

# Roots & Wings

Rooted in Faith, Growing Together, Caring for the Community

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## Worship with Us in...



*(childcare is always available)*

## The Lent Season Continues... "The Puzzle of the Cross"

### March 1

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent  
Communion Sunday

### March 8

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent

### March 15

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent  
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### March 22

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

### March 29



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*and so much more...*

**All in this issue of Roots & Wings!**

## Pastor's Musings...



As we puzzle our way through Lent,  
I invite you to reflect on this poem...

### We All Have Our Courtyards

We all have our courtyards,  
Those times and places we face  
Like Peter  
When we must decide  
To stand up and say  
Whether we know him or not.  
Those crossroads in our lives,  
When we go along with things as they are,  
Or we say, as Luther did,  
Here I stand, I can do no other.  
We all have our courtyards...  
Lent is the time to prepare  
For our courtyards,  
The time to listen to who he says he is.  
And he did, you know,  
He did tell us who he is.  
He is that one who brings good news to the poor,  
Freedom to the oppressed,  
Sight to the blind...  
That Holy One who said,  
Follow me.  
Feed my sheep.

(From Advent's Alleluia to Easter's Morning Light. © 2010 Ann Weems.  
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Where are your courtyards -- those places you choose  
whether or not you will admit that you know him?

If you were asked who Jesus is, what would you say?

*~Grace and peace, Brandi*

## MINISTRY OF CARE

### YOUR BOARD OF DEACONS

#### CLASS OF 2016:

Marla Guarnieri, Whitney Scoville, Alice Zah

#### CLASS OF 2017:

Barb Boerschlein, Sue Edwards, Lori Oliver

#### CLASS OF 2018

Sharon Breeze, Sara Heer, Gail McArthur



### PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

Contact Sharon Breeze (293-1340)  
or Pastor Brandi on Sunday,  
or call the Church Office (889-9896).



A very special thank  
you is extended to  
everyone who donated  
food throughout  
January and on  
"Souper" Bowl Sunday.  
**One hundred and  
sixteen food items  
were delivered to  
SWEM on February 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

As always, the need for food is great and steady and our  
congregation stepped up to help fill that need. In cold  
weather as people struggle to stay warm and fed, our  
mission to SWEM is vital. Thank you all for your  
continued support to this most worthwhile cause – **and  
remember to donate food and supplies to SWEM on  
Communion Sunday March 1<sup>st</sup>, and throughout 2015.**  
Thank you for your enthusiastic commitment to SWEM!  
*~Jane & Fred Schultiz*



## **AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SESSION**

*on January 7, 2015, Session...*

...reviewed the proposed "straw man" 2015 budget considering pledge commitments for 2015, status of fulfillment of 2014 pledge commitments, anticipated income, anticipated expenses for 2015 and the overall financial status of the church. Session noted that month of December 2014 financials were not yet available for a determination of 2014 year-end status. ...postponed finalizing the 2015 budget pending a clearer picture of 2014 financials through December 2014 and called a Special Meeting of the Session for Sunday, January 18, 2015 following worship. The purpose of the meeting will be to finalize and approve the 2015 budget.



## **AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SESSION**

*on January 18, 2015, Session...*

...reviewed updated 2014 year-end financial information and adjusted the proposed 2015 budget under consideration. ...approved the 2015 budget.



## **SESSION MEETING SUMMARY**

*At its January 20, 2015 meeting, Session...*

...read and reflected on and discussed a blog published on Sojourners (<http://sojo.net>), *15 Things the Church Needs to Do In 2015*. Out of our discussion, came some very creative ideas relative to our church's activities and "habits."

...received the Treasurer's Report for the month ending December 31.

...heard a report from Finance Chair, Dave Abell and Chair of the Board of Trustees, Andy Atwater that upon further analysis there were errors in the 2015 budget approved by Session at a Special Meeting on Sunday, January 18, 2015. Session discussed the errors and the need for clarification. Session approved a corrected 2015 budget.

