

THE LAMPLIGHTER

MARCH 2020



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PASTORS NOTE

The season of Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays. Sundays in Lent are not counted because each Sunday represents a mini-Easter, when the reverent spirit of Lent is tempered with joyful anticipation of the Resurrection. Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon word "lencten," which means "spring." The forty days represent the time that Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptations of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry.

During Lent, we are to enter into a season of preparation, self-reflection, and repentance, when we seek to literally turn around and realign our lives and focus toward God. It is a time to give up things as well as to take on new life-giving practices, helping us rid ourselves of distractions and our own selfish desires. By doing so, we seek to live and love as more faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

Lent is a time when most of us choose to give up something for 40 days. We give up something to make room for God. Usually, we give up things that tempt us or that we like: for example, chocolate, coffee, soda, sweets, swearing, shopping, games, or Facebook. It is nice to give up one thing in Lent, but this year, I want to encourage you to clean your houses. All of us have many items we live with that get in our way, especially at home. I don't know about you, but I know that I have accumulated many items in my house that I do not need or want anymore. They just take up space, and having so much stuff actually stresses me out at times. For me, I have many clothes in my closet that I don't even wear. Let us clean out our closets and houses and donate to rummage sales or other charities. This helps others, and it will also help us to truly make room for the things God wants us to do and be.

Blessings,
Pastor Jung

Pennies

The pennies and change collected by the children in the month of March will go to help with the Manna Project.



Brown Bag
BIBLE STUDY

Please plan to join us in March at noon as we continue to study “6 Things to Know about God”.



The next pot luck will be **March 15th**. We will have an Irish Lunch with a Baked Potato Bar. Bring your favorite IRISH dish and join in on the fellowship and fun.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Getting to know the Arthurs..... Jerry and Nancy

1. Where were you born? Nancy was born right here in Pittsburg and Jerry was born in Ridgway, Pennsylvania.
2. How did you two meet? Jerry coached Junior High basketball and his team practiced in the elementary school gym where Nancy taught at the time. They both were teaching for the Anchorage Borough School District in Alaska.
3. Tell us a little bit about your family. Nancy grew up in Pittsburg. Her dad owned and operated Oldham's Dairy. Jerry is the oldest of five children and grew up in Falls Creek, Pennsylvania.
4. You both are educators. Did you ever teach together? What is a favorite memory about your careers? The Arthurs have been employed by the same school districts, but have never taught in the same schools. Nancy stated that the year she retired, one of her students was the granddaughter of one of her former students. She taught the grandmother, mother and daughter - three generations of one family! Jerry says it is particularly rewarding when a former student sees him after they have graduated and comes up to him and says "thanks".
5. Do you have any hobbies? Many of you know that Nancy is an accomplished wood carver and painter. She presented information about her hobby at the Miner's Hall Museum and was written up in the local paper. Jerry doesn't admit to any hobbies, but says he has been reading a lot since his retirement.
6. Is there something you would like to accomplish in 2020? Nancy says she would like to get the weeds and grass out of her flower beds this year. Wouldn't we all?

7. What is special to you about College Heights? Jerry says its the people and Nancy says it's small enough that people know each other.
8. Tell us about one place you have traveled or would like to travel in the future? The four and one-half trips up and down the Alcan Highway from Alaska to Pennsylvania and to Kansas in the summers to visit family was enough travel for them!
9. Tell us one thing about yourselves that people might not know. When Nancy was 16 years old, she won a 100 mile horse race in Oklahoma!

Thanks for sharing a bit of information about yourselves!



We will continue to have a Lenten Bible Study "THE WALK" by Adam Hamilton at 8:30am every Saturday during Lent. Come enjoy breakfast and a great study.



After children's time each Sunday, the children will go down stairs for their own Church Time. We will have a Bible Story, Crafts, Singing, and lots of **FUN**. Come have fun with us!!

Fasting, Alms, Prayer, Lent

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Thursday evening. It begins with ashes, the solemn reminder of all our limits and the church's call to conversion. Its forty days are for remembering and becoming what baptism made us. Such a season means that the community, like the individual, puts aside much of the business that occupies it all year long. We cannot keep Lent unless it has its own space, greatly free of the usual round of activities.

What is Lent to be free *for*? For staying close to the catechumens as they take the final steps toward baptism, for hearing and pondering the scriptures that hold us to the shape and meaning of our own baptism. In practice, Lent is free for the disciplines of prayer and of fasting and of almsgiving that provide us the way to charge into the battle with all that we renounced at baptism.

UP COMING ACTIVITIES FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

- March 4..... Brown Bag/Bible Study @ 12
March 7.....All church Bible study "THE WALK" with breakfast @ 8:30am
March 11..... Brown Bag/Bible Study @ 12
March 14.....All church Bible study "THE WALK" with breakfast @ 8:30am
- March 15.....Irish Pot Luck with potato bar.
March 17.....Clergy Gathering in Chanute
March 18.....Brown Bag/Bible Study @ 12
March 21.....All church Bible study "THE WALK" with breakfast @ 8:30am
March 22.....UMCOR SUNDAY
March 25.....Brown Bag/Bible Study @ 12
March 28.....All church Bible study "THE WALK" with breakfast @ 8:30am
April 4.....All church Bible study "THE WALK" with breakfast @ 8:30am
April 5.....Palm Sunday/ Easter Egg Hunt following church
April 6 through April 10.....Holy Week

Hear our prayers, most gracious God, for us, your people.

