



'Till We Meet Again!

February 8 and 9, 2020

BINGO/BASKET RAFFLE FOR YOUTH

St. John's Windisch is hosting a Bingo/Basket Raffle fundraiser for the youth of St. John's, St. Peter's, and Light of Christ on February 15, 2020. Doors open at 12 noon, BINGO begins at 1:00 PM. Tickets are \$20 in advance and are can be purchased through Kenda at St. Peter's or Michele Weierbach at Light of Christ or by calling 610-868-3282 or \$25 at the door.



gether. Sign up sheets will be available on each campus. Soups will be provided. Please bring snacks and desserts to share.

BEER & HYMNS

As Martin Luther once said, "It is better to think of church in the ale-house than to think of the ale-house in church." Join us as we again live up to this quote in true Martin Luther style...Beer & Hymns!

Join us as we share God's love through a hymn-sing on Saturday, February 29 from 12:00 – 2:00 PM at the Bethlehem Brew Works, 559 Main St. # 101, Bethlehem.



Please sign up in advance so we can ensure enough space for our group! Sign-Up sheets in St. John's or via SignUpGenius link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0444A9AC2CA AFC1-beer> (Each attendee will be responsible for buying their own food & drinks.)

PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY



If you desire to have your palms included in the ashes for Ash Wednesday, please have them to the church office by February 16.

ST. PETER'S

PRE SPRING CLEAN UP

Sign up for our pre Spring clean up at St. Peter's on February 22.



A BLANKET BLITZ

Join us on Sunday, February 23 from 12:30—3:00 PM on St. Peter's campus. Everyone can help make these Lutheran World Relief blankets. You can help pin the 3 layers together and some will do the final machine sewing! Let's see how many blankets can be put to-



UPG PROPERTY ASSESSMENT TEAM UPDATE
The 1st UPG Property Assessment Team meeting was held on January 28, 2020. Our objective is to assess the current properties and to determine the future needs of the UPG parish. We will then present our findings and recommend possible ways to fill the UPG's future needs. The members of the committee are Lou Dravec, Steve Harper, Pastor Kulp, Kenda Riley, John McDonald, Traci Heberling, Jon Terry and Richard Elterich. We will be sharing our findings as we are able in order to keep the community of faith



posted on our progress. Please pray that the Lord would help lead and guide our efforts.

GOLF OUTING NEW DATE!



The UPG Frank J. Scheck Memorial Golf Outing at Whitetail Golf Club, 2679 Klein Road, Bath, PA 18014 will be held on Saturday

June 20, 2020. It is a four person scramble. **Please notice the date change** from the save the date announcement.

ELEVATOR AT LIGHT OF CHRIST

If you have any problems with the doors not closing on the elevator on the Light of Christ campus, it may be due to pieces of outdoor salt are stuck in the track. We will be providing a small brush to brush the track if you have trouble with elevator.



SOUPER BOWL RESULTS



The votes are in: The UPG bowl raised \$152, San Francisco raised \$18 and the Kansas City Chiefs raised \$143. Congratulations to everyone who helped support the hungry.

BINGO

Join us on April 28 at 6:30 PM at Cedarbrook, Delaware Avenue with the residents. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy this night with our friends at Cedarbrook.



Please donate the prizes such as jewelry, greeting cards, perfume, small stuffed animals, shaving lotion and soft cakes (individually wrapped) like Twinkies or puddings. No candy

or wrapped crackers this year.

Please drop the prizes off at either church office before April 26 marked for “bingo”.

Thank you for helping to make April 28 a special night for our friends.

THE BETTER BUY THRIFT SHOP (South Side Thrift Shop)

...is located at the Cathedral Church of the Nativity at 321 Wyandotte Street in Bethlehem. The Thrift Shop sells clothing, small household items, decorations, toys and books, all at very reasonable prices – they also provide clothing to people in need. Several UPG members volunteer regularly there. You can help the Thrift Shop by...

- Donating items for the shop to sell (donations accepted during store hours)
- Shopping at the store!
- Volunteering – helpers sort donated items, arrange merchandise for sale and help at the checkout.



For more information including store hours, please call the Thrift Shop at 610-865-0727. And stop in soon!

PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND



From time to time, a sister or brother in our community of faith needs financial help.

The Pastor's Discretionary Fund provides a way for Pastor Jerry to offer help at times like these such as for medical equipment to improve their quality of life, and assistance to help offset costs. To donate, please mark your gift “pastor's fund” and place it in the Sunday offering plate or drop off at either church office.

You can also purchase a grocery store gift card and donate it for members who are in need of food. Cards available on both campuses—please see Kenda Riley at St. Peter's or Michele Weierbach or Karen Favinger at LoC.

“Just for You!”

