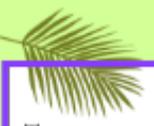


MARCH

OFFICE HOURS
M-W-F 9AM-12 NOON

2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 2 nd SUNDAY IN LENT BRING A FRIEND SUNDAY	2	3	4 LENTEN SOUP DINNER 6PM 	5	6 OFFICE CLOSED	7
8 3 rd SUNDAY IN LENT STUNAP THE PASTOR COFFEE HOUR	9	10	11 LENTEN SOUP DINNER 6PM 	12	13	14
15 4 th SUNDAY IN LENT COFFEE HOUR, BIBLE STUDY & FAITH EXPLORERS	16	17	18 LENTEN SOUP DINNER 6PM SENIOR EXPO 10-2 	19	20	21 CHUNKY BLANKET MAKING CLASS 1-3 PM 
22 5 th SUNDAY IN LENT COFFEE HOUR, BIBLE STUDY & FAITH EXPLORERS	23 FELLOWSHIP NIGHT COMMITTEE MTG 6:30PM	24 	25 LENTEN SOUP DINNER 6PM 	26	27	28
29 PALM SUNDAY PASTOR WIFE APPRECIATION FELLOWSHIP BIBLE STUDY & FAITH EXPLORERS	30	31				



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"Be kind to one
another,
tenderhearted,
forgiving one another,
as God in Christ
forgave you." ~
Ephesians 4:32

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Carrie McDannell - Administrative and Outreach Coordinator

Marie Quesinberry-Choir Director Stella Jarvis, Sexton

The Congregation Council:

John Banaszek- President Wayne Haifley -Vice President

Bob Dwyer- Secretary

Bill Bucher, Liam Dwyer, & Eric McDannell

Bob Dwyer, Property Committee

Marie Quesinberry- Worship Committee

Janice Miller- Treasurer

Bruce Strausbaugh- Financial Secretary

Vacant Chairs: Learning Committee, Fellowship Committee, Support Committee, Service & Witness

Ponderings of The Pastor

By Pastor Gene Tucker

A recurring column, dealing with various and sundry topics

CLAY FEET: MANY HEROES IN THE BIBLE HAD THEM

During this month of March, we will continue our walk through the season of Lent.

And, since we find ourselves in this season of self-reflection/amendment of life/spiritual "spring cleaning", perhaps we are bound to discover some areas of our life that are less-than-pleasing, both to ourselves, and also to God.

The blunt truth of human existence is that each and every one of us falls short of God's high standards in some way or another. In some cases, the failures are spectacular. In other cases, they are hardly noticeable (except to God).

However we choose to look at it, we have to admit that we human beings know how to make mistakes. We know how to do "bad stuff" (and, we don't need any training in order to be good at doing "bad stuff"!).

What we've just said about the human condition, and our own condition, was also true of many of the heroes we read about in the Bible. In many cases, these exemplary people who interacted with God, and who (eventually) did God's bidding and God's will, had "clay feet". Their mistakes and their failures are on full view in the pages of Holy Scripture.

But their failures and their mistakes can serve two purposes for us: 1. They can serve as warnings to us (as in "Don't do this, don't be like ____ in the Bible"); and 2. They can encourage us, because in each of the cases we're going to look at shortly, God was able to clear away or to correct the missteps and the mistakes of these people so that God could make use of them for His purposes.

We will begin with two persons that we read about in the Old Testament.

Moses fit into God's plan to liberate His people from slavery in Egypt. But Moses had a blemish on his record: He had killed an Egyptian who was beating a Hebrew slave (Exodus 2:11 - 15). Moses fled from Pharaoh's wrath in the wake of this event. But then, God called him to confront Pharaoh and to demand that God's people be allowed to leave Egypt. In response, Moses complains to God, saying that he doesn't speak well (Exodus 4:10). But God has an answer for this comment, saying that He would supply Moses' brother, Aaron, to be the spokesman for God's purposes. In Moses' case, God was able to rehabilitate him to make him trained for the task that was ahead. Furthermore, God dealt with Moses' limitations, providing Aaron to be the spokesman for God's purposes.

