



# The Living News *Forks of the Brandywine Presbyterian Church (EPC)*

## From the Pastor's Pen

### March 2025

### Why We Need the Westminster Confession

Confessions of faith are extremely useful. This is true for several reasons. First, they *codify* the contents of Scripture in a compact form. The Bible is a big book. A confession of faith is meant to distill the great mass of biblical data into a systematic summary for the church. Second, confessions of faith *clarify* the central teachings of Scripture. A confession is not intended to summarize every single thing the Bible says about every single topic. Rather, the intention is to select the central doctrines and practices of Scripture and arrange them in logical sequence. This helps the church see what is more important and less important, what deserves major emphasis in the life of the church and what should be given minor emphasis. All of Scripture is the inspired word of God, but not every doctrine is equally crucial. Confessions of faith bring clarity on what is essential and what is non-essential. Third, confessions of faith *simplify* the central teachings of Scripture. They provide concise statements of biblical truth along with the primary passages that support that truth. If you want to know the meaning of a certain doctrine, a confession will give you a quick definition and overview of the doctrine in light of all that Scripture says.

Confessions codify, clarify, and simplify the contents of biblical teaching and instruction for the faith, life, and ministry of the church. This is an extremely useful resource for pastors, teachers, and even whole denominations. As Presbyterians, we are bound by our subscription to the *Westminster Confession of Faith*, which was drafted and established by our Puritan forefathers in England and Scotland in 1647. It is called a “confession” because it embodies the faith that we confess to believe before God and before the world. To “subscribe” to the Westminster Confession means to pledge allegiance to uphold that confession as a *secondary* authority under the *ultimate* authority of Scripture. All ordained Presbyterian ministers are required to preach, teach, and defend what the Westminster Confession says. This requirement of subscription is absolutely necessary for the preservation of the truth and the protection of our churches. The confession keeps us in check. It’s like the guardrails that keeps us from going off the tracks into doctrinal error, heresy, and sin. The Westminster Confession provides a much needed accountability partner for pastors, churches, and the whole denomination. When we abandon our fidelity to our Confession, serious corruption looms ahead in the not-so-distant future.

So I highly recommend that all of you take the time to read through the Westminster Confession, or at least the sections most interesting to you (it’s available for free online). There are sections on the doctrine of God, the person and work of Christ, God’s covenant with his people, free will, sin, the new birth, justification, God’s law, good works, baptism, the Sabbath, worship, marriage, the second coming, and so much more. If you want to understand what our denomination believes and what the Forks of the Brandywine is committed to uphold in all that we do, the best source you can consult is the Westminster Confession of Faith. This is the faith of our Puritan and Presbyterian forefathers, it was the faith of those who founded the Forks in the 1730s, and, Lord willing, it will be the faith we confess before the very judgment seat of God on the last day.

Grace and peace,  
*Pastor Wesley*

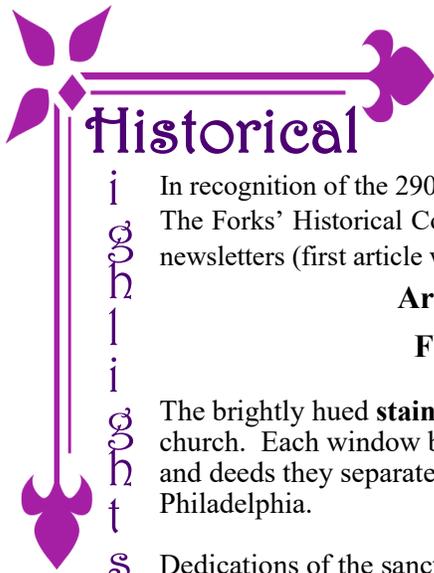
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## Fun and Fascinating Forks Facts

### Historical

In recognition of the 290<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Forks of the Brandywine Presbyterian Church, founded in 1735, The Forks' Historical Committee has been sharing interesting and illuminating articles in our 2025 monthly newsletters (first article was in the April 2025 edition).

#### Article 10 in a Series of Interesting Historical Accounts

#### FUN AND FASCINATING FORKS FACTS - Part 3

The brightly hued **stained-glass windows in the sanctuary** were all dedicated at the building of the church. Each window bears appropriate Biblical quotations and the names of those whose memories and deeds they separately intended to commemorate. The windows are all from Aiken & Isaacs of Philadelphia.

