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Thirty of the Forty Days of Lent are in March this year. The Season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 2. Here are some activities and events at SCPC to help you on your walk through Lent.



## Ash Wednesday Service Wednesday, March 2, 7:30 PM

A time for confession and introspection Communion and Imposition of Ashes

"God of Grace and God of Glory," this year's Lenten Devotional will begin on March 2. If you would like to be included on the email or would like to contribute a meditation, contact Allison Maus (allisonscpc@gmail.com) or Mary Jan Kistler (<a href="mailto:mkistler1983@gmail.com">mkistler1983@gmail.com</a>).





#### Making Space for Grace

Lenten Fasting Practice & Small Group Discussion

See the article on Page 2 for details

## Walking with God A Unique Lenten Journey

See Adult Education article on Page 3 for details



## God of Grace and God of Glory

Our theme for Lent is "God of Grace and God of Glory" and you will hear sermons using text phrases from this wonderful hymn. Our Introit for Lent is also based on this hymn written by Harry Emerson Fosdick (1878-1969).



Fosdick was one of the most influential preachers of his time. He wrote "God of Grace" while vacationing in Maine in 1930. It was an attempt to put his strong beliefs into a singable hymn. The hymn reflects the impact of The Great Depression between the two World Wars as well as Fosdick's social gospel beliefs. The hymn was used for the dedication service of Riverside Church in New York City. Fosdick was the first pastor of Riverside Church. Despite the magnificent building being dedicated, almost every line of the text is a prayer for the congregation - reminding us that "church" is primarily about the people. The text was intended to be sung to the tune "REGENT SQUARE" ("Angels from the Realms of Glory") but it was paired with "CWM RHONDDA" a few years after publication. The new pairing was immediately popular and now almost universally used.



Wednesday, March 2 - 7:30 PM

Ash Wednesday Service - Communion Imposition of Ashes

Sunday, March 6 - 10:15 AM First Sunday in Lent Communion

"Temptation" (Luke 4:1-13) Allison Maus, preaching

**Sunday, March 13** - 10:15 AM Second Sunday in Lent "Lo! the hosts of evil round us" (
Psalm 27:1, 4-9 and Matthew 5:10-12)
Dean Lindsey, preaching

**Sunday, March 20** - 10:15 AM Third Sunday in Lent "From the fears that long have bound us, free our hearts to faith and praise"

John 14:25-31, Psalm 46

Dean Lindsey, preaching

**Sunday, March 27** - 10:15 AM Fourth Sunday in Lent "Cure thy children's warring madness" Matthew 5:43-48, Micah 4:1-4 Dean Lindsey, preaching

#### MAKING SPACE FOR GRACE

Making Space for Grace is a Lenten Fasting Practice & Small Group Discussion. The optional weekly small group discussion begins March 7.

Fasting is a way to humble yourself in the sight of God (Psalm 35:13; Ezra 8:21)

The Spiritual Life Committee is inviting you to consider a weekly fasting practice during the 6 weeks of Lent and the (optional) opportunity to gather on Zoom each Monday evening at 7:30 PM to share and discuss our experience with the practice for the prior week. Fasting is a tried and true spiritual discipline that was used in the Old and New Testaments to foster humility and a more intimate relationship with God.

There will be a new fast proposed each week. Examples may include fasting from impatience, judgment, fear, busyness, gossip, etc. Try one or all! Zoom link will be available in Thursday update email or by request to Allison Maus (allisonscpc@gmail.com).

#### **Lenten Devotionals 2022**

Lenten Devotionals will begin Ash Wednesday, March 2nd. The theme for this year's daily devotionals is *God of Grace* and *God of Glory*. We invite your personal reflections about instances where you have been the recipient of a grace or have witnessed God's glory manifesting in the world. All are encouraged to try their hand! To receive daily devotionals and more information on how you can contribute, please contact Rev. Allison Maus (allisonscpc@gmail.com) or Mary Jane Kistler (mkistler1983@gmail.com).

