

Announcements for the Third Sunday in Lent – March 8th, 2015

Welcome to your church; **Communion** uses a common cup for wine and wheat wafers. You can take the wafer only if you prefer, or “intinct” the wafer into the wine. Non-gluten wafers... check with clergy at the rail; Coffee Hours, 8 a.m. Rich & Judy; 10:15 Turquoise Team; ***Coffee Hour is a great way to meet fellow parishioners.***

Church School – Church School and Nursery. We continue our Lenten Season Heifer Program today. **Amy and Nicole** ccchurchschoolpomfret@gmail.com

Communion Class for 2nd-3rd graders (with an adult) who are about to be or are already baptized is scheduled for Saturday March 28th (so far we’ve heard from Rigney and Landis families), 10 a.m. in the Great Hall

Got Lenten Study? – We are doing ***Living Islam*** a Study using Krista Tippett’s “On Being” radio broadcast series. It’s not too late to join in. We are meeting at the Carters, next door, at 7:00 p.m. for three Wednesdays (March 11, 18 and 25, option to continue to April 1st). Each session includes 5 short listening events with discussion starters, an hour to 90 minutes all told. No materials needed. Come for all, some, one.

Special Mission Fund – has been established to fund members participating in Medical/Construction or other Development projects. There have been 3 on-line conversations: 1) Having a one day/morning/evening “meal packaging” event for Stop Hunger Now; 2) Doing a Habitat weekend or week “locally” (something to drive to); 3) joining an 8 day trip with PID (Partners in Development) who work in Haiti, Guatemala & Mississippi. ***Speak with Nicole Nichols (#1), with Kirsten Rigney (#2) or Mitzi Davis (#3) or Dave*** during Coffee to continue a conversation on being part of this or something else (conversation all month). Our intention is to begin scheduling in a month or two.

Teen Program: Thanks for all your support for the ***Corned Beef Supper*** and special thanks to Joanne Fagan for her leadership; Rite-13 (grades 7-8), J2A (9-10) and YAC (11 grade+). Coordinator: Dee Dee Markes: deedeepa@charter.net; 860-963-1245

Visions and Ventures/Stewardship – We are still very much encouraging pledge returns. Your pledge is the way we fund our program for the year. There is no other way! Thanks in advance. We have a robust program for Online Giving/Donating and Pledging through Easytith (see “Buttons” at the website and in the Reminder). Your Envelopes are being rolled out week by week; “Generic” donation envelopes in back as well.

Worship Notes: 8 & 10:15 through the balance of the month. Contemporary Worship on March 22nd; Palm Sunday is March 29th and will also be our Church School Heifer Fair!

House-keeping:

Courier Deadline for April is March 23rd; *We will mail out first class to those who request it.* Our **Thursday Reminder** is a key email update (which includes the Courier). ***Do we have your email or snail-mail address?*** Update or renew, see the form on the music stand **or email** (address below).

Directories... there are *usually* directories of the parish in the basket to the left just inside the office!

CSO – Community Kitchen on March 23rd will be at the Hill Church (1st Cong.) in Woodstock. See Pauline Phillips, Supervisor.

We collect durable foods here weekly for ACCESS (Church School offering).

Library-- Got ideas? sraarch7569@gmail.com Kristen Archambault

Master Flower Schedule is posted outside the office. You can sign up right there! Office: 860-928-7026.

Inreach – *There are a few new casseroles* in our chest freezer for any in need.

Parish Life – Coffee Hour Teams – See the Bulletin Board outside the Library.

Pastoral Call Emergencies should be directed to office (860-928-7026) or Fr. Dave’s cell phone: 860-608-7632. Or if you need to call in prayer concerns to the **Prayer Chain** call the office: 860-928-7026

Prayer Shawls – Blessed shawls on the back table of the church (please write in who is receiving the gift in the shawl journal). More in the hallway closet by the offices: Rebecca Patenaude: patenaude.rebecca@gmail.com.

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