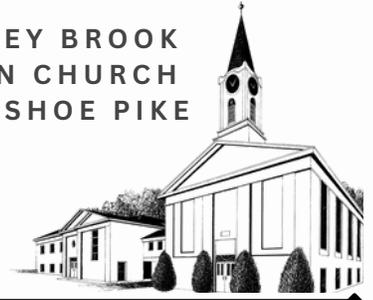


March 2026

NEWSLETTER

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From the Pastor's Desk...



Back at the beginning of the year and the start of our ministry here with you at Honey Brook Presbyterian Church, we introduced a practice to you of selecting Star Words to meditate on and to guide you through the year as a spiritual practice. As we are now in the season of Lent, there is no better time to explore further this practice of using Star Words since Lent is traditionally a time of self-assessment and spiritual awareness, which is precisely one of the benefits of your Star Word.

First and foremost, if you have not received a Star Word, it is NOT too late. You can still get one, all you need do is call the church office and leave a message for either Pastor Narda or myself. We will make sure you receive one!

During this season of Lent, we are encouraged to be more contemplative, and prayer is something we are all encouraged to focus on. We know that the most common prayer practice for many involves speaking to God as opposed to silence and contemplation or meditation. Star Words invite us into a new prayer practice of reflection and review that can be a powerful new way to connect with God. By receiving a Star Word chosen at random, we practice the spiritual task of receiving. It's not we who are in control in this moment. Instead, we trust that God is present, and we let go of our desire to cultivate or control.

These Star Words, as I already mentioned, are a new spiritual practice for us. They provide a word to focus on or pray over that might help us listen more intently to the Spirit's whisper to us. There is no better way to approach Lent than to find new ways of listening for God's voice in our life.

If you're still confused or not sure about this whole practice, here are a few ways to use your Star Word in your daily prayer life...or maybe, if you haven't had a daily prayer life, it might be a way of jump starting one. For some, the word's meaning pops up right away. For others, the meaning may evolve throughout the year. For still others, there may be no immediate significance, but over the months meaning emerges.

Start by looking up the definition of your word, even if it's a word you know well. You may even look into the etymology of the word and how its meaning has changed throughout history. Some words are even in different languages, such as ancient Greek, French, German, Korean and Japanese. What does the word remind you of? Does it recall any memories or experiences? How might God be speaking to you through this word? See if you can find your word – or a synonym – in the Bible. What scripture passages can you find? How is the word used in these passages? Are there other scripture passages that remind you of your word?

These are just a few suggestions of how to use your Star Word. More than anything else, keep your Star Word in a place where you can see it constantly. Keep it in your mind as you go through your days and weeks, I think you might be surprised how and when God speaks to you through your word!

Also, we would love to hear from you as to how your Star Word has spoken to you. We would like to have some people share a one-minute Star Word moment in worship or if you are more comfortable, a brief written moment here in the monthly newsletter. More than anything, remember that prayer is not always about spoken words, sometimes it's just about listening and waiting for God to speak to you!



Peace on the Lenten Journey!
Pastor Bruce

LECTIONARY READINGS (week of . . .)

March 1	March 8	March 15	March 22	March 29
Genesis 12:1-4a	Exodus 17:1-7	I Samuel 16:1-13	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Isaiah 50:4-9a
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17	Romans 5:1-11	Ephesians 5:8-14	Romans 8:6-11	Philippians 2:5-11
John 3:1-17	John 4:5-42	John 9:1-41	John 11:1-45	Matthew 26:14-27,66
Psalms 121	Psalms 95	Psalms 23	Psalms 130	Psalms 31:9-16

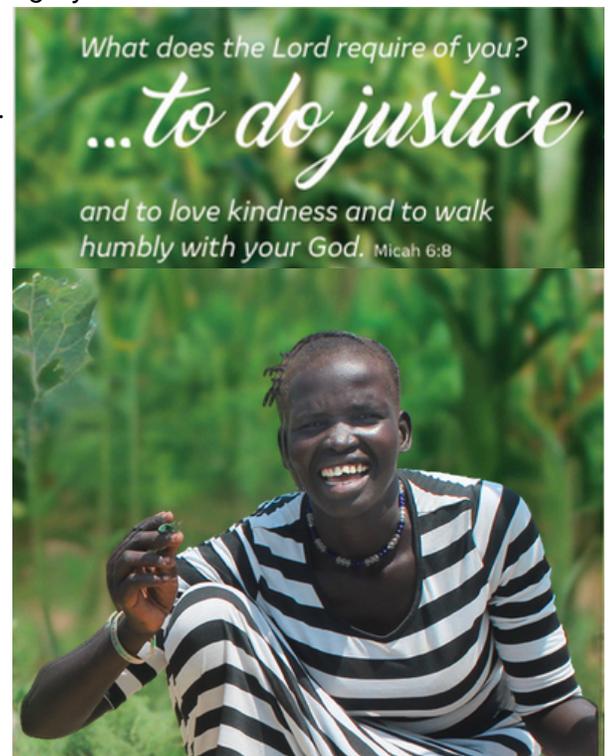
Liturgists		Greeters	
Carolyn Tate	March 1	Logan Emery and Helmut Bartel	March 1
Beth Ventrone	March 8	Barb Spirko and Marie Sole	March 8
Eileen Dillow	March 15	Bob and Ruth Snader	March 15
Lynn Klumpp	March 22	Bill Klumpp	March 22
Chris Masterson	March 29	Sarah, Anabel and Sidney Masterson	March 29

