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The Church Mouse

Our Mission: To love God by loving all God's creation

~ FEBRUARY 2020 ~



Church Chat

WITH AMY NA

I like the fact that we celebrate love this month. I like the colors pink and red and white and the growing purple that I see in this vivid, romantic season. I like that we have a day set aside to be sure and say, "I love you." Now, I don't like those mushy cards that open three ways and rhyme. I like the funny, poignant cards that say it like it is!

Real love is not mushy to me. Real love is hard. Real love is determined and challenging and precious. Real love requires sacrifice and pain and sometimes anxiety. Real love can hurt and heal and make all the difference.

This real love is the kind that God has for his children. In the words of the season, we are valentines of the Lord Jesus and his love for us is real and true and unending. As you celebrate this season, remember the great source of love and the first one who loved you- God. And give thanks for the great love that he has for us this month and always. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." (John 3.16). Live and love and rejoice! See you in church!



WITH THE
BIBLE GUY
Kang Na

The Bible Hour with the Bible Guy has enjoyed a differently paced Bible Study. We've been thinking and studying Genesis. Our next study will be **February 5th** and **February 19th**.

Come for the Korean coffee candies. Remember your homework! See you at 7pm!

We meet in the Library.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR 2 IMPORTANT NIGHTS IN FEBRUARY:

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER!

Tuesday, **February 25th** we'll have a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper! Join us for a night a food, fun and fellowship!! The festivities begin at 6pm in Fellowship Hall! Pass the syrup!



On Wednesday, February 26th, we'll gather for worship and imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday. The service begins at 7pm.

Look for Lenten Suppers and an informal worship series during the month of March! We're looking for preachers again this year! Are you interested? If you preached last year, you are welcome to preach again!
Please contact Amy Na ASAP!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

REFURBISHING STEWARDSHIP?

I find the word “Stewardship” as a single expression, a very rich term. To me the word expresses an ideal, or thought that somehow has been watered down. The word stewardship invokes in me images of Joseph in the Bible as the steward of the land of Egypt, or in it’s most robust form, how we are the stewards of all that God has created. Although the word is still correctly used by environmental groups, law societies, land use associations, and even employee unions to drive home a sense of careful or responsible management – the word is becoming common. We have heard this word so often associated with these organizations that environmental causes or relationship management only spring to mind. We understand the word, but some of its depth of meaning has been lost. Unfortunately, there isn’t really another word which we could use instead which provides a similar depth of meaning. I therefore urge you to allow me to reawaken some of the luster this word once had especially in the context of our Christian walk. God instituted stewardship, in the full depth of that word’s meaning, right at the beginning. God’s word leaves no doubt about His uncontested ownership and control of all he has made, yet in Genesis 1:28 and following we read that God created human kind (male and female he created them), instructing them to “rule over” all He had just created. Later, in Genesis 2:15 we read: “The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it” which highlights both active participation and the oversight component of stewardship even before the Fall. Even within the church, the word has lost a portion of its meaning since simply mentioning stewardship within Christian circles invokes only a sense of financial giving. Stewardship in it’s depth of meaning is often presented as ‘the 4 “T”s of stewardship’. These four Ts are Trees (environmental stewardship), Talents (using our gifts to further the Love of Christ), Time (spend time both stewarding your relationship with God) and lastly, Treasure (share some of the blessings that God has entrusted to you). Financial giving is an important part of Stewardship, especially in our wealthy North American society, but it is not the whole of Stewardship.



PUB THEOLOGY

In the effort to reclaim this important conversation in the life of the church, Pub Theology is looking for a host. If you can host the group, please contact Amy Na or the church office!

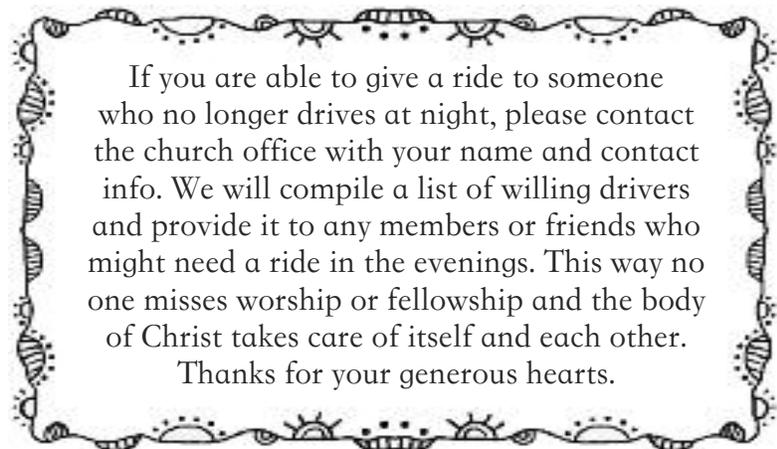
From The Deacons...

