

# THE mini EPISTLE



FEBRUARY  
2024

## Monthly Highlights

February 4 - **Epiphany 5**-Communion Service (8:30/10:45AM)  
Lunch & Bible Study (12 Noon)

February 9 - Family Game Night (6:30-8:30PM)

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February 11 - **Last Sunday after Epiphany** / Transfiguration  
Praise Service (8:30/10:45AM)  
"SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY"

February 14 - Ash Wednesday Worship (8:30AM/6:30PM)  
Bible Study (10AM)  
**VALENTINE'S DAY**

February 17 - Men's Breakfast (8:30AM)

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February 18 - **Lent 1**-Communion Service (8:30/10:45AM)  
Lunch & Bible Study (12 Noon)

February 21 - 5:30-Soup & Salad / 6:30-Lenten Wed Service

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February 25 - **Lent 2**-Praise Service (8:30/10:45AM)  
\*\*\* CONGREGATIONAL MEETING & Potluck Luncheon (~11:45AM) \*\*\*

February 28 - Bible Study (9:30AM)  
Preschool Family Worship (11AM)  
5:30-Soup & Salad / 6:30-Lenten Wed Service

# Council Actions for January 2024!

- Congregational meeting with potluck afterwards will be held on **February 25<sup>th</sup>** after the late service (approximately 11:45AM).

- New committee assignments:

**Benevolence:** Need Chair; Rep – Dawn Schaeffer

**Capital Improvements & Memorials:** Chair – Karen Brown; Need Rep

**Christian Education:** Chair – Ruthann Kistler; Rep – Alyce Stein

**Communications & Technology:** We need to find interested people for this committee

**Finance:** Treasurer needed! Meets with Stewardship; Member – Lyn Stryker

**Mutual Ministry:** Need Chair; Need Rep

**Outreach:** Chair – Ruthann Kistler; Rep – Pat Gilbert; Members – Dennis Gilbert, Ken Yoxheimer

**Preschool:** Chair – Karen Steiner; Rep – Dawn Schaeffer

**Property:** Chair – Richard Stein; Rep – Ken Yoxheimer; Member – Dennis Gilbert

**Publicity:** Chair – none needed since they meet with Outreach; Rep – Bella Zyskowski; Members – Nancy and Richard Schmidt

**Social Ministry:** Chair – Alyce Stein; Rep – Sharon Branigan

**Stewardship:** Chair – Lyn Stryker; Member – Jan Stryker

**Worship & Music:** Chair – Richard Schmidt; Rep – Mike Zyskowski; Members – Sharon Branigan, Nancy Schmidt, Jan Stryker, Bella Zyskowski

**Officers:** President – Lyn Stryker; Vice President – Mike Zyskowski; Secretary – Alyce Stein; Financial Secretary – Jan Stryker; We need a Treasurer

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2 – Aubrie Fenicle  
8 – Erica Hummel  
14 – Rocco LoConte  
15 – Eva Tsamoutalidis  
17 – Erineah Quan  
18 – Brittany Steidinger  
19 – Lynden Stryker  
20 – Joan Rosenthal

21 – Gary Mosser  
22 – Irene Graham  
23 – Donald Cressman / Timothy Mosser, Jr.  
25 – Patricia Kovacs  
28 – Beverly Monaghan / Bonnie Oszeyczik

### FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Gary & Irene Graham – February 18, 1967  
Richard & Diane Beil – February 28

Join the fun!

# Game Night



In the adult classroom

**Friday, February 9**

**6:30-8:30 PM**

**Bring your favorite snack  
along to share.**

Chicken Feet is back!

Coming soon...

# **Souper Bowl Sunday!**

**Sunday, February 11, 2024**



Quart containers of four different varieties  
will be sold for \$5.00 each.

All proceeds will be donated to  
Everlasting Life Ministries.



# Ash Wednesday Services

February 14<sup>th</sup> 8:30AM & 6:30PM

In Biblical times sackcloth and ashes symbolized contrition and repentance. Walking around in sackcloth is not recommended, but wearing ashes on your forehead throughout the day on Ash Wednesday is worth considering. These ashes acknowledge your mortality and your need to be reconciled to God through repentance and faith. They may provide an opportunity to give witness to your faith. This year Holy Cross will have a brief service of Imposition of Ashes at 8:30AM in addition to our usual full service of Ashes and Communion at 6:30PM. People are welcome to attend one or the other, or both to serve as bookends of this holy day.



