

# THE REPORTER

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## **RAMBLINGS FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

Time is truly moving. This being my second pastors writing in the monthly newsletter leads us into the season of Lent.

So my Friends.....WELCOME TO LENT. NO KIDDING.

I do jest with you, but for many Christians Lent is not a welcoming experience. This is because for them they have been told and live a life of self-denial during this season. For them the season is about the self-denial of things, on giving up that which they love in their daily routines. I have a good friend who lives this way and every Lenten season he gives us his five cups of coffee per day habit. He is no fun come week two of Lent. So why would he say welcome to Lent? He pulls himself through each year because of his deep commitment to his creator and the life he leads by following Christ.

Yet, there is another view to this whole welcome to Lent thing. Lent is a time of preparation to celebrate the Resurrection and what that means to our faith and faith journey. Think of this. When we PREPARE we take time to consider or arrange the journey. The reasons why within us we choose to follow Christ. When we are going to prepare to celebrate and have a party in our homes what are the steps we take. We consider and arrange. We plan the food and its order of serving. We plan decorations and plate settings. We even consider who to invite. On top of this we prepare our homes for our guests. I know that preparing is never as fun as the celebrating, but without the preparing the celebrating would not be as fun.

Lent then is our time as individuals and as a congregation to plan and consider this Ester party. This journey and what the Easter events play in it and our daily lives. Lent is our spiritual housecleaning, a time to dust off our faith, shine up our individual commitment to the body of Christ, and to lay in a supply of thanks and decorate our lives with the joy of the Christian life. Then when Easter comes we know what the celebration is truly about.

Here at Penbrook, our Lenten journey begins on Ash Wednesday (March 6<sup>th</sup>) at 7:00p.m. Each Sunday we will be joining Jesus as he walks to Jerusalem. We will join him and the Disciples in the upper room on Maundy Thursday (April 18<sup>th</sup>.) with a 7:00p.m service in the ASSR. On Good Friday (April 19<sup>th</sup>.) we will be in the sanctuary for a 7:00p.m service. Then when our Lent journey ends we can join together on Easter morning to celebrate not only a resurrected Christ, but a new and deeper understanding of our journey. Please plan to worship with us during this journey time.

Welcome to Lent! NO KIDDING!

Peace and Love  
Pastor Brian

### **NEXT COMMUNION**

We will have the pleasure of celebrating Communion at Penbrook Church on the first Sunday of the Month, March 3, the Last Sunday after Epiphany. Please plan to join your brothers and sisters in Christ at the Lord's Table on this occasion.

### **MISSION SUNDAY**

Our third Sunday second-mile offering will be for One Great Hour of Sharing - UCC

### **LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MARCH**

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| 3-3-19  | Exodus 34:29-35<br>2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2<br>Luke 9:28-36 |
| 3-6-19  | Job 2:1-10<br>Mark 8:31-37                                |
| 3-10-19 | Deut 26:1-11<br>Romans 10:8b-13<br>Luke 4:1-13            |
| 3-17-19 | Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18<br>Phil 3:17-4:1<br>Luke 13:31-35  |
| 3-24-19 | Isa 55:1-9<br>1 Cor 10:1-13<br>Luke 13:1-9                |
| 3-31-19 | Josh 5:9-12<br>2 Cor 5:16-21<br>Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32       |

## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

Daylight savings times begins on March 10, 2019. Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup> before bedtime!

## OUR SYMPATHY

To David Salapla and family on the death of his mother, Joyce Hershock, on January 23, 2019.

To the family of Carol Murray, who died Monday February 16, 2019.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Eleanor Seaman (Diane's mom), Elinor Dunnewold, Cindy Mikesell, Luce Heiss, Ken Stauffer, Ethan Dixon (Rev. Karin), Nancy Heckler and her son, Frank Bomgardner, Diane Weinhold's Aunt Martha, Tammy Brehm and her family, the family of Mya Reyes, Luke Ansel's father, Kristopher Weinhold. Lorna Owens' brother, and Beverly Tridenti, Jen Schick and William Leonard (Ann Bailey), Teresa McDaniel (Linda Houseal), Richard Bisking (Kim Evanoff), Kim Evanoff's mother, Arlene. Harvey Bailey's brother, Donald Carpenter, Hasnija Bajric. The family of Carol Murray.

