

# The Courier

*From the  
Pastor*



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## Community Church in Harrington Park

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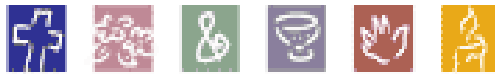
Dear Community Church family,

Punxsutawney Phil may have declared that winter will linger, but time seems to be speeding up! We are quickly heading towards Lent, and I have enjoyed our practice of eating and worshipping together during that season. I am happy to report to you that our former pastor, Steve Sayer, will be joining us for one of the weeks, and I look forward to seeing him and the family. I hear they like Mexican food.

On a personal note I meet with the Classis at the end of the month for an examination concerning my ordination and transfer into the RCA. I am excited to complete this process, end my classes at New Brunswick seminary, and to be your officially "called" minister going forward. Lent is such an interesting time in the Christian year as it is a time when we consider our mortality, frailty, and common humanity. Perhaps the best part of that process is that we do it together, as a family. I am thankful to be your pastor and my family appreciates you.

Peace

Pastor Zach



## Worship Committee

The most important time of the church calendar will soon be upon us! Lent is a time of reflection and self-examination. Pastor Zach has begun a sermon series and Bible study on the book of Matthew which follows Sunday services at 11:30am and also Monday evenings at 7pm.

**Looking ahead:** Ash Wednesday, February 18th, will begin our mid-week worship services to commence the season of Lent. A Children's Lenten Study will also be available during the time of worship (7:30-8:15). The Guild Soup Supper will precede worship at 6:30pm in Founders' Hall. Please join us for this very special time of fellowship. Wednesday Lenten worship services will continue through March 25th.

### **Lenten Dinner Schedule as follows:**

February 18: Soup Supper  
February 25: Pot Luck  
March 4: Sayer Family Surprise  
March 11: Men's Group  
March 18: Choir  
March 25: Consistory

### **Holy Week Schedule:**

March 29: Palm Sunday	10 AM
April 2: Maundy Thursday	7:30 PM
March 3: Good Friday	12 Noon
April 5: Easter Dawn Service	6:30 AM
April 5: Easter Sunday	10 AM

The Worship Committee is seeking help with the Easter Dawn breakfast. Would you consider overseeing this tradition of fellowship following the Easter dawn service? It is a small group, usually around 30 people. Please contact Alison Campbell if you would be willing to serve, 201.406.0715.



## Outreach/Evangelism Committee



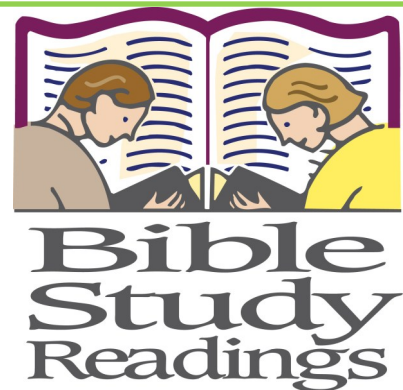
Thank you for your support of SOUPER Bowl Sunday!

All the soup collected (over 150 cans!) is being donated to the WholeSum food pantry, the Ministry of the Church of the Holy Communion in Norwood. This ministry started in 2012. I had the chance to talk with Director Joanne Scalpello, and we are hoping to have her come talk to the congregation this spring. With the SNAP pause, subsequent program changes and increasing food prices, there is more food insecurity than ever in the Northern Valley. The pantry serves anyone with a need. Sixty families are currently using their services, and over 5000 people were served in 2025. In addition to non-perishable groceries, clients are also able to get eggs, milk, protein (meat/chicken) and fresh produce. There are also other programs offered - i.e., eating healthy, finances, and exercise. The WholeSum pantry is open on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon. Please call Joanne at 201-394-4089 for more information or to volunteer. Non-perishable foods are collected by the Spring Street entrance and brought regularly to the pantry by Jill and Les Cox.

Yours in Christ, Mary Ann Schran and Keith Michels

### Sermon and Bible Study readings during Lent

February 15th: Matthew 9-11  
February 22nd: Matthew 12-13  
March 1: Matthew 14-16  
March 8: Matthew 17-18  
March 15: Matthew 19-21





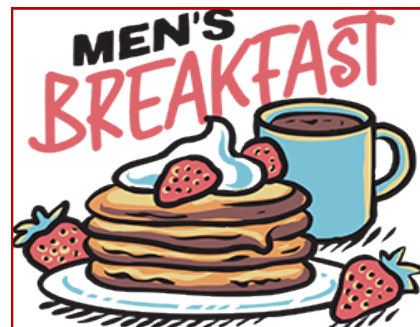
The puppets are really excited. We are working on our next skit- Jonah and the Whale. We are going to make our own whale. Our performance in front of the congregation will be March 15. Puppets are open to all children 3 years old and up. We meet every Sunday in Founders' Hall right after Pastor Zach's children's message Any questions, please call Miss Joan (201) 519-1782.

