

# The Messenger

MARCH 2013

## From the Pastor's Desk: What's the Deal With Lent?

Last Sunday someone asked me, "What's the deal with Lent?" That's a good question. The Bible doesn't say anything about Lent, so why should we "do it?" As I started to answer the question in *The Messenger*, I came across an article I'd saved years ago.

Barbara Brown Taylor, an Episcopal priest in Georgia, wrote an article for the magazine *The Christian Century*. In this excerpt she writes about Lent; why it began and why it is important:

"Little by little, Christians became devoted to their comforts instead: the soft couch, the flannel sheets, the leg of lamb roasted with rosemary. These things made them feel safe and cared for -- if not by God, then by themselves. They decided there was no contradiction between being comfortable and being Christian, and before long it was very hard to pick them out from the population at large. They no longer distinguished themselves by their bold love for one another. They did not get



arrested for championing the poor. They blended in. They avoided extremes. They decided to be nice instead of holy, and God moaned out loud.

"Hearing that, someone suggested it was time to call Christians back to their senses, and the Bible offered some clues about how to do that. Israel spent 40 years in the wilder-

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### MARCH SERMONS & WORSHIP:

- **March 3**  
*Luke 13:1-9*
- **March 10**  
*2 Corinthians 5:16-21*
- **March 17**  
*Philippians 3:4-14*
- **March 24 - Palm Sunday**  
*Luke 19:28-40*
- **March 28 - Maundy Thursday**  
*7PM Communion*
- **March 31 - Easter Sunday**  
*Luke 24:1-12*

## Easter Lilies

Easter Lilies are available for purchase this Lenten season.

Each plant will cost \$9.50. Orders can be placed through the Church Office and

must be received by **Monday, March 4.**

The lilies will be in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday and available for pick-up immediately following worship.



## Lenten Luncheons

First Presbyterian Church invites you to participate in this year's Lenten Luncheon series. The program runs **Noon - 12:55PM every Wednesday** during Lent.

- **March 6**—Pastor Angel DeLaCruz, Word Centered Fellowship
- **March 13**—Father Tom Lewendowski, St. Camillus



- **March 20**—Brett Householder, LCYM/First Presbyterian

Each program will include group singing and special musical guests. A donation of \$5 is requested. Call (724) 652-7706 for more information.

## Children's Breakfast and Egg Hunt

**Saturday, March 23**

**9-11AM**

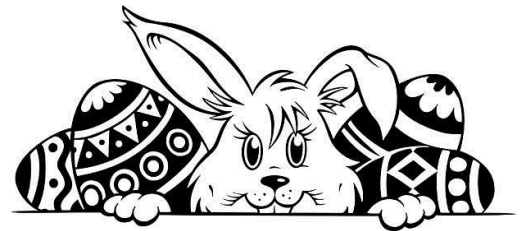
### First Presbyterian Church

Clen-Moore and First Presbyterian are teaming up for this breakfast and egg hunt. Breakfast will be pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee.

- Breakfast starts at 9AM

- Activities after breakfast—teaching the gospel of Easter
- Egg hunt at 10:30AM

Cost is \$1 per person and every child is asked to bring one dozen *filled* plastic Easter eggs.



RSVP to the Clen-Moore church office with the number of children and adults attending.

## New Members Class

Have you been attending Clen-Moore for awhile? If you are interested in joining the church or would just like more information about Clen-Moore, we will be holding New Member Classes on **March 10 and 17** at 9:30AM in the Library.

If you would like to participate, speak with Rev. Weichman or call the church office at (724) 654-6657 and speak with Kathy.

## Deacon Pie Sale

The Deacons are selling pies and other assorted desserts as a fundraiser. Order forms are available in the Circle Drive entrance on Sunday mornings.

The deadline to order is **Tuesday, March 5**. Pies will be available in time for Easter; pickup will be the morning of Saturday, March 23.

## Youth News

### K.F.C

- **Sunday, March 3, 4PM - 5:30PM:** "Hide-N-Seek" Game Night. We are playing in the dark games at the church, plus Bible Rush. Bring a flashlight!
- **Saturday, March 16 - SPLASH LAGOON** Indoor Water Park in Erie. This will be a *full day* trip. Cost and

specific times of departure/return to be announced.