MISSIONS: ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Immediately following World War II, U.S. Protestant churches made appeals for relief and reconstruction in areas devastated by the war, primarily Europe and Asia. A program called One Great Hour was broadcast on the evening of Saturday, March 26, 1949, over major radio networks and many independent stations. The script was written under the direction of playwright Robert Sherwood. The cast included some of the foremost dramatic and musical talents of the time, such as Gregory Peck and Ida Lupino; President Harry Truman brought greetings. The broadcast closed with a request that listeners attend their local church the following morning and make a sacrificial contribution. It was estimated that more than 75,000 churches participated. The next year the offering was repeated, using the name "One Great Hour of Sharing" for the first time.

From the beginning this has been an ecumenical effort. While each denomination allocates its gifts differently, all use their funds for ministries of disaster relief, refugee assistance, and development aid. Today, projects supported by One Great Hour of Sharing are under way in more than one hundred countries, including the United States and Canada.

Our church has participated in One Great Hour of Sharing for many years. During Lent, consider how you can support the causes supported by OGHS...disaster, hunger, poverty, immigration, refugees, etc. Envelopes for donations will be made available on **March 15 and must be brought to church by Easter Sunday, April 5.**



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Save the Date: Presbyterian Women will hold their Spring Gathering on April 25 at New Harmony Presbyterian Church. More information to follow.



Environmental and Sustainability Tips for March: Spring Cleaning

- Instead of discarding broken or unused items, focus on repairing, repurposing, or upcycling them to keep materials in use.
- Participate in community swap meets or donate old clothes, electronics, and household items to local charities to extend their life and reduce landfill waste.

Thank You...

Thank you for your generosity and kindness to hospitalized veterans at the VA Hospital in Coatesville. The items given will be delivered the first week in March. Veterans often need donated personal care items because these specific comfort, hygiene, and clothing items are not provided by the hospital. The clothing you have given will assist patients who may lack family support, have limited resources, or are transitioning out of homelessness. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

SHEPHERD'S KITCHEN



The cold weather definitely reduced the number of diners at Shepherds Kitchen on February 5. Those who braved the weather, enjoyed meatloaf, cheesy potatoes, glazed carrots, salad, and yummy desserts! Join us on Thursday, March 5 for fellowship and homemade chicken pot pie. Sit around the table and get to know the people that come. We serve from 4:30-6:30 but can always use volunteers to prepare and serve. Contact Lynn Klumpp (610-761-2606), if you are able to assist.

In honor of Martin Luther King Day, the Surgery Center of Chester County at the Oakland Corporate Center n Exton (Lynn's employer) donated canned food items to the Shepherd's Kitchen ministry. Their thoughtfulness and generosity is greatly appreciated.



OPEN MIC NIGHT



February 16 was a cold February night but it didn't stop 10 music lovers from coming out and enjoying a great time and refreshments! There were 6 performers, as well as 2 new listeners! The talent is phenomenal!

The next Open Mic Night will be March 16 (3rd Monday) from 7-9:30 p.m. Signups are 6:30 for those who will be playing. Please come out and enjoy the fun! Light refreshments are available. For more information, contact Lynn Klumpp at 610-761-2606.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We will be continuing through Season 5 of *The Chosen* during the month of March. If all goes well and we don't miss any Sundays, we will finish Season 5 on Palm Sunday, March 29. It is helpful to watch the episode at home prior to coming since we are not able to watch the entire episode during Sunday School. Please join us each Sunday morning from 9-10! Light refreshments are served. All children are welcome to come and take part in our Children's Sunday School Class taught by Ruthann Kistler.

March 1 - Episode 4: The Same Coin

March 8—Episode 5: Because of Me

March 15—Episode 6: Reunions

March 22—Episode 7: The Upper Room Part 1

March 29 - Episode 8: The Upper Room Part 2

SPRING FORWARD

Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 8 at 2:00 a.m. Make sure you move your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night before going to bed, so you are not late for church on Sunday!



WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT MAUNDY THURSDAY?

