

The Herald

March 2026



LENT In-Person & Facebook LIVE Worship Schedule

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Saturday Service
5:00 PM

Sunday Services
8:30 & 10:30 AM

Holy Communion
is celebrated at
all services.

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Music Rehearsal
The choir rehearses
on Sunday mornings
@ 9:40 am. All are
welcome.

PASTOR'S PAGE

Dear Church,
During Lent Questions Come to Light

What is it about the night that invites questions? As our head rests on the pillow and shadows stretch out on the bedroom wall, questions, like field mice, begin to emerge from the nooks and crannies of our mind.

At first, the questions are utilitarian: Did someone let the dog out this evening? Are the kids' lunches packed for school? When am I going to get to the grocery store this week? And then, without warning, the questions morph: Is Grandma going to recover from this illness? Why are my prayers so short these days? Does Jesus really care about us—about me? At this point we know that night has truly descended. Truth uttered in darkness. Naked honesty feels much safer, much less exposed when light's reach seems a day away.

Maybe that is why we can relate to Nicodemus, who came to see Jesus under the cover of darkness.

Though the darkness is Nicodemus' security blanket, he cannot help himself. Like a moth fluttering in the night sky, Nicodemus is irresistibly drawn to the light. Not just any light: Jesus, the light of the world, the light no darkness can overcome. As people filled with our own questions, we follow in the furtive footsteps of Nicodemus, falsely believing our naked honesty will remain hidden in the gloom of night.

Yet the Spirit, through the light of Christ, calls us out from the shadows, and in fact, exposes us to the brilliance of God's love.

Pastor Andy

CHURCH CALENDAR

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During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are given a new birth as children of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30 Worship 9:00 Coffee Hour/ Sunday School 9:40 Choir 10:30 Worship	2 AA Meeting	3	4 Lenten Lunch and Learn @ Pres. Woodbury Heights	5 11:00 Bible Study 7:30 Flute Ensemble	6 AA Meeting Evening Prayer	7 5:00 Worship
8 8:30 Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 1:00 Orchid Society	9 AA Meeting	10	11 Lenten Lunch and Learn @ Mantua UMC 6:30 Council Meeting	12 11:00 Bible Study 7:00 Nature Club	13 AA Meeting Evening Prayer	14 5:00 Worship
15 8:30 Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	16 AA Meeting	17 	18 Lenten Lunch and Learn @ Holy Nativity	19 11:00 Bible Study 2-6 pm Blood Drive 7:30 Flute Ensemble	20 AA Meeting Evening Prayer	21 5:00 Worship
22 8:30 Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	23 AA Meeting	24	25 Lenten Lunch and Learn @ St. Paul's UMC	26 11:00 Bible Study	27 AA Meeting Evening Prayer	28 5:00 Worship
29 PALM SUNDAY 8:30 Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 	30 AA Meeting	31				

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CHURCH HAPPENINGS

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PRAYER LIST

Prayers for the victims of the shooting at Brown University and in Australia, Prayers for the residents in Washington state who have been evacuated due to flooding, Prayers for the two National Guardsmen who were shot in Washington, DC and their families, Holly & Duane, , Dawn Allen, The family of Anthony Assante as they mourn his passing, The friends and family of James Barth as they mourn his passing, Hal Battindorf, Nicholas Baud, Lorraine Brecht, Wanda Bryan, Madelene Budd, Mike Bundy, Carol Carty, Sal Castelli, Jenn Causey and family, Tracey Causey, Lisa Clark, Josh Clarke, Sean Cleavenger, Baby Landyn and Kristen Compagoni, Sherwood Cotton, Bob Counbs, Craig (diagnosed with cancer), Rocco Cristinzio, Leslie Criston, Milton Cuevas, Sr., Milton Cuevas, Jr., The family of John Cusack as they grieve his passing, Nicholas Damiani, The family of Tony DelMonte as they mourn his passing, Alicia DiRienzo, Kathy Drew, Barbara Esposito, Barbara Facchine, Bill Flynn, Francis, Bobby G., Jeannie Gapinski, Alma Garcia, Stephen Genovese, Gavin Gigliotti, Lauren Stott Gilbert, Marie Giliberti, Mark Gismondi, Terry Gismondi, Wilma Gismondi, Jay Goheen and family, Randi Gordon, Collet Grasso, Steve Harris, the Hatcher family, the Hogan family, Ed Jeffers, The friends and family of Tom Jones as they mourn his passing, Marilyn Kaiser, Corinne Klotz, Clara Kuter, The family and friends of Doris Lail as they mourn her passing, Grace Laphan, Pat Larkin, Joseph Lonia, Bill Ludwig, The friends and family of Jessie MacGregor as they mourn her passing, The family of Doris Manogue as they mourn her passing, Joseph Mansfield, Rob and Nona McDonough & family, Caroline Miles, Jim Montisano, The friends and family of Mary Alice Morrison as they mourn her passing, George Muth, Bob and Sue Nevins, Janet Ostrowski, Lucas Otey, Otis, Donna Paone, Danielle Peters, Debbie Post, The family of Lewis Richards as they mourn his passing, Dan Richardson, The friends and family of Carole Rund as they mourn her passing, The family of Charles Rust as they mourn his passing, The family of Scott Rust as they mourn his passing, Noreen Ruyuh, Dylan Sauer, Meleta Seher, Billy Shea, Helen Simkunas & Family, Joyce and Arvin Skramsdad, The family of Deb Solt as they mourn her passing, Julia Stanz, Nathan Storhoff, Donna Testa, Frank Temean, Ed Tutka, Lynne Rasmussen Walker, Sharon Walker, Wayne Weaver, The family of Michelle Whiting as they mourn her passing, the Wilke family including Tim & Catherine, Jill Wilt, Glenn Wrigley.