### FlipSide

- We'll see winter's exit on the ice. We are planning a Youngstown Phantom Hockey Game and a trip to Hess's Ice Rink. As fitting to our group, we'll plan these events together.

### C.2G.S.

- We continue to explore "TalkSheets," discussing realities that teens face every day while discovering how we should respond to these realities as believers of and followers of Jesus Christ. All teens are welcome.

## Health Team Ministry

- The Health Ministry Team will have its bimonthly meeting on **Sunday, March 17**, in the library following the worship service. Please mark your calendars and try to attend this meeting.
- Monthly **Blood Pressure screenings** will be done at the church fellowship breakfast, also on March 17.

- **Wellness tip for March:** Vegetables and fruit, as well as whole grains, should take up the largest portion of your dinner plate.



Replace some of the meat, cheese, and white pasta or rice with broccoli, carrots, asparagus, or another veg-

etable. To perk up your sandwich, replace cheese and some of the meat with lettuce, tomato, onion, or cucumber. These veggies are also great in wraps or burritos.

## Healthy Eating & Lifestyle Group

Our own Church organist, Dr. Jane Karski, will be the speaker at the **March 6th** meeting of the Healthy Eating & Lifestyle Group.

Dr. Karski will talk about healthy eating and explain its

positive effect on her cancer recovery.

The group meets on the first and third Wednesday of every month. Meetings start at 5:30PM in the Parlor.

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ness learning to trust the Lord. Elijah spent 40 days there before hearing the still, small voice of God on the same mountain where Moses spent 40 days listening to God give the law. There was also Luke's story about Jesus' own 40 days in the wilderness during which he was sorely tested by the devil. It was hard. It was awful. It was necessary, if only for the story. Those of us who believe it have proof that it is humanly possible to remain loyal to

## Mission Memo

"Back in the mid '90s in Sentani, Indonesia, a precocious little **Donald** approached Cora Lou to teach him English. And while we're at it, how about the piano, too? Very quickly Donald sped ahead of Cora Lou's other students, gobbling up weeks of lessons in just a few days. Saturdays he'd bicycle over to the church to tickle the ivories for hours. In a short while, he was speaking passable English and began playing special music at church. He bubbled with enthusiasm and Cora Lou couldn't be more pleased. Here was a young man on the move!

But we left Indonesia and lost track of "The Donald" - until receiving an email last spring. He'd won a Fulbright scholar-

God.

"So the early church announced a season of Lent, from the old English word *lenten*, meaning "spring" -- not only a reference to the season before Easter, but also an invitation to a springtime for the soul. Forty days to cleanse the system and open the eyes to what remains when all comfort is gone. Forty days to remember what it is like to live by the grace of God alone and not by what we can supply for ourselves.

"That hollowness we sometimes feel in our souls is not a sign of something gone wrong. It is the holy of holies inside of us, the uncluttered throne room of the Lord our God. Nothing on earth can fill it, but that does not stop us from trying. Whenever we start feeling too empty inside, we stick our pacifiers into our mouths and suck for all we are worth. They do not nourish us, but at least they plug the hole."

*Pastor Chris*

ship and was well into an MBA program at a university in Oregon. So he came to visit and "catch up." While visiting, he volunteered in the MAF hangar fabrication shop. While in the US, Donald is checking out various ministries and mission agencies to seek God's direction for his life. We're certain our heavenly Father has great plans for 'The Donald.' Just one example of a changed life!"

*John and Cora Lou  
Miller*

Mission Aviation Fellowship

"Presbyterian Women and Clen-Moore Church:

"**Thank you** so much for your generous gift of \$2,500

*[Thank Offering receipts and PW donation]*, received on December 4, 2012. We appreciate your donation for our year-round operations. Your donation has touched our hearts by letting us know that you are concerned about our needs. Pine Valley is committed to bringing inner city, underprivileged children a hope for the future by building self-esteem, creating healthy and loving relationships, and demonstrating commitment and trust through positive role-models. Thank you again for your support of our ongoing work of "rebuilding broken lives through Christ."

*Matthew Reichert*

Executive Director, Pine Valley Camp

## Good Reads

“Jesus lived on Earth, but he  
came to die  
‘Cause he loved us so—that’s  
the reason why.

Then he rose to heaven,  
though he’s still nearby,  
For God so loved the world.”

