell Choir

Missions



St. Thomas Mission Commissioning



Emily Heitkamp describing the Mission

Stewardship & Finance

God has a plan for everyone and everything. That includes you, and it includes TBRC. None of us can fully know God's plan—the best we can do is pray and listen for clarity. Our 2019 Stewardship Campaign is kicking off in March and we are asking for your support. Whether you give to the church on a regular basis, or just attend on occasion, we're asking you to consider a "Step-Up" contribution for our 2019 Stewardship Campaign. We are encouraging all church members to pledge at least 10% more than last year. Even if you can't make a large gift, know that every little bit helps. Your support helps TBRC with so many important outreach programs. Currently, we have an expense deficit of about 5% and are hoping with our "Step Up" campaign, we can manage to avoid operating at a loss. It's more about coming together as a community united behind a common cause. We hope that you'll consider making a "Step Up" donation towards this great step forward that we're making together.

Sincerely,

Stewardship & Finance Committee

Lenten Book Series

FREE FREE FREE FREE FREE FREE..... YES FREE

Who does not like FREE? Pick up a copy of "Rediscover Jesus" at church and join us in reading one super short chapter each day in Lent. You can even join in the conversation on Facebook. It's never too late to REDISCOVER JESUS. It helps you even more than giving up Chocolate!

Ash Wednesday Service

Ash Wednesday is March 6th. Please join us for a Pancake Supper at 6 pm prior to the 7:30 pm worship.

Mobility Equipment

For anyone in need, there is a wheel chair (18" seat; outside wheel to wheel 25"; with foot rests) and a walker with glides. For more information please contact the church office at 3brc@comcast.net or call 908-788-3022.

THREE BRIDGES REFORMED CHURCH 2019 INTERGENERATIONAL MISSION TRIP. JULY 14, 2019—JULY 21, 2019 NOXEN, PENNSYLVANIA

It has been two years since we fell in love with the community in Noxen, PA. Their hospitality and warm, open hearts helped to make our 2017 mission trip a wonderful experience. When the local tannery closed, it brought with it a lack of opportunity for those that have lived in this community for generations. A large elderly population needs help and that is what Three Bridges does. Join the team this summer to make a huge difference in someone's life.

Accommodations: Teams stay in the air conditioned church building on gender-specific floors (air mattresses) or in tents in a large cedar grove (team members determine their own sleeping area). Showers are available at Misericordia University, which also offers an Olympic pool. Local swimming holes are also an options.

Cost: \$150 per person covers lodging, transportation, food and materials. A deposit of \$75 is due to reserve a space. Please make the checks payable to Three Bridges and give to Sue Newborn.

Join the team: Space is limited. Anyone entering 9th grade in September of 2019 and up are welcome. No prior experience needed, just a willingness to serve. A sign up sheet can be found in the fellowship hall.



Have you noticed the sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall? Many of the same people volunteer each time we are scheduled. Why? Because, it is a fantastic way to serve our God right here in our community. The guests are warm and friendly, the time flies by, and it turns out to be a most rewarding evening.

We have a few opportunities to serve:

- In March-Wednesday, 3-27-19 and Thursday, 3-28-19.

Fundraising Opportunity for Family Promise

"Dream Dinner"

To Benefit Family Promise
"Making the Dream of a Home a Reality"

Thursday, March 28th

5:00 pm -7:00 pm

Hunterdon Central Commons

Adults: \$8

Students with ID: \$5

Children 4 and under: Free

(Takeout is Available)

Worship Responsibilities

First Sunday, March 3rd-

Communion Sunday

Keyboardist Kate Lim
Ushers Ed Drenkhahn,
Eric Christensen,
Fiona Bradshaw, Gerry Rihl

Flowers
Fellowship
Nursery Tasha Scruggs
Tech Eric Rasch

Second Sunday, March 10th

Keyboardist Kate Lim
Ushers Richard and Linda Kacvinski,
Scott Beers, Malcolm Hallam