In the PCUSA, Maundy Thursday marks the beginning of the Triduum (Three Days) leading to Easter. It is a time to remember Jesus' last night and his example of "extravagant love". The meaning of "Maundy" is derived from the Latin *mandatum* (commandment), referring to John 13:34, where Jesus commands his disciples to love one another as he loved them.

Key aspects of many PCUSA Maundy Thursday services are:

- **The Lord's Supper:** Commemorates the meal Jesus shared with disciples before his crucifixion, often celebrated with a focus on fellowship and remembrance.
- **Footwashing:** A symbolic act representing humility and servanthood, reflecting Jesus washing the disciples' feet.
- **Stripping of the Sanctuary:** A tradition where the chancel area is cleared of all decorations, ornaments, and communion vessels, symbolizing the abandonment of Jesus and the beginning of his passion.
- **Tenebrae Services:** Often held to transition into the darkness of Good Friday.

This year's Maundy Thursday service will be held on **April 2, at 7:00 p.m.**, following the Shepherd's Kitchen dinner.



³⁴"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

John 13:34-35

COMMON CENTS (AND DOLLARS) FINANCIAL REPORT

2026 per capita is \$39.00

- General Assembly—\$9.35 per member
- Synod of the Trinity—\$2.40 per member
- Donegal Presbytery—\$27.25

If you are able, please consider paying your per capita. Thank you!

Honey Brook Presbyterian Church 2026 Statement of Activities

Date Range: Jan 1st 2026 - Jan 31st 2026

Accounts	Actual Jan 01, 2026 - Jan 31, 2026	Budget Jan 01, 2026 - Jan 31, 2026	Budget Over/Under Jan 01, 2026 - Jan 31, 2026	Annual Budget This Year Year
Revenues				
Unrestricted	3,112.21	9,166.67	(6,054.46)	110,000.00
Designated Funds	0.00	225.00	(225.00)	2,700.00
Donor Restricted	0.00	133.33	(133.33)	1,600.00
Pass Thru	80.00	2,250.00	(2,170.00)	27,000.00
Interest, Dividend, Cap Gains,	545.11	1,958.33	(1,413.22)	23,500.00
Redemptions	0.00	1,166.67	(1,166.67)	14,000.00
Building Lease	0.00	1,500.00	(1,500.00)	18,000.00
Miscellaneous	150.00	216.67	(66.67)	2,600.00
Total Revenues	\$ 3,887.32	\$ 16,616.67	(\$ 12,729.35)	\$ 199,400.00
Expenses				
Senior Pastor	2,203.50	7,916.67	5,713.17	95,000.00
Staff Salaries	1,895.99	1,895.99	0.00	22,752.00
Employer Expenses	145.05	132.67	(12.38)	1,592.00
Administrative Expense	706.52	750.00	43.48	9,000.00
Designated Funds	100.00	125.00	25.00	1,500.00
Worship	450.00	791.67	341.67	9,500.00
Christian Education	0.00	62.50	62.50	750.00
Church & Community	355.95	75.00	(280.95)	900.00
Building & Grounds	4,442.97	4,333.33	(109.64)	52,000.00
Pastor Search (PNC)	0.00	416.67	416.67	5,000.00
Pass Thru	0.00	66.67	66.67	800.00
Reserve	0.00	50.50	50.50	606.00
Total Expenses	\$ 10,299.98	\$ 16,616.67	\$ 6,316.69	\$ 199,400.00
Net Total	(\$ 6,412.66)	\$ 0.00	(\$ 6,412.66)	\$ 0.00

FINANCIAL REPORT EXPLANATIONS

Income was less than budgeted for the year mainly because:

- The snowy weather prevented us from having church for a couple of weeks.

CHARITY FUND

The Charity Fund is designed for donors to give to congregationally-connected families in need of assistance. Some are known to you, some are not. If you wish to give to this fund, over and above your regular giving, please make sure that your check is made out to the church but the notation is for Charity Fund. Opportunities for assistance and questions may be directed to Tom Richards or Peg Dombach.



PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The PNC is asking for your on-going prayers as they continue to review pastoral resumes and conduct ZOOM interviews.

March Birthdays:

- March 6 Audrey Cleaver
- March 7 Jack Sweatlock
- March 12 Pat Purdy
- March 16 Jim Kohler
- March 24 Chris Masterson
- March 30 Max Cannon

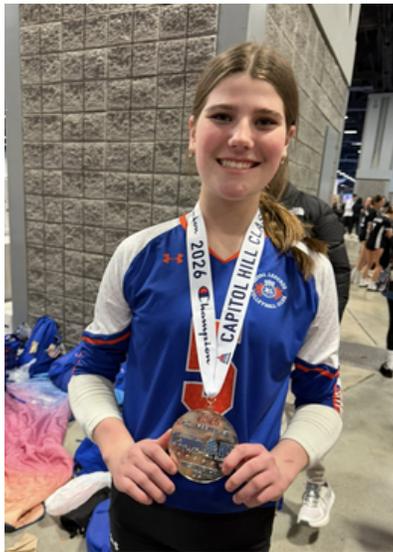
March Anniversaries::

No anniversaries in March

Please contact Karen DeAscentiis (kdeascentiis@verizon.net) with your relevant dates and other information.



