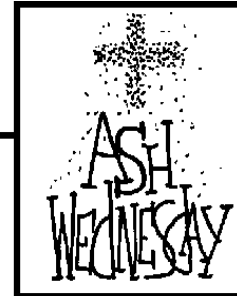


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SHARE IN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

- SUNDAY SERVICES AT 11:00 AM
- CHOIR
- SUNDAY SCHOOL
- VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
- BIBLE STUDY
- ADULT EDUCATION HOUR
- SOCIAL MINISTRY
- OUTREACH
- HALF CENTURY GROUP

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FEBRUARY 2024

SUNDAY WORSHIP - 11:00 AM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>The Calendar reflects "Church" events only. For information in regard to "Use of Building" by outside groups, please see the church calendar in the church office, or contact Vi Mayberry or Fred Warner.</p>				1 7:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)	2	3
4 10:00 AM Education Hr 12:00 PM Worship & Music Christian Ed Mtg	5	6	7	8 7:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)	9	10
11 10:00 AM Education Hr 12:00 PM Outreach Mtg.	12	13 5:30 PM Resource Mtg.	14 12:00 PM Prospect Hill Baptist Church 	15 7:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)	16	17 1:00 PM Healing Service 
18 Lent 1 Easter Flower Orders Start 10:00 AM Education Hr 12:00 PM Council Mtg.	19	20	21 12:00 PM Half Century 7:00 PM Lenten Service Holy Spirit, Secane 	22 7:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)	23	24
25 - Lent 2 Easter Flower Orders 10:00 AM Education Hr	26	27	28 7:00 PM Lenten Service St. Matthew, Woodlyn 	29 7:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)		

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THE PASTOR'S PEN

Greetings! This year Ash Wednesday will fall on February 14th, Valentines day! This means that Easter will be on the last Sunday of March. This is one of the earliest Lenten seasons. So how do we know when the Lenten season starts?



Easter follows a lunar, rather than a solar, calendar and is celebrated on the Sunday that follows the first full moon after March 21, the spring equinox. Therefore Easter cannot fall earlier than March 22 or later than April 25.

What may also be lesser known is that our calendar has changed over the centuries.

Julius Caesar's calendar calculated the year as 365 days and 6 hours. This was about 11 minutes and 9 seconds more than the sun's actual course. Although tiny, this excess puts the calendar off by a day, more or less, every 128 years. Thus, the Council of Nicaea already found it necessary to regress the date of the spring equinox to March 21 instead of the original date of March 25.

Getting back to Lent. This season comprises 40 days before Easter without counting Sundays which, even though they are called "Sundays of Lent," are not days of penance. Church tradition has always excluded fasting and penance on a Sunday.

Later, at the start of the sixth century, the beginning of Lent was moved up to Ash Wednesday in order to guarantee 40 days of effective fasting.

Peace and Blessings, Pastor

CHURCH STAFF

- *Pastor*
Scott R. Lee
- *Secretary*
Vi Mayberry
- *Director of Music*
Kathleen Schneider

CHURCH COUNCIL

- *Jean Crane*
- *Fran Fisher*
- *Mary Lyn Horne-Onimus*
Vice President
- *Joe Kintsche*
- *Karl McClellan*
- *Joyce Morrison - Secretary*
- *Fred Warner*
- *Don Watts*
- *Robin Woodrow - President*

Severe Weather Policy

In the event of severe winter weather please call the church office at 610.586.5860 for a recorded announcement on the status of Sunday morning services. Closing announcement will be made no later than 6:30 AM to ensure ample time to plan your morning.

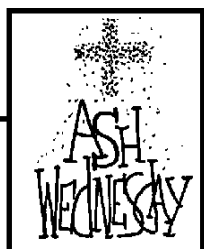


Easter Flowers brighten the altar, contributing to our Easter celebration. This year we are ordering **Tulips and Hyacinths!** If you would like to place an order, please complete the holiday flower envelope found in the pews. Please include **type of plant, number of plants, payment, and dedication** for the bulletin in your envelope. Orders are being taken beginning February 18th and the last day to order is Sunday, March 10th. The cost **per plant is \$8.00 each.** For pick-up information after Easter, please contact the church office at 610.586.5860.



Half Century Fellowship Lunch Group in February!

Pack a lunch and join us on the 3rd Wednesday of February, the 21st, at noon for good company, conversation and fellowship. Hope to see you there!



Feb. 14, 2024

Ash Wednesday is February 14, 2024!

The Interboro Ministerium is pleased to announce that on February 14th Prospect Hill Baptist Church will hold the Ash Wednesday Service and imposition of ashes. Please join us at 12PM at 703 Lincoln Ave, Prospect Park, PA.

The Interboro Ministerium is continuing the tradition of worshipping together for Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

Watch for all your Lenten news in your
Bulletins and March newsletter!



Lenten Service Schedule: This year Immanuel - Norwood; St. Matthew - Woodlyn; Holy Trinity - Wallingford; St. Timothy - Aston; and Holy Spirit - Secane will be working together. This year's theme is **"Lenten Gatherings around our Baptism"**.

7:00 pm: Worship with fellowship and snacks.

Offerings: Domestic Abuse Project of Delaware County

Come as you are as we rediscover our baptismal promises. This year we have decided to try something new! Come and see!

