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# COME, WORSHIP

## THE SEASON OF LENT



**Shut-ins**— Jim Wagner, Jim Wiegner, Bruce Fischer, Beverley Antonik, Floyd & Lois Bitler, Jenny Faris, Alvin Fischer, Jeffrey Hahn, Betty Leibert, Nancy Nagle, Carol Ann Snyder, Marjorie Valentine, Francis Harper,

**NEW ADDITIONS:** Lori Rivera's Mother, suffered a fall.

**Ongoing Concerns:** Brandon Vasquez (in CHOP); Jim Wiegner; Richard Zellers Arlan Benscoter; Peggy Ann Freeman; Oliver Green (son of Allison & David, Grandson of Peggy & Mardy); Mary Rose Holland; Mary Rose's sons Brian and Mark; Abraham Dennis & family; Marilyn Fry; Jacob & Betsy Kilikpo; Ester Krangar; Laura Faris; Mike & Donna Werley; Nancy Nagle; Elsie Carraghan; Susan Smeltzer (Diane Leech's daughter); Carolyn & John Greiner (Karen Caiati's parents); Fred Hurney; Betty Kenyon; Karen Toczek Vasko; Arlene Varney and her friend, Debbie Morton; Bruce & Connie Fritch; Dave Goodall; Hani & Siham Khouri, and those who are dealing with difficulties silently.

**Students**— Alyssa and Ariana Caiati, Romanley Turnier, Jenna McQue, Nicholas Korin, Brian Akonu, Munya Mafundikwa,

## Birthdays

03/02	Rev. Hani Khouri
03/04	Siham Khouri
03/05	David Van Brakle
03/05	Patti Hutchinson
03/05	John Dahn
03/05	Blake Heywood
03/11	Manael Turnier
03/12	Judy DuPaul
03/18	Margaret Keiffer
03/18	Samuel Roderick
03/20	Poppy Griffith
03/23	Romanley Turnier
03/24	Cheryl Merkel
03/26	Timothy Smith, Jr.
03/29	Allan Davies
03/30	Mary Beck
03/30	Spurgeon J. Dunbar
03/30	Lee Applequist
03/31	Spurgeon S. Dunbar
03/31	Kou Taylor

## Anniversaries

03/06/1982	Spurgeon S. & Barbara-Jo Dunbar
03/19/2011	Dale Gaugler & Karen Rush
03/25/1961	Rev. Jacob & Betsy Kilikpo
03/25/1972	Bruce & Kathy Kriebel
03/27/1976	Glenn & Carol Adams

### **MARCH FACTS:**

- March's flower is the daffodil, which represents hope.
- The birthstone of March is the aquamarine, which symbolizes courage and bravery.
- March comes from the name of the Roman god of war, Mars.
- Spring officially begins in March!

## PASTOR'S PAGE

The season of Lent is a season of self-sacrifice, a season to commemorate what's etched in our memory about what Jesus endured for the redemption of our sins.

Beginning March 2, (Ash Wednesday), it is my prayer that every believer will commit themselves to a time of fasting (except Sundays) and praying for 40 days. This is a time of renewal and dedication of our Christian lifestyle, and an opportunity to strengthen your connection to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Through this time of self-sacrifice and renewal, we are looking forward to a moment of celebration that will take place Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> here at (CBC) Calvary Baptist Church of Allentown, when we rejoice in the resurrection of a loving Savior. How blessed we will be that day knowing that for the past 40 days we have joined in the sacrifices He made for us.

With God's love and blessings, may your 40-day sacrifice be acceptable in His sight.

*"When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.*

*Matthew 6:16-18*

Your Pastor and Servant.

*Rev. Melvin Thomas, Jr.*

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# Deacon of the Month



**SUZANNE DAVIES**

Hello Members and Friends of Calvary Baptist Church!

As a Southern California transplant to the Lehigh Valley, my family and I have been blessed to have found a true spiritual home at Calvary for the past 36 years. Calvary has many opportunities to fellowship and serve the Lord. I enjoy being a Deacon, singing in the choir, working in the library, and participating in Bible study and Prayer groups. If you are part of Deacon Zone 3, I am your Deacon and look forward to getting to know you better.