*“The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me,
because the Lord has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim freedom for the captives
and release from darkness for the prisoners,
Isaiah 61:1”*

The IPC Deacons would like to thank everyone for their generosity through the holiday season. Due to the congregation’s donations we were able to purchase Christmas gifts for 2 Friends of the Church families. Additionally, we bought gifts for 18 men and women from the residential program of Liberty Ministries. Liberty Ministries has three homes for men and women coming out of prison. While enrolled in a twelve month educational and discipleship program, these men and women have a full schedule of weekly activities. The focus is in assisting residents in their vocational, spiritual, emotional and character development. In addition, there are specific goals that each resident must accomplish in order to graduate from the program.

Each month the deacons collect food to donate to the Coordinating Council each month. There is a continued need for pasta, peanut butter, soup, etc. The donation box is located in Fellowship Hall.

If you are aware of a need the Deacons should address please contact one of the following members: Bonnie Kintzel, Mary Severn, Bill McCoy, Dottie Rose Brennan, Bob Ditsche, Ellen Bergamasco, Bruce Duncan, Jean Beaton or Miriam Warfield.



If you are able to give a ride to someone who no longer drives at night, please contact the church office with your name and contact info. We will compile a list of willing drivers and provide it to any members or friends who might need a ride in the evenings. This way no one misses worship or fellowship and the body of Christ takes care of itself and each other.

Thanks for your generous hearts.



WARMINSTER FOOD CUPBOARD

Some food cupboard numbers will illuminate who is food insecure in our local area: 28 Families which include 27 children, 43 adults and 23 seniors.

These folks came for food on January 3rd, 6th, 8th and 10th, just 4 days into the first month of 2020.

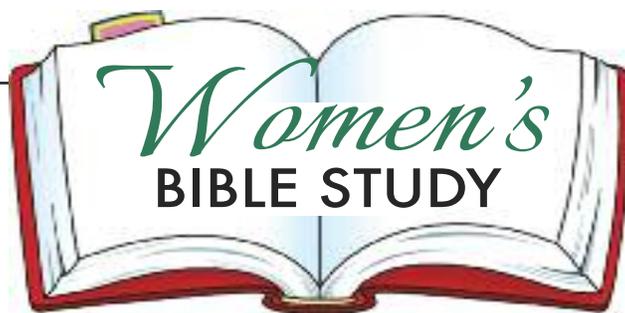
Mike Cerino, from the Cupboard will be the Dinner Club guest speaker this month, and Evie Dugan, another longtime volunteer, will also attend.

Belated holiday news: Many giving individuals and companies donated turkeys and hams for the needy clients' Christmas and New Year's meals.



Dinner Club

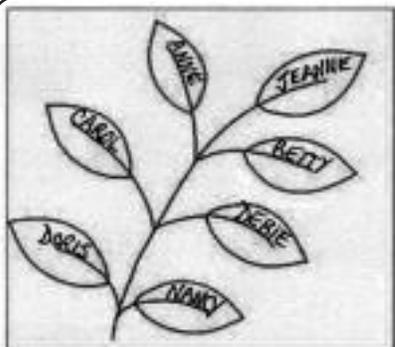
Our next meeting is a "True Pot Luck" and will be held February 7 beginning at 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall. Mike Cerino, from the Warminster Food Cupboard will give a presentation after dinner. If you would like to join us, please call Jeanne Ditsche at 215-357-5976.



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH

Our text will be Acts 9.36-42; our woman is called Dorcas.

We are looking forward to seeing you there.



PRAYER TREE

Jeanne Ditsche,
Moderator

Currently has 7 Prayer Captains

Prayer requests should be submitted to Jeanne Ditsche at 215-357-5976. Please provide the person's name (spelled out), reason for request, and your relationship to the person.



SHOPRITE OF WARMINSTER SAVE-A-TAPE RECEIPT PROGRAM

Please bring your Warminster ShopRite register receipts to church each week and put them into the red collection box in Fellowship Hall. Receipts must come from the Warminster store to be eligible. Gift card and pharmacy prescription receipts are not eligible for reimbursement unless there are eligible items on the receipt with them.

PRAYER LIST

The Prayer List is printed in the Sunday Bulletin you receive at services. To add a name to the list, fill in a blue Prayer Card that is available in the pew card holder, and put it into the plate during collection. The name will remain on the list for 6 weeks, then will be removed. If you want the name to remain on the list longer, fill in and submit a new Prayer Card.

ALUMINUM CAN TABS

A collection bottle with Ronald MacDonald House logo on it is in Fellowship Hall. Can tabs are recycled to raise funds for this facility that assists/supports families of children receiving medical treatment at Children's Hospital of Phila (CHOP).





