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PASTOR’S COLUMN

REV. DR. ROBERT COOK *Interim Pastor*

How Not to Do Lent This Year

How many times have you experienced the season of Lent? Lent has been a yearly season my entire life. As a pastor, I am uniquely qualified to tell you how not to do it. I’ve done Lent wrong more times than I can say.

We all know the basics: Lent is a time of spiritual renewal. A time to refocus. Although the Lord has stayed front and center in our lives, maybe we’ve let the things in the edges take the focus instead of concentrating on what is most important. So, through the spiritual journey of Lent, we are supposed to learn to refocus our lives on the Lord and deepen our relationship with Jesus. And we are to look deep within to get in touch with ourselves (something long overdue for many of us.)

This 40-day period (we don’t count Sunday as Sunday is always a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus) begins on March 5. At 7 pm we will gather in the sanctuary. We will follow a litany designed to open our hearts to God’s searching of our soul. We will observe the beginning of the Lenten season with the imposition of ashes. And we will go forward for the next 7 weeks to deepen our walk with Jesus.

Except life has this funny way of crowding in to the space we hope to carve out to observe those disciplines of Lent. Things like intentional

reading of the Bible, more quiet time without distraction. Eating less –not for our waistline, but to be in solidarity with those who have so little to eat. And doing some kind of service to those in need—without asking for any personal benefit.

Instead, the cellphone buzzes or beeps and we must answer it. We give time to sorting our real emails from the spam emails. We might watch Tik-Tok or Instagram along the way. Interruptions seem to occur with increased frequency. Lots of little things appear to distract us. So, Lent becomes a frustration and not a sacred journey into the mystery of our faith.

You don't have to make Lent complicated this year. You don't have to do everything and certainly not all at once. If that is a sin, well, I'm quite guilty of all that.

I think morning is the best time to take time to read a daily devotion. You don't need to spend 3 hours beating down the doors of heaven to please God. But read whatever devotional you have. Sip your tea or coffee. Write down in one or two sentences what you got out of the devotion you read. Write down the Bible passage and stay with it through the day. Go with simplicity here.

Be in attendance at worship services on Sunday. Gathering with others who share this faith helps us to remember our common calling and to support others in their journey. You can use the prayers in the Worship Bulletin to help you focus more clearly on God's presence.

If you are giving up something, do it for the right reason. I don't think God is impressed if we give up chocolate or red wine. Give up something in order to

experience the hunger in your soul and to be in unity with others poor and hungry.

And offer your help in service to others without pay or remuneration. Give a few hours of time at the Cold Weather Shelter in Chambersburg. Be with the humility of the patrons there who otherwise would be on the street. There are so many places and ways to give yourself in humble service. And then, carve out a time and space for 15 minutes of silence. Let God's Spirit have the chance to speak to your soul.

This year let your Lent be a gentle Lent. And on that resurrection Sunday, (April 20th) your heart (mine too!) will be filled with overflowing gratitude for the love of Jesus who gave himself for you and me—and everyone.

Slow down. Take time to catch up with your soul. Don't try to do it all. Do good soul care. Yours will be the blessing. Those around you will be blessed too, as they see the genuine smile you wear and the joy that shines forth like a sunny day. Have a gentle Lent.

-Pastor Bob Cook

INVITING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY
TO CELEBRATE WITH US

Holy Week 2025

April 13
Palm Sunday
Worship Service
10:00am
Coffee & Fellowship

April 17
Maundy Thursday
Combined Worship Service at
Grace United Church of Christ
128 E. Baltimore St, Greencastle
Communion 7:00pm



April 20
Easter Sunday
**Resurrection
of the LORD**
Sunrise Service 7:30am
followed by Breakfast

Worship Service
Communion 10:00am
followed by Easter Egg Hunt
One Great Hour of Sharing

We hope you will join us!

LIVESTREAM AT visitGPCpa.org

CLERK'S REPORT

JENNIFER ROBERTSON *Clerk of Session*

GREENCASTLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH REGULAR SESSION MEETING

January 9, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Room

The meeting was opened with the lighting of the candle.

RULING ELDERS PRESENT: Racheal Marconi Bowman, Anne Larew, JoAnne Lewis, David Lindecamp, Dee Patton, Jenn Robertson, Ed Wine.

Absent: Carole Malin, Scott Peterson

Clerk: Jenn Robertson

A quorum was declared by the Moderator, Rev. Robert Cook.

Ruling Elder Anne Larew offered a devotion and a prayer.