# Harshbarger Lecture in Religious Studies

March 1, 7:00-8:30 PM

Foster auditorium in the Paterno Library

Dr. Khyati Joshi (Farleigh Dickinson University), Author of "White Christian Privilege: The Illusion of Religious Equality in America"

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

https://psu.zoom.us/j/97820730327



## March 13 Spring Back

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Sympathy of the congregation to family and friends on the death of:

Margaret Bowler, Peggy Lindsey's mother, January 25, 2022

Delmar Brooks, Wendy Bachman's father, February 3, 2022

ongratulations of the congregation on the birth of:

Nora Jane DeLaunay, born December 26, 2021 to Emma (Sutterlin) and Jimmy DeLaunay in Tuscaloosa, AL. Proud grandparents are Jane and Bob Sutterlin

Hunter David and Campbell Spence Dankmyer, born January 31, 2022 to Natalie (Little) and David Dankmyer in Franklin, TN. Proud grandparents are Jane and Jim Steff



#### **Adult Education in March**

We have a packed schedule of Adult Education sessions this month, all around the theme of Lent! Over at Westminster Hall, on March 6, Dean Lindsey will continue his series on loneliness with what the church can do about it, and how we as a church family create meaningful relationships with all. On March 13 and 20, Paul Mortimore will take over the series, talking first about whether the fear of God means being afraid of God and then the link between the fear of God and love of God. Finally, on March 27, Dean and Peggy Lindsey will focus on phrases by Harry Emerson Fosdick, one of the most important preachers in the early-to-mid 20th century. This will give us the opportunity to understand the fundamentalist/modernist split that has impacted Presbyterians and Christians to this day.

For those who liked **Tod McPherson's** offering on February 27 and want to keep walking with God, you're in luck! Sessions with him will continue weekly in Room 10. The goal is turning Lenten fasting on its head by adding a discipline rather than subtracting a practice. So read, put on your walking shoes, and get outdoors to walk reflecting on the Word. Then, on Sundays, you'll enjoy fellowship and discussion of Lenten devotionals. It's an Adult Education offering you don't want to miss.

Date	Class	Room	
March 6	The Church and Loneliness	Westminster Hall	
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Manak 12	The Fear of God	Westminster Hall	
March 13	Walking with God	Room 10	
March 20	The Fear of God	Westminster Hall	
IVIAICII 20	Walking with God	Room 10	
March 27	Harry Emerson Fosdick	Westminster Hall	
I Water 21	Walking with God	Room 10	



#### From Adult Education

Le are so grateful to have been able to offer regular adult education sessions over the last few years despite the pandemic. This would not have been possible without our talented, creative, and highly adaptable volunteers! Just in the last year, we were blessed with several wonderful presenters, including Darrell Velegol, Craig Zabel, Karen Neff, Sara Rich, Charles Curley, Josh Boyd, Dean Lindsay, Ann Killebrew, Michelle Yarwood, Allison Maus, Liane Roe, Carrie Miller, Daniel Falk, Collin Wildridge, Jason Dauer, Greg Williams, Connie Corilla, Paul Mortimore, Peggy Lindsey, Ned Wetherald, Heather Bruhn, Bill Lukens, and Bob Igo. We have also been blessed with dedicated committee members who have worked hard behind the scenes to make this all happen, including Joseph Phillips, Deannine Shipman (our staff representative), Rick Bryant, Kimberly Dawn Falk, Richard Page, Beth Farmer, and Michelle Yarwood.

#### From Deannine

A huge shout out is needed to those folks who have kept our children and youth Sunday morning programs running this past Fall and into the Winter with the new schedule change. Thank you so much to the following for their wonderful leadership on Sunday mornings!

Kristen Frank Dixon, Melissa Pike, Abigail Jones, Stefanie and Ryan Gilmore, Kate Woodruff, Patt Campolongo, Mary D'Ambrosia, Katie and Brian Stone, Brady Wassom, Amy and Jeremy Frank, Linda Edvar, Jody Barth, Jenny Van Hook, Libby Snyder, Ellen Manno, and Elizabeth Richardson.



