

# THE NEXUS

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## March 2018

### From Our Pastor

Dear Friends,

I pray your "Lenten Spiritual Journey" has been going well. Please remember the One Great Hour of Sharing and give generously as part of your Lenten obligation. It will be received on Palm Sunday.

I want you to be aware of 2 additional opportunities:

1. In addition to our **Maundy Thursday service at 7:00 p.m.**, we will be offering an **abbreviated Maundy Thursday communion service in the sanctuary at 12 noon**. I am aware that attending an evening service at church is difficult for some of the congregation and I want you to have a day-time opportunity to receive Holy Communion.
2. On **Good Friday at 12 noon** we will have a Solemn Service Remembering the Passion of Jesus Christ. This simple service of Scripture and prayer will touch our hearts and refresh our souls.

May God continue to bless your Lenten pilgrimage!

Peace,

Pastor Freeborn

### Nexus Deadline

The Nexus deadline for the April issue is **Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**.

### Sponsor

This issue of the Nexus is being sponsored by **Mano Miller**. We thank you for your support. Please let the church office know if you are interested in sponsoring a future issue of the Nexus. The cost is \$35.00.



**Join us each Wednesday evening, at 6:00 p.m., for our Lenten Soup Suppers. The Deacons will provide a delicious meal in our church lounge, followed by devotions and a program. This will run through March 21<sup>st</sup>.**

### Thank you!

*I want to say thank you to all my E.S.P.C. friends for the surprise reception in honor of my 26 years as Choir Director.*

*Your gifts, cards and thoughts were very much appreciated. Being able to share the day with my family and friends made it very special.*

*God bless you all,*

*Linda*

## **Cancer Support Group**

Have you, your family, or friends ever been affected by a cancer diagnosis? Have you finished treatment and are adjusting to what comes next? Do you or someone you know seek support from others with similar experience? Then please join Student Pastor, Nicole Vogel, at the Caring Cancer Community support group meeting Tuesdays 10:30-11:30, starting March 13, 2018, here at ESPC in the lounge. This support group is open to anyone affected by a cancer diagnosis. This group's mission is to help all people affected by a cancer diagnosis find ways to meet their emotional, physical, spiritual, and mental well-being. There will be flyers available in the narthex if you would like one for yourself, or to share with others.

## **Koinonea**

The Koinonea group will meet Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> following our Lenten Supper and Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

## **Adult Education Classes**

Join Tim Swanson on Sundays at 9:00 am for a 10 week study of "**The Mission of Jesus: Triumph of God's Kingdom in a World of Chaos.**" The class will use a text and video from Ray Vander Laan as a way to illuminate the historical, geographical, and cultural context of the sacred Scriptures.

Pastor Freeborn will continue his classes on *Bad Girls of the Bible* periodically throughout the year. Dates for those classes will be announced.

## **Art Showing**

The Pocono Arts Council is having a showing at the ARTSPACE Gallery, March 2-24. The theme is *ART AS SPIRITUALITY*. The address is [18 N 7th Street, Stroudsburg, Pa 18360](#). Bobbie Long will be having two of her photographs in the exhibit!



## **Wedding Anniversaries**

Celebrating wedding anniversaries during **March:**

**John and Lisa Finelli**  
**Lena and Joe Wasylyk**



## **Birthdays**

Celebrating birthdays during **March:**

**Karl Schrick, Tom Long, Eric Demarest,**  
**Lena Wasylyk, Ron Powell, Julia Delaney,**  
**Stephen Healy, Sarah Robinson, Ernie Rydell,**  
**Ben Huffman, Quentin Currie and**  
**Jack Kauderer.**

## **Women's Circle**

The Women's Circle group will meet on Tuesday, **March 13<sup>th</sup>** at noon. All women are welcome. Please bring your lunch.



## **Men's Lunch**

The Men's Lunch Group will meet on Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at noon in the church lounge. Lunch will be provided.

## **Sight & Sound Theater**

The payments are now due for the Sight and Sound trip in June. All payments are due on or before April 1st. Even though the bus is full, please sign up on our waiting list in case a seat becomes available. If you have any questions please call Wendy Emery at [\(570\)897-6181](tel:5708976181). Thank You!

## One Great Hour of Sharing

A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors in need in the United States and around the world. OGHS provides relief to those affected by natural disasters, provides food to the hungry and helps to empower the poor and oppressed. The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program responds immediately to mudslides, fires, and flooding. Most recently members of the PDA National Response Team were in Parkland, Florida to provide a ministry of presence.

Our church has always given generously to One Great Hour of Sharing and the fish banks. May you find it in your hearts to continue to support One Great Hour of Sharing. Envelopes are in the pews.

## Treasurer and Stewardship Report Through January 31, 2018

Income	\$ 22,223.00
Expenses	\$ 19,058.00
Net	\$ 3,165.00
Year-to-Date Giving:	
Pledge Giving:	\$ 14,824.00
Non-Pledge:	\$ 250.00



## Easter Egg Hunt!

Please join the Sunday School for the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday, March 25. There will be a lunch right after church while the eggs are being hidden. The event is open to all children, grandchildren, neighbors, etc.! All are welcome. There will be prizes given away in each age group. Please let Carole Emery know if you and your loved ones will be joining us for this time of fun! Thank you!



## Annual Yard Sale

Be sure to keep our annual Indoor Yard Sale in mind as you and your friends and family do your Spring cleaning. Our May sale could use some treasures to delight our yard sale buyers. Let's find some wonderful items, the kind that keep our buyers looking forward to the sale and coming back year after year. The sale is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, May 11 & 12.

Our storage space is limited, so we hope you can hold on to your donations and bring them in closer to the date of the sale. We also need many helping hands to price items in advance, to set up the week of the sale, and to help on the days of the sale. To volunteer or for questions, please contact Ellie Buff at 570-424-0820.

Please note that we do **NOT** want TV's, computers, monitors, ski equipment, textbooks, encyclopedias, National Geographics, and things that don't work.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 Adult Ed. 9:00 Worship, 10:00 am Youth Fellowship, 11:15 Deacon's Mtg., 11:15	5	6	7 Lenten Soup Supper, 6:00 p.m.	8	9	10
11 Daylight Savings Time Adult Ed. 9:00 Worship, 10:00 am Coffee hour, 11:15	12	13 Women's Circle, noon  Cancer Support Group, 10:30- 11:30	14 Men's lunch, noon  Lenten Soup Supper, 6:00 p.m.  K-Group, 7:00	15	16	17
18 Adult Ed. 9:00 Worship, 10:00 am Bad Girls of the Bible, 11:15 Mission Comm. Mtg., 11:15	19	20 Cancer Support Group, 10:30- 11:30	21 Lenten Soup Supper, 6:00 p.m.	22	23	24 Mission Committee candy making, 9:00-12:00
25 Palm Sunday Adult Ed. 9:00 Worship, 10:00 am Easter Egg hunt and lunch, 11:15 Session Mtg., 11:15	26 Nexus Deadline	27 Cancer Support Group, 10:30- 11:30	28 K-Group, 7:00	29 Maundy Thursday  Service at noon and at 7:00 p.m.  Communion will be served	30 Good Friday  Service at noon	31 Mission Committee candy making, 9:00-12:00