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ABOUT IT!**



## ***“A Time to Renew” by Pastor Bailey Heckman***

The season of Lent begins on Wednesday, February 26, 2020 also known as Ash Wednesday. On Ash Wednesday churches all over the world hold services where pastors, priests, or elders make a sign of the cross out of ashes on the foreheads or hands of the people in the congregation. “Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent with a public act of confession and contrition. Acknowledging that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, we stand in solidarity as fellow creatures before our Creator, acutely aware of our mortality. In the face of our transience, we pledge ourselves anew to live unto God’s Word in Jesus Christ, the eternal Word that remains forever.” --- From *Presbyterian Mission of the PC(USA)*

In an effort to make good on that pledge to make ourselves new and to live according to God’s Word, many Christians take up a particular spiritual practice over the 40 days of Lent. The most common spiritual practice during this time is fasting. Some people fast from all eating and drinking, other than water, for a period of time each day or one day of the week. More common fasting is the practice of giving something up for Lent like coffee, chocolate, or a bad habit. The spiritual practice of fasting gives the believer an opportunity to turn their attention away from that particular treat, habit, or food and instead focus their attention on God.

Fasting is a wonderful spiritual practice and if it is something you are accustomed to doing during the season of Lent I encourage you to take up the practice again this Lent. However, if you are looking for a new practice or if you would like to dive further in God’s Word this Lent I invite you to join us for the 40 Day Bible

Challenge. This year, we are challenging you to give up 20-30 minutes of your time, a very precious thing, to focus in on God through God’s Word. During the 40 Day Bible Challenge, we will read every word of the New Testament. We will begin with Jesus birth and his ministry on earth, then move onto the work of his disciples in the book of Acts as they built up the early church. After that we read through the epistles, or letters, written to those churches. And finally we return to the Gospels to read about Jesus’ passion, death, and resurrection. It sounds like a big task to undertake, but if you put in the time, it can be transformative.

As you read each day you might uncover things in scripture that you have never known before or you might find new meaning as you revisit a familiar passage. And as you make those discoveries or find those points of connection we want to be sure to give you an opportunity to meet and discuss the readings for the week. We will be forming a discussion group that will meet during Adult Forum on Sunday mornings during Lent, which will dive into the texts of that past week. The class will begin on Sunday, March 1 at 9:45 in the Conference Room and continue through Sunday, April 1.

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## LENTEN CHURCH-WIDE STUDY

### *40 Day Bible Challenge*

During Lent, many people consider giving up something they have grown into the habit of doing everyday such as time on Facebook, a chocolate or sugar fix, the need for that morning cup of coffee and so on. This year, we are challenging you to give up 20-30 minutes of your time, a very precious thing, to focus in on God through God's Word. During the **40 Day Bible Challenge**, we will read every word of the New Testament over the 40 days of the Lenten season. This is a daily reading practice except for Sundays. By putting in the time, it can be truly transformative.

This is a tall order and so we are not asking you to do it alone. We will be forming a discussion group that will meet during Adult Forum on Sunday mornings during Lent which will dive into the texts of that past week.

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*Pastor Bailey <<*



## SPECIAL OFFERINGS ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

*One Great Hour of Sharing, makes a difference in the world.*

### **PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA)**

- : Works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters, and support for refugees
- : Receives 32% of funds raised

### **PRESBYTERIAN HUNGER PROGRAM (PHP)**

- : Takes action to alleviate hunger, care for creation, and the systemic causes of poverty so all may be fed
- : Receives 36% of funds raised

### **SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE (SDOP)**

- : Invests in communities responding to their experiences of oppression, poverty and injustice and educates Presbyterians about the impact of these issues
- : Receives 32% of funds raised

Each Lent TMPC and churches across the country and around the world participate in a special offering know as One Great Hour of Sharing. This Lent, **March 1 – April 1** each of our children and youth will receive a fish shaped bank which they will fill as a spiritual practice during Lent. Then on Palm Sunday, April 5, they will bring in their banks and the congregation will take up a special offering for One Great Hour of Sharing. Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) helps to improve the lives of people in challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.

