

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



March Newsletter 2024



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Message from the Pastor

Let's talk about Lent. Now some may say, "I don't participate, it's a Catholic thing." And it's true, Lent has always been part of Catholic tradition -- meatless Fridays, giving up something, etc. It's only been fairly recently that many Protestant churches have been commemorating the Lenten season.

If you haven't been part of it, we at Covenant celebrated Ash Wednesday with our Tri-boro ministry partners. On February 27, we had a Lenten soup and service at Calvary PC, will go to another one March 7 at Bethany Lutheran in Palmyra, and host our own here on March 14. They start at 6 and go to about 8.

We will also commemorate Holy Week with Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunrise services held jointly with our ministry partners.

Regardless of what you think about the origins of Lent, I find it to be an indispensable part of my Christian journey. Lent is to Easter in the same way that Advent is to Christmas. Lent is a time for reflection and preparation to greet and celebrate our risen Lord on Easter Sunday.

But for Easter to be truly meaningful, we have to recall and consider who Jesus is and what he came into the world to do for us. Jesus was, still is, and will always be a world-changing revolutionary. Jesus came to upset our ideas about life and living and replace them with an attitude of endless love for all humanity and endless giving of ourselves to make that possible.

Lent is intended to help us answer the most important question in the world: Who is Jesus Christ and what does he mean to you?

As Christians, we commit ourselves to following the example of Jesus in our lives. Lent challenges us to re-examine our commitment and rededicate ourselves to following. Some people "give up" something for Lent as a symbol to remind us to focus on Jesus and the fact that he "gave up" his life for our sake.

I invite you to use this time to pray, study, and just think about your relationship with God, with each other, and with ourselves. May God bless you on your Lenten journey as we welcome our Savior on Easter!

Rev. Dr. Robert Higgs

Message from Session

As a child, Easter meant a hidden basket of candy, an exciting egg hunt & even better, a new outfit!

That has changed.

Easter is resurrection Sunday. The celebration of life. The very heart of Christianity.

John 3:16- For God so loved the world, He gave His one & only Son, that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

Christ willingly sacrificed His life for us. Christ covered our sins with His blood so we are justified & made clean in God's sight.

We have done nothing to deserve this Gift, yet it was given. Our part is to believe and accept Christ as our redeemer, Lord & Savior.

It is Christ's spirit living in us that makes us worthy & profoundly changes us every day. Praise the Lord!

Karen Schwartz
Elder



Schedules



Greeter/Usher List

3/3: Mary Lou Newborg and Janette Hutchinson

3/10: John Lovell and Mike Martin

3/17: Cynthia Joffe and Karen Schwartz

3/24: Barbara and Paul VanTassel

3/31: Scott and Donna Scioli

Refreshments

3/3: Mandy Rosica

3/10: Robin Sutton

3/17: Sandi Pascone

3/24: Nancy Perritt

3/31: Cheryl Cinque

Flower Delivery

3/3: Cynthia Joffe

3/10: Joan Samph

3/17: Cynthia Joffe

3/24: Janette Hutchinson

3/31: Jeanne Martin

Chancel

Robin Sutton

Triboro Schedule

Bethany Lutheran Church will be hosting a soup supper on Thursday, March 7 at 6PM followed by a service at 7PM.

Covenant will be hosting a soup supper on Thursday, March 14 at 6PM with a service at 7PM. All are welcome to attend these Lenten services!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



- 3/2: Marie Keller
- 3/3: Jeanne Martin
- 3/7: Bonnie Cain
- 3/9: Debbie Connolly
- 3/10: Cynthia Joffe
- 3/10: Leslie Todd
- 3/12: John Hammer
- 3/13: Carolyn Lambersky
- 3/22: Linda Ballenger
- 3/24: Bob J. Seither
- 3/25: Donna Scioli
- 3/26: Ken Bell
- 3/31: Janette Hutchinson



happy anniversary



Carol & Adam Lambersky 3/31



Music

Covenant's chancel choir will be singing throughout the month of March. All are welcome to sing! Rehearsals take place after worship services in the choir room.

