

NEWSLETTER

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REDEEMING THE TEARS

A Journey Through Grief and Loss

A small group to offer support to those dealing with issues of Grief and Loss will meet for **eight Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.** Our first meeting on **February 29th** will open with a meal at 6:15 p.m. There is no cost for the meal.

“Redeeming the Tears” is designed to walk us through our grief, and with support of those joining us on the journey, guide us to a hopeful place from which

God can restore us to live out our lives in abundance, purpose, and hope.

The group is open to all in our community so please pass the word to a friend, neighbor or relative to whom it may be of help. The cost for materials is \$10 payable at the first meeting. To register your attendance or for more information, please call pastor George at 259-7392.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT SEMINAR

9:15 a.m.

Led by Pastor George

The study on “The Life of Jesus” continues thru February. In March we will start a six-week study on “**The Parables of Jesus**”.

Jesus communicated deep spiritual truths through simple, vivid, and engaging stories. Woven from the stuff of everyday life, the parables of Jesus made the kingdom of God understandable and accessible to his listeners. In six engaging, interactive small group sessions, this Deeper Connections DVD series will give you new insights into his parables and their meanings that will help you to appreciate more fully their relevance for your own life. We will be using the DVD, read scripture and have time for reflection and discussion. Cost of the study guide is \$8. Contact Pastor George for more information at 259-7392.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

PRAYER LIST: Rachel Barker, Javic Batsch, Mary Becken, Tony Bissell, Jean Bria, Kate Brown, Darlene Butcher, Anna Carmichael, Ginny Check, Allan Cheney, Didsy Cheney, Edith Cheney, Marlene Clegg, Donna Conk, Jerry Emley, Joan Fedor, Tom Forsaith, Rob Giliberti, John & Dorothy Hollendonner, Roy Johnson, Linda Kemple, Anne Kilbride, Betty Lanzillo, John Lorio, Skip Magee, Jean and Bill Michaels, Lola Natale, Bill Nurko, Ed Perry, Luke & Joan Platt, Eva Riephoff, Peg Rockhill, Petie Rockhill, Julia Rosenberger, Larry Schmalbach, Sue Stacewicz, Donald Stanziale, Geroge Tantum, Lee Taylor, Dale Watson, Linda Watson, Debbie Weaver, Esther Wessler, Florence Zigich, President Obama and Congress, renewal.

Those in our Armed Forces: Philip Barnes, Brian Carpe, Justin Carpe, Joseph Chicoski, Jeffrey Emami, Bill Fortier, Sgt. Adam Levine, Sgt. Laura Levine, Roberta Neidt, Staff Sgt. Eugene Nelson, Col. Gail Prince, Latoya Pritchard, Sgt. Tim Skillern, Tim Sorensen, Sonya Spradley, Paul Steelman, Rob Sylestre, Col. Dianne Tiano, John Ugart.

BIRTHS: We celebrate the birth of Dominic Matthew Ligori, born on December 1st to Allison and Jon Ligori. The proud grandparents are Phyllis and Richard Heller.

DEATHS: Tylee Sculthorpe went home to be with the Lord on November 30, 2011.

Frank Harris went home to be with the Lord on January 14, 2012.

FLOWERS FOR THE CHURCH

Throughout the year, individuals sponsor the flowers (\$20) on our altar every Sunday. We also have the lilies at Easter and poinsettias at Christmas. When paying for these, it is preferred that you put the money in the offering plate, either in a marked envelope with your name or by check. It is very important that you put “**Altar Flowers**”, “**Lilies**”, “**Poinsettias**” on the memo line on your check. By doing this, you are assuring the money goes to the correct church account and you get credit for it on your annual giving paperwork. If you have any questions about this

procedure, please contact Orysia Kaufamn at 609-259-0508.

LOAVES AND FISHES

On behalf of Loaves and Fishes, I want to thank our church family for the out-pouring of love through your generous donation of \$217, and your hands in preparing the 400 bagged lunches, and helping to set up and serve on Saturday, December 31st. What a great time of fellowship that we shared with our Brothers and Sisters in Christ from the Baptist Church, Presbyterian Church, and St. John's Catholic Church. It was wonderful that so many young people of the St. John's Catholic Church attended Friday and Saturday. They were so inspired that their advisor said they would be going back every month to help where needed. Thanks be to God for these young people and their advisors.

Our guests were so welcoming and appreciative. Everyone went away with so much more than they ever expected. . .smiles all day and nourishment for their bodies and God's love in their hearts.

Thank you again for your continued support. We may be small but our hearts are huge with God's love.

Linda

MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS

In the past, any contribution to the church Memorial Fund has gone directly to the Education Scholarship Fund only. The Administrative Board has made a change to this practice and you need to know the new process. If you donate to the Memorial Fund now and want your donation to go to a specific ministry, you **MUST** designate where you want that to go. If you want it to go to the Education Scholarship Fund, you must put that in writing in a note or on your check. If you do not specify where the donation should go, it will automatically go to the Trustees Major Projects. If you have any questions, please contact Cyndi Donnelly at 609-286-2480 or clptd@comcast.net

MISSIONS

Going the Extra Mile for Ranch Hope
Shop-Rite Gift Cards – Barbara Fennimore is selling \$50 Shop-Rite gift cards as a year-round fundraiser for the combined auxiliaries of Ranch Hope. The Ranch will realize \$50 profit for each \$1000 sold. To date

\$2600 profit has been sent to the Ranch. Checks for the cards should be made out to Barbara Fennimore.

Things to Save – Save Campbell labels and General Mills Box Tops for Education coupons and place in the proper cans on the Missions Table. Pennies should be given to Barbara Fennimore. Also, continue to save aluminum tabs for Children's Hospital.

EASTER CANTATA

There may be snow on the ground, but for the choir, spring is in the air! We will be presenting an Easter-themed cantata this year on April 1st, Palm Sunday, during our regular worship time. The cantata proclaims the theme of God's love proclaimed through Christ's sacrifice, and includes both well-known hymn tunes and some new songs as well. All are welcome to come sing in the cantata – no music reading or prior choral experience is necessary. Rehearsals will begin on Thursday, February 9th at 8:15 p.m. (the second half of our normal choir rehearsal time). In addition to singers, the cantata also requires a narrator. Please contact Emily Adams if you are interested in singing or narrating.

FEBRUARY-MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Feb. 2 – Robert Cheney

Feb. 5 – Elise Brady

Feb. 6 – Dale Watson

Feb. 7 – Lori Bailey

Feb. 9 – Mary Giardinelli, Shirley Mayer

Feb. 12 – Richard Heller

Feb. 13 – Theresa Zigich

Feb. 14 – Tim Bailey

Feb. 15 – Lisa Korneluk

Feb. 26 – Barbara Fennimore

Feb. 27 – Nancy Wikoff

Mar. 3 – Brian Erb Jr., Dorothy Hollendonner, Natalie Levine

Mar. 4 – Susan Fennimore

Mar. 5 – Eli Firth

Mar. 15 – Miles Mayer

Mar. 20 – Bonnie Metterhouse

Mar. 21 – Norma Elgrim, Debbie Yuhas

Mar. 23 – Gerri D'Agostino

Mar. 24 – Horace Frantz

Mar. 25 – Russell Sharp, Garrett Marshall

Mar. 28 – John Kamer, Linda Watson

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