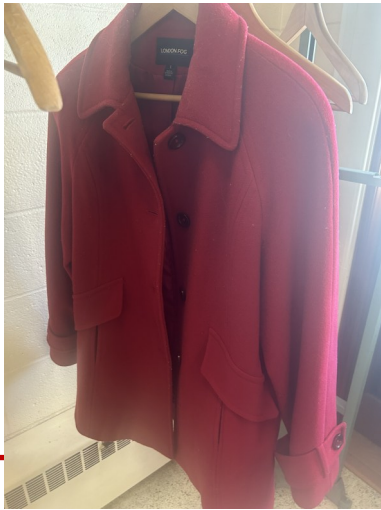
Join Pastor Zach as he explores the book of Matthew. It is held on Sundays after worship and on Monday evenings at 7:00 PM. Feel free to come to either one (or both)! Please note: There will be no Monday night Bible study on February 16.



**Coming up on Saturday, March 7** - our next Women's Ministry Breakfast! Something that all of us look forward to! Come at 9:30 for breakfast and a time of fellowship! Our speaker will begin about 10:10, sharing her journey of faith with us. Those of us who have been coming to these breakfasts look forward to these monthly gatherings. They are a chance to gather together with our sisters-in-Christ from various churches and denominations. They begin our Saturday with a spiritual focus that enriches all of us. As always, you are welcome to bring other women with you! Hope to see you then!

Gentlemen, our next breakfast will be on February 14th at 8:30am in the Johnson Chapel. All men are welcome to attend!





Did you take home the **wrong red coat?**

We are trying to locate a missing coat.

It seems that someone accidentally took home the wrong coat.

If you have a red coat, please check to make sure it is yours.

If it isn't, you can pick up your coat that is hanging on the rack outside of

Founders' Hall



**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Anonymous; Roger Carman; Lauren Clarke; Harold Friedeman; Marilyn Hams; Janet Kosack; Nancy Lanzalotto; Ed Serrano; Craig Terjanian.



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!





**Please join us for the Soup Supper, the first of the Lenten dinners, on Ash Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Lenten worship service will follow. We hope to see you all there for some good food and fellowship! The Guild could use a few more soups for that evening, so please sign up in the narthex if you're able to.**

**Deborah Circle will meet on Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the Johnson Chapel. Rachel Circle will meet on Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 1pm in Johnson Chapel. All women are welcome to attend any circle meeting! We are continuing in our study book focusing on the disciples.**

**Please remember to return any church flower vases that you may have. Please leave them by the coat rack at the Spring Street entrance. We recycle them back to the florist which helps keep the cost of our weekly flowers at \$25.**

**Thank you all for your continued support!**

Tracy Ciavaglia- Guild President

Friendly reminder that children's choir practice begins this Sunday, February 15th at 11:15, following Sunday School. See you there!



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# February



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				12 7:00 Scouts in FH 7:30 Choir 7:30 Christian Ed	13 11:00—3:00 Club 60 in FH	14 8:30 Men's Group  HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY
15 9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship, Puppet Club & Sunday School 11:15 Bible Study 11:15 Children's Choir	16 	17	Ash Wednesday 18 6:30 Guild Soup Supper 7:30 Worship & Children's Program 7:30 RWS in FH	19 7:00 Scouts in FH 7:30 Choir	20	21
22 9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship, Puppet Club & Sunday School 11:15 Guild Exec. Meeting 11:15 Bible Study 11:15 Children's Choir	23 10:00 Worship Committee Mtg.	24 7:00-8:00 HPVAC in Founders' Hall	25 6:30 Lenten Supper (Pot Luck) 7:30 Worship & Children's Program 7:30 RWS in FH	26 7:00 Scouts in FH 7:30 Choir	27	28
March 1 9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship with Communion, Puppet Club and Sunday School 11:15 Cong. Care 11:15 Bible Study 11:15 Children's Choir	March 2	March 3 7:30 Consistory	March 4 8:05-9:00 HP Band In FH 6:30 Lenten Supper (Mexican-Sayer Family) 7:30 Worship & Children's Program 7:30 RWS in FH	March 5 8:05-9:00 HP Band In FH 7:00 Garden Club 7:00 Scouts in basement 7:30 Choir	March 6 <b>Courier Deadline</b>	March 7 9:30 Women's Breakfast Ministry
March 8 Daylight Savings Time Begins! 9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship, Puppet Club & Sunday School 11:15 Bible Study 11:15 Children's choir	March 9	March 10 7:30 Outreach 7:30 Deborah Circle	March 11 8:05-9:00 HP Band In FH 6:30 Lenten Supper (Men's Group) 7:30 Worship & Children's Program 7:30 RWS in FH	March 12 8:05-9:00 HP Band In FH 7:00 Christian Ed. 7:00 Scouts in FH 7:30 Choir	March 13 11:00—3:00 Club 60 in FH	March 14 8:30 Men's Group

# ASH WEDNESDAY



Joel 2:12, ESV

"Yet even now,"  
declares the LORD,  
"**RETURN  
TO ME**  
with all your heart,  
with fasting, with weeping,  
and with mourning."



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