

THE NEXUS

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From Our Pastor

Dear Friends,

Soon it will be Palm Sunday, then Holy Week with Maundy Thursday and Good Friday and finally, Easter Sunday. As I write this, we are half way through our Lenten Pilgrimage. The Cambridge Dictionary defines a pilgrimage as a trip, often a long one, made to a holy place for religious reasons. The forty days of Lent offer us a special time of spiritual reflection and an opportunity to deepen our faith through worship, prayer, study of scripture and sacrificial giving.

During Lent I try to be attentively aware of other pilgrims and their Lenten pilgrimage. During my study leave week in Florida, my life was blessed by one such fellow pilgrim. Convicted of a federal crime, incarcerated in Federal prison and later pardoned by the President, this pilgrim now is a hospital chaplain. Out of the ordeal, this chaplain came to new faith, received excellent training and now provides spiritual care for others. It is a remarkable story and my pilgrim friend is a tremendous chaplain.

It is true, life is a pilgrimage. I pray your Lenten pilgrimage is going well and you are meeting fellow pilgrims along the way.

Peace,
Pastor Freeborn

Sponsor

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Treasurer and Stewardship Report Through February 28, 2017

Income	\$35,371.97
Expenses	\$37,318.70
Net	\$ -1,946.73

Year-to-Date Giving:

Pledge Giving:	\$19,328.00
Non-Pledge:	\$ 1,000.00

Communion Dates for 2017

Maundy Thursday	April 13, 2017
Easter Sunday	April 16, 2017
Pentecost	June 4, 2017
World Communion Sunday	October 1, 2017
Christmas Eve	December 24, 2017

Women's Circle

The Women's Circle group will meet on Tuesday, **April 11th** at noon in the church lounge. All ladies are invited.

Men's Lunch

The Men's Group will meet on Wednesday, **April 12**, at Noon in the church lounge. Our program will be a discussion of the old church fire, which occurred on April 3, 1967.

Holy Week and Easter Services



Palm Sunday is April 9th with worship at 10:00 a.m.

There will be a Maundy Thursday service at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday is April 16th with worship at 10:00 a.m.

The Church will be closed April 17th,
Easter Monday.

Nexus Deadline

The Nexus deadline for the May issue is Monday, April 24th.

Birthdays

Celebrating birthdays during **April:**

**Lisa Swanson, William Charpentier,
Greg Menio Sr., Mike Silvoy, Elda McCoy Erbe,
Carole Emery, Debbie Prince and Walter
Emery.**

Wedding Anniversaries

Celebrating wedding anniversaries during **April:**

Ron and Brenda Bruce

Easter Flowers

It is time to order your Easter Flowers!! We will be purchasing lilies and other spring plants to adorn our Sanctuary for Holy Week. Please look for the inserts in your bulletins.

Coffee Fellowship

The Fellowship Committee is introducing a new coffee fellowship time that will open fellowship for all who come through the doors of our Church. On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., we will be serving free coffee, light refreshments, and conversation. We are asking the congregation to come any weekday morning to be the host of the lounge for that day. Hosting for the day would mean being available for fellowship, through conversation, with any person who attends. If you think you have this gift to be shared with others, please contact Wendy Emery at 570-897-6181. If you would like to assist in this fellowship in other ways you can donate packaged cookies.



Candy Making

The Mission Committee will be selling candy again this year on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Candy making will take place on April 1st at 9:00 a.m. at the church. Please look for members of the Mission Committee in the lobby of the church before and after worship services. The candies are great for the Easter baskets!!!

A note.....

Dear Friends,

I sincerely hope that all of you are doing well. I miss you all dearly. I have been working hard, but enjoying what I do nonetheless. In January, I had the opportunity to fly in a Blackhawk helicopter – definitely a great way to start the year!

I have joined a Presbyterian Church here in El Paso and have found wonderful people of all ages, cultures and backgrounds. Of course, you all hold a special place in my heart and can never be replaced.

I hope to visit soon and pray for you all every night.

Love, Chris Campbell



Youth Events - by Jen Henshue

Here's what is coming up...

March 31-April 2: High School Youth Retreat @ Camp Johnsonburg

April 9: Easter Egg Hunt (kids, bring a basket!)

