

February 18, 2018



The Episcopal Church of Bangor in Caernarvon



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Historic Bangor Episcopal Church, the mother church of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania, seeks to be a community in Christ Jesus celebrating our heritage, vibrant in our worship, and engaged in ministry and mission as we approach the 300th anniversary of our founding.

Ash Wednesday at Bangor Church

February 14, 2018

7:00 PM **ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGY AND EUCHARIST**

The Prayer Book designates this first day of the Lenten season as a day of “Special Devotion”. The liturgy of Ash Wednesday, with the Imposition of Ashes, will be offered at 7:00 in the Church, with hymns.



This Sunday at Bangor Church

February 18, 2018

The First Sunday in Lent

10:00 AM **HOLY EUCHARIST**

11:10 AM Fellowship Hour (Church House)

The February Vestry meeting has been postponed one week to February 25



On this First Sunday in Lent, the appointed Gospel this year is the brief account in Mark’s Gospel of the baptism of Jesus, after which the Lord retreats into the wilderness for a season of fasting and prayer. In the Old Testament reading, God places a rainbow in the sky as a sign to Noah of the covenant.

During the Lenten season, the Eucharist begins with a Silent Procession, followed by the singing of an entrance hymn. We then use the Penitential Order, including the Confession of Sin as the opening of the service. In this way, we keep Lent as a season for quiet reflection and penitence.

Note that during Lent, we omit the use of “Alleluia” at the breaking of the bread.

Please join us for our time of refreshment and fellowship in the Church House following the service.



From Fr. Mark: Our Lenten Program and Food Drive

It has been common practice in the church to keep Lent with special programs and activities. In the exhortation from the Ash Wednesday liturgy, we hear “I invite you ...to the observance of a holy Lent...by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God’s holy Word.”

This year our Lenten program series, in conjunction with our Wednesday Lenten meals, we will be “**Bible Basics.**” Not only does this topic fit right in with the Lenten exhortation (“by reading and meditating on God’s holy Word”), but there is another motivating factor.



Last fall, a new museum opened in Washington DC.- “**The Museum of the Bible.**” This is not a museum funded or produced by the Federal government, but rather is sponsored by a private Christian agency.

Everyone who has visited the museum has been very impressed by the exhibits that are displayed on six floors, including a theater and restaurant. We hope to charter a bus to visit the museum after Easter in early April. Watch for more information soon.

In the meanwhile, we will use our Lenten series as an opportunity to review the 'basics' of the Bible. Here is the schedule:

- Wednesday, February 21: 6:00 Dinner, 6:30 program – **“The challenge of text; the choice of translations.”**
- Wednesday, February 28: noon Luncheon, 12:30 program – **“The Torah/Law.”**
- Wednesday, March 7: 6:00 Dinner, 6:30 program – **“The Prophets and Writings.”**
- Wednesday, March 14: noon Luncheon, 12:30 program – **“The Gospels and Book of Acts.”**
- Wednesday, March 21: 6:00 Dinner, 6:30 program – **“The Epistles and witness of the Apostles”**

Our gatherings will either begin with a Lenten soup dinner or lunch. The soup will be provided, and you are invited to bring a salad or vegetable to share. **If you need a ride or can provide a ride**, Maurine Van Dyke has volunteered to organize transportation - phone her at 717 445-7978.

Now, I want to promise that these sessions will not be lectures! In fact, I have been having some fun putting together Bible trivia quizzes to take home. And it would be great if you could **bring a bible** so that we can feature some “interactive” reading. We will survey the contents of the Bible, including in the first session some issues about translations. But come with your questions!

The exhortation for Ash Wednesday also calls us to keep a season of self-denial and special works of mercy. Once again, we'll conduct our Lenten food drive, to benefit the New



Holland Food Pantry - CrossNet Ministries. See below for a list of items

requested, or pick up a list printed for distribution on the Information Table in the Church House. **Please bring your donations to the Common Room of the Church House over the coming weeks.**

I always look forward to Lent. It provides us with a time for spiritual focus as well as a season for renewed fellowship and service. I hope that you can join us.

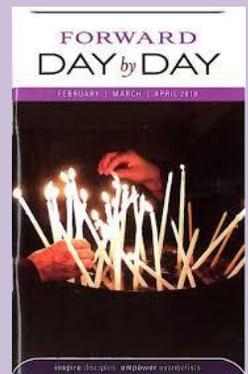
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Coming Events

First Wednesday Lenten meal and program	February 21
Vestry (rescheduled)	February 25
St. David Sunday	March 4
Mid-Lent: Bring a Friend Sunday	March 11
Easter Sunday	April 1
Rogation Sunday	May 6

Announcements

+The new edition of **“Forward, Day by Day”** is now available in the literature rack in the entrance Narthex of the church. This edition covers February-April. Please take one. You might find that it is a helpful companion for Lent this year.



+Crossnet Ministries, sponsors of the Food Pantry

serving eastern Lancaster County in New Holland, **have requested the following items this Lenten season:**

Egg noodles, canned fruit, instant mashed potatoes, instant rice, ketchup, mustard, pancake mix and syrup, salad dressing, canned carrots, cereal, canned chicken, canned corn, juice, boxed pasta, peanut butter, boxed potatoes, boxed rice, boxed snacks, stuffing mix, canned tomatoes, tuna, facial tissues, Band-Aids, body wash, conditioner, deodorant, diapers, diaper wipes, dish detergent, disposable razors, feminine hygiene items, laundry detergent, paper towels, shampoo, toilet paper, toothpaste.

Donated items may be brought to the Common Room of the Church House. The deadline for receiving donations will be Palm Sunday, March 25.

+Our prayers have been asked for Kathy Weaver, Mavis Pacchioli, Dyls Glew, Jim Chubb, Eleanor Hertzog, Shirley Smith, Lynn Schneider Schauer, Carol Greenfield, Irene Gundlah, Lois Benedix, Stan Imboden, Fred Stevenson, Bob Dailey, and Susan Hill.