

## MARCH NEWSLETTER 2022

### Pastor Search Update

Well, the Pastor Nominating Committee has some exciting news to report. About a month ago we received a resume from Rev. Wendy Christianson. She was raised in our church, spent many years in Alaska, became ordained as a Presbyterian minister in 2018, moved back to Virginia in November and is interested in a part-time pastor role. She was able to provide pulpit supply on Feb. 20 where she was warmly received. The PNC met with her the following week, and there was mutual agreement to move ahead with pursuing a pastoral contract with her. The PNC will meet with our Committee on Ministry representative on the 9<sup>th</sup> and plans to make a contract recommendation to Session on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Wendy will be out of town for the next three months, so we can take our time proceeding. Any input is welcome during this process.

### Happy March Birthdays

5- Pat Claesson	16- Hayden Skalko
9- Klara DeVries	21- Milo Kroll
11- Nikolas Jesch	29- Craig Stevens
14- Kay Hoelscher	31- Monica Marks
14- Becky Peterson	

### Session Highlights

- Session approved the 2021 Annual Report and Church Statistical Report.
- A Tenebrae service is being planned for Maundy Thursday, April 14.

### Helping One Another

If anyone needs help getting to or from church on Sundays, or would like help getting to or from your vehicle, please contact the church and we will gladly find someone to help you.

### Preaching Schedule

Sun, Mar. 6 – Rev. Nancy Deever, Communion  
Sun, Mar. 13 – Rev. Ellen Taube  
Sun, Mar. 20 – Rev. Ellen Taube  
Sun, Mar. 27 – Rev. Nancy Deever  
Sun, Apr. 3 – Sue Stevens

### Habitat for Humanity Dinner

The annual Habitat for Humanity Dinner Fundraiser is scheduled for Thursday, March 31. Those interested in attending must RSVP by 3/17 by contacting 749-8910 or [jennifer@nslchfh.org](mailto:jennifer@nslchfh.org).

### Sympathy

To the family of Vera Lenka who passed away on 10/27/21.

### Poem by Donna Ashworth

Sue Stevens wanted to end her meditation on 1/30 with this poem. Since she forgot to, she thought the next best thing would be to share it in the newsletter.

*This year won't be yours.  
This year won't be mine, either.  
This year won't be outstanding,  
nor will it be awful.  
This year won't be the worst or  
the best year of your life.  
Because time doesn't work like that.  
This year will be everything.  
As with every year.  
As with life.  
This year will be 365 days of life.  
You have had many of those already  
and you have more ahead.  
We don't know how many,  
if we did we could play around  
more with our choices.  
But in the meantime  
you have only one life to live.  
Make the most of the days when you can,  
and rest on the days when you can't.  
This year will be a year of life, my friend  
and as with all the years before, you will grow.  
That's all we know.  
So, I wish you a year of growth.  
Because after all is said and done,  
that's the real privilege here.  
Amen*



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & YOUTH NEWS

March 2022



## ELEMENTARY SUNDAY SCHOOL

March 6 and 13

The two weeks of March we will read the story

"The Widow's Mite"

Mark 12:38-44



This story shows us a woman who loved God so much she gave everything she had. We learn

1. A generous heart that wants to give is more important to God than money.
2. God sees even small gifts as important.
3. Through giving what little we can, we show our love for God and become more loving like Him.



Our second set of lessons is for

March 20 and 27

"Zacchaeus"

Luke 19:1-10

Woe Little Man

This story show us the love Jesus had for everyone and how his grace is always there for all. We learn

1. Jesus loves all people matter who or what they do.
2. He changes lives by this love
3. He offers mercy and forgiveness so we, too, should show unconditional love to one another

### Birthday Corner

Klara Devries March 9  
Hayden Skalko March 16  
Milo Kroll March 21



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CALENDAR

Sunday March 6	Sunday March 13	Thursday March 17	Sunday March 20	Sunday March 27
First Sunday in Lent  Widow's Mite week 1	Second Sunday in Lent Day Light Savings Time (Spring ahead) Widow's Mite week 2		Third Sunday in Lent  Zacchaeus week 1	Fourth Sunday in Lent  Zacchaeus week 2



## SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Thank you to everyone who has helped make this project a success.

This year, our total donation thus far, going to the Salvation Army Supper Club, is \$237.

Thank you for your generosity!

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

The Lenten Fish Banks were sent home in February for the first Sunday in Lent. Remember to fill them a little each day or week. We will be "netting" them anytime around

Palm Sunday April 10.



You may bring them in to the church (CE building) anytime you have them filled. It is usually open T,W,Th 12:00-3:00.