(If you have someone that you would like on the prayer list, please fill out a form in the narthex and place it in the offering plate or contact the church office email: hnlc.secretary@hotmail.com.)

Filled with the Spirit to tell God's deeds!

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Total received to date—\$22762.00. Amount needed to date--\$20912.00. (Please don't forget the church if you will be away.)

"PAINT THE TOWER"

We have reached the goal for the "Paint the Tower" project. The church council voted to maintain the excess funds for any future property needs. Thank you to all for your generosity in helping to care for our church property!

SAVE THE FOLLOWING DATES:

- Thursday, March 19, 2026-1-6 pm. Red Cross Blood Drive
- Sunday, March 29th—Church Clean Up Day
- Saturday, April 25th—Wenonah Town Wide Yard Sale (8 am)
- Saturday, May 9th—Wenonah Clean Communities Day (8:30 am-10:30 am)
- Wednesday, May 13th—Church BBQ (5-7 pm)
- Tuesday, September 29th—Red Cross Blood Drive (1-6pm.)

MARCH CELEBRATIONS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Rachel Cooper, Asher Galbraith, Randi Gordon, Randi Henderson, John Kleinstuber, Corinne Klotz, Sandy Lonia, Leo Montana, Cathy Stanz, John Stanz

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Milton & Donna Cuevas

COFFEE HOUR

The 8:30 service is hosting a coffee hour between services Sunday, March 1st and the first Sunday of each month moving forward. Please join us for coffee and fellowship.

LENTEN LUNCH AND LEARN SESSIONS: This year, the theme is "The Four Last Things—Advent in Lent" The Wednesday dates and locations are as follows (11:30 am—1:00pm—lunch provided):

- * March 4—Death/Hope at 1st Presbyterian Church of Woodbury Heights
- * March 11—Judgement/Peace at Mantua United Methodist Church
- * March 18—Hell/Love at Holy Nativity Lutheran in Wenonah (We are looking for volunteers to provide soups for lunch. Please see Lori Kershaw if you can help.)
- * March 25—Heaven/Joy at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in West Deptford

HOLY NATIVITY MEMORIAL GARDEN ENGRAVED PAVERS--Our congregation created a memorial garden in our back yard years ago to honor or memorialize loved ones. We are offering the opportunity once again to purchase a paver to honor a loved one(s). The cost of

each engraved paver is \$60. If you are interested in purchasing one please fill out the form found in the narthex and include it with payment in the offering plate or deliver to Pastor Andy or Kim Theriault. Each paver can have up to 5 lines/15-17 characters per line. There is a sample paver in the narthex for viewing. All pavers purchased by September 15th will be dedicated on All Saint's Day (Nov. 1st). Any questions, please see or contact Kim Theriault (609)420-8453.

ST. PETER'S COMMUNITY PANTRY is here to help serve those facing food insecurity in Gloucester County. If you are having a difficult time buying food for yourself, or your family, please let us try to make a small difference for you. The Pantry is located behind St. Peter's Episcopal Church at 304 Kings Highway in Clarksboro. We are open every 3rd Saturday of the Month from 9 AM to 1 PM. Next distribution date: Saturday, March 21st.



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**In-Person and Facebook Live
WORSHIP TIMES:**
SATURDAY — 5:00 PM
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