

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS:

Emergency Prayer Chain: Josephine Pedrick (299-3229) & Evelyn Shiffer (299-4874)

- Service Personnel— Isaac Hernandez, Sue Springsteen, Kyle Hennessey, Michael Kacer, Melissa Smith, Brad Hyatt, Mark Lindle, Tammy Hunt, Micah Warren, Sam Baker, Kyle Frankenfield, Frank Servais V, Matthew Suiters, Arturo Hernandez-Cruz
 - Lois Nipe-Merion Gardens 1021, Frieda Bennett, Lindsay Place, Rm. 133
- Missionary of the Week— Dr. E. Velayutham (Velu) (Glad Tidings India)

K.C. Biermann
 Jessie Kite
 Bill Goss—MS
 Mary Ann Culletto
 Helen & Bill Keating
 Jonathan Rizzo
 Charles Jackson
 Meghan Cox-migraines
 David Warren
 Jo Pedrick
 Pat Heppel
 Matt Westcott –addiction
 Helen Tunstill
 Christopher Sandone
 Patty Jitima
 Ruth Jordan
 Jim Ludlam
 Luis Santiago
 Brian Smith—missionary
 Jacelyn Rudderow
 Gretchen Biermann
 Tom Strong
 Brent Hathaway
 Martha Dennis
 Susan Ewen—heart
 Family of Hope Wheatley Ward
 Bishoff Family-grief
 Greyson Peck
 Naomi Trostel
 Family of Nicki Nolan
 Kelly McIlvaine
 Kathy McDonald

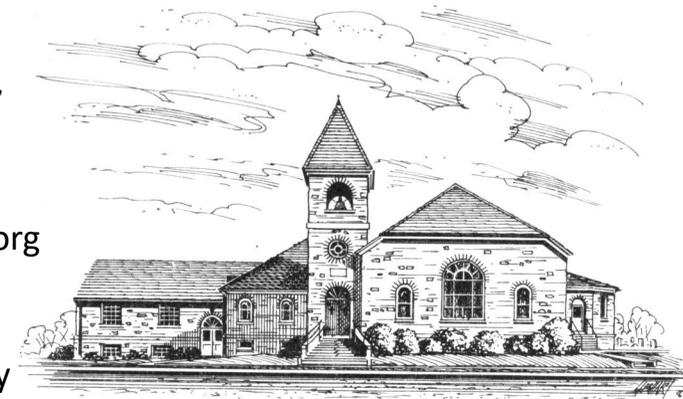
Angela Gattuso
 Brian McFarland & Family
 Elizabeth Darlington
 Nikki-Addiction
 Bill Doughten
 Mike Seders-MS
 Kathie Garofolo
 Eric Jacobson
 Jay Ehrlich
 Michele Unger
 Bill Dennis
 Carol Blithe
 Harry Moore
 Katie Ferrell
 Joseph Smathers
 Joseph Clemente
 Danny Whiteman
 Dick Dennis
 Barbara Baber
 Alma Lawson
 Susan Walker
 Carter Hostetter
 Family of Sarah Cline
 Joseph-speech
 Family of Lee Roy Hyatt, Jr.
 Puerto Rico
 Nancy Hocknell
 Kelly McIlvaine
 Family of Louise Panarello
 Family of Thelma Griffin
 Maribeth Glynn
 Family of Mid Doughten
 Family of Dolly Newhart

Cancer:
 Jack Mulligan
 Kevin Jordan
 Carol McFarland
 Dawn Asher
 Karl Biermann
 Donald Shiffer
 Ed Ryan
 Joe Curiale
 Linda Stearley
 Tom Freeman
 Jesse Barreras
 Deanna Sakaguchi
 Gina Grasso
 David Smith
 Nancy Hicks
 Bernie Lodge
 Anita Delvechio
 Barbara McBride
 Patty Kosky
 James Boyer—Leukemia
 Maggie
 Matt Schaeffer
 John Harvey
 Barb Snyder
 Len
 Rev. Kevin Lowe
 Duff Wheeler
 Matthew Bunsu
 Andy Cook
 Bo Griever
 Sarah Scala



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Church Office Hours:
 Tuesday through Friday
 9 a.m.—12 noon

Our Mission... "to birth and develop mature disciples of Jesus Christ who are characterized by faith, hope and love."