Dandi Daley Mackall wrote these words for her children’s book, ***For God So Loved the World: My John 3:16 Book***. Beautifully illustrated by Elena Selivanova, each page uses a short poem to embellish on that one tiny Bible verse that packs such a punch. To give children a global perspective, the words “For God So Loved the World” are featured in different languages throughout the book.

*The Man Who Died for Me: Meditations on the Death and Resurrection of Our Lord* by Herbert Lockyer and *Six*

*Hours One Friday: Anchoring to the Cross* by Max Lucado are not children’s books and do not have any beautiful pictures in them. What they do have are written illustrations that can help us prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter Morning.

Dr. Lockyer was a British pastor, teacher, and religious author, famous for his “All Series.” Some of the popular volumes from that series include *All the Men of the Bible*, *All the Women of the Bible*, *All the Prayers of the Bible*, and *All the Miracles of the Bible*. ***The Man Who Died for Me*** is a collection of 18 devotional meditations that focus on the significance of the cross.

Max Lucado really needs no introduction as he is a prolific and popular author of bestsel-



ling inspirational books. ***Six Hours One Friday: Anchoring to the Cross*** is his fourth book in a list of almost one hundred books. *Six Hours One Friday* is written as by an observer to the events of Good Friday and the days after, but is interspersed with real life, situational stories from our times. Mr. Lucado weaves it all together to show how we are “anchored” to the cross in everything.

All three of these books would make good Lenten reading. Please stop in the church library and check them out. I hope you all have a meaningful Lenten season and a very joyous Easter!

## Financial Snapshot *January 2013*

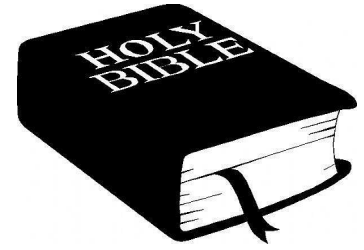
	<i>Beginning Balance</i>	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Disbursements</i>	<i>Ending Balance</i>
<b>General Fund</b>	\$25,000	\$20,031	\$33,415	\$11,616
<b>Gen. Missions Fund</b>	\$16,260	\$3,316	\$4,545	\$15,032
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$41,260</b>	<b>\$23,348</b>	<b>\$37,960</b>	<b>\$26,648</b>

## Mission Disbursements

**\$5,000**—Dominican Republic  
medicine

## Daily Bible Readings

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| 1. Numbers 8, 9; <i>Acts 21:17-23:11</i> | 5:20                                     |  |
| 2. Num. 10-12; <i>Acts 23:12-35</i>      | 13. Num. 34-36; <i>Mark 5:21-43</i>      |  |
| 3. Num. 13, 14; <i>Acts 24</i>           | 14. Deuteronomy 1, 2; <i>Mark 6:1-29</i> |  |
| 4. Num. 15, 16; <i>Acts 25:1-22</i>      | 15. Dt. 3:1-4:43; <i>Mark 6:30-56</i>    |  |
| 5. Num. 17-19; <i>Acts 25:23-26</i>      | 16. Dt. 4:44-6:25; <i>Mark 7</i>         |  |
| 6. Num. 20, 21; <i>Acts 27</i>           | 17. Dt. 7-9; <i>Mark 8:1-30</i>          |  |
| 7. Num. 22, 23; <i>Acts 28</i>           | 18. Dt. 10, 11; <i>Mark 8:31-9:50</i>    |  |
| 8. Num. 24, 25; <i>Mark 1</i>            | 19. Dt. 12, 13; <i>Mark 10</i>           |  |
| 9. Num. 26, 27; <i>Mark 2:1-22</i>       | 20. Dt. 14, 15; <i>Mark 11</i>           |  |
| 10. Num. 28, 29; <i>Mark 2:23-3:35</i>   | 21. Dt. 16, 17; <i>Mark 12</i>           |  |
| 11. Num. 30, 31; <i>Mark 4:1-34</i>      | 22. Dt. 18, 19; <i>Mark 13</i>           |  |
| 12. Num. 32, 33; <i>Mark 4:35-5:20</i>   | 23. Dt. 20, 21; <i>Mark 14:1-52</i>      |  |
|  |  | 24. Dt. 22-1-23:14; <i>Mark 14:53-15:32</i>        |
|  |  | 25. Dt. 23:15-25:19; <i>Mark 15:33-16:20</i>       |
|  |  | 26. Dt. 26:1-28:14; <i>Galatians 1</i>             |
|  |  | 27. Dt. 28:15-29:29; <i>Gal. 2</i>                 |
|  |  | 28. Dt. 30:1-31:29; <i>Gal. 3, 4</i>               |
|  |  | 29. Dt. 31:30-34:12                                |
|  |  | 30. Joshua 1, 2; <i>Gal. 5, 6</i>                  |
|  |  | 31. Jos. 3:1-5:12; <i>1 Thessalonians 1:1-2:16</i> |



