



The Church Mouse

Newsletter

The First Presbyterian Church of Maywood
401 Maywood Ave, Maywood, NJ 07607

February 2021

February Message:

One of the first things I would urge, implore and even beg that we all do is **pray to God Almighty** for His **intervention and peace to prevail in our country** during these most difficult times. We must continue to be His disciples if we are to succeed.

It's almost ironic that the word "February" is from the Latin "Februa" meaning "to cleanse. The Roman Februalia was a festival of purification and atonement that took place at this time of year. How appropriate is it then that this year **Ash Wednesday** is on **February 17, 2021**?



Our Lenten Season of atonement and purification leads to the commemoration and death of Jesus on Good Friday (April 2, 2021) and His glorious Resurrection on Easter Sunday, April 4th.

Remember as kids we used to "give up something for Lent"? This was to be a form of self-denial to make us stronger. In today's world more and more we are asked to perform acts of kindness and to be anonymous when doing this as we are charged in Matthew 6:1 to "take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them. If you do, continues Matthew, you will have no reward from your Father in Heaven".

A mark of our Christian discipleship is giving. By using our time, talent and tithes we can reflect God's gift of Jesus and his teachings and sharing with others in the world. (aka, Stewardship). Our response from baptism through life is to honor God and serve Him in our personal lives. This includes our daily activities and what is done by thoughts, words and deeds. Keep in mind, please that our works and worship cannot be separated. Let's consider offering a special gift to God. Here are some suggestions:

1. Do something kind and anonymously (Matt. 6:1)
2. Do something that will make someone smile (Luke 9:23)
3. A period of Fasting and meditation on Jesus' sacrifice (Matt. 9:1)
4. Become more obedient to God's work (Luke 11:32)
5. Practice the Golden Rule (Matt. 7:12)
6. Read and study the word of God (John 8:31 – 32)
7. Try harder to follow Christ's example (John 8:55)

Again, the foregoing is just a list of suggestions; you may want to add some others of your own.

Let's all remember the very familiar "The Lord is my Shepherd".
In these difficult times, may God Bless us and Keep us.

With Love & Prayers
Betty

Just a footnote. Due to COVID 19 and the pandemic, this is the 1st time in over 60 years we have not had our annual Fish & Chips Dinner. Here's to 2022!

The Session Meeting for January was been postponed. A Zoom meeting is planned for February.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

We are continuing to conduct our Sunday Services virtually due to the Covid virus. Our church services will be streamed Live on YouTube at 10:15am with Pastor Kevin Kwon, and are available for permanent viewing after the live service airs. If you would like to receive this link on Sunday mornings via email or text contact Carrie from the information below. If you do not have a computer or a smart phone that is not a problem! You can listen to the services on your home phone via a Zoom phone call!

Here are the directions on how to do this...**it's quite simple!**

Joining worship via Zoom Phone Call:

- 1) Dial **(929) 205-6099**
- 2) Follow prompt and press Meeting ID **815 8329 2476**
- 3) Ignore participant ID. **Just press # to continue**
- 4) Enter Pass code **1234**
- 5) When worship is finished just hang up!

Anyone wishing to discuss the receipt of the **live link(s) on Sunday mornings** or if you have **any questions** at all please contact Carrie at (201) 663-5524 or email carrielwerner@aol.com

The per capita payment for 2021 is \$42.00 per member. Please make payments payable to the First Presbyterian Church of Maywood and mail to our treasurer, Carol Dass, at 401 Maywood Ave., Maywood, N.J. 07607

The 2021 Church Offering Envelopes are available! If you haven't picked yours up and wish to--contact **Carol Dass (201) 845-8830** or email dasscarol@gmail.com.

If you would like to mail in your weekly donations (via checks) no need to mail in the actual envelopes, just write what Sunday(s) the check is for in the memo line and mail to the church at: First Presbyterian Church of Maywood, 401 Maywood Ave., Maywood, N.J. 07607

Thank you!



February Birthdays:

Sarah Carberry - February 11th

RV Heffernan - 13th

Patrick Carberry - February 20th

Madeleine Dani - February 24th



We wish you all a happy birthday and a wonderful year ahead!

"Come Fly with Me..."

We are about to embark upon Flight # 2021. We are prepared to take off into the New Year. Please make sure your Attitude and Blessings are secured and locked in an upright position. All self-destructive devices should be turned off at this time. All negativity, hurt and discouragement should be put away. Should we lose Altitude under pressure, during the flight, reach up and pull down a Prayer. Prayers will automatically be activated by Faith. Once your Faith is activated you can assist other passengers. Baggage will not be allowed on this flight.

Our Captain (God) has cleared us for takeoff. Our destination is Peace, Love and Goodwill.

--Submitted by, Carol Dass

☺ Just for laughs ☺



(Heart Says: To Eve, from a Secret Admirer)



Thought for the month:

"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched – they must be felt with the heart..."

...Helen Keller



"And the greatest of these is Love."
1 Corinthians 13

Happy Valentine's Day