## Third Wednesday Lunch Returns

Ome and join Pastor Dean for lunch and conversations at Wegmans on March 16 at 11:45 AM. These luncheons were suspended during the pandemic, but it will be fun to get back together again. No reservations necessary. Just show up, get some food, and join the group.

#### **Spring Break Mission Trip**

Setting off on Saturday, March 5, nine adults and young people from our church will be heading for far Southwest Virginia. Their destination is Lee County an area of high poverty (40% of children live below the poverty line), high unemployment, and deteriorated housing stock for many residents. Our group will be working with the Appalachian Service Project, a Christian ministry that inspires hope and service through volunteer home repair and replacement in Central Appalachia. ASP "envisions the eradication of substandard housing in Central Appalachia and the transformation of everyone who comes in contact with our ministry."

According to the ASP, "Since 1969, we've made homes warmer, safer, and drier for families and provided transformational service experiences for volunteers. In a typical year, more than 16,500 volunteers serve with ASP, providing critical repairs for more than 400 families and constructing over 15 new homes." However, we all know this has been anything but a normal year (or two) for ASP and many other organizations which suspended mission volunteer opportunities during the pandemic. ASP is one of a very few such organizations which is now ready to restart its programming, and we feel very blessed and fortunate that our young people will be able to be a part of this well regarded ministry.

Members of our congregation are welcome to offer financial support for this mission through our online giving portal (links below) or indicating "Youth Mission Trip" on a check. More than that, we hope that you will pray for our participants as individuals and as a group that this may be a time of effective service and great growth in faith.

Here are our participants. Leaders: Katie Nurmi, Allison Maus, Jim DeWolf; Young adults: Jaxon Rounsville and Tony Schaufler; Senior High participants: Olivia Mortimore, Cade Behrer, Allison Cole, and Jillian Rounsville.

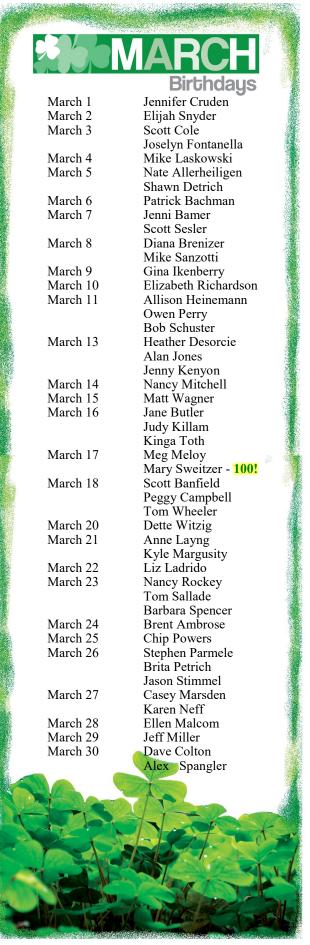




## **LOGOS Marching Through Spring**

Logos has been continuing to meet weekly enjoying exciting themes like Mustache Night, Super Bowl Night, Pirate Night and Mardi Gras! Among all the fun, our LOGOS children and youth have been working hard on material for leading worship. It has been wonderful to see the creativity of our Worship Skills Coordinator, Ned Wetherald, to incorporate a variety of instruments for our children and youth to further the connection for the congregation to the scripture. LOGOS will lead worship again on Sunday, March 27.

The LOGOS program is grateful for the ability to safely invite current Kindergarteners to Kindergarten Night, March 1st. This is a fantastic opportunity for them to experience LOGOS and what they will be eligible to participate in fully in the fall of 2022 as first graders. LOGOS is a midweek ministry program for 1st-8th graders that meet on Tuesdays from 4:15-7 PM (1st-5th) or 5:15-8:00 PM (6th-8th). If your child or youth is interested in trying LOGOS or learning more about the program, please contact our LOGOS Director, Keri Rounsville (rouns626@yahoo.com) or Director of Education, Deannine Shipman (deanninescpc@gmail.com).



