



Chestnut Hill Church



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Two Paths

Psalm 1 states:

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper. The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

This psalm was placed at the beginning of the Psalter to teach the people of God. These have been read and sung for over 2500 years now. Like them we are all faced with a choice. Will we heed the advice of the wicked on the one hand or on the other hand, will we give heed to the Scriptures (or the Law or Torah) of God? We make this choice every day of our lives and every moment of every day—whether consciously or unconsciously.

The advice of the wicked would have us extremely anxious over the economic downturn that is so deeply affecting our nation. Many are worried about their jobs. Those in retirement are worried about their retirement incomes being swallowed up by a depressed stock market. Some cannot sleep at night due to worry. Without minimizing the seriousness of the situation, I suggest we not listen to the advice of the wicked whose primary goal is the accumulation of wealth and the consumption of “things.” Yes, I know this is easier to write to you than to put into practice. Yet this teaching is not just in the Old Testament.

Jesus spoke of the same issue in the Sermon on the Mount as recorded in Matthew. Jesus says: “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather

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into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? 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 clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you--you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. "So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today."

Remember, "the LORD watches over the way of the righteous." This becomes easier for us to believe and incorporate into our minds and hearts when we "delight in the law of the LORD, and on his law they (we) meditate day and night."

I've asked the confirmation class to memorize Psalm 1. Why not make that a goal for yourself? Better still, "learn it by heart"—even if you do not have it memorized word perfect—meditate on it between now and Pentecost Sunday so often that it becomes a part of the way you think. How you think will effect how you act. And how you act will effect how you feel. And as Paul wrote to the believers at Philippi: "And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

CHURCH COUNCIL CHANGES

We want to thank Becca Bogert, Diane Gehman, Grant Heck, Joan Slota, and Carol Tice for their support and dedication as council members.

Returning members of council are Laura Held, Gloria Arndt, Harry Rupp, Steve Schey, and Kathy Zerby

We are pleased to announce that Arlene Billger, Jack Camburn, Kevin McKee, David Kadingo, Carolyn Werkheiser, and Rodney Slota will become new council members.

BRICKS

****Bricks** can be ordered in honor or memory of someone for the garden. **Forms** are in the lower Narthex. Price: \$40.00 each.

Contact Heather Lippincott, Bill Lippincott, Helene Endy, Jean Iobst, Diane Gehman, or Jack Camburn, if you can volunteer with the garden, and/or, if you want to order any bricks.

Easter Flowers

Please contact Arlene Billger or call 610-967-2965 by March 22nd to place your order.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Upon checking my calendar,

I see that the Easter Bunny will be arriving Sunday April 5, on Palm Sunday, and you know what that means??? **Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt !!!**

We are looking for donations of small individually wrapped candy to be placed in the hundreds of plastic eggs that we have to hide. We will also accept cash donations to purchase some prizes for all. If you have any ideas/suggestions or would like to help out, please see Debbie Koder. All candy and cash donations need to be available for Sunday March 29, so that the eggs can be filled after 10 am service and prizes can be purchased. A sign up sheet will be posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board, this helps us to get an approximate count and ages of the kids participating. Thank you Debbie Koder.

CHILDREN’S EASTER GATHERING MARCH 21 10AM-12 NOON

In preparation for the children singing on Palm Sunday, we would like the children to attend this event. The children will rehearse their song for Palm Sunday. The children will also have time to make Easter crafts. Please call Heather with any questions: (610) 709-0418

WEISS GIFT CARDS

Chestnut Hill Church is waiting approval to become part the Weis Markets gift card program. Once we are notified of the approval, we will begin taking orders for the Weis gift cards. The cards ca be used at any Weis/King’s/Mr. Z markets. The cards can be used for groceries, pharmacy purchases and for gas if you Weis markets has a gas station.. If you have any questions or would like to place and order , please contact Terry Miller or Sherri Miller.

When you buy the cards from the church, the church will get a 5% refund from Weis Markets if the total of our orders is over \$500.

Financial Report

Checking Account		
Balance 2/28/09	\$	3,619.92
Building Fund	\$	333.99
Special Savings	\$	22,307.09
Total Investment Portfolio	\$	157,517.82

Chestnut Hill Church is now on Facebook. People who are searching for a church online can see us and join us. New events are posted there for everyone to see. Please check us out and if you're already on Facebook, invite your friends to check us out. It is as easy as going to the group page and clicking on "share" to show us off to all your Facebook friends.

