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PASTOR'S COLUMN

REV. DR. ROBERT COOK *Interim Pastor*

Some people actually love the Lenten season and I am one of them.

Observing the Lenten season has been a part of my life since childhood. I am glad for the change in my daily rhythm. I appreciate that the season asks me to slow down; to change my focus; and to deal with the things in me that need attention.

In the mid 90's we hosted a young student from Indonesia. Ade was bright, engaging, very smart and as impatient as a 17-year-old girl can be. She came to live with us during the season of Ramadan. Ade was very serious about her observance. That was really quite instructive for our family.

In her tradition, fasting was daily—from sun up to sun down. Reading the Koran, taking time to pray five times daily and striving to do good deeds were also her daily practice. She did not make a show of it. She was fun loving and a joy to be around. But our family took note of her faith practices, so when the Lenten season came, we embraced it with a strong commitment. We really did get the most out of the season that year.

One thing we gleaned from Ade's practice was her intentionality. Being intentional and following through every day is basic to getting the most out of the Lenten season. When we choose to be intentional about choosing something then that does help to deepen our relationship with God. This is a living relationship, after all. God is personal, active and present. When we seek God, God will

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respond. Take a moment to research what Jesus has to say about this in Matthew 6:6-7.

The season invites us to be inwardly reflective. When we look deep inside us, God's Spirit will be there –not to guilt us—but to help us deal with those issues, problems, habits or persistent matters (like impatience, jealousies and so on) we cannot seem to get resolved. When we do this, it frees up our spirits remarkably, for with God there is no condemnation, but grace at work in us to form us into the image of Christ.

This requires that we be honest with ourselves. Who enjoys sitting down to a meal in a restaurant while sitting in front of a mirror? But Lent is a mirror in a way to show us ourselves and we may not like what we see of ourselves. If we are going to deepen our relationship with God and develop the fruits of the spirit within us, we have to be honest with ourselves and with God. We cannot hide parts of our lives from God. God already knows us and we already know ourselves. Being vulnerable before God and facing our real self is just what we all must do in Lent. Perhaps something is controlling us that we are ashamed of, now is the time to deal with it. God already knows about it and God still loves us. Take a few minutes to research I Corinthians 11:31-33.

In this season, go out of your way to do something for someone without needing recognition. Do it anonymously for you are doing it as unto Jesus. He had a lot to say about doing good works and avoiding recognition. We don't do good works to get God to love us more or to build up a bank of brownie points. We do them because that deed, that good work is what Jesus calls us to do. Take a moment to research Matthew 6:3-4 and put it into practice. When you do some good thing on behalf of one who cannot thank you or may never know it was you who did this thing.

A meaningful Lenten season is also one where you give yourself permission to be imperfect. Few, if any, ever do everything right and certainly that

is true of all of us in the Lenten season. We make mistakes; we have sins of commission and omission and some days we are just not having a great day. God does not call us to be some kind of super-spiritual metahumans. We fall down; but we get up. I have experienced that failing, asking for forgiveness, and continuing to practice my Lenten disciplines is meaningful in and of itself. I am learning to trust God more fully and experience God's grace through forgiveness more fully during the season of Lent.

God is doing something very wonderful at GPC. It is an exciting place to be. We have every reason to believe that this is a time of renewal for our congregation. This calls us to be aware of God's desires for us and to prayerfully discern the vision for our future that God has in mind. This season can be a real help in the process of discerning our future together. As we cooperate with God's Spirit, the blessings multiply; but they are not for us alone. They are meant to equip us to share the Good News of Jesus here in Greencastle.

May this season of Lent be one of deepening growth in our soul and may there emerge that vision for our future that God so desires to give us.

Yours faithfully,

Pastor Robert Cook



Holy Week 2024



<p style="text-align: center;">March 24</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Palm Sunday</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Worship Service 10:00am Coffee & Fellowship</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">March 31</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Easter Sunday</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Resurrection of the Lord</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunrise Service 7:30am followed by Breakfast Worship Service Communion 10:00am followed by Easter Egg Hunt One Great Hour of Sharing</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">March 28</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Maundy Thursday</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Combined Worship Service with United Church of Christ Communion 7:00pm</p>	





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CHURCH**

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WORSHIP COMMITTEE

ANNE LAREW || **RACHEAL MARCONI**
Co-Moderators

Hello friends!

Our Sunday worship continues to be a time of blessing and joy. Fred's music ministry, Pastor Bob's sermons and time with children, and the overwhelming theme of unity and gratitude seem to have us in a sacred space. Our attendance numbers continue to grow. New member Sunday saw 110 people in the sanctuary with more online. God is good! All the time!

