

## *Our Stewardship of Talent*

	<b>March 8, 2020</b>	<b>March 15, 2020</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	Liana Grove	Madison Glasser
<b>Lector</b>	Pat Gilmore-Lee	Pat Seiple
<b>Cantor</b>	Paulette Krewson	Lynne Immell
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Julie Grove	Beth Lengel
<b>Communion</b>	Julie Grove	Tom Burson
<b>Ushers</b>	Daryl Gochenauer* Ja'net Gochenauer Glenn Gross	Daryl Gochenauer* Ja'net Gochenauer Glenn Gross
<b>Greeters</b>	Pat and Parker Lee	Freda Wentz, Leslie Menear
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Maxine Montgomery	Maxine Montgomery
<b>Counters</b>	Tom Burson, Cheryl Neidig	Parker Lee, Randy Neidig Sr.
<b>Nursery</b>	Maxine Montgomery	Cheryl Neidig, Rose Hlavac

## *Remembering March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020*

<b>Our Stewardship of Time</b>		<b>Other Designated Offerings</b>	
Sunday Worship	72	El Salvador	\$ 2,540.00
Sunday School	31	Camping Support	\$ 100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>103</b>	Bell Tower Repair	\$ 80.06
<b>Our Stewardship of Treasures</b>		Youth Ministry	\$ 80.00
		Youth Director Support	\$ 80.00
Traditional Giving	\$ 4,775.66	Flying J Ministry	\$ 60.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 5,526.00	Social Ministry	\$ 30.00
		Kate's Kids	\$ 15.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,985.06</b>
		<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$10,301.66</b>
<b>Tithes</b>			
General	\$ 6,386.60		
Benevolence	\$ 919.00		
World Hunger	\$ 14.00		
<b>Total Tithes</b>	<b>\$ 7,316.60</b>		

## The Week Ahead

## Prepare the Way



During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are given a new birth as children of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.

### Sunday, March 8

9:00am Worship  
10:30am Sunday Church School

### Monday, March 9

5:00pm Children of Divorce Support Grp  
6:00pm Boy Scouts  
7:00pm Council Meeting

### Wednesday, March 11

6:00pm Lenten Soup Supper  
6:30pm Lenten Worship  
7:00pm Choir Practice

### Thursday, March 12

6:00pm Senior Youth Meeting

### Saturday, March 14

9:30am 4-H Creative Expressions Club

### Stewardship Snippet

#### March 8, 2020 (2nd Sunday in Lent)

**Psalm 121:1,2** - I lift up my eyes to the hills—  
from where will my help come? My help comes  
from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

*How does one steward the soul? Psalm 121 reminds us where our help comes from—the LORD. Today's story of Abraham teaches us how to respond in faith, and the story of Nicodemus about asking questions and growing in faith.*

### Call to Action

**Easter season Bible and prayer challenge:** Are you interested in challenging yourself to inten-

In next week's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.



### Meditation and Readings for March 15

Exodus 17:1-7      Psalm 95  
Romans 5:1-11      John 4:5-42

### Sunday, March 15

9:00am Worship  
10:30am Sunday Church School

tional Bible reading and prayer? For the 7 weeks between Easter to Pentecost, we will have the opportunity to do this...sign up for the challenge either individually, or as a group. Pastor Matthew will provide you with a video, scripture selection, and guide for prayer and discussion each week. Join us for our mid-week lent worship as we prepare by learning how to read Scripture and explore different ways of praying. There is a sign-up sheet on the board at the entrance of the fellowship hall, you can email Pr. Matthew at [pastor@ststephenlc.org](mailto:pastor@ststephenlc.org), or call the office – 717-766-2168. Kevin will need your name, email, phone number, and who you would like to partner up with. If you want to participate, but don't have a partner, we can match you with someone.

**Interested in going to the Holy Land** and walking in the footsteps of Jesus, Moses, and so many more? There will be a trip to Israel and Egypt in July 2021 for approximately 11 days. The cost will most likely be between \$3500-4000. More

*Lord, in Your mercy....*

*Matt...Rose's son...recovering from emergency  
appendix surgery  
Family and friends of Larry Ciecierski...Larry*

*passed away on March 1  
St. Stephen Disciples.*

details will follow. Right now, Pr. Matthew needs to know who is interested in learning more about this trip. Please let him know.

**Anastasis Update.** Our next magazine issue will include an article on prayer. The piece will be a compilation of short stories, comments, and observations from people in the congregation and community. We want to hear from you! You are invited to share a short response to any or all of the following questions. Please send your comments to [stacy.l.schroeder@gmail.com](mailto:stacy.l.schroeder@gmail.com) **by March 22**. You can also write them down and put them in Stacy Schroeder's mailbox at the church. Thank you!

How do you make time for prayer in your life and what impact has it had on your relationship with God?

When do you pray?

Why is prayer important to you?

In what ways has God encountered you through prayer?

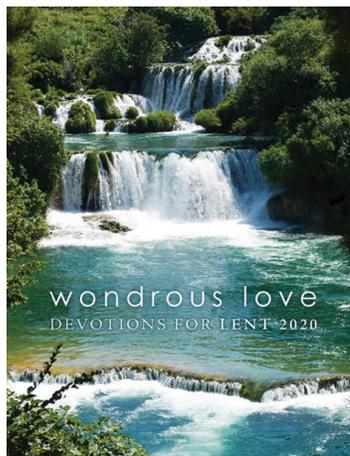
Have you ever prayed without words? If so, how and what was the experience like?

How has prayer changed not just your relationship with God, but also others and the rest of creation?

In what ways does prayer compel you into action?

### **21st Annual Women's Weekend Retreat – April 24-26, 2020**

This year's theme is entitled "*Your Battles Belong to the Lord.*" You will discover the nature and strategies of the enemy, but also on the true character of God, who will always lead you to triumph. No matter how difficult your challenges are. The location for this year's Women's Retreat is at Camp Nawakwa, 1033 Nawakwa Road, Biglerville, PA 17307. Car Pooling and Financial Scholarships are available. This retreat is open to all women so be sure to bring a friend! Registration and contact information is located on the Communications Bulletin Board in the Fellowship Hall. Registration deadline has been extended to **Sunday, March 15**.



The Educational Ministry Committee has purchased Lenten devotional books again this year. Wondrous Love highlights readings from Matthew (our gospel focus for 2020). Each day features a reading, a photo, a quote to ponder, a reflection and a prayer. This is a great way to incorporate a simple Christian observance into your Lenten journey. Pick up a copy in the Fellowship Hall – one per family, please.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED !

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

April 14th, 15th, 16th, 2020

9:00am ~ Noon

**Attention Tree lovers** ~ we need your help. The Ironstone Ridge Nature Center, now in our 45th year, will once again be preparing 5,000 evergreen seedlings to be distributed to local elementary children in honor of Earth Day and Arbor Day. **NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!** Come for one hour, one morning, or any amount of time that you may be willing to participate. Location: Historic Shillelagh Farm 6623 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg, PA. (just across from DaVinci Restaurant).

We prepare the seedlings in the shelter of the barn, so wear weather-appropriate clothing that might get dirty. There will be coffee and donuts, restrooms and lots of good fellowship as you stand shoulder-to-shoulder with your fellow Township neighbors. Also, plan on coming back at the very end of work on Thursday for a spring picnic. Hope to see you there!

Questions, contact Karen Karkuff at 717-802-2067.

## Wednesdays in Lent



**6:00 P.M. - Meal**

**6:30 P.M. - Worship Service**

**March 4 - April 1, 2020**

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~ All Are Welcome at the Table ~

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