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From Pastor John.....

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Hello Friends!

Right now we are in the season of Epiphany. This is a season of light, life and realization. During this time, the light focuses on Jesus's life and teaching, and when we see his life and understand his life, it changes our lives. When we realize who he is and how he loved, we become more capable and willing to love those around us.

There is a place in our weekly worship service where this comes into focus: After the Confession and Assurance of Pardon we have "Living the Way of Jesus." During this part of the service we pay special attention to something Jesus said or did. By doing that, we get a picture of what it means to live as followers of Jesus.

In other news, I know many of you are wondering when we are going to offer in person worship again. Great question! The short answer is: I'm not sure 😊. Our Re-Opening Team is going to meet this week to discuss our options and it will again be a topic at February's consistory meeting.

I hope everyone is doing well and finding strength and hope in this challenging time. I look forward to seeing you all again, and until then, I will see you online!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor John



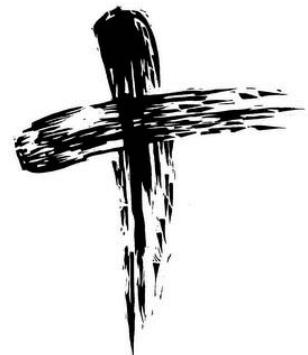
## February Hearts & Ashes



By Elaine Peacock

Well, 2021 is moving along; we are now into February. The Christmas decorations have been replaced by hearts. Heart shaped boxes of sweet treats are filling the store shelves. Everyone, no matter how old you are, look forward to receiving a favorite yummy treat on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

Lent begins on February 17<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday; Christians everywhere will have the mark of the cross on their forehead to show the world what we believe and how we plan to mark the 40 days of Lent; by following Jesus' teachings and working on the things about ourselves we feel we need to change. So, savor that last piece of candy and turn your eyes toward the cross as we walk the Lenten road together.



## Consistory News

Our consistory had their first meeting of the year and below please find the new slate of Elders and Deacons

### Deacons

Dan Douma  
Leslee Ferray  
Kristin Widdowson- Deacon Chair/treasurer  
Wes Witherington  
Bill Wyckoff

### Elder and their Elder Care Teams alphabetically

Lynn Scarmazzo: 973-288-1135 (**A-E**)  
Terry Terhune-Consistory Vice President: 973-835-6982 (**F-J**)  
Elena Van Schaack- Consistory Clerk: 973-839-7874 (**K-O**)  
Pat Gordon-Elder Clerk: 973-835-8389 (**P-T**)  
Bruce Davis- 201-236-3164 (**U-Z**)

You are invited to speak with your Elder representative about any concerns you may have or if you have any suggestions you may have related to church life.



Happy Valentine's Day!



## BIG Thank YOU!

It is with deep gratitude and thanks to Drew Altorfer, Deacon, and Sue Uhlendorf, Elder as they have completed their terms. Leslee Ferray will be completing Michael Warner's term. Michael has moved to Michigan and started a new job out there. We wish Michael good luck and thank him as well for serving as a Deacon.

## Pompton People

Mom(Dorothy Doland) has been admitted to the hospital in Canada. She was diagnosed with a bad case of shingles on her face. She will be there thru (last)Friday. She has to have 3 rounds a day of antiviral and antibiotics by IV for 4 days. Her eye has been greatly affected by it so that has caused concern and it is being treated, as well. Prayers for healing and comfort as she endures this week, as she will be alone. She is in good spirits and knows she is getting the care she needs. Dad(Jim) is doing ok.

On another note, back in the fall, my nephew Isaiah that we have been praying for, was told that 7 spots showed up on his lungs from his previous cancer diagnosis. It was a hard thing for all of us as a family to grasp. He went back in the beginning of January for another scan. The lung oncologist called him 2 weeks ago on the 18th to tell him these nodes were gone. He wanted to know what he had done differently from his 1st diagnosis of his leg. He said nothing except that he had lots of people praying for him. The oncologist told him that these nodes being that much smaller is unbelievably rare and almost a miracle. He said not to worry and that he was blown away by this and will do a follow up in a couple of months. We know this was an answer to our prayer of healing. God was in control for this miracle to happen!

Such a blessing!

-Donna DeBlock

Stan and Elinor Connor have both returned home from recent hospitalizations. Warren Schlapfer is moving to the Paramus Veteran's Home. Cards are always appreciated, especially during this time of isolation.

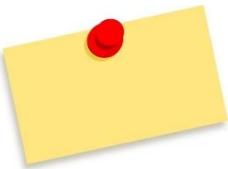
### Dates to Remember:

Feb. 17- Ash Wednesday



Good Friday, April 2

Easter, April 4



One of my most loved traditions of PRC is the writing of concerns on small slips of paper that are then attached to the Cross. The concerns are then prayed over and burned. The ash of our concerns becomes the ash that marks our foreheads on Ash Wednesday. And as the Cross becomes transformed before our eyes on Easter Sunday when we place flowers all over it, we are transformed as we learn more of Christ's love.

**DO YOU WANT TO  
FAST THIS LENT?**

*In the words of Pope Francis*

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

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