Dedications of the sanctuary-level windows are:

- ◇ Brandywine Manor Sabbath School, in memorial to the devotion of the church and to the work of the school
- ◇ Rockville Sabbath School, a token of their esteem to their parent church of which they form an auxiliary
- ◇ James McClure, to the memory of his father Benjamin and mother Agnes (Mr. McClure was a Trustee when the church was built;
- ◇ J. B. Ralston, in memory of his grandfathers, Capt. John Buchanan and Capt. James Ralston (Mr. Ralston was on the Building Committee of the church)
- ◇ Mrs. Jane Mackelduff, in memory of her husband, Joseph Mackelduff
- ◇ Blanche Nevin, in memory of Rev. John Carmichael (she was a great-granddaughter)
- ◇ Brandywine Manor Congregation, in memory of Rev. Nathan Grier
- ◇ The Congregation, to the memory of Rev. J.N.C. Grier by the Happersett grandsons (this Rev. Grier was still living when the church was built).

In addition to pastors Nathan Grier and John Nathan Caldwell Grier, the large **stained-glass window in the choir loft** is dedicated to the memory of another member of the Grier family, James King Grier, who served the Forks as an Elder and a Trustee and was among the first to teach in the Sabbath School in 1821. This window abounds in theological symbols. The two Greek letters, Alpha and Omega, are at the very top, with a Communion Chalice in between. Next are symbols representing the four Gospel writers: St. Matthew is depicted as a divine man; St. Mark as a winged lion; St. Luke as a winged bull or calf; and St. John as a rising eagle. Next are four important quotations from Scripture:



- “Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God” (Matt. 5:8)
- “I know that my Redeemer liveth” (Job 19:25)
- “I am the Resurrection and the Life” (John 11:25)
- “Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord” (Rev. 14:13)

In the final row of symbols is the tablet of the Ten Commandments, the Cross, the Crown, and the Holy Bible.

(Content for this article was derived from church archives; church members' knowledge; Grier family writings; the late Rev. Ben Sheldon's sermon on our stained-glass windows presented for the 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, June 13, 2010; unattributed newspaper clipping; M'Clune's *History of the Presbyterian Church of the Forks of the Brandywine, Chester County, PA*)

# From Your Board of Trustees

## Sermons Available via YouTube, Sermon Audio & Podcasts

Congregation,

As most of you know, our Sunday Worship service is available on **YouTube**, and I thought I would give an update on to the Church as to what is available and how to access it, we have many options available!

First is **YouTube** – We livestream the Sunday Service, but also on the site are clips of just the Sermons, Sermon Series, Special Services and other short clips.

Please Subscribe! – this will notify you when any new videos are added, and the latest Worship Service is always located at the top when you visit! Subscribing also helps people find our site!

**SermonAudio** – This website has some great features! The website is strictly for Reformed churches from around the world, and has strict standards for membership.

The sermons from the Worship Service are available in video and audio only formats.

The main website is SermonAudio.com, however, **as a part of our membership, they supply us with our own “Solo” site available here – <https://www.sermonaudio.com/solo/forkschurch>.**

- The great thing about this “Solo” site is, it’s also available as an app for your phone or tablet – just open your App Store and search for the “ChurchOne” App,
- After downloading (there is no account or login needed!) just search for “Forks” or use our church code “23128”, the app will remember your choice
- The App will allow you to view the videos, or listen to just the audio (it’s great for your commute to work!), you can also download the sermons to view/listen to them later when no Wi-fi or cell connection is available!
- Sermons are also listed by series – I’ve tried to keep them numbered for easier reference!

The App is also available on AppleTV, Amazon FireStick, Roku and other devices (see the bottom of the main [SermonAudio.com](http://SermonAudio.com) website for more info) set up is just as easy!

### Podcasts!

We’re also available on Apple and Android Podcasts – just search for Forks of the Brandywine and subscribe!

