



The Announcer

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Our Vision is to be the church that displays the love of Christ and connects with people of all walks of life through our ministry, creative services, discipleship and outreach.

Our Mission is to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ and share God's love with others.

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Lectionary Readings

February 7, 2016 [White]

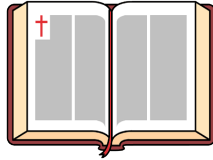
Transfiguration Sunday

Exodus 34:29-35

Psalm 99 (UMH 819)

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)



February 21, 2016 [Purple]

2nd Sunday in Lent

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Psalm 27 (UMH 758)

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Luke 13:31-35

February 14, 2016 [Purple]

1st Sunday in Lent

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 (UMH 810)

Romans 10:8b-13

Luke 4:1-13

February 28, 2016 [Purple]

3rd Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 55:1-9

Psalm 63:1-8 (UMH 788)

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Luke 13:1-9

February 2016 Liturgists & Scripture Readers

(Tentative Schedule)

February 7, 2016

Marilynn Ziegler and Marian Giangiulio

February 14, 2016

Charles Adjekpiyede and Erica Adjekpiyede

February 21, 2016

Kermit Fitzgerald and Michelle Leddy

February 28, 2016

Lygea Madison and Jessie Mallory

Fellowship Hour

Fellowship Hour is the first Sunday of each month. Below is a schedule. Please arrive before worship to set up, provide simple snacks and clean up after fellowship time.

February 7, 2016

March 6, 2016

April 3, 2016

Staff

Chancel Choir

Trustees

May 1, 2016

June 5, 2016

July 2016

Looking for Volunteers

Looking for Volunteers

Fellowship Hour on Vacation



February Birthdays



08 Simon Davner
16 Thelma Smee
21 Ginny Williamson
22 Diane Royer

February 7, 2016

Please plan to attend a Congregational Meeting immediately after church.



New Member's Class Schedule

(Class meets in Fellowship Area immediately following Worship. It's not too late to participate!0)

February 14, 2016	Session Three: Theology & Beliefs
February 28, 2016	Session Four: Organization & Governance
March 13, 2016	Session Five: Present and Future Challenges
March 27, 2016	Easter Sunday: Welcoming of New Members



WHY GO TO CHURCH?

(From a blog by Pastor John Thompson of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Russell, KS)

A church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for thirty years now," he wrote "and in that time I have heard something like three thousand sermons; but for the life of me I can't remember a single one of them. I think I'm wasting my time, and the preachers and priests are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all." This started a real controversy in the 'Letters to the Editor' column. Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for thirty years now. In that time my wife has cooked some twelve thousand meals; but for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this...they all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment I would be spiritually dead today!" When you are DOWN to nothing, God is UP to something!

Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible!



Bulletin Info

All information for the Sunday Bulletin should be sent to: deertaylor5@gmail.com (610-324-4088 or 610-326-3398)



Lenten Study Group

Do you want to know more about God's Grace? Embark on a learning experience during Lent. Join us for a Lenten Brown Bag Lunch Study. It will take place on 2/7, 2/21, 3/6, and 3/20 in the Fellowship area immediately following morning worship. We will be using Max Lucado's book, "Grace: More Than We Deserve, Greater Than We Imagine" to guide our study. Max Lucado is a best-selling author and the preacher at Oak Hills Church in San Antonio, Texas. Lucado has written almost 100 books with 80 million copies in print.

See Marilyn Ziegler for more information.