...heard a report from Pastor Brandi on pastoral care. ...agreed to read Transformation Workbook Two, part of a series called "Being Transformed -- Faith Seeking Understanding." We will begin this study with the 2015 Session.

...noted that Pastor Brandi will be away February 9-13, 2015 to participate in the concluding meeting of the Presbytery Clergy Grant received last year.

...added activity dates to the Master Calendar:

<i>February 18, 2015</i>	<i>Ash Wednesday (Lent Team)</i>
<i>March 21, 2015</i>	<i>Progressive Dinner (Lent Team)</i>
<i>April 2, 2015</i>	<i>Maunder Thursday Service</i>
<i>April 25, 2015</i>	<i>Memorial Service (C. Tuscher)</i>

...heard reports on Epiphany and Lent Season Team activities and planning.

...heard a report from Clerk Huffman on Statistical Report Preparation and Clerk's Annual Questionnaire to Presbytery.

...noted that training and examination of newly elected Officers will take place at a Special Meeting of the Session scheduled February 1, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.

Session will hold a breakfast for current, retiring, and newly elected Officers as well as Trustees. Session members volunteered for breakfast food preparation.

...noted that the service of installation of newly elected Officers will be held Sunday, February 1, 2015 during worship.

...made plans for hosting Presbytery Council Meeting on February 23, 2015.

...confirmed the members of the Mission Fund Committee: Barbara Wasmer (Session member and Co-Chair), Roger Willis (Congregation Member and Co-Chair), Andy Atwater (Trustee), Adam Scoville (Youth Director), Abby Wasmer (Youth Delegate).

...expressed appreciation to Ruling Elders Joe Harkness and Sandy McCauley as they complete their terms on Session. Elder Joe Harkness will be retiring and Session is grateful for his contributions as a church leader and for his service as Elder Delegate to Presbytery. Elder McCauley will be continuing her service upon being elected to a second term.

...received and approved the recommendation of the Endowment Committee that a distribution of \$9,000.00 in net proceeds from Fund investments be made: \$3000 each for "outside the walls" - Mission Fund Committee; "on the walls" - Trustees; and "inside the walls" - Session, to occur in 2015.

*~Remitted by,  
Elder Nancy P. Huffman, Clerk of Session*

## **THANK YOU**

to the Elders, Deacons, Jr. Deacons,  
and Childcare Volunteers serving in **March:**

### **March 1\***

**Elder/Deacon:** Barb Wasmer and Harvey Heer  
**Jr. Deacon:** Jordan Wilson  
**Childcare:** Abby Wasmer and Audrey Engelbrecht  
**\*Communion:** Barb Wasmer, Harvey Heer, Sara Heer,  
Whitney Scoville, Marj Strine

### **March 8**

**Elder/Deacon:** Sherman Gittens and Alice Zah  
**Jr. Deacon:** Hailey Genge  
**Childcare:** Brenda Naugle

### **March 15**

**Elder/Deacon:** Carrie Horton and Don Strine  
**Jr. Deacon:** Grace Verner  
**Childcare:** Pat Olson

### **March 22**

**Elder/Deacon:** John Heer and Sue Edwards  
**Jr. Deacon:** Ashleigh Naugle  
**Childcare:** Kathy Mathewson

### **March 29**

**Elder/Deacon:** Dodie Kasiske and Gail McArthur  
**Jr. Deacon:** Aidan Snover  
**Childcare:** Karen Shaffer

## **“SOUPER” BOWL and SUPER BOWL!**

Thank you to everyone who  
contributed to our 2015 “Souper” Bowl  
of Caring, and those who purchased  
“Super” Subs. Donation and sub sales  
information will be reported in the  
April issue of “Roots & Wings.”



### **BOY SCOUT BREAKFAST...**

Thank you to everyone who  
supported this delicious event!  
120 breakfasts were served,  
and all profits will be used to  
offset camping costs for the troop.