Our Sunday Schedule:
 9:45 a.m.—Worship Service
 11:15 a.m.—Sunday School

Pastor:
 Merrit Marsango
 (609) 364-3690

**Communion Sunday/First Sunday In Lent
March 1, 2020**

Prelude		
Worship Leader		Pastor Marsango
Welcome and Announcements		
Prayer of Dedication		
Call to Worship		
*Hymn:	“Holy, Holy, Holy”	#2
Invocation, Lord’s Prayer (sins), Gloria Patri		#620
*Praise Songs:	“Shout to the Lord”	#33
Prayers of the People		
Scripture Reading	Psalm 95:1-7a	Marion Crawford
Children’s Sermon		Marion Crawford

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Children ages 4-9 may leave for Junior Church at this time

Sermon:	“Worship and Prayer: A Living Hallelujah”	Pastor Marsango
*Hymn of Preparation:	“Were You There?” (Verses 1-3)	#266
The Lord’s Supper		
The Bread		
The Cup		
*Closing Hymn:	“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”	#138
Benediction		
Postlude		

If you need prayer or encouragement, please come down front after the service and speak with a member of the Pastoral Care Team.

Ministers: Every Member (Ephesians 4:12-16)

Staff:
 Pastor.....Merrit Marsango
 Minister of Music.....Brian Heintzelman
 Custodian.....Warren Shiffer
 Church Secretary.....Michele Wallin

TODAY AT CHURCH:

8:30 AM	— Morning Prayer
9:45 AM	— Worship
11:15 AM	— Sunday School
12:00 AM	— Mission Team Meeting
7:00 PM	— Discipleship Group

THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 3/3	- Pastor’s Discipleship Group	10:00 AM
	- Marion’s Discipleship Group	10:00 AM
	- Stewardship Team Meeting	7:00 PM
Wednesday 3/4	- Prayer Group	8:30 AM
	- Esther’s Discipleship Group	10:00 AM
	- Lenten Supper	6:00 PM
Thursday 3/5	- Youth Group	6:00 PM
	- Joyful Noise Choir	7:00 PM
	- Senior Choir	7:30 PM

LOOKING AHEAD:

Sunday 3/8	- Discipleship Group	7:00 PM
Tuesday 3/10	- Pastor’s Discipleship Group	10:00 AM
	- Marion’s Discipleship Group	10:00 AM
	- Child/Youth Team Meeting	7:00 PM
	- Worship Team	7:30 PM
Wednesday 3/11	- Prayer Group	8:30 AM
	- Esther’s Discipleship Group	10:00 AM
	- Lenten Supper	6:00 PM
Thursday 3/12	- Youth Group	6:00 PM
	- Joyful Noise Choir	7:00 PM
	- Senior Choir	7:30 PM

Stewardship Report:

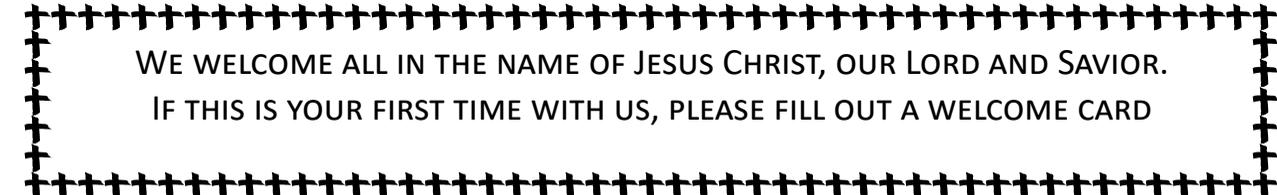
	<u>Last Week (2/23/20)</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Mission Fund as of 2/23/20:</u>
Tithes Received:	\$4,725.00	\$23,205.06	Revenue: \$8,920.00
Budget Needed:	\$3,010.00	\$24,080.00	Expenditures: \$9,343.90
Difference +/-:	+\$1,715.00	-\$874.94	

Worship Attendance for 2/23/20: (80)

America for Christ Offering as of 2/23: \$600 Goal: \$2500



Your Greeter This Morning: Stephanie Perry



+ If, during the worship service, you have been touched by the Holy Spirit and would like to accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, please come forward after the service and speak to the Pastor or one of the Pastoral Care Team members.

Sermon Series: During Lent Pastor Merrit will preach a series based on the book: “The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life”, by Adam Hamilton.

The topics are:

March 1: Worship and Prayer: A Living Hallelujah

March 8: Study: The Importance of Listening and Paying Attention

March 15: Serve: Here I Am, Lord Send Me

March 29: Give: Where Your Treasure Is ...