David was king over Israel, and the Scripture describes him as being a man whose "heart sought after God" (1 Samuel 13:14). But one day, David saw Bathsheba bathing from the rooftop of his house. (See II Samuel 11:1 - 12:25.) He decided that he wanted to take her for his wife. But Bathsheba was the wife of Uriah, who was in the king's army. David plotted to have Uriah killed in battle. Afterward, he took Bathsheba as his wife. She bore a son, who died. And then, she bore another son, Solomon. (You know the rest of the story.) From David's life, we can discern that even those whose hearts long after God can lose their way. But God forgave David's sin, and out of that sin, God provided the gift of Solomon, good things coming out of bad things.

Now, let's look at two of the Old Testament's most well-known prophets: Isaiah and Jeremiah. Each one of them seem to sense their own inadequacies and shortcomings at the point when God called them into His service.

Ponderings of The Pastor

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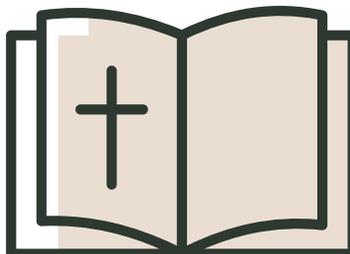
Isaiah, when he has the vision of God in the Temple in Jerusalem, exclaims “Woe is me, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips” (Isaiah 6:5a). But God addresses that comment, as one of the Seraphim who were part of the vision comes and cleanses Isaiah’s lips with hot coals from off of the altar (recall that heat was often used to cleanse in ancient times).

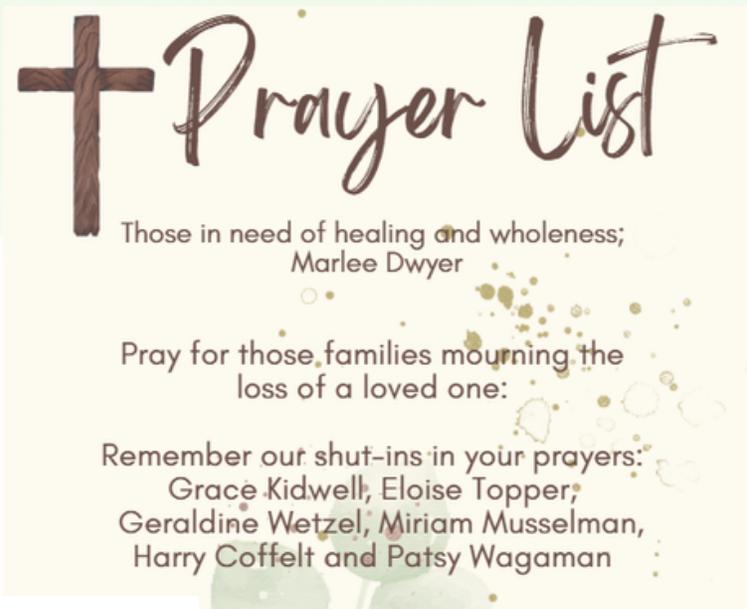
Jeremiah lived in difficult times, as the Southern Kingdom of Judah was overrun by the Babylonians (apparently Jeremiah survived this event). But when God called him into His service, Jeremiah says that he “does not know how to speak, for he is only a youth”. But God responds, saying “Do not say ‘I am only a youth’, for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak” (Jeremiah 1:6 - 7). Then God adds this: “Behold, I have put my words in your mouth” (Jeremiah 1:9b). Jeremiah’s experience mirrors that of Isaiah’s, for in each case, God calls these prophets into God’s service, and then God provides the means by which they will serve effectively.

Now, let’s look at two major heroes in the New Testament: Peter and Paul.