Flowers
Fellowship Lisa Thornton
Nursery Renee McFadden
Tech Edmund Knowles

Third Sunday, March 17th

Keyboardist Kate Lim
Ushers Barbara and Pete
Wisniewski
Wendy Rochelle,
Ken Moser

Flowers
Fellowship Sarah Milheim
Nursery Peggy Ferrone
Tech Greg Mead

Fourth Sunday, March 24th

Keyboardist Kate Lim
Ushers Rob Benton, Dick Stothoff,
Keith Snyder
Fellowship Sarah Milheim
Nursery Lisa Thornton
Tech Dirk Beisner

Fifth Sunday, March 31st

Keyboardist Kate Lim
Ushers Dave Boelhauer,
Renee McFadden,
Jennifer Rasch, Eric Rasch
Fellowship Finance Commission
Nursery Sarah Debraski
Tech Dirk Beisner

March Birthdays

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| 1- Peter Bohnenkamp | 11 - Brian Jones |
| 2- Mathew Markert | 11-Scott Schnitzer |
| 2-Tracy Reuter | 13-Adam Hepburn |
| 2- Kelsey Rochelle | 13-Sean Concannon |
| 2- Patti Ann (Thornton)
Conner | 13-Chase Nehila |
| 3-Tammy Wise | 13-James Traynor |
| 4- Erik Hergert | 19-Erin Bauer |
| 5-Timothy Carlo | 19-Benjamin Lyman |
| 6-Gloria Herder | 23-Bonnie Riche |
| 6-Michael Spies | 24-Craig Hall |
| 7-Robert Serridge, II | 25-Benjamin Koch |
| 8-Lisa McKeown | 28-John C. McKeown |
| 8-Tyler Nehila | 29-Melanie Kosinski |
| 11 - Riaan Erwee | 29-Meagan McFadden |
| | 31-Richard Hallam |

March Anniversaries

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



Upcoming Events

The Senior Lunch will take place on Friday April 26th at noon. Please join us and bring a friend!

Prayer Concerns

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

Continued Prayer: Ken Folta (*Kim Beer's father*) Bryan Sindorf (*Debbie Bulik, family friend*), Jamie (*Tasha Scruggs friend*), Christine (*Manny Scruggs, Grandma*), Bruce Alpaugh (*Roxanne's husband*), Joanne Snyder, Jenny (*Haldri Ann, friend*) Julian and Kevin (*Renee McFadden, Friends*), Timothy (*Erik and Cory Christensen*), Bannister Family (*Rachel Moser*), Duane Van Wyhe (*Melanie Kosinski's father*), David Miller (*Barbara Livingston, Nephew*), Rich Petersen (*Marlyn Reuter*), Michelle Kelly (*family friend, Newborns*), Leah and Chuck (*Friends of Nace's*) Chantel (*wife of Joseph, Haiti*), Brittany, Jared Lozier and family (*Kim Kacvinski*), Janny van Vliet (*Dirk Beisner, family*) Bruno Eisner (*Renee McFadden, friend*), Kyler Martin (*Kacvinski, Grandson*), Luke Burtch (*Kaitlyn Corsentino's husband*), Kathy Brandt (*Peggy Corsentino*), Gerdus Korb (*Karin Erwee, Nephew*), Donna Traynor (*Kathy Traynor, daughter*), 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, Liz (*Jean Mallows' daughter; Tasha Scruggs' mom*), AJ Celeste (*Friend, Rachel Moser*), Megan Wheeler & her child (*neice, Lacinda Snyder*), Scott Darden (*Dirk Beisner*), Alex Vining, Betsy Taylor, Andrea Shadel (*friends, Sally Markert*), Jen Watkins (*Friend of Sarah Milhiem*), Ashley Hayes (*granddaughter, Jean Mallows & sister, Tasha Scruggs*), Jim Crooke (*family friend of Laurie Riebe*), Justin (Zippy) Cimino (*Renee McFadden*) Janet Murphy (*Cory Christensen*), Joanna (*LeighAnn Koch's friend's mother*), Emma Banker (*Adella Kline's friend*), 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*), 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: Peggy and Bill Wilcox, Lois Hanna, Meredith Taylor, Suanne Presser, Agnes Pesce, Austin Nace, Casey Jack Reilly, Carter Bulik, Logan Hutchins, Kate Lim, Herb Wood,