The screens were mounted on the front of the sanctuary this past month, and the Worship Committee, alongside the Technology Committee, will begin to discern how we will use them to the glory of God. Our intent is to introduce them incrementally, using them to expand the sense of awe and wonder of God's love and intention for our community of faith. We ask you to prayerfully consider how we do this and we ask your patience while we figure it out.

As we enter the Lenten season, a wonderful opportunity has been presented to us. The Session has approved a joint worship service on Maundy Thursday, March 29 at 7 pm. Our friends from Grace United Church of Christ will join us as we celebrate the Lord's Supper and the beginning of the Easter vigil. Please consider attending.

Racheal Marconi continues to ask members to serve as liturgists and communion servers. Now that our attendance is up, we will begin using six communion servers. Please consider saying yes when you are asked. Not everyone is comfortable at the pulpit, but if you've never served as liturgist, you may want to give it a try. We can help you feel comfortable with some rehearsal and tips, and even a script. Remember, God has promised to equip us for ministry.

Blessings,
Anne Larew
Co Moderator

GREENCASTLE-ANTRIM FOOD PANTRY



717-597-8333 ext. 2

gafoodpantry@gmail.com

Call or email to schedule a time
to drop off the food donations.

Thursday, March 7

NOTE TIME
CHANGE

→ 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Wednesday, March 13 & 20

9:00 am to 12:00 noon

CURRENT FOOD NEEDS

Cereal

Pasta sauce in cans or plastic

Canned fruit

Rice and pasta mixes

Canned pasta (*Chef Boyardee*)

Canned meats

Baked beans

Vegetables

Any non-perishable food items
are greatly appreciated.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED
SUPPORT OF THE FOOD PANTRY!**

MISSION COMMITTEE

CANDACE RUTHERFORD *Moderator*

It has been a while since you have heard from Mission Committee in the Newsletter. We started January with a good, old-fashioned planning meeting. By the first week in February, we had met three times! Wow...now that is Missions on a mission for Missions! Here is what we have done...

Our last event of the year was the Angel Tree Breakfast. We had a beautiful, sunny morning with plenty of help and food. We were ready. The only problem was we had no idea how many people would show up because there was no RSVP on the sign-up sheet for Angel Tree gifts. That will be fixed for this coming year if we decide to try again. We ended up serving 15 people for the event, but we had fun. It was a great morning full of laughter and great food. We even broke out the Santa suit for later. We are still trying to decide what to do with the left-over food. Keep an eye out for upcoming foodie events from Missions.

In January, we started the new year developing our spring timeline. Two major things must be done at the beginning of every year for Missions: Budget and Matthew Anderson Scholarship Awards. We tackled the 2024 Mission's Budget first. The committee discussed each line item and each recipient. Adjustments were made. We added Network Ministries as a new recipient. In the fall of 2023, Mary Ann Ackerman and Pastor Bob had toured the facility and felt like it exemplified wonderful Christian principles and structure for young people. The final product was turned in to the Finance Manager.

Our most recent meeting in February was focused on the Matthew Anderson Scholarship selection process and revising the application. We made several changes to the application. The committee had a very involved discussion about the selection process. We decided to take a free will offering to benefit the MASF on February 25th. That announcement was added to the bulletin and the website. We hope to get the revisions made to the application electronically and on paper and get that sent to the GASD for use within the next couple of days. Deadline for submission is April 1st. Mission Committee will be making our decision on the Award Candidates by May 15th.

Throughout the months of December, January, and February we have continued to take care of the Little Free Library, monitor Tubs of Warmth at the Library, and fill them with tagged donated items and support the G-A Food Pantry with funding from Missions Budget and volunteer time. The community continues to express great need of all these resources. Their appreciation is inspiring. The greatest gift is the giving!

PROPERTY & MAINTENANCE

DAVID LINDECAMP *Moderator*

Thanks again to those who have helped clear the sidewalks over the past few weeks. It is greatly appreciated and nice to show up to find them already cleared. As I am very much looking forward to warmer temperatures and the colors of spring, please mark your calendars for the following.

Saturday, April 6th, 2024 at 9am
Spring Clean-up
at the Church grounds
and Moss Spring Cemetery



A brief update on our activities:

PROJECTS STARTED:

- We have paid for the annual inspection of the fire alarm system. This work should commence in the very near future.

PROJECTS COMPLETED:

- As was mentioned last month, we began replacing the soap dispensers in all of the restrooms since refills were no longer commercially available. We finished the last install during February.
- We continue to finish up on some small tasks associated with the new air conditioning system installed in the education building.

Until next month, Peace and Love in Christ!

