



## Lent Opportunity for Generosity: Almsgiving

This Lenten season we will again be engaging in the spiritual practice of Almsgiving - giving intentionally of what we have to others. The hope is that items are brought in weekly so each week we are reminding ourselves to be considerate of others as we do our shopping and go about our lives.

For the first three Sundays of Lent we will be providing items to support the Presbyterian Community Center's food pantry and for the last three Sundays of Lent we will be supporting the food pantry as well as leggings for girls at Woodrow Wilson Middle School. When bringing in a canned item, a pull top lid is preferable.

### For the Presbyterian Community Center:

February 26 - Canned: Chicken, Tuna, Salmon, Beef Stew, and Chili; Canned and Dry Beans  
 March 5 - Canned: Spinach, Carrots, Beets, Mixed Veggies, Turnips, and Diced Tomatoes  
 March 12 - Boxed Cereal, Oatmeal, Pancake Mix, Pancake Syrup, and Jelly

### For Woodrow Wilson Middle School:

March 19 - Canned or individually packaged fruit  
 March 26 - Boxed Mac and Cheese, Noodles/Pasta, Spaghetti Sauce  
 April 2 - Leggings, Size Girls 10 through Adult 10

## Lent Sermon Series: The Pharisee In Me

Jesus was not crucified because evil people plotted his death. Jesus died because he wasn't good enough for the religious people. How often do we sit in the seat of those who are convinced that they are correct and righteous? Would we want Jesus crucified too? This Lent we will examine how we try to live by the "correct" standards and how our obsession with being "good" might actually lead to the most evil results.

### February 26

"Good Religious People" -- Matthew 9:9-17

### March 5

"On the Inside" -- Matthew 15:1-20

### March 12

"Self-Deception" -- Matthew 16:1-12

### March 19

"Will This Be on the Test?" -- Matthew 22:34-39

### March 26

"Public Image" -- Matthew 23:1-12

### April 2

"Save Us Our Way" -- Matthew 21:1-11

### April 9

"The Good Redeemed" -- Matthew 28:1-10

## Holy Week & Easter Services

### Palm Sunday - April 2

9:00 AM Worship - Chapel

11:00 AM Worship - Sanctuary

12:00 PM Congregational Lunch and Easter Egg Hunt

### Maundy Thursday - April 6

6:00 PM Worship Service and Dinner - Fellowship Hall

### Good Friday - April 7

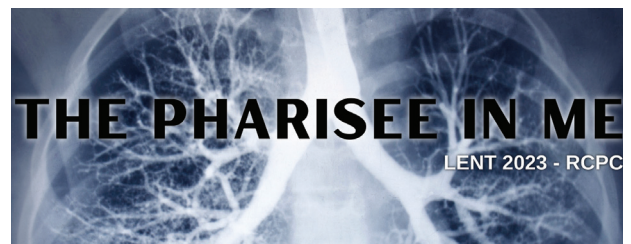
3:00 PM Grandin Road Cross Walk

7:30 PM Service of Darkness - Sanctuary

### Easter Sunday - April 9

9:00 AM Worship - Sanctuary

11:00 AM Worship - Sanctuary



## March Birthdays & Anniversaries

**1** Sarah Grace  
McCurdy  
**2** Jennifer Dean  
**3** Fred Hoffman  
Maggie Layman  
**4** Dan Carson Jr.  
Sophia Danyi  
Barbara Lashley  
**5** Tiffani Anne  
Reynolds  
**6** Cathy Crawley  
Wade Whitehead  
**7** Anne Moore  
**8** Andrew Kessler  
**10** Stu Stephenson

**12** Joe Austin  
Leigh Ann Hamlin  
Merilene Wani  
**13** Nancy Favor  
Emily Gannon  
**15** Gary Scott  
Hazel Skinner  
Nancy Trussell  
**16** Marsha Ellison  
Violette Gannon  
Amy Thisdell  
**17** Mark Currie  
Louise Morris  
Sylvia Mutcheson  
Scot Thomas  
Jack Whitehead