YOUTH NEWS

Last month the youth shared a pizza with the Valley Youth Center. This month, we're making sandwiches and donating them to Synergy. Be at church on Sunday, February 23rd to help make sandwiches. See you then!

CONFIRMATION CLASS OFFERED

If you are interested in a Confirmation Class at IPC, please contact Amy Na in the office. Fall is a great time to learn about the church!!



KID'S CLUB

Would you like your tween to learn some life skills??

Bring him or her to church on Mondays to Kid's Club!! We're learning about all kinds of life hacks- and having fun too!

~ MONDAYS 4-5:30 ~

See you February 3rd and 17th!

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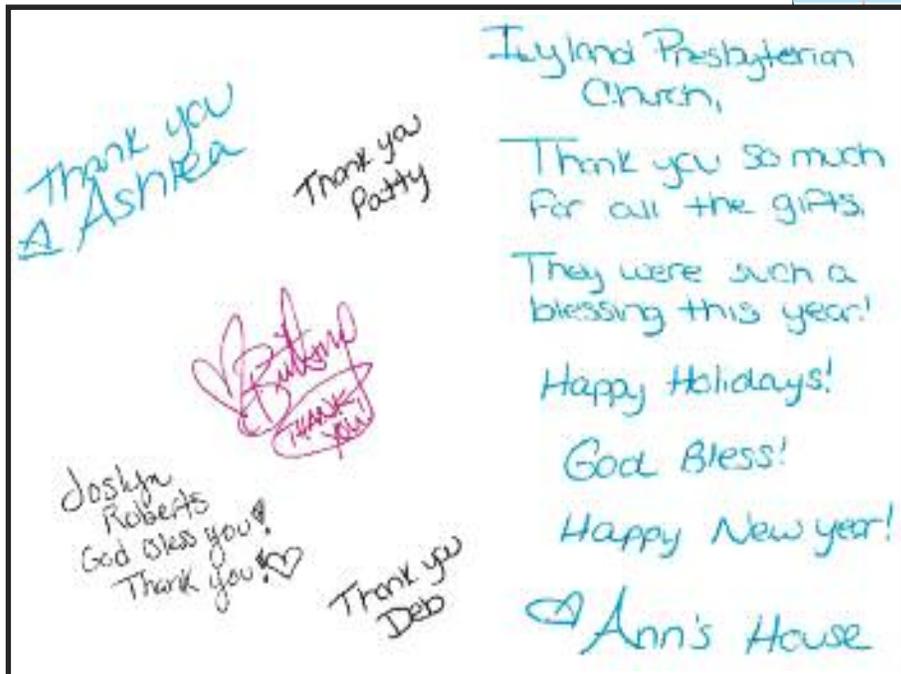
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The new church directories are in production! Stay tuned!!

If you ordered extra pictures aside from your free directory picture and did NOT receive them by mail, PLEASE contact Al Bumford with your address information by phone 215-449-8425 or email alvinnssa@aol.com



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

february

- 2 Carol Jones
- 7 Janis Boettcher
- 13 Ed Hotham
- 15 Madison McAllister
Gregory Pope
- 17 Connie McAllister
- 19 Charlotte Savino
- 20 Teddy Post
- 24 Jill Benham
- 26 Cyndi DiChiara
Mary Severn
Kris Yotko

DESIGNER BAG



Join us for an exciting night of playing bingo at the Raymour and Flanigan furniture store in Southampton! Yes, you read that correctly. Bingo will take place on the showroom floor! It will be a night full of opportunity to win beautiful designer bags, all while helping raise money for the Mission Trip to Italy. Please join us and spread the word! More information to come soon!

FEBRUARY 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						9:00 AM SESSION RETREAT 1
9:15 AM Choir rehearsal 2 10:00 AM Worship; Communion After Worship, Christian Ed 7:00 PM Hand Bell Rehearsal	9:00 AM TOPS 3 4:00PM - 5:30PM Kid's Club	12:30 PM ICA Adult Class 4 1:30 PM Worship Committee 6:30 PM Women's Step 7:30 PM Property	9:00-1:00 PM Secretary in office 5 7:00 PM Bible Study with the Bible Guy 7:00 PM AA Big Book	6:30 PM AA 6 7:00 PM Choir Practice	6:30 PM Dinner Club True Pot Luck 7	
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Advent Dinners - December 4, 11, 18 2019



Kids Club Dinner - December 16 2019



Kensington Trip - December 21, 2019



Christmas Eve 2019



Kensington Trip December 28, 2019



Liberty Ministries Luncheon - December 15 2019



William Tennent
Madrigal Singers
January 12, 2020



Valley Youth Home - January 19, 2020