CLERK'S REPORT

JENNIFER ROBERTSON *Clerk of Session*

Greencastle Presbyterian Church REGULAR SESSION MEETING was held on January 11, 2024 in the Social Room at 6:33 p.m.

The meeting was opened by Moderator Reverend Dr. Robert Cook with the lighting of the candle.

ELDERS PRESENT: Mindy Barnhart, Brian Keck, Anne Larew, David Lindecamp, Racheal Marconi, Scott Peterson, Jenn Robertson, Ed Wine.

Absent: Jim Papa

Clerk of Session: Jennifer Robertson

Mindy Barnhart offered a devotion and prayer.

NOTE: Prior to the meeting the following individuals were examined and welcomed into the membership of Greencastle Presbyterian Church by the Session: Christopher Bowman (by certificate of transfer), Anthony F. Coulter (by certificate of transfer), Polly Johnson Coulter (by certificate of transfer), Emily Jones (by reaffirmation of faith), John M. McDowell, Sr. (by reaffirmation of faith), Lucille M. McDowell (by reaffirmation of faith), Deborah Pearce (by certificate of transfer), William Phillip Pearce (by certificate of transfer), George G. Price (by certificate of transfer) and Pamela Morris Price (by certificate of transfer). Their effective date of membership is January 11, 2024. **ACTION:** Approved the membership of all. **ACTION:** Approved their introduction and welcome to church during the February 11, 2024 worship service.

Elder Anne Larew closed this portion of our meeting with prayer at 7:15 pm.

Session Meeting reconvened following a time of hospitality with new members at 7:30 pm.

Clerk's Report ACTION. Approved minutes of December 14, 2023 Regular Session Meeting. As of December 31, 2023 our Church Roll was 141. The Candlelight Worship Service on December 24, 2023 was attended by 176 with 164 receiving Communion. Worship attendance on January 7, 2024 was 57 with Communion being received by all. **ACTION:** Approved Clerk's Report.

Financial Report

	DEC, 2023	AMENDED DEC, 2023
Beginning Balance	\$16,613.21	\$16,613.21
Revenue	\$22,537.44	\$22,537.44
Expenditures	\$19,814.64	\$19,939.64
Ending Balance.....	\$19,336.01	\$19,211.01

Christian Education: ACTION. Approved Faithful Families Valentine Card Making activity and Potluck Dinner for entire church on February 4, 2024 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the Social Room. **ACTION.** Approved Movie Night during evening of February 25, 2024 featuring "Facing the Giants". **ACTION.** Approved a Progressive Dinner for the youth on March 3, 2024, to be hosted in various member homes.

Pastor's Report: Conducted 53 funerals and 6 weddings in 2023. **ACTION.** Approved use of the Sanctuary on January 27, 2024 for the wedding of Sherry Lynn Jones and Rusty Boyer.

Old Business: ACTION. Approved a Special Called Meeting of the Session to continue the Pastor Call discussion with Rev. Kristal Smith and Rev. Dr. Vernon Gauthier at 6:30 pm. on January 23, 2024.

New Business: ACTION. Approved the 2023 Church Statistical Report. **ACTION.** Approved the use of the Sanctuary on the morning of Thursday, May 2, 2024 for the Greencastle-Antrim National Day of Prayer Service sponsored by the Greencastle Ministerium and the Greencastle-Antrim Christian Women's Fellowship. Service to begin at 11:00 am.

Nominating Committee: ACTION: Approved Ben Herrmann to serve on the 2024 Nominating Committee as former Elder.

The meeting closed in prayer by Moderator Reverend Dr. Robert Cook and The Lord's Prayer in unison at 8:10 p.m.

BOARD OF DEACONS

MARY ANN ACKERMAN

Moderator

Deacon Meeting Minutes – February 15, 2024

In attendance: Moderator Mary Ann Ackerman, Ben Herrmann, Louise Kemper, Evelyn Lindecamp, Diane Mills, Brian Rice, Candace Rutherford, Deb Shank, Rev. Dr. Robert Cook, Jenn Robertson

Absent: Kelsey Marshall

Deb opened with scripture from James 2:15-17 reminding us to be steadfast in putting our faith into action; followed by prayer.

Jenn Robertson, Clerk of Session joined us to present names of inactive members that Session is recommending for removal from the membership roll. She explained the process and asked deacon approval. A vote was taken and approval given.

Pastor Cook reported officiating 11 funerals already this year and has made numerous pastoral care visits. He is also leading a Lenten book study on Thursday mornings at Brio Coffeehouse.

Diane reported no deacon expenditures yet this month.

