

THE NEXUS

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Nicki's News

Praise the LORD, my soul; all my inmost being,
praise his holy name. Psalm 103:1

Time is flying by and there are so many exciting things ahead in this month, but all of it makes me stop and Praise the Lord. Everything inside my soul sings praises to God. In this month will be some special gifts from God given to me and this congregation.

First, is the celebration of my ordination and installation, in which you have gone above and beyond. I can't say enough praises to God for your kindness in this planning. Second, is Lent, which is ushered in by our Ash Wednesday service. Also, during the season of Lent will be the deacon-sponsored Lenten soup suppers. I praise God that these special Lenten activities are something I have enjoyed with you in the past and look forward to this month.

I hope, as many of you can, will join us in the many exciting activities this month and share in praise to God together.

Pastor Nicki

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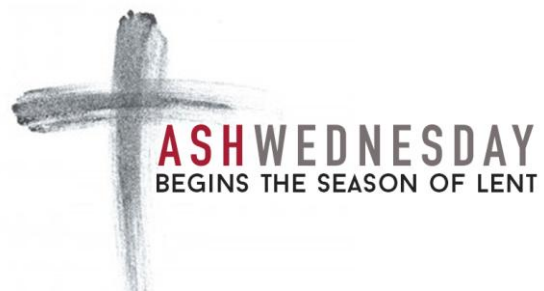
Those celebrating birthdays in March are:

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

Anniversaries

Those celebrating anniversaries in March are:

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



**Ash Wednesday Services are at
12:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.**

Ordination and Installation

Please remember that Pastor Nicki's ordination and installation will take place on Sunday, March 17th at 2:30 p.m. here at our church. A reception at Stroudsmoor Country Inn will follow. If you need a ride, please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Women's Circle

The Women's Circle will meet on Tuesday, **March 12th** at noon.

Men's Lunch

The Men's luncheon for March will be held on Wednesday, **March 13th** at noon.

Treasurer and Stewardship Report Through January 31, 2019

Income:	\$21,850.57
Expenses:	\$24,209.65
Net	\$ -2359.08
Year-to-Date Giving:	
Pledge Giving:	\$ 8,069.00
Non-Pledge Giving:	\$ 175.00



Time to
Spring Ahead

Sunday, March 10th is Daylight Savings Time. Please remember to turn your clocks **ahead** one hour on Saturday night!!

Fellowship Hour

Like I anticipated, this congregation does fellowship with one another well. Week after week there is an abundance of food, helpers and good fellowship. As such, I have spoken with the Fellowship Committee and we agreed we will continue doing fellowship in this way. Remember this is a time for sharing together outside of the worship service hour. If, some weeks, there is less food or no food, that is fine too, because there will always be coffee, tea and fellowship. Blessings on being your wonderful selves!

Pastor Nicki

Nexus Deadline

The Nexus deadline for the April issue is Monday, **March 25th**.



Movie Night!

Save the date for Dinner and a Movie in March! Please join us on Saturday March 23rd for Stew Night and a wee bit of laughter while we watch "The Quiet Man". We'll be showing the movie "Sing" for the children.

Look for a sign-up sheet in the narthex in coming weeks. Time to be announced later.

Lenten Soup Suppers

Mark your calendars! It's Lenten Soup Supper time. Join us for a time of food and fellowship every Wednesday evening during Lent. The dates are March 13th, March 20th, March 27th, April 3rd and April 10th. We start at 6:00 p.m. in the lounge.

Enjoy great soups, fellowship with others and Bible Study with Pastor Nicki.

Adult Education

Please join Tim Swanson and the Adult Sunday School class at 9:00 a.m. Sundays as they begin the next Ray Vander Laan bible study. The course is entitled "Prophets and Kings" and will focus on these five themes:

1. Innocent Blood- A look at Baal worship and its effect on the Hebrews.
2. Who is God? - What you see and hear often affects your view of God.
3. The Wages of Sin- To love God is to obey Him.
4. The Lord is My Shepard- God is our Shepard. What does this mean?
5. God is With Us- We will examine God's presence in the in the Old Testament and then through Jesus.

The class will use a study guide and series of videos as we examine the bible themes in historical context. We will see the places where the biblical themes took place. We look forward to seeing you on February 10th!

Time of Lent

*In this very quiet place
This, sanctuary space.
Quiet reigns over all
Thoughts resound off walls.*

*Not a word spoken aloud
Yet- head, heart, soul crowds.
Where, where? Comforts sought
In private prayers never taught.*

*Shhhh. Calm and quiet reign here
Knowing my Lord is with me; near.
Filling the wound's empty place
Woven, as gentle as soft lace.*

*Tears course down my face
So, hallowed is this place.
This place of such inner peace
Joy and love thrice increase.*

*No abuse, no hurt, no shame
Since into my life, they came
Father, son and holy ghost
Loving all, from least to most.*

Kathryn J. Forbes

Presbytery News

Many of you are not familiar with what the Presbytery does or how it affects the life of our church. As such, I will attempt to share with you some exciting things that the Lehigh Presbytery has done and is doing.

The letter from moderator Deborah Prince shared that during the November presbytery meeting a new Statement of Direction was approved which will lead us into an "exciting yet discomfoting time" as we start "something new and exciting while not knowing exactly where God's Spirit will lead us."

One of first new things was announced. Moderator Deborah Prince has invited all members of the Lehigh Presbytery to this year's first Presbytery Assembly on March 2 from 9 a.m. until 12:30p.m. at the Community Presbyterian Church of Mt. Bethel/Portland 1755 S. Delaware Drive, Mt. Bethel, Pa. I would encourage all of you to come and hear the Rev. Stanley Ott, Founder and President of the Vital Churches Institute who will speak about congregational vitality, transformation, missional endeavor and leadership. If you can't make this wonderful opportunity, I would still encourage you to pray for the Lehigh Presbytery and our church as we enter into some new and exciting, but often uncomfortable times.

Dear Church Family,

I want to thank everyone for cards, concern and most of all prayers. Denny is making progress little by little. He is at Muhlenberg acute care and I'm hopeful he will be moved to a residential rehab facility in the next 7-10 days. It's been, and continues to be, quite a journey, which without your support, both Denny and I would not be able to sustain ourselves. Many, many thanks to all of you!

In deepest gratitude,

Jenny

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Stated Presbytery Assembly meeting, 9:00-12:30
3 Worship, 10:00 am Communion	4	5	6 Ash Wednesday Services, 12:30 & 6:30 pm	7	8	9
10 1 st Sunday in Lent Worship, 10:00 am Mission Comm. Mtg., 11:15 am Daylight Savings Time	11	12 Women's Circle, noon	13 Men's Luncheon, noon Lenten Soup Supper, 6:00	14	15	16
17 2 nd Sunday in Lent Worship, 10:00 am Ordination/Insta llation 2:30 p.m. followed by reception at Stroudsmoor	18	19	20 Lenten Soup Supper, 6:00	21	22	23 Movie Night!!
24 3 rd Sunday in Lent Worship, 10:00 am	25 Nexus Deadline	26	27 Lenten Soup Supper, 6:00	28	29	30
31 4 th Sunday in Lent Worship, 10:00 am Minute for Mission						