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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|
| 4TH SUNDAY AFTER EPHESIANS MEETING, BRUNCH AND PACKING VETERANS BAGS AFTER SERVICE | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 7 |
| 5TH SUNDAY AFTER EPHESIANS STUMP THE PASTOR | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 6 | |
| BIBLE STUDY & FAITH EXPLORERS AFTER COFFEE HOUR | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 14 |
| TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD BIBLE STUDY & FAITH EXPLORERS AFTER COFFEE HOUR | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| SOUP FELLOWSHIP HOUR AFTER SERVICE | | | | | | |
| FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT BIBLE STUDY & FAITH EXPLORERS AFTER COFFEE HOUR | 22 | | | | | |
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Grace Notes

Gathering & Growing Together Through Faith

Serving our Lord since 1785

February 2026

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**HAPPY
VALENTINE'S
DAY!**

1 Corinthians

16:14:

Let all that you
do be done in
love.

Flohr's Church Information

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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

WELCOMING A "HAPPY LENT"

Early on Ash Wednesday, some one of the two of the Tuckers will look at the other one as that early morning cup of coffee is being savored, and say to the other, "Happy Lent, dear".

To the one receiving this greeting, and who is trying desperately to "blend into the day" (as an old Army buddy of mine used to say), this greeting usually generates a good smile, which is followed by some discussion about the nature of the Lenten season that lies ahead.

Isn't the idea of Lent being "happy" an oxymoron? Isn't Lent the time when we're supposed to put away all that stuff we enjoy (but know isn't really good for us)? Isn't Lent the time when we practice wearing our somber faces?

Well, the answer is that, in times past, Lent was the season when we gave up those things that we really knew, down in our heart-of-hearts, weren't all that good for us. And yes, Lent was the time, back then, when we put our smiles away and were supposed to mourn over our shortcomings and failings.

Back in the day, Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent was preceded by a pre-Lenten celebration. Known in various places as Shrove Tuesday ("Shrove" comes from the Old English word meaning "to forgive"), or Mardi Gras (which means "Fat Tuesday", coming from the French), it was the day when feasting and enjoyment (gastronomic, usually) preceded the day of self-denial (Ash Wednesday) and the giving up of things like fattening foods and the like.

Speaking liturgically, the structure of the Lenten season is a bit unusual. Lent is forty days long, and is patterned on our Lord's temptation, which - we are told in Holy Scripture - lasted forty days and forty nights. But the Lenten season is punctuated by the Sundays in Lent. The idea is that each and every Sunday in the year is a celebration of our Lord's resurrection. So, for example, it is proper to say "The First Sunday in Lent", not "The First Sunday of Lent". The Lenten season is forty days long, minus the Sundays in the season. The result is that the Sundays in the Lenten season are celebrations, but they are somewhat muted celebrations (compared to other liturgical seasons), being affected by the tenor of the Lenten season which surrounds them, both before and after. So, then, we set away our "Alleluias" until Easter, as one example of the changes in our worship during Lent. Another liturgical custom is the removal of the Christ Candle at the front of the church. In some places crosses are veiled with cloth.

The liturgical color for Lent is also instructive for our calling and work in the Lenten season. The color violet (usually called "purple") was, in biblical times, associated with royal persons or with persons of high rank or wealth. In addition, purple cloth was expensive to make, and also very difficult to make, for it entailed the harvesting of many, many small snails that live in the ocean. Divers would harvest these snails in order to obtain enough to dye the cloth.

Ponderings of The Pastor

Continued

The violet color could serve to remind us of two aspects of our focus in the Lenten season, for we are making our way toward Palm Sunday, toward the events of Holy Week, and toward our Lord's resurrection on Easter Sunday morning. So then, we are honoring that One whom God has appointed to be King of kings and Lord of lords, who rose victorious over death and sin on Easter morning. The difficulty associated with the making of violet-colored cloth can remind us of the difficulty that often comes when we seek to make amends for our shortcomings and the ways in which we fail to commend the faith that is within us.

So then, what form might our Lenten observance take these days?

Some traditional patterns from times gone by still apply: Some people, lamenting their sins and offenses, will undertake a focused time of self-examination, confession and renewal. Not a bad idea for our Lenten journey, if one's faith has lost some of its warmth. For many of us, Lent isn't so much the giving up of things, as it is a time to do some spiritual "house cleaning", to examine those things we find time and energy to do day in and day out, to see if adjustments are in order, so that God might be honored more worthily. Lent can be a time of renewal, of re-acquainting ourselves with God, a time of taking up a spiritual discipline in order that God might take first place in our lives.

If you'd like some ideas for the observance of a Holy Lent, please feel free to ask.

Happy Lent, everyone!