Please send to Peg Dombach (pdombach@ptd.net) any joys, achievements, milestones, etc. for anyone in your family, and we will include them in the monthly newsletters.



Annabel Masterson and her volleyball team competed in the Capitol Hill Classic on Presidents' weekend. They came in 2nd out of 80 teams competing. Congratulations to Annabel and the entire team!



Sidney Masterson added a new licensed driver to their home when she passed her driver's test on February 6. On the very next day, Sid and her 4x400 team won a medal at an indoor track competition. Congratulations toall!



Elli Lambert celebrated the 100th day of school in style, "Grandma style," that is! She certainly played the role! Keep enjoying school and learning all that you can, Elli.



Olivia Lambert, is learning to be a flyer in cheerleading. Look at that fearless face! You are certainly a brave girl, Liv. Keep flying high!



Kayla Klumpp and Keith & Peg Dombach participated in the Pinebrook Winter Retreat sponsored by Christian Endeavor. Kayla and Peg serve on the Board of Chester County CE. We served 80 teens and leaders throughout the weekend as all learned how to make Biblically wise decisions. Our church has attended Pinebrook retreats for over 60 years.



Spaghetti Supper

Saturday ~ March 21

Honey Brook Presbyterian Church

Fellowship Hall

4331 Horseshoe Pike

serving from
4:00 - 7:00 PM

Spaghetti & Meat Sauce

Salad

Bread & Butter

Dessert

Donation Only



*The evening will include an open house and information on the new Honey Brook Day Camp which will be at HBPC this summer!

Honey Brook Day Camp is a vibrant, joyful, and intentionally screen-free summer program designed to nurture curiosity, creativity, and community in children entering Kindergarten through 6th grade. The camp offers families a safe, enriching, and flexible summer experience rooted in hands-on learning and global exploration.

Every day, campers are provided with healthy and delicious breakfast, lunch, and snacks that are included in the camp tuition.

HBDC offers several discounts to those paying the standard fees. Due to the generous support of the Chester County Children's Foundation, the camp is also able to offer highly subsidized low-cost options to families who qualify.

Go to www.honeybrookdaycamp.org for all of the details and registration information. Spread the word!

On Saturday, March 21, we will be serving a community Spaghetti Supper from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. This is a great way for us to welcome our neighbors and friends to our church.

The proceeds from the Spaghetti Supper will support the Honey Brook Day Camp that will be held at our church this summer from June 22 through July 31. Donations received will provide scholarships for those who are unable to pay their full portion.

During the Spaghetti Supper, Kim Minor, the Executive Director of the Chester County Children's Foundation will be giving tours of our facility to the parents and their children so they can see where camp will be held.

Beyond the financial support for the camp, CCCF is also looking for children's books (K through 6th grade reading level), toys, Legos, games, all that are in good condition. Donations can be placed in the upstairs room on the right side of the hallway in the Christian Education Building.

Supper Helpers Needed: A signup sheet will be posted outside of fellowship hall. We will need all of the help we can get. Thank you for your support of this cause.

HONEY BROOK DAY CAMP

10% off register by 3/1

1-6 WEEKS

Our Camp Advantages:

- Screen Free Fun
- Meals & Snacks
- Before & After Care Available

Register Now
www.honeybrookdaycamp.org

Location:
4331 Horseshoe Pike,
Honey Brook

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Day	Event	Time
Every Sunday	Sunday School for all ages	9:00–10:00 a.m.
Every Sunday	Worship of God in Sanctuary	10:30 a.m.
Every Sunday	Coffee Hour in Eppihimer Fellowship Hall	Following worship
Every Tuesday as needed	PNC meets - Eppihimer Fellowship Hall	6:00 p.m.
Every Wednesday	AA Meeting—Old Fellowship Hall	6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Every Wednesday	Bell Choir Practice—Sanctuary	6:30 p.m.
March 1	Session meeting following Coffee Hour	12 noon
March 5	Shepherd’s Kitchen - Eppihimer Fell. Hall	4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
March 8	Daylight Savings Time begins - Spring Forward!	
March 11	Honey Brook Women’s Club - Epp. Fell. Hall	6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
March 16	Open Mic Night - Old Fellowship Hall	6:30 - 9:30 p.m.
March 21	Spaghetti Supper - Eppihimer Fellowship Hall	4:00 - 7:00 p.m.
March 28	Palm Sunday	
April 2	Maundy Thursday & Good Friday Service	7:00 p.m.



For concerns, contact the appropriate member to assist you.

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