Winfield Presby News

A story for Lenten reflection

Sister Diane Mason

Sally:

Well here we go again, its Lent! What are we supposed to do Lord? Every year we enter this season! So what am I supposed to give up this year in order to become a better person?

God:

It sounds like you are a little frustrated entering into this holy season of Lent!

Sally:

I am. I always give up chocolate, then Easter comes and I get sick because I have eaten so much of it!

God:

Sally, don't give up anything — just take a good look at who you are! Sometimes I feel people miss the point on why I made them. I made the people of God because I love and honor them so much. Can't they see I make only beautiful pieces of humanity? Each individual that I create is unique and sacred. Why can't they see this?

Sally:

I never gave that a thought, God. I don't always get it. I feel that you are out there in the chaos of the Universe. I can't imagine that you, the Divine Mystery, dwell in me! Maybe that is what I will focus on this year, our journey together.

God:

That's right Sally, our journey together! All I ever ask is that you open your heart to me. Allow me in so I can show you how beautiful you are. I gave you Jesus to help you see that I realize humanity is difficult. There are so many distractions that surround you each day: your cell phones and technology consumes you, music and noise, pettiness and anger, sickness and death, guilty feelings, hurts, shameful acts, wounds of unfaithfulness, the lack of forgiveness, fears of everyday life and facing the challenges each day. This is all stuff. Push it aside and simply let me in.

Sally:

You sure are asking an awful lot of me!

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CHURCH STAFF

Cathy Royston Administrative Assistant

Candace Stephens Christian Education/Youth, Church Life Coordinator

SUPPORT STAFF

Aidan Wells Filbert Accompanist

Nikki Kirk Director of Children's Music & Music Director

Shelley Fisher Nursery Attendant

Don Peterson Treasurer

Cathy Royston Clerk of Session

Rebecca McCutcheonBlessings Box Coordinator

Michelle Boyts Church Librarian

Ministers: The Congregation

IMPORTANT DATES

3/1 Worship Committee

3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24, 3/31 Tuesdays@10

3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29 Youth Group

3/8 Communion CE Meeting

3/14 Spring Cleaning

3/15 Session Meeting Deacons Meeting

3/16-3/19 Youth Serve Free Lunch for USD 465 students

> 3/22 Dinner and a Movie Night

3/24 Finance Meeting

3/29 Fish/Chicken Fry Youth Fundraiser

A story for Lenten reflection continues God:

No, I am not! I am simply asking you to take these days of Lent, clear the clutter and simply be with me, with Jesus. Walk with my son these next few weeks; see what he did for you. See how he reached out to the poor. Watch how compassionate he was with the sick. Watch how he touched those who were untouchable. Watch how he forgave those who hurt him so much. Jesus showed you the way. Simply follow his footsteps. Allow the grace to pour over you. Allow peace to enter into your pores and you will feel a freedom that only you can retrieve from within your own heart.

Sally:

God, you are asking a lot. It was simpler "giving something up". But I'll give it a try.

God:

Good Sally, I only ask you to try! I have asked nothing more from you than I have asked from Jesus himself. Just know that I am always with you. In everything you do or say I am there. Try to trust these words.

Sally:

That's a lot to ask God, you know it's not that easy to trust. But I will try it your way this time.

God:

I am glad to hear this Sally! Know that I am with you on this journey of 40 days. All I ask is that you try each day. I look forward to being on this journey with you and Jesus.

"Lord, do your resurrection work in me. Transform my heart and my life into one that gives You glory and praise in every way. Pull me deeper and bring me closer to Your heart."

ATTENTION ALL YOUTH

WESTMINSTER WOODS CAMP REGISTRATIONS AND FEES ARE DUE TO THE CHURCH BY FRIDAY MARCH 27.

TO REGISTER GO TO
WESTMINSTERWOODS
CAMP.COM

Standing Meetings

Tuesdays @ 10 meets Every Tuesday at 10 am

Choir

Every Wednesday Evening

Worship Committee 1st Sunday of the Month

Christian Education 2nd Sunday of the Month

Session/Deacons 3rd Sunday of the Month

Finance Committee 4th Tuesday of the Month

Join the connections committee, Sunday March 22 at 6:00 pm for dinner and a movie. Please bring items to donate to the Blessings Box.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

3/1 Wayne Wilt 3/4 Duey Kerr 3/6 Carrol Campbell 3/7 Cathe Brennan 3/8 Michelle Boyts 3/8 Kris Trimmer 3/8 Megan Wolf 3/10 Carol Mackey 3/14 Lochlyn Brown 3/14 Trenton Jones Dutton 3/15 Casey Woner 3/16 Corbin Lowe 3/16 Elizabeth McCutcheon 3/18 Corabelle Redington 3/19 Chris Rogers 3/20 Hilda Ray 3/22 /Renn Gibson 3/22 Emory Rodda 3/25 Joyce McArtor 3/29 Leo Wolf 3/30 Erika Kendall

ANNIVERSARIES

3/20 Brent & Megan Wolf 3/23 Brent & Carol Mackey



Don't forget the Blessings Box

The Blessings Box has been a "Blessing" to so many people here in Winfield. We are always in need of toilet paper, toothpaste, tooth brushes, soap, deodorant, shampoo and any other personal items you might feel are needed. Your gifts of these items help us to continue to reach out to those in need.