Peter is acknowledged as the leader of the early Church after the Lord’s resurrection on Easter Sunday. But Peter’s leadership didn’t get going until God did some major repairing of Peter’s character. For one thing, the image we have of Peter prior to the Lord’s suffering, death and resurrection is of an impetuous man, one whose mouth was often in gear long before his brain was engaged. Peter’s denial of the Lord after He was betrayed (three denials, done around a charcoal fire) is well known. Scripture tells us that, after his third denial, the rooster crowed and Peter went out and wept “bitterly”. But, God had a further use for Peter, and Peter’s brashness would come in handy as the early Church began to proclaim the Good News (Gospel) of the mighty things that God had done in the person of Jesus Christ, And so, on the shore of the Sea of Galilee after the Lord had risen from the dead, Peter is asked, three times (around a charcoal fire) if he loved the Lord (John 21:9 - 19). Peter’s “yes” meant that his rehabilitation was complete, and he went on to serve the Lord faithfully and well.

Paul is another of God’s servants with a checkered past and “clay feet”. Paul (then known as Saul) had been persecuting the Church, sending men and women to prison for their faith (Acts 9:1 - 2). But I suspect that the Lord looked down on Paul as he made his way to Damascus to arrest more Christians, and perhaps the Lord thought to himself, “That guy has a wonderful ‘talent package’, and one I could use.” (My guess.) So the Lord shone a bright light on Paul as he made his way, and the Lord said, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?” Paul responds, “Who are you, Lord?” Jesus replies, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting” (Acts 9:3 - 5). The rest of Paul’s story unfolds, as he takes the Good News of God into the then-known world. In so doing, Paul puts theological perspectives on the great things God had done in sending Jesus Christ. That legacy lives on today. God can make use of some pretty meager human resources. If he could do that with those we’ve considered in this column, then, chances are, He can make good and effective use of our gifts, as well.





Financial News

MTD & YTD Income/Expenses as of January 2026

	January	YTD 2026
Income	\$22,622.07	\$22,622.07
Expenses	\$26,875.48	\$26,875.48
Excess (Shortfall)	-\$4,253.41	-\$4,253.41

Mission Funds Accounts: * Designated Funds

	Beginning Balance	Contributions	Withdrawals	Ending Balance
Memorial	\$5,070.80			\$5,070.80
Interest	\$689.60			\$689.60
Parsonage Rent	\$17,206.06	\$3,600.00		\$20,806.06
Improvement*	\$5,469.62	\$30.00		\$5,499.62
Chairlift Repairs*	\$1,873.96			\$1,873.96
Youth*	\$1,253.97			\$1,253.97
Helping Hands*	\$232.67			\$232.67
Music*	\$1,860.13			\$1,860.13
Prayer/Memorial Garden*	\$2,399.72			\$2,399.72
A/C Replacement - Church*	\$2,342.09			\$2,342.09
Pastor Discretionary Fund	\$396.75	\$20.00		\$416.75
Totals	\$38,795.37	\$3,650.00		\$42,445.37

March 2026 Lay Assistants

Worship Assistant:

- 1 Emma Rohrbach
- 8 Gina Dwyer
- 15 Janice Miller
- 22 Bill Bucher
- 29 Liam Dwyer

Lectors:

- 1 Todd Boden
- 8 Larry Slicker Sr
- 15 Gina Dwyer
- 22 Kelly Haifley
- 29 Janice Miller

Deacon:

- 1 Eric McDannell
- 8 Bill Bucher
- 15 John Banaszek
- 22 Liam Dwyer
- 29 Bob Dwyer

Ushers:

- *Darrell and Helen Woerner
- *denotes Head Usher

Altar Guild:

Cheryl Black and Janice Miller

Financial Stewards:

John Banaszek and Janice Miller

Flower Sponsors:

- 1 Volunteer Needed
- 8 The Steimling Family
- 15 Marie Bollinger
- 22 The Dwyers
- 29 Volunteer Needed

Bulletin Sponsors:

