

# LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

March 13, 2022

Prelude Paul Mortilla, Piano

Welcome and Family News Pastor Steve

Call to Worship Romans 15:5-11 Michael & Bill Otten

Hymn #66 "The God of Abraham, Praise" Leoni

Prayer of Invocation Pastor Debbie

Scripture Reading Colossians 3:1-15 Jim Hornung & Ian Kauffman Prayer of Confession Pastor Debbie

Heavenly Father, Scripture tells us that you have engraved your people on the palm of your hand – you will never forget us, your children, and your kind care is without interruption. How good you are, Lord God, and how far short of your example we fall. We so easily forget you, and each other, looking first to ourselves: our own wants, our own dreams, our own ambitions and fears; then we are surprised and dismayed to find our relationships in shreds. Forgive us, Lord, for living life in isolation, forgetting that as we are joined to Jesus in faith, we also are joined to the family of faith. Forgive use and help us, by your Spirit, to grow in our experience and understanding of what it means to live as your ever-expanding family: one-on-one, and corporately, so that you might be honored and glorified in our life together. We ask in Jesus' name, amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Introduction of Director of Music Pam Fleming, Elder, Personnel Committee

Paul Mortilla, Director of Music

Worship Songs "Lord I Need You" Sarah & Worship Team "Behold Him"

(Children and Youth dismissed for Sunday School)

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer Pastor Steve

Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "I Lift Up My Eyes" NPC Choir

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication Paul Mortilla, Organ

Scripture Reading Ruth 1:4-8, 14-18; 2:5-12

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Sermon "When You Feel Alone: The Force of Family" Pastor Debbie

Hymn #697 "In Christ There Is No East or West" St.Peter

Benediction "Spirit Song" NPC Choir

Postlude Paul Mortilla, Piano

Prayer Ministry Jack Comstock

**Today is the second Sunday in Lent** as we journey together toward Good Friday and Easter. In this special season of renewed devotion to Jesus, our theme on Sunday mornings is "Victorious Struggle."

Today as we have sprung forward an hour, we are grateful for the "Rise & Shine" breakfast. Special thanks to the Property Committee and all who helped to prepare the meal.

### Special Offering (Ukraine):

For the next 3 weeks, we have the opportunity to give a special offering to benefit our brothers and sisters in Ukraine. **Save A Life** is the Ukrainian version of Amnion (since 2009). In addition to their work with young women expecting babies, they now are also aiding those fleeing, and providing shelter and support for those who cannot leave. Save A Life is Christian, Ukrainian, and already at work there. The US base is in Dresher, PA, and its founder is a graduate of Eastern University. Here is a link to their website, if you would like to learn more about them. <a href="https://savealifeintl.org/">https://savealifeintl.org/</a>

### Wednesday Night Dinner

Wednesday Night Dinners are BACK! 5:45-6:30pm, in the Gym (in the Parlor, if stairs are an issue) This week's menu: Focaccia, French Carrot Salad, Fresh Fruit and Ham Salad. Come for good fellowship, food, and classes in this Lenten Season. Donations are welcome, to cover the cost of food. All are welcome! Please sign-up by calling the church office (610-664-4880 x119).

# Wednesday Night Lenten Classes

7:00 – Children's class with Danielle

7:00 - Middle School Youth Group with Lisa

7:00 - "Bringing God's Shalom" with Pastor Debbie

7:00 - "Spiritual Health Inventory" with Pastor Steve

\*\*Masking Optional to Return to Narberth Presbyterian Church, Starting today Sunday, March 13 By a unanimous vote, the Session of Narberth Presbyterian Church approved a motion on Wednesday, February 23, to change from "Masking Recommended" to "Masking Optional", provided "the way be clear", meaning local health conditions continue to support this change. Full details in the newsletter.

# INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

#### CHILDREN'S NEWS

Rise & Shine Breakfast! Join us in the NPC gym beginning at 8:30am for pancakes, eggs, coffee and more. All are welcome!

**Lent to Life!** New Sunday School Program beginning Sunday, March 13th! Hey kids, don't just give something up for Lent - let's bring it to life with new lessons, love letters, and crafts!

Wednesday Night Program for Children - Playful & Powerful Prayer! Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to this new program on Wednesday night. During Lent the children will discover some fun and meaningful ways to talk to God. Because spending time with God is fun! We meet from 7:00pm - 8:00pm in RM 107.

All Church Bowling is Back! Come out for a "striking" time at Wynnewood Lanes (2228 Haverford Rd, Ardmore) from 2:30pm-4:30pm on Sunday, April 3rd. The cost is \$20 per family or \$10 single bowler. Snacks, drinks, and shoes provided. Please RSVP to Danielle (<a href="mailto:dkauffman@narberthpres.org">dkauffman@narberthpres.org</a>).

Holy Week in a Box! Are you looking for meaningful activities during Holy Week? Will you be traveling with your family? Then grab Holy Week in a Box to help you explore the events of Holy Week in fun and meaningful ways. Take one for your family and take another to pass on to a neighbor or friend! Materials will be available, while supplies last, in the Chapel beginning Sunday, March 27th.

**Save the Date for VBC!** Join us Monday, June 20th through Friday, June 24th from 9:00am - 11:30am! Registration will begin on Sunday, April 10th!

Messy Family Project - Parents of children and youth save the date! Friday, April 29th from 7:00pm - 9:00pm in the NPC gym. Join Mike and Alicia Hernon from the Messy Family Project for an evening of discussion on "Leaving a Legacy of Faith". Together we will discover how we can best share our faith with our children. Please RSVP to Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org).

# INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: YOUTH

#### YOUTH NEWS

3/13 - Sunday School - Youth Sunday School in the Youth Room.

