

The Scribe

March 2023

The Story of Lent

Just as the time period leading up to Christmas is called Advent, Lent is the time period leading up to Easter. The story of Lent is told in the New Testament of the Bible, Matthew 4:1-11 (NIV), and is often referred to as the Temptation of Jesus, or the story of Jesus in the Wilderness.

After Jesus was baptized and the voice of the Lord acknowledged Him as His son, He was led by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness as part of a test. Jesus knew He had to be resilient against the temptations of the devil and ate nothing for forty days and forty nights in preparation. When the devil finally made himself known, Jesus was starving.

The devil then set about tempting Jesus with three tasks designed to break his spirit. For the first temptation, he mocked Jesus, telling Him to turn a pile of stones into bread to prove He really is the Son of God.

Jesus shrugged him off, saying, "It is written: "Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God"." (Matthew 4:4)

Annoyed, the devil moved on. For the second temptation, the devil took Jesus to the highest point of the temple in the holy city and told Him to throw Himself off. If he truly was the Son of God, He would send angels to catch Jesus so His feet wouldn't even touch the ground.

Jesus refused and countered the devil: "It is also written: "Do not put the Lord your God to the test"." (Matthew 4:7)

Frustrated, the devil took Jesus to the highest mountain for the third temptation. From there, they could view all the kingdoms of the world, and marveled in their beauty. The devil said he could give Jesus all that He saw before him... but only if He bowed down and worshipped the devil!

At that, Jesus rebuked the devil and his words. "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: "Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only"." (Matthew 4:10)

Jesus could not be tempted by pride, riches, or power. The devil failed in his temptations and disappeared in a fury. Soon afterward the angels came and attended to Jesus, who returned to Galilee having bested the devil.



Biblical Wisdom for Modern Women



**2023 Women's Retreat
Save the Date
October 27-28th 2023**



TAX Tips

If you have appreciated common stock in your investment portfolio that you have held for more than 12 months, you may transfer that stock directly to the Church instead of selling it. You may avoid paying the capital gains tax, possibly resulting in Federal and State Income Tax savings. Consult with your tax advisor before making any decisions. If you wish to make a transfer, our Financial Secretary, Rachel Pierson, can give you more information.

Also, if you are retired and are at least 72½ years old, you may be receiving a “Required Minimum Distribution” (RMD) from your “Individual Retirement Account” (IRA). Consider using your RMD as a charitable contribution. Ask your broker to send the RMD directly to the Church. This way, it will not be taxed as individual income, but the distribution will satisfy the required minimum distribution rule. Note: You will not be able to take a deduction for the charitable donation. Contact your IRA representative for more information.

from Session . . .

The regular Session meeting was moderated by Rev. Joan Priest. The majority of the meeting focused on progress moving ahead for ultimately calling a new pastor. Rev. Priest will be available for pastoral care and moderating meetings until an interim pastor is called and approved by Presbytery. We are hoping to have an interim in place by the end of March.



A congregational survey will be done in the coming weeks to determine our preferences, needs, priorities and goals moving forward. This is required by the Presbytery for our church information (Mission Report). The survey will be done in person as part of a Sunday worship; others can do it online. This is one more step in the transition.

During March our services will be mostly led by members of our congregation, Tina Chapman, Mary Slattery and Bob Rieger. The first Sunday in March a representative of Presbytery will lead worship.

Elders will always be available at Sunday coffee hours to answer questions and concerns.

Lenten service planning is underway, with more information coming.

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Save the date!

The Pampered Chef logo features the words "The Pampered Chef" in a stylized, black serif font. A red chef's hat is positioned above the word "The".

Pampered chef fundraiser party to raise money for Relay for Life. It will be on May 6th at the church. More details to follow.



DEACONS Corner

The Deacons of the church are busy reaching out to meet needs in the congregation and the community. Although our Board of Deacons is actively involved in many endeavors, some current activities are highlighted below. Deacons continue to seek and grow as a community where God's love and kindness are available for all.

Warm Shelter Dinner: Swiss Chicken, sign up in Fellowship Hall. Remember we are the first Saturday of the month - **February 4th** - church will be open from 8 am - 2 pm to accept donations. Please use all **disposable** containers.

Jonnycake has given us an update on food items they are currently in need of: **Macaroni and Cheese; Crackers and Cookies both kid and adult; Sugar; Coffee, Tea Cereal; Juice Boxes for kids.** Cindy Shetler & Sandy Santy continue to deliver the items you leave at the church to the Jonnycake Center. Thank you for your support!

We need your help! Please be sure to visit the bulletin board just inside Fellowship Hall. There you'll find information and sign ups for everything from upcoming events and activities to Coffee Fellowship, Communion servers, Sunday morning flowers, WARM dinners and more. Hope you'll stop by the board regularly and find various ways to participate!

