

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2019

AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN'S MINISTRIES of
Central Union, Delaware, Harrisburg, Reading and Riverside

PARKESBURG BAPTIST CHURCH

103 WEST ST, PARKESBURG

10 am – 3 pm

Registration begins at 9:30

COME AND HEAR ABOUT OUR MISSION WORK IN

PUERTO RICO, HAITI AND NICARAGUA

Pastor Mark Mahserjian-Smith, Sally Perry and Sue MacDonald will speak

COST: \$5 includes lunch (payable at door)

LOVE GIFT OFFERING WILL BE TAKEN

RSVP by March 27 to Mary Dobrinski

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March Connections

The monthly newsletter of Christ Memorial Baptist Church

A SEASON OF PRAYER & WITNESS:

COME GROW WITH US IN LENT!

The forty days leading up to the cross and resurrection of our Lord are a significant period in the life of the believer. This season, called Lent, is a call to grow as followers of Jesus. Just as the Lord prepared for ministry through forty days of prayer and fasting and being tempted by the devil in the wilderness, we too gear up for greater ministry and service during Lent. This year our emphasis is on prayer and witness. We know that we can do nothing apart from Christ (John 15:5) and that includes bringing others into His kingdom. If we are going to be effective witnesses of the good news we must begin with prayer and dependence on Jesus. We must be looking to Him to direct our efforts to reach others. We must pray for a heart for the lost. Look inside this issue for the many ways we will be actively praying and witnessing during Lent. Let us lean on Christ's promise that if we remain in Him we will bear much fruit! (John 15:5) [See "Prayer & Witness in Lent" Inside!]

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Meeting for the Month

Night Owls

Monday March 4th @ 6:30pm at the Church
Sue Taylor – Hostess
Mary Dobrinski – Program

Day Glow Circle

Tuesday April 5th @ 12:30 pm
Florene LeCompte – Hostess & Program
Joan Brown – Devotions

Gathering of Friends

Monday, March 11 @ 7pm at the Church
Monday, March 25 @ 10am at the Church

Women's
Spring
Luncheon
and AUCTION
SUNDAY, MAR. 17
12:30 PM

Sign up in the Communications Room.
Meal provided by the Night Owls.
Proceeds to benefit our Mission projects.

Suggested ideas for sale items: Chocolate, homebaked goods,
hand made items, this and that, books, artwork, and of course
CHOCOLATE.

SEE YOU THERE!

March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 World Day of Prayer 9:45am Ensemble 6:30pm Teen LIFE Darcy Hostler	2 Pauline Wikso
3 8:30 & 11am Worship 9:45am S.S.	4 6:30pm Night Owls @ the Church	5 11am Worship Mini, 12:30pm Day Glow @ LeCompte's 6pm Property & Grounds	6 Ash Wednesday 5:30pm Dinner 6:15pm CLDC 7:30pm Praise Team	7	8 9:45am Ensemble 6:30pm Teen LIFE	9 Change your clocks before you go to bed!
10 Daylight Savings time begins 8:30 & 11am Worship 9:45 S.S.	11 6:30pm Missions 7pm Gathering of Friends	12 7:30 pm Deacons	13 5:30pm Dinner 6:15pm CLDC 7:30pm Praise Team	14 7pm Fellowship Min. Flor Figueroa Michael Kearns	15 9:45am Ensemble 6:30pm Teen LIFE	16
17 8:30 & 11am Worship 9:45am S.S. 12:30pm Women's Luncheon & Auction	18	19 6:30pm Church Board Bob Wikso Walter Wills A-Majors, D & N	20 First day of Spring 5:30pm Dinner 6:15pm CLDC 7:30pm Praise Team	21	22 9:45am Ensemble 6:30pm Teen LIFE	23
24 8:30 11am Worship 9:45am S.S.	25 10am Gathering of Friends	26 6:30pm CE Min.	27 5:30pm Dinner 6:15pm CLDC 7:30pm Praise Team Carol Apito	28	29 9:45am Ensemble 6:30pm Teen LIFE	30 Fellowship Hall rented for afternoon
31 8:30 & 11am Worship 9:45am S.S. Dr. Kevin Walden, guest speaker						

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Wednesday Night Dinners



March 6 - Chicken Pot Pie, Rolls, Jell-O Salad
March 13 - Ham and Cabbage, Potatoes, Green beans
March 20 - Beefaroni, Salad, Garlic Bread
March 27 - Baked Chicken Supreme, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli

SPARE OUR WALLS!

Please note that no staples or tape or anything else that would leave a mark or hole should be used on walls or pews at church. If you need to post something please use the available bulletin boards. Tape may be used on glass surfaces, but must be completely removed when items are taken down. Thank you!

Delaware Family Policy Council Member Lunches

DFPC Lunches at Grotto Pizza in Dover help members understand current hot issues and how to address them as Christians. They start on Thursdays at 12:30pm in the meeting room at the back, on the following dates: Feb.14th, April 18th, and May 9th. Find out more about DFPC at delawarefamilies.org.



CURRENT SERMON SERIES: “LIKE” – A picture of God’s Kingdom

Mar. 3, 2019 *That’s Settled!* – Mt. 18:23-35, PRS: Judges 5:12-23,
Mar. 6, 2019 **ASH Wednesday morning observance**
Mar. 10, 2019 *Like Workers*, Mt.20:1-16, PRS: Judges 5:24-31 (DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME STARTS)
Mar. 17, 2019 *Like Wedding Banquet*, Mt. 22:1–14, PRS: Judges 6:1-10
(Thurs., March 21 is the Jewish Holiday of Purim)
March 24, 2019 *Like Ten Virgins*, Mt. 25:1–13, PRS: Psalm 23:1-6
(March 29 is National Vietnam War Veterans Day)
March 31, 2019 Rev. Dr. Kevin Walden (Pastor on Mission Trip to Tarboro, NC for hurricane relief efforts).