Care Cell reports were given. This month's Communion flowers were delivered to Kathy Kendall and Sally Snyder by Diane Mills.

New Business:

Mary Ann shared updated Care Cell lists for deacon review. Please let her know of any changes that need to be made. Mary Ann also explained expectations for the Mentor Program in helping familiarize new members with GPC.

Brian gave a nominating committee update and is pleased with their progress to date.

Diane shared the outreach committee's plans for a website photo directory. It was suggested our Deacon/Lenten luncheon be held on a Sunday in March to coincide with a photo taking time for the directory. Date was set for March 10.

Mary Ann gave deacons Holy Week information to be placed in Easter cards and asked that cards be mailed by March 11.

We closed our meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting: Thursday, March 21, 2024

March devotions and prayer: Brian

March Communion flowers: Candace & Evelyn

Coffee Hour: March 10 (Luncheon)

Joyfully submitted,
Deb Shank

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

ANNE LAREW *Moderator*

We continue to meet and work to discern those whom God is calling to serve GPC. We have been blessed to have several step up to serve on the Board of Deacons. We continue to ask for individuals to consider serving on Session. We ask all members to pray and discern if this is the time to step forward in faith to serve. Our church is in a place of growth, vigor and unity right now. God is at the center of all. It's a great time to be in church leadership. Please continue to pray and discern if you are being called by God. Feel free to approach any member of the committee if you have any questions.

Ben Herrmann, Brian Rice, Kelly Kerstetter, Sheila Gates, Marcie Tinninis, Albert Miller, Anne Larew (Moderator), Robert Cook

NOTICE

The **2023 Annual Report** will be made available to the congregation on Sunday, April 7



Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 21 following Worship Service.

OUR PRAYERS CONCERNS

Marna Yingling recovering from COVID-19 *(submitted by Anne Larew)*

Becky Hess health concerns *(friend of Ed & Debbie Wine)*

June Marshall health concerns

Nancy McIntyre health concerns

Nursing Home Residents Herb Layton, Bernice Walck

Patti Sechrist health concerns *(submitted by Marcie Tinninis)*

Alan Shope health concerns

Tim Walck health concerns

Mary Lou Riddle health concerns *(submitted by Mary Ann Ackerman)*

Steven Bishop health concerns

Mindy Grosh health concerns *(Dick & Donna Grosh's daughter-in-law)*

Michael Paylor complications from leg amputation due to hit and run accident in 2012 *(cousin of Weslie Johnson)*

Linda Pittman health concerns *(submitted by Jan McClain)*

Rachael, Christopher & Anna Lee Massieu *(submitted by Evelyn Lindecamp)*

Mary Buhl health concerns

Cullen Gaston young child with Leukemia

Bob & Sandy Seidel *(submitted by Marcie Tinninis)*

The Gagne family mom was diagnosed with acute transverse myelitis *(submitted by Jan McClain)*

Bill & Kathy Kendall health concerns *(submitted by Weslie Johnson)*

Dan Amato young man fighting leukemia *(submitted by Mary Ann Ackerman)*

Aaron Frick *(submitted by Mary Ann Ackerman)*

Ray Spitz *(brother-in-law of Ed & Debbie Wine)*

Sue Angle health concerns

Rev. Bill Beck *(submitted by Patti Divelbiss)*

Caroline Robinson going through chemo for leukemia *(submitted by Patti Divelbiss)*

Dian Bishop health concerns

Dan Patton health concerns

Vasilija Milanovic health concerns

Tracey Hammond and family struggling with loss of a loved one *(Scott Peterson & Candace Rutherford's cousin)*

Bethany Yeager missionary work in South America *(submitted by Scott Peterson & Candace Rutherford)*

Penny Mohler battling ovarian cancer *(submitted by Nancy Lee Moore)*

Dot Wilson health concerns

Cathy Thomas health concerns *(Beth Taylor's mother / submitted by Sheila Gates)*

Dominic Frampton health concerns

Bobbi Biesecker, health concerns

Sue Lum, recovering from broken kneecap *(Fred Davison's sister)*

Jan Shafer health concerns *(submitted by Patti Divelbiss)*

Rowan Stotler one-year-old experiencing seizures *(submitted by Mary Ann Ackerman)*

Cora Crider health concerns

Jane Everetts health concerns

Laura diagnosis of breast cancer, chemo *(submitted by Bonnie Speaks)*

Shawn Schaeffer *(submitted by Diane Mills)*

Sandra Meadows oral cancer *(submitted by Kim Tarlaglia)*

Frank Marconi knee replacement at age 84 *(submitted by Racheal Marconi)*

Frank Toston fighting cancer *(submitted by Scott Peterson)*

Bill Horst health concerns *(submitted by Cindy Marconi)*

Colin Rinker health concerns

Tiffany Robinson health concerns

The Bentley Family displaced by house fire

*Good and gracious God,
we surrender all worries and
concerns to you. Knowing that we
are your beloved children.
Let us rest in our faith.
Amen.*