Along with items needed for the Blessings Box, we have been collecting food items that can be used without having to be heated, items that are in easy open packages, so that when we have someone come in who does not have access to sources of heat, we can give them a bag that will contain items of easy access. Some suggested items are: Bread, peanut butter, jelly, tuna in a zip lock bag, Vienna sausages, potted meat, canned food with pop tops, etc.

Offerings & Expenses						
1 1 1	January	Year-to-date				
Total Income Total Expenses		\$30,403.21 \$15,956.00				
Total to Date	\$ 14,447.03	\$ 14,447.03				

DATES TO REMEMBER

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 10:00 A.M. PALM SUNDAY SERVICE

THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 7:30 P.M. MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 7:30 P.M. GOOD FRIDAY CANTATA

SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 6:55 A.M.
SUNRISE EASTER SERVICE
9:00 A.M. LOU MACKILLOP BREAKFAST
10:00 A.M. EASTER SERVICE





Winfield 1st Presbyterian Church 1101 Millington/620-221-4500

FISH/CHICKEN FRY YOUTH FUNDRAISER

March 29th, 2020 11am

Tickets: \$12.00 sales begin Sunday March1st- March 25th See youth or CeCe for your tickets.

Menu: Chicken wings (dark meat by request) or Fish

Sides: choice of 2- Homemade potato salad, green beans or homemade coleslaw.

Fresh homemade roll

Desert: Socket it to me cake or Lemon pound cake

VOLUNTEER CORNER

We are looking for volunteers to sign up for fellowship each Sunday. The

board for sign up is in fellowship

hall.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

3/1 Candace Stephens

3/8 Emily Royston

3/15 Robyn Shaw

3/22 Roger Schmidt

3/29 Candace Stephens

CHILD CARE VOLUNTEERS

3/1 Nancy Misasi

3/8

3/15 Deborah Badley

3/22 Elliott Rodda

3/29

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

3/1 Bill Mueller

3/8 Robert Brzycki

3/15 Julie Mignone

3/22 Robbie Banks

3/29 Eugene Blake

FELLOWSHIP 3/1 Mueller's

COMMINION DATES

January 12

July 12

February 9

August 9

March 8

September 6

April 9 (Maundy Thursday)

October 4

April 10 (Homebound Only)

November 22

April 12 (Easter)

December 20 (Homebound

Only)

May 10

December 24 (Christmas Eve)

June 7

Supplies Shower

The Connections Committee is hosting a supply shower for the month of March.

Paper plates (large and small), bowls, napkins, coffee and drink cups are requested.

Items can be left on the "Shower Table" in fellowship hall.



SCRIPTURE READINGS March

Mar. 1

Genesis 2:15-17

Psalm 32

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

Mar. 8

Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalm 121

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

John 3:1-17

Mar. 15

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalm 95

Romans 5:1-11

John 4:5-42

<u>Mar. 22</u>

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Psalm 23

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

Mar. 29

Ezekiel 31:1-14

Psalm 130

Romans 8:6-11

John 11:1-45

PRESBYTERIANS @ PLAY.... For Everyone Born there's a Place at the Table

A NOTE FROM THE WINFIELD FOOD PANTRY

HAVE A PEANUT BUTTER HEART

A total of 8294 people in our community were served by the Food Pantry in 2019. The Pantry fills an essential need for these individuals to feed themselves and their families! This year during the months of February and March, the Winfield Community Food Pantry is again sponsoring the **Have a Peanut Butter Heart Food Drive.** Peanut butter is an inexpensive source of protein that is both delicious and popular with all ages.

Your donations of peanut butter as well as any other food items can be brought to the church and left in the basket either in fellowship hall or the narthex by the sanctuary. The Deacons make sure the food is delivered to the Food Pantry. You can also drop items at the Food Pantry, 314 College, between the hours of 8:30 to 11 a.m. Monday through Friday.

DEACON'S SCHOLARSHIP TIME

If you are planning to be a full time college student next year and could use financial assistance, you can now apply for a Bord of Deacons scholarship. Applications are available in the office of the First Presbyterian Church and are due by April 15. Awards will be made by May 15.

YOUTH TO PROVIDE LUNCH FOR USD 465 STUDENTS

This year during spring break, March 16—19, First Presbyterian Youth will be serving lunch to USD 465 students in fellowship hall. There will be no cost to the students but the youth participating will get credit toward their camp fees this summer.

During the summer months, meals are made available as certain schools in the school district to those students who are interested. CeCe wanted to make sure that the kids had a meal if they needed one during Spring Break too.

A few adults are needed during the week as well. If you are willing to help out, please let CeCe or Cathy know.

WholyFit

Nikki Kirk invites you to join her on Wednesday evening from 7:00 to 7:30 March 4—April 8 in the sanctuary for WholyFit

What is WholyFit?

Experience God's Word through exercise. More than stretching, WholyFit-original flexibility, core and cardio systems give opportunity:

- 1. for you to combine scripture memorization, prayer & worship with exercise
- 2. for fitness pros or novices to learn to break down and teach WholyFit specific choreography to others so that all participants feel successful
 - 3. for you to hear directly from God, in an emotionally safe place
 - 4. for you to personally experience Jesus.

March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:30 Nursery Opens 9:00 Sunday School 9:30 Choir Rehearsal 10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship- Worship Committee Meeting NO YOUTH	2	3 10:00 Tuesdays @ 10 6:30 Interim Committee Meet	4 5:30 Choir Rehearsal 7:00 WholyFit	5	6 Office Closed @ 12	7 Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed!
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