



Kenmore
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Church

THE CROSSROADS

APRIL 2019

*"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these
who are members of my family, you did it to me."*

Matthew 25:40

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GOD-WINKS!

REV. REBECCA CHAFFEE, INTERIM PASTOR

Where do you see God at work?

A friend of mine likes to point out God-winks, those coincidences that aren't merely random. They are coincidences, great or small, that seem to have a divine origin. You can even find a dictionary definition of this term online:

God-wink. *Noun. (plural God winks) An event or personal experience, often identified as coincidence, so astonishing that it is seen as a sign of divine intervention, especially when perceived as the answer to a prayer.*

I invite you to consider your own answer to these questions and share them with me. Our Life After Church adult study is gathering post-it notes with the places where we see God-winks. Join us at 11:30 after worship, or drop into the library anytime and add your own God-wink location to our board.

- Where do you see signs of God at work in the world today?
- Where do you see signs of God at work in Buffalo today?
- Where do you see signs of God at work in Kenmore Presbyterian Church?
- Where do you see signs of God at work in your life?

Blessings,
Pastor Rebecca



DAILY EXAMEN FOR HOLY WEEK

FROM THE LENTEN SERIES *"FROM ASHES TO GLORY"*,
ADAPTED FROM MATERIALS BY JOSEPH TETLOW, SJ

The Daily Examen is a technique of prayerful reflection on the events of the day in order to detect God's presence and to discern his direction for us. The prayer is humble: we are acknowledging that God's will is to be done. We check the Commandments. We harken to Jesus' admonitions. We find where the Spirit in us is closing down a vice or opening up a virtue.

The following is an Examen to be used during Holy Week (April 14-20):

The Word

While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. — Mark 14:22-26

Reflect

When we receive Communion with reverence, we enact a holy yearning. Our reverence and devotion do not make us worthy to have Him under our roof. Yet He comes. So our way of welcoming Him is to keep good order in what's under the roof.

1. **Give Thanks.** I thank God for this day, for my life, for all I am and have, and for His Word.
2. **Pray for Light.** I ask the Father to let me see my day as the Holy Spirit sees it, and to show me what I need to see.
3. **Find God.** I look at my day in the light of the Spirit.
 - * I look at what I have done and not done.
 - * Am I putting up with a bad habit?
 - * Have I found God in the quiet?
4. **Anything Wrong?**
 - * Have I ignored God? Have I neglected God's gifts?
 - * Where have I pleased others instead of pleasing God?
 - * Before the cross, I express my contrition to God and repent of my sins.
5. **What Now?**
 - * I look forward in hope.
 - * What am I to do now? What do I have to avoid?

Prayer

That You would narrow down Your love, Lord God of heaven and earth, and find Your way into a billion souls singly, to visit there and even stay, amazes me and makes me wonder whether my mind and heart can stretch enough to grasp that You are here, and to keep alive to Your steady, unremitting love.

My heart is intermittent at best, Lord, so I beg You to help me keep loving You longer and longer, until my whole mind and heart are filled with You, even before You come. Amen.

MUSIC NOTES

EMMA HAUPT, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

“Joyful, Joyful...in Lent?”***A journey through the text of a popular hymn***

On the first Sunday of Lent we began to sing the hymn “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” after the offering as a response to offering our earthly gifts to God. The first time we sang the hymn, it may have come as a shock. We are singing about joy? In Lent? You’re probably thinking, how can we be joyful if we are preparing for the death of Christ and thinking of his sacrifice? We can rejoice about the resurrection and about the love that God showed us by sending his son to earth for us.

The text of the hymn was written by Henry van Dyke set to Beethoven’s original tune “Hymn to Joy”. Van Dyke wrote it to encapsulate the feelings many Christians have of joy in God’s love and the gifts of life and lightness he’s given us. We all have asked for light in the darkness in some way in our lives and this is van Dyke’s expression of that.

Refresh yourself with the text and think of it as a prayer in anticipation of Easter:

*Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee
God of glory, Lord of love.
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee
Opening to the Sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness
drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness
fill us with the light of day.*

The lyrics are a message of hope that Christians around the world find comforting. It is one of the most expressive texts of joy found in hymnals and we sing it because even through the darkness and sorrow of the time of Lent, we can be joyful that Jesus will rise through God’s love.