When a disaster strikes, people give, volunteer, and pray so that those impacted receive help and hope, *this is church*. When poverty and violence cause hunger and people join together to respond to the need and address its root causes, *this is church*. When injustice falls on those who are vulnerable and people join hands with one another and lift their voices against the interests of power, *this is church*.

The church is the Holy Spirit's transforming power emanating into the world sharing the compassion, justice, love, and peace of Christ. Presbyterians join the movement of the Spirit into every corner of the Earth — *and on this day, through our church-wide One Great Hour of Sharing*.

## SESSION & DEACONS 2020

### Session Elders for 2020

Susan Achenbach  
Chuck Green & Melissa Callans  
Colin Jenei  
Tom Barford  
Bruce Stevens & David Oxley  
Jo Ann Alberts  
Fred Wustholz  
Lydia Williams  
Al Matulis  
Anita Campbell  
Kurt Thompson

Clerk of Session  
Christian Education  
Worship & Music  
Personnel  
Business & Finance  
Membership Development  
Property  
Stewardship  
Cemetery  
Nominating  
Mission

### TMPC's Deacons for 2020

Sandy Barford  
Jeff Berry  
Amy Brewer  
David Cane  
Joanne Clark  
Patti A. Davis  
Colleen Guest  
Tracey Jefferson

Colleen Koh  
Melissa Mantz  
Brad Michael  
Bucky Pope  
Susan Post  
Cathy Sandford  
Ken Williams

## KEEP IN MIND

### AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMMUNICATE!

#### Marketing/Advertising/ Writing/Social Media

Do you have experience in marketing, advertising, social media or writing? If you do, you can put those skills to good use with the TMPC Communications Team. We want to do a better job in getting our message of mission out to our congregation and our community. We have good things to say and we want to say them loud and clear. We're looking for committed people with communications experience to join this lively team. Have an interest? Need more information? Contact Bailey Heckman at [bheckman@tmpc.org](mailto:bheckman@tmpc.org).

### 2020 PER-CAPITA CONTRIBUTION

Every Presbyterian shares in the benefit of the PC(USA)'s system of government, so every Presbyterian is asked to help defray the expenses associated. TMPC's contribution this year is **\$30.00 per member**. An envelope intended for this contribution can be found in your annual offering box; if you e-Give, there is an "apportionment" category for this purpose.

### Wanted: Tidings Contributors

Everyone enjoys learning more about our friends in the congregation. If anyone is interested in interviewing folks and writing a one or two-page piece for this quarterly publication you are encouraged to speak to Pastor Bailey or Melissa Bottelier.

#### Potential Tidings Article Topics:

Sharing a personal experience of God revealing his power in your life, sharing a life experience that could lift up someone who could be going through a troubling time whether it involves career change, health or relationship challenges. A fun thing may be to send in words that have inspiration, or a favorite poem or a quote that resonates with you and that you have applied in your daily life. Send it to [office@tmpc.org](mailto:office@tmpc.org).



# WELCOME



Nancy Campbell



Jeff Campbell

Thompson Memorial Presbyterian Church  
Welcomed Our Newest Members  
on January 26, 2020. Welcome to our  
Thompson Church Family!

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

### Save the Date Vacation Bible School –VBS July 20—24, 2020

Any child who is 4 years old through students who have completed 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us during our week of camp.

### This year's theme is Rocky Railway!



Life is full of twists and turns to reach our destination; we may not know what's around the bend, but God does! At *Rocky Railway*, kids discover that, on life's wild ride, Jesus is by our side. This summer's VBS is titled "Rocky Railway" and it will be hosted here at Thompson Church from **July 20-24, 2020**. At Rocky Railway, kids will discover that Jesus' power pulls us through many of life's ups and downs.

Kids will participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play team-building games, take part in one-of-a-kind Bible Adventures, and test out our Science-Fun. Also, this year our focus will be a mission effort to provide helpful alpacas for families in need in Ecuador, South America.