Choral Anthems

3/3: "Bread of Life" arr. Joel Raney

3/10: "We Remember" arr. Joel Raney

3/17: "Near the Cross" arr. Joel Raney

3/24: Cantata: "We Remember Calvary" arr. Joel Raney

3/31: "Ride On King Jesus" arr. Kern

We welcome Elisa Muzzillo who will join us for Palm Sunday.

**Covenant's bell choir rehearses on
Mondays at 7 PM. All are welcome to**

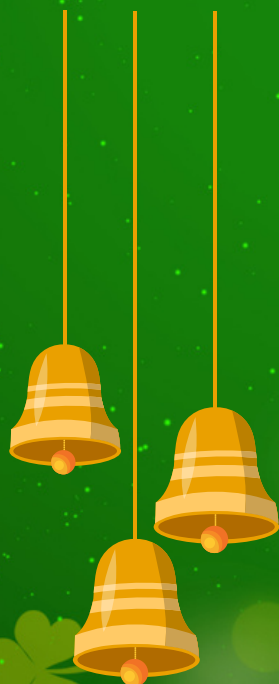
ring!

**Bell choir will be performing three pieces on
Easter Sunday!**

“Resurrection Day” by Lloyd Larson

“Conquering the Grave” by Craig Laumann

**“Easter Morning Celebration” by Michael
Helman**



SUNDAY

School

Calling all children ages 4 and above! Join us for Sunday school on the following dates:
March 24th, April 21st and May 19th.



EASTER LILY FORM



You can purchase an Easter Lily to honor a loved one! Please find the form in your bulletin and return it to the church office with your payment. All names will be listed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday.

I wish to purchase _____ Easter Lily (s) at \$13.00 each.

The Easter morning bulletin will include a listing of names of donors (if desired) and mention the names of those in whose memory or honor the lily (s) are presented.

For example:

The Easter Lilies in the Sanctuary are presented to the glory of God by:

Mrs. J. Smith in memory of her parents, Mr. & Mrs. J. Doe
Mr. & Mrs. J. Smith in honor of their children
Mr. & Mrs. J. Smith in gratitude for loved ones
The Smith Family

Name

In

Memory/Honor/Gratitude _____

Enclosed please find my check for the sum of
\$ _____

Signed

_____ Phone _____

LILIES MAY BE PICKED UP AFTER THE EASTER MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE, MARCH 31,
2024





SOUP SALE!



The next soup sale will be Sunday, March 10th. If you are willing to make some soup for our next sale, please contact Mary Lou at 609-417-5639. Thank you!

WELCOME

We welcome our new member, Kelly Higgs. We are thrilled that she has joined the Covenant family. Kelly participates in the chancel choir and we thank her for sharing her beautiful voice!

DAILY PRAYER

Covenant is now offering Daily Prayer videos narrated by our new Pastor, Bob! This is a wonderful way to begin each day in prayer. If you are not receiving them, please notify Bob, or Greg and you will be placed on the email list.



Christian Caring Center

Non-perishable food items may be brought the 1st Sunday of the month and placed in the narthex. Thank you for your continued generosity.