SAVE THE DATES: 2/7, 2/21, 3/6, AND 3/20



ABOUT THE SPOTLIGHT

There have been a few inquiries over the past few months regarding when the Spotlight articles would return. At first I reviewed our phone directory as a source for individuals who had not been approached. It was something I enjoyed writing as much as you seemed to enjoy reading it. It was a great way to get to know each other better. However, in the back of my mind was the nagging thought that the internet was no longer as benign as it had seemed to be in past years and the Spotlight did include quite a bit of personal information. Rather than innocently subjecting someone to the possibility of unwanted attention from unknown sources, the better course of action seems to be to turn THE SPOTLIGHT off! If anyone has an idea, or ideas, for a less intrusive sharing of one's life and/or activities....*Please do not hesitate to suggest it!*



Forteniters Dinner

Every year beginning in 1980, Asbury has volunteered to serve dinner once a year to the members of the Forteniters Club. The date for this year's dinner was Thursday, January 7, 2016. Seventeen volunteers from Asbury served a delicious full-course roast beef dinner. The meal was expertly prepared by John and Linda Keenan. Once again Tony Maddonni entertained with his band "The Music Men". Everyone enjoyed listening to their music and several enjoyed dancing! The Forteniters and volunteers enjoyed a tremendous variety of desserts, thanks to the Asbury congregation.

Many thanks to all of our Asbury family who could not attend but contributed the desserts and the containers for leftovers. Also, thanks to those who were able to attend- "many hands make light work".
Special thanks to Linda and John for all of their hard work in making this community outreach a success!



The Palace Project

On Sunday, January 17, Laura Smith and Gwen Didden, Directors of Palace Project, came to share memories of their recent trip to the Heart of Compassion Orphanage in Tenali, India.



Laura Smith and Gwen Didden

They delivered the bags that choir members and others had filled for the 38 children living in the orphanage. The kids were thrilled with their gifts, especially the Asbury cups. The children described the gifts as being from the "Uncle's Church". (Remember that Laura and Gwen are Tedd's nieces.)

Laura and Gwen were pleased to see that the new home of the orphanage had much improved conditions although still too small.

They also visited The Hearts of Compassion Old Age Home which cares for widows. While there they prayed with and for the women.

The best news is that they found five acres of land for sale. The property was formerly a rice field: with water and electricity on site. Hopefully, this will be the future home of "Kingdom Harvest Acres- The Lynn Didden Children's Home". Available property is almost non-existent and especially hard for Christians to obtain- as they are considered as the lowest caste.

Laura and Gwen request that Asbury pray for the orphans, widows and for the successful purchase of the land.



Contact The Palace Project at:
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www.palaceproject.org



Women's Group Meeting

The Women's Group will meet at 12:30 pm on February 3, 2016 in the annex- weather permitting!
Please bring your usual brown bag lunch and an open mind.



You Tell On Yourself

You tell on yourself by the friends you seek,
By the very manner in which you speak.
By the way you employ your leisure time,
By the use you make of the dollar and dime:
You tell what you are by the clothes you wear,
By the spirit in which your burdens you bear,
By the kind of things at which you laugh,
By the records you play on the phonograph.
You tell what you are by the way you walk,
By the things of which you delight to talk.
The manner in which you bear defeat,
And by so simple a thing as how you eat.
From the books you choose from the well-filled shelf;
In these ways, and more, you tell on yourself

Author Unknown

VALENTINE'S DAY TRIVIA

- Celebration of St. Valentine's Day began in the time of the Roman Empire.
- In 2002 it was estimated that Americans sent 900 million Valentine cards each year.
- The king of hearts is the only king in a deck of cards without a moustache.



The 2016 Tools for Ministry

Registration is now online!

Date: March 5, 2016

Location: Cedarville UMC, 1092 Laurelwood Road,
Pottstown, PA

Registration Fee: \$10.00

Register Here: <https://goo.gl/JyUwW0>

Registration Deadline: February 22, 2016

For More Information & the Courses Being Offered

Contact: Deaconess Darlene DiDomineck

(ddidomineck@epaumc.org)

Schedule:

8:00AM	Registration & light breakfast
8:50AM	Devotions & opening music
9:00AM- 9:30AM	Plenary
9:45AM-12:00PM	Workshops



WHO SAID THAT?

“If you once forfeit the confidence of your fellow citizens, you can never regain their respect and esteem. It is true that you may fool all of the people some of the time; you can even fool some of the people all of the time but you cannot fool all of the people all of the time.”