Grant unto us enquiring hearts and minds to seek your Truth and inspire us to do your will in all that we undertake. Open our hearts to the concerns of our neighbors that we may seek justice, care for the afflicted, feed the hungry, and shelter the homeless.

May we be the instrument of your love and grace in this world. Delivers us from pride, hypocrisy, divisions, and all evil and grant that in our lives and labors we may praise your holy name.

O God of our salvation we pray for our church. Where we are divided, heal us, Where we are faint of heart, embolden us. Where we are judgmental, grant us compassion. Where we are faithful, strengthen us. Where we have doubts, make us faithful.

In all we do, may your name be praised; through Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Great Faith

"Little faith will bring your soul to Heaven; great faith will bring Heaven to your soul." Spurgeon

Walking with God

"I would rather walk with God in the dark than go alone in the light."

Mary Gardiner Brainard

**Pittsburg Area Cultural Event Announcements
through March 17, 2020**

Sun. Mar. 1: Pitt State Theatre presents “Silent Sky” the true story of Astronomer Henrietta Leavitt. Sunday @ 2 p.m. in Miller Theatre in Bicknell Center. Tickets: General Admission \$12.

Wed. Mar. 4: Bicknell Family Center presents Best of Broadway: “An American in Paris” @ 7:30 p.m. in the Bicknell Center. Tickets \$64-\$79.

Fri. Mar. 6: PSU Music Dept. presents ‘PSU Jazz Festival with Tom Kubis’ Big Band’ at **Pittsburg Memorial Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$15 at door (or PSU ticket office 235-4796)**. The PSU Jazz Festival starts at 8 a.m. on Friday at Bicknell then moved to Memorial Auditorium for the concert.

Sat. Mar. 7: PSU Music Department presents Rondelli Vocal Competition, at Bicknell Center 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Info at 235-4466

Fri. Mar. 13: Solo and Chamber Music Series presents ‘Invoke’ described as “a multi instrument band that encompasses traditions across America including Blue grass, Appalachian fiddle tunes, Jazz, and minimalism.” McCray Hall @ 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$12 General Admission, \$8 Seniors/students under 18.

Sun. Mar 15: PSU Choir Concert presented by PSU Music Dept. at 7:30 p.m. in McCray Hall. FREE

Tues. Mar. 17: PSU Symphonic Band Concert presented by PSU Music Dept. @ 7:30 p.m. at Bicknell Center. FREE

For more information on PSU events go

to www.pittstate.edu/calendar or www.bicknellcenter.org For tickets go to PSU Weede ticket office or call 620-235-4796. For Pittsburg Memorial

Auditorium www.memorialauditorium.org or 620- 231-7827

NOTE: To the best of my ability this was current when prepared Feb. 6. Updates will be done monthly, if you have events & information to be added, please contact me at dewishart@hotmail.com.

Note: Go to www.vimeo.com/pittstate.com to watch many recent PSU events, promotion videos, & Bicknell concerts. Here you will find complete concerts from Bicknell Center and PSU events. These are listed, from most recent dates to older ones, so you need to move down a few pages to find December concerts like Symphony Extravaganza and Bell of the Balkans. Most of these concerts are uncut, so you may need to move in 5-10 minutes to get to the beginning of a performance.



MARCH BIRTHDAY'S

March 3.....Jane Victor
Chris Ward
March 5.....Lillie & James Wishart
March 12.....Olivia Dyson
Ted McCormick
March 15.....Travis Maiseroulle



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

March 18.....Jerry & Nancy Arthur
March 24.....Bill & Lynne Erdman

Stewardship

Share Your Talents

Sometimes we aren't conscious of the opportunities that we have to give our time or talent to our church. We participate in prayer. We contribute financially. However, there are skills and talents, time and knowledge that each one of us is blessed with. We don't always use these for the common good.

The many parish ministries open to the laity can tap a mother lode of talent among men and women.

Time and talents are gifts from God that the Lord has sown in our community. God enriches our individual lives and our community life with these gifts.

Consider what you may be able to offer in the way of time and talent. Find an area where you may be able to share some of your unique gifts or talents. Giving our time and talent is discovering what God has given each one of us. It is an opportunity to share God's treasure with others.



FOCUS OF THE MONTH

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Worry

We worry about grades in school, job interviews, approaching deadlines, and shrinking budgets. We fret about bills and expenses, rising gas cost, insurance cost, medical expenses and so on. Over the span of a lifetime, worry can add up to hours and hours of valuable time we never get back. Most of us would rather spend time enjoying life more and worrying less.

The Four Biblical Reasons to Not Worry:

1. **Worry accomplishes absolutely nothing.** We don't have time to throw away at worrying.
2. **Worry is not good for you.** It drains us of energy and saps our strength.
3. **Worry is the opposite of Trust in God.** We can put worrying to much better use by being in prayer.
4. **Worry puts your focus in the wrong direction.** When we keep our focus on God, we remember his love for us and we realize we truly have nothing to worry about.

Scripture to help us when we worry:

1 Peter 3:18

Isaiah 35: 4

1 John 4:18

Philippians 4:6-7

1 Peter 5:7

Isaiah 41:10

2 Timothy 1:7

Matthew 6:23



