

HATFIELD MEETINGHOUSE
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**MARCH 2025 NEWSLETTER
LENT 20255**



“Embracing lament in our Lenten Journey” - this is the theme of our Community Lenten journey this year. The Bible is filled with examples of faithful people of God offering up sorrowful or even angry prayers to God. Even Jesus laments over Jerusalem and weeps at the death of a friend. To lament, to grieve, to weep - these are all parts of the life of faith. Often, we are too quick to push aside the uncomfortable feelings of grief and loss. We have lost in some ways, the spiritual discipline of lament: acknowledging the grief that is part of everyday life, holding it, and then placing it gently (or forcefully!) in God’s hands. This Lent we will explore the laments found in scripture and relearn the discipline and the gift of holy lament. Suggested readings: Lamentations 3:19-26; Psalm 42; Psalm 88; Psalm 13; Psalm 44:-10, 13, 17-26.

**Community Lenten Services
Wednesday Evenings at 7:30pm.**

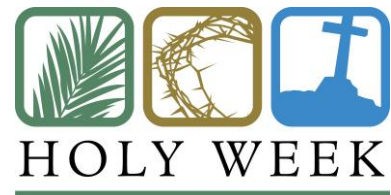
	Host Church	Preaching	Theme
March 12 th	St. Maria Goretti Parish	Rev. Robert Tufton	<i>“What is Lament?”</i>
March 19 th	Emmanuel Evangelical Ch	Deacon Steven Vondercrone	<i>“Little” Laments</i>
March 26 th	Plains Mennonite Church	Rev. Lynne Allebach	<i>“Laments from the Depths”</i>
April 2 nd	Grace Lutheran Church	Rev. Michael Derstine	<i>“Individual Lament”</i>
April 9 th	Church of the Brethren	Rev. Adam Roberts	<i>“Communal Lament”</i>

Our tentative plans for Holy Week

April 13th: Palm Sunday: 9am **Kingian Nonviolence** Bible Study
10am **Love Feast** during Morning Worship

April 17th: Maundy Thursday TBA

April 20th: Easter Celebration: 9am **Easter Breakfast**
10am **Morning Worship 10am.**



February Food Pantry

Our food pantry was stocked with a fair share of items this month, chicken, hamburger, fish, milk, butter, cheese and eggs. We also had a good supply of produce, dry and canned goods.

The cold weather made it difficult for some clients to make their way to us. Due to this we saw an increase in families picking up food for other clients.

We are seeing a decline in government food offered which will likely affect our ability to offer as much selection. Going forward we anticipate buying more food with funds from our yearly grant and from church funds budgeted for the food pantry.

A special thank you to John DiSimone, our volunteers and unwavering support from our church family. This outreach ministry just wouldn't happen without all of you! Thank you!

Don & Annette Hanks, food cupboard coordinators



20 LESSONS FROM LIFE . . .

1. Life isn't fair, but it's still good.
2. When in doubt, just take the next small step.
3. Life is too short – enjoy it.
4. Your job won't take care of you when you are sick, Your friends and family will.
5. Pay off your credit cards every month.
6. You don't have to win every argument. Stay true to yourself.
7. Cry with someone. It's more healing than crying alone.
8. Save for retirement starting with your first paycheck.
9. When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile.
10. Make peace with your past so it won't screw up the present.
11. It's okay to let your children see you cry.
12. Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
13. If a relationship must be a secret, you shouldn't be in it.
14. Take a deep breath. It calms the mind.
15. Get rid of anything that isn't useful. Clutter weighs you down in many ways.
16. Whatever doesn't kill you really does make you stronger.
17. It's never too late to be happy. But it's all up to you and no one else.
18. Over prepare, then go with the flow.
19. No one oversees your happiness but you.
20. Frame every so-called disaster with these words: "in five years will this matter?"



FRIENDSHIP HOUSE DAY CARE CENTER NEWS . . .



Reminders, Notes, Tips

- North Penn School District has begun Kindergarten Registration. If applicable, please visit npenn.org/registration for more information.
 - If your child will be going to A.M. Kulp next year, please let us know if you are interested in before and/or after school.
- Please make sure your child has appropriate outdoor gear to play outside.

Important Dates

Friendship House
No Closures

North Penn
6th- Early Dismissal
31st- No School

New Happenings

- Assessments will be sent out at the beginning of the month. Please let your child's teacher or Ms. Julie know if you have any questions or concerns.
- We will be sending out paperwork, in the middle of the month, about your plans for summer. We will need to know if you will be here for the summer and for the following school year.
- Pastor Lynne will be offering ashes on Ash Wednesday, March 5th, from 3pm to 5pm.
- We will be updating and resigning emergency contacts this month.