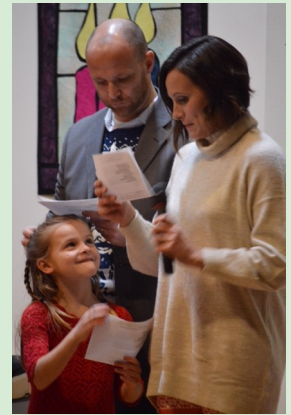
Rocky Railway is for kids from 4 years old through those entering 6th Grade and will run from **9:00am to Noon** each day.

**For more information or to register for the camp visit [tmpc.org/VBS](http://tmpc.org/VBS)**

Registration will open soon for this free camp. Tell your friends and join us for the fun week and a great summer activity! **Camp helpers needed too! Contact Pastor Bailey Heckman to get involved [bheckman@tmpc.org](mailto:bheckman@tmpc.org).**

# CHRISTMAS SERVICES DECEMBER 2019

*Thanks to our families who make  
this a joyous celebration for all.*





# CHRISTMAS SERVICES DECEMBER 2019



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



We support the American Red Cross in the Spring with one blood drive at TMPC. March 23 is the date to save for this life saving opportunity. We will hold the Blood Drive in the Youth Room this year.



**ANNUAL  
MEETING**

## **Annual Meeting Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12:15 pm**

We meet for our Annual Meeting of the Consecration and Corporation on the last Sunday in February. Please plan to take part in this important day when we attend to our family business.

Copies of the 2019 Annual Report will be available the Sunday before. We meet in Fellowship Hall where we will enjoy lunch together. We also emailed it to those that receive the e-news announcements.



### **TASK Trenton Area Soup Kitchen February 27**

This month volunteers from TMPC will be supporting the soup kitchen on Thursday, **February 27**.

We will depart from the **TMPC parking lot at 9:30 am**, or you may meet in Trenton by 10:00 am.

Please sign up at The Table of Well Wishing if you plan to attend.

# JOIN TMPC'S SMALL GROUPS & OUTSIDE GROUPS

## ADULT EDUCATION AND SMALL GROUPS

### Caring for Friends

Meets monthly on the 2nd Tuesday. Volunteers donate & prepare meals. Contact Beth Thompson to Sign up on-line to see what ingredients are needed. Leaders are: Susan Achenbach, Beth Thompson and Barbara Pope.

### Community Meal

Occurs 2nd Sundays monthly 12:30-1:30 pm in Fellowship Hall with some exceptions. On-line sign-ups available for donations and service at <https://tmpc.org/get-involved> Contact Melissa Michael with questions. No Summer Meals for 2020.

### Men's Study Group

Meets the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month in the Conference Room from 9:00-10:30 am. Contact Mike Wert with questions.

### Women's Study Group

Mondays at 9:30 am in the Conference Room. Contact Joyce McBride with questions.

### Theology on Tap

Meets the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 7:00 pm monthly at a local restaurant for a lively Bible discussion, warm fellowship, and a great meal! Will meet during October through May and it will be lead by our Seminary Interns Craig & Hanna Bingham.

**United Presbyterian Women (UPW)** Contact Anne Peshek for more information.

## OUTSIDE GROUPS

### Alanon

Meets Wednesdays weekly starting at 7:00 pm year round.

### Farmer's Club

Meets the first Saturday of the month during April—June and September—December at 5:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

### Fogliflterers AA

Fogliflterers AA group meets daily, 7:00-8:00 am Monday-Friday in Fellowship Hall; Saturday/Sunday in the Conference Room.

### Grey Sheeters Anonymous

Meets Wednesdays at 5:30 pm in Office 115.

### Men's AA Meeting

Meets weekly on Thursdays at 7:00 pm in the Conference Room.

### New Hope Solebury Cares

For teen drug awareness classes, seminars and support. See their website for more information <http://www.nhscare.org>.

### Employment Support Group (ESG)

An educational employment support group for those seeking employment or who are currently underemployed, reentering the workforce. Len and Christina Deane are associated with (NHCC). For more information or questions please contact Len Deane at [DeaneL70@verizon.net](mailto:DeaneL70@verizon.net).