*Suzanne Davies*



# Some Common Questions

## **Why do Christians wear ashes for Ash Wednesday and give up their favorite things for Lent?**

On Ash Wednesday, you may encounter Christians wearing a smudge of ashes on their foreheads.

That could be a bit startling, unless you know the meaning behind this religious practice.

Here is what you should know about Ash Wednesday and the celebration of Lent.

Ash Wednesday — officially known as the Day of Ashes — is a day of repentance when Christians confess their sins and profess their devotion to God.

During a service on Ash Wednesday, the Clergy places the ashes on a worshiper's forehead in the shape of a cross. The ceremony is meant to show that a person belongs to Jesus Christ, and it also represents a person's grief and mourning for their sins — the same sins that Christians believe Jesus Christ gave his life for when he died on the cross.

Ash Wednesday is important because it marks the start of the Lenten period leading up to Resurrection Sunday, when Christians believe Jesus was resurrected.

The ashes symbolize both death and repentance. During this period, Christians show repentance and mourning for their sins, because they believe Christ died for them.

It is not required that a worshiper wear the ashes for the rest of the day, although many Christians choose to do so. However, dining out or doing non-essential shopping are considered inappropriate on Ash Wednesday.

## **Where do the ashes come from?**

Traditionally, ashes used on Ash Wednesday are gathered up after palms from the previous year's Palm Sunday are burned. They are then blessed before being used in the ceremony.

Palms are used on Palm Sunday in many Christian churches to symbolize Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem on the Sunday before his crucifixion.

Residents of Jerusalem are said to have waved palm fronds to celebrate his arrival.

## **What is Lent?**

Ash Wednesday is one of the most important dates on the Christian calendar, because it marks the start of Lent.

Lent is a six-week period of fasting or self-sacrifice, prayer and almsgiving observed by Christians each year to prepare for the celebration of Easter, when they believe Christ rose from the dead to sit at the right hand of God, his father.

Lent is celebrated over 46 days. It includes 40 days of fasting and six Sundays, on which fasting is not practiced.

The 40-day period has a special significance in the Old and New Testaments. For instance, Moses spent 40 days and nights with God on Mount Sinai in preparation to receive the Ten Commandments. Jesus also is depicted as being led into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil for 40 days.

## **Why give up some things for Lent**

The reason for their self-sacrifice: Christians want to replicate the hardships felt by Jesus during his time in the wilderness.

## **How is Ash Wednesday and Easter determined?**

Ash Wednesday is always 46 days before Easter.

Easter is determined as **the first Sunday following the first full moon that happens on or after the March equinox**, which is always March 21<sup>st</sup> in the Christian Church calendars.

If the full moon occurs on a Sunday – then Easter is the following Sunday.

**Christian Education** – Teachers and helpers from Nursery thru teens are always welcome. This includes Junior Church. ALL volunteers with children need clearances.

**Coffee Fellowship Hour** – Has been suspended until further notice. But you can still notify Dave Goodall if you would like to volunteer in the future.

**Ushers and Greeters** – Interested? – contact any Deacon.

**The Hospitality Committee** is in need of "stand-by volunteers." These are the people who are called into service for special occasions to set-up, provide homemade desserts, help in the kitchen, help serve and clean-up. Please see Cindy Berhow for more information. We also need two or three Committee members to serve and help organize.

**Audio/Video Ministry:** If you can click a mouse – you can do the projection for Sunday Services. Please see Ed McQue for details and instruction. Help is also needed for the sound system. Please see Phil Merkel for information and instruction. Having our Services live streamed on Facebook has become a favorite among some of the shut-ins and when people are not feeling well. If you are interested in doing this ministry, please see Scott Korin for information and instruction. Scott, Ed, and Phil have been the mainstays of these ministries. Sometimes they would like a Sunday off for vacation, or coverage when they are sick, or involved in the Choir or Bell Choir. Please consider helping in these important ministries.