## **“ROOTS AND WINGS”**

Your next newsletter will be the **April 2015 issue.**

The deadline will be:

**Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, no later than 10:00 a.m.**

## **St. Pauly Clothing Box Schedule--2015**

Dec 29 – Jan 11	Abby Wasmer 889-3579
Jan 12 – Jan 25	Aidan Snover 293-3195
Jan 26 – Feb 8	Adam Scoville 269-8746
Feb 9 – Feb 22	Audrey Engelbrecht 889-3833
Feb 23 – Mar 8	Alex Mathewson 594-1513
Mar 9 – Mar 22	Vicky/Tom Leahy 889-5494
Mar 23 – Apr 5	Ashleigh Naugle 889-7081
Apr 6 – Apr 19	Connor Snover 293-3195
Apr 20 – May 3	Nicole Mathewson 594-1513
May 4 – May 17	Jack DiPietro (401-330-6874)
May 18 – May 31	Abby Wasmer 889-3579
June 1 – June 14	Aidan Snover 293-3195
June 15 – June 28	Adam Scoville 269-8746
June 29 – July 12	Audrey Engelbrecht 889-3833
July 13 – Jul 26	Alex Mathewson 594-1513
July 27 – Aug 9	Vicky/Tom Leahy 889-5494
Aug 10 – Aug 23	Ashleigh Naugle 889-7081
Aug 24 – Sept 6	Connor Snover 293-3195
Sept 7 – Sept 20	Nicole Mathewson 594-1513
Sept 21 – Oct 4	Jack DiPietro (401-330-6874)
Oct 5 – Oct 18	Aidan Snover 293-3195
Oct 19 – Nov 1	Adam Scoville 269-8746
Nov 2 – Nov 15	Audrey Engelbrecht 889-3833
Nov 16 – Nov 29	Alex Mathewson 594-1513
Nov 30 – Dec 13	Vicky/Tom Leahy 889-5494
Dec 14 – Dec 27	Ashleigh Naugle 889-7081
Dec 28 – Jan 10	Connor Snover 293-3195

*Thank you to everyone who supported  
the Epiphany Season Team!*

*We learned of all the  
“STAR★Struck” moments in so many  
of our lives! And you were all stars  
for your donations to the Hygiene Kits  
we packed for Church World Services.*

*~Your 2015 Epiphany Season Team  
Clif Genge (Facilitator)  
Pat Jones  
Judie McGaffick  
Pat Olson*





## LENTEN SEASON 2015

# “Puzzle of the Cross”

Plan: 1-4-15 to 2-17-15 / Implement: 2-18-15 to 4-4-15



## SATURDAY, MARCH 21<sup>st</sup>

*Here's the plan...*

**Saturday, March 21 starting at 5:00 p.m.**

**Sign up before Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup>**

Nancy and Jerry Huffman have graciously consented to have our appetizers at their beautiful home on Stearns Road in Churchville.

**We need 2 host homes for Soup and/or Salad that can entertain approximately 15 people, and 4 host homes that can have the Main Entree for approximately 6-8 people.**

Please contact Carrie Horton (293-2023) if you can host. Dessert will be at church.

Everyone who signs up will be responsible with a team who has signed up for the course you have selected. If you're not able to prepare something you can always help financially, or go to your local Wegmans or Tops or where ever you like to go.

After March 8<sup>th</sup> I will let you know who the members are of your team, and you can plan your course before the dinner. Maps and information will be handed out Sunday March 15<sup>th</sup> as to where everyone will go for this evening of fun and fellowship!

The sign-up sheet will be in Fellowship Hall and you can call Carrie (293-2023) with questions.

*~Your 2015 Lent Season Team  
Carrie Horton (Facilitator),  
Susan Johnson, Ashleigh Naugle,  
Gail McArthur, Laurie Stowe*

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

*“Hope does not disappoint us,  
because God's love has been poured  
into our hearts.” (Romans 5:5)*

In the midst of life's challenges, it is faith that pulls us through. We as the Presbyterian Church (USA), invite you to help fill the hearts of those weathering life's storms by restoring hope. Your compassionate gifts will be used to provide relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and assist in the empowerment of the poor and oppressed.