3/13 – High School Youth Group – 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm at the Hoffmans! Join us for food, games and small group discussion. Contact Lisa for more info at <a href="mailto:lisa.hoffman1@verizon.net">lisa.hoffman1@verizon.net</a>

**3/16 – Middle School Youth Group** – 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the Youth Room. Fun hang out time and group games followed by Bible study.

3/20 - Sunday School - Youth Sunday School in the Youth Room.

**3/20 – High School Youth Group** – 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm at the Hoffmans! Join us for food, games and small group discussion. Contact Lisa for more info at <a href="mailto:lisa.hoffman1@verizon.net">lisa.hoffman1@verizon.net</a>

#### SAVE THE DATE:

March 25-27 -- High School Retreat at Spruce Lake

### Sign-ups will open next week.

Register here - https://narberthpres.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/79/responses/new

Our retreat is coming quickly! Experience God's beautiful creation at Spruce Lake. The retreat center's 888 acres of stunning Pocono Mountains woodlands, trails, and waterfalls are perfect for drawing closer to God and building relationships with others. You will explore nature, refresh your body & soul, and deepen your faith at Spruce Lake. Activities will include hiking, ping pong, gym, and outdoor group adventures like zip lining, high ropes or wall climbing. We'll be cooking and eating together and roasting marshmallows by the campfire. All the while sharing lessons about our Creator and learning about his love for us. Contact Lisa Hoffman at lisa.hoffman1@verizon.net for more information. Click above or keep your eye out for an email to sign up or register online on our website

### April 22-24 – Possible Philadelphia Project Blitz Weekend

**Confirmation Class** – This class is open to any student in grades 6th -12th and will begin the week of April 24th and culminate on Pentecost Sunday June 5th. Please contact Lisa Hoffman at lisa.hoffman1@verizon.net to register your student, or for more information.

# ADULT DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

# Sunday Mornings

**8:15** am class-Please join us - live in the NPC Parlor, or via Zoom, for a time of conversation focused on the scriptures for that day's worship service. All are welcome! Contact Debbie Watson for more details <a href="mailto:dwatson@narberthpres.org">dwatson@narberthpres.org</a>.

"A People, a Place and a Just Society": New class starting March 6 @ 11:15 am Today's society struggles with issues of justice and fairness. How can we reflect God's image, God's idea of a just society? How can we enact a just society in which all people are cared for holistically? Over the eight weeks beginning March 6 (with a break for Easter) this class, "A People, Place, and a Just Society," will explore how Scripture reveals God's vision for justice from Genesis to Revelation using daily (M-F) videos, Scripture readings, and a few questions for reflection. Each participant's course content is supplied at no cost to us by our ECO Heritage Presbytery. Mark Wenger will lead this class via Zoom and at church at 11:15 each Sunday. Contact Mark (markfwenger@yahoo.com) if you would like to join us so that we can provide you with the materials for this class.

### Wednesday Nights 7:00-8:00 pm

### Wednesday Night in the Chapel with Pastor Debbie

Pastor Debbie will continue a Wednesday night video-based journey through the land of Israel/Palestine, walking with Jesus and the disciples to the cross, and beyond, to the Resurrection. All are welcome to join "Bringing God's Shalom to a World in Chaos" – in-person, and via zoom – as we grow in our understanding of God and are challenged to live as true followers of Jesus. (7:00- 8:00pm in the Chapel)

Wednesday Night Bible Study: Spiritual Health Inventory. Starting on Wednesday, March 9 at 7:00pm, Pastor Steve will lead a 6-week Bible Study focused on our spiritual health. Drawing largely from Philippians 3 and 4, topics will include knowing Christ, spiritual growth, progress not perfection, interpersonal relationships, affliction and joy, anxiety and peace, our thought life and a renewed mind, trial and contentment, and generosity. (Parlor)

### **Prayer Focus:** Amoenitas (Scott Todd)

Amoenitas provides professional technical assistance with technologies and techniques to help organizations, usually those in the non-profit sector, and frequently those motivated by faith, to identify, analyze and understand key factors that can be optimized, reoriented or improved to balance, strengthen and sustain healthy systems, as they do their work that intersects faith, science, business, education, environment, industry, government and community. Please pray for Scott's flourishing, and that of the work he does to help organizations become even stronger and healthier as they serve the common good in this world.

# BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, March 13 – 2nd Sunday in Lent \*Sleepy Saints' Sunday

8:15am Sunday School (Parlor)

8:30-9:15am Rise & Shine Breakfast (Gym)

9:30am Worship Service In-person and live-stream

11:00am Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

11:15am Sunday School

6:00-7:30pm HS Youth Group Mtg. at the Hoffman's

Monday, March 14

Tuesday, March 15

7:00pm Session Meeting (Parlor)

Wednesday, March 16

5:45-6:45pm Dinner in the Gym

7:00-8:00pm Adult Bible classes (Debbie, Steve)

7:00-8:00pm Children's class with Danielle

7:00-8:00pm **MS Youth Group** (Lisa Hoffman & Team)(Youth Room)

Thursday, March 17

4:00-5:00pm Kickball with the Pastor

Friday, March 18

11:00am Women's Bible Study (In-person)

Saturday, March 19

Sunday, March 20 – 3rd Sunday in Lent

8:15am Sunday School (Parlor)

9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and livestream (Pre-school Sunday)

11:00am Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

11:15am Sunday School

6:00-7:30pm HS Youth Group Mtg. (Lisa

Hoffman & Team)(Gym)

#### Each Week

**Christian Pre-School** – 610-664-8890 x118

2, 3 & 5 Day Programs 9:00am to 12 noon & 12 noon to 3:00pm Extended Day Program, Sept.-May AA meets 12:30pm, Monday–Saturday & Sunday at 4:30pm

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