April 5: Share: Going Fishing, Reflecting Light



Be Transformed! On Sunday, **March 22nd** The drama ministry Transformed, from Eastern University, will minister to us during the sermon time. “Transformed exists to glorify God through the dramatic presentation of the Gospel; committed to God, each other, the audience, and their love for theater as a way of sharing God’s truth.” Invite some friends to experience this ministry!

Lenten Suppers will once again be held on Wednesday evenings beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 26th at Union Presbyterian Church in Carneys Point. We begin with a meal at 6pm and meet for a lesson from 7-7:30pm. The series concludes on April 1st. Please sign up on the bulletin board to bring a soup or dessert.



Call to Worship

Leader: Happy are the people whose God is the Lord

People: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised

Leader: Every day I will bless you, Loving God, and praise your name forever and ever

People: We worship the God who has conquered sin and death, who is raised to eternal life, and who claims us each one as brothers and sisters with our Lord, Jesus Christ



Kids Corner @ fbcpedricktown

Children are a gift from God! We are excited you are here and hope you feel comfortable and enjoy worship this morning. Don't worry if "joyful noises" occur during service, we believe children's voices are the sound of new life in church. J

During the service:

Families are welcome to use our children's room for infants and toddlers at any time during service. The room is equipped with toys and an intercom where you can listen to the worship service. Location: once downstairs, go left, the room is straight ahead.

After the Children's Message, children ages 4-9 may go downstairs for Jr. Church. Our volunteers will share a message, play a game or do crafts with the kids. Snacks are usually offered so please let us know of any allergies or restrictions for your child(ren). Location: once downstairs, go right, then left, it's the second classroom on the left.

Today's Jr. Church Volunteer: Lisa & Joel Rudderow
Next Week: Jaclyn Minguez

After the service:

We hope you'll plan to stay for Sunday School following service (11:15am – 12:00pm). We have an elementary class (K-5th grade) and Jr/Sr High class (6-12th grade).

During the week:

On Thursday nights, we have Youth Group and Kids Choir for elementary and middle school students. Youth Group runs from 6-7pm and Kids Choir is from 7-7:30pm.

SAVE THE DATE – The C&Y team are planning a Lock In for **Saturday March 21st**. The event starts at 2pm and goes overnight for Jr/Sr. High youth. More details to come! Contact any member of the team if you have any questions.

Church Cancellation due to Weather

If the National Weather Service has issued a weather warning, such as a winter storm warning, that is in effect during a scheduled service, that service may be cancelled. Notice of cancellation will be posted on the church website (www.fbcpedricktown.org) and the FBC Pedricktown Facebook page by 8:00 AM or as soon as possible. In addition, a recorded message concerning the cancellation of a service may be accessed by telephoning the church at (856)299-2123. If you would like to be notified by phone concerning the cancellation of a service, please contact the church office at (856)299-2123 and your name will be added to the "Please Call" list.

Notice!

There will be a Church Business meeting following the Morning Worship service on **Sunday, March 15th**. This meeting is for the purpose of considering the Church Bylaws changes as posted in the foyer. There will also be an election of the Pastoral Search Committee members, which is also posted for your information. Please pray for this meeting and plan to attend to help us make some important decisions.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Saturday, March 21, 2020 9:00 AM

Talk of the Towne Restaurant

Come and Join in on the Christian Fellowship and Bring a Friend!!

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, April 4th for a retirement dinner honoring Pastor Merrit. The evening will begin at 6 PM with dinner being catered by Lapp's. **Tickets will be available for purchase (cost \$12 per person) in the narthex through March 15th. This**

will be the absolute last day to purchase tickets. A monetary retirement and thank you gift will also be collected and presented Pastor Merrit during that evening. All monies will be collected by Tina Nipe. Come help us celebrate the many years of service that Pastor Merrit and Dede have given to this congregation!



What is Lent? The word "Lent" comes from the Old English word "lengthen," which simply means "spring," when the days lengthen and new life springs forth. It is a time when we anticipate the victory of the light and life of Christ over the darkness of sin and death. It is, to borrow a phrase from C.S. Lewis, a season of a kind of "happiness and wonder that makes you serious."

Lent is traditionally observed in the church calendar during the 40 days prior to Easter. It is a season of joyful repentance. It is joyful, because the goal of repentance is to bring renewal to our lives. It is a time of remembering that we are weak, unable to change ourselves, and dependent on God for transformation. The season culminates with the week of Christ's passion and death on the cross, where we see that nothing less than Jesus' sacrificial death is required to heal us and make us new. (Reprinted from *A Journey Through Lent: Reflection on Christ's Sacrifice for Us*, 2016, Redeemer Presbyterian Church).