### IN PERSON –

**Of course the best way to view our Services is Sunday Morning at 10:30 in the Sanctuary with your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ!**

“But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant (Hebrews 12:22-24)

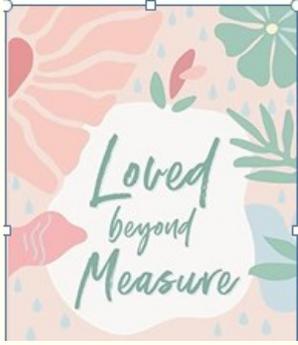
**Should you have ANY questions, please feel free to contact me..**

Kyle Hall  
[Kyle.Hall@ForksChurch.org](mailto:Kyle.Hall@ForksChurch.org)



# Church News

## SECRET SISTERS & Potential Secret Sisters... Mark Your Calendars!



### Annual Secret Sister Reveal

Sunday, April 19, 2026 (Date Change from February newsletter)  
12:00 Noon

We will gather for a meal, fellowship, a devotion,  
make a craft, a game,  
door prizes, and our reveal gift exchange.

The Devotion Theme: **“Loved Beyond Measure”**

#### What to Bring:

- A Food Item to Share - a Fun Finger Food
- A “Reveal Gift” for your Secret Sister
- Your favorite Mug or Tea Cup (optional, but there may be a prize involved!)
- A funny Story or Joke to share
- Smiles and a Happy Heart!!

Watch for further details via email and in the Sunday bulletins, and, for the Secret Sister Sign Up Forms for 2026-2027 to be available on the “Secret Sister” table in the Gathering Room - and at the ‘Reveal’. Prayerfully consider being a prayer partner with a ‘Sister’ in Christ this coming year!

If you would like to be a Secret Sister\* this year, you are invited to attend the Reveal to enjoy the fellowship and see what a blessing you can be to other Sisters in Christ, but you must **RSVP no later than Sunday, April 5th.**

#### For more information about the Secret Sister Ministry, contact:

Glady Toth - in the church office: 610-942-2626; office@forkschurch.org  
Karen Hall - 908-892-2461; Karen.Hall@forkschurch.org

*“But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.” 1 John 1:7 (ESV)*

\*The Secret Sister program has been an internal ministry of the Forks for over 25 years. It consists of women within the church who sign up to be a ‘secret sister’. Each one completes a form that gives information about herself—birthday, anniversary, favorite things, etc. These forms are then matched to another ‘sister’ and distributed. When you receive the form (and recently we have been including photos), you pray for that ‘sister’ throughout the year. You are also encouraged to give them a card and/or token gift each month or as you are able - for birthday, encouragement, anniversary, holidays, etc. It is a “Secret” who has who for a ‘sister’ so no names are listed in the cards. A list of monthly holidays with gift suggestions is provided to each ‘sister’ but is only a guideline and strictly optional. The giving and receiving of these ‘secret’ gifts is such a fun part of the ministry! In March of each year, we have the “Reveal” as detailed above. Then, the ‘Secret’ is Out!



### **FORKS CHURCH BLOOD DRIVE - CANCELED**

The **Blood Drive on Monday, February 23, 2026**, was canceled due to the snow storm and rescheduled for Thursday, February 26. We had 34 donors!

*Thank you to all who donated and helped to save lives!*

The Blood Drive is scheduled for **Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup>**! - several donors are already signed up, and you can also!

For an appointment, please visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) Sponsor Code: **FORKS**



# Church News

## Order Easter Flowers for in the Sanctuary

Easter flowers will be available again this year from Ford's Greenhouses. Below are the available flowers and their prices.

You can order flowers for in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday and dedicate them in memory of, or in honor of loved ones. A Dedication List will be in the bulletin on Easter. **Watch the Sunday bulletins for order form inserts beginning March 8<sup>th</sup>.**



The following flowers are available (prices include with foil over pots):

\_\_\_Mums \$13.35                      \_\_\_Lilies \$13.35 (5/6 blooms)                      \_\_\_Hydrangeas \$17.70

\_\_\_Tulips (6 bulbs) \$11.90 (the only size offered this year)

Hyacinths: \_\_\_Single \$4.25    \_\_\_Double \$8.45    \_\_\_Triple \$13.70    \_\_\_4 in Pot \$18.40

Payment must accompany your order. **Checks are to be made out to "Ford's Greenhouses".**

**Deadline to order flowers: Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

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## An Opportunity to Give

### Food & Drink Donations to Support Our Police Officers



**Honoring  
Our Police**

A great, big "Thank You" to everyone who has been contributing snacks and drinks to the West Brandywine Police Department. The officers are very appreciative of the donations and enjoy the snacks immensely. They do not last long!

