

The Yellow Frame Presbyterian Church



Frame Work

As members of the family of God, The Yellow Frame Presbyterian Church exists to honor God and serve people through worship and our resources. We seek to be a welcoming community where diverse individuals can grow together connected in faith, friendships and interests.

Reflections on Repentance

Among the many Lenten disciplines practiced over the centuries – self-examination, prayer, fasting, works of love, self-giving, purposeful reading of Scripture – there is the discipline of repentance.

Repentance, in its most positive definition, is to stop running away from God and accept the costly offer of grace extended in Christ. By this definition, we are repenting many times in our lives because we are always finding ways to turn our backs to God, redefine what grace means, and reject what new challenges God is presenting to us.

In her book, Amazing Grace, the contemporary author, Kathleen Norris, has this to say about repentance.

When I'm working as an artist-in-residence at parochial schools, I like to read the psalms out loud to inspire the students, who are usually not aware that the snippets they sing at Mass are among the greatest poems in the world. But I have found that when I have asked children to write their own psalms, their poems often have an emotional directness that is similar to that of the biblical psalter. They know what it's like to be small in a world designed for big people, to feel lost and abandoned. Children are frequently astonished to discover that the psalmists so freely express the more unacceptable emotions, sadness and anger, even anger at God, and that all of this is in the Bible that they hear and read in church on Sunday morning.

Children who are picked on by their big brothers and sisters can be remarkably adept when it comes to writing cursing psalms, and I believe that the writing process offers them a safe haven in which to work through their desires for vengeance in a healthy way. Once a little boy wrote a poem called "The Monster Who Was Sorry." He began by admitting that he hates it when his father yells at him: his response in the poem is to throw his sister down the stairs, and then to wreck his room, and finally to wreck the whole town. The poem concludes: "Then I sit in my messy house and say to myself, 'I shouldn't have done all that.'"

"My messy house" says it all: with more honesty than most adults could have mustered, the boy made a metaphor for himself that admitted the depth of his rage and also gave him a way out. If that boy had been a novice in the fourth-century monastic desert, his elders might have told him that he was well on the way toward repentance, not such a monster after all, but only human. If the house is messy, they might have said, why not clean it up, why not make it into a place where God might wish to dwell?



Holy Week/Easter Schedule of Services

Palm Sunday - March 28th @ 8:30 a.m. (communion) and 10:00 a.m. (Sunday School)

Maundy Thursday - April 1st @ 7:30 p.m. (brief sermon, communion, no choir/music)

Good Friday - April 2nd @ 3:00 p.m. (brief reading from scriptures, silent prayer for as long as you wish to remain)

The Great Vigil - April 3rd (the church is open all day for this day of prayer and waiting for the resurrection of Jesus)

Easter Sunday - April 4th @ 6:20 a.m. (outdoors behind the church) sunrise service and 10:00 a.m. traditional service (no Sunday School)



The Deacons are sponsoring an Easter egg hunt at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 27th. Come search for eggs, have your picture taken with the Easter Bunny, play some games and win fabulous prizes!

Upcoming Dates and Events to Remember

May 30: Last Sunday for the 8:30 Sunday service

June 13: Homecoming/Graduate Recognition Sunday;
last day of Sunday School

June 18-July 17: Michael away on vacation

June 20-September 5: Worship service at 9:15 a.m. (only one service)

July 24: Harvest Home



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1 Pat Lobban, Andrew Noordenbos, Brittany Poe
3 Brody Mantz
4 Lisa Lurz, Melanie VanDerMark
5 Gregory Layton , Stan Johnson
6 Lynn Wagenhals
7 Erin Lupo, Robert Shotwell
9 Lindsey Guilfoyle
11 Carlie Casterline
13 Julia Buttgerit
15 Virginia Smith
20 Tim Lurz
21 Walter Sansone
22 Scott Fisher, Kyle Wilson
23 David Cox
24 Audrey Phillips
25 Stan Johnson IV, Arielle Simonis
26 Parker Lobban, David Scott
29 Bethany Ryan

