



**Our Vision—A beacon of God’s love radiating faith, hope and joy... Everywhere!**

**The flowers on the altar are given by Tara & Peter Boettcher in remembrance of Sue & Jim Schmidt**

### **Our Lenten Journey Continues**

Our Wednesday evening in-person soup suppers and worship continues this Wednesday, March 8. The supper will be held at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall, followed by the ~ 30 minute service in the sanctuary at 7:00 pm. If you want to help provide soup for one or more weeks, please contact Betsey Driscoll ([betseylll@yahoo.com](mailto:betseylll@yahoo.com)). The worship theme this year is “Forgiveness.” Thanks to Suzanne Hevelone for leading worship last Wednesday! We are looking forward to Dan Ward leading this Wednesday. Future leaders include Jim Ortolfo, Marcia Dana, and Charles McCrea. The service will be live-streamed and recorded.

### **Local Pastor Candidates Visiting Aldersgate March 11**

As Pastor Bob works as the Dean of Local Pastor Licensing School, we are privileged to host 8 candidates for ministry and 3 instructors to visit Aldersgate on **March 11** for a day of preaching exercise. Our youth group will help to serve them lunch.

If you would like to support the local pastor candidates who will participate in the preaching lab, here is the schedule. Preaching Lab I: 9:30 am to 11:30 am Preaching Lab II: 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm. If you want to sit and listen to their sermons, please let Pastor Bob know.

### **Confirmation Class 2023-2024**

Do you have a child who will be 8th grade or up this fall? We are excited to share with you that we will have the confirmation class. We invite the parents and child for the class to meet with Cheryl Ortolfo and Pastor Bob in the fellowship hall on **March 12** after the second worship service. If you are interested in serving as a mentor, please speak with Cheryl or Pastor Bob.

### **Scout Sunday on March 12**

Please join us on Scout Sunday as we get to meet some scouts who will participate in our worship service and share stories of their wonderful works in the past year.

### **Easter Flowers**

Please see the Easter Flower order form in the Advocate and also on the welcome desk. If you would like to provide flowers to beautify our Sanctuary in Memory of a loved one, please fill out the form. You will be able to take your flowers home to enjoy after the 10:45 service on Easter.

### **3/25 Blood Drive Saturday - Cancelled**

Due to a conflict with the planned Celebration of Life for Sherri's Mom, we must cancel the blood drive for 3/25.

### **Our Adult Lenten Study has begun!**

Explore the Psalms and their link to the New Testament and the life of Jesus in this wonderful guide. Over six weeks, discover with us: Jesus in Our Hard Places, Jesus as Our Shepherd, our Hope, Our Strength and Our Savior. You can order the book *Finding Jesus in the Psalms* by Barb Roose online. There are a few copies for purchase. You will find them in the lobby and are available for a suggested donation of \$20.



Join us this morning, at 9:45 in the Concord Room and on Zoom led by Adult Education members.

Or join the Thursday morning 10:00 am group in the Concord Room and on Zoom led by Pastor Bob Jon. All are welcome!

### **Early Bird Bible Study**

Early Bird will not meet on Tuesday 7 March.

Early bird will reconvene on Tuesday 14 March and continue the discussion of Forgiveness. The topic this week will be Forgiveness: Family Feud (Part 1). The story of Jacob and Esau can be found in Genesis 25-33. We will explore the struggles between these brothers that began in their mother's womb and extended into adulthood. It is a story replete with trickery, deceit, favoritism and finally reconciliation and forgiveness. Plan to join the discussion as we learn more of what is required to forgive and be reconciled.

Early Bird meets at ten o'clock via Zoom. See the worship email for the link.

***SAVE THE DATE!***  
**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!**

**FOR CHILDREN AGES 4 - 12**

**AUGUST 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> from 9 - noon**

Our theme for VBS this summer is "Under Construction". We will learn about Habitat for Humanity and the way God helps us to Share, Care, Learn, Worship, and Celebrate!



***WATCH FOR UPCOMING INFORMATION!***

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**Parishioners' Art Wall**



The pieces on this wall are on loan from our Church Family Members.

Items will be displayed for a few months and then rotate out. We invite you to share your photography, drawings, paintings, mosaic, or fabric arts that are meaningful to you and welcoming to all.

Please, include your name, phone number and e-mail address with the piece.

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**2023 Flower Chart**

The Flower Chart for 2023 is up on the wall in the hallway. Please sign up for flowers throughout the year. Please fill in your dates on the chart or let Betsy know. The price now is \$40.

**Church Office hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10am-12pm. Betsy will be in the office on those days and available by phone at other times.**