April 21-23: Middle School Youth Retreat @ Camp Johnsonburg

April 29: Family Camp Fire & S'mores

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH RETREAT March 31-April 2 at Camp Johnsonburg

Youth from all over the region will be gathering for an awesome retreat for all High School students at Camp Johnsonburg. The theme for the weekend will be building community and how, as Christians, we can be our true selves in all parts of our lives. There will be time for listening, reflecting and worship as well as plenty of time for fun and frivolity. Retreats are an awesome chance to get away from our everyday, to reconnect with God and ourselves, and enjoy fellowship with old and new friends. The retreat includes all meals and snacks, lodging in cabins, and runs from Friday evening through Sunday around noon.

Cost: Tier 1 - \$110 Tier 2 - \$125

It is your family's personal choice to what you can afford. The retreat experience will be the same regardless of the amount you pay. Also know that the church has funds to help with scholarships. Please just let us know.

***Looking for a Male Adult Chaperone to attend as well. ***

Thank you....

...to the Deacons for the lovely soup suppers these past Wednesday evenings and to Nicole Vogel, for her devotionals.

Yard Sale

Our annual Church Indoor Yard Sale is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, **May 12 and 13**. We are now collecting items for sale. Let's see if we can once again come up with a vast selection of wonderful items to delight our yard sale buyers. Let's find some treasures to offer, the kind that keep people looking forward to our sale and coming back year after year.

Donations of small items may be delivered to the church library. To make arrangements to donate larger items or to volunteer help, please contact Ellie Buff at 570-424-0820.

Here are some ideas for donations: house-wares, jewelry, furniture, antiques, home and holiday decor, sporting goods, tools, garden and yard items, books, records, baby and children's items. Clothing will be accepted the week of the sale. Items should be clean and ready for sale. Please note that we do NOT want TV's, computer equipment, ski equipment, textbooks, encyclopedias, old National Geographic's, and things that don't work.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Choir Practice 8:50 am Worship 10:00 every Sunday						1 April Fool's Day Candy Making, 9:00 a.m. H.S. Retreat @ Johnsonburg
2 5 th Sunday in Lent Deacon's Mtg. 11:15 am Finance committee Mtg., 11:15	3 Coffee Fellowship 9:00-12:00 Sweetbriar Pre- K 9:30 – 12:30	4	5 Coffee Fellowship 9:00-12:00 Sweetbriar Pre- K 9:30 – 12:30 Lenten Soup Supper, 6:00 pm	6	7 Coffee Fellowship 9:00-12:00 Sweetbriar Pre-K 9:30 – 12:30	8
9 Palm Sunday Candy Sales Coffee Hour, 11:15 am Easter Egg Hunt, 11:15 am	10 Coffee Fellowship 9:00-12:00 Sweetbriar Pre- K 9:30 – 12:30	11 Women's Circle, noon	12 Coffee Fellowship 9:00-12:00 Sweetbriar Pre-K 9:30 – 12:30 Men's Lunch, noon K-Group, 7:00 pm	13 Maundy Thursday service, 7:00 pm Communion served	14 Coffee Fellowship 9:00-12:00 Good Friday Sweetbriar Pre-K 9:30 – 12:30	15
16 Easter Communion Candy Sales OGHS received	17 Easter Monday Church Closed	18	19 Coffee Fellowship 9:00-12:00 Sweetbriar Pre- K 9:30 – 12:30	20	21 Coffee Fellowship 9:00-12:00 Sweetbriar Pre-K 9:30 – 12:30 Middle School Retreat	22 Earth Day Middle School Retreat
23	24 Coffee Fellowship 9:00-12:00 Sweetbriar Pre-K 9:30 – 12:30 Nexus Deadline	25	26 Coffee Fellowship 9:00-12:00 Sweetbriar Pre-K 9:30 – 12:30	27	28 Coffee Fellowship 9:00-12:00 Sweetbriar Pre-K 9:30 – 12:30	29 Family Campfire, S'mores and night glow games!!
30 Session Mtg., 11:15 am Deacon's Coffee Hour, 11:15 a.m.						