Deacons who are faithfully serving the congregation are: Pam Ganz, Yvette Durey, Dianne Lowther, Sandy Santy, Doreen Smith, Jeanne Pietraallo, Sue Rieger, Marilyn Brandyberry, Sue Eldredge, Bonnie Krauss, Sharon Joiner, and Cheryl Remsbacker.

Deacons' Speaker Series: The Gift of Life

Join us on Sunday, March 19 at 4:00 pm for a fascinating discussion about organ donation and receiving. You will hear from a few people who have donated an organ to another as well as those who have received the life-saving gift. Listen to their stories and learn about the surprising gift of life that all experienced in their journey. Participants include Linda Olsen, Mary Slattery and Thad Ayazides, and Jeanne Pietraallo's grandsons TJ Pascale and Owen Shaw.

This is sure to be an unforgettable afternoon--Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 19 at 4:00 pm!



Early Learning Center

We have had a wonderful start to the new year. The weather has been so good to us - allowing us to enjoy lots of outside time. In January we did a unit on Snowmen and Penguins. We thoroughly enjoyed learning Math, Reading, Writing, and Creative skills through these 2 units. The children shared what they would do with their snowman if he lived all year round. We went fishing for Uppercase letter fish to match our hungry lowercase letter penguins. And lots more! We then dived into a unit about the book, "The Mitten". We worked on lots of fun activities allowing the children to retell the story at home. In February, we started a science unit on Ice and Snow. We wish we had some real snow to incorporate into the unit, but we did lots of exploring anyway. We made our own ice paint and created masterpieces with the paint. We also focused on love and friendship as we headed into Valentine's Day. We did a lot of discussing, reading, writing, and drawing about what it means and looks like to be a good friend. With Valentine's Day behind us, we are now focusing on Dental Week. We are looking forward to a dental hygienist to come and talk to us about good dental hygiene. We will enjoy meeting our learning standards during Dental week with some fun reading, math, and writing activities planned. We also have a fun snack to create and enjoy. The start to 2023 has been a great one with lots of fun and learning.



Teen Time

On Tuesday, February 24th The Art to Living and the DCCCP Teen Team hosted a special screening of The Art to Living Docuseries! Our presentation featured director and creator Brittany Ann Dimyan, sports anchor Jorge Andres, Kevin Lowther, and mental health therapist/author Tyreese McAllister. Wilisha Beatty Cherry, who was featured in the film, joined us live virtually from Stockton, CA.

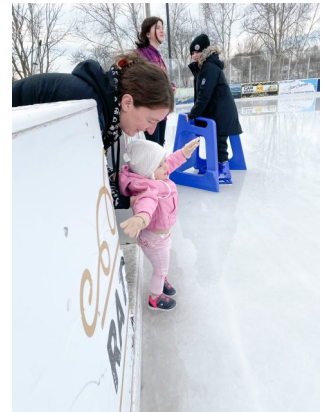


Our Teen Team did an amazing job setting up the event and leading a discussion about mental health. Many of our congregation played a major role in helping things come together. We cannot thank you enough! Your support means the world to us. Also thank you to Dunkin Donuts, Dunn's Corners Market and Voc's Dunn's Corners Pizza for their donations. Next our teens will complete The Art to Living Workshop Series to further engage their mental health and social emotional well-being.

For more information visit www.thearttoliving.com



Thank you to everyone who came ice skating. The memories we have as children shape our future, now as the adult I cherish the ability to be part of those wonderful memories that help our youth to have a stronger connection in faith. If you missed it, there are more opportunities coming up. We are continuing to gather volunteers for Vacation Bible School. With enough volunteers we plan on having a Space theme VBS from June 26th-30th. In the past VBS has been a great opportunity for our members to interact with the youth of our church and community. If you have any questions on how you could help, please contact Amanda McLintock at AmandaMcLintock@gmail.com



Fun on the Ice!





Welcome Susan and Bob Strouse who joined the Church on January 31.

They are eager to be involved with many aspects of DCCCP and will be enthusiastic participants.

The Membership Committee



Bible Study

On Tuesday March 14th we will begin Season Two of The Chosen. There are eight episodes in season Two and we will finish the last Tuesday in April.


All are welcome to join us!





COOKING WITH MIMI!

Scallion Pancakes



EQUIPMENT:

- Frying pan or griddle
- Small saucepan
- Whisk
- Rolling pin
- Pastry brush
- Sande Wax (optional)

INGREDIENTS:

FOR THE PANCAKES	FOR THE SAUCE	FOR THE FILLING
1 1/2 cups all purpose flour	1 tablespoon soy sauce	1 cup cooking oil
1/2 cup hot water	1 tablespoon water	1 cup flour
1 teaspoon salt	1 teaspoon sesame black vinegar	
2 scallions (chopped, green parts only)	1/4 teaspoon sugar	
1 egg		
1 egg yolk		
1/2 cup oil		



Delicious!