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

KERI PAPA *Director of Christian Education*
MINDY BARNHART Moderator

Our next committee meeting is on
Tuesday, March 5th at 6:30pm.
 Come share your ideas on how to improve
 our program! We are also well on our way
 to planning a great week of community
 camp for 2024. Your input is important.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH Thank you to everyone
 who has signed up to help in our Sunday School
 classroom. We appreciate you! It's not too late to
 volunteer. See the sheet outside the sanctuary to
 sign up. Below are the links to the clearances if you

haven't filled yours out yet. It is important that we
 have two people signed up to help each week or
 we risk having to cancel Sunday School that week.

<https://www.dhs.pa.gov/KeepKidsSafe/Clearances/Pages/PA-Child-Abuse-History-Clearance.aspx>

<https://www.dhs.pa.gov/KeepKidsSafe/Clearances/Pages/Criminal-Background-Check.aspx>

YOUTH GROUP We are meeting on Sunday eve-
 nings @ 6pm unless we have a special event for
 the weekend. All youth in grades 6-12th are invited
 and encouraged to join us. Our activities include
 bible studies, games, mission & outreach work etc.
 We are also asking for guest leaders. If you have a
 special talent or idea to share with our youth,
 please see Keri. On Easter Sunday our youth group
 will present a sunrise service at 7:30am on the side
 lawn, weather permitting. Bring a lawn chair.





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SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

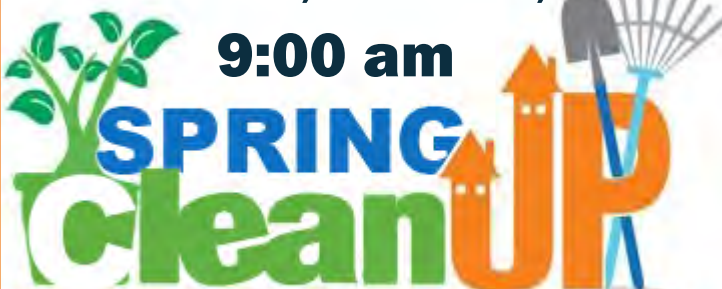
Our annual campaign for Souper Bowl Of Caring raised \$265 in addition to a number of soup pots full of nonperishable items. The Youth Group went shopping for the food pantry and was able to donate 48 boxes of cereal as well as many snack items. They also plan to make a meal to help a local organization. We appreciate your support of this valuable program to feed people locally.

FAITHFUL FOLLOWERS We met to share a pot-luck dinner and make cards for GPC members as well as residents in Heritage Hills Retirement Home. Over 20 people joined in this fun annual event! Our annual egg hunt will take place after regular service on Sunday, March 31st. We are in need of donations of individually wrapped candy; pieces that are small enough to fit into plastic eggs. We are also in need of some new plastic eggs this year as well. If you are able to help make this day a little sweeter for our youngest members & friends, please place your donations in the basket near the elevator.

BIBLE STUDY Pastor Bob is leading a Bible study for Lent through the month of March on Wednesday mornings. Reach out to him if interested in joining him.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2024

9:00 am



GPC AND MOSS SPRING CEMETERY

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOOD COLLECTIONS

Our Sunday School class will be collecting donations each month to give to our food pantry. This month we are collecting Easter/spring-themed snacks and cereal. These might include Easter pretzels, veggie chips, holiday-themed crackers, cereals, fruit snacks, snack cakes etc. due by Sunday, March 17th. Our goal will be to provide children who come to the food pantry with something special. All items must be new, prepackaged items (no homemade treats). We'll have a plastic tub in the classroom.

COMMUNITY CAMP Planning has begun. We need lots of volunteers to make this week happen. Camp will take place from June 17-21. If you'd like to be a part of this week, you can attend upcoming Christian Ed meetings (we work on camp during the first part of our meetings in case you don't plan to stay for the whole meeting). See Keri with questions. Last year we had 40 campers signed up with a few on a wait list. We are in need of many helpers to make this week happen and be a blessing to our community. There are volunteer forms on the table next to the bulletins & tithing basket in the front of the sanctuary.

GREENCASTLE-ANTRIM CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday, March 26, 2024
9:30 a.m.