## In Memoriam

- Katherine Wright went home to the Lord on January 23, 2013.
- Robert Brown went home to the Lord on February 9, 2013.
- A gift in memory of Bob McConnell was given by Jim & Judy Leslie.



## New Arrival

Alex Robert Tejada was born to Kristen (VanHorn) & Frank Tejada on January 13, 2013.

Grandparents are David and Barbara VanHorn.



## Messenger Memo

The deadline to submit articles for the April *Messenger* is Monday, March 11.

## March Helpers

### Hospital Visitation:

- 3 Lois Henneman, Clarence Jenkins
- 10 Margie Kerr, Tom Mansell
- 17 Joe Lamb, Jeff Mendenhall
- 24 Seth Plyler, Sharon Esposito
- 31 Debbie Book, Tom Rapp

### Deacons of the Month:

John Purdy & Sue McKissick

### Van Driver:

John Hale (724) 652-8544

# March 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					10:30AM Bible Study, Library	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
4PM KFC Game Night	5:45PM BBBS, Fellow- ship Hall	9:30AM Prime Timers 7PM Building & Grounds, Parlor 7PM Deacons, Library	12PM Lenten Lunch @First Pres. 1:30PM Prayer & Praise 5:30PM Healthy Lifestyle Group, Parlor 6:30PM Walking w/Women of Faith 7PM Women of Faith, Parlor	6PM Chris- tian Ed., Li- brary 6PM Hand- bells 7PM Choir	10:30AM Bible Study, Library	9AM Rummage Sale, Fel- lowship Hall
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9:30AM New Members Class, Library 7PM Men's Minis- try, Parlor	<i>Messenger</i> Deadline	9:30AM Prime Timers 6PM Mission & Evangelism, Conf. Room 7PM Steward- ship & Finance, Library	12PM Lenten Lunch @First Pres. 1:30PM Prayer & Praise 6PM Worship & Music, Library	6PM Hand- bells 7PM Choir	10:30AM Bible Study, Library	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
8:30AM Fellowship Breakfast & BP Screening 9:30AM New Members Class, Library 11:30AM Health Ministry, Library KFC @ Splash La- goon	5:45PM BBBS, Fellow- ship Hall	9:30AM Prime Timers 7PM Session, Parlor	12PM Lenten Lunch @First Pres. 1:30PM Prayer & Praise 5:30PM Healthy Lifestyle Group, Parlor 6:30PM Walking w/Women of Faith 7PM Women of Faith, Parlor	6PM Hand- bells 7PM Choir	10:30AM Bible Study, Library	9AM Chil- dren's Breakfast & Egg Hunt (@ First Pres.)
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30
<b>PALM SUN.</b> 7PM Men's Ministry, Parlor  <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>		9:30AM Prime Timers	1:30PM Prayer & Praise	<b>MAUNDY THURS- DAY</b> 7PM Wor- ship & Com- munion	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	

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## Rummage Sale

Spread the word! The annual Rummage Sale is on Saturday, March 9.

Donations of clean, sellable items will be accepted through **March 6**. Please—no adult clothing, but we will accept children's clothes that are in good condition. It is very helpful if you clean all household items and make sure they are not broken or missing pieces.

**Non-Profit**  
**U.S. Postage**  
**New Castle, PA**  
**Permit # 45**

*Address Service Requested*

**March 9, 2013**  
**8 AM to 1 PM**  
**Fellowship Hall**

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Amy or David Ball at (724) 652-2940 or [ball692@comcast.net](mailto:ball692@comcast.net).

Proceeds benefit church mission projects.