***CHURCH* CHAT**

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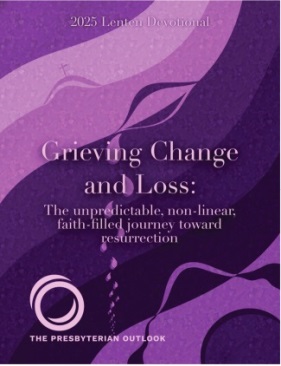
**EASTER LILY**

The order form to purchase a lily is by the usher’s table. The cost this year is $13.00 each. Unfortunately, the florist needs our order by March 18th so the **deadline** for you to turn your money and completed form into the office is **March 17th**. They will be in the sanctuary beginning April 19th and you take yours with you after service beginning April 20th. If you have questions, please contact the office.

**TODAY’S COFFEE HOUR**

Two Irish lassies along with the Mission Committee invite you to an especially green coffee hour this morning. Look forward to seeing you all there for some treats and a

wee bit o' banter!

**GRIEF GROUP**

“For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven: A time to be born and a time to die; a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill and a time to heal; a time to break down and a time to build up; a time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance,” (Ecclesiastes 3:1-4)

This spring, Pastor Ericka is hosting a Grief Group, which will meet twice a month on Sundays, after worship. Whether your grief is new or has been for many years, whether you are grieving a loved one or a situation, our God offers compassion through scripture, prayer, and through conversation with others. Copies of the “Grieving Change Loss” Lenten devotional are available in the Narthex for your personal use or for use in a group.  If you would like to join and attend, please speak with Janice Casper, Brock Vinson, or Pastor Ericka.

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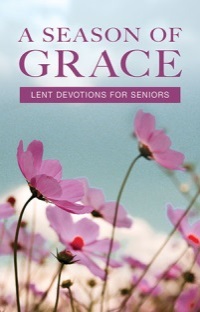
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**Presbyterian Coffee Project Relaunch!**

[](https://shop.equalexchange.coop/)[](https://pcusa.org/about-pcusa/agencies-entities/interim-unified-agency/ministry-areas/hunger-program/sustainable-livingearth-care-concerns/fair-trade-coffee-project)The Mission Committee is excited to relaunch the *Presbyterian Coffee Project* through the Equal Exchange program! This **Fair Trade** initiative ensures that small-scale farmers receive fair prices, work in safe conditions, and sustain their communities. By choosing Fair Trade coffee, you’re supporting ethical practices that align with our faith values. (Scan the QR code below)!

*“Speak out, judge righteously, and defend the rights of the poor and needy.” —Proverbs 31:9*



**LENTEN DEVOTIONALS**

The Outreach committee has a few extra Lenten Devotionals remaining from the bags we prepare for our senior at-home members. If you would like to purchase this little booklet for your own season of Lent, please see Michele Bartels or Peggy McAnally at church with $2.00 in hand. First come, first served. Also, copies of Grieving Loss and Change Lenten Devotional and The Bread of Life Lenten Devotional (which corresponds with our Faith Formation classes and Sunday worship services) are also available in the Narthex.