**A Faithful Promise** - After every storm, hardship, and misfortune, a better day follows. By giving generously you can help rebuild strength and brighten lives -- bringing promise to prayers of faith. Last year our church gave \$1334 to OGHs and we thank you for that - but hardships continue - so please consider giving more. The challenge is for our church to reach a goal of \$1500 for 2015.

Thank you for giving the gift of hope during the time of Lent. Please contact the church office if you need an envelope.

*~Your 2015 Lent Season Team  
Carrie Horton (Facilitator),  
Susan Johnson, Ashleigh Naugle,  
Gail McArthur, Laurie Stowe*

## PLEASE NOTE!

We will need help with Sunday Circle, so please consider helping with our young friends. A sign-up sheet will be in Fellowship Hall. Join us for a Maundy Thursday Service on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. More details to come...



**Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> until Easter Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**Join us for a Maundy Thursday Service  
on April 2<sup>nd</sup>! More details to come...**

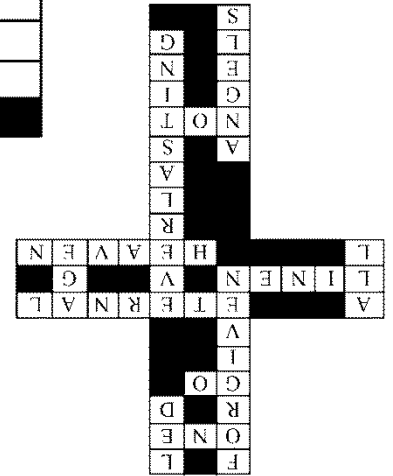
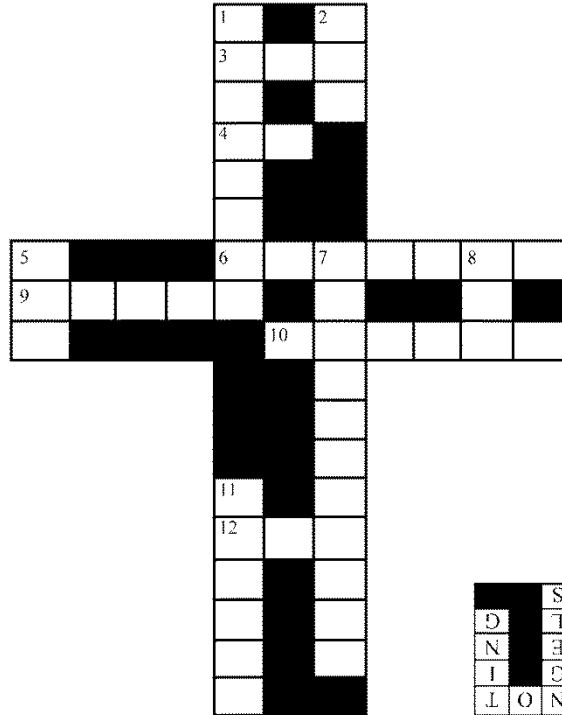
# CROSS-word Puzzle

## Across

3. The \_\_\_\_\_ who believes and is baptized will be saved. Mark 16:16
4. \_\_\_\_\_ into all the world and proclaim the good news. Mark 16:15
6. ... whoever believes in him shall have \_\_\_\_\_ life. John 3:15
9. ... wrapped the body of Jesus in a \_\_\_\_\_ cloth. Luke 23:53
10. ... he withdrew from them and was carried up into \_\_\_\_\_. Luke 24:51
12. Do \_\_\_\_\_ be afraid. Matthew 28:5

## Down

1. Forgive and you will be \_\_\_\_\_. Luke 6:37
2. Then he \_\_\_\_\_ them out ... and he blessed them. Luke 24:50
5. ... repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to \_\_\_\_\_ nations. Luke 24:47
7. ... and lead me in the way \_\_\_\_\_. Psalm 139:24
8. I am with you always, to the end of the \_\_\_\_\_. Matthew 28:20
11. ... vision of \_\_\_\_\_ who said that he was alive. Luke 24:23



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