

GREENSTONE GAZETTE

"With God, all things are possible"

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Bringing the love of Jesus to our community by fostering an accepting, nurturing and compassionate environment.

Expanding our missions, infrastructure and worship experiences to meet the community's needs.

Passionately and enthusiastically developing opportunities for personal and spiritual growth.

Seeking partnerships with local organizations in pursuit of God's vision for the greater Nottingham area.



One Great Hours of Sharing Offering

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing Offering: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self Development of People all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community work, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance and hope. Received during the Season of Lent, each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. The Offering provides us all a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. One Great Hour of Sharing is the single largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!



Funeral Policy

Nottingham Presbyterian Church Funeral Policy
 The Session of Nottingham Presbyterian Church adopted a new policy for Funerals and Memorial Services in October 2017. This is a short synopsis of the policy. The entire policy is available on the Church website: nottinghampc.org or by asking the church office for a copy.
 Funeral/Memorial Service arrangements are made through the pastor of Nottingham Presbyterian Church. If available, the NPC organist will ordinarily provide the music for the funeral.

Funeral Fees:

	Member/Attendee*	Non-Member
Use of the Sanctuary	No Fee	\$150
Use of the Foundation Room	No Fee	\$150
Pastor #	\$200	\$200
Organist#	\$150	\$150

#Usually these fees are paid through the Funeral Director, check with the Funeral Home first.

*For the purpose of this policy, members are defined as those members of Nottingham Presbyterian Church who regularly attend church services and contribute to the church as they generally provide regular financial and personal support for the church. These privileges are also extended to the following: 1) Homebound members. 2) Faithful attendees of the church who attend regularly but who have not officially joined the church as an official member. 3) Those who have served as former pastors of the church.

Reception and meals:

At the request of the family of a Member/Attendee, the church through the Fellowship Team will provide at no cost, light refreshments (coffee, tea, cookies)



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Elizabeth (Lizzy) DeWees was selected as February Student of the Month for Hopewell Elementary School. Congratulations!

Our own Brooke Glover will be in the play "Peter Pan". This play will be performed March 17th at Bethany Christian School at 5pm.

The local schools where our children attend use Box Tops for Education. Please save the Box Tops for them. A collection box is in the back entrance.



March 2018

Pastor's Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

March has certainly come in like a lion! As the winds buffeted our house this past weekend, I thought about the winds of our times which are also buffeting our lives together. The winds are strong, and they can do so much damage. The winds that blow – both the natural disasters and the human winds of super-certainty and nastiness – can cause so much fear and foolhardiness. In the midst of this last weekend's mayhem, for example, reports came of five paddleboarders who had gone out on the Susquehanna River. At the time of the first report three had been rescued. The other two were later rescued as well. What dangers our confidence in ourselves can produce. What dangers do our foolhardy ways present to others who have to rescue us!



All this made me think of Jesus' trip across the Sea of Galilee when the winds blew and even seasoned sailors thought they were lost. Jesus was resting – sound asleep even. The disciples shook him awake and screamed out, "Do you not care that we are perishing?" Jesus calmed the seas, then muttered something about the disciples having of little faith.

I don't think Jesus was mad at the disciples for waking him up. I think what bothered him was the accusation that he did not care. Isn't this the line we often take, though, when we are being buffeted by winds of political animosity, family instability, or even doubts in our faith? Does God not care?

God has not promised that we will have smooth sailing all the way. In fact, Jesus told us that we will face all kinds of problems when we are faithful to Jesus. Yet God's promise to care, comfort, and love us is faithful and true. We are to cry out to God. We cry out to the One who can direct us in a way of living that is faithful. We cry out to the One who will help us care for one another. We cry out to the One who can calm the storms of our lives, and who walks with us through those storms when they are their most fierce.

As we walk through the storms toward the celebration of Holy Week and then Easter, let us keep our eyes on the One who walked to the cross, suffered with us on the cross, died, and then was raised from the dead to reveal God's most awesome power even over the most destructive powers on earth. Let the reality rule our lives and guide us in the way of hope and mercy! Though the winds should blow, and storms be strong, we are called to be followers of Christ in calming the storms and speaking truth in love.