Financial News

MTD & YTD Income/Expenses as of Dec 2025

| | Dec | YTD 2025 |
|--------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Income | \$15,196.95 | \$213,454.09 |
| Expenses | \$13,061.35 | \$211,903.12 |
| Excess (Shortfall) | \$2,135.60 | \$1,550.97 |

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 | | | \$17,206.06 |
| Improvement* | \$4,429.62 | \$1,040.00 | | \$5,469.62 |
| 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 | \$326.75 | \$70.00 | | \$396.75 |
| Totals | \$37,685.37 | \$1,110.00 | | \$38,795.37 |

Special

Congregational Meeting

Sunday February 1st 2026
After Worship Service

TO FURTHER DISCUSS
CHURCH SECURITY



Those in need of healing and wholeness;
Mark Terry
Sue Nespeca
Mackenzie

Pray for those families mourning the
loss of a loved one: Ruth Jeanne Bream &
Larry Baumgardner

Remember our shut-ins in your prayers:
Grace Kidwell, Eloise Topper,
Geraldine Wetzel, Miriam Musselman,
Harry Coffelt and Patsy Wagaman

February 2026 Lay Assistants

Worship Assistant:

| | |
|--------------|---------------|
| 1 | Gina Dwyer |
| 8 | Janice Miller |
| 15 | Liam Dwyer |
| 18 (Ash Wed) | Bill Bucher |
| 22 | Tim Rehfield |

Flower Sponsors:

| | |
|----|-------------------------|
| 1 | Marie Bollinger |
| 8 | Darrell & Helen Woerner |
| 15 | Jay & Aimee Rohrbach |
| 22 | Marie Quesinberry |

Lectors:

| | |
|--------------|-------------------|
| 1 | Cheryl Black |
| 8 | Gina Dwyer |
| 15 | Janice Miller |
| 18 (Ash Wed) | *Volunteer Needed |
| 22 | Dawn Six |

Bulletin Sponsors:

| | |
|----|-------------------------|
| 1 | Marie Bollinger |
| 8 | Darrell & Helen Woerner |
| 15 | Jay & Aimee Rohrbach |
| 22 | Eric & Carrie McDannell |

Deacon:

| | |
|--------------|----------------|
| 1 | Bob Dwyer |
| 8 | Liam Dwyer |
| 15 | Wayne Haifley |
| 18 (Ash Wed) | John Banaszek |
| 22 | Eric McDannell |

Sacraments for Communion Sponsor:

Angie Keefer

Ushers:

*Todd Boden & Jay Rohrbach

*denotes Head Usher

Altar Guild:

Darrell & Helen Woerner

Financial Stewards:

Todd Boden and Larry Slicker

THANK
YOU!



February Birthdays

Happy Birthday

1st Gunnar Milesky
4th Angela Keefer
4th Marlee Dwyer
7th Wayne Haifley

9th Darlene Harbaugh
9th Douglas Woerner
11th Kerry Woerner
14th Travis Black
15th Diane Steimling

16th Chase Bollinger
19th Bill Bucher
19th Bruce Strausbaugh
21st Joan Reeve
25th Eva Trostle
27th Madelynn Sonnett

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

FIRE VICTIM DONATION DRIVE UPDATE

BECAUSE OF YOUR KINDNESS, WE WERE ABLE TO COLLECT:
MULTIPLE GIFT CARDS

- OVER \$3,500 IN MONETARY DONATIONS
- 2 BOXES OF HYGIENE PRODUCTS
- 4-5 BOXES OF CLEAN-UP SUPPLIES AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS
- 1 BOX OF NON-PERISHABLE FOOD
- BETWEEN 25-30 LARGE GARBAGE BAGS FILLED WITH CLOTHING





**JOIN US
FOR BRUNCH**

To Pack Hygiene Bags for Veterans in need

After church please bring a dish to share if able and then stay to help our Sunday School class to pack hygiene bags for Veterans in need at Roots for Boots.

Sunday February 1st after Congregation Meeting

AT FLOHRS CHURCH
SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX TO BRING A DISH TO SHARE IF ABLE



A large submarine sandwich filled with meat, cheese, lettuce, and other toppings, resting on a blue surface.

Flohrs Lutheran Church

**Pizza & Sub Fundraiser
Delivery**



**FRIDAY FEBRUARY 6TH
3PM-4:30 PM**

Subs & Pizzas may be picked up at Flohrs Church between 3:00 and 4:30 PM.

Please reach out to Carrie if you need to make other arrangements.





WOODEN FLOWER CROSS BOARD

JOIN US SATURDAY FEB. 28TH AT 1PM FOR A WOODEN CROSS BOARD
WITH FOREVER FLOWERS AND GIFTS
HELD AT FLOHR'S CHURCH IN THE FELLOWSHIP ROOM

COST IS \$43 A PERSON THIS COVERS ALL SUPPLIES AND INSTRUCTION
PLEASE REGISTER BY SUNDAY FEB. 15TH
SIGN UP IN NARTHEX OR EMAIL/CALL THE OFFICE

*save
the date*

CHUNKY BLANKET MAKING CLASS

WITH VICKI

SATURDAY MARCH 21ST

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW IN MARCH

NEWSLETTER

Flohrs Church

SHROVE TUESDAY DINNER FEBRUARY 17TH

AT 5:30 PM

AT THE HEARTLAND
DINER IN GETTYSBURG



Dinner is self-pay—come enjoy
good food and fellowship!

Please sign up in the Narthex or let Carrie
know your coming so we can reserve enough
seats!



Flohrs Lutheran Church Ash Wednesday Service

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

7PM ON WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 18TH

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

"good things ahead"



BRING A FRIEND

Worship Service

Sunday March 1st 9AM
Food, Fellowship, Door Prizes and Fun!

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

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