## SCHEDULE FOR LENT AND HOLY WEEK

**Ash Wednesday**      March 6, 2019      7:00 pm

This will be a brief service that will include the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion.

**Palm Sunday**      April 14, 2019      10:30 am

Breakfast at 9:00 am (ASSR)

Worship will open with a procession of palms.

**Maundy Thursday**      April 21, 2019      7:00 pm (ASSR)

Service details to be announced.

**Good Friday**      April 19, 2019      7:00 pm

Service details to be announced.

**Easter Sunday**      April 21, 2019      10:30 am

A joyous celebration of the resurrection!

## **MANNA FOOD PANTRY**

A Ministry Partnership between Penbrook United Church of Christ  
& Penbrook Church of God

Manna really need someone to help coordinate Manna. Talk to Gail Mahoney, she can tell you everything that needs done by the coordinator, and it is a learn as you go job. You will be working with some great people who are more than willing to lend you a hand.

We need help to pay for an air conditioner for the storage room. If anyone can help with the cost (about \$3,600.00) that would really be great. We have to get the temp down in the storage room before the weather gets warm. The freezer must be at a certain temp and if they go above that we would be in violation of the Food Bank's policies. If you are able to donate anything, please make the check out to Manna Food Pantry and put air conditioner in the memo area.

God Bless you and thank you for all you do for Manna.

## **THANK YOU**

To all who helped with the CMC Building cleanout work day on February 16th

## **COME ONE, COME ALL TO MARDI GRAS!**

This year's pre- Lenten festival will be held Saturday evening, March 2 from 6:00 to 8:00 in Fellowship Hall. Bring party food to share and ONE ITEM PER PERSON for the PUCC Auction. Homemade items, particularly those that are baked, crocheted, photographed or made on a potter's wheel are sought after, as well as gently used items you no longer need in your home. Each one in attendance will be given \$1000 PUCC BUCKS for bidding. There will also be Mardi Gras music, a Cake Walk in the Dark, a King's Cake and lots of balloons.

We hope to see you there!

## **BIBLE STUDY GROUP**

Bible Study Group Meets at 9:15 most Sunday mornings in the Ross Room. We are currently studying "The Way of Scripture", billed as a small group experience in spiritual formation. Using different forms of reading Scripture, "Silentio, Lectio, Meditatio, Oratio, Contemplatio and Incarnatio", we discuss scripture content and its meaning in our lives. You can drop in any time. We do not meet on the third Sunday of the month because of bell choir rehearsal. For more information, contact Becky Boone.

**THANK YOU FROM ANN VAN DYKE**

Dear Penbrook UCC Friends,

Many thanks for hosting the fund raiser for the Hasnija family on February 10<sup>th</sup>. We were able to raise over \$1,200 to help with Mrs. Hasnija's chemo costs.

Thank you for your open door!

Blessings,  
Ann Marie Van Dyke

**THANK YOU FROM THE PENBROOK SCHOOL REUNION COMMITTEE**

FEB 5, 2019

THE ENCLOSED CHECK IS A DONATION TO BE USED FOR MAINTENANCE OR UPKEEP OF THE PENBROOK SCHOOL BUILDING. WE APPRECIATED YOUR CO-OPERATION IN ALLOWING THE PENBROOK SCHOOL REUNION COMMITTEE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE TOURS OF OUR OLD SCHOOL. IT WAS A BIG SUCCESS!! THANK YOU AND THE

LADY FROM YOUR CHURCH WENT OVER ABOVE TO GIVE US ALL OF THE BUILDING BACKGROUND. PLEASE TELL HER HOW MUCH WE APPRECIATED HER HELP!!