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

3 Michael and Marylou Kolody
7 Jeff and Debbie Crisman
11 Sandy and Pat Lobban
17 Herman and Florence Lauer
18 Bob and Marge Dunning
26 David and Amy Lobban



Birth Announcement

On February 12th, 2010 Brooke Woods was born to Greg and Amy Woods. Grandparents are Bob and Nancy Woods. Great-grandparents are Ralph and Phoebe Shotwell. Congratulations!

March Ushers

7 Leon and Becky Komsa
14 Mark and Susie Hildebrant
21 Barbara Backer and Kate Ryan
28 Kayla Rude/C. Casterline

March Coffee Hour Hosts

7 Ginny Woods (973-579-6716) and Ellen Ringle (908-852-5159)
14 Ellen Metzgar (973-383-8446)
21 Pat Epstein (610-588-9166) and Ruth Gommoll (973-383-6553)
28 John & Christine Snyder (908-496-4244) and Michael and Leigh Siegel (973-579-3130)

Ladies Aid News

The Ladies Aid will meet Thursday March 4th at 10 a.m. You are asked to bring a sandwich with you, dessert and a beverage will be furnished. All are invited to join us for fellowship, worship, and work for the church. In case of inclement weather please check with Phoebe Shotwell (973-383-5698) or Mary Cusack (973-383-9840).

Please remember the Spring Rummage Sale will be the second Friday in April because of Good Friday. The date will be April 9th. Please do not bring items before April 5th. Thank you.



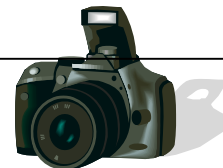
GROCERY CARDS FUNDRAISER: Don't forget to buy your A&P, Shop-Rite or Weis grocery cards. Simply exchange your grocery money for a debit card of equal value and Yellow Frame makes 5% of your grocery purchases. Every time you purchase cards in 2010 your name will be included in our monthly drawing for a free prize. Don't miss out, get your cards today! These cards are available every Sunday as well as Mon., Tues., Thur., and Fri., 8-12:00 in the church office. Cards must be purchased in person by cash or check (made payable to Yellow Frame Church). For questions call Bob and Becky Paulson evenings at 973-383-5701.

RECYCLE USED PRINTER CARTRIDGES: Donate your used printer cartridges for recycling while earning money for the church. Ladies Aid has supplied a container just outside the church office to collect all your used inkjet or laser cartridges. You can help to multiply your donation by getting friends, family, colleagues or businesses to join in as well. Thank you for supporting our church.

NEW MEMBERS: The Session will meet and receive new members at their Tuesday, April 20th meeting (7:30 p.m.). Please inform Michael of your interest, and he can also answer any questions you may have. New members received on April 20th will be recognized and more fully welcomed at the April 25th worship services. Alternative arrangements can be made if you are unavailable to meet on Tuesday, April 20th.

SUNDAY FLOWER (CHURCH VASES) PROCEDURE

The 2010 Sunday Flower sign-up sheet is hanging in the hallway outside of Kathy Pittenger's office. Dedication for the bulletin may be given to Flower Chairman, Kathy Pittenger, at 973-383-5364 (8 a.m. to 12 p.m. weekdays) or left in Kathy's mailbox in the church office. Dedication must be received by the Wednesday before the Sunday Service .



Say Cheese

Don't forget to plan on having your picture taken for a church directory. Pictures will be taken immediately after each worship service by Michael beginning the first Sunday in March through the second Sunday in May. Each picture will only take a few seconds and will be taken up front by the communion table. We want to include all members and all regular attendees (even you are not a member). If you have family members geographically removed from YF, you can email a picture to Michael for inclusion in the directory. These directories will be distributed beginning June 13th, Homecoming Sunday.

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