Today

In just five short weeks, the Christian Church will celebrate Easter, which marks Jesus' resurrection from the dead. During the time leading up to Easter, we focus our time in preparing ourselves for celebration through prayer, renunciation of sin and the study of God's word. Absolutely central to our preparation is knowing more of and identifying with Jesus Christ.

Today, in his message, "The Greatness of Christ", Pastor David examine several facets of Jesus as presented in Colossians 1:15-20.

11:15 a.m. Back to the Cross Practice, Sanctuary

6:30 p.m. Prayer Gathering

This Week

February 22-27

TUESDAY

8:00 a.m. Koffee & Konversation, Hellertown Diner

WEDNESDAY

12:00 p.m. Lunch Bunch, Bella's Ristorante **7:00 p.m.** Gospel of Luke Bible Study

THURSDAY

7:30 p.m. Worship Team Practice

This Week's Discipleship Journal Reading Plan

February 21 Catch up day

February 22 Matthew 18:15-35, Acts 25:13-27, Psalms 41,

Leviticus 11-13

February 23 Matthew 19:1-15, Acts 26:1-18, Psalms 42,

Leviticus 14-15

February 24 Matthew 19:16-30, Acts 26:19-32, Psalms 43

Leviticus 16-17

February 25 Matthew 20:1-16, Acts 27:1-26, Psalms 44,

Leviticus 18-20

February 26 Matthew 20:17-34, Acts 27:27-44, Psalms 45,

Leviticus 21-23

February 27 Matthew 21:1-11, Acts 28:1-16, Psalms 46,

Leviticus 24-25

Announcements

We have **Hearing Assist Units** available for those who may have difficulty hearing the service. Please speak to the person in the sound room to receive your unit for the morning.

We have a **Staffed Nursery** to care for your children through age three. In addition, there is a **Cry Room** at the rear of the sanctuary to attend to the needs of infants.

We have **Sunday School** for all ages. Please refer to the back of your bulletin to see where each class will be meeting.

"Tag, You're It" **Prayer Gathering TONIGHT** at 6:30 pm. We will use the "tags" hung on the prayer wall to be the focus of our meeting together. If there is something you would like to have prayer for tonight, make sure to put a tag on the prayer wall before you leave today.

Our **February Lunch Bunch** will be this Wednesday, February 24, at 12 noon. We will be going to Bella's Ristorante in Hellertown. The restaurant is located at 639 Main Street, Hellertown. If you would like to attend, please sign up on the sheet provided in the foyer.

Next Sunday Evening: The "Sage of Love" will make a presentation on "Transitioning from the Honeymoon to Heaven Help Us". Whether you are thinking about marriage or married longer than forever, this is for you. See you in the Chapel at 6:30 p.m.

The **Property AdHoc Committee** will be meeting Tuesday, March 1 at 7:00 pm.

Ladies! Our next event is on Thursday, March 17, at 9:30 a.m. We will be going to the Country Grapevine, a country store in Bath that a lot of us enjoyed going to last year, and we will once again have lunch at Hampton Winds Restaurant. The Hampton Winds Restaurant is the training ground for Northampton Community College's highly-regarded Culinary Arts program. We will be meeting at the Hampton Winds Restaurant at 9:30 a.m. Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer if you would like to attend.

The **SCMC Easter Egg Hunt** is scheduled for Saturday, March 19th, at 10:00 am, rain or shine. Age groups are 2-4, 5-7, and 8-10. Plan to invite some friends!

"Back to the Cross" Performance will be held on Sunday evening, April 3 at 6:30 pm. This is a perfect opportunity to invite your coworkers, family and friends. You do the inviting and allow God's Spirit to speak to them.

Ministry Opportunities & Events

Pastor David, Bill Litke, Trevor Faust, Daniel and Josh Kochsmeier will be traveling to India on March 5 then returning March 16. Please begin praying for God's favor upon them as they travel; the Holy Spirit's anointing upon their ministry and the many opportunities to bless all people but especially the orphans.

Volunteer Needed! A volunteer is needed to help with the Back to the Cross Spring Musical. We are looking for someone who is able to come to practice during the month of March and for the play on April 3. This person would be responsible for being behind the scenes, helping the children change costumes and props during the play. Please contact Lisa or Anita if you are willing to serve in this way.

One of the most influential aspects of our gathered worship experience are the individuals serving faithfully in the "back of the house". These individuals make sure the sound is mixed and amplified so that we can engage in worship. They also control lighting and project all of our visual needs. It would be absolutely wonderful if we could add a number of volunteers to the audio and visual "bench". Basic computer knowledge is helpful to work the computer and projection system. To see if this is something you could do to serve the congregation, please speak to Greg Feenstra or Ryan Walters.

Attention musicians and/or vocalists: Would you be willing to share your talent with the congregation as an offertory during our Sunday worship service? There is a sign-up sheet in the church foyer to indicate your willingness. Thank you.

Preparing meals for someone in need: As most of you probably know, the Fellowship Commission will occasionally schedule meals for someone in our church family when there is need. This is usually a situation where someone is hospitalized, or birth of a baby, etc. This is an important way that we as a church family can give and receive support from each other! Please sign up in the church foyer if you would like to help in this way.

Coffee Clean-up: If you are someone who appreciates coffee on Sunday mornings, how about volunteering for one month of coffee clean-up? This responsibility involves emptying the coffee pots and cleaning up around the coffee stations. Anyone from the fellowship commission will be happy to show you what needs to be done.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Rebecca Nguyen – February 21

Peyton Abrams – February 22

Jordan Wasser - February 23

Luke Schmidt - February 23

Dave Kutzura - February 24

Ethan Cassel – February 26

Rachel Lesser - February 26

Attendance and Giving

OFFERING ON FEBRUARY 14: \$4025

ATTENDANCE ON FEBRUARY 14: 123

Serving Others

TODAY

Nursery Lydia Mohler

Val Newcomer Alyssa Richards

Greeters Debbie Heft Kelly Schoch

Worship Ldr. Ushers

Bob Kemmerer Rob Ibach Nick Mace

Children's Message Kelly Schoch

NEXT WEEK: (Feb. 28)

Becky Bergey Lisa Walters Elizabeth McSlov

Mike & Janet Heft

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Sunday School Information

2-YEAR OLDS

Led by Janet Heft Helper, Becky Lesser **Upstairs Nursery**

3-YEAR OLDS

Led by Nancy Walters Helper, Kim Matthews

Room B6

PRE-K/KINDERGARTEN

Led by Nick Mace Helper, Rose Szabo **GRADES 1-7**

Practice for Back to the Cross Sanctuary

Room LL2

GRADES 8-12

Led by Greg & Rachel Feenstra

Youth Room

ADULT CLASS - International Sunday School Lesson

Elective

Led by Joel Mohler Chapel

ADULT CLASS – Adventure Of Making Disciples

Elective

Led by Pastor David Lower Level Classroom



"The Greatness of Christ"

Colossians 1:15-20 Pastor David K. Kochsmeier



February 21, 2016