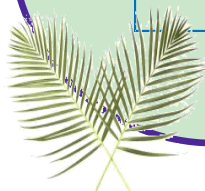
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## UPCOMING SERVICES



<b>FEB 16</b>	8:30, 11 am	<b>Traditional &amp; Contemporary Services</b>
<b>FEB 23</b>	8:30, 11 am 12:30 pm	<b>Traditional &amp; Contemporary Services</b> <b>ANNUAL MEETING</b> (Fellowship Hall)
<b>FEB 26</b>	7:00 pm	<b>Ash Wednesday Worship Service– Communion</b> <b>(AT FOREST GROVE PRES. CHURCH)</b> No Soup/Bread
<b>MAR 1</b>	8:30 am 11:00 am	<b>Traditional First Sunday of Lent – Communion</b> <b>Contemporary Worship Services – Communion</b>
<b>MAR 4</b>	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	<b>Soup &amp; Bread Supper</b> <b>Lenten Worship Service</b> (Sanctuary)
<b>MAR 8</b>	8:30 am 11:00 am 12:30 pm	<b>Traditional Worship Service</b> <b>Contemporary Worship Service</b> (Sanctuary) <b>Community Meal</b> (Fellowship Hall)
<b>MAR 11</b>	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	<b>Soup &amp; Bread Supper</b> <b>Lenten Worship Service</b> (Sanctuary)
<b>MAR 15</b>	8:30 am 11:00 am	<b>Traditional Worship Service</b> <b>Contemporary Worship Service</b>
<b>MAR 18</b>	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	<b>Soup &amp; Bread Supper</b> <b>Lenten Worship Service</b> (Sanctuary)
<b>MAR 22</b>	8:30 am 11:00 am	<b>Traditional Worship Service</b> <b>Contemporary Worship Service</b>
<b>MAR 25</b>	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	<b>Soup &amp; Bread Supper</b> <b>(Choir Room) (due to Rummage Sale)</b> <b>Lenten Worship Service</b> (Sanctuary)
<b>MAR 29</b>	9:30 am	<b>Choir Appreciation Service</b> (Fellowship Hall)
<b>APRIL 1</b>	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	<b>Soup &amp; Bread Supper</b> <b>Lenten Worship Service</b> (Sanctuary)

See TMPC's website at [www.tmpc.org](http://www.tmpc.org) for up-to-date information and e-news.





