



# 'Till We Meet Again!

February 22 and 23, 2020

## LENTEN "WATER WELL" PROJECT



During Lent, the UPG will participate in a project to purchase a water well in a country of need through the

ELCA's Good Gifts program, also part of World Hunger. Please read the Deacon's article in the March Proclamation for additional information. Envelopes will be provided for your contributions and you will see a receptacle for your envelope on each campus. Please endorse checks to either Light of Christ or St. Peter's with "Water Well" on the memo line. Thank you for helping the UPG be the instrument of change and hope for families in under developed countries by giving them the gift of clean water.

## 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.

## 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 cloth-

ing, 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!

## 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.

## 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

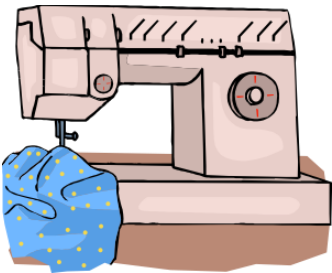
we again live up to this quote in true Martin Luther style...Beer & Hymns!

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/20F0444A9AC2CAAFC1-beer> (Each attendee will be responsible for buying their own food and drinks.)



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

## 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,

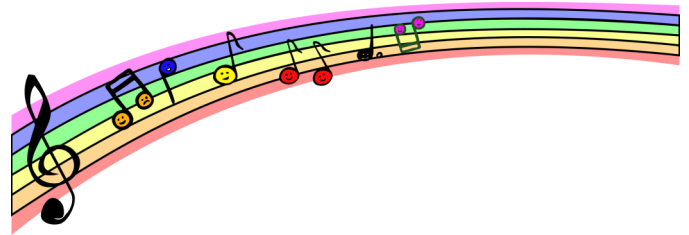


greeting cards, perfume, small stuffed animals, shaving lotion and soft cakes (individually wrapped) like Twinkies or puddings. No candy or wrapped crackers this year.

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.

## UPG YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES:



### ST. PETER'S CAMPUS:

We would like to put together a Children's Choir on our St. Peter's campus to sing at our 8:45 AM Palm Sunday, April 5 Worship. The children will sing two pieces. One of the pieces is with the Senior Choir anthem which has a special Children's choir part. Any child is welcome to sing in the choir. We will be rehearsing for 15-20 minutes after worship in the choir room on March 8, March 15, March 22, and March 29. The Sunday, March 29 will be a special choir rehearsal with the Senior Choir so we can put the songs together. We welcome all children to attend.

### LIGHT OF CHRIST CAMPUS:

All children and youth who wish to sing as part of the Palm Sunday service at 11:00 AM on our Light of Christ Campus will be rehearsing songs in the month of March during a part of the Sunday School hour. Sunday School is held from 9:30 AM—10:30 AM. Come, help us make a joyful noise! Please see Lynn Terry with any questions or concerns.



# “Just for You!”

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*When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,<sup>[a]</sup>*

*we were like those who dream.*

<sup>2</sup> *Then our mouth was filled with laughter,  
and our tongue with shouts of joy;*