Answer on page 9



It's Showtime!

The Barn Playhouse in Jeffersonville is presenting Andrew Lloyd Weber's Jesus Christ Superstar in late April and early May. I think it would be fun to go to the May 1 matinee at 2 pm. The tickets are \$19 and \$17 for senior citizens. Seating is limited so I would like to order tickets ASAP. Contact Marilyn Ziegler at church or call 610-220-0736 to reserve your place. All other performances are Friday or Saturday at 8 pm.



Salvation Army Food Collection

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to this ongoing project. After blessings by Pastor Carlotta at our Sunday services, the basketfuls are packed up and delivered to the Salvation Army by Ginny Williamson. This is a continuing outreach project organized by our Women's Group, please continue to donate the items on the list. The donation basket is located in the Narthex.



*Keep saving twist off tabs from canned goods, soda cans and pet food cans.
(For the benefit of the Shriners Transportation Program)*

Items Needed

Peanut Butter and Jelly
Cereal- Boxes or Bags
Instant Mashed Potatoes
Boxed Mac and Cheese
Spaghetti Sauce
Boxed Pasta or Rice
Hamburger or Tuna Helper
Pancake Mix and Syrup
Juice
Toilet Paper / Paper Towels
Baby Food and Diapers- all sizes
Napkins
Liquid Laundry Detergent
(Unscented)
Other Toiletry Items

Canned Items

Soups – Tuna – Stews - Fruit



Thank You

God is using Asbury for His special purpose to **SHINE** His light.

SHARE His Love. To **SHAPE** His people.

Asbury is making a **DIFFERENCE** in ways you don't even realize and you're very much **APPRECIATED**.

Thank you Asbury.

Love,

Kora Giampa , Aizen & Zola



Thank You

I would like to thank the congregation for their generosity in the Christmas gift which was given to me. It was very much appreciated. God bless you all.

Tedd Didden



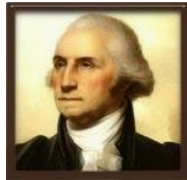
Bible Study

The study group meets in the Annex at 8:30 A.M. Sunday morning. Each Sunday features a consecutive and logical study of the books of the New Testament. The lecture is presented by Bart D. Efram, a professor of theology from the University of North Carolina. Bill Gildea, our facilitator, is knowledgeable and adds interesting insights to each chapter. There are no study materials other than your own Bible which you can read at leisure at home. It is never too late to join the study group.



Committee Meetings

The Trustees meet the second Monday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Annex. Church Council meets the third Monday at 2:00 PM in the Annex. Both committee meetings are open to the congregation, although voting privileges are limited to committee members. If there is something you would like to have addressed that is within the scope of either committee's responsibilities, the meetings provide the best forum for presentation. If there is a change in either schedule an announcement is usually made in church the preceding day.



Important Dates

- February 1st – National Freedom Day
- February 2nd – Groundhog Day
- February 10th – Ash Wednesday
- February 12th – Lincoln's Birthday (traditional)
- February 14th – Valentine's Day
- February 15th – President's Day
- February 22nd – Washington's Birthday (traditional)



Abraham Lincoln said that!

February 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm Cub Scouts	3 12:30 pm Women's Group 7:00 pm Cadettes	4 7:30 pm Cub Scouts	5	6
7 8:30 am Bible Study 10:15 am Worship Lenten Study	8	9 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm Cub Scouts	10 7:00 pm Cadettes	11 7:30 pm Cub Scouts	12	13
14 8:30 am Bible Study 10:15 am Worship NewMembers Class	15 7:00 pm Trustees- Annex	16 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm Cub Scouts	17 7:00 pm Cadettes	18 7:30 pm Cub Scouts	19	20
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The deadline for the next Announcer is February 15, 2016
 If you have something that you would like included in the Announcer, submission is easy.
 Email the item to Florence at copyme124@hotmail.com or to Cynthia at cyntober@aol.com.
 Please include "Announcer" in the subject Line.
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