# UPCOMING SERVICES



**APRIL 5 9:30 am Palm Sunday Worship Service (Fell.Hall)(Communion)**

**APRIL 9 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service (Sanctuary)**

**APRIL 10 7:30 pm Good Friday Service (Sanctuary)**

**APR 12 6:30 am Easter Sunrise Service (Choir Room or Outside)**

**9:00 am Family Easter Service (Fellowship Hall)**

**10:15 am Children's Easter Egg Hunt Activities (Sanctuary)**

**11:00am Celebration Easter Service (Fellowship Hall)**

**APR 19 8:30 am Traditional Worship Service**

**11:00 am Contemporary Worship Service (Sanctuary)**

**12:30 pm Community Meal (Fellowship Hall)**

**APR 26 8:30 am Traditional Worship Service**

**11:00 am Contemporary Worship Service**

**MAY 3 8:30 am Traditional Worship Service- Communion**

**11:00 am Contemporary Worship Service- Communion**

**MAY 10 8:30 am Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary)(Mother's Day)**

**11:00 am Contemporary Worship Service (Sanctuary)**

**12:30 pm Community Meal in Fellowship Hall**

**MAY 17 8:30 am Traditional Worship Service**

**11:00 am Contemporary Worship Service**

**MAY 24 9:30 am Memorial Weekend Worship Service (Sanctuary)**

**MAY 31 9:30 am 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Worship Service (Youth Sunday)**

**(Pentecost) (Fellowship Hall)**

**JUNE 7 8:30 am Traditional Worship Service- Communion**

**11:00 am Contemporary Worship Service- Communion**

**JUNE 14 8:30 am Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary)**


**11:00 am Contemporary Worship Service (Fellowship Hall)**

**(No Comm. Meals for Summer Months)**

**JUNE 21 9:30 am Summer Worship Schedule Begins (Father's Day)**

## MISSION UPDATE—TCHLTB (THE CHURCH HAS LEFT THE BUILDING)

### MISSION UPDATE:

 **THE WELCOME CHURCH.** After the Sunday Service on March 29 we will go to center city Philadelphia to serve coffee hour at The Welcome Church (<http://www.thewelcomechurch.org/>), an amazing organization that ministers to the homeless and holds two outdoor worship services a month on the Parkway in front of the Franklin Institute. The TMPC group will help try to make a cold day just a little brighter with some hot coffee, sandwiches, snacks, socks and fellowship. It is a blessing to be part of this experience. We have committed to The Welcome Church to help out with coffee hour twice a year. Our next visit is scheduled for **Sunday, March 29 and again in the Fall on November 29.** Transportation will be provided. We'll Leave the TMPC parking lot at 1:30 pm and return by 5:15 pm. Look for a sign up sheet as the date gets closer. If you have any questions contact Kurt Thompson at [mission@tmpc.org](mailto:mission@tmpc.org).

**ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS MARKET.** On December 1 2019, we hosted an Alternative Christmas Market whereby holiday shoppers could purchase a wide variety of gifts from four missions that TMPC supports including: Urban Promise Trenton, The Village, Life Abundant and Fisherman's Mark. Thanks to all who generously shopped during our December market!



**CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING.** Our Christmas Eve offering was dedicated to Advocates for Homeless and Those in Need (AHTN), a Bucks County interfaith nonprofit that serves the homeless and those in need by providing year-long access to emergency shelter, food, and other life-sustaining services, with dignity and compassion. Thank you for your support of this worthy cause this past December 2019.

**HOLD THE DATES!**

**Sunday May 3**

**THE CHURCH HAS LEFT THE BUILDING**  
(Spring Edition) returns to TMPC

We'll be holding a brief service that **morning of May 3** at 8:30 am and then sending our entire congregation out to be a blessing to our community by completing approximately a dozen group projects benefiting local, national and international missions. Several of our projects will be held on Saturday, **May 2.** Be on the lookout for additional updates. Project sign-ups begin in early April.





## **SUMMER YOUTH MISSION TRIP July 12-17, 2020**

Youth Group will continue to meet weekly in 2020 on Sunday nights with middle school from 6:30-8:00 and high school from 7:30-9:00 pm.

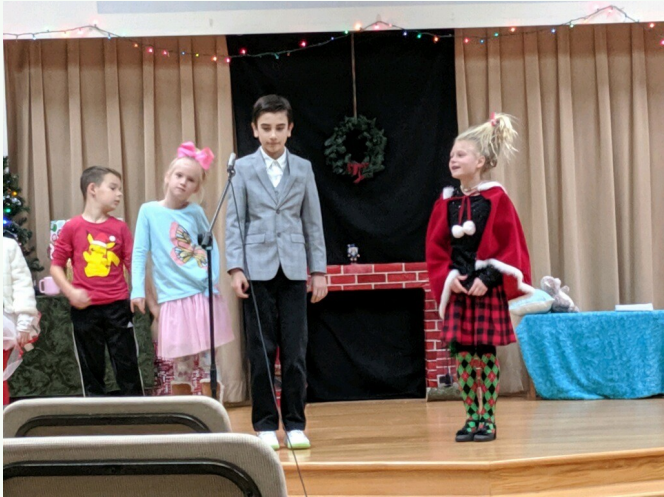
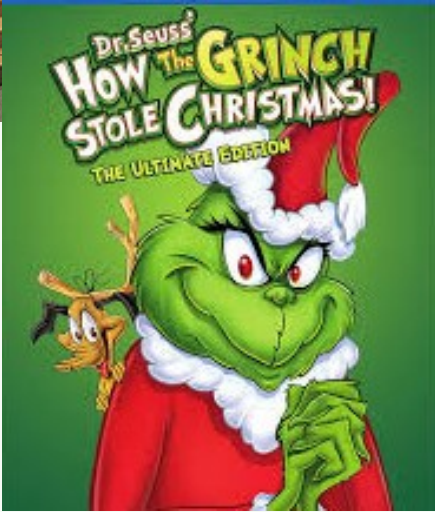
This upcoming summer we will be partnering with "Experience Mission". Our students will be heading to Lewiston Maine from July 12-17. Over the last few years, Lewiston has received an influx in immigrants/refugees from war-torn countries in Africa. The adjustment for these families has been really difficult and it has caused a lot of division in the community. We will be spending the week working with organizations that run programs for the refugee children and walking alongside the families as they adjust to life here in the states.