So, we sing this joyous exultation during Lent? Yes. As long as we remember the petition to God to melt the clouds of sin and sadness leading us to the light of Easter morning, the day when we celebrate Jesus’s resurrection.



DEACONS' DISPATCH

GLEN BURGSTAHLER

The deacons hope everyone has a happy and blessed Easter.

Our scholarship luncheon date has been set for May 5th. We will have pasta, salad, bread, meatballs, and dessert. Afterwards, of course, we will hold our basket auction. If anyone wants to donate a basket we will welcome it with open arms. Just let one of us know what your basket will be. As always this event will be lots of fun.

Hope to see you there. Tickets will be \$8.00. Also don't forget to purchase your Tops cards from me. 5% goes to the deacons and scholarship fund.

Remember to pray for your prayer partner this Lenten season.

A NOTE OF THANKS

KRIS DEGUEHERY, 2018 PERSON OF THE YEAR



To all my dear friends at KPC:

I sincerely thank you for the honor of being named Person of the Year for 2018. None of us do what we do for our church looking for a reward, but it is still very gratifying to know that your service has been appreciated.

I feel so honored to be a part of this church family. God bless you!

EASTER SUNDAY CELEBRATION

LES KELLNER, FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY TEAM

KENMORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH EASTER CELEBRATION!

APRIL 21, 2019

following worship in Fellowship Hall

Each family is asked to bring one baked-good donation.

We will present them all for your consumption!

PLEASE JOIN US!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLE 10

ELAINE LACLAIR, MODERATOR, CIRCLE 10



Presbyterian Women Circle 10 will meet on **Monday, April 8th** at 7:00 p.m. Our hostess will be Marilyn Koszarek, who lives at 374 Evergreen Drive in Tonawanda. Our co-hostess will be Darbie Maccubbin. Mary Rey will lead Bible Study #8 and Linda Stromberg will offer devotions.

MAUNDY THURSDAY POT LUCK SUPPER

APRIL 18, 2019



Maundy Thursday Pot Luck Supper

April 18, 2019 • 6:15pm (*Worship to follow at 7:00pm*)

Worship Ministry Team will provide beverages.

Last names A to J: Please bring a meatless main dish

Last name K to Z: Please bring a vegetable or fruit salad

Reservations are made during Sunday services.

Please call John Anderson (873-4086) with any questions.

EASTER FLOWERS

*Spring flowers will again
adorn our Sanctuary this Easter
in honor of or in memory of your loved ones.*

Cost is \$10/plant

*Please reserve/pay by placing order in the collection plate on Sunday
or give to Kathy Huntz by **April 14**.*

Checks payable to KPC with "Easter Flowers" in memo line.



CALL FOR COFFEE HOUR HOSTS/HOSTESSES



Hosting coffee hour is a great way to give to Kenmore Presbyterian without a large time commitment. If you are interested, please see a member of the Fellowship Ministry Team or contact Les Kellner at 695-2503.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

4—Geri Benner
6—Matthew Randall
4—Phillip Thomas
15—Linda Kiah

23—Max Fuster
24—Jerry Marter
30—Joe Ackerman

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

Rev. Howard and Bronwen Boswell (4/27)

FISCAL FACTS - February 2019

RECEIPTS:	BUDGET	FEB. ACTUAL	FEB. VARIANCE
Membership Pledges	\$13,750	\$11,140	\$2,610
Open Plate Offering	\$250	\$184	\$66
Fundraisers	\$110	-	\$110
Special Offerings	\$85	\$10	\$75
Per Capita	\$85	\$105	\$(20)
Trf from Reserves	-	-	
Other Receipts	\$3,375	\$3,238	\$137
Total Receipts	\$17,655	\$14,677	\$2,978
DISBURSEMENTS:	BUDGET	FEB. ACTUAL	FEB. VARIANCE
Administration (Support)	\$9,415	\$6,258	\$3,157
Discipleship	\$100	\$(99)	\$199
Worship	\$612	\$304	\$308
Flowers	\$108	\$100	\$8
Nominating	\$10	-	\$10
Fundraisers	-	-	-
Witness	\$83	-	\$83
Fellowship	\$40	\$(23)	\$63
Building & Grounds	\$3,050	\$3,341	\$(291)
Office Expense	\$900	\$292	\$608
Session Expenses	\$165	-	\$165
Per Capita	\$300	\$300	-
Transfer to Mission	\$130	-	\$130
Debt Repayment - PILP	\$471	\$397	\$74
Debt Repayment - Line of Credit	\$217	\$67	\$150
Total Disbursements	\$15,601	\$10,938	\$4,663
Total Inflow/Outflow	\$2,054	\$3,739	\$(1,684)