**Let's keep on giving!**

**The pantry and freezer are almost bare at the West Brandywine Police Department, and the officers are hungry!**

**Here are some foods that they would love to have:**

- Propel water
- cans or bottles of Coke, Coke Zero, Pepsi, iced tea
- Protein Bars- Pure Protein bars or other protein bars
- microwavable frozen individual pizzas (mini's)
- frozen breakfast sandwiches
- frozen individual meals
- Individual snacks such as potato chips, candy bars, trail mix, Chex mix, etc.



There is a designated bin in the Gathering Room for donations.

Label Frozen Items for "WBPD", place them in the kitchen freezer, and let Rick or Gail Craig know.

**Thank you for donating!**



# Church News - Easter Events

## Maundy Thursday Meal & Communion Service, April 2<sup>nd</sup>



Maundy Thursday  
Dinner & Communion

The Forks Fellowship Committee will be hosting a meal in the fellowship hall at **5:30 PM\***, prior to the Maundy Thursday communion service. Each family is asked to bring a covered dish or dessert to share. There will be a Sign Up form in the Sunday bulletins.

### Communion Worship Service at 7:00 PM

If you have any questions, or concerns, please see Kathy Rigg, or...

Email: [mkrigg@comcast.net](mailto:mkrigg@comcast.net)

## Candy Needed!



The **Great Celebration Easter Egg Hunt** requires lots of candy to fill **3,000+ eggs!** We are asking the congregation to help support the Egg Hunt by providing bags of **small, individually wrapped** candies. **Designated boxes will be in the Gathering Room beginning March 15th.**

## Eggs, Egg Decorators & Plastic Egg Fillers Needed! Fri., Apr. 3<sup>rd</sup>

Want to get into the Easter spirit? Are you an artsy person? We are asking for volunteers to help decorate the eggs for the Community Egg Hunt,

**Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:30 PM**  
in the Basement Youth Room.



**Please bring hard boiled eggs to the church beginning Wednesday April 1<sup>st</sup>.**

They can be placed in the refrigerator in the kitchen. There is a Sign Up Sheet in the Gathering Room for Candy & Eggs.

## "The Great Celebration" Community Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>

**Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 AM.**

**Registration begins at 10:30 AM**



Easter Egg Hunt

**We are looking for some volunteers** to help with face painting, traffic help, set up, take down, animal balloons, egg decorating, snack concession stand, and other activities.



RAIN  
or  
SHINE

**Watch for Sign Up Posters in the Gathering Room!**  
**Won't you prayerfully consider volunteering?**

**Contact Walt & Shelly Rigg** if you can help or want to sign your children up for this day of FUN!

# Missions News

## One Meal Food Packing Day, Saturday, March 14th

**1 OUT OF EVERY 7 OF THE  
WORLD'S CHILDREN SUFFERS  
THE EFFECTS OF HUNGER.  
TOGETHER WE CAN  
CHANGE THAT.**

The OneMeal mission is to meet the needs of starving children by empowering people to serve. Our mobile food-packing program engages groups to work together in a fun and meaningful hands-on, team-building experience.

We do this by partnering with organizations like churches, schools, businesses, and civic groups to host food packing events at your location or our warehouse. Your volunteers come together and pack meals assembly line style in a unifying and fun high-energy event.

The packaged food is then shipped and distributed to trusted partners to ensure the food reaches hungry children in great need of our help. Through our OneMeal program we have provided much needed nourishing food to children in 23 different countries, including the U.S. and developing countries across the globe.

katw.net/onemeal



### THE IMPACT OF FOOD

The OneMeal recipe has been specially formulated to meet the developmental needs of children affected by malnutrition and is an excellent source of protein, carbohydrates and key nutrients that is culturally acceptable worldwide.



#### PROVIDING A CHILD A DAILY MEAL

- Staves off the deadly effects of hunger
- Improves brain function and ability to learn in school
- Promotes healthy physical growth and activity
- Helps to break the cycle of poverty by empowering children to learn, grow and become contributing members of their community

The gift of food allows children to experience hope and to know that they are valued & loved.

### THE POWER OF SERVING

OneMeal packing events empower people to have a lasting impact on the lives of impoverished children. And OneMeal packing events have a lasting impact on your volunteers.