Clerk's Report. ACTION: Approved minutes of December 12, 2024, Regular Session Meeting.

Church Roll through December 31, 2024, is 142. Worship attendance on Sunday, January 5, 2025, was 88 with Communion celebrated by 84 as 30 joining our livestream.

ACTION: Approved Clerk's Report.

Financial Report	December 2024
Beginning Balance	\$19,039.03
Receipts	\$20,587.23
Disbursements	\$28,342.76
Ending Balance	\$11,283.50

ACTION: Approved the December 2024, Financial Reports.

Property & Maintenance: ACTION: Approved contractor Bonded Applicators to replace the roof of the Education Building with funding of \$33,000 to meet quoted cost plus costs for any underlying costs not quoted.

Technology: ACTION: Approved an enhancement to our Sanctuary Services for hearing-impaired individuals by establishing a month-to-month service agreement with CaptionKit for closed captioning services for worshippers. Monthly fee for eight (8) hours of service per month is \$20.00.

Worship: ACTION: Approved rescheduling Communion in August 2025, from August 3 to August 10.

Christian Education: ACTIONS: Offer Valentine Potluck Supper for entire church and a Valentine card-making activity for Faithful Families on Sunday, February 2, 2025, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the Social Room. Cards will be delivered to Heritage Hills Retirement Home in Greencastle later in the week.

Approved a special collection from February 9 through February 23, 2025, for The Souper Bowl of Caring.

Approved Community Day Camp dates: June 16-20, 2025.

Finance: ACTION: Approved the transfer of up to \$20,000.00 from investments into the General Fund Account

Nominating Committee: The first meeting of the Pastor Nominating Committee will be held on Tuesday, January 21, 2025.

Pastor's Report: During 2024 I officiated over six (6) weddings and 64 funerals. I've served as a volunteer Chaplain for the Chambersburg and Waynesboro Wellspan Hospitals for over 25 years. Recently, I was invited to be a paid on-call (PRN) Chaplain for nights and weekends. I recently completed the required training for this paid appointment. The confirmation classes are going well for our four (4) confirmands. Confirmation is scheduled for June 8, 2025. Planning to take vacation days during the week of January 12, 2025. Not planning any more vacation time until after Easter.

New Business: ACTION: Approved the Social Room on Saturday, February 8, 2025, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm by the Kerstetter family to host a wedding shower for Amber, with about 25 individuals anticipated in attendance. **ACTION:** Approved two (2) Elder Commissioners (JoAnne Lewis and Jenn Robertson) for the Presbytery Meeting scheduled for February 8, 2025 from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm at the Camp Hill PC. **ACTION:** Approved the 2024 Church Statistical Report.

The meeting was closed in prayer with The Lord's Prayer in unison at 7:31 pm.

CLERK'S REPORT CONTINUED

GREENCASTLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SPECIAL CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Following Worship Service on February 9, 2025
 at 11:05 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Candle lit for the meeting. Meeting agendas and ballots distributed to members.

The meeting opened by Moderator Reverend Dr. Robert Cook with a prayer. **MOTION: Action.** Approved Special Called Congregation Meeting. Determined a quorum present.

Meeting Purpose: To present the slate for the Pastor Nominating Committee and approve members of the Committee.

Elder Anne Larew, Moderator of the Nominating Committee, introduced herself and addressed the role of Advisory Youth on the Committee. The Advisory Youth proposed for the Committee, Luke Barnhart and Julia Herrmann, will provide their perspective on candidates to the Committee.

Slate Presented for the Pastor Nominating Committee: Mindy Barnhart, Erin Herrmann, Brian Keck, Albert Miller, Diane Mills, Jim Papa, Pamela Morris Price and Youth Advisors. A call for nominations from the floor was made. No additional names voiced for consideration. Nominations closed.

MOTION: Action. Approved slate presented by voice vote.

Recognized members of the Nominating Committee: Sue Bell, Sheila Gates, Ben Herrmann, Albert Miller, Brian Rice, Marcie Tinninis and Moderator Anne Larew; thanked all for their service in this role.

Moderator, Pastor Bob, again restated his commitment to serving Greencastle Presbyterian Church until a new pastor is installed.

MOTION: Action. Approved closure of meeting.

Meeting closed by the Moderator Reverend Dr. Robert Cook with prayer at 11:13 a.m.