Greencastle Evangelical Lutheran Church
130 N. Washington Street

Cindy Dingeldein

**"Encouragement, the Language
of Heaven"**

- ◆ No reservations necessary
- ◆ Lunch optional
- ◆ Free-will offering

*All are welcome to attend
and bring a friend!*

EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM

If you would like to remember or honor a loved one with flowers this Easter, please fill out the form below and return it to the church office or put it in the offering basket, along with a check made payable to **Greencastle Presbyterian Church**, marked "Easter Flowers." Please mark your selections below, and circle your color choice(s).

THE ORDER WILL BE PLACED ON MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2024

- Lilies**(5-6 blooms / 6" pot) \$14.00
- Tulips** Yellow Pink (6 blooms / 6" pot) \$11.00
- Daffodils** (6" pot) \$11.00
- Hyacinths** Blue White (3 blooms / 6" pot) \$11.00

_____ In Memory of : _____

By: _____

_____ In Memory of : _____

By: _____

_____ In Honor of : _____

By: _____

_____ In Honor of : _____

By: _____

_____ I will pick up my flower(s) after the Easter morning service.

_____ Please use my contribution to
purchase a flower for a shut-in.



CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Robert Cook
Interim Pastor

Dr. J. Frederick Davison
Director of Music Ministry

Keri Papa
Director of Christian Education

Susan Miller
Office Manager

Bonnie Speaks
Finance Manager

Ryan & Debbie Hock
Custodians

Bryan Larew
Groundskeeper

Barbara & Paul Grane
Greencastle-Antrim Food Pantry

SESSION MEMBERS

Class of 2024
Mindy Barnhart,
Brian Keck, Jim Papa

Class of 2025
Anne Larew,
David Lindecamp, Ed Wine

Class of 2026
Racheal Marconi, Scott Peterson,
Jenn Robertson

BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2024
Mary Ann Ackerman,
Kelsey Marshall, Diane Mills

Class of 2025
Evelyn Lindecamp,
Brian Rice, Deb Shank

Class of 2026
Ben Herrmann, Louise Kemper,
Candace Rutherford

LITURGIST AND COMMUNION SERVERS



March 3

Liturgist: Joanne Lewis
Communion Servers: Dottie Davison, Mark Widder, Debra and Albert Miller

March 10

Liturgist: Brian Keck

March 17

Liturgist: Linda Tarr

March 28 Maundy Thursday

*Communion Servers: Becky Fic, Jenn Robertson, Randall and MaryAnn Ackerman

March 24 Palm Sunday

Liturgist: Polly Coulter

March 31 Easter Sunday

Liturgist: Julia Herrmann
Communion Servers: Diane Mills, Mindy Barnhart, Erin Herrmann, Brian Rice, Scott Peterson, Candace Rutherford

*Subject to change

Christian Co-Ed Volleyball Fellowship

Games are played Monday (recreational play) and/or Tuesday (competitive play) evenings at 6:30 and 7:30 pm at the Greencastle Church of the Brethren on South Carlisle Street.

The Spring / Summer 2024 session will begin the week of April 15th and end August 19th. The cost of participation is \$35.

If interested, please contact Sue Miller at 717-830-7693 or through the church office.



Visit pcusa.org/churchcalendar

World Day of Prayer (March 1)
International Women's Day (March 8)
Celebrate the Gifts of Women (March 10)
Self-Development of People (March 10)
Fasting Season of Ramadan begins (March 11)
Justice Advocacy Sunday (March 17)
Matthew 25: Building Vital Congregations Sunday (March 17)
Forgiveness Sunday (March 17)
Mr. Rogers Day (Wednesday, March 20)
Palm/Passion Sunday- Holy Week begins (March 24)
Good Friday (March 29)
Great Vigil of Easter (March 30)
Resurrection of the Lord/Easter; One Great Hour of Sharing (March 31)

HONOR
Mr. Rogers Day
1928—2003
Pennsylvania native, author,
television host, producer,
Presbyterian minister



GPC

MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

4	Cora Crider
5	Debbie Wine
9	Sally Jo Bowser
12	Ryan Marconi
12	Gabe & Sheila Gates
13	Dick Grosh
13	Ike Jones
17	Dee Patton
17	Greta Smith
17	Bill Thorne
17	Kathy Williams
19	Aubrey Smith
21	Joanne Thomas
22	Jenn Robertson
23	Brian Rice
26	Reagan Smith
27	John & Lucy McDowell
28	Cameron Kingsley
28	Tony Mills

WELCOME

Our newest members to the GPC family:

Emily Jones, Tony Coulter, Polly Coulter, Chris Bowman,
Debby Pearce, Phil Pearce, Pam Price, George Price,
Patsy Lee, John McDowell, Lucy McDowell



You are invited to a
Deacon Luncheon
and to be a part of our
New Digital Church Directory!