#### THROUGH THIS HANDS-ON SERVICE EXPERIENCE, VOLUNTEERS

- Engage in the problem of world hunger
- Make a tangible impact in the lives of the hungry
- Experience the joy in physically serving others
- Have a fun and deeply meaningful service experience with their friends, family and colleagues
- Learn more about what hunger looks like, and how we can change it
- See and hear the stories of children whose lives are being impacted and experiencing hope through the meals volunteers pack

**Praise God! With the help of our generous congregation, we have reached our goal to be able to pack the 40,000 meals for Kids living with hunger.**

### **Come Pack Meals With Us — 40,000 meals for Kids in Need!**

**Event Date: Saturday, March 14, 2026**

**Event Time: 9:00-11:00am**

**Event Location: Forks of the Brandywine Evangelical Presbyterian Church  
1648 Horseshoe Pike, Glenmoore, PA**

**All Ages are Welcome!**

**Register at: [www.forkschurch.org](http://www.forkschurch.org); or, the [SignUp Genius link](#):**

**<https://katw.wetravel.com/trips/forks-of-brandywine-church-kids-around-the-world-33987475>**

**For More Information, Contact: Diane Shumaker, 484-880-1267**



# FORKS YOUTH



We met last week for our first Sunday School Class. For the opening session we enjoyed breakfast together, and then we unpacked the first question of the Westminster Shorter Catechism. This class is open to all youth and will meet weekly at 9am in the Yellow room in the Sunday school wing.



**Q: WHAT IS THE CHIEF END OF MAN?**  
**A: MAN'S CHIEF END IS TO GLORIFY GOD, AND TO ENJOY HIM FOREVER.**  
WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM

So, whether you  
EAT *OR* DRINK,



or whatever you do,  
DO ALL TO THE  
GLORY OF  
**GOD**

1 CORINTHIANS 10:31  
www.1031.com

**YOUTH GROUP:  
FRIDAY 6-8PM**

- 2/27 HOUSE NIGHT
- 3/13 HOUSE NIGHT
- 3/27 HOUSE NIGHT
- 4/10 HOUSE NIGHT
- 4/24 HOUSE NIGHT
- 5/8 VOLLEYBALL @ BALLFIELD
- 5/22 PICNIC, PARK & PICKLEBALL @ WAGENSELLER



# Youth News — Forks Supported Ministries

## American Heritage Girls Hosts “Daughter of the King” Event

Monday, March 16, 2026

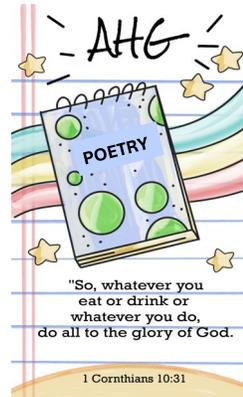
7:15-8:15 PM

The American Heritage Girls Troop 1031 **would like to Invite the Ladies of Forks to join us for a special evening event** in the Gathering Room.

The girls have been working on earning the **“Daughter of the King”** badge, learning about their identity as young women created in the image of God and loved beyond measure.



Come join us for a **girl-led fashion show** celebrating inward beauty and featuring **special music**, an **etiquette demonstration**, **poetry**, and a **custom nourishing tea blend**.



**About AHG at the Forks:** In 2019, a group of moms expressed interest in starting an American Heritage Girls troop for their daughters. Many also had sons in Trail Life. A meeting was held with about 15 ladies, and shortly after that, they were able to charter Troop 1031, named for 1 Corinthians 10:31-”So, whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.” They meet on the first and third Mondays in the newly remodeled basement room.

American Heritage Girls is dedicated to the mission of building women of integrity through service to God, family, community and country. The first year the troop started with 12 girls, and in 2026, 35 girls are registered with the troop.

In 2025-2026, the girls are focusing on the following badges: Daughter of the King, Money Management, Fire Building and Fire Safety. They put Operation Christmas Child boxes together at Christmas time, and supported Chester County Connect Care with donations of much needed items. Every year, Troop1031 has a campout, and participates in a Day Camp with other local AHG troops. Other service opportunities have included helping with Forks Faith and Blue Trunk or Treat, walking in the Downtowntown Memorial Day Parade, and Christmas caroling at a local nursing home.

American Heritage Girls produces Christ-following servant leaders who are honoring, relational, anchored in Christ, and competent.

