

THE NEXUS

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From Our Pastor

Dear Members and Friends,

As we begin the month of March, we enter into the season of Lent. These forty days are a time for prayerful reflection as we once again remember the love of our Lord Jesus Christ who chooses to take that love all the way to the cross for "a world of lost sinners", as the Old Rugged Cross Hymn declares. We will begin this journey with Jesus on Ash Wednesday, March 1st, in worship at 7 p.m. The imposition of ashes will be offered. When ashes are imposed, the liturgy to be said by the pastor to the parishioner is: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return". This sobering declaration reminds us in our often busy world of activities and engagements to pause and contemplate what really matters. What really matters for you when you remember that one day your life on this earth will end?

I am reminded of another liturgy regarding dust that is spoken by the pastor on another day, the day of one's funeral service. During that service, usually at the grave, we say: "All of us go down to the dust. Yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Give rest, O Christ, to your servant, with all your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting".

We journey together through Lent, through Holy Week, through Maundy Thursday and through Good Friday in prayer and reflection, remembering Jesus Christ and his love for us. Love that took him to his cross. Love that gives us life everlasting as we abide in him.

May God bless this, our Lenten journey!
Peace,
Pastor Freeborn



Lenten Soup Suppers

On Wednesday evenings throughout Lent, beginning March 8th, we will gather in the Lounge for our Lenten Soup Suppers at 6:00 p.m. Thank you Deacons, for the wonderful soups!

Following dinner, our student Pastor, Nicole Vogel, will be bringing a devotional on "Women of the Bible".

Do please make this gathering a centerpiece of your Lenten Devotional Pilgrimage.

Treasurer and Stewardship Report Through January 31, 2017

Income	\$24,419.24
Expenses	\$18,662.71
Net	\$ 5,756.53

Year-to-Date Giving:

Pledge Giving:	\$10,955.00
Non-Pledge:	\$ 315.00

Communion Dates for 2017

First Sunday in Lent	March 5, 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

Men's Lunch

The next meeting of the Men's Group will be on Wednesday, **April 12**. We are taking a break and encouraging you to attend the Lenten Soup Suppers on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. Following the soup supper will be a Lenten devotional program.

Sponsor

This issue of the Nexus is being sponsored by **Karen Padgett**. We thank you for your support.

Nexus Deadline

The Nexus deadline for the April issue is Monday, March 27th.

Women's Circle

The Women's Circle group will meet on Tuesday, **March 14th** at noon in the church lounge. All ladies are invited.

Birthdays

Celebrating birthdays during **March**:

Karl Schrick, Carole Slayton, Tom Long, Eric Demarest, Lena Wasyluk, Ron Powell, Julia Delaney, Stephen Healy, Sarah Robinson, Ernest Rydell, Benjamin Huffman, Quentin Currie and Jack Kauderer.

Wedding Anniversaries

Celebrating wedding anniversaries during **March**:

John and Lisa Finelli
Lena and Joe Wasyluk



Youth Events - by Jen Henshue

Here's what is coming up...

- March 5: Freefall Trampoline Park Family Trip*
- March 5: DEADLINE to RSVP for the HS Retreat*
- March 19: Youth Group*
- March 26: DEADLINE to RSVP for the MS Retreat*
- March 31-April 2: High School Youth Retreat @ Camp Johnsonburg*
- April 9: Easter Egg Hunt*
- April 21-23: Middle School Youth Retreat @ Camp Johnsonburg*

Trip to Freefall Trampoline Park! – Sunday, March 5 after church

We will gather at 11:00 am for a quick lunch and then carpool down to Freefall, the indoor trampoline park. There we will spend an hour jumping on trampolines, bouncing to dunk baskets, and battling on balance beams.

All ages, friends and family are welcome!

Admission:

\$14 per person (7 years old and up)

\$9 per person (0-6 years old)

Jump Socks: \$3 per person (You can jump barefoot for free or wear a pair that you already have.)

March 19 our regular Youth Group gathering will happen after church until 1:00 pm. All youth in grades 6-12 are welcome to join us for lunch and some laughs! You never know what crazy activity is planned or how the most bizarre experiences relate back to our faith in God.

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.

DEADLINE to RSVP is Sunday, March 5.

Please let Jen Henshue know as soon as possible if you are able to go so that she can tell you what you need to do with Camp Johnsonburg to officially register. You can call her at 610-737-5881.

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



Coffee Fellowship

Out of the outcome of a joint committee meeting, 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, if you are so inclined, to come any weekday morning to be the host of the lounge for that day. Hosting for the day means being available for fellowship through conversation with any person who attends. If you think you have this gift to be shared with others, please volunteer by signing up in the Narthex. Or 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 March 25th and April 1st at 9:00 a.m. at the church.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Worship every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.</p>			<p>1</p> <p>Ash Wednesday Service, 7:00 pm</p> <p>Sweetbriar 9:30 am – 12:30 pm</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Sweetbriar 9:30 am – 12:30 pm</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p> <p>1st Sunday in Lent Communion</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal, 9:00 am</p> <p>Adult Ed. 9:00 am</p> <p>Youth Trip to Freefall</p> <p>Deacon's Mtg., 11:15 am</p> <p>Mission Committee Mtg., 11:15 am</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Sweetbriar 9:30 am – 12:30 pm</p> <p>Sweetbriar Field Trip to Trampoline Park!!!</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Sweetbriar 9:30 am – 12:30 pm</p> <p>Lenten Soup Dinner, 6:00</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Sweetbriar 9:30 am – 12:30 pm</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p> <p>2nd Sunday in Lent</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal, 9:00 am</p> <p>Adult Ed. 9:00 am</p> <p>Coffee Hour, 11:15 am</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Coffee Fellowship 9:00-12:00</p> <p>Sweetbriar 9:30 am – 12:30 pm</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Women's Circle, noon</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Coffee Fellowship 9:00-12:00</p> <p>Sweetbriar 9:30 am – 12:30 pm</p> <p>Lenten Soup Dinner, 6:00</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>St. Patrick's Day</p> <p>Coffee Fellowship 9:00-12:00</p> <p>Sweetbriar 9:30 am – 12:30 pm</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p> <p>3rd Sunday in Lent</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal, 9:00 am</p> <p>Adult Ed. 9:00 am</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Coffee Fellowship 9:00-12:00</p> <p>Sweetbriar 9:30 am – 12:30 pm</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Coffee Fellowship 9:00-12:00</p> <p>Sweetbriar 9:30 am – 12:30 pm</p> <p>Lenten Soup Dinner, 6:00</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Coffee Fellowship 9:00-12:00</p> <p>Sweetbriar 9:30 am – 12:30 pm</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Candy Making, 9:00 am</p>
<p>26</p> <p>4th Sunday in Lent</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal, 9:00 am</p> <p>Adult Ed. 9:00 am</p> <p>Deacon's Coffee Hour, 11:15 am</p> <p>Session meeting, 11:15 am</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Coffee Fellowship 9:00-12:00</p> <p>Sweetbriar 9:30 am – 12:30 pm</p> <p>Nexus Deadline for April Issue</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Coffee Fellowship 9:00-12:00</p> <p>Sweetbriar 9:30 am – 12:30 pm</p> <p>Lenten Soup Dinner, 6:00</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Coffee Fellowship 9:00-12:00</p> <p>Sweetbriar 9:30 am – 12:30 pm</p> <p>High School Youth Retreat at Camp Johnsonburg</p>	