

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FEBRUARY 4, 2024**

### **Sunday, February 4—Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

9:00am     Worship Service (also livestreamed on YouTube)  
              Faith Formation for Children ages 3-6 years  
              Coffee Hour

### **Monday, February 5**

9:00am     Quickel Quilters – Fellowship Hall  
3:00pm     Walking Group at Quickel’s Cemetery  
7:00pm     Faith Formation (Luther Writings) via Zoom:  
              <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82157526586?pwd=WktTTzRzQ1dKU0xacmtlc0JQQU1sZz09>  
              Meeting ID: 821 5752 6586     Passcode: 360135

### **Tuesday, February 6**

8:00am     Bible Adventure - Fellowship Hall until 10:30am  
6:00pm     Staying in Step - Fellowship Hall

### **Thursday, February 8**

9:00am     Prayer Team – Fellowship Hall  
10:00am    Bible Study - Fellowship Hall

### **Friday, February 9**

6:00pm     VeggieTales Movie Night – Fellowship Hall

### **Sunday, February 11—Transfiguration of Our Lord**

9:00am     Worship Service (also livestreamed on YouTube)  
              Faith Formation for Children ages 3-6 years  
              Coffee Hour

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK: 8am-12pm Monday, Tuesday and Thursday; 8am-10am & 12pm-2pm  
Wednesday

LECTIONARY TEXTS FOR FEBRUARY 11: 2 Kings 2:1-12 \* Psalm 50:1-6 \* 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 \*  
Mark 9:2-9

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 11 are due at 8am Wednesday, February 7.

OPPORTUNITY TO SPONSOR ALTAR FLOWERS is available on February 18. Sign up on the flower  
calendar in the Fellowship Hall.

ASHES TO GO ARE AVAILABLE ON ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 We need volunteers from 9am-  
11am and 2pm-4pm. See Cindy Kelbaugh.

QUICKEL QUILTERS meet in the Fellowship Hall on Monday, February 5, at 9am.

STAYING IN STEP meets at 6pm, Tuesday, February 6, in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for a ½ hour of  
movement. You have the power to glorify God by moving your body. Take the motivation to a deeper  
level in His steps.

PRAYER TEAM meets at 9am on Thursday, February 8 in the Fellowship Hall. Come and help us pray for Quickel's ministries, members and the community!

VEGGIETALES MOVIE NIGHT is on Friday, February 9, at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will watch *The Little House That Stood: A Lesson In Making Good Choices*. Hot dogs and snacks will be provided.

KNIT WITS meets in the Parish House at 1pm on Thursday, February 15. All who enjoy knitting and crocheting or want to learn are invited.

THE GATHERING meets on February 17 at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for a casual and upbeat time of worship, growth and connection.

SEEKING GOD CLASS meets at 10am Monday, February 19 in the Fellowship Hall. We are beginning a new video program entitled "Anxious for Nothing" by Max Lucado. No book is necessary for the class. All are welcome!!!!

ORDER EASTER FLOWERS BY FEBRUARY 25 Please complete a yellow pew slip to order Easter flowers:

Easter Lily 3-4 bloom	\$9.95	Mum 4" pot	\$4.75
Easter Lily 5-6 bloom	\$10.95	Mum 6 ½" pot (Multi color)	\$11.50
Hyacinth Single Bloom	\$4.75	Tulip 4" pot	\$4.75
Hyacinth 3 Bloom	\$8.95	Tulip 6" pot	\$8.95

TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY Keep us in mind if you need a ride to your appointments!

QUICKEL'S WALKING GROUP meets each Monday at 3pm at Quickel's Cemetery, weather permitting.

#### QUICKEL'S SPIRITUAL MINISTRY

- Additional Spiritual Connections: Our "Weekly Meditation" email members and Facebook's "Quickel and Friends" members include Quickel members and friends of members. To add others, send their information to Jeanne Waltemyer, 717-817-2316 or [jwaltemyer@comcast.net](mailto:jwaltemyer@comcast.net).
- Prayer Chain: (A Phone Tree) Individuals are called to pray for the immediate needs of family and friends. If interested or in need of prayers contact Jeanne Waltemyer or Gloria Goodyear

FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN AGES 3-6 YEARS meets on Sundays during the worship service.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS OR SPONSORS NEEDED A sign-up sheet for Coffee Hour hosts is posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. You may like to sponsor a coffee hour if you are unable to host. Please contact Barbara at 610-329-1035 or [badsad84@gmail.com](mailto:badsad84@gmail.com).

ALTAR FLOWERS SPONSORSHIP Sign up on the calendar posted in the Fellowship Hall. One vase is \$16.50 and two vases are \$33.00. Please indicate how many vases you want and also put an asterisk \* if you want to keep your flowers. Questions? - contact Nan Cook, 717-309-7887.

DO YOU HAVE CLOTHING OR SHOES TO DONATE? You can take them directly to Community Aid at 2001 Springwood Road, York, PA 17403. Our Community Aid partner number is 20131. You will need to give them this number for our church to get credit for your donations.

NORTHEASTERN FOOD PANTRY DONATION ITEMS NEEDED Jello & Pudding (regular & sugar-free); Dish Liquid Detergent, Shampoo, Ketchup, Paper Towels, and Toothpaste

## **STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET**

February 4, 2024, Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

*"He gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless." – Isaiah 40:29*

Yes, loving one's neighbors can be difficult, but it is not impossible. God is with us and gives the strength and power we need to love others, even our enemies. Stewardship of relationships matters!

### **VALENTINE'S DAY/ASH WEDNESDAY MASHUP**

Because Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday fall on the same day this year, February 14 gives us a real clash of messages!

As stewards of both our personal lives and our greater world, what can we make of a day that, on the one hand says sweetly, "I love you," and on the other hand says sternly, "Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return"? How should we observe a day with such disjointed messages?

Putting them together, we can come up with some interesting responses.

Ash Wednesday tells us that our lives are finite and fleeting, a truth woven throughout the Bible. Psalm 103:15 says our lives are like the grass that flourishes and then is gone. Ash Wednesday also reminds us that we are in the hands of the creator God who decreed that our earthly lives begin and end in dust.

And although our culture revels in romantic love, the Bible gives us a wider vision of love that we can aspire to love through care and concern for the world, for creation and those around us.

Putting the two messages together, we know there is no delaying our call to love our neighbors as ourselves (Mark 12:31) and to provide for the least among us (Matthew 25:31-46).

With wars raging in Ukraine and Gaza, refugee crises across the globe and Covid on the rise (to name just a few problems), perhaps this can be the year you can send a "Valentine" someone who needs not only love, but food, medicine, shelter and clothes. Many reputable church charities would gladly use your contribution to help the neediest.

Who are the people in your church and community who need your love and your care? How can you, both individually and congregationally, love and assist them?

The diverse messages of Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day give us a prime opportunity to grow in faith, love and discipleship –while there's time.

–Rob Blezard

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