



# GOOD NEWS FROM YOUR CHURCH

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From the Pastor...

## SUNDAY January 13, 2019

9:30 A.M.  
WORSHIP SERVICE

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## SUNDAY January 20, 2019

9:30 A.M.  
WORSHIP SERVICE

11:00 A.M.  
CHURCH SCHOOL

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**ANNUAL REPORTS:** To all who are responsible for submitting an Annual Report to the Church Office, the deadline is **Sunday, January 13. Reports must be emailed to the church office at [church.office@pcwoodbury.com](mailto:church.office@pcwoodbury.com)**

**THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL/ CORPORATION MEETING** of the Presbyterian Church at Woodbury will be held on **Sunday, January 27, 2019 12:00 Noon**

The purpose of the Meeting is to receive the 2018 Annual Reports and approve the Terms of Call for the Pastor. All members are reminded to be present for this important meeting of the church.

Lunch will be provided



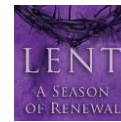
Psalm 100 is a Psalm of Thanksgiving that invites all lands to praise God:

- <sup>1</sup> Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
- <sup>2</sup> Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.
- <sup>3</sup> Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his;<sup>[a]</sup> we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
- <sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.
- <sup>5</sup> For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

As we begin a New Calendar Year, I would invite you to take seriously God's call to join together with other believers to worship the Lord with gladness and to come into God's presence with singing! One of the beliefs of the Presbyterian Church is that we are inspired to worship God in all we do. Worship is our number one priority. Our primary reason for existence is to "glorify God and enjoy God forever." We are invited to make personal prayer a priority and regularly gather to worship with God's people. The Presbyterian Church is a lesser body when you don't attend worship on Sunday morning! To be a Christian is to worship Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. To be a member of Christ's body, the Church, is to share through Word and Sacrament in the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit.

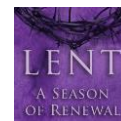
In 2018, we averaged 129 worshipers for services during the year. I would like to challenge the church to increase participating in Sunday morning worship for 2019. Please prayerfully consider how you might entering God's gates with thanksgivings and God's courts with praise on a more regular basis!! Worshipping the Triune God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit will allow you to grow in your faith and have a stronger relationship with God and your church family. I look forward to seeing you on Sunday mornings!!

In Christ,  
Phil



## WEDNESDAY NIGHT LENTEN STUDY ENOUGH: GOD'S BLESSINGS IN ABUNDANCE

Most of us think we do not have enough – of just about everything! We live everyday with this reality. In this insightful study, we are challenged to rethink this impulse. We are led to look at what is really most important to have in life – God's blessings, which are in abundance. Through the parables of Jesus and other biblical materials, we will explore dimensions of what it means to have enough. Join us on Wednesday evenings March 13 – April 17 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm in the chapel for this Lenten study about recognizing what we have been given, and how we need to see the ways that God's blessings sustain us.



## SUNDAY LENTEN STUDY MARK'S GOOD NEWS "The beginning of the Good News of Jesus Christ, the Son of God." (Mark 1:1)

Since we are unable to rescue ourselves, God became a human being, in the form of Jesus of Nazareth, and lived a sinless life. Jesus was sentenced to death, and as He hung nailed to the cross, all our sin and its consequences were placed on Him, and He died. But death could not hold Him, and three days later, He rose from the dead. After this, He ascended into heaven, with the promise that one day He will return and right all wrongs. All who decide that Jesus is who He said He was—the one who rescued us from being separated from God—are made right with God forever, being welcomed immediately and unconditionally as God's children. This is the essence of the Gospel – the GOOD NEWS.

During Lent, March 10 to April 14, we are seeking to hear that call, and respond to God in thought, word, and deed. To that end, we are focusing on six themes related to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and our response to His Good News. More details to follow.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS:**

**ELEPHANT TOOTHPASTE:** On Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, Laken Franchetti will be teaching the Children’s Church School Class (Grades 1-7). They will be making “Elephant Toothpaste: Small Things Make a Big Difference” and relating this to illustrating how being faithful in small things that God calls us to do can make a difference in the world.