**18** Dick Kepley  
Susan Lindstrom  
**19** David Burtis  
Helen Hertz  
**20** Chris Eberhard  
Jo Thomason  
Hugh Wellons  
**21** Cormany Beckett  
**23** Morgan Davis  
Emily Jarrett  
Brent McGraw  
Zachary Swanner  
**25** James Rule Jr.  
**26** Debbie Miller  
**27** Kaitlin Swanner  
**29** Jean Henderson

**30** Tom Mason  
Cynthia Schaefer  
**31** Charles Favor  
Jeanne Fishwick  
John Fishwick  
Paul Keister  
Lena Joy Kessler  
Dane McLamb  
Lucy Naff

### Special Birthday Wishes:

Jo Thomason on celebrating  
her 95th birthday on March 20.  
Debbie Miller on celebrating  
her 90th birthday on March 26.

## C.A.R.E. Committee

Are you feeling powerless to bring about change related to racial inequities? If so, you are invited to attend a meeting at RCPC on Thursday, March 2, at 7:00 PM in room 101. This will be a bottom-up, not a top-down group. Come and bring your ideas. Or come listen to help you decide if God is calling you to this ministry.

We will share resources and organizations promoting racial equality in our community. Perhaps we will create projects of our own. Above all, we will support each other and pray for God's guidance. Opportunities abound! RSVP to Maureen Guelzow at [nanaguelzow@gmail.com](mailto:nanaguelzow@gmail.com)



## Earth Care at RCPC

Earth care has been an important issue to many of us, and has been increasingly a topic of concern in many pockets throughout our church family. We've gotten to hear from Dr. Laura Hartman talking on environmental issues, and learned from our Youth about climate change and conservation at their local mission week last summer. Taking care of the environment and all of God's creation is something we can all take a part in. We'd like to continue this conversation and find more ways we, as a congregation, can incorporate environmental care and conservation in our church and community.

If this is something you've been thinking about too, or want to learn more about, please let us know by contacting Abby Pierson at 864-361-6274 or by email at [armorris24@gmail.com](mailto:armorris24@gmail.com). Let's get together and find more ways we can combine earth care with our worship!

## Lenten Devotional

Throughout Lent, each day will feature a devotional and music selection available on the RCPC Blog. You can subscribe to the RCPC Blog to receive the daily Lenten Devotionals in your email inbox from Wednesday, February 22 through Saturday, April 8, 2023. Subscribe at [rcpres.org/blog](http://rcpres.org/blog)

Thank you for your expressions of love and sympathy following the loss of our beloved son, Landon. RCPC was Landon's church home for thirty-two years and many of you had known him from his days in the church nursery through youth group. We can't express how much comfort your words and acts have been to our family.

You all were integral in shaping the beautiful man he became - his friends who knew him best, his Sunday School teachers and confirmation leaders, prayer warriors, choir directors, Bible School shepherds and youth group leaders.

The sympathy expressed from each of you (our dearest friends and those who we may have only waved to in the pews) has helped to lift us out of an unimaginable darkness and given us hope when despair was all we could see. Our grief lingers, but your support has made it more bearable. Our church is more than a building. It is a community... it is our home... it is our family... and it was Landon's. Thank you all – you are part of “our story.”

-Greg, Margaret, Spencer and Sarah Shaff





## Church Softball

Spring will be here soon and with spring comes Church Softball Season!

We'd love to have a team play in the City Recreation League this Spring. In order for us to play we need at least 10 players and a willing team manager to coordinate the team. If being the softball team manager is up your alley, please contact Jeff Bossert, chair of the Fellowship Committee at [jbossert71@outlook.com](mailto:jbossert71@outlook.com)

## Youth Updates

### Chili Luncheon – THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who came out and supported our Youth Group's Chili Luncheon. We raised over \$1700 for our summer retreats at Massanetta Springs and Montreat.

### Lock In - Save the Date for March 17

Adults, let Isabella know if you can join in by staying for a 6-hour shift during the night.