* March 11 Tuesday 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. 3B ( through March 27)
* March 12 Wednesday 10 a.m. Outreach meeting
* March 12 Wednesday 10:30 a.m. Bible Study
* March 13 Thursday 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. 3B ( through March 27)
* March 13 Thursday 4:30 p.m. Mission meeting (Hybrid)
* March 14 Friday Office Closed **Pastor in by appointment**
* March 15 Saturday 11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen
* March 16 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed
* March 16 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship service 2nd Sunday in Lent
* March 16 Sunday after worship, 3rd Sunday Guest speaker, Dominique Edwards
* **March 17 Monday St. Patrick’s Day**
* March 17 Monday PASTOR OFF
* March 17 Monday DEADLINE TO ORDER LILY(S)
* March 18 Tuesday 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. 3B ( through March 27)
* March 18 Tuesday 6:30 p.m. Elizabeth Circle meeting
* March 19 Wednesday 10:30 a.m. Bible Study
* March 19 Wednesday 4 p.m. Deacon’s meeting
* March 19 Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Session meeting
* March 20 Thursday 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. 3B ( through March 27)
* March 20 Thursday 5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts meeting
* March 21 Friday Office Closed **Pastor in by appointment**
* March 22 Saturday 9 a.m. visitation for Barbara Vinson, 11 a.m. service with a luncheon to follow
* March 22 Saturday 11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen
* March 23 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed
* March 23 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship service 3rd Sunday in Lent-NOISY OFFERING
* March 23 Sunday Tweens meet after worship
* March 24 Monday PASTOR OFF
* March 25 Tuesday 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. 3B ( through March 27)
* March 26 Wednesday 10:30 a.m. Bible Study
* March 27 Thursday 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. 3B **(LAST FOR THIS SESSION)**
* March 28 Friday Office Closed **Pastor in by appointment**
* March 29 Saturday 9:30 a.m. Faith Formation bible study
* March 29 Saturday 11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen
* March 30 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed
* March 30 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship service 4th Sunday in Lent

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS**

If you are interested, as of now, we have open dates on March 30th, June 1, June 8, June 15 June 29, July 6,

July 20, July 27, August 3, August 17, August 24, August 31, October 5, October 19, October 26, November 9 and November 30. If you are interested in any of these dates, please contact the office. The cost is $35.00. Thank you.

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**FOUND IN THE SANTUARY DURING RENOVATION**



The above pictures are the front and back of a coin found in the sanctuary during renovation. It is a St. Michaels Patron Saint of Law Enforcement coin. If it belongs to you or you know who it belongs to, please contact the office.



For over 70 years, Presbyterians have joined together through OGHS, responding to Christ’s call to serve “the least of these.” This offering supports the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and

the Self-Development of People ministry—bringing hope and tangible assistance to communities in need.

Through your generous gifts, we help rebuild lives after natural disasters, combat hunger and poverty, and empower communities to create lasting change. When we give, we proclaim that “God’s love is overflowing”—reaching those in need and transforming lives.

**Ways to Give:**

* During Worship: Use the OGHS blue-colored envelope.
* Online: Give securely at [pcusa.org/oghs](http://pcusa.org/oghs).
* By Mail: Send a check to the church with “OGHS” in the memo line.
* Text-to-Give: Text OGHS to 91999 to make a donation.

**A Special Invitation for Kids!**

Children are also invited to participate in this offering through the “Gracie” fish banks! These colorful fish-shaped banks help teach children about giving and compassion. Kids can collect coins throughout Lent and bring their filled fish banks on as an offering of love and generosity.

Join us in making a difference! When we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

*“And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.” – 2 Corinthians 9:8*

**SOUP KITCHEN ITEM OF THE MONTH**

Our item for March to keep up with our Soup Kitchen inventory—is—***dish soap***. Thank you all for donating canned fruit throughout February. Please drop off your in-kind donations at the table near the coat racks in the Narthex. Monetary donations are welcome by designating them to the Soup Kitchen Fund.

*“My dear friends, since we have these promises, let’s cleanse ourselves from anything that contaminates our body or spirit so that we make our holiness complete in the fear of God.” —2 Corinthians 7:1 (CEB)*



**ELEVATOR FUND CAMPAIGN**

As of March 10th, the numbers are:

* We anticipate the final cost of the project is going to come in around $142,000 (about 8K under the original budget).
* We have raised $133,019 (includes a $50K grant).

In order to avoid dipping into our savings, we are still looking to raise an additional $25,000.

Please continue to donate to the elevator fund, and/or buy a brick or two for our heritage garden. Bricks are $100.00 each and can be purchased via this link. You can also pick up a paper form at the display by the garden door or contact Diane for one. Thank you for your generosity!

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