PROPERTY & MAINTENANCE

DAVID LINDECAMP Moderator

By now, I am guessing that many of you are as tired of cold and snow as I am. Thanks to those who have helped clear the sidewalks this winter because this job has been a frequent reoccurrence this winter. At this point, I will be happy to see some warm weather. Be sure to mark your calendars for the following.



**Spring
Clean Up**

**Saturday
April 5, 2025
9:00 a.m.**

at the Church and at the Moss Spring Cemetery
 We would appreciate any and all support to keep
 our properties looking their best.

A brief update on our activities:

PROJECTS COMPLETED:

While we did not expect to be reporting this so soon, the roof of the Education wing was replaced during the first week of February.

Until next month, Peace and Love in Christ!

GREENCASTLE-ANTRIM CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at 9:30 am
 Greencastle Evangelical Lutheran Church

"I am what I am, because of Christ!"

Speaker: Pastor Mike Carey

Music: Pastor Brian Black

No reservation necessary

● Free-will offering accepted

● Lunch optional

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

Although ALL non-perishable donations are always appreciated, the list below shows our current need.

Monthly more than 120 families are blessed when they visit the Food Pantry. Thank you for the generosity you show to the people who rely on the Food Pantry to help feed their families.

CEREAL

PASTA SAUCE IN CANS OR PLASTIC

RICE MIXES

PASTA MIXES

POTATO MIXES

SOUPS

SALAD DRESSING

PEANUT BUTTER



GREENCASCADE-ANTRIM FOOD PANTRY

717-597-8333 ext. 2

gafoodpantry@gmail.com

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

ALL MONETARY AND NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEM DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE. CHECKS MAY BE MADE PAYABLE TO THE GREENCASCADE-ANTRIM FOOD PANTRY AT 57 W. BALTIMORE STREET, GREENCASCADE, PA 17225.



LOCATION

Greencastle Presbyterian Church
57 W. Baltimore Street (Lower Level)
Greencastle, PA 17225



In the event of inclement weather, notification will be on the Food Pantry voice mail 717-597-8333 ext 2, the Facebook page, and WRGG 93.7 FM radio.

<https://www.facebook.com/p/Greencastle-Antrim-Food-Pantry-100068316596839/>



HOURS OF OPERATION

First Thursday of each month

MARCH 6

6:00 to 8:00 pm

**Second & Third Wednesday
of each month**

MARCH 12 & 19

9:00 am to 12:00 noon

TO REGISTER FOR SERVICES

Must reside in the greater Greencastle-Antrim area with verification of name and address. Provide number and amount of total income of all persons living in the household.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

KERI PAPA *Acting Director*

RACHEAL MARCONI BOWMAN *Moderator*

Our next committee meeting is on
Tuesday, March 4th at 6:30 pm

Thank you to everyone who signed up to help in the Sunday School classroom so far. We have a few spots left for the winter/ spring. Our prayer is that you will consider helping us. The children are a blessing and our future. [Click here to sign up.](#)

YOUTH GROUP

March 2nd Confirmation Meeting

March 16th Regular Fun Meeting

April 6th Confirmation Meeting

April 13th Regular Fun Meeting

*All children in grades 6-12 are invited to attend.

Youth Group Members are welcome to bring a friend. Any questions, see Pastor Bob or Scott Peterson.

FAITHFUL FAMILIES:

Thank you to all who attended our Valentine card event! It was a great night had by all!

EASTER:

Easter is just around the corner! We will soon be collecting candy for our annual egg hunt. Individually wrapped, small (able to fit in a plastic egg) would be great. Thanks!

COMMUNITY CAMP 2025 Our theme this year is TRUE NORTH by Group Publishing. *We'll guide the children on the ultimate Alaskan adventure where northern lights glow over majestic mountains, racing rivers, and glistening glaciers. As kids trek the tundra, they'll explore how easy it is to lose sight of what's true in our wild world today. Pointing them toward Jesus, True North VBS shows them that He is a faithful friend we can always trust. He's our True North!* Planning has begun for our Summer Camp 2025. Help us make it the best one yet! There is a job for everyone, no matter your strengths. If you are interested in being a part of this awesome week, please join us at the CE meeting. We will discuss camp at the beginning in case you choose

not to stay for the entire meeting. Please see Racheal or Keri with questions.

WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT US:

+Check out our wishlist on Amazon. Choose something to donate by going to Amazon.com. Choose Registry from the top menu bar. Search Greencastle Presbyterian Church. There you will find our list titled True North Community Camp. [You may also follow this link \(click here\).](#)

+Make a monetary donation to help cover camp costs (you can put donations in the offering plate labeled Community Camp)

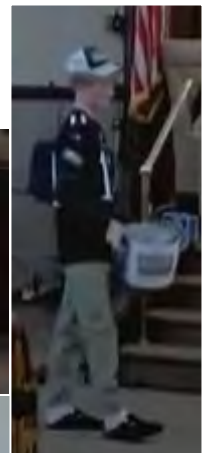
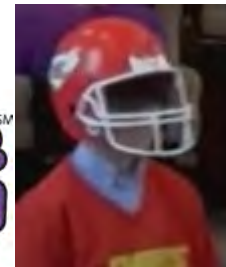
+Help us create decorations for the week

+Donate newspapers and other packing materials that you have leftover

+Signup to volunteer that week as a snack helper, craft helper, crew leader or assistant

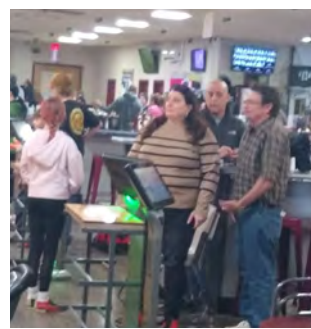
Thank you for the Souper Bowl of Caring donations – \$284 and almost 50 non-perishable items.

The generosity of this church family is great!





A huge thank you to the very generous donor who paid for the entire bowling event! What a blessing you are to our church. It was a wonderful afternoon of fellowship for almost 20 members and friends of the church. Your kindness was appreciated!



As people of faith, we seek to “serve and preserve” God’s world.

However, some of our collective choices have led to a changing global climate. To turn this tide, we must commit to treading lightly on God’s Earth.


Lent is the time to reflect on Christ’s ministry, death and resurrection. We slow down, take time, and examine our internal spiritual lives and the way we live out our Christian faith in the world around us.

The Presbyterian Hunger Program accompanies people as they move toward sustainable choices that restore and protect all of God’s children and Creation. We hope that this Lenten calendar will be the beginning of actions intended to create more mindful behaviors throughout the year.

March

Sunday


9 Challenge yourself to drink only water. It takes 600 cups of water to produce a single cup of coffee and 125 cups of water to produce a cup of tea. 

16 Read and reflect on Psalm 8. 


23 Pray: God of Enough, remind us of those who still have not been able to realize your abundance because we have taken more than what we need. And let that remembering drive us to change. Amen. 

30 Time your shower today and challenge yourself to decrease the time by 20% in April. 

Monday


10 Read Job 38 and reflect on the awe-inspiring Creation around you. 


17 Explore Creation Care Prayers from other traditions: blessestomorrow.org/six-interfaith-creation-care-prayers.

24 Read and Reflect on Isaiah 65:17–25. 


31 Read and Reflect on Genesis 1:29. 

Tuesday

11 Write down everything you throw away today. Challenge yourself to reduce the trash you produce for the remaining days of Lent. 

18 Where do you see Christ today? Share this with three people. 

25 Refresh your memory regarding which items your city or town allows for curbside recycling. Remind your family, friends and coworkers to recycle. 


April
1 Pray: “Creator of the rivers and oceans, who washes us clean and refreshes us daily, help us to be like a cup of cold water to others in your name: refreshing, cleansing and relieving. Amen.” 

Wednesday

5 **Ash Wednesday**
Read Psalm 51:1–17. Consider the plea for mercy and consider what actions of mercy we should show as we care for the Earth. 


12 Read Romans 8:21. Consider ways that Creation is reflecting longing.

19 Pray: God, show us your grace through your gift of Creation. Teach us to be as gracious with each other as you have been with us. Amen. 

26 Read about the U.N.’s COP29 climate negotiations outcome: tinyurl.com/pcusacop29. 

2 Transport, housing and food have the three largest carbon footprints. Learn more about decreasing your food carbon footprint at greeneatz.com/foods-carbon-footprint.html. 

Thursday

6 Download the OGHS Sharing Calendar at pcusa.org/resource/sharing-calendar-oghs25. 

13 Take a walk to appreciate the Earth’s natural beauty. Consider why preserving the Earth is crucial for the health of future generations and tell two people. 

20 Download “Considering Our Treasure” from PHP and take one of the action steps listed in the study: tinyurl.com/conourtreasure.


27 Pray: “In the rising and setting of the sun and the cycles of the seasons, in the patterns of the shining stars, may we remember the goodness of God. Amen.” 