Time to order

# EASTER FLOWERS

<u>LILIES</u>	<u>6" POT</u>	<u>5+ BLOOMS</u>	<u>\$ 9.00</u>
<u>HYACINTHS</u>	<u>6" POT</u>	<u>3 BLOOMS</u>	<u>\$ 7.00</u>
<u>TULIPS</u>	<u>6" POT</u>	<u>5+ BLOOMS</u>	<u>\$ 7.00</u>
<u>DAFFODILS</u>	<u>6" POT</u>	<u>5+ BLOOMS</u>	<u>\$ 8.00</u>
<u>BEGONIAS</u>	<u>6" POT</u>	<u>MULTIPLE</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>
<u>HYDRANGEAS</u>	<u>6" – 8" POT</u>	<u>MULTIPLE</u>	<u>\$20.00</u>

**Call the Church Office for more Information.**

Hyacinths and Hydrangeas are available in Pink, Blue or White. Tulips are Assorted Colors only.

**ABSOLUTE ORDER DEADLINE :**

**MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2022 by NOON**



LILIES



HYACINTHS



TULIPS



DAFFODILS



BEGONIAS



HYDRANGEAS

# **MARCH HAPPENINGS**

The following meet every week of the Month:

*Sundays – 6:15 – 7:15 AM Early Sobriety Group (AA)*

*9:30 – Sunday School for all ages*

*10:30 – Worship Services – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of month Celebrating Communion*

*Mondays - 7:00 PM - NA – Narcotics Anonymous In Conference Room*

*Tuesdays – 7:00 PM CoDA – Co-Dependents Anonymous in Fellowship Hall*

*Wednesdays – 10:00 AM – Women’s Bible Study*

*7:00 PM – Pastor’s Bible Study*

*7:00 PM – Bell Choir Rehearsal*

*Thursdays – 8:00 AM to Noon until April 14<sup>th</sup> – AARP FREE Tax aid by appointment –  
call John at 484-226-8885 for more information*

*Saturdays – 3:00 PM GOYA Group (AA) Fellowship Hall*

## **SPECIAL DATES IN MARCH**

### **WEDNESDAY MARCH 2 – 7:PM – ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**

*Monday, March 7 – Board of Deacons*

### **Sunday Morning, March 13<sup>th</sup> – Daylight Savings Time Begins**

*Monday, March 14 – Board of Trustees*

*Tuesday, March 15 – Coordinating Board*

***Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup> – St Patrick’s Day***

***Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> – FIRST DAY OF SPRING!***

*Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup> – Christian Education Board after service.*

## **OTHER BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

***Mission Board meetings will be announced in the Sunday Bulletin the week before.***

Office hours are Monday through Friday 9am to 3 pm unless otherwise noted.

# **UPDATES**

## **ALLENTOWN ECUMENICAL FOOD BANK DONATIONS**

Congratulations! Through your generosity the Food Bank has received ***245.5 pounds of food in January and 39 pounds in February for a year total of 284.5 pounds.*** Your donations help provide food to 800+ households.

## **NEW MEMBERS THIS YEAR**

When you have an opportunity, please introduce yourself to our newest members Barry, Connie, and Jason Brown.

## **YOUTH ROOM UPDATES**

Stop in and see the updated furniture in our remodeled Youth Room. The room is used for Senior High Sunday School and Wednesday's two Bible Studies.

## **AMERICA FOR CHRIST MISSION OFFERING**

Please consider donating above your weekly pledge to this Mission. America for Christ (AFC) helps Churches deal with disasters within our borders. Every cent is destined for a Church in America. Please take a look at the display table in the Narthex.

## **BOARD / COMMITTEE MEETINGS NOW SCHEDULED:**

1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday: Worship Committee	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday: Deacons
2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday: Trustees	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday: Coordinating Board
Last Sunday of the month: Christian Education	

## **YOUR GENEROSITY**

Again, Calvary has shown such generosity to help local people in need. Your kindness will be appreciated by many.

You contributed to people in need by:

- Donating many new hats, gloves, socks, and other items which were given to the Boys and Girls Club. As soon as we have a final count we will publish it, but you gave a very generous contribution enabling many children and youth to be warm this winter.
- On Sunday, February 20, our Youth encouraged you to contribute to our Souper Bowl Sunday drive. We were very pleased to learn the youth collected over \$600.00 which will be sent to the 6<sup>th</sup> Street Shelter in Allentown. The 6<sup>th</sup> Street Shelter assists and houses families in need.

It is heartwarming to know Calvary is so very generous in helping local families. Thank you from the ABW (American Baptist Women) and Calvary Youth for your support.

### **OUR NEW LOGO**