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*Save me, O God,
for the waters have come up to my neck.*

² *I sink in deep mire,
where there is no foothold;
I have come into deep waters,
and the flood sweeps over me.*

³ *I am weary with my crying;
my throat is parched.
My eyes grow dim
with waiting for my God*

Psalm 69:1-3

JUST FOR YOU

Greetings my friends,

If you are anything like me, there was probably a time when we were young when a big birthday, or a special day like Christmas was drawing near, or perhaps a family vacation was “just around the bend,” and we could hardly contain ourselves waiting in anticipation for the event! Those who guided us and loved us would tell us to be patient; but every fiber of our body was filled with excitement over the anticipated event! Do you remember?

Now, you and I live in a world that gives us the opportunity to have nearly instant access to in-

formation! Never has there been a time that news from around the globe reaches our ears in almost the same instant that the news is occurring. With radio, television, and the information “explosion” which is the world wide web, we live in a time of unparalleled immediate information. And so, it is quite normal that when many of us have questions or desire to receive information we can almost have instant gratification.

Yet, when we read the words of the psalmist (above) we know that feeling of despairing while waiting. Our minds wonder to the worst possible scenario when a doctor shares with us that “something” showed up on a routine test and more testing is required. Our fears crash in upon us when a child or grandchild is not somewhere that we expect them to be at the time they are supposed to be there. We are being pressed to make life changing decisions and yet we are still waiting for input from professionals in order to make the best decision we can.

The same is true about our prayers to God. We pray for guidance, we pray for knowledge, we pray for wisdom on a specific subject and the answer from the Lord seems to be delayed! “My eyes grow dim with waiting for my God.”

Today I share with you that you are not alone in your frustration of waiting for God’s response. It would seem, as Holy Scripture continually indicates, that people have been “waiting” for God’s responses since the beginning of time!

The “tried and true” response to our frustration in waiting for God has always been; “All in God’s time,” “we have to be more patient,” or “we have to open our eyes and our hearts to allow God to speak,” or “we need to see or

hear God's response in ways that we don't expect." The truth is that we know that we are God's beloved children. We know that God hears all our prayers. We know that God answers prayers. So, we understand that while all these axioms are sure and true... sometimes they simply don't seem to help our immediate desire for guidance.

Here is a thought from one child of God to another. When I find myself longing for guidance from God, I look for God where the Lord promises to be present. I look for God in our community of faith, for whenever two or more gather in God's name... there too is God. I seek God in the waters, I dip my fingers in a baptismal font, I splash water on my face, I allow myself to dance in the rain, and I know that God is washing me. I search for God's guidance in reading Holy Scripture and yes... I slow myself down in a peaceful setting and allow myself to be enveloped in God's loving arms. Many times, these methods seem to help bring clarity to my situation... but other times.... "my eyes grow dim waiting." But then... I am reminded that at least I am not alone in my waiting, for there is a plethora of God's children waiting with me. At least I am not alone in my waiting, for our God waits with me and beside me.

This week, I am really wondering, have any of you found a method or a way in which you can encourage a "quicker response" from our God? I wonder for example if being in more intentional fellowship with other disciples and allowing yourself to voice your concerns and questions about guidance from God help in the process of waiting? I wonder, how you feel about this topic... do you resign yourself to the waiting process or do you willingly accept that waiting is simply part of our reality. I look forward to your thoughts. I'll be waiting to hear from you.

Peace for now!
PJ

THIS WEEK IN THE UPG

Sunday February 9

- 8:45 AM Worship (St. P)
- 9:30 AM Sunday School (LoC)
- 11:00 AM Worship (LoC)
- 3-6:00 PM PGHI (St. P)
- 6:00 PM Confirmation Ed.
- 7:00 PM NA (LoC)

Monday February 10

- Noon UPG Ladies Luncheon (Perkins)
- 6:30 PM Crafters' Group (St. P UCF)
- 7:00 PM practice Dart Baseball
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Tuesday February 11

- 8:00 AM Staff Meeting (St. P)
- 10:00 AM Thrift shop volunteers
- 6:00 PM Brewing Theology
- 7:00 PM NA (LoC)

Wednesday February 12

- 6:30 AM Fellowship Study (St. P)
- 9:00 AM Christian serv. (LoC)
- 1-4:00 PM AARP Tax Counseling (St. P)
- 6:30 PM Holden Eve. Prayer (St. P)
- 7:00 PM Choir (St. P)
- 7:30 PM Choir (LoC)

Thursday February 13

- 9:00 AM Bible Study (LoC)
- 5-9:00 PM Champ Force Cheer (St. P gym)
- 6:30 PM Bible Study (LoC)
- 7:00 PM AA (LoC)
- 7:30 PM PGHI Worship (St. P)

Friday February 14

- 6:00 PM LVCCC Worship (St. P)

Saturday February 15

- 10-4:00 PM NA Board Mtg (LoC)
- 2:30 PM PGHI wedding (St. P)
- 5:00 PM Worship (LoC)
- 7:30-9:00 PM PGHI (St. P)

Sunday February 16

- 9:30 AM Joint UPG Worship (LoC)
Bishop Here
- 3-6:00 PM PGHI (St. P)
- 4:30 PM UPG Youth Group (LoC)
- 7:00 PM NA (LoC)