3 For Easter baskets, buy Fair Trade chocolate, dried fruit, tea and coffee or small gifts made by women’s cooperatives! Fair trade helps farmers and workers around the world. pcusa.org/fairtrade. 

Friday

7 Learn more about using sustainable palms in your worship. Learn more and order online: <https://tinyurl.com/ecopalmpscusa>. 

14 Download a prayer at faithclimateactionweek.org so you can be prepared for the National Climate Prayer on Earth Day (April 22) at noon local time. 

21 Learn how many planets we need if everyone lived like you: footprintcalculator.org. 

28 Watch this short video on environmental injustice’s disproportionate impact on people of color: youtu.be/dRetXUj6_c. 

4 Use the map online at tinyurl.com/pcusaecomap to find the closest Earth Care Congregation to you and say a prayer for them. 

Saturday











8 Set aside a special time to consider how to be intentional in your care for all God’s Creation. 

15 Understand the environmental and social impacts of what you are buying. Do research on products you commonly use and find information on more Creation-friendly products at ethicalconsumer.org. 

22 Share Creation Justice Ministries’ “52 Ways to Care for Creation” with your congregation: creationjustice.org/52ways2025.html.

29 Participate in Earth Hour by switching off all electricity at 8:30 p.m. local time in solidarity with global efforts to secure nature and our home: earthhour.org. 

5 Unplug the chargers for your cell phone and laptop when you leave your home or office today to minimize the energy many electronics and appliances continue to draw even when they are off.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>6</p> <p>Celebrate the animal kingdom by watching fb.watch/55-YmyYM6 and consider planning an animal blessing.</p> 	<p>7</p> <p>Read and Reflect on Philippians 3:4b–14.</p> 	<p>8</p> <p>Sign up for Blessed Tomorrow's Climate Ambassador Program: blessedtomorrow.org/take-the-training.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>U.S. drivers' consumption of 500 gallons of gasoline every year per driver creates as much as 10,000 pounds of carbon dioxide. Walk somewhere you would have driven today.</p> 	<p>10</p> <p>Donate to offset your carbon use. Visit pcusa.org/donate/e865715-restoring-creation-ecology-justice.</p> 	<p>11</p> <p>Check your tire pressure. Low tire pressure means high energy/fuel consumption.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Pick up as many pieces of litter as you can and challenge five friends to do the same.</p> 
<p>13</p> <p>Passion/Palm Sunday HOLY WEEK</p> <p>As we think about Christ's journey this Holy Week, take space to acknowledge that while it is easy to be overwhelmed with climate injustice, we do not travel alone.</p> 	<p>14</p> <p>Download ecoAmerica/ Blessed Tomorrow's info sheets on various climate topics: ecoamerica.org/research.</p> 	<p>15</p> <p>Learn more about environmental injustice using the poster at pcusa.org/resource/environmental-racism-poster and consider who is most impacted by pollution and climate change.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Storytelling is a powerful tool to inspire and engage people. Consider what your climate story is and download this canvas to help you strategize telling it: digitalstorytellers.com.au/the-story-canvas.</p> 	<p>17</p> <p>Maundy Thursday</p> <p>Urge elected officials to support legislation making justice and Creation care a priority. Download this helpful guide: ecoamerica.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/advocacy-policy-makers-climate-solutions-p2p-ea.pdf.</p> 	<p>18</p> <p>Good Friday</p> <p>Consider Mary Magdalene's grief while simultaneously holding onto hope. Journal about how we can deepen our understanding of faith in the face of a suffering world.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Great Vigil of Easter</p> <p>Reflect on the quiet of the tomb and the stillness of waiting. Consider how Creation reflects this.</p> 
<p>20</p> <p>Easter</p> <p>Give with joy to the One Great Hour of Sharing.</p>	<p>For further learning and action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the sustainable living work of the Presbyterian Hunger Program through gifts to the Hunger Fund H999999. • Celebrate One Great Hour of Sharing, an offering that strengthens Earth care ministries, disaster response, and hunger and poverty alleviation: pcusa.org/oghs. • Sign up for the Presbyterian Justice and Peace e-newsletter: share.hsforms.com/1xPXwVpbaRUiahH1NWcCOXwdf5ts. • Find a more complete list of ideas for congregational Earth-care activities in the Earth Care Congregations guide: pcusa.org/earthcarecongregations. • Become a member of the grassroots organization Presbyterians for Earth Care: presbyearthcare.org. • Read our blog, Eco-Justice Journey: pcusa.org/news-storytelling/blogs/eco-journey. • Download Earth Day Sunday materials: creationjustice.org. • Stay up to date on public policy concerns through the Office of Public Witness: pcusa.org/about-pcusa/agencies-entities/interim-unified-agency/ministry-areas/office-public-witness. • Lead a study group with the Lent 4.5 materials. Email php@pcusa.org for copies. <p>Please visit us at pcusa.org/hunger to learn more about ongoing opportunities for simple living, environmental justice, alleviating poverty and eliminating root causes of hunger.</p>					



Resources from
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

[Tread Lightly for Lent](#)

If you would like a printed copy of the document, please contact the church office.





