

The Lamplighter

April 2021



MAUNDY THURSDAY/GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

There will be a combined service for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday on Thursday, April 1 at 7pm in the Sanctuary. This will be a contemplative service moving from the last supper to the cross with scripture and music, leaving some time for reflection. We will also serve communion. This service will provide a good way to prepare for the joy of Easter Sunday.



EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE

Easter worship will be at 10am on Sunday, April 4 in the Sanctuary. It will be a joyful service celebrating the Resurrection of Christ Jesus! Please worship with us in person or join us at home later in the day by visiting our website:
www.thomaspres.org/Sermons or
<https://faithlife.com/tpc-pj/activity>



SUNDAY MORNINGS

at

THOMAS CHURCH

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:00 AM

SUNDAY WORSHIP

10:00 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN

Ages Preschool—5th Grade

Meets in Room 7

following the

Children's Message

during Worship

COMMUNION

The first Sunday of every month



DEADLINE: Information to be included in the *Lamplighter* must be received by the 20th of the month . We reserve the right to edit all submissions for content and space .

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LIVING BY
WHAT WE GET,
BUT WE MAKE A
LIFE BY
WHAT WE GIVE.
-WINSTON CHURCHILL

One Great Hour of Sharing
April Monthly Mission

The featured mission for the month of April is One Great Hour of Sharing.

Around the world millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity.

Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.

One Great Hour of Sharing makes a difference in the world through three impactful programs:

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) – Works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters.

Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP) – Takes action to alleviate hunger and the systemic causes of poverty so all may be fed.

Self-Development of People – Invests in communities responding to their experiences of racism, oppression, poverty and injustice and educates Presbyterians about the impact of these societal ills.

Please consider contributing to this very worthwhile mission during the month of April.

Volunteers/Donations Needed

We once again have volunteered to be the dinner host at Community 3for1 in Brookline. Hosting dinner involves providing 50 bagged dinners that are given out, non-contact, to people in need. We will be hosting on Wednesday, April 14. If you are interesting in making or purchasing items to help provide meals, please contact Kristen Heinze

724-986-0681

or mtnlaurel3@hotmail.com.

Looking for some:

Soup makers

Chicken salad sandwich makers

Cookie makers

Cracker (lance sandwich style) purchasers

Tangerine/mandarin orange purchasers

Drink purchasers

Bag packers

FOOD DRIVE

**To Benefit the Greater Washington
County Food Bank**

In conjunction with One Great Hour of Sharing it is time for our annual Food Drive. Together let us build another mountain of food in the back of the Sanctuary through Sunday, May 9, 2021. Non-perishable food items, hygiene items, cleaning/laundry supplies and paper products are all needed.

In past years we have donated to the Finleyville and Peters Township Food Banks which have since merged with the Canonsburg Food Bank located at Canonsburg U.P. Church. Our donations will be distributed on May 15th.

Please place all items in the back of the Sanctuary. Look for location signs.

Your Mission Team – Keith Korintus, Becky Bowman, Pat Butto, Chris Frisk, Kristen Heinze & Patti Korintus

BLOOD DRIVE

Thomas Pres will be hosting a blood drive for Vitalant in the CLC on Friday, April 16 from 10am-3pm. You may sign up at vitalant.org following the instructions below, or you may email the church office with your phone number and Emily Carroll will call you and schedule for you! Finally you may call Vitalant at 412.209.7000 to schedule.

- Select the login button in the upper right
- On that new page, select New Donor
- Select scheduled drives or search G0010184 (our drive id)
- Select the Thomas Pres Drive on April 16
- Select a Time and New Donor
- Add your info and Submit
- Confirm your appointment time



Covid Vaccines Available

Washington Presbytery has partnered with Curtis Pharmacy to help our congregation minister to the isolated elderly needing vaccines. If you know a senior citizen unable to get onto a COVID-19 vaccine list, please contact the church office at 724-941-8910. You will receive further instructions on how you can help that senior citizen receive a vaccine.

REMINDER: WE NEED YOUR INKJET CARTRIDGES & ALUMINUM TABS

Do you ask yourself, what ever should I do with my empty inkjet cartridges and aluminum tabs? The Mission Team has the answer for you. We have ongoing collections for both items and instead of taking up space in a landfill, your empty ink jet cartridges will go towards the programming budget at Pine Springs Camp. You will find a box in the hallway for drop off. **We cannot accept Laser/Toner Cartridges.** Your aluminum tabs are used to support the Ronald McDonald House located near Children's Hospital. They provide housing for families who live too far to travel daily while their child is receiving treatment. Please place your tabs on the counter in the back of the Sanctuary.

