

**NORTH PARISH  
MARCH/APRIL 2025  
NEWSLETTER**

**THRU THE HANDS OF GOD -  
ONE HAND HELPING ANOTHER  
(North Parish's Mission Statement)**



Musings.....March-April 2025

The impact of our worship practices is to move us beyond the walls of the church. With a sprinkle of ash, we are reminded of death. With the lament of Isaiah, we are called to change behavior. With the tune of the psalmist, we are encouraged to see life in the strength of the Almighty. And in words of Jesus as written by Matthew, we are told how our religiously and worship are to be accomplished.

Lent has arrived, like the proverbial thief in the night, unseen, unexpected, and yet offering opportunities to be more, to do more, and to serve more. And it arrives all wrapped up in a nice, neat package of 40 short days, as winter begins her release, and spring offers welcome warmth and light.

Lent is unique in the church. It does bring characteristics which are not typically considered during other seasons. Lent brings an established time to pause, contemplate and to return to better practices. Lent gives us an established world-wide occasion to repent for our lack of love and gives opportunities to return to God, refreshed, forgiven, renewed. Lent prepares us to recall the great acts of the life of Christ, leading to the Resurrection. Those intimate steps we hear during Holy Week prepare us to fully celebrate our Easter Joy. And the anticipation of Pentecost with its fire and wind will bring us into the life of the early church, sending us too out into the world to announce the good news of the Savior.

Prayer and fasting are not the only practices which we are called into during Lent. Service in the Name of Christ can also give us perspectives on the struggles and success of our fellow humans. Volunteering for organizations which lift our brothers and sisters in their distress and anxieties is another way to celebrate the peace of Christ. Look around and see where the needs are, then do something! Visit a shut-in, take some time to help at a local nursing home, call our health advocate, Cathy Clouser, for suggestions where you can help. Living into service is a great way to focus on others and celebrate the nearness of the Kingdom of God. One never knows what impact one can have!

Your brother in Christ.....Kurt+

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## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2 – Michael Capparell          | 16 – Robert W. Price          |
| David Hewes                    | 17 – Samantha Miller          |
| Waverly Deeter                 | 19 – Lauren Shanoskie         |
| 7 – Rev. Dr. Kurt Kovalovich   | 20 – Pamela Dresch Androshick |
| 9 – Rev. Dolores (Evans) Smith | 22 – Brandy Scheuren          |
| 11 – Mary Faith Goodman        | 25 – Scott Price              |

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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| 3 – Michelle Price | 16 – Michael Scanlan |
| 7 – James Demcher  | 22 – Richard Clamser |
| 9 – Cheryl McGlone | 23 – Richard Brennan |

If your birthday is listed incorrectly or it is not included on the birthday list, please notify the church office. Thank you.



**NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS** are needed for our Food Cupboards. If you are unable to donate food items, you can give a monetary donation. Please write your check to North Parish and designate Food Cupboards. Thank you.





## MARCH MEMORIALS

**WINE & WAFERS:** In honor of Jennifer L. Frantz by Phil and Donna Frantz

**BULLETINS:** In memory of Betty Noble by the Hynoski Family.

**SANCTUARY CANDLES:** In memory of Deborah Strunk by the Strunk & Ulceski Families.  
In memory of Jim Lecher by the Lecher Family.



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**WINE & WAFERS:** In memory of Mary C. Umlauf by Joseph Coddington

**BULLETINS:** In memory of Jim Lecher by the Lecher Family.

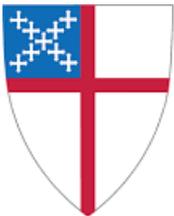
**SANCTUARY CANDLES:** In memory of Betty Noble and Cole Joshua Lauver by the Hynoski Family.

## 2025 MEMORIALS AVAILABLE:

Bulletins – May, October & November - \$10 per month

Newsletter: May/June and July/August - \$10.00

Please call the church office for more information – 570-429-7107



## HOLY APOSTLES SATURDAY SERVICE

5:00 p.m.

April 5, 2025

## SUNDAY BREAKFAST - Holy Apostles

April 6, 2025

9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

The menu includes scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage,  
home-fries, toast, juice, coffee, tea, etc.

The cost is \$12.00 at the door

The breakfasts are fundraisers for North Parish's general fund.

Our profit from February - \$934.01



# LENTEN SUPPER AND THURSDAY EVENING LITURGY



**We will be having a light supper and Thursday evening service during Lent at rotating churches. Supper will be at 5:30 p.m. and the service will follow at 6:00 p.m. Services are as follows:**

- March 6 at Holy Apostles**
- March 13 at St. James**
- March 20 at St. John's**
- March 27 at Trinity**
- April 3 at St. James**
- April 10 at Trinity**

## JANUARY 2025 FINANCES

North Parish Receipts			North Parish Disbursements	
<b>General Account</b>			<b>General Account</b>	
25-Jan	\$ 4,173.24		25-Jan	\$ 7,816.14
Year to Date	\$ 4,173.24		Year to Date Exp.	\$ 7,816.14
Transfer in from M&I for Expenses	\$ -			
Transfer M&I Year to Date for expenses	\$ -			
Transfer in from Memorial Acct.	\$ -			
Transfer Memorial Acct year to date	\$ -			
<b>M&amp;I Account</b>			<b>M&amp;I Account</b>	
25-Jan	\$ 103.10		25-Jan	\$ -
Year to date	\$ 103.10		Year to date	\$ -
<b>Memorial Account</b>			<b>Memorial Account</b>	
25-Jan	\$ 0.09		25-Jan	\$ -
Year to date	\$ 0.09		Year to date	\$ -
<b>Balances</b>				
General Account	\$ 734.38			
M&I Account	\$ 6,017.62			
Total funds available	\$ 6,752.00			
Memorial Account	\$ 5,267.89			
Temp. Restricted Fund				

