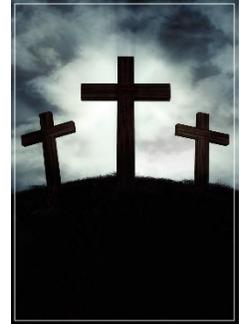




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Marching toward Calvary

At this point in time we are well into Lent, the 40 days from
Ash Wednesday through Holy Saturday.

I liken this time

to Step 4 of the twelve step programs;

Step 4: "Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves."

As we are looking into the obstacles in our lives
that stand in our way of spiritual growth

we are confident that we have a savior that understands our human condition.

Psalm 23 from The Message

23 ¹⁻³ GOD, my shepherd!

I don't need a thing.

You have bedded me down in lush meadows,
you find me quiet pools to drink from.

True to your word,
you let me catch my breath
and send me in the right direction.

⁴ Even when the way goes through
Death Valley,
I'm not afraid

when you walk at my side.
Your trusty shepherd's crook
makes me feel secure.

⁵ You serve me a six-course dinner
right in front of my enemies.
You revive my drooping head;
my cup brims with blessing.

⁶ Your beauty and love chase after me
every day of my life.

I'm back home in the house of GOD
for the rest of my life.





March Sounds

By Elaine Peacock

March is associated with cold, windy days that can be sunny one minute and snow flurries the next. Of course bag pipes put a spring in your step on St. Patrick's Day. Speaking of spring it arrives March 20th- so watch for early robins.

For Christians we are part way through our Lenten journey which started on that cold Ash Wednesday in February. Lent gives us a once-a-year chance to clean out those "closets" in our lives that we feel need to change. We all have those and God has promised to walk beside us and help us make the changes we seek. May you feel God's presence, support, and love each day of your Lenten journey.

Condolences to Eleanor Connor and family on the passing of Stanley. Stan Connor was a long-time member of our Choir and an active member of PRC for many years, serving as an Elder. He will surely be missed. A celebration of life will be held at the church on March 13 at 11 am.

Greetings from Eleanor Haling to her friends at Pompton Reformed...



Memorials

<u>Given By</u>	<u>In Memory of</u>	<u>Designation</u>
Janice Rutherford	Connie Gurnee	Undesignated
Kevin & Lorna Carroll	Stan Connor	Music Fund
Marge Hubert	Stan Connor	Music Fund
Corinne Tyndall	Stan Connor	Music Fund
Nancy Shimmel	Stan Connor	Music Fund
Walt Struble	Stan Connor	Music Fund
Bruce & Susan David	Stan Connor	Music Fund

Birthdays

In memory of Albert Peacock on his birthday.
Connor Conklin on his 20th birthday



BIG NEWS

In Person church will resume on Sunday, March 7! There will be a maximum of 60 people admitted so please contact the church to secure a place if you choose to attend in person. It has been a long time since we were in our Sanctuary for church services. I have enjoyed the online services but it will be nice to see people once again. Masks are required as well as 6 foot spacing between families.



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Easter traditions/favorite memories

What are some of your Easter traditions or favorite memories? Beyond Easter Eggs, what does your celebration include. Share with us! As covid has shrunk our circles of friends and social connections as well as our church activities, please share with us so WE can stay connected. One day soon we will be able to chat over coffee and snacks but for now, lets learn a little bit about you here on these pages.

After many years of service to PRC, *Jack Tice* retired as our treasurer. In honor of Jack, a fundraiser was started for his favorite charity. **Covenant House**. We are excited to have such an impactful role in helping young people get off the dangerous streets and into safe environments. If you would like to contribute to Covenant House and honor Jack for his years of service, the website to donate on is: <https://www.covenanthousediy.org/campaign/Celebrate-Jack-Tice> -

This is a wonderful mission and one that we are all able to address from home. Remember, you can keep your name, monetary donation amount or both private. If you need any assistance in working the website, please call the PRC Office.



If you would like to order **flowers for the Easter Sunday service** please either email or call the church office at 973-835-0541. You have a choice of 6" daffodils or 6" tulips. The cost is \$8.50 each. Also, please note your "Dedication" and "Given by" information so it can be included in the April newsletter. Please make your check payable to Pompton Reformed Church and drop it off at the church or mail it in. Flowers will be supplied by the Glenwild Greenhouse and they need our final count by Friday, March 26th.

Daylight Savings Time begins Saturday night, March 13 into Sunday March 14. So set your clocks forward Saturday night or you will be late for church!



April Newsletter submissions (Easter memories!) are due to khuyzers@msn.com by Sunday, March 28.

See you in church!