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024 AFTER WORSHIP

Immediately after worship, the Deacons will host a **church-wide luncheon** in the social room. This luncheon will provide an opportunity for everyone in our church to meet your assigned Deacon.

On this same day, the Outreach Committee has partnered with the Deacons to create a **NEW digital photo directory** of our church family. The directory will be on the church's website, can be accessed on your smartphone, will be password protected and can be regularly updated.

The directory will include your photo, name, and contact information.



Please sign up for your time slot in the vestibule and to RSVP for the luncheon.

For those photos that cannot be taken on March 10, there will be a follow up photo day announced later this spring.

We hope that everyone will plan to attend this tasty luncheon, meet our dedicated Deacons and assist as we update our directory with current photos of our church family.

For additional information, please contact:
Deacon Moderator- Mary Ann Ackerman at maryannackerman4159@gmail.com
Outreach Committee Chair Scott Peterson at scottyp0409@gmail.com

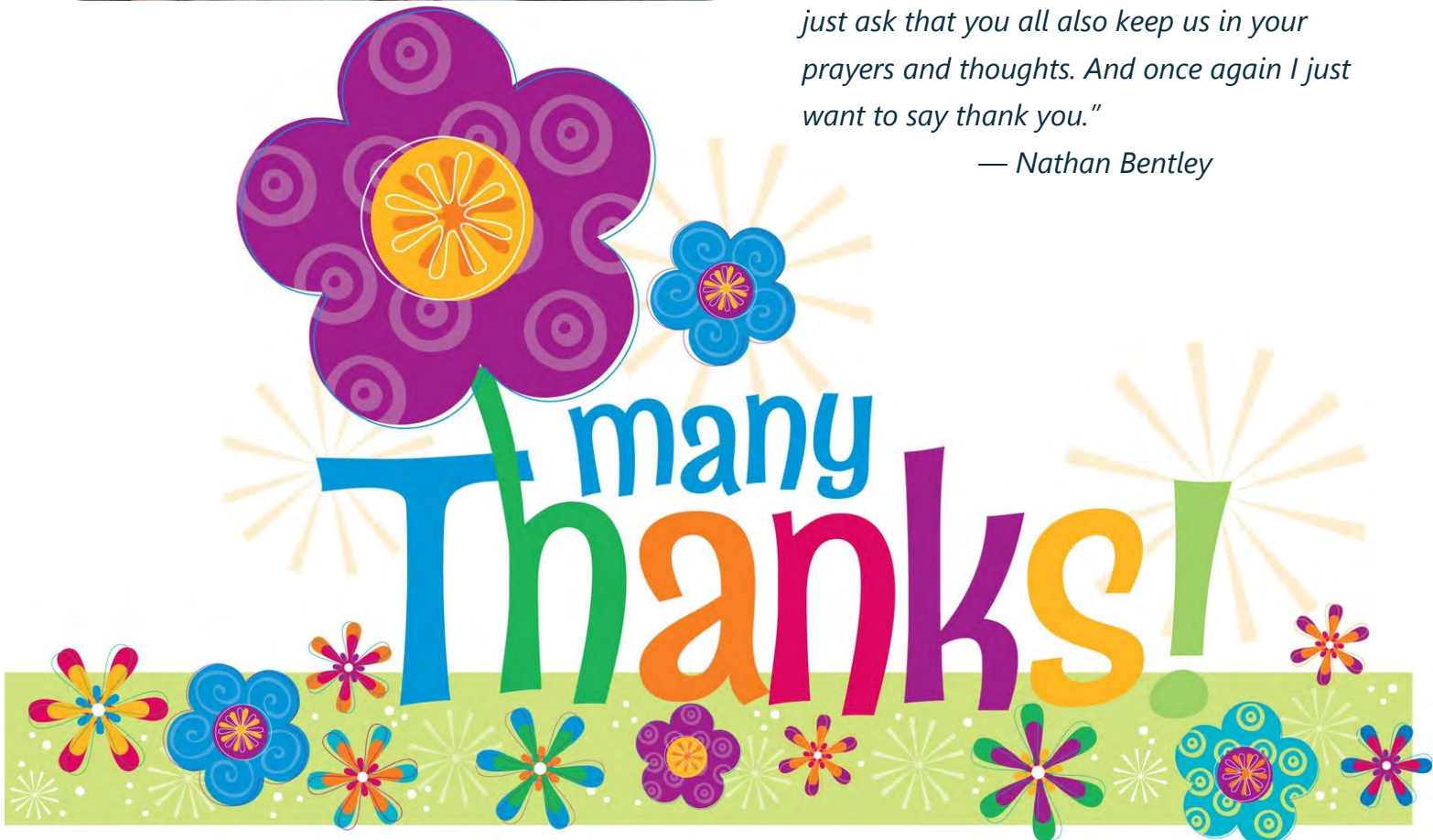


On the morning of January 18, a house fire displaced the Bentley family of Buckhorn, Kentucky. Nathan Bentley is the nephew of new church members, Tony and Polly Coulter. Although no lives were lost, the electrical fire was devastating and destroyed the residence of the family of four. The family expresses their gratitude for the very generous donations from Greencastle Presbyterian Church and the community.



"I just wanted to let you know that I had received the ecard today. And once again we are overwhelmed with appreciation for what your church has done for my family. We are very grateful for the kindness and time you take to put this fund raiser together for us and the generosity your church is shown to me and my family. This really will help to go a long way and replacing some of the items that were lost. But it's still a long journey ahead and we just ask that you all also keep us in your prayers and thoughts. And once again I just want to say thank you."

— Nathan Bentley



TEA FOR TEAL

Sunday, April 14, 2024

The Blue Heron

Doors Open at 2 PM / High Tea Begins at 3 PM

\$45 per person



IN ADDITION TO THE HIGH TEA,
THERE WILL BE AUCTIONS &
RAFFLES! CHECK OUR FACEBOOK
& INSTAGRAM FOR UPDATES!

A PORTION OF OUR