**NOVEMBER & DECEMBER FINANCES**

<b>North Parish Receipts</b>			<b>North Parish Disbursements</b>		
<b>General Account</b>			<b>General Account</b>		
	24-Nov	\$ 4,769.00		24-Nov	\$ 5,748.79
Year to Date		\$ 56,641.64	Year to Date Exp.		\$ 81,256.51
Transfer in from M&I for Expenses		\$ -			
Transfer M&I Year to Date for expenses		\$ 6,500.00			
Transfer from DIT-General Acct.		\$ -			
Transfer from DIT-General Acct. YTD		\$ 10,000.00			
Transfer in from Memorial Acct.		\$ -			
Transfer Memorial Acct year to date		\$ 4,200.00			
<b>M&amp;I Account</b>			<b>M&amp;I Account</b>		
	24-Nov	\$ 53.12		24-Nov	\$ -
Year to date		\$ 3,564.14	Year to date		\$ 6,500.00
<b>Memorial Account</b>			<b>Memorial Account</b>		
	24-Nov	\$ 0.08		24-Nov	
Year to date		\$ 791.23	Year to date		\$ 4,200.00
<b>Balances</b>					
General Account		\$ 1,278.38			
M&I Account		\$ 7,263.84			
Total funds available		\$ 8,542.22			
Memorial Account		\$ 5,267.71			

<b>North Parish Receipts</b>			<b>North Parish Disbursements</b>		
<b>General Account</b>			<b>General Account</b>		
	24-Dec	\$ 12,179.96		24-Dec	\$ 11,481.67
Year to Date		\$ 68,821.60	Year to Date Exp.		\$ 92,738.18
Transfer in from M&I for Expenses		\$ 2,300.00			
Transfer M&I Year to Date for expenses		\$ 8,800.00			
Transfer from DIT-General Acct.		\$ -			
Transfer from DIT-General Acct. YTD		\$ 10,000.00			
Transfer in from Memorial Acct.		\$ -			
Transfer Memorial Acct year to date		\$ 4,200.00			
<b>M&amp;I Account</b>			<b>M&amp;I Account</b>		
	24-Dec	\$ 950.68		24-Dec	\$ 2,300.00 (to gen. acct.)
Year to date		\$ 4,514.82	Year to date		\$ 8,800.00
<b>Memorial Account</b>			<b>Memorial Account</b>		
	24-Dec	\$ 0.09		24-Dec	
Year to date		\$ 791.32	Year to date		\$ 4,200.00
<b>Balances</b>					
General Account		\$ 4,277.33			
M&I Account		\$ 5,914.52			
Total funds available		\$ 10,191.85			
Memorial Account		\$ 5,267.80			

## **News from Marion C. Price Trust Fund**

### **AARP DRIVER SAFETY COURSE 2025**

Marion Price Trust will be sponsoring a safe drivers course this spring. Become a safer, more confident driver and by completing the course you may receive a multi-year discount on your auto insurance. You can refresh your driving skills and knowledge of the rules and hazards of the road, while also reducing your chances of receiving a traffic violation or getting into an accident. The AARP Driver Safety Course is specifically designed for drivers aged 50 and older.

Some things that will be covered in the course include:

- \*Research based safe driving strategies
- \*Information on the effects of medication on driving
- \*Preventative measures to reduce driver distractions
- \*Techniques for handling left turns, right-of-way, and roundabouts
- \*State-specific rules and regulations including construction zones, child safety seats, school buses, cellphone use and more

There have been changes made to the curriculum of the course so we will be offering the full 8-hour course, not the refresher class. This will also open the class up for people who have never taken the course before. The course will be held at Holy Apostle Episcopal Church, 307 E Hancock St. St Clair on Thursday April 24<sup>th</sup> and Thursday May 1<sup>st</sup>. On both days the class will be held from 8:00 AM - 12 noon. The class is open to the public and the cost of the course is \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non-members. MPTF will cover the cost for Episcopalians. Please contact Cathy Clouser in the office at (570) 621-3220 or [mptfund@gmail.com](mailto:mptfund@gmail.com) to register or with any questions. Please complete registration by Wednesday April 16<sup>th</sup> to ensure the instructor has enough materials.

### **TAX-AIDE PROGRAM FOR SENIORS**

Diakon Community Services, a nonprofit organization based in Pottsville, is partnering with the AARP Tax-Aide program again this year. Tax-Aide is a free service that is available to taxpayers with low to moderate income, with special attention to those over age 60. This service is by appointment only. All taxpayers must provide a photo ID and social security card. AARP only prepares simple returns and can handle pay from a job, Social Security, pensions, dividends, interest, capital gains/losses, property taxes/rent rebates and more. They cannot handle income from rental properties, debt forgiveness or out-of-state returns.

Appointments can be made for Feb 7<sup>th</sup> through April 4<sup>th</sup> at 23 Meadowbrook Center, Route 183, Schuylkill Haven. To schedule an appointment call Diakon at (570) 624-3018.

### **SCAM ALERT!!**

Utility Scams- Each winter, criminals pose as utility company representatives, claiming missed payments and threatening to shut off service unless payment is made immediately. If you receive a surprise call like this hang up the phone. The hope of these scammers is to create panic long enough to get a payment from you.

Unknown number- Don't answer unknown numbers, as it could be the start of a scam. Let the phone ring and have the call go to voicemail. If you choose to answer, let the caller speak first as many scammers use an auto dialer that connects to a live person when the call is answered. That brief delay before the caller speaks could signal a scam. Check with your service provider for options on blocking scam calls. Remember that when someone is offering something "too good to be true" .....It probably is!