

# ST. A'S NEWS

## Remember in prayer

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MARCH HAPPY BIRTHDAY greetings to:

3/2 Mary Ann Schenck  
3/4 Eric Kulka  
3/20 Meagan Bond  
3/27 Jeb Davis  
3/28 Megan Howard  
3/29 Regina Rupert

O God, our times are in your hand:  
Look with favor, we pray, on your servants. as they begins another year.  
Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen they trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### Thank You!

Also a big **Thank You** to all those who help to bring you information on our Facebook page, Website, and the Newsletter. And to all who help to keep our congregation alive and vital.

[The Bible Project](#)

## -Outreach-

❖ This month we will continue gathering gently used clothing, shoes and household items for Safe Journey Women's shelter.

❖ **University Feed the Off Campus "Lambs"** donations may be left on the Outreach Table. Need ideas? Handout on out reach table.

❖ **Social Knitworking/Makers:** The group will resume meeting after Easter first Thursday of the month in the mornings and the third Tuesday of the month in the evenings. Contact Pam for more details

❖ Pam Ostrander will be conducting a workshop on **Ukrainian Eggs:** Sundays, March 8, 15 and 22 1-3 pm. Contact Pam for more details.

## -News of Note-

❖ **Healing Prayer** will be offered following the first service of each month in the sanctuary.

❖ **Friendship Quilt Group:** Next meeting 1pm Monday, March 16. (third Monday of each month)

❖ **Lenten Luncheon:** We will be hosting the Lenten Luncheon Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at the Edinboro United Methodist Church with help from the people of First Presbyterian Church of Edinboro. If you would like to make a pot of soup please contact Fr. Dave.

## -A View From the Pew-

March always feels a little muddy to me. Not just outside, though there's plenty of that, but in life too. Winter is tired. Spring isn't quite ready. Everything looks messy and unfinished. And honestly? I find that comforting.

Most of us don't live in neat, picture-perfect seasons. We live in in-between places. Places where we're still figuring things out. Places where prayers feel half-formed. Places where faith sometimes looks less like certainty and more like showing up. I think God is very fond of muddy places. After all, He made people out of dirt.

March reminds me that God doesn't rush His work. He lets things take time. Seeds don't pop up because they're in a hurry. They grow because they're rooted, nourished, and patiently held in the dark. Maybe that's where some of us are right now.

Not broken.

Not forgotten.

Not behind.

Just planted.

So if your life feels a little muddy this month, take heart. God is closer than you think. He's doing quiet, beautiful work beneath the surface, even when you can't see it yet. And one day, you'll look back and realize... something lovely was growing all along.

- Cyndi Altman



### The Lectionary Sunday March 1

[Genesis 12:1-4a](#)  
[Romans 4:1-5, 13-17](#)  
[John 3:1-17](#)  
[Psalm 121](#)

### Sunday March 8

[Isaiah 58:1-9a, \[9b-12\]](#)  
[1 Corinthians 2:1-12, \[13-16\]](#)  
[Matthew 5:13-20](#)  
[Psalm 112:1-9, \(10\)](#)

### Sunday March 15

[1 Samuel 16:1-13](#)  
[Ephesians 5:8-14](#)  
[John 9:1-41](#)  
[Psalm 23](#)

### Sunday March 22

[Ezekiel 37:1-14](#)  
[Romans 8:6-11](#)  
[John 11:1-45](#)  
[Psalm 130](#)

### Palm Sunday March 29

[Isaiah 50:4-9a](#)  
[Philippians 2:5-11](#)  
[Matthew 26:14- 27:66](#)  
or [Matthew 27:11-54](#)  
[Psalm 31:9-16](#)

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### Let Us Pray:

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with *thy* most gracious favor, and further us with *thy* continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in *thee*, we may glorify *thy* holy Name, and finally, by *thy* mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## -The Catechism Corner-

### The Ministry

#### Q. Who are the ministers of the Church?

A.The ministers of the Church are lay persons, bishops, priests, and deacons.

#### Q.What is the ministry of the laity?

A.The ministry of lay persons is to represent Christ and his Church; to bear witness to him wherever they may be; and, according to the gifts given them, to carry on Christ's work of reconciliation in the world; and to take their place in the life, worship, and governance of the Church.

#### Q.What is the ministry of a bishop?

A.The ministry of a bishop is to represent Christ and his Church, particularly as apostle, chief priest, and pastor of a diocese; to guard the faith, unity, and discipline of the whole Church; to proclaim the Word of God; to act in Christ's name for the reconciliation of the world and the building up of the Church; and to ordain others to continue Christ's ministry.

#### Q.What is the ministry of a priest or presbyter?

A.The ministry of a priest is to represent Christ and his Church, particularly as pastor to the people; to share with the bishop in the overseeing of the Church; to proclaim the Gospel; to administer the sacraments; and to bless and declare pardon in the name of God.

#### Q.What is the ministry of a deacon?

A.The ministry of a deacon is to represent Christ and his Church, particularly as a servant of those in need; and to assist bishops and priests in the proclamation of the Gospel and the administration of the sacraments.

#### Q.What is the duty of all Christians?

A.The duty of all Christians is to follow Christ; to come together week by week for corporate worship; and to work, pray, and give for the spread of the kingdom of God.

## -Vicar's Note-

Sometimes one needs a change of pace and I thought it might be interesting to add a new section to the newsletter, The Catechism Corner. Basically, the Catechism is our Outline of Faith. Since we are currently searching for a new Bishop I thought it would be a good idea to start with the section on "The Ministry".

As you can see the ministry of the church is not limited to the ordained clergy and is actually the responsibility of all baptized Christians. Each of us has been given gifts by God to help further His Kingdom on earth and we are to use those gifts in conjunction with our brothers and sisters in Christ to bring the Gospel message to all those we encounter.

Over the next few months we will be looking at different parts of the Catechism. It is my hope this new section will be enlightening and educational.

Peace, Fr. Dave +