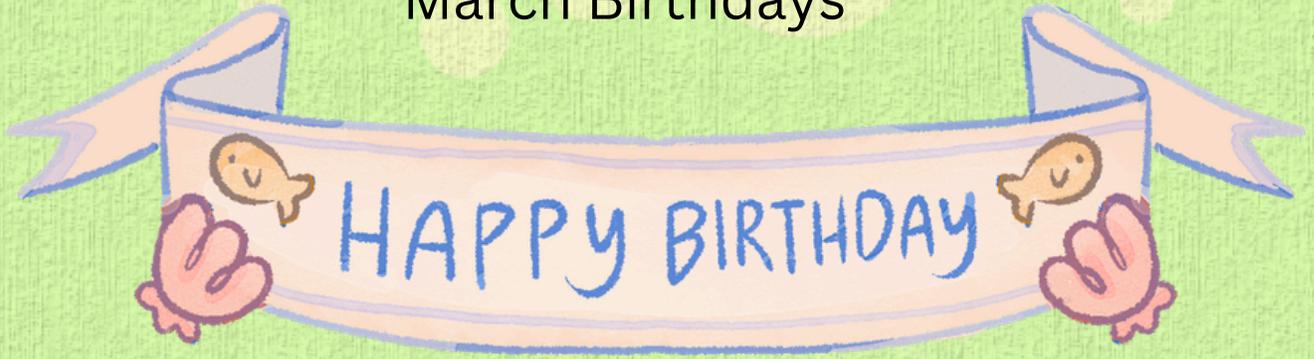
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Sacraments for Communion Sponsor:

Eric & Carrie McDannell



March Birthdays



1st- Brent Strasbaugh
2nd- Debra Diehl
2nd- Denise Doss
7th- Larry Slicker Jr
7th- Sydney Topper
8th- Glenn Trostle Jr

8th- Gale Bream
10th- Laura Milesky
14th- Brady Bollinger
17th- Suzy Nichols
20th- Steve Redding
25th- Grayson Poorman

26th- Pastor Gene Tucker
28th Kayla Slicker
28th Amanda Reed
29th- Marlin Deardorff Sr

We ask for your assistance: Please notify the church office of any incorrect or missing lists of birthdays and anniversaries. Thank you for helping to keep our lists current



Thank you to everyone who donated items and helped pack hygiene bags for Roots for Boots, Veteran Organization! Because of your generosity, we were able to provide 55 hygiene bags to be distributed at their monthly pantry event at Hampton Fire Company. Your kindness is making a real difference in our community!

Bits & Pieces

Flohers Church Coffee Hour

After Worship
Services



Looking for Coffee Hour Hosts!

Hosting Coffee Hour is a wonderful way to serve our church family. Simply make the coffee using provided supplies and bring a light snack for everyone to enjoy after the service.



Sign up in Narthex

BIBLE STUDY & FAITH EXPLORERS

Bible Study and Faith Explorers Sunday School will continue to be offered each Sunday except on the Sundays the Sermon is "Stump the Pastor"





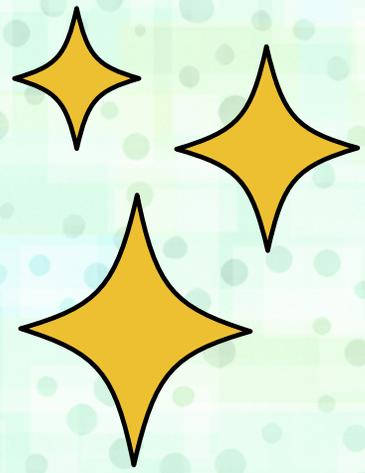
FLOHRS LUTHERAN CHURCH
ESTABLISHED 1785

BRING A FRIEND

Worship Service

Sunday March 1st 9AM

Food, Fellowship, Door Prizes and Fun!



Invitation Postcards
available!

A Personal Invitation
goes a LONG way!



Pastor's Wife Appreciation Fellowship Breakfast

“Grace without
the Gluten”

CELEBRATE PASTOR'S WIFE APPRECIATION
MONTH!