## FELLOWSHIP DINNER WEDNESDAYS AT 6:15 PM

Fellowship Dinners are every Wednesday evening at 6:15 PM. Meals are a suggested donation of \$7 for an individual 12 years and up, \$5 for children ages 4-11, and free for 3 and younger, with a max of \$20 for a family. Please register by noon the Tuesday before each meal online at [rcpres.org/dinner](http://rcpres.org/dinner).

### MENUS:

**3/1** - BBQ with or without a Bun, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Jello, Mushroom BBQ

**3/8** - Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Country Green Beans, Bread, Yellow Cake, Lentil Loaf

**3/15** - Chicken & Rice Casserole, Salad Bar, Bread, Mega Chocolate Cake, Squash & Quinoa Casserole

**3/22** - Spaghetti & Meatballs, Italian Green Beans, Cheesy Garlic Bread, Brownies a la mode, Vegan Meatball

## Adult Sunday School Offerings: February 26 - April 2

### The Seekers: *Sermon on the Mount* by Amy-Jill Levine (DVD)

In *Sermon on the Mount*, Dr. Amy-Jill Levine takes a detailed and colorful overview of Matthew 5-7, collectively known as Jesus's Sermon on the Mount. Through Dr. Levine's engaging method of biblical interpretation, learners will come away with a solid understanding of the Sermon on the Mount in its full historical and theological context. *Room 201*

### For Doubters, Skeptics and Cynics: A Lenten Study of Ecclesiastes

The writer of Ecclesiastes -- Qohelet, the Preacher -- speaks in a register that does not often appear in the Bible: philosophical grappling with a world apparently beyond comprehension, and a God who too often seems absent. Reading through Qohelet's questions, answers, and musings should give us plenty to think about as we pass through the Lenten season where we remember Jesus' 40 days of testing in the wilderness. *Led by Mike Lockaby, Room 101*

### *Seculosity: How Career, Parenting, Technology, Food, Politics, and Romance Became Our New Religion and What to Do about It* by David Zahl

*Seculosity* makes the case that being religious is alive and well in modern society. While American organized religion may be declining, the desire to fill the void with everyday life pursuits is another form of worship. In our striving, we chase a sense of enoughness, but it remains out of reach. Human effort and striving is causing burnout, depression, and anxiety. Even our leisure activities such as dating and movie watching become to-do list items and once accomplished, we hope to feel contentment with ourselves. *Seculosity* takes a thoughtful yet light-hearted tour of "performancism" and its cousins. Author David Zahl challenges the conventional narrative of religious decline claiming society has become religious about busyness and accomplishments. Zahl unmask the competing loyalties our lives revolve around in a way that is approachable, personal, and accurate. Eventually, Zahl brings readers to a fresh appreciation for grace -- the grace of God in all its counter-cultural wonder. *Led by The Rev. Andrew Whaley, Room 102*