THANKS AGAIN AND MAY GOD BLESS YOUR CHURCH

SINCERELY,

Karen Mummert - TREASURER PEN SCHOOL REUNION



## **World Day of Prayer - Friday, March 15, 2019**

Colonial Park United Church of Christ  
5000 Devonshire Road - Harrisburg  
Time- 6:30 p.m.



# Eighth Annual Freedom Seder

Tuesday, April 9, 2019  
7:00 p.m.



## *Welcoming the Stranger*

Beth El Temple, the Interdenominational Ministers Conference (IMC), the Pennsylvania Council of Churches, Market Square Presbyterian Church, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community and the Cathedral Parish of St. Joseph will sponsor a community-wide

**Freedom Seder** to celebrate Passover, the Festival of Freedom.

*Freedom songs will be led by the IMC Citywide Revival Choir.*

*This special community event will celebrate the journey from slavery to freedom. Speakers will discuss the current political debate about "Welcoming the Stranger" from the teachings of the Torah, the Gospels, and the Koran on this topic.*

**All are welcome to attend on April 9th!**  
(Advance reservations and payment are required)

Beth El Temple is hosting the program at  
2637 North Front Street (at Wiconisco), Harrisburg, PA 17110

The fee for the Freedom Seder including dinner is \$18.00 per person

**Please register in advance by sending your name, address, e-mail address and check for \$18.00 to:**

Beth El Temple  
2637 North Front Street Harrisburg, PA 17110

**Make checks payable to: Beth El Temple**  
**Put "Freedom Seder" in the memo section**

*For additional information, contact the Beth El Temple office at 717-232-0556 or Michael Sand, Freedom Seder Chair at 717-238-5558*

**HOUSE BOUND**

- **Walda Ansel**, Church of God Home, Personal Care Unit, Rm 223, 801 N Hanover St, Carlisle, PA 17013
- **Marge Lippert**, 1020 N. Union Street, Room 135A, Frey Village, Middletown, PA, 17057
- **Bill Oberholtzer**, 45 Conestoga Drive, Lititz, PA, 17543, Phone #(717) 581-3372
- **Mary Sherk**, 4700 Oakhurst Blvd., Apt 202, Kindered Place. Harrisburg, PA 17110
- **Peggy Stellfox**, Room 226, Frey Village, 1020 N. Union St. Middletown, PA 17057
- **Jeannetta (Jeannie) Wagner**, Frey Village, Phoenix Unit, Room 220, 1020 North Union Street, Middletown, PA 17057

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**



We would like to extend a very happy birthday to everyone celebrating in March.

Luciele Heiss	2 March
Nancy Heckler	4 March
Isaac Salapa	5 March
Elaine Lane	10 March
Wayne (Skip) Unger	21 March
Michele Einig	22 March

Note: A complete list by Month is in the Church Directory.

**PUCC WORSHIP FOR MARCH 2019**

<b>Communion Sunday 3/2/2019</b>	<b>Liturgist:</b> Ann Bailey <b>Greeter:</b> Lorna Owens <b>Acolyte:</b> <b>Children's Time:</b> <b>Head Usher:</b> Dana Morgan
<b>Sunday 3/10/2019</b>	<b>Liturgist:</b> <b>Greeter:</b> <b>Acolyte:</b> <b>Children's Time:</b> <b>Head Usher:</b> Dana Morgan
<b>Sunday 3/17/2019</b>	<b>Liturgist:</b> <b>Greeter:</b> Lorna Owens <b>Acolyte:</b> Ann Bailey <b>Children's Time:</b> <b>Head Usher:</b> Dana Morgan
<b>Sunday 3/24/2019</b>	<b>Liturgist:</b> <b>Greeter:</b> <b>Acolyte:</b> <b>Children's Time:</b> <b>Head Usher:</b> Dana Morgan
<b>Sunday 3/31/2019</b>	<b>Liturgist:</b> <b>Greeter:</b> Lorna Owens <b>Acolyte:</b> <b>Children's Time:</b> <b>Head Usher:</b> Dana Morgan