## Trail Life Troop 1:19 - Upcoming March Schedule

March 2026						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

- March 02 Troop Meeting
- March 09 Adv/Nav Meeting
- March 16 Troop Meeting
- March 21 Aquatics Badge at Stonecroft Aquatics Center
- March 23 Troop Committee Meeting
- March 28 Woodlands Clean-up Day at the Forks Cemetery

# Community News - Local Ministry

## “Thank You” from the Glenmoore & Honey Brook Food Banks

### The Honey Brook Food Pantry Annual Report

#### A Year of Unprecedented Need - Your Generosity Made a Difference

The 2025 Holiday Season wrapped up a year where we met the greatest need our pantry has seen in its 12-year history.

#### Increased Community Need...

With 4,912 family visits, we served 15,443 individuals

- ◆ We registered 161 new families in 2025, including a 12% increase in families over four members
- ◆ 112 (15%) families no longer required assistance in 2025, including one below
- ◆ The inventory of children in our served database increased by 65
- ◆ 40% more home deliveries (700)
- ◆ More than ever...local community resources to drive independence were on-site at every distribution (even haircuts!)

During the last two months of 2025, we:

- ◆ Provided special food - including 370 holiday hams and 340 holiday turkeys - to 1,155 families and 3,782 individuals. These dinners were outstanding, including multiple fresh items, homemade side dishes and desserts.
- ◆ Collected nearly 2,000 toys there were given to over 440 kids.
- ◆ Supplied our clients with more than 600 coats and 300+ assorted winter wear items already...continuing in January

While the numbers paint part of the picture, they don't fully capture the depth of need we encountered.

- ◆ **Emergency food.** We were able to provide emergency food assistance on multiple occasions to several displaced and homeless families - including three complete, fully cooked turkey dinners on the night before Thanksgiving.
- ◆ **Additional support.** For example, we were able to avoid a Christmas week eviction and helped enable another single mother and her child to exit a rental with serious mold problems.
- ◆ And among the best examples this year is a family of three we served outside of regular hours all year. We learned this week that having just received a SSN, the family will no longer need this critical assistance.  
“We decided to stop coming to the food pantry as we are better off financially and don't want to have this opportunity that other people could have instead of us. Thank you for all your support and help during last year. You were our angel!”
- ◆ And so many more...

Although the need was never greater, so too was the spirit of generosity within the community. Without your highest quality donations of food, clothing, and toys, these “extras” would not have been possible. The example below exemplifies that community spirit as well.

Greatest thanks to you on behalf of the hundreds of families we assist each month! Happy 2026 to you and your families!

Ken Ross - Honey Brook Food Pantry

January 28, 2026

Dear Forks of the Brandywine Evangelical Presbyterian Church,

On behalf of my aunt, Ginny Griffith as well as all the volunteers at the Salvation Army Glenmoore Food Pantry I would like to thank you for your generous support over the years. I would like to report that there has been great improvement to the Pantry. These improvements include setting up more like a grocery shopping system with shopping carts for our clients. We now have fresh produce, dairy, and meat from Chester County Food Bank. As well as donations from Wegmans, Chick Filet, Olive Garden, and a local pastry shop. Recently Chester County Food Bank purchased two new freezers when ours broke down. We have 21 faithful volunteers that help on a weekly basis. I am happy to say our volunteers have built relationships with our clients and on occasion there have been opportunities to pray with them. The opportunity to serve at the food bank has been a blessing to me.

The Salvation Army Glenmoore Food Pantry provided significant support to the community in 2025 and currently serves numerous individuals.

#### 2025 Statistics

- **Families Served:** 149 families and individuals of such were served a total of 6,880 times.
- **Easter Assistance:** 130 Easter baskets were given out. As well as Ham dinners for each family.
- **Christmas Assistance:** 110 Turkey Dinners were provided.
- 132 children received packed boxes, each containing a coat, two outfits, and two toys.

#### Current Demographics

We currently serve 152 families; the individuals we serve consist of:

- **Children:** 151
- **Adults:** 223
- **Seniors:** 101

As you can see the need for your ongoing assistance is significant. The Forks Church past generosity has been instrumental in providing these services. With the needs of our community growing, I ask for your continued support, both financially as well as the food donations of the congregation for the Glenmoore Food Pantry. We are very grateful to the Mission Committee as well as the entire Forks Church family.

