

THE NEXUS

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Nicki's News

Dear Church Family,

This month I will mark two years since I was ordained and began serving as your minister. What a ride this has been, to say the least. Although these past two years were way different than I could have ever imagined, I wouldn't change anything. I have learned so much and witnessed such a great group grow and adapt to the needed changes. This is also the time of year when we find ourselves in the Lenten season, making our way to the cross again. A time when we seek to reorient ourselves to God and God's salvific work. As we take time in our spiritual practices, may we reflect on how each step of our journey has been bringing us closer to a new resurrected life. We have been dying to the old to bring in the new. Even if we don't seek to change the past, we can appreciate it, let it go and be ready for God to reveal the new life to come. I am excited by the new life to come for this church and am grateful to be on this journey with you.

In His Peace,

Pastor Nicki

Humor Corner

For my Sunday sermon, I purposely buttoned my suit vest incorrectly to illustrate how difficult it is to fix things once you've started off on the wrong foot. So I stood before my congregation, opened my suit coat and asked, "Does anyone notice anything unusual about me?" A child shouted, "Yes, your shoes are dirty."

Nexus Deadline

The Nexus deadline for the April issue is Monday, March 29th.

Youth Group- Zoom meeting

Join us again this year for our monthly youth group zoom meetings. Our next meeting is Sunday, March 28th at 6:30pm. The zoom link is Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81909986986> Meeting ID: 819 0998 6986 This information is emailed to the youth and families. If you know of others in the community, or beyond, who might like to join our youth zoom meetings which are open to any youth in grades 8th-12th, let the office know their email so they can be added to the list or simply forward the email to them. We hope to start planning some socially distance safe activities for upcoming months if you have ideas please share.



Good News!

Clem and Geri Gower welcomed a new great grandchild to the world. Olivia Jo Gower was born to Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Gower in February. Congratulations to all!

Anniversaries

Celebrating anniversaries in **March** are:
John and Lisa Finelli and Lena and Joe Wasylyk



Birthdays

Celebrating birthdays in **March** are:

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

Help Support AVFP

Soup Fundraiser!

The Mission Committee wanted to let you know about an opportunity to support the annual Alice's Visionary Foundation Project fundraiser on Sunday, March 7. They are offering 2 choices of homemade soup –Vegetable Three Bean and Potato Corn Chowder (both are gluten free). Cost is \$7.00 a quart. Soup orders should be received by February 28. There is curbside pickup between 11:00 am-1:00 pm. at the Fellowship Hall. To order or for more information call Sandy (AVFP) at 570-242-3666. The money raised through this fundraiser will be used to help the children in the Muhoroni District, Kenya.

Lenten Journal

Please use the following link to access the Presbyterians Today Lenten Journal.

[Presbyterian Today Lenten Journal](#)

Adult Sunday School Class

Tim Swanson will be teaching a four session bible class on the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus starting Sunday February 28th, at 9:00 AM in our Fellowship Hall. We will use a DVD and resource book entitled "The Case for Easter" by Lee Strobel.

Do you have questions about the first Easter like the following? What proof do we have that Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection actually took place? How can we know that he actually was executed and died on a Roman cross those many years ago? And what does the reality of Jesus' resurrection mean in our lives?

In our next four class sessions you will look at the story surrounding the death and resurrection of Jesus—and how you can know the events recorded in the Bible are true. Each participant will be provided a study guide that will help assist your study of the material in class and during the week. Appropriate Covid-19 safety guidelines will be observed.

Treasurer and Stewardship

Report through February 28, 2021

HOPE Fund Income	\$1070.00
HOPE Fund Disbursements	\$ 261.00
Yearly Pledges	\$144,880.00
Pledge Giving to Date	\$ 6,554.00

Inspirarity Dialogues

The *Inspirarity Dialogues* will continue the 2nd Sunday of each month. The next session is Sunday, February 14th from 6:00-7:00 on Zoom. If you need the link, please call the office.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Lenten Studies, 6:30 pm	4	5	6
7 3 rd Sunday in Lent Communion Adult Ed. 9:00 Worship, 10:00 Deacon's Mtg. Session Mtg.	8	9 Mission Committee meeting, 1:00 pm Women's Circle, 2:00 p.m.	10 Lenten Studies, 6:30 pm	11	12	13
14 4 th Sunday in Lent Adult Ed. 9:00 Worship, 10:00	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 5 th Sunday In Lent Adult Ed. 9:00 Worship, 10:00	22	23	24 Lenten Studies, 6:30 pm	25	26	27
28 Palm Sunday Adult Ed. 9:00 Worship, 10:00 Youth Zoom meeting, 6:30 p.m.	29 Nexus Deadline	30	31 Lenten Studies, 6:30 pm			