## **Seasons of Change**

Excerpts from Out of the Cold's January 2022 Newsletter

On Dec 15, 2021, Out of the Cold purchased the day shelter located at 318 South Atherton Street. This facility will become OOTC's permanent shelter with both day and night shelters located in the same building. Guests will sleep on beds rather than cots and all three daily meals will be served in the same location. The stability of one location is expected to be life changing for OOTC guests.

A variety of renovations are required prior to permanently moving into 318 South Atherton Street. We will continue to use the space as a day shelter and rely on host churches for overnight shelter until the renovations are completed. Our goal is to have the permanent shelter opened 24 hours/day, 7 days/week but we will need to hire more staff in order to do that!

Renovations will cost \$375,000. We've raised \$200,000 but need another \$175,000.

In order to expand our staff team (to become a 24/7 shelter) and care for our current staff team, we're trying to raise an additional \$94,000.

If you would like to contribute toward these expenses, please consider donating. Checks can be made payable to Out of the Cold and mailed to PO Box 784 State College, PA 16804 or visit the OOTC website (see link below) and click on the donation link there.

http://www.ootc3.org/donations-and-wish-list.html

We are filled with anticipation for this next season of Out of the Cold! We long to better serve people facing homelessness and we couldn't do that without your support!

With Gratitude, Kendra Gettig OOTC Interim Executive Director

## Stay and Play Preschool Dispatch

Enrollment is open for all 1-5 year old children for the 2022-2023 school year. Applications are available on our website: <a href="https://www.scpresby.org/forms.html">https://www.scpresby.org/forms.html</a> or you may contact us directly at stayandplayscpc@gmail.com.

We have been having a fantastic year playing and playing and playing! Every bit of play helps us learn and grow through experiential learning. COVID did impact our program during January, however we were able to stay open and only quarantine those we had to, due to exposure. Overall we have been extremely fortunate that we have been able to remain open. We've been enjoying playing in the snow, learning about melting snow, coloring snow with water colors, and so much more since the winter weather has offered itself to us. The big focus for us has been on the social emotional growth and skill building in all the children as this is always a great area of need with this age range and COVID has impacted that need exponentially. Teachers are really enjoying the opportunity to play with the children and offer them so many skill building experiences to help them develop into well rounded children. It is a joy to be part of such an important part of these children's lives and brain development. It's truly an honor.

#### **February Session highlights**

Session is gearing up for a slightly more open spring than we have had for a while.

- Youth (FISH & CAYAM students) spring break mission trip to southwestern Virginia approved
- Palm Sunday breakfast returns (format to be determined)
- Afghan refugee family (sponsored by local Ministerium, including us) is settling in
- Financial Affairs has conducted its annual review of our investments and investment strategy
- Lenten devotionals are being compiled
- New Lenten small group will study Fasting, meeting Monday nights via ZOOM during Lent
- Search committees have been formed to seek new Director of Youth Ministries and part-time Mission Associate

#### A Note from Laura Steager

My "Thank you" to SCPC:

I was the Director of LOGOS when I first heard about the opening for the Stay and Play Director position. I prayed, I talked to family and friends and a few friends encouraged me to apply without even knowing I was considering it. I do feel I was called to this position. I do feel as though I have been fulfilling God's call for the past 14 years and loving it! Now I feel a different call. It is time for me to retire. A group of people from both SCPC and the S&P program will be starting their search for a new Director. I will do my best to help make the transition to the new Director as smooth as possible. I have truly been blessed by the ability to serve this church through the Stay and Play Program with the support and guidance, love and support of this congregation. Thank you all for valuing this program so much and allowing me the opportunity to fulfill my call. I look forward to working with you all in new ways in the coming days.