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
*Centering Prayer meets at St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church on Thursdays at 10:00 AM						
<b>5 LENT</b> 9:00 AM - Worship: Chapel 10:00 AM - Sunday School 11:00 AM - Worship: Sanctuary 5:15 PM - Youth Bells 6:00 PM - Youth Group	<b>6</b> 9:00 AM - Preschool 10:00 AM - Monday Morning Prayer Group 10:30 AM - Small Group: Whaley 6:30 PM - Cub Scouts 7:00 PM - BSA Troop 2	<b>7</b> 9:00 AM - Preschool 9:00 AM - PW Coordinating Team 9:00 AM - Staff Meeting 10:30 AM - Primary Purpose: AA 4:00 PM - Small Group: Dixon 6:00 PM - Tai Chi 6:45 PM - Eagle Board of Review 7:15 PM - Raleigh Court Ringers 8:00 PM - Small Group: Biddle	<b>8</b> 9:00 AM - Preschool 4:00 PM - God Alive - 5th Graders Clean Mill Mountain 6:15 PM - Fellowship Dinner 7:00 PM - Small Group: Sackett 7:15 PM - Sanctuary Choir	<b>9</b> 9:00 AM - Preschool 9:00 AM - Hunger Mission Packing 10:00 AM - Centering Prayer* 10:30 AM - Primary Purpose: AA 4:30 PM - Tai Chi 6:30 PM - Hip Sober Chicks	<b>10</b> 9:00 AM - Preschool 11:45 AM - Al-Anon	<b>11</b>
<b>12 LENT</b> 9:00 AM - Worship: Chapel 10:00 AM - Sunday School 11:00 AM - Worship: Sanctuary 5:15 PM - Youth Bells 6:00 PM - Youth Group	<b>13</b> 9:00 AM - Preschool 10:00 AM - Monday Morning Prayer Group 10:30 AM - Small Group: Whaley 5:00 PM - Fellowship Committee 6:30 PM - Cub Scouts 7:00 PM - BSA Troop 2 7:00 PM - Deacons	<b>14</b> 9:00 AM - Preschool 9:00 AM - Staff Meeting 10:15 AM - PW 10:30 AM - Primary Purpose: AA 4:00 PM - Small Group: Dixon 6:00 PM - Tai Chi 7:15 PM - Raleigh Court Ringers 8:00 PM - Small Group: Biddle	<b>15</b> 9:00 AM - Preschool 12:15 PM - Preschool Staff Meeting 4:00 PM - God Alive 6:15 PM - Fellowship Dinner 7:00 PM - Preschool Committee 7:00 PM - Small Group: Sackett 7:15 PM - Sanctuary Choir	<b>16</b> 9:00 AM - Preschool 9:00 AM - Hunger Mission Packing 10:00 AM - Centering Prayer* 10:30 AM - Primary Purpose: AA 4:30 PM - Tai Chi 6:30 PM - Hip Sober Chicks 7:00 PM - Third Thursday Evening Prayer Service	<b>17</b> 9:00 AM - Preschool 11:45 AM - Al-Anon 5:00 PM - Girl Scout Troop 170 7:00 PM - Youth Lock-In	<b>18</b> 8:00 AM - Youth Lock-In
			<b>1</b> 9:00 AM - Preschool - Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00 PM - God Alive 6:15 PM - Fellowship Dinner 7:00 PM - Small Group: Sackett 7:15 PM - Sanctuary Choir	<b>2</b> 9:00 AM - Preschool 9:00 AM - Hunger Mission Packing 10:00 AM - Centering Prayer* 10:30 AM - Primary Purpose: AA 4:30 PM - Tai Chi 6:30 PM - Hip Sober Chicks	<b>3</b> 9:00 AM - Preschool 11:45 AM - Al-Anon	<b>4</b>

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<b>26 LENT</b> Congregational Retreat 9:00 AM - Worship: Chapel 10:00 AM - Sunday School 11:00 AM - Worship: Sanctuary 5:15 PM - Youth Bells	<b>27</b> 9:00 AM - Preschool 10:00 AM - Monday Morning Prayer Group 10:30 AM - Small Group: Whaley 6:30 PM - Cub Scouts 7:00 PM - BSA Troop 2 7:00 PM - Session	<b>28</b> 9:00 AM - Preschool 9:00 AM - Staff Meeting 10:30 AM - Primary Purpose: AA 4:00 PM - Small Group: Dixon 6:00 PM - Tai Chi 7:00 PM - Hospitality Committee 7:15 PM - Raleigh Court Ringers 8:00 PM - Small Group: Biddle	<b>29</b> 9:00 AM - Preschool 4:00 PM - God Alive 6:15 PM - Fellowship Dinner 7:00 PM - Small Group: Sackett 7:15 PM - Sanctuary Choir	<b>30</b> 9:00 AM - Preschool 9:00 AM - Hunger Mission Packing 10:00 AM - Centering Prayer* 10:30 AM - Primary Purpose: AA 4:30 PM - Tai Chi 6:30 PM - Hip Sober Chicks	<b>31</b> 9:00 AM - Preschool 11:45 AM - Al-Anon	