March 2023 SABBATH DAY WORSHIP

Sundays at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

*March
Worship
Schedule*

Sunday, March 5 *Celebration of Holy Communion*

Guest Preacher: The Reverend Shannan Vance-Ocampo

Sunday, March 12

Guest Preacher: Tina Chapman

Sunday, March 19

Guest Preacher: Mary Slattery

Sunday, March 26

Guest Preacher: Bob Rieger

Chili Cookoff

And the winner is....

Maryann Phillips!!





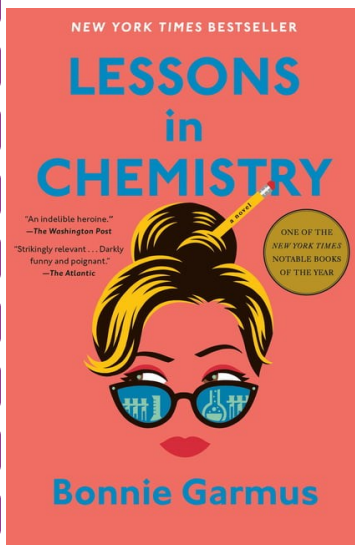
COME JOIN US FOR MOVIE
NIGHT
FRI, MAR 31ST AT 6PM
IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
BRING A CHAIR
BRING YOUR DINER
ENJOY!



U.S. Army Ranger Jackson Briggs is tasked with bringing Lulu, a Belgian Malinois military working dog, down the Pacific Coast from Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Washington to Nogales, Arizona, in time to attend her handler's funeral. Along the way, Briggs has to come to terms with his TBI (traumatic brain injury) symptoms as well as his difficulty with making emotional connections

Presbyterian Women's Group

Scrapbooking Fun



Presbyterian Women's Book Club

There will be a zoom book club meeting at 7pm on March 26th

We will discuss the book *Lessons In Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. Another delightful, wry, vibrant and compulsively readable book.

Anyone interested should contact Sue Rieger at talltreesue1@gmail.com to receive a zoom link.

SEW GOOD SOULS

We have our last Dress A Girl (DAG) Workshop on March 4 from 9:00 - 3:00 and we welcome all to join us in making sundresses. We heard from DAG we can now make skirts that can be paired with T-shirts so this will be a new item for us going forward. We will soon switch our focus to making quilts for Quilts Beyond Borders (QBB) in our workshops on April 1, May 6 and June 3. If you can sew a straight seam please join us, or if you are willing to sew at home, we will have some kits available for you. If you can complete a quilt top we can finish the rest for you. So don't be shy, all hands are welcome to help us fulfill our mission goals. And it is a joy as you see the beautiful dresses and quilts all come together. Hope to see you soon!
Lois, Jane and Yvette



From Building and Grounds...



We are happy to start talking about Spring! B & G will be sponsoring our annual Spring clean-up on April 15th. We will be raking / blowing leaves, cleaning out flower beds, spreading mulch etc. We are planning to work from 9 AM till about noon. All help is much appreciated. Bring your rakes, shovels work gloves, blowers and enthusiasm! Hope to see you there!



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Diamonds Among Us!




We extend our birthday wishes to:

- 🕯 Dot Bayer March 2
- 🕯 Nancy Penhallow March 7
- 🕯 Carol Spargo March 9
- 🕯 Peter Miner March 11
- 🕯 Betsy Jewell March 26



Young at Heart
Happy Birthday

Diamonds (70 and beyond), please contact the Church Office at (401) 322-0655 or sign up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall and add your name to our list.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 1:30-3:30pm Westerly Village	2 5:45-7 pm Glory Ringers 7-8:30 pm Chancel Choir	3	4 Habitat work day 8 am-2 pm Deacons Collect Meals for the WARM Center (FH) 10am-1pm Sew Good Souls (FH)
5 Communion Sunday 8 am & 10 am Worship 9 am & 11 am Fellowship Hour 10 am Sunday School 11:30 am Griefshare (M)	6 5:30-7 pm Griefshare (M) 7 pm Trustees (M)	7 8:30 am Work Team 5-7 pm Teen Time (T) 5 pm Christian Ed	8 1:30-3:30pm Westerly Village 6-7 pm Cub Scouts (FH) 6-7:15 pm Enneagram (M)	9 5:45-7 pm Glory Ringers 7-8:30pm Chancel Choir(S)	10	11
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