DATE	Location	Preaching
Feb. 21st	Holy Spirit, Secane	Pr. Jenn Casey
Feb. 28th	St. Matthew, Woodlyn	Pr. Rachel Scheible
Mar. 6th	Holy Trinity, Wallingford	Pr. Scott Lee
Mar. 13th	Immanuel, Norwood	Pr. Marie Sager
Mar. 20th	St. Timothy, Aston	Pr. Jenn Casey

John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Luke 3:16

HELP YOUR CHURCH WHILE YOU EAT!!

WE SELL ACME/SHOPRITE GIFT CARDS!!!

AVAILABLE IN \$10 - \$100 DENOMINATIONS!!

FOR EVERY GIFT CARD WE SELL **WE GET 5%!!**



Please see Mary Lyn Horne-Onimus on Sundays to purchase gift cards. Cash or checks are welcome!

Lent is Upon Us, and Valentine's Day Too!

By the time you read this our Annual Meeting should be behind us and Ash Wednesday (on Valentine's Day) just around the corner. 2024 is off to a fast start! The Lenten season gives us time to reflect on the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus going to the cross for us to pay for our sins. The generosity which the Father showed in giving up his Son for us is overwhelming. It is the ultimate gift anyone could receive. Lent starting on Valentine's Day is a perfect reminder to show your love too! Let us in 2024 show our generosity and love through what we give of our **Time, Talents and Treasure** to allow Immanuel's Mission to continue!



What Else Can You Do?

- ◆ Follow through with your 2024 “*Stewardsheep*” commitments! (If you did not yet respond with your commitment card please do. And be sure *your sheep* gets turned in to be in the Immanuel pasture).
- ◆ Be sure to pick up your box of offering envelopes and prayerfully consider using the Lenten envelope.
- ◆ Support all of our fund raisers especially the ongoing *Food Gift Coupons*!
- ◆ Don't forget our “PPP” loan (from the pandemic days) we still have payments of \$300.00 until May 2025. Contributions toward this are greatly appreciated!
- ◆ The Heating Oil Season is in full swing! Check out our Mascot, **SUPER MEER** from Vacation Bible School at the poster in the Hospitality area and while there please take an “OIL” envelope to contribute a little extra if you can.

Make Giving Easy and Automatic. Here are **two ways** you can do that:

1. **Your Bank** - You can set up a monthly cashier's check to be drawn on one of your accounts and mailed to the church. This is a recurring process so you don't have to worry about it! For example Wells Fargo **will help you set this up at no cost to you!** Contact your bank and they can help you set it up.
2. **Tithely** - Consider using the safe, secure, easy virtual method with the QR code with your smart phone. There are also buttons on our website and Facebook pages. Tithely can also set up a recurring, automatic monthly donation using one of your credit cards. There is a nominal fee with this.



“Thank you” to all of you who give of your Time, Talents and Treasures!

Sincerely, Your Resource Committee

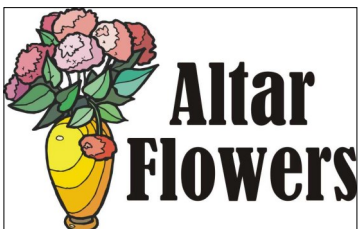
Our prayers include the following persons as they recall their **Baptism** in **February** and promises made to God and by God:



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| † Carol Hendrickson | † Alexis Paglia |
| † Patricia Barker | † Jane McGuire |
| † Donald Watts | † Caddie Campbell |

THE POWER OF PRAYER

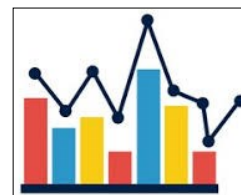
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| ♥ Rita Petty | ♥ Theresa Daniels | ♥ Fred Dormann |
| ♥ Catherine Scheid | ♥ Marie Parnell | ♥ Dave Maiden |
| ♥ Barb Calciano | ♥ Florence Grantland | |
| ♥ Flossie Cora | ♥ Art Hunter | |
| ♥ Pat Bonner | ♥ Cheryl Woodrow | |
| ♥ Amy Williams | ♥ Bob Moore | |
| ♥ Eleanor Kephart | ♥ Susan Hornberger | |
| ♥ Jim Mullin | ♥ Rylee Monahan | |
| ♥ Allen & Grace Bradley | ♥ Steve King | |



Sponsor **Altar Flowers!** Call Fran Fisher at 610.586.3095 with the details of when you would like to sponsor the altar flowers, and the wording of dedication you would like to appear in the Sunday bulletin for that day. Spruce up the Altar!! Flowers are \$30.

CONGREGATION STATISTICS

	Members Removed	Members Added	Avg. Weekly Attendance	Avg. YTD Attendance
Dec. 2023	0	0	41	31



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Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM



We are a
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Congregation

ALTAR FLOWERS AND BULLETINS

For Whom:

ALTAR FLOWERS

- In Honor of
- In Memory of
- In Celebration of

BULLETINS

- In Honor of
- In Memory of
- In Celebration of

DETAILS:

- ANNIVERSARY
- BIRTHDAY
- BAPTISM
- GRADUATION
- LOVED ONES
- OTHER

Prices and Ordering Information

Altar Flowers: \$30.00
 Contact Fran Fisher (610.586.3095)
Bulletins: \$20.00
 Contact the Church Office for available dates.

Name of Sponsor(s): How it will appear in Service Bulletin

Envelope No: _____

Phone _____