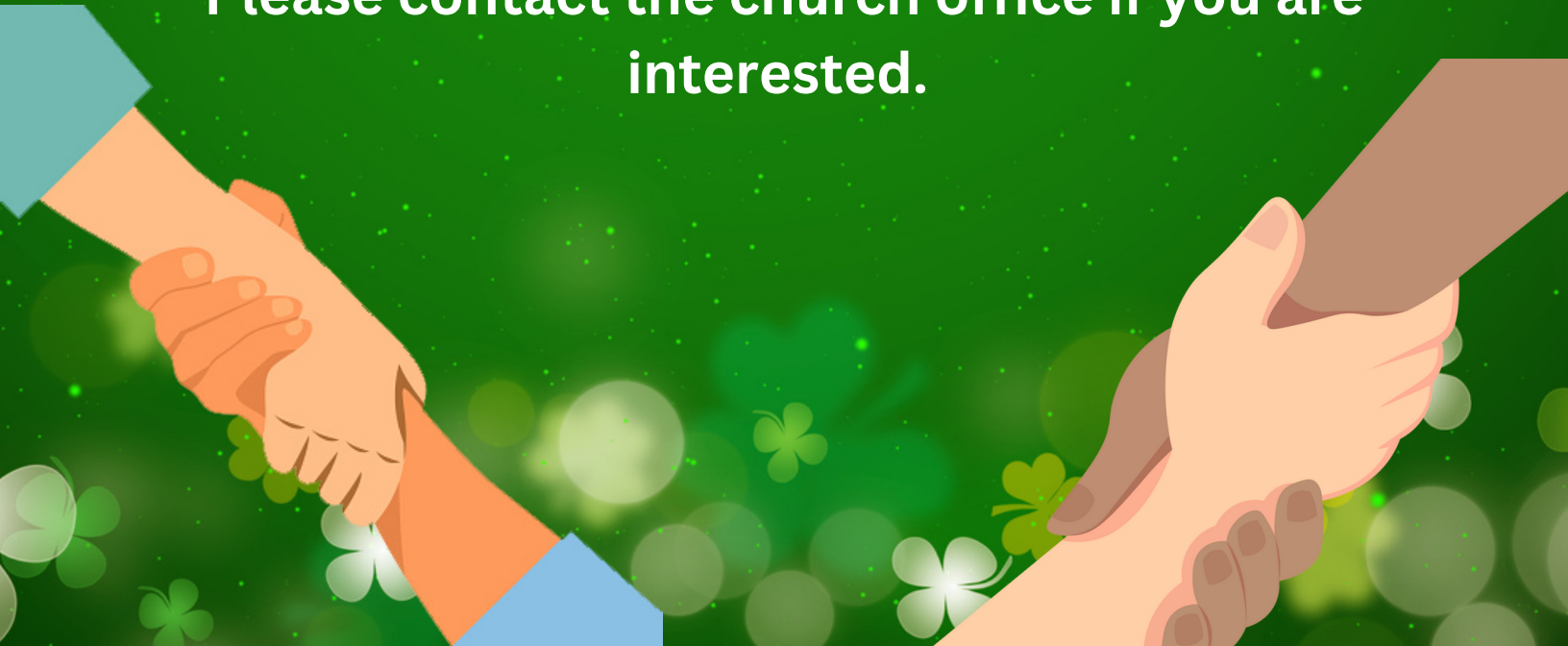


Bible Study

Bible study is located in
the Lounge on Mondays at
11 AM. We hope to see you there!

YOUR PARTICIPATION IS NEEDED!

Members are invited to participate in our services. Please contact Bonnie Cain or Greg DiBona if you are interested in reading scripture or leading our worship services. We are also in need of more volunteers to operate the camera and soundboard. Please contact the church office if you are interested.





Message from the Jeffries Family

Dear Church Family,

We are truly grateful for all of your kind words, cards and flowers at the time of my dad's passing.

Your thoughtfulness and support are deeply appreciated and will always be remembered.

Love,

Christy, Bob, Lindsay and Eliza Jeffries





VOLUNTEER CHAPLAIN AIDES are needed throughout the Virtua Health System in Burlington and Camden counties. There are openings for trained lay visitors every day of the week. Following a training and orientation process, and Aide may donate two to four hours each week to visit patients, offering them compassion and spiritual comfort. To find out if volunteering is for you, please call or email for an information package with details of the training and the process to become a volunteer at any of our facilities. The orientation class is Wednesday, March 20th and Friday March 22nd from 8am-5pm.

For more information about volunteering at Virtua Burlington, Virtua Marlton, Virtua Mt. Holly and Virtua Voorhees, please contact Chaplin Marge McGinley at 609-914-6365 or email mmcginkey@virtua.org.



Highlights from last month: Scout Sunday