SCOUT SUNDAY

Scout Sunday will take place during our regular service at 10am on Sunday, April 18. This will be a celebration of Troop 1300, the scout troop associated with Thomas Presbyterian and also a time to thank them for their help on or Thomas campus

Thank You

How do I find the words to express my thanks to my Thomas Church family! I sit here with tears in my eyes as I compose this thinking back over how your love, prayers and support have helped me through a very difficult time in my life. Keith and I have been and continue to be overwhelmed by your kindness. Thank you so much for the cards, the email cards and messages, the phone calls, the beautiful flowers, the gift cards, magazines and the incredibly delicious meals delivered to our front door. In my prayers, I have asked God how did I get to be so blessed as to have such wonderful people in my life. You not only reached out to me in so many thoughtful ways but took care of my sweet husband as well. I will be forever grateful! With Love & Thanks!
Patti Korintus

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A colorful graphic with the words "HAPPY" and "EASTER" in large, multi-colored, block letters. The letters are decorated with patterns like polka dots and stripes. There are green leafy branches on either side of the word "EASTER".

March 15, 2021 Session Meeting Highlights

COVID Task Force: Pastor Debbie announced the formation of a Covid Task Force to be headed by Mike Clopp. The committee will monitor national, state, local and CDC guidelines regarding COVID restrictions and advise Thomas how best to proceed with services and programs at the church. Mike announced that Peggy Flynn, Sharon Richards, Cheryl Dudra, Pat Butto and Bob Lutz would be members of the committee.

Cancellation Procedures: Stephanie Modar presented information on the One Call system for alerting church members/guests about changes in the church schedule. There is an annual fee for the service based on the number of phone numbers. She also noted that the church has signed up with local TV stations to be included in their closings and delays. She felt the procedure for making the decision regarding any future closings, cancellations, delays should include input from the pastor, custodian, worship committee chair, and building and grounds chair. She has agreed to put all this information as well as a suggested plan into a report that she will email to all Elders.

Mission Team: Mission Team requested approval for fundraising efforts connected to Car Cruises to be held May 8, 22, June 5, 19, July 3, 31 and August 14 and for Car Show/Pig Roast to be held August 28. Funds raised from the Car Cruises would be used to support a potential mission trip or local mission, and proceeds from the Car Show/Pig Roast would be donated to a veterans organization. Motion was passed unanimously. Kristen reminded Session of the bagged dinners to be prepared for Wednesday, April 14 as part of Community 3 for 1. She still needs 25 chicken salad sandwiches and 25 packages of cookies. Elders should contact her directly if they would like to donate these items.

Worship Team: Announced that Communion would be held the first Sunday of every month. Team also is planning a Holy Week display for the lobby of the CLC. Purchased Easter themed books for the children in the preschool.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Debbie reported that she is still attending her class, was involved in preparations for recent baptism, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter. Made pastoral care calls, sang with the church group providing music for Sunday service, attended Presbytery meeting and Financial tutorial. She also will conduct a graveside ceremony on Saturday morning.

2021 Monthly Mission Offerings

MONTH	MISSION	AMOUNT CONTRIBUTED
January	<i>Family Promise</i>	\$145
February	<i>Pittsburgh Women's Clinic</i>	\$120 + diaper collection
March	<i>Pine Springs Camp</i>	
April	<i>One Great Hour of Sharing</i>	
May	<i>Pentecost</i>	
June	<i>Habitat for Humanity</i>	
July	<i>Deacons</i>	
August	<i>City Mission</i>	
September	<i>Peace & Global Witness</i>	
October	<i>Domestic Violence Services</i>	
November	<i>Adopt-a-Family</i>	
December	<i>Christmas Joy</i>	

THOMAS CHURCH'S COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT SPECIAL MISSION PROGRAMS CONTINUES

Each month Thomas Presbyterian Church designates a particular mission to be the recipient of the monthly mission offering. With the exception of the mission programs designated by the Presbyterian Church, the congregation chooses the mission programs that will receive these offerings. The chart to the right provides information on the 2020 mission programs and the church's response.