## EVERLASTING LIFE MINISTRIES

### Food Drive for our Downtown Allentown Food Bank



Items that can be collected include the following:

- ~CANNED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES
- ~CANNED SOUPS AND PASTAS
- ~DRY PASTAS AND RICE
- ~BOXED/PACKAGED FLAVORED RICES/PASTAS
- ~DRY CEREAL, INCLUD. OATMEAL, CREAM of WHEAT
- ~BARS-I.E. GRANOLA, NUTRIGRAIN, CEREAL BARS
- ~CANNED/BOXED JUICES
- ~DRY PANCAKE MIXES, SYRUPS
- ~PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY
- ~TRAIL MIX AND BOXED CRACKERS
- ~PERSONAL ITEMS: DEODORANT, TOOTHPASTE, SHAMPOO, TOOTHBRUSH, SHAVING MATERIALS, SOAPS

**Everlasting Life Ministries, Inc is a ministry with a vision to reach the hurting of this generation with the Good News of Jesus Christ in the downtown Allentown area. ELM is a non-profit charitable organization that is totally supported by private free will donations.**

# 30 CREATIVE THINGS TO GIVE UP FOR LENT THIS YEAR

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- GOSSIP
  - SHOPPING
  - FACEBOOK
  - TELEVISION
  - NETFLIX
  - DRIVING
  - CRITICISM
  - COMPLAINING
  - PRIDE
  - WORRY
  - MAKE-UP
  - UNFORGIVENESS
  - STARBUCKS
  - TALKING ABOUT YOURSELF
  - SKIPPING CHURCH
  - WORRYING ABOUT MONEY
  - VIDEO GAMES/GAMES ON YOUR PHONE
  - CHECKING YOUR BANK ACCOUNT
  - THE MIRROR
  - THE WEIGHT SCALE
  - SLEEPING IN/STAYING UP LATE
  - YOUR SMART PHONE
  - FAST FOOD
  - INTERRUPTING PEOPLE
  - MEAT
  - SINGLE-USE PLASTIC
  - ALL PLASTIC
  - CHECKING YOUR EMAIL EVERY 5 MINUTES
  - CARING ABOUT WHAT OTHER PEOPLE THINK OF YOU



## Upcoming Events (Save the Date):

March 7 - Easter Egg Hunt Workshop

March 8 - Cookies to College

March 30 - Easter Egg Hunt

March 31 - Easter Breakfast

April 12 - Game Night

April 14 - Chili / Chowder Cookoff?

April 21 - Little Girls Tea Party

April 28 - Shoe Box Sunday



Holy Cross is going to see the premier showing of

# Daniel

at Sight and Sound in Lancaster

## Thursday, August 8, 2024

followed by a smorgasbord dinner  
at the newly rebuilt Hershey Farms

Adults: \$167.00

Children 12 and under: \$110.00

Final payment due July 14, 2024

**Price includes bus fare, show and dinner.**

**You may submit partial payments in marked envelopes.**

**Just \$28.00 a month for 6 months pays for one adult.**

See Ruthann Kistler

# "MOSE's MUSINGS!!!!



Colossians 3:23-24

*<sup>23</sup> Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, <sup>24</sup> since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving."*

If you have anything that you would like included in the Mini-Epistle, please get it to me by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. I enjoy getting submissions.

I can't help but find the amusement in the fact that this year with all of the other things going on: Presidential Election, Summer Paris Olympics, Leap Year, (which occurs this Month), the fact that Ash Wednesday occurs on Valentines Day. The day that we eat Chocolates and share love, and have romantic dinners, is the Liturgical day that we are also reminded of our mortality. There is something to think about, in regards to this.

I AM STILL NEEDING SOME ANNUAL REPORTS!!!