**Winter Block 1 -Adult Sunday School**

**HARD QUESTIONS:** As followers of Jesus Christ, we cannot expect life to be perfect or good all the time. There will be seasons of hurt and uncertainty for us to travel through as disciples of God’s only son. During those times, there will be questions that we ask and seek answers for. During January and into February, we will wrestle with four HARD QUESTIONS that the congregation asked during the Fall of 2018. Please join us as we reflection upon what the Bible is, why we suffer, our purpose as a follower of Jesus and what Heaven is.

- Jan. 27 Is the Bible Story, Metaphor or True?
- Feb. 3 Why is there Suffering?
- Feb. 10 What is God’s purpose for me?
- Feb. 17 What is Heaven like?

**60+ BIBLE STUDY** resumes on Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>.



**Thank you!** The Mixner and Evans Families would like to express our gratitude for all the comforting words, support, cards and love received from our church family. We will miss our mom, Marie Evans, dearly, but we are comforted knowing she is with our Lord in Heaven. Thank you all. Words cannot express our gratitude.

**YOUTH NEWS: QUARTERLY FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT!** Join us on Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm for our special feature: The Story of Moses. Come and enjoy this free family-friendly event!

**YOUTH MID-WINTER RETREAT:** Please pray for Becca Brown, Eric Campo, Jr., Chris Gould, Ben Oehler, Jeff Sexton, Syndey Sexton and Becky Schad while they are away on their Mid-winter Advance Retreat in Whiting, NJ from January 11 – 13.

**YOUTH 30 HR. FAMINE.** Friday, February 22- Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. This year’s event is being held at Wenonah Memorial Presbyterian Church. More details to follow.

**APPORTIONMENT:** The first offering envelope in the box is for the Per Capita offering. This offering of \$37.00 per person (\$74.00 per couple) helps offset the Per Capita Apportionment. If each member donates their share, over \$11,500 would be freed up for church programs and Mission use.

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Richard Hill, Fred Petri, Florence Hillman, Anita Corbin, Alex Jenei, Florence Meyer, Fred Davis, Emma Mustard, Brian Praetzel, Meg Lolly, Dorothy VanHorn, Amelia Exley, Meghan Orem, Judy Fetty, and Marie Batten. A reminder to keep our military personnel in your prayers, including Jonathan Gabler, Nathan Wadding, Cameron Wadding, Jarrod Fetty, and Wesley Tatham.

**ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: JANUARY 13 – 19, 2019**

Sunday:	8:45 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 AM	Prayer Room 3
	9:30 AM	Worship Service
Monday:	6:30 PM	Girl Scouts
	7:30 PM	Trustees
Tuesday:	10:00 AM	Women’s Association Workshop
	1:00 PM	60+ Small Group
	6:30 PM	Cub Scouts
Wednesday:	8:30 AM	Men’s Breakfast
	10:00 AM	Staff Meeting
	6:30 PM	Cub Scouts
Thursday:	6:30 PM	Cub Scouts
Friday:	7:00 PM	Youth Group/Family Movie Night

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Sunday:	8:45 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 AM	Prayer Room 3
	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	11:00 AM	Church School
	7:00 PM	Cub Scouts Pack Meeting
Monday:	6:30 PM	Girl Scouts
	6:30 PM	Session
Tuesday:	1:00 PM	60+ Small Group
	6:30 PM	Girl Scouts
Wednesday:	10:00 AM	Staff Meeting
	6:30 PM	Cub Scouts
	7:30 PM	Leader’s Meeting
Thursday:	6:30 PM	Cub Scouts
Sunday:	8:45 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 AM	Prayer Room 3
	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Children’s Choir
	11:00 AM	Church School for all ages
	12:00 PM	Congregational Meeting
	3:00 PM	Youth Triennium Delegation Meeting At Wenonah PC