Greencastle-Antrim Old Home Week August 2-9, 2025

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for GPC events during Old Home Week August 2-9, 2025! The GPC Old Home Week Committee has been meeting and planning activities for this special week in our community. These events are in the planning stages. Hope you can join us for the following events:

- ⇒ Sunday, August 3 – **Special Worship Service** and hopefully **Recreation of the “Round Table”** during **Coffee/Social Hour**
- ⇒ Wednesday, August 6 - **Ice Cream Social, Children’s Activities, Church Tours**
- ⇒ Children’s activities will be held in the comfort of air conditioning in the social room and church tours will be provided.

Also, **T shirts** with church logo will be coming soon! Watch for ordering information to purchase your shirt. These shirts can be worn anytime you are serving the church such as volunteering with OHW events, church yard sale, and other church events.

Sign up sheets will be posted mid-July to help with the activities listed above and shirt purchasing.

[Greencastle-Antrim Old Home Week 2025](#)

MARCH BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARIES

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



WORSHIP

ANNE LAREW, CAROLE MALIN *Co-Moderators*

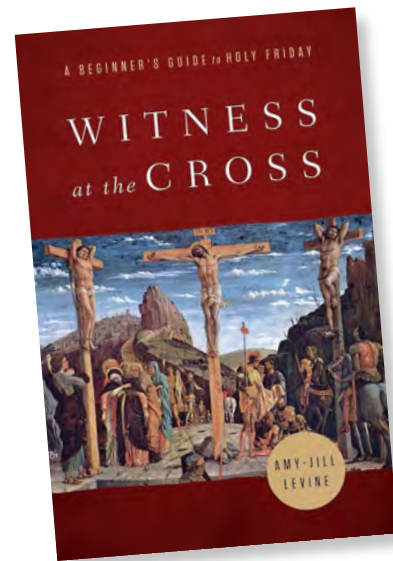
We are planning for a busy Lenten season, starting with evening worship on Ash Wednesday, March 5th at 7pm. Pastor Bob will continue his "Ashes-to-go" ministry in front of the church from 12-12:30 pm. Our Maundy Thursday service will be held jointly with our friends at Grace UCC with Pastor Bob giving the sermon. Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday services will be held at our usual time with a Sunrise Easter Service scheduled at the church at 7:30am with breakfast to follow. Hopefully we will have milder temperatures by then, but will move indoors as needed.

Blessings to all of you as we enter this contemplative yet joyful season.

To God be the glory!

Lenten Bible Study Thursdays 10:00 am at the Brio Coffeehouse Beginning March 6th.

This Lenten season, at 10 am each Thursday (March 6 through April 17) we will meet at the Brio coffee shop to study Amy Jill Levine's book, "Witness at The Cross." The author shows how the people at the cross each have distinct roles to play. Each of the Gospel writers presents a distinct picture of the death of Jesus. Each portrays different individuals and groups of people at the cross, each offers different images and dialogues,



and so from each, we learn how those meanings and messages span the centuries to any who would come to the cross today.

Each Gospel has its own story to tell, all the witnesses have their own memories, and every reader comes away with a new insight. The witnesses at the Crucifixion watch Jesus die, and we watch with them, and we watch them. And we come away transformed.

A sign-up sheet will be in the vestibule.

Please join us!