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

Church Classis: Pray for the strength and revitalization as well as for each other: Blawenburg 3/3, Bradley Gardens 3/10, Centro Cristiano 3/17, Crossroads 3/24-Churchville 3/31
Jan Miller (Steve Miller's wife),

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

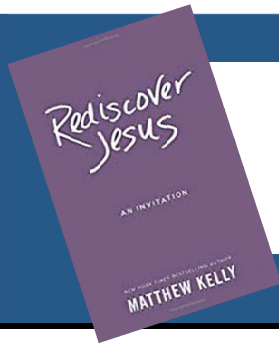
Additional Haiti Children supported by individuals :

Andrise, Nana, Coby Jean, Edwine (Ed), Michel-Lynn, Rose Carline, Angeline, Westerson, Slaend, Kenelson, Milenska Rose, Robinson, Madeline, Sedeline, Jennica

Military Service: 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)
A1C Kenneth Wayne Pine, Air Force, (Wayne & Gail Jones, nephew)
Tanner McLaughlin, Army/Fort Bragg, (Latasha Scruggs, nephew)

Condolences to: Bill Wilcox and Family on the passing of Bill's sister Patricia

The members of Stanton Reformed Church, as well as the family and friends of Rev. Becky Pratt on her passing



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Three Bridges Reformed Church

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To Know Christ and To Make Christ Known

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:15 am Worship/ Sunday School					1	2 8-3pm Snow date for Classis Event (Feb 23)
3 Transfiguration Sunday Communion	4 4:44-6:15 pm Music & More 7:15pm Bells	5 7:30 am Women's Study No TBCNS Classes 7-9:00 pm Scouts	6 Ash Wednesday 2-4 pm Knitting 2:-3pm Sr. Exercise 6:00 pm Pancake Supper 7:30 pm Service	7 6:30 am Men's Bible 7:15 pm Vocals	8 7-9:00 pm Cub Scouts	9
10 First Sunday in Lent Daylight saving time begins (forward 1 hr.)	11 4:44-6:15 pm Music & More 7:15pm Bells	12 7:30 am Women's Study 7:00 pm TBCNS Board 7:00 pm Fellowship	13 2-4 pm Knitting 2:-3pm Sr. Exercise	14 6:30 am Men's Bible 7:15 pm Vocals	15	16
17 Second Sunday in Lent	18 4:44-6:15 pm Music & More 7:15pm Bells	19 7:30 am Women's Study 7:00 pm Stewardship & Finance Meeting 7-9:00 pm Scouts	20 2-4 pm Knitting 2:-3pm Sr. Exercise	21 6:30 am Men's Bible 7:15 pm Vocals 7:30 pm Ladies Book	22	23
24 Third Sunday in Lent	25 4:44-6:15 pm Music & More 7:15pm Bells	26 7:30 am Women's Study 7-9:00 pm Scouts	27 2-4 pm Knitting 2:-3pm Sr. Exercise 7:00 pm Building & Grounds	28 6:30 am Men's Bible 7:15 pm Vocals	29	30
31 Fourth Sunday in Lent						

Easter Flowers

*To beautify the Sanctuary to the Glory of God on
Easter Sunday, April 21st*

Your Name as you want it to appear in the bulletin _____

In memory of: _____

or

In honor of: _____

8" White Easter Lily (2/Pot) \$20.75 _____ / \$ _____ (indicate how many/ Total \$)

6" Tulips (6 Blooms) \$8.10 _____ / \$ _____

6" Daffodils \$7.85 _____ / \$ _____

Checks only please: "TBRC"

 add: Easter Flowers in the memo line

Order by Sunday, March 31st



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