The per person fee will be \$375 for the first family member and \$300 for each subsequent family member.

**The first installment is due by March 1.**

You can pay on line at [www.tmpc.org/mission-trips](http://www.tmpc.org/mission-trips) or place your check in Stephen Scovell's mailbox. Please make your check payable to TMPC.

# CHRISTMAS MUSICAL 2019



Thanks to Tricia Murphy and the children for all of their hard work, focus and their dedication during rehearsals. With patience and guidance they made it a fun and creative presentation of the true meaning of Christmas. Thanks to Amy Brewer for the creative set design for the Children's Musical.

# CHRISTMAS MUSICAL 2019



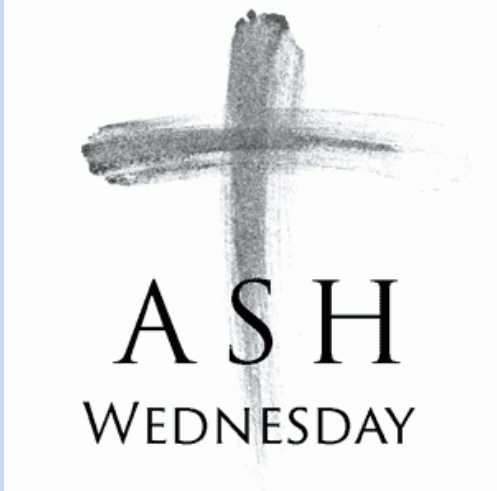
We also want to thank to the parents for costumes and props. We give a shout out to Evan Clark for technology. Thanks to Jaimie Salt for helping with kids and Melissa Callans for the music/piano.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Forest Grove  
Presbyterian Church**  
will be **Hosting the service**  
their address is:  
**1856 Forest Grove Road  
Forest Grove, PA 18922**

**ASH WEDNESDAY  
FEBRUARY 26**



**We will share this time with the members of  
Anchor and Forest Grove Presbyterian Churches.**



**FEBRUARY 22  
5:00—7:00 pm**

**JOIN US FOR SOME GREAT CHILI  
& FAMILY FUN**

Four teams have brought their A-game and have prepared a delicious pot of chili to share.

Come out and support this cause, *warm up with a bowl of chili* and vote for your favorite one (by putting money in the jar). The team with the most \$\$\$ gets the coveted "chili" trophy.

***This fun family dinner and game night event is for all ages!***  
**Proceeds go to our TASK GROUP!**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## RUMMAGE SALE

Our next Rummage Sale will be in the Spring. It's never too early to keep an eye out for a new group of "treasures" to donate! Time to get ready for our Spring Rummage Sale on **March 26 & 27**. Drop off your quality clothing & household items after **February 23**. Our sorting days will be on March 23-25.

## THEOLOGY ON TAP

Join us on Wednesdays  
See dates & times & locations in e-news, CCB Calendar, or TMPC website.

During Lent, we meet in the **Conference Room** after the selected Wednesday Lenten Service **3/4 and 3/18**. Come join us for great fellowship and discussion led by our seminary interns Craig and Hanna Bingham.

Our next meeting is **March 4** for this Bible study. Contact Craig Bingham at [Craig.bingham@gmail.com](mailto:Craig.bingham@gmail.com)

## USHERS, GREETERS & AMBASSADORS

Sign up on line or you can be added to the Signup Genius list made by the coordinator of each of these activities.

## OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS

The thoughtful treats, notes and prayers that will continue to go to our students and military.

Keep them in your prayers.



## Coffee Hours Sign up and Participate



Please look for the sign-up sheet at the Table of Well Wishing, or our sign up genius list by visiting TMPC's website, <https://tmpc.org/get-involved> We welcome the participation of all our members.