PROFIT WILL ALSO
BENEFIT OVARIAN CANCER!

Help us raise money to fund the
Jean Widder Memorial Scholarship
(Annually awarded to a GAHS student
exemplifying perseverance)!

Reserve your spot!

- 1) Scan the QR code below or fill out the info below!
- 2) Pay with **cash, check** (payable to "Tea for TEAL" & mailed to 317 S Ridge Av, Greencastle PA 17225), **Venmo** or **PayPal**!

Scan the QR code for more details!



Name: _____

Email: _____

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 2024

Sun March 3 *3rd Sunday in Lent*

Worship with Communion 10:00am

Coffee Fellowship / 1st Sunday Food Drive
Youth Group 6:00pm

Tue March 5

CHRISTIAN ED MEETING 6:30pm
WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING 6:30pm

Wed March 6

Wednesday Prayer Circle 9:00am
Bell Choir 6:30pm
Chancel Choir 7:00pm
Ladies AA Meeting 7:00pm

Thur March 7

Lenten Book Study at Brio Coffeehouse 10:00am
Greencastle-Antrim Food Pantry 6:00pm
(Note the time change)

Sun March 10 *4th Sunday in Lent*

Daylight Savings Time Begins

Worship 10:00am followed by **Deacon Luncheon**

Youth Group 6:00pm

Wed March 13

Greencastle-Antrim Food Pantry 9:00am
Wednesday Prayer Circle 9:00am
Ladies AA Meeting 7:00pm
MISSION COMMITTEE MEETING 7:00pm

Thur March 14

Lenten Book Study at Brio Coffeehouse 10:00am
PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S MEETING 1:00pm
SESSION MEETING 6:30pm

Sun March 17 *5th Sunday in Lent*

Worship 10:00am followed by Coffee Fellowship

Dementia Caregivers 2:00pm
Youth Group 6:00pm

Wed March 20

Greencastle-Antrim Food Pantry 9:00am
Wednesday Prayer Circle 9:00am
Bell Choir 6:30pm
Chancel Choir 7:00pm
Ladies AA Meeting 7:00pm

Thur March 21

Lenten Book Study at Brio Coffeehouse 10:00am
BOARD OF DEACONS MEETING 7:00pm

Sun March 24 *Palm Sunday*

Holy Week Begins

Worship 10:00am followed by Coffee Fellowship
Youth Group 6:00pm

Tue March 26

Greencastle-Antrim Christian Women's Fellowship
9:30am at Evangelical Lutheran Church

Wed March 27

Wednesday Prayer Circle 9:00am
Bell Choir 6:30pm
Chancel Choir 7:00pm
Ladies AA Meeting 7:00pm

Thur March 28 *Maundy Thursday*

Combined Worship with Christ United Church of Christ
with Communion 7:00pm

Fri March 29 *Good Friday*

Sat March 30 *Great Vigil of Easter*

Sun March 31 *Easter Sunday*

Resurrection of the Lord

Sunrise Service 7:30am followed by Breakfast

Worship with Communion 10:00am

Coffee Fellowship / Easter Egg Hunt