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=67307736568>

A LOOK AHEAD

Holy Week

April 5th

Palm Sunday

8:00 am Communion
10:00 am Communion
10:15 am Children's Sunday School
11:00 am Easter Egg Hunt

April 9th

7:30 pm **Maundy Thursday Service**

April 10th

7:30 pm **Good Friday Tenebrae Service**

April 12th

Easter

8:00 am Communion service
10:00 am Communion service

(No Sunday School – the children will stay with their parents)

STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

Stained Glass Windows project

96 stained glass windows needed to complete the project

82 stained glass window panes are sponsored

14 need to be sponsored

We still need \$3,500.00 to complete the project.

The cost is \$250 per window pane

The installation will take place sometime between March 1st and May 1st

The Art Committee will be designing a plaque to list those who sponsored the windows

Forms are available on the bookcases in the upper narthex. Please contact Pat Snyder at 610-965-6320 or e-mail pat1glen@ptd.net, with any questions.

NEW YORK DINNER CRUISE

Come join us on the Bateaux Dining Cruise on Saturday May 16 along the Hudson River and East River in Manhattan New York

Enjoy a delicious gourmet lunch, fine wine, live jazz and sophisticated dance music and enjoy the view of New York's skyscraper's

Enjoy some of the world's famous landmarks along the way.

After lunch we will board the bus and head over to the Bronx Botanical Gardens for a guided tour aboard the "watch the tram car please"

Depart the church at 9:00 am, lunch and cruise from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm, then to the Botanical Gardens from 3:00 – 6:00 pm,

Then back to the church around 8:00 pm. Cost for an adult is \$ \$92.00, children ages 2-12 are \$ 83.00, price includes tip. See Debbie Koder for more information 610-967-1975

The money for the trip is due by March 31st. Please make the check out the Chestnut Hill Church.

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Sexton: Margaret Pearson

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AMERICAN MUSIC THEATRE CHRISTMAS SHOW

I know spring is just around the corner, but the early bird that catches the worm, gets the best seats at the Christmas Show in November!!

Come join us on Saturday, November 7th at the American Music theatre in Lancaster to see “the Christmas Show”. A new Show that is constantly compared to Radio City Music Hall, American Music Theatre’s Christmas show is widely hailed as one of American’s best. You will enjoy a wide variety of secular and sacred Christmas songs, ranging from outstanding a cappella renditions to powerful orchestral versions. You’ll delight in comedy sketches fun for kids 1 to 92, the lovely AMT dancers and an appearance from Santa himself, make this holiday season the most memorable of all with Lancaster’s favorite Christmas show.

We will leave the church at 10:15 am, arrive at Willow valley Restaurant for a buffet lunch at 12:30 pm, then head over to the theater at 2:15 pm for the show at 3:00pm. The show ends at 5:00 pm and then we will go over to Rockvale Outlets for 2 hours of either shopping or grabbing a bite to eat, returning back at the church at 9:00 pm.

Price is \$80.00 per person for an adult and \$54.00 per child—age 12 and under. This includes the \$1.00 tip for the bus driver. Sign up sheet is in the lower Narthex or see Debbie Koder.

Congrats to our March Teacher Salute Winner!

Congratulations to Mrs. Jean Schey for being B104's March 09' Teacher Salute Winner!

Mrs. Schey is a Kindergarten Teacher at Harry S. Truman Elementary School in Allentown! She was nominated by Amanda Stephens; parent of a child taught by Mrs. Schey.

This is what Amanda had to say about Mrs. Schey:

"Mrs. Schey deserves to win because she always has a smile on her face and you can tell she is one of those teachers who really truly loves her job! My son can't wait to share stories with her and tell her new adventures he is doing! She runs a calm and energetic classroom!!"

For being the March 09' B104 Teacher Salute Winner Mrs. Schey won a class pizza party from Dominos Pizza and B104, a \$150 Gift Certificate to Richard Kroll Total Image Salon and Day Spa and a case of Sobe Water from Pepsi!

Congratulations to Mrs. Schey for being such an outstanding teacher!