In Christ's love,
Pastor Merritt

Winter Closing Procedure: A decision will be made by the Pastor by 8AM the morning of the service. A message will be sent via e-mail. If you wish to be notified by telephone, please place your name and telephone number in the "Suggestion Box" located on the small table as you enter the coatroom at the back entrance or contact Donna Davis.

**Parent Support Grief Group for
Loss of a Child Due to Overdose
Wednesdays at 7:30pm**

812 Wollaston Road,
Across from Unionville Presbyterian Church

www.unionvillepresbyterianchurch.org

Supporting each other especially those new in grief. Sponsored by Unionville PC. For details contact Rev. Annalie Korengel, 610.952.2992 or Jack Smiro, 484.639.7990. Learn, Survive and Heal.

**IF LOVE WAS
ENOUGH**

**March
Volunteers**

Readers;

- 3/4 Dar Gray
- 3/11 Donna Davis
- 3/18 Gerry Davis
- 3/25 Nina Hansen

Head Usher:
Roger Moran

Deacon of the month:
Dar Gray



Upcoming Events:

2017 Pio Zappasodi Congressional Fire Service Award Presented to Gerald R. Davis

On Saturday, February 24, 2018, Gerry Davis received the “Pio Zappasodi Congressional Fire Service Award.” The former Honorable Congressman Curt Weldon presents this award annually to a person who has helped the “Fire Service in Delaware County.” Gerry was the 2017 recipient nominated by the Bethel Township Hose Company No. 1, Bethel Township, Garnet Valley, PA.

Gerry has been serving in fire companies since 1960, holding many positions in both Delaware County and Chester County.

Gerry is also a US. Army Veteran, an Elder in the Presbyterian Church; and, a life-time member of the Delaware County Firemen’s Association.

In 2012, Gerry was diagnosed with and has undergone treatment for multiple myeloma—a blood cancer that develops in the plasma cells found in the bone marrow.

Gerry has spoken at numerous fire departments on the “Pennsylvania Act 46 of 2011 (the Firefighter Cancer Presumption Law) which designates cancer as an occupational disease for firefighters.

Gerry has shown life-long devotion, support, and commitment to the fire service of Delaware County in an outstanding manner.

CONGRATULATIONS GERRY!

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| Thursday, March 1 | NA 7pm |
| | Session 7pm |
| Sunday March 4 | Leadership Development 2pm |
| Monday March 5 | Scouts 6pm |
| Tuesday March 6 | Lenten Bible Study 10am |
| | AA 7pm |
| | Lenten Bible Study 7pm |
| Thursday March 8 | NA 7pm |
| Monday March 12 | Scouts 6pm |
| Tuesday March 13 | Lenten Bible Study 10am |
| | AA 7pm |
| | Lenten Bible Study 7pm |
| Wednesday March 14 | Deacons 6:30pm |
| Thursday March 15 | Worship Team 10am |
| | Stewardship Team 7pm |
| | NA 7pm |
| Saturday March 17 | Men’s Breakfast 8:30am |
| | Post House |
| | Easter Egg Hunt 10:30am |
| Monday March 19 | Scouts 6pm |
| Tuesday March 20 | Lenten Bible Study 10am |
| | AA 7pm |
| | Lenten Bible Study 7pm |
| Wednesday March 21 | Session 7pm |
| Thursday March 22 | NA 7pm |
| Sunday March 25 to | |
| Sunday April 1 | HOLY WEEK |
| Monday March 26 | Scouts 6pm |
| Tuesday March 27 | Lenten Bible Study 10am |
| | NA 7pm |
| | Lenten Bible Study 7pm |
| Thursday March 28 | Maundy Thursday Service 7pm |
| Friday March 29 | Stations of the Cross (sanctuary) |
| | 12noon-2pm and 7-8pm |
| | (at your leisure) |
| Sunday April 1 | Easter Sunday Worship 10am |