Communion Servers and Liturgists

March 2 Communion Servers:

Brian Keck

Chris Johnston

Dee Patton

Jenn Robertson



LITURGISTS:

March 2 Anne Larew

March 9 JoAnne Lewis

March 16 Liam Papa

March 23 Sheila Gates

March 30 Brooklyn Barnhart



We will continue the practice of offering ashes to go to anyone at noon time on March 5th - regardless of the weather. At 7 pm we will host an Ash Wednesday service in the sanctuary. To wear the mark of ashes is to say we humbly offer ourselves to God knowing our mortality and our desire to turn

The Ash Wednesday Services

Ash Wednesday (March 5th this year) begins the penitential season of Lent. I always look forward to this season as an opportunity to practice the spiritual disciplines with increased attention and as a way of making the Easter season that follows so much more joyful and fulfilling.

from sin. People are marked with the symbol of the cross, which symbolizes the love of God in Christ to our world and hope that all Christians have of new life in Jesus. We hope you will make it a point to come to the evening service. And if you are passing the church at noon on Wednesday, stop by for the imposition of Ashes. It is a blessing to you and a public witness of your faith Jesus.

MISSION COMMITTEE

POLLY COULTER *Moderator and Deacon*

Out of Chaos, Hope...

Every year, the first Sunday in Lent is designated "Wear your blue T-shirt to church Sunday" (Given to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance [PDA] Teams) as a testament of one of the ways that One Great Hour of Sharing makes a difference.

King David sang, "You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy ..." (Psalm 30:11).

Thousands of volunteers each year put on a blue T-shirt that reads, "Out of chaos, hope." The volunteers bring not only ladders and drywall for rebuilding, but also the love of God. Many disaster survivors who see the love of God evident in the lives of these servants are able to take off their cloak of mourning and begin to find joy.

The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) has supported every type of disaster such as flooding,

hurricanes, wildfires, tornadoes, etc... When you join one of the Presbyterian specific teams you earn a blue T-shirt. Many congregations have not had an opportunity to "earn" an official PDA T-shirt through volunteer work team efforts but are supporting the ministry of PDA through financial gifts, actions and prayers. You are standing in the GAP (Give, Act, Pray) for disaster survivors.

Our ongoing support to missions is a testament to the love of Greencastle Presbyterian Church.

In support of this wonderful effort our Mission/Outreach Committee is sponsoring our own

"Blue-Out" Sunday
March 9, 2025

with a Special Collection for PDA to be taken.





ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) — Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People — all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

Received during the season of Lent (March 5 – April 20), each gift to OGHS helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God’s love with our neighbors in need. **In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.**



TEWA WOMEN UNITED

One Great Hour of Sharing makes a difference in the world.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA)

- Works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters, and support for refugees
- Receives 32% of funds

PRESBYTERIAN HUNGER PROGRAM (PHP)

- Takes action to alleviate hunger, care for creation, and the systemic causes of poverty so all may be fed
- Receives 36% of funds

SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE (SDOP)

- Invests in communities responding to their experiences of oppression, poverty and injustice and educates Presbyterians about the impact of these issues
- Receives 32% of funds

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

ANNE LAREW *Moderator*

The new Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) has been elected and has already met with Presbytery officials for orientation and training. Thank you to the congregation for your support for this entire process, starting with the Holy Cow Congregational Assessment Tool and the discussions that followed. Please keep the PNC in your prayers and also pray for our future pastor.

Our Nominating Committee has begun work on asking members to discern a call to serve the church as Elders, Deacons, and Nominating Committee members. Please keep us in your prayers as we continue our work.

Installation of Pastor Nominating Committee

*On Sunday, February 23, 2025 at Worship
Pastor Cook offered an Installation Service for
Pamela Price, Brian Keck, Albert Miller,
Mindy Barnhart, Jim Papa, Diane Mills,
and Erin Herrmann.*



The Presbyterian Per Capita

Each year all members of Presbyterian Churches (PCUSA) are asked to give a small but special offering call the "per capita." The Presbyterian per capita is an annual contribution that supports the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). It's based on the number of members in a congregation. So, where does the money go and what does it do?

- Supports the work of the General Assembly, including the biennial General Assembly meeting (our national body)
- Supports the work of the Synod (our regional body)
- Supports the work of the Presbytery (our local body)
- Supports calling and supporting pastors
- Supports encouraging those called to church leadership with training for Ruling Elders and Deacons, and with financial help for seminary education for future pastors.

The per capita is a way for Presbyterians to share the costs of the church and to show their unity and commitment to their shared mission. Our Presbytery of Carlisle asks all of the members of our congregations to contribute \$34.04 this year. Please share in giving this small amount that makes a big difference.