Weekly Themes:

3rd-7th Read Across America

10th- 14th Rainbows

17th- 21st St. Patrick's Day

24th- 28th Spring

31st- April 4th Weather

FOCUS ON FOLKS!



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 07 – Sue Bryant
- 18 – Sarah Jones Sato
- 24 – Moira Butler
- 29 – Thatcher McMahan
- 31 – Aiden Hanks

NO MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

One Great Hour of Sharing

During the month of March, we will be accepting Love Offerings for the **One Great Hour of Sharing**. Your gifts support:

- Individuals revealing God's love through accompanying survivors of disaster.
- Farmers are being empowered through education & resources to help establish food security in their communities.
- Volunteers preparing for Christ-like service at short and long-term service projects.



Ash Wednesday - March 5th
Pastor Lynne will be offering the imposition of ashes for our day care families. She will be available in the church narthex between 3 and 5pm. All believers are welcome.

STEWARDSHIP IN MARCH

Greeters

Don Hanks, Rob Hanks, Dan Sibley

Worship Leaders

- 02 – C Holbert
- 09 – Robin McMahan
- 16 – Annette Hanks
- 23 – C Holbert
- 30 – C Holbert

Accompanist

- 02 – Annamarie Dieterle
- 09 – David Himmer
- 16 – Annamarie Dieterle
- 23 – Annamarie Dieterle
- 30 - Annamarie Dieterle

Message

- 02 – Deaconess Marlene Natali
- 09 – Pastor Lynne Allebach
- 16 – Pastor Don McDonough
- 23 – Deaconess Marlene Natali
- 30 – Pastor Lynne Allebach

Steward Counter

Connie Holbert

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Saturday, March 8th
Daylight Savings
TURN YOUR CLOCKS
AHEAD (1) HOUR



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WOMEN'S SPRING FELLOWSHIP

"A New Creation"

March 15th, 8:45am.
Mountville Cob.
The cost is \$20. You can register no later than March 2nd, at:

<https://tinyurl.com/WFSpring2025>

FAITHFUL COMMUNITY

Saturday, March 1st
ECR Worship Team
Noon – 2:00pm.
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Sunday, March 2nd
Wired Word Bible Study
9:00am.
Morning Worship
Deaconess Marlene Natali
10:00am.
Fellowship Time
11:00am.
ERC Worship
11:30am.
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Tuesday, March 4th
Food Cupboard
10:30am – 1:00pm.
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Wednesday, March 5th
Ash Wednesday
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Saturday, March 8th
ECR Worship Team
Noon – 2:00pm.
Daylight Savings Begins
Turn your clock ahead!
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Sunday, March 9th
Wired Work Bible Study
9:00am.
Morning Worship
Pastor Lynne Allebach
10:00am.
Fellowship Time
11:00am.
ERC Worship
11:30am.

Monday, March 10th
Worshipful Work
7:00pm.
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Wednesday, March 12th
Lenten Service
St. Maria Goretti
7:30pm.
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Saturday, March 15th
Food Cupboard
8:30am – 11:00am.
ERC Worship Team
Noon – 2:00pm.
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Sunday, March 16th
“Kingian” Nonviolence
9:00am.
Morning Worship
Pastor Don McDonough
10:00am.
Fellowship Time
11:00am.
ECR worship
11:30am
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Tuesday, March 18th
Food Cupboard
10:30 – 1:00pm.
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Wednesday, March 19th
Community Lenten Service
Emmanuel Evangelical Ch
7:30pm.
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Saturday, March 22nd
Men’s Breakfast Heritage
8:30am.
ECR Worship Team
Noon – 2:00pm.

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Sunday, March 23rd
Wired Word Bible Study
9:00am.
Morning Worship
Deaconess Marlene Natali
10:00am.
Fellowship Time
11:00am.
ECR Worship
11:30am.
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Monday, March 24th
Food Cupboard
5:30pm – 7:30pm.
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Wednesday, March 26th
Community Lenten Service
Plains Mennonite Church
Pastor Lynne preaching
7:30pm.
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Saturday, March 29th
ERC Worship Team
Noon – 2:00pm.
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Sunday, March 30th
Wired Work Bible Study
9:00am.
Morning Worship
Pastor Lynne Allebach
10:00am.
Fellowship Time
11:00am.
ECR Worship
11:30am.