A special thank you to our dedicated committees and our enthusiastic volunteers who keep the energy flowing for these fellowship opportunities.

## FLOWER SERVICES



### FLOWERS FOR OUR WORSHIP SERVICES

**For All ORDERS please place through Elinor**

If you are interested in placing flowers in the church in “honor of “ or “in memory of” a loved one, please call the church office to get contact information for Elinor Raike who places the order. The cost is \$30 for the 2 vases. You are welcome to take them home after the service.

### EASTER AZALEA PLANT ORDERS

One of the ways we celebrate the Easter season is through special decorations in our Sanctuary. You are invited to share in this joyful time by purchasing azaleas.

“In Loving Memory of \_\_\_\_\_ “ or “In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_ your loved ones.” The cost is \$TBD a plant. The price will be available in March. After the very last Easter service, you can take home those you’ve ordered.

To order: [www.tmpc.org/giving](http://www.tmpc.org/giving) or by the forms that will go out very soon in the bulletin.



### TMPC's GARDEN CLUB

Beth Auwarter will be coordinating the Garden Club duties and activities this year.

Quiet efforts behind the scenes do make a difference!

Be sure to give Beth your name if you would have time to help with this endeavor.

## ASH WEDNESDAY

***Wednesday, February 26***

7:00 - Forest Grove Presbyterian Church will host this year's Ash Wednesday Service. Friends from Anchor Presbyterian Church will join us.

## WEDNESDAY EVENING LENTEN PRAYER SERVICES

***Wednesday Evenings***

***from March 4 through April 1***

6:00 - Soup & Bread Supper in Fellowship Hall

7:00 - Evening Prayer Service in the Sanctuary: We will hear testimonies from members and friends of TMPC who will share how they have encountered God in their lives.

## PALM SUNDAY

***Sunday, April 5***

9:30 - Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall - Communion  
Palm crosses will be available after the service.

## MAUNDY THURSDAY

***Thursday, April 9***

6:00 - Soup & Bread Supper in Fellowship Hall

7:00 - Worship Service in the Sanctuary

## GOOD FRIDAY

***Friday, April 10***

7:30 - Worship Service in the Sanctuary (Note Special Time this year)

## EASTER SUNDAY

***Sunday, April 12***

6:30 - Sunrise Service: We will gather Outside (If bad weather: Choir Room)  
(Carnations and Cemetery Walk)

9:00 - Family Service in Fellowship Hall:

Our children and youth will sing and ring praises to our risen Lord!

10:15 - Easter Egg Hunt in the Sanctuary

11:00 - Celebration Worship Service in Fellowship Hall:



## YOUTH GROUP

Join us weekly on Sunday nights: in the Youth Room  
Middle school students meet 6:30 - 8:00 pm and the  
high school students meet 7:30 - 9:00 pm.



### **OUR 2020 WINTER RETREAT**

2020 was our kickoff for our annual winter retreat. It was a weekend long retreat in Indiana, PA and took place during the first weekend of February.

It is called Zeteo and the theme of the retreat this year was “Wild Places”.

I can't say enough how grateful I am for Stephen and Amber bringing Zeteo to our church. This year was the second year I had the true joy of accompanying our youth on this winter retreat and I loved seeing the kids' growth from last year. I am once again humbled in awe of the experience. The combination of music, preaching, and drama addressed poignant, heart wrenching, and relevant issues through the lens of Faith whereby creating a safe space that allowed everyone there to ask themselves difficult questions and spend intimate time with God and our church family.