Sincerely,

*Shelly Rigg*

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*Virginia Griffith*

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Salvation Army Glenmoore Food Pantry Representative

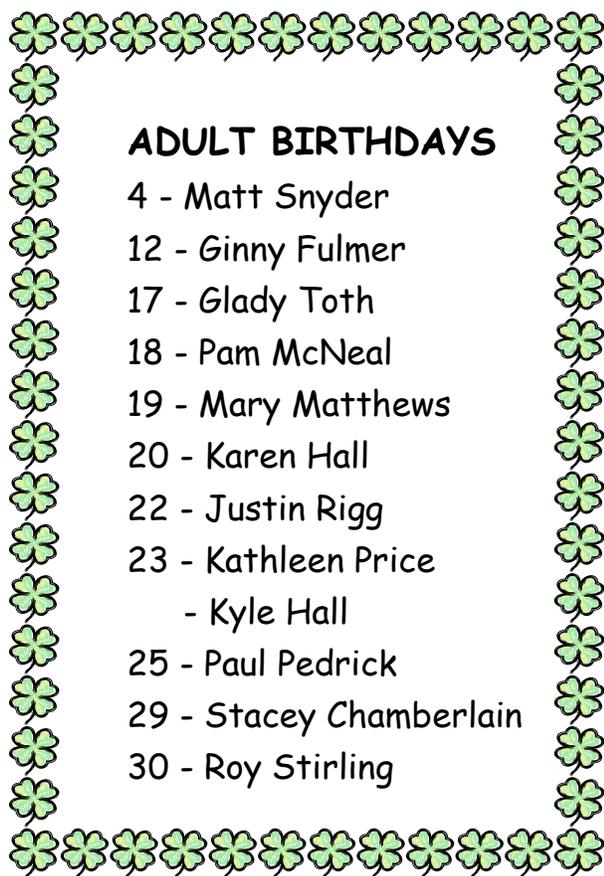
# MARCH 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9:00 AM Adult Education 10:30 AM Worship  6:00 PM Prayer Hour <i>Second Sunday in Lent</i>	<b>2</b>  7:00 PM Trail Life & American Heritage	<b>3</b> 9:00 AM Women's Community Bible Study at church  7:00 PM Fellowship	<b>4</b> 7:00 PM Bible Study	<b>5</b> 1:00 PM Ladies Bible Study  6:45 PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>6</b> 6:30 AM Men's Breakfast  4:30 PM Karate <b>6:00 PM Youth Night</b>	<b>7</b> 9:30 AM Karate   Time to Spring Ahead
<b>8</b> 9:00 AM Adult Education 10:30 AM Worship w/ Holy Communion  6:00 PM Prayer Hour <i>Third Sunday in Lent</i>	<b>9</b> 7:00 PM Trustees	<b>10</b> 9:00 AM Women's Community Bible Study at church	<b>11</b> No Bible Study	<b>12</b> 1:00 PM Ladies Bible Study  6:45 PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>13</b> 6:30 AM Men's Breakfast  4:30 PM Karate <b>6:00 PM Youth Night</b>	<b>14</b> <b>9:00 AM One Meal Food Packing Day</b>
<b>15</b> 9:00 AM Adult Education 10:30 AM Worship <b>11:45 PM KATW Trip Meeting</b> 6:00 PM Prayer Hour <i>Fourth Sunday in Lent</i>	<b>16</b>  7:00 PM Trail Life & American Heritage	<b>17</b> 9:00 AM Women's Community Bible Study at church  	<b>18</b> 7:00 PM Bible Study at church	<b>19</b> 1:00 PM Ladies Bible Study  6:45 PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>20</b> 6:30 AM Men's Breakfast  	<b>21</b> <b>8:30 AM Church Work Day</b>   9:30 AM Karate
<b>22</b> 9:00 AM Adult Education 10:30 AM Worship - <b>AHG Sunday</b> <b>12:00 PM Tater Tot Bar Fundraiser</b> 6:00 PM Prayer Hour <i>Fifth Sunday in Lent</i>	<b>23</b>  3:30 PM Deacons	<b>24</b> 9:00 AM Women's Community Bible Study at church  7:00 PM Session	<b>25</b> No Bible Study	<b>26</b> 1:00 PM Ladies Bible Study  6:45 PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>27</b> 6:30 AM Men's Breakfast  4:30 PM Karate <b>6:00 PM Youth Night</b>	<b>28</b> 9:30 AM Karate
<b>29</b> 9:00 AM Adult Education 10:30 AM Worship  6:00 PM Prayer Hour <i>Palm Sunday</i>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 9:00 AM Women's Community Bible Study at church				