**Good and gracious God,
we surrender all worries and concerns
to you, knowing that we are
your beloved children. Our faith compels
that we rest in your infinite mercies.**

June Marshall health concerns

Nancy McIntyre health concerns

Patti Sechrist health concerns *(Marcie Tinninis)*

Alan Shope health concerns

Tim Walck health concerns

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

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

Michael Paylor complications from leg amputation
(cousin of Weslie Johnson)

Mary Buhl health concerns

Cullen Gaston young child with Leukemia

Bob & Sandy Seidel *(Marcie Tinninis)*

Bill & Kathy Kendall health concerns
(Weslie Johnson)

Aaron Frick *(Mary Ann Ackerman)*

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

Rev. Bill Beck *(Patti Divelbiss)*

Dan Patton health concerns

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

Penny Mohler battling ovarian cancer *(Nancylee Moore)*

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

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

Rowan Stotler recovering from brain surgery
(Mary Ann Ackerman)

Sandra Meadows oral cancer *(Kim Tarlaglia)*

Frank & Tracey Toston health concerns
(Scott Peterson)

Archer Hohl young child with seizures
(Mary Ann Ackerman)

Sally Snyder health concerns

Chelsea White diagnosed with breast cancer,
mother of 2-year-old twins *(Emily Jones)*

Tim Reed health concerns

Lynne Leap recovering from a fall *(Barry Leap's mother)*

Gail Guyton diagnosis of brain tumor *(Diane Mills)*

Marvin & Nancy Rice health concerns *(Linda Thomas)*

David Myers health concerns *(Sue Myers)*

Virginia Vallillo health concerns

Cameron Kingsley auto accident recovery

Frank Marconi health concerns *(Racheal Marconi Bowman)*

Robin Wingert health concerns *(Pastor Bob)*

Kenny Reed cancer diagnosis

Todd Smith health concerns *(Marcie & Chuck Tinninis)*

John Stanton brain cancer *(co-worker of Scott Peterson)*

Gwendelyn Marra *(Gabe & Sheila Gates)*

Tom Clopper health concerns *(Cindy Marconi)*

Leslie Moose *(Patsy Lee)*

Donna & Denny Bingaman health concerns *(Margery Benson)*

Pete Stamakis health concerns *(Marcie & Chuck Tinninis)*

Please continue to pray for the family of
Leona Cain, mother of Debbie Wine,
who went to be with Our Lord on
Monday, February 17, 2025.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 2025

Sun March 2

Bible Study 8:45am

Worship with Communion 10:00am

Coffee Fellowship / 1st Sunday Food Drive

Youth Group Confirmation Meeting 6:00pm

Tue March 4 Shrove Tuesday / Mardi Gras

CHRISTIAN ED MEETING 6:30pm

WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING 6:30pm

Wed March 5 **ASH WEDNESDAY** / LENT BEGINS

Wednesday Prayer Circle 9:00am

Ashes-To-Go 12:00 noon

Chancel Choir 6:15pm

Ash Wednesday Worship 7:00 pm

Ladies AA Meeting 7:00pm

Thur March 6

Greencastle-Antrim Food Pantry 6:00pm

Sun March 9

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS (spring forward)

MISSION SUNDAY: **Please wear blue** to show our

support of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)

Bible Study 8:45am

Worship 10:00am followed by Coffee Fellowship

Wed March 12

Greencastle-Antrim Food Pantry 9:00am

Wednesday Prayer Circle 9:00am

Bell Choir 6:00pm

Chancel Choir 7:00pm

Ladies AA Meeting 7:00pm

Thur March 13

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN MEETING 1:00pm

SESSION MEETING 6:30pm

Sun March 16

Bible Study 8:45am

Worship 10:00am followed by Coffee Fellowship

Dementia Caregivers 2:00pm

Youth Group Meeting 6:00pm

Mon March 17 **ST. PATRICK'S DAY**

OLD HOME WEEK COMMITTEE MEETING 6:30pm

Tue March 18

MISSION/OUTREACH MEETING 6:30pm

Wed March 19

Greencastle-Antrim Food Pantry 9:00am

Wednesday Prayer Circle 9:00am

Ladies AA Meeting 7:00pm

Thur March 20

DEACONS MEETING 6:30pm

Sun March 23

Bible Study 8:45am

Worship 10:00am followed by Coffee Fellowship

Wed March 26

Wednesday Prayer Circle 9:00am

Bell Choir 6:00pm

Chancel Choir 7:00pm

Ladies AA Meeting 7:00pm

Sun March 30

Bible Study 8:45am

Worship 10:00am followed by Coffee Fellowship

NOTICE

**The 2024 Annual Report will be made
available to the congregation
on Sunday, March 23**



**Annual Congregational Meeting
is scheduled for Sunday, April 6
following the Worship Service.**