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Pastor Vogeley's  
weekly office  
hours are  
Tuesday 1-4 PM



## LENT AND "LENT" 'A Journey of Love'

Dictionaries are fun! Two words are spelled the same and differ only in that one has a capital letter.

Lent = The 40 days from Ash Wednesday until Easter observed by Christians as a season of fasting and penitence.

Lent = Past tense and past participle of lend - 1. To give or allow the use of something temporarily on the condition it is to be returned. 2. To put at another's service or use, as in 'lend a helping hand'

So how are you going to spend this Lenten season? If we take the definitions seriously, wouldn't it lend a whole different understanding to Lent? We could then spend these 40 days working to return what has been lent to us by God. One of the most precious things lent to us by God is love.

May I suggest 'A Journey of Love' this Lenten season 2019.....

1st week - The Hand of Love - Write a letter/e-mail of appreciation every day to a friend(s)

2nd week - The Voice of Love - Telephone someone each day for a short meaningful chat.

3rd week - The Deed of Love - Take something you have made or bought (pie, plant, small remembrance etc.) to 2 or 3 friends, to whom you rarely express your love.

4th week - The Heart of Love - Make a list of 10 people for whom you will pray daily.

5th week - The Mind of Love - Use this week to pray for yourself and look inward.

6th week - The Victory of Love - A week of celebration! God's love for us revealed in so many ways. Get out of doors and breathe the air of life. Have friends over for dinner. Let you joy be full with life abundant in the faith.

Happy Lenting!!.....

See you in church, *Pastor Rick*



### EASTER FLOWERS

Deadline to order April 7th

Name \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory/Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

How many Flowers \_\_\_\_\_

I will donate my flower \_\_\_\_\_ I will take my flower home \_\_\_\_\_

(CHECK ONE)

## BREAKING HEARTS

by Carolyn Moody

Hearts are crushed in many circumstances. Sometimes questioning God brings agonizing doubt. In *The Thomas Factor*, Winkie Pratney reminds us that not seeing is often the key to believing. The “dark night of the soul” is an essential step in godliness.

Family conflicts hurt! Meg resents her sister Molly’s beauty and popularity, learning-too late?-that this is *A Summer to Die*. Newberry winner, Lois Lowry’s book is for middle schoolers.

When loss occurs, it can be hard to praise God. When *Life Takes What Matters*, Susan Lenzkes offers help in seeing God’s perspective without guilt for feeling hurt, through this collection of devotionals.

Failures can haunt us. Peter: the Prince of Apostles’ moments of failing His Master’s lead, though, to his being used by God, as shown in Muriel F. Blackwell’s “Biblearn Series” book for children.

Perhaps there is a lack of love in one’s life. Counselors Gary Smalley and John Trent show how we can transform a hurting, empty life and pass on *The Blessing of unconditional acceptance* to our loved ones.

If fear takes hold, we quiver. But a little girl in a red coat and Nurse Percy at City Hospital discover they don’t need to fear the Big Bad Wolf in *Dosh Archer’s* zany adventure for beginning readers.

Does something else trouble your heart? Our church library may offer a book of solace for that struggle, too. Please ask.

## LENT-*What do you do?*

What do you do or not do for Lent? Presbyterians are not required to do anything at all for Lent, but for many Lent is a time for confession, spiritual house-cleaning and getting real.

Here are some things you might try this year:

Try an electronic fast. Give up TV, video games, texting, tweeting, e-mail and all things electronic for one day every week. (Use the time to read and pray.)

Start a prayer rhythm. Say a prayer every time you wash your hands, hear a siren check your email. Before you text someone pray for them.

Read one chapter in the Bible each day.

Forgive someone who doesn’t deserve it (maybe even yourself).

Create a daily quiet time. Spend some time in silence and prayer.

Cultivate a life of gratitude. Write someone a thank you letter each week (or day) and be aware of how many people have helped you along the way.

Be kind to someone each day. Small acts of kindness sure make the world a sweeter place.

Pray for strangers you see in your daily activities.

Volunteer one hour or more a week. Giving your time this way will bless you!



We will observe Ash Wednesday, March 6th at Glen-Moore Presbyterian. We’ve been invited to join them for dinner at 6 PM or to stop in for the service at 7 PM.



Our 2019 Lenten devotionals *Awakening to God’s Beauty* are available in Gallbreath Hall. Supplies are limited. Please, one per family.



Please keep Bobbie McCreary and Tom Rohan in your prayers and if you can send them a card to brighten their day.

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## BEREAN BIBLE CLASS-Spring Series

Christ calls us each to follow Him. How do we listen? Beginning in March and continuing through May, the Berean Bible Study will search the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, as well as Paul's letter to the church in Rome to clarify what it means to be called by Jesus to become His disciple and to serve God's people. Join the class on Sunday mornings at 9 AM in room 117.



**SATURDAY-APRIL 13 AT 9 AM- It's a tradition!**

Plans are underway for the Easter Breakfast which includes a pancakes and Easter activities, crafts and an EGG hunt for the children.

We've invited children and their families from the community. We hope you will join us with your children, your grandchildren and or your neighbors. All ages are welcome!

You may enjoy volunteering to help out with any of the activities, decorating, serving breakfast etc. It's delightful to lend a hand for this lively event.

If you cannot be here on April 13th and would like to help, we need LOTS of candy-filled eggs for the egg hunt. You can provide those or a donation. If you want more information see Leslie Stone or call the church office.

## *LeaderFest 2019 - The Truth Will Set Your Church Free*

*Helping our churches tell themselves a true story...the right story...  
in order to effectively move into their right and faithful future.*

Saturday, May 18th -8:30 AM-12:30

**New Wilmington Presbyterian:**  
8:30-8:55 AM Registration, Breakfast  
9:00-10:00AM Worship/Keynote

**Westminster College/Old Main:**  
10:15-11:15 (A) Workshops  
11:15-11:30 BREAK  
11:30-12:30 (B) Workshops

**New Wilmington Presbyterian:**  
12:30 Lunch

Leaderfest is open to all church members and features topics like "Looking at Small Church Revitalization" to tips for digital marketing. There are five workshops available in each session that offer interesting and impactful topics. **CHECK IT OUT!!**

The church will pay for your registration. Brochures are available in Galbreath Hall.



- 4 Karl Shoup
- 5 Jonathan Vogler  
Taylor Reiter
- 8 Tyler Lee
- 9 Christina Ubry
- 10 Ed Jurina  
Nick Manolis
- 11 Braydon Reiter
- 13 Erin Perry
- 14 Brooke Reiter
- 17 Judy Kerr
- 21 Quenten Lee
- 22 Peggy Brown  
Les Shannon  
Ernie Rodgers
- 23 Philip Brown
- 25 Alvah Ray Strickenburg
- 30 Erling Berner



**GAME  
NIGHT  
FUN**

Make plans to join us for Game Night, Thursday, March 21st at 6:30 PM. Put it on your calendar.



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