# March

BIRTHDAYS



## ADULT BIRTHDAYS

- 4 - Matt Snyder
- 12 - Ginny Fulmer
- 17 - Gladly Toth
- 18 - Pam McNeal
- 19 - Mary Matthews
- 20 - Karen Hall
- 22 - Justin Rigg
- 23 - Kathleen Price
- Kyle Hall
- 25 - Paul Pedrick
- 29 - Stacey Chamberlain
- 30 - Roy Stirling



## Children to Sr. Teens

- 10 - Elizabeth Westervelt (7)
- 20 - Lilah Stirling (16)



# March

ANNIVERSARIES



- 6 - Peg (Mike) and Bob Erdmann
- 13 - Charlee and Marv Molina
- 18 - Rebecca and Glenn McClintock
- 23 - Colleen and Garry Knudson

If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please notify us by placing a note in Gladly Toth's mailbox located in



# THOUGHTS & SMILES



**REMEMBER?**

Set Your Clocks Ahead!



Turn Your Clocks Ahead 1 hour before going to bed, Saturday, March 7th!

## Daylight Savings Time Begins

As we spring forward into a new season, may we also step into the fresh grace God provides each day. Though we may have lost an hour of sleep, we gain time together in His presence—a reminder that His mercies are new every morning.

During this Lenten season, we praise God for His righteous Son, who perfectly kept all of God's commandments for us and paid the full price for our disobedience. Let us praise him with hearts filled with Christ's spirit of obedience.

## Faith that Blooms Anew



“Why are you anxious?” asked our Lord. Then He said, “*Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow. They neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.*” (Matthew 6:28–29, NIV)

Jesus’ words remind us that just as God clothes the lilies of the field in beauty and splendor, he also provides faithfully for his people. The same Creator who tends to the flowers of spring cares for every detail of our lives.

People of faith come to see that truth unfold year after year — in the budding trees, the soft blossoms, and the steady return of color after winter’s gray. God’s reliability is woven into creation itself.

As poet Adeline Whitney once wrote:

*God does not send strange flowers every year,  
When the Spring wind blows o’er the pleasant places,  
The same dear things lift up the same fair faces,  
The violet is here.*

Each spring, those familiar blooms whisper the same promise: God is faithful still.

## Thoughts on Prayer

“You don’t know how to pray? Put yourself in the presence of God, and as soon as you have said, ‘Lord, I don’t know how to pray!’ you can be sure you have already begun.”

—St. Josemaría Escrivá

“Seek a relationship when you pray, not answers. You won’t always find answers, but you will always find Jesus.”

—Father Mike Schmitz

“If the lungs of prayer and the Word of God do not nourish the breath of spiritual life, we risk suffocating in the midst of a thousand daily cares. Prayer is the breath of the soul and of life.”

—Pope Emeritus Benedict XV

## The Power of Prayer

“*The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.*” (James 5:16, NIV)

**Spring is here!** Creation sings of new beginnings, fresh growth, and God’s renewing power.

“*See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth...*”

—Song of Solomon 2:11–12 (NIV)

**May this new season remind you of the hope that blossoms in Christ!**

*Forks of the Brandywine  
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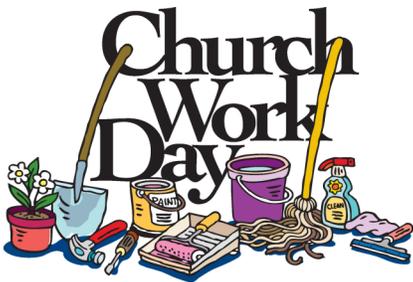
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# NEWSLETTER



## Save the Date... Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>



The Trustees are planning tentative Church Work Day, and will be asking for volunteers to give some of your day to help maintain our church and property.

Give as many or as few hours as you are able.

Lunch will be provided.

Watch your email for more details and a list of projects.  
There will be tasks for all ages and abilities.