APRIL 2019

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1 6:00 p.m. Staff Meeting (22) 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (FH) 7:00 p.m. Ministry Teams	2 6:30 p.m. Brownie Scouts (22) 7:00 p.m. Gamblers Anonymous (FH)	3 10:00 a.m. Music with Mar (22)	4 5:00 p.m. 26T Singers (WW) 6:15 p.m. Joyous Bells (MR) 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts (TBD) 7:00 p.m. Meditation Group (L) 7:00 p.m. Girl Scouts (22) 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir (MR)	5 5:00 p.m. Dance (FH)	6 Communion Set-up (K)
7 10:00 a.m. Worship (S) 11:15 a.m. Coffee Hour (FH) 2:00 p.m. Creative Memories (22) 8:30 p.m. AA (FH)	8 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (FH) 7:00 p.m. Circle 10 (Koszarek)	9 6:30 p.m. Brownie Scouts (22) 7:00 p.m. Gamblers Anonymous (FH)	10 10:00 a.m. Music with Mar (22)	11 5:00 p.m. 26T Singers (WW) 6:15 p.m. Joyous Bells (MR) 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts (TBD) 7:00 p.m. Meditation Group (L) 7:00 p.m. Girl Scouts (22) 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir (MR)	12 5:00 p.m. Dance (FH)	13 9:00 a.m. Food Pantry (FH)
14	15	16	17	18	19	20

+ HOLY WEEK +

Palm/Passion Sunday 10:00 a.m. Worship (S) 11:15 a.m. Coffee Hour (FH) 8:30 p.m. AA (FH)	7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (FH) 7:00 p.m. Session (22)	6:30 p.m. Brownie Scouts (22) 7:00 p.m. Gamblers Anonymous (FH)	10:00 a.m. Music with Mar (22)	MAUNDY THURSDAY 5:00 p.m. 26T Singers (WW) 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts (FH) 6:15 p.m. Potluck Dinner (FH) 7:00 p.m. Potluck (C) 7:00 p.m. Meditation Group (L) 7:00 p.m. Girl Scouts (22) 8:00 p.m. Choir/Bells (MR)	GOOD FRIDAY 5:00 p.m. Dance (FH) 7:00 p.m. Worship (S)	
21 Easter Sunday 10:00 a.m. Worship (S) 11:15 a.m. Easter Celebration (FH) 8:30 p.m. AA (FH)	22 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (FH)	23 7:00 p.m. Gamblers Anonymous (FH)	24 9:00 a.m. Ken-Ton Mom's Club (FH) 10:00 a.m. Music with Mar (22)	25 12:00 p.m. Food Pantry (FH) 5:00 p.m. 26T Singers (WW) 7:00 p.m. Meditation Group (L) 7:00 p.m. Girl Scouts (22)	26 5:00 p.m. Dance (FH)	27
28 10:00 a.m. Worship (S) 11:15 a.m. Coffee Hour (FH) 8:30 p.m. AA (FH)	29 7:00 p.m. Deacons (L) 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (FH)	30 6:30 p.m. Brownie Scouts (22) 7:00 p.m. Gamblers Anonymous (FH)				

For your information

- The Church Office is open Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays 9am to 1pm.
 - The deadline for the weekly bulletin is Monday before 12 noon.
- The deadline for the May CROSSROADS is Monday, April 22nd before 12 noon.

Legend

22 = Room 22
C = Chapel
FH = Fellowship Hall
WW = Windows on the World

L = Library
MR = Music Room
S = Sanctuary
K = Kitchen



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