Thank you

## Don't Forget SHUT-IN CARDS

I still send out cards to our shut-ins. I would love to have some of your own pictures to use so send or bring your pictures to the CE building. I will send them out each month with the shut-in cards. Thanks-



## BIBLE QUIZ !

How well do you know the stories we have covered in the last couple months?

1. What did they run out of at a wedding?
2. Who fixed the problem and how?
3. Why did Noah build an ark and what did he put on it?
4. Who was hidden in a basket and put in a river?

**Lenten Calendar 2022 40 Days of Reflection and Action** In Lent, we reflect on Christ's ministry, death and resurrection. We take time to examine our internal spiritual lives and the way we live out our Christian faith in the world around us. Action idea: 40 days = 40 items of food for the Little Free Pantry OR \$1-a-day for the Little Free Pantry = \$40 (Sundays are not counted in the 40 days of Lent.)

<b>March 2</b> <b>Ash Wednesday</b> Genesis 3:19 For you are dust and to dust you shall return.	<b>March 3</b> Say a special prayer for someone in our Hope family. Send them a "thinking of you" card.	<b>March 4</b> To some, Fridays in Lent means no meat. Might be good for your health to start that tradition.	<b>March 5</b> John 15:13 Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. Jesus=Friend	<b>March 7</b> We may encounter many defeats, but we must not be defeated. ~Maya Angelou	<b>March 8</b> Psalm 31:24 Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord!	<b>March 9</b> Look for Christ in others and see the goodness in them. Give someone a genuine compliment.
<b>March 10</b> Philippians 4:13 I have strength for everything through Him who empowers me.	<b>March 11</b> 2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold the new has come.	<b>March 12</b> Clean out a closet, a drawer or a cupboard and donate an item to Bill's House. Bring it to church.	<b>March 14</b> It is through weakness and vulnerability that most of us learn empathy and compassion. ~ Desmond Tutu	<b>March 15</b> Beware the Ides of March... Foreshadowing Christ's death on Good Friday.	<b>March 16</b> Stretch your body. Do 12 repetitive actions with each arm. Now try one with each leg. Be careful.	<b>March 17</b> A good friend is like a four-leaf clover, hard to find and lucky to have. ~Irish Proverb
<b>March 18</b> It seems impossible until it's done. ~Nelson Mandela	<b>March 19</b> The day the Lord created hope was probably the same day he created Spring. ~Bernard Williams	<b>March 21</b> Stretch your mind. Meditate for five minutes. Keep your breathing slow and focus on the present.	<b>March 22</b> 2 Timothy 1:7 For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love.	<b>March 23</b> Say a special prayer for someone in our Hope family. Send them a "thinking of you" card.	<b>March 24</b> Mark 12:31 Love your neighbor as yourself.	<b>March 25</b> When we give cheerfully and accept gratefully, everyone is blessed. ~Maya Angelou
<b>March 26</b> Stretch your body. Do 12 repetitive actions with each arm. Now try one with each leg. Be careful.	<b>March 28</b> For Easter baskets, buy Fair Trade chocolate, dried fruit, and gifts made by women's co-ops.	<b>March 29</b> What is a promise? Jesus kept his promise. He died for our sins and told us how to live our lives.	<b>March 30</b> Mark 12:31 <b>Love your neighbor as yourself.</b>	<b>April 1</b> Don't be foolish. Give someone the benefit of the doubt. It can be insecurities within ourselves that raise doubt in others.	<b>April 1</b> Say a special prayer for someone in our Hope family. Send them a "thinking of you" card.	<b>April 2</b> Say a special prayer for someone in our Hope family. Send them a "thinking of you" card.
<b>April 4</b> God doesn't require us to succeed; He only requires that you try. ~Mother Teresa	<b>April 5</b> Proverbs 4:23 Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.	<b>April 6</b> Say a special prayer for someone in our Hope family. Send them a "thinking of you" card.	<b>April 7</b> Forgiveness is not an occasional act; it is a permanent attitude. ~Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.	<b>April 8</b> Stretch your mind. Meditate for five minutes. Keep your breathing slow and focus on the present.	<b>April 9</b> Lamentations 3:22-23 The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.	<b>April 11</b> Colossians 3:23 Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart.
<b>April 12</b> Say a special prayer for someone in our Hope family. Send them a "thinking of you" card.	<b>April 13</b> Clean out a closet, a drawer or a cupboard and donate an item to Bill's House. Bring it to church.	<b>April 14</b> <b>Maundy Thursday</b> Come to our 6:30pm Tenebrae Service. A service of shadows.	<b>April 15</b> Good Friday Service at United Methodist Church. TBA	<b>April 16</b> <b>Holy Saturday</b> Isaiah 26:4 Trust in the Lord forever! For the Lord is an eternal rock.	<b>April 17</b> Easter Sunday <b>He is RISEN!</b> <b>He is RISEN, INDEED!</b>	