*then it was said among the nations,*

*“The LORD has done great things for them.”*

<sup>3</sup> *The LORD has done great things for us,  
and we rejoiced.*

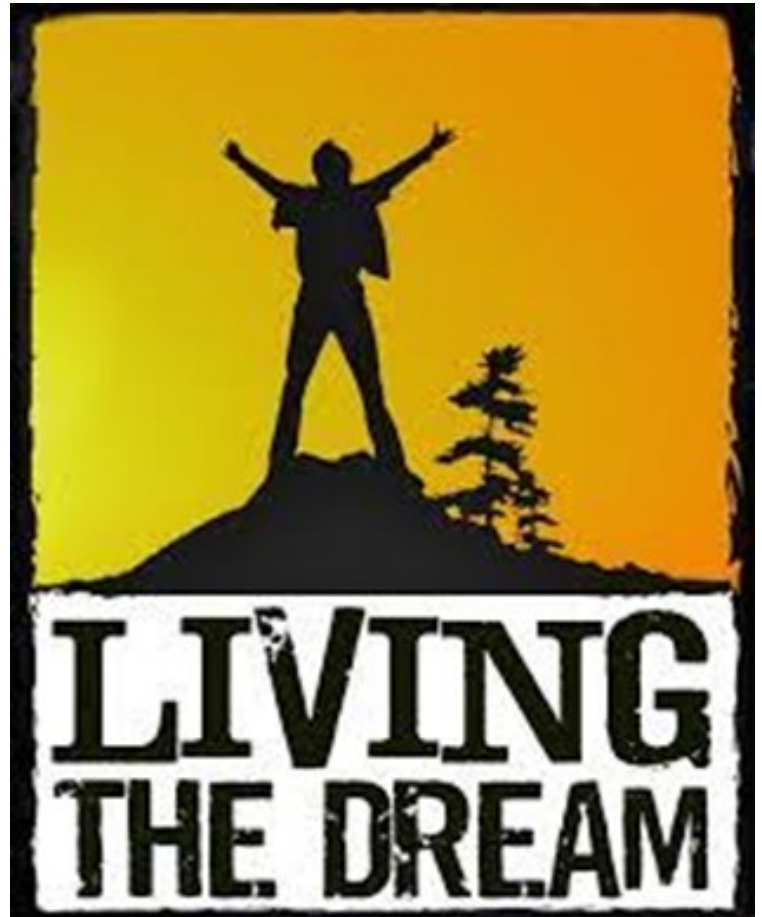
**Psalm 126:1-3**

## JUST FOR YOU

Greetings my friends,

Did you ever have one of those moments when you stopped and realized that “you were living the dream?” Perhaps this happened when you were on a vacation and had a realization that all the effort that you put into work and planning this trip were worth it for what you were now experiencing. Or maybe, you placed a great deal of energy and passion into building a relationship with someone, and now you have a great relationship with that person. It’s moments like these that help us say “I’m living the dream!”

This happened to me this past weekend. Shirley and I were honored to be part of a synod wide gathering to help shape the vision of our synod for the next bishop of the Northeast Pennsylvania Synod of the ELCA. As many of you might be aware, our current bishop, Rev. Dr. Samuel Zeiser will be retiring following this year’s synodical assembly. At this gathering people were asked to consider what they believed was necessary for the future of our synod and her congregations. There were many various aspects of ministry that were addressed, but one of the prevailing thoughts



was that congregations needed to begin working together in substantive ways to share resources and to bear witness to our understanding of Christ.

As more and more people spoke about this need and various ideas were exchanged on how this could be done across the synod territory, I was having one of those “living the dream” moments.

Together, we the people of the United Proclamation of the Gospel have been sharing ministry in creative and wonderful ways for well over two years. True, there have been times when things haven’t gone as we desired. True, there have been sisters and brothers in Christ who have had difficulty adjusting to the new reality of the UPG with varied worship locations and

changes of time. But, my oh my is the Spirit active and wonderfully working within our midst.

This past Sunday was one of those times when nearly 170 of us gathered on our Light of Christ campus to honor Bishop Zeiser. During this worship the children of our parish took center stage as they sang to the bishop and shared some beautiful moments with him at the commencement of our time together.

Throughout our worship celebration, moment after moment of God filled events occurred to vividly give glory to our Lord and to enliven our community. Following our worship, I had a

moment to spend a little time with the bishop and he asked me, "Jerry, how are things really going?" All I could say then, and all I can share now is "I'm living the dream!"

How about you? How are you feeling about the United Proclamation of the Gospel? What ministries or events do you really enjoy? What dreams do you have for our future?

May God continue to guide our ways.

***Peace for now!***  
***PJ***

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## **THIS WEEK IN THE UPG**

### **February 23-March 1**

#### **Sunday February 23**

##### **Transfiguration Sunday**

- 8:45 AM Worship (St. P)
- 9:30 AM Sunday School (LoC)
- 11:00 AM Worship (LoC)
- 3:00 PM Concert series  
"Recordante" (St. P)
- 7:00 PM NA (LoC)

#### **Monday February 24**

- 8:00 AM UPG Men's Breakfast  
(Palace Restaurant)

#### **Tuesday February 25**

- 8:00 AM Staff Meeting (St. P)
- 10:00 AM Thrift shop volunteers
- 8:30-10:30 AM Head Start Parent Mtg  
—Social Rm (St. P)
- 7:00 PM NA (LoC)
- 7:00 PM Worship and Music (LoC)
- 7:00 PM Tech Team Meeting (LoC library)

#### **Wednesday February 26**

##### **Ash Wednesday**

- 7:00 AM Worship (St. P)
- Noon Worship (LoC)
- 7:00 PM Worship (St. P)
- 7:00 PM Choir (St. P)
- 7:00 PM AA (LoC)

#### **Thursday February 27**

- 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 28**

- 6:00 PM LVCCC Worship (St. P)
- 6:30-9:00 PM NA (LoC library)

#### **Saturday February 29**

- 5:00 PM Worship (LoC)
- 7:30-9:00 PM PGHI (St. P)

#### **Sunday March 1**

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