LET'S SHOW SOME LOVE TO OUR AMAZING
PASTOR'S WIFE, DEB, BY BRINGING A DISH
TO SHARE!

PLEASE CONSIDER BRINGING A GLUTEN-
FREE OPTION SO EVERYONE CAN ENJOY.

SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX AND HELP
MAKE THIS CELEBRATION SPECIAL.

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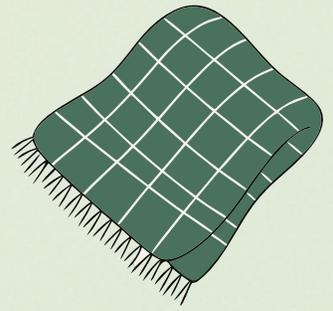
AFTER
WORSHIP



Chunky Blanket Class

Saturday March 21st
1-3 PM

at Flohrs Church Fellowship Hall



Come learn to hand knit a throw size chunky blanket from our own Vicki Deardorff!

\$3 to sign up due to Carrie by March 15th. Class size limit 10 people.
Once signed up contact Carrie for a list of supplies needed (cost estimate approx \$50)



FLOHRS EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Fellowship Night Planning Committee Meeting

Monday March 23rd at 6:30 PM

THANK YOU FOR ALL THE SUPPORT
WITH STARTING THIS NEW MISSION

FLOHRS CHURCH WEDNESDAYS AT 6PM DURING LENT LENTEN SOUP SUPPER



Join us for a Lenten Soup Supper featuring a light meal of soup and bread, fellowship, and a reflection by Pastor Gene.

Volunteers are needed to provide soup and bread—please consider sharing your gifts to help make this evening meaningful for all. Sign up in Narthex

We just wanted to remind you that Pastor Gene's inspiring sermons are available for you to access online. Whether you're traveling, on vacation, or simply unable to attend our services in person, you can now stay connected to his messages from anywhere.

You are warmly invited to visit the following link to read and reflect on the sermons at your convenience:

<https://friartucksermons.blogspot.com/>



SENIOR RESOURCE & WELLNESS FAIR

Join us for the Senior Resource & Wellness Fair, featuring a variety of local vendors and organizations dedicated to supporting senior health, wellness, and independence.

Explore helpful information, services, and resources all in one place, ask questions, and connect with professionals who are here to help you live well.



Wednesday
March 18th



Time
10:00AM-2:00PM



Flohr's Lutheran Church in
McKnightstown

FREE EVENT



717-334-3992



www.flohrslutheran.org



Summer Camp Open House



Summer Camp
Open House at
Kirchenwald &
Nawakwa

Come join us!!!

- Meet some of the Summer Camp Staff
- Take a tour of camp
- \$10 gift certificate for the camp store to every brand new camper!!

Sunday, March 15

Sunday, April 12

2:00-4:30 pm



Kirchenwald is located on 340 acres of undeveloped timberland, adjacent to 4000 acres of State Game Lands, in Lebanon, Pennsylvania.

Nawakwa is located on 336 acres outside of Arendtsville, in Adams County, Pennsylvania.

For more information, visit www.LutheranCamping.org or call the Camping Office at 717-677-8211.



Local Events



YOU'RE INVITED

PATRIOTS REDEDICATION DAY

Historic Benders Church Cemetery

Saturday, April 11, 2026

(Raindate: April 18, 2026)

Ceremony begins at 1pm

Benders Lutheran Church

1385 Rentzel Rd, Biglerville, PA 17307

Period Music, Rededication Ceremony, Reception and Historic Church Service

Participants

Members & Clergy of Benders Church; family members of Patriots buried in the cemetery, Gettysburg DAR Chapter, Continental Congress SAR Chapter, Trumpeter David Conklin, National Apple Museum, Biglerville Historical Society, Gettysburg Flute Flock, & 1st PA Volunteer Fife & Drum Corps

RSVP by: March 28, 2026

to
GettysburgDAR@gmail.com