**In regard to the above paragraph... "Greater love hath no man than, to lay down His life for His friends"!!!**

IN HIS SERVICE.....Jonathan Mosebach----

P.S. Share Christ's Love, while having a Holy and Blessed Lent



# February 2024 SERVANTS OF THE LORD

		<b>2/4- EPIPHANY 5</b>	<b>2/11- TRANSFIGUR ATION</b>	<b>2/14 ASH WED (8:30AM, 6:30 PM)</b>	<b>2/18 LENT 1</b>	<b>2/25- LENT 2</b>
<b>Ashers</b>				Pr David Ruthann K		
<b>Communion Servers</b>	8:30 10:45	Patty Stein Marianne Sands		Lyn S, Mike Z	Mike Zyskowski Lyn Stryker	
<b>Communion Visitors</b>		Pastor David Sharon Branigan				
<b>Greeters</b>	8:30 10:45	Adam Barlow Irene Graham	Sarah Barlow Irene Graham	Sharon B	Sally Stein Irene Graham	Skylre H Irene Graham
<b>Lectors</b>	8:30 10:45	Lauri Barlow Marianne Sands	Penny Miller Lyn Stryker	Pat G	Alyce Stein Lyn Stryker	Patty Stein Lyn Stryker
<b>Liturgist</b>	8:30 10:45	Patty Stein Marianne Sands	Seth Miller Lyn Stryker	Lyn S	Mike Zyskowski Lyn Stryker	Pat Gilbert Lyn Stryker
<b>Live Stream</b>	8:30	Mike Zyskowski	Jan Stryker	Jan S	Jan Stryker	Jan Stryker
<b>Prayer Care</b>		Sharon Branigan	Ruthann Kistler	Darlene T	Pat Gilbert	Jan Stryker
<b>Song Leader</b>	8:30 10:45	Nancy Cook	Pastor David	Bella Z	Nancy Cook	Pastor David
<b>Sound</b>	8:30 10:45	Chris Chmela Ken Yoxheimer	Chris Chmela Ken Yoxheimer	Chris C Ken Y	Chris Chmela Ken Yoxheimer	Chris Chmela Jim Steiner
<b>Ushers</b>	8:30 10:45	Mike Zyskowski Irene Graham		Jan S	Jan Stryker Irene Graham	
<b>Altar Guild:</b> Sharon Branigan, Irene Graham <b>Children's Church:</b> Ruthann Kistler (when needed) <b>Counters:</b> Karen Brown, Mike & Bella Zyskowski, Jan Stryker <b>Flowers:</b> Marianne Sands <b>PhoneTree:</b> Jonathan Mosebach <b>Prayer of the Church:</b> Mike Zyskowski						

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# FEBRUARY 2024

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THUR.	FRI.	SAT.
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
				9AM Preschool 12N AA (TR)	10AM Bulletins <b>HAPPY GROUNDHOG DAY!</b>	7:30PM AA (TR)
<b>4 EPIPHANY 5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
8:30AM Communion 9:45AM Sunday School 10:45AM Communion 12N Lunch/Bible Study 6:30PM Bridge of Hope	7PM Dart Baseball- First UCC @ HC (FH)	9AM Preschool  7PM Property	9AM Preschool 5PM Outreach  6:30PM Christian Ed 7:30PM AA (TR)	9AM Preschool  12N AA (TR)  6PM Worship & Music	10AM Bulletins  6:30--8:30PM Family Game Night (FH)	9AM--3PM Material Girls (ASSR)  7:30PM AA (TR)
<b>11 TRANFIGRTN</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14 ASH WED</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
8:30AM Praise Service 9:45AM Sunday School 10:45AM Praise Service  ***** <b>SOUPER SUNDAY</b>	7PM Dart Baseball All Star Match (@ East Hills Moravian)	9AM Preschool  6PM Finance / Stewardship	8:30AM Ashes 9AM Preschool 10AM Bible Study <b>VALENTINE'S DAY</b> 6:30PM Ashes & Communion 7:30PM AA (TR)	9AM Preschool  12N AA (TR)	10AM Bulletins	8:30AM Men's Breakfast  7:30PM AA (TR)
<b>18 LENT 1</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
8:30AM Communion 9:45AM Sunday School 10:45AM Communion 12N Lunch/Bible Study  6:30PM Bridge of Hope	7PM Dart Baseball- College Hill @ HC (FH)	9AM Preschool	9AM Preschool  5:30PM Lite Meal 6:30PM Lenten Service 7:30PM Church Council 7:30PM AA (TR)	9AM Preschool  12N AA (TR)  6:30PM STAFF MEETING	10AM Bulletins  6:30PM Preschool Board	7:30PM AA (TR)
<b>25 LENT 2</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>		
8:30AM Praise Service 9:45AM Sunday School 10:45AM Praise Service 11:45AM Congregational Meeting & Potluck Luncheon  6:30PM Bridge of Hope	7PM Dart Baseball @ EAST HILLS	9AM Preschool	9AM Preschool 9:30AM Bible Study 11AM Preschool Family Worship  4:30PM Outreach / Publicity 5:30PM Lite Meal 6:30PM Lenten Service 7:30PM AA (TR)	9AM Preschool  12N AA (TR)  <b>HAPPY LEAP DAY!</b>		

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