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
BNE = Bhutanese Nepali Evangelical Church NA = Narcotics Anonymous	(ASSR) = Adult Bible Study Room (DSS) = Downstairs Bible Study Rooms	(FH) = Fellowship Hall (RR) = Ross Room	(OC) = Off Campus (TBD) = To Be Determined			
COMMUNION 3 9:15 am: Bible Study 9:15 am: Men's Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am: BNE Church (FH) 10:30 am: Worship 6:15 pm: A-pealing Too 7:00 pm: A-pealing Praise	6:00 pm: River City Singers (ASSR)	10:30 am: Manna Bread Delivery 8:00 pm: Celebrating Families (DDS) 7:00 pm: Meditation (RR) 7:00 pm: Manna Board (ASSR))	ASH WEDNESDAY 7:00 pm: Worship 7:00 pm: NA (FH)	9:30 am: Manna Preparation 6:00 pm: Manna Food Pantry (FH) 7:15 pm: Chancel and Women's Choir Rehearsal	WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 9:30 am: Manna Preparation	9:00 am: BNE (FH) 6:00 pm: Mardi Gras (ASSR)
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## FACTS AND FIGURES

### JANUARY 2019

General Fund	January	YTD
Offering Envelopes	\$9,758.00	\$9,758.00
Budgeted Amount	\$9,616.00	\$9,616.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$142.00	\$142.00

### January Mission:

Members Assistance Fund (Deposited Directly into Fund)	\$475.00
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### MEMBERS ASSISTANCE FUND

### SECOND CENTURY BRICKS

Donna Bauserman donated a 2<sup>nd</sup> Century Brick in memory of Beverly Mesloh

### MEMORIAL BRICK FUND

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Joan Simmons, George Long and Brian Johnson made donations to the Memorial Fund in memory of Joyce Hershock.

A donation was given to the Bell Choir in memory of Joyce Hershock.

### MUSIC MINISTRY SELECTIONS...

Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing - PUCC  
Chancel Choir Feb. 10, 2019  
<https://youtu.be/XtFhMiua8EI>

O God, Our Help in Ages Past - PUCC A-pealing  
Too Feb. 17, 2019  
<https://youtu.be/MwaRdiZp9w0>

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms - PUCC A-pealing  
Praise Feb. 17, 2019  
<https://youtu.be/B41n9syk2vs>

Loving God, Loving People - PUCC Chancel Choir -  
Feb 24, 2019

<https://youtu.be/grdyMgLLnSE>

## STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Minister: Rev. Brian Damrow  
Music Director: Brian Johnson  
Organist: Rita Oberman  
Bell Choir Director: Ruth Dunnewold  
Office Staff: George Long and Sharon Bosworth  
Manna Food Pantry Director:  
Web Administrator: George Long

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS AND CONTACT

8:30am to 12:30pm Tuesday, Thursday & Friday  
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### APRIL NEWSLETTER

Articles for the March Reporter are due to the church office by **MARCH 25**. Please keep this in mind when submitting articles that are date sensitive. Thank you for your cooperation. Articles should be e-mailed to: [office@penbrookucc.org](mailto:office@penbrookucc.org)

### MEMBER ASSISTANCE FUND

The Church maintains a fund for members and friends of the congregation who need temporary financial assistance. There are basic needs for gas and food. If you have a need for this kind of assistance, we encourage you to talk to Sarah Kempf, phone and email are in directory. The fund is getting low again, so please continue to give to this important fund.

### ALTAR COMMITTEE

The altar committee needs more people to join us, (Men or Women). Please call the Church office and leave your name and phone number and I will get in touch with you. Thank you, Linda Grier.

### INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

Cancelled Worship services and Manna Food Pantry closings caused by inclement weather will be announced on ABC-27, CBS-21, and the Church website.

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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

The Penbrook United Church of Christ is an accepting, caring, and nurturing community gathering to worship God and welcoming all persons in their journey on the spiritual path.

As faithful stewards, we follow the model of Jesus Christ through loving service to the local community and to the larger world.

We strive in all aspects of our life as a congregation to be a people of courage and a people of peace.