- Melissa Callans



# REFLECTIONS



## Reflections for some of the youth who attended the retreat ...

"Imagine an arena filled with 1,300 people consisting primarily of youth. All these individuals are together for a similar reason, yet their experience may differ. ZETEO is a weekend retreat that provides an opportunity to deepen your faith and build upon relationships with one another. The experience allows one to draw closer and dig deeper in a space where God is felt through drama, singing, worship, and most of all togetherness. I was fortunate to be given the opportunity this past weekend to attend

ZETEO. Ten of our youth also attended and topics were presented in a very realistic manner that brought them to the Wild Places prompting questions and reflection. As a mother to one of those youth I would like topics to be discussed with my son in a safe environment with trusting well educated leaders. I can't thank Amber and Stephen enough for providing these experiences. I witnessed tears, hugs, singing, praising, joy, and of course laughter amongst all. The bond that our youth and leaders have is irreplaceable, and I believe that this experience will never be forgotten." - Tracey Jefferson (Adult Leader)

"This past weekend at Zeteo was amazing and I had such a great time getting to spend time with friends, worship, and listen to an amazing speaker. This weekend was also filled with a lot of learning and one of the most important things I learned was that we can always trust in God no matter what is about to happen or what we're going through. It's such a great experience and one that I definitely won't forget."



"Throughout the past couple of days, it meant a lot to me how the drama showed that God loves you and will always forgive you and walk with you through thick and thin."

"There is a moment in the drama that deals with suicide and God holding onto the character so tightly really touched me."

# Letters to the Congregation

Members of TMPC,

Thank you to all who contributed to The Food Center at Morrisville for your generous donations of \$1250.00 received in December 2019.

It will help feed hungry families of Bucks and mercer counties.

Sincerely,

The Food Center at Morrisville  
Presbyterian Church

Thompson Memorial,

I just wanted to let you know I received the package and sincerely appreciate it!

Everyone was digging through the box and admiring the new books! A couple people read some of the books and were super excited to see them again!

Thanks again for all your support!

Krystin  
Operation Paperback  
(TCHLTB)

Thompson Church,

Thank you so much for the shipment of books from Operation Paperback (TCHLTB). I am in charge of a clinic that sees basic trainees. We have new reading material now, as they wait to be seen! We are so grateful for the books!

Thank you again.

Very Respectfully,

VICTORIA

TMPC,

I just wanted to let you guys know that we have received almost a dozen boxes in the 6 months that we have been a part of Operation Paperback (TCHLTB). We love all of the selections.

Thank you so much for all of your support and for the network that you have established in order to provide this support. We really appreciate everything that you do!

Sincerely,

Joseph & Kari  
U.S. Air Force

Dear Friends,

Thank you sooo much for the wonderful food during Community Meal, your smiles, kindness and prayers. I am very grateful and blessed!

Barbs

## Letters (Continued)

Thompson Church,

Thank you very much for the shipment of books. It arrived today and I was very pleased with the selection of titles.

I will definitely share the books with members of my unit and other Veterans.

Thank you!

Mike

TMPC Members,

Thank you for the ongoing support of Operation Paperback Book Drive (TCHLTB)!

Justin  
Veterans Administration

Dear Friends,

I wish to extend my personal thanks to you on behalf of the VA Hospital. Our staff and patients appreciate your donation of books for Operation Paperback (TCHLTB). Your generosity supplements our care and services.

It is through your compassion and thoughtfulness that allows us to continually improve the Veterans experience. We consistently strive to provide quality care to those who served and wore the uniform. This caring support signifies and lets our Veterans know that they are not forgotten.

Sincerely,

Renee

Thank you TMPC,

Trenton Area Soup Kitchen wanted to thank the TASK Group from Thompson Church for your time that you spend with us every month and for the specially knit hats by Jane M. and for the donation for the messenger bags and the sweatshirts you provide at Christmas time.

We are warmed by your generosity!

Many Blessings,

Mia  
Trenton Area Soup Kitchen

## Our Mission

We are a joyful family called by God  
Through Jesus Christ and empowered  
by the Holy Spirit to:  
Welcome all, share our faith,  
love each other, serve the world and  
glorify God.



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## REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE September 8 - June 21

8:30 am — Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary  
9:45 am — Christian Education for All Ages  
11:00 am — Contemporary Worship in Fellowship Hall

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Coffee Hour follows the services in Fellowship Hall  
Nursery care available at all services

*Fifth Sunday — in months with 5 Sundays — all year round,  
we gather for a single service at 9:30 am in Fellowship Hall*

## EASTER SCHEDULE (see page 15 & 23)



### Disciples: All Members of the Congregation

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