> Blessings, Peace and so much love to all of you. Laura Steager







## Tread Lightly for Lent 2022

## Daily Reflection-Action Calendar

The Presbyterian Hunger Program strives to walk with people in moving toward sustainable choices that restore and protect all of God's children and Creation. As people of faith, we seek to "serve and preserve" God's world. However, some of our collective choices have led to a changing global climate. To turn this tide, we must commit to treading lightly on God's Earth.

In Lent, we reflect on Christ's ministry, death and resurrection. We slow down, take time, and examine our internal spiritual lives and the way we live out our Christian faith

in the world around us.

Our hope is that this Lenten calendar will be the beginning of actions intended to create more mindful behaviors throughout the year.

## Wednesday

#### Ash Wednesday

Read Matthew 6:1-6. 16-21. Consider these questions: What do we see as treasure here on Earth? How do or don't those treasures draw us closer to God?

3 Use the OGHS map at

Thursday

presbyterianmission.org/ oghsmap to find the OGHS partner closest to you and say a prayer for them.

#### Saturday 5

Even though many of us aren't gathering in a traditional sense, there is still a place for sustainable palms in your virtual worship. Learn more and order online: pcusa.org/eco-palms.

Friday

Challenge yourself to drink only water. It takes 600 cups of water to produce a single

cup of coffee, and 125 cups of water to produce a cup of tea.

#### Sunday

Download the

Sustainable

the world.

Development

Study Guide from the Office

at the U.N. at bit.ly/3G7PvTC

to connect environmental

and human health around

6

## Monday Read and reflect on Genesis

#### Tuesday

Write down everything you throw away today. Challenge yourself to reduce the trash you produce for the remaining days of Lent.



Read and reflect on Psalm 130. Consider our responsibility to be part of God's redemption in Creation.



Download a prayer at faithclimateactionweek.org so you can be prepared for the National Climate Prayer on Earth Day (April 22) at noon local time

Read and reflect on Psalm 8.



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Understand the environmental and social impacts of what you are buying. Do research on products you commonly use and find information on more Creation-friendly products at ethicalconsumer.



2:15-17.



15 Consider where you see Christ today. Share this with one person.

Pray: God, show us, your people, how to honor your gift of Creation. Let us not be selfish with our gift, rather allow us to share as generously with each other as you have shared with us. Amen.

Explore Creation Care Prayers from other traditions: blessedtomorrow.org/ six-interfaith-creation-careprayers.

Learn more about your personal ecological footprint: footprintcalculator.org.



19

Pray: God of Enough, let us remember those in this world who still have not been able to realize your abundance because we have taken more than what we need. And let that remembering drive us to change. Amen.

20



"Considering Our Treasure" from PHP and take one of the action steps listed in the study, tinyurl.com/ y27szc3z.

Read and reflect on kajah65:17-25



Pray: "In the rising and setting of the sun and the cycles of the seasons, in the patterns of the shining stars, may we remember the goodness of God, Amen."



Refresh your memory regarding which items your city or town allows for curbside recycling. Remind your family, friends and coworkers to recycle.



Learn about the U.N.'s Children's Climate Risk Index at bit.ly/3EphRZk.



Watch this short video on environmental injustice's disproportionate impact on people of color: youtu.be/ dREtXUij6\_c.



Participate in Earth Hour by switching off all electricity at 8:30 p.m. local time in solidarity with global efforts to secure nature and our home: earthhour.org.



Take PHP's Climate Care Challenge at pcusa.org/ccc.



Read and reflect on Genesis



Pray: "Creator of the rivers and oceans, who washes us clean and refreshes us daily, help us to be like a cup of cold water to others in your name: refreshing, cleansing and relieving. Amen."



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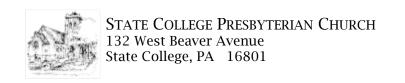
Pick up as many pieces challenge a friend to do the



For Easter baskets, buy Fair Trade chocolate, dried fruit, tea and coffee or small gifts made by women's cooperatives! Fair trade helps farmers and workers around the world. See pcusa.org/ fairtrade.



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Jillian Rounsville (youth)		