PRAYER & WITNESS IN LENT

CMBC's leadership invites you to join them in **specific strategic prayer** for our neighborhoods, communities and the church this Lenten period. This prayer emphasis will officially take place during the 40 days of lent, from March 6th to April 14th. Our church leadership has already started praying and you are encouraged to join them.

Traditionally, Lent has been a period in which to deepen one’s commitment to Christ (often by practicing spiritual disciplines, like fasting and prayer, etc.). While many associate these practices with the Roman Catholic Church, they are practiced by many denominations, including many Baptists. The beauty of a ‘free church’ tradition is that we can adopt any traditions we feel that God would have us use. Prayer is one of the most foundational spiritual practices and we hope to use the opportunity Lent provides to strengthen our prayer lives and to pray for God to help us be effective in witnessing to others.

Ash Wednesday Devotions & Ashes

You have probably noticed people with ashes on their foreheads on Ash Wednesday. It is pretty clear, at that point, that they are associated with a church; *religious* people. But have you ever thought about the open door to witness created by those ashes? When people ask, you can share that the ashes are a sign that you follow Jesus, who suffered and died for your sins and rose from the dead. If they ask, “Are you Catholic?” You can reply, “I’m not Catholic, But I am a follower of Christ and, as a Baptist, we also observe Lent as a period to grow closer to God.”

On Ash Wednesday, March 6th worshippers are invited to come by the church in the morning to observe a brief, private devotion of commitment in the Sanctuary and ashes will be placed on the forehead of those who wish to receive them. The ashes will be produced by burning the prayer notes that have been placed in the Prayer Bible at the back of the Sanctuary.

For us, the ashes will symbolize penitence; a sorrow for personal sin. These are a fitting way to begin Lent as we reflect on the suffering and death of Christ, which was necessary because of sin. When Job had an encounter with God, his response was: “My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you. Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes (Job 42:5–6).”

This is an unusual opportunity for our church, since we have never done it before, but we expect that it will be meaningful and will glorify God through our public witness. We look forward to hearing the stories of how God uses you because of the ashes!

Sunday Prayer Warriors

On Sunday Mornings in Lent, we are looking for those who are willing to commit to pray for a worship service while it is happening. Pray-ers will attend one worship service and spend time in prayer during the opposite worship service. A Guide will be provided to direct individual or group prayer, which will take place in the Serendipity Library each Sunday in Lent. A signup sheet is in the Communication Room at church. Feel free to share in this prayer ministry either every Sunday or even just one Sunday morning.

Charles Spurgeon, the great British preacher, enjoyed a powerful ministry that reached many people. When he gave a tour of the church facility he would show people the furnace room. It wasn't the heating system, but a room full of people who were actively praying for the worship services while they were going on. As we look to grow in our prayer and witness during this Lenten season, let's commit to prayer, that we might rejoice to see how God answers prayer!

Daily Prayer Strategy

Individuals and Prayer Teams will commit to daily prayer for specific neighborhoods and communities. A prayer map will be posted at the church to allow participants to choose the area they wish to cover in prayer. We suggest making a "prayer walk" through the community you have committed to pray for, lifting up each home and asking God to reach them with the good news of salvation!

PRAY4DOVER

PRAY4DOVER Prayer gatherings will be held at 4pm each Sunday in Lent. Those who cannot attend in person will be encouraged to join us by taking even a few minutes to pray at 4pm each Sunday. These gatherings will involve testimonies of how God is answering prayer among us as well as lifting up prayers together for our local and worldwide communities.

FROM ONE OF OUR SNOWBIRDS:

Good morning.

I attended First Baptist Church in Rockledge yesterday. Pastor Brian Jones Also went to Sunday School. I attended two churches while I have been here in Viera, Fl. Calvary Chapel Melbourne and Church of Viera Very good churches but too big for me.

We are enjoying life here. Enjoy company when they come.

Very grateful we are both well. Blest to be alive.

Pray all is well at CMBC. Look forward to our return home. Seems prayer is most important at this time.

2 Chronicles 7: 14

Seeking His Heart

Merrill Eastwood

FROM CHRISTIAN ED. MINISTRIES

NEEDED: Sunday School teacher or team teachers for the 4 & 5 year olds. Do you have passion for our little ones? We need a special someone to help us show our little ones the wonders that are Jesus! Please contact Pam Taylor at 302-943-3534.

NEEDED: Children's Church teachers for 1st - 4th graders. Individuals or a team welcome. We need someone to play with and teach our young ones to continue their learning about Jesus. If this is you, please contact Pam Taylor at 302-943-3534.



Moving Forward with Property & Grounds

The holiday season is over and many people are looking forward towards Spring (hopefully) with warmer weather. Watch for an upcoming date for Spring Clean-up. There will be jobs for everyone -- including YOU! Many hands make the work light.

During the spring season CMBC will be getting a new heating system. We will also be adding another zone to heat the bathrooms and the foyer.

We had the "midnight run" to check on the attic heaters the last cold spell. Property & Grounds are looking into an app for cell phones so we can check the temperature in the attic from home. We certainly don't want water pipes to freeze!

We have accomplished a lot in the past year, but there are still many things to be attended to. Again, we could use additional staff for the P&G Ministry. Please contact any member to offer your help. It is important to keep God's house in the best condition possible.

Carol Apito
Director of P&G
(302) 284-2390





Thank you so much for all you donations to the Food Pantry. God has truly blessed us through your generosity and love.



Reston , VA
3/15/2019 – 3/17/2019
Hyatt Regency Reston
Price: \$175.00/person

Skytop , PA
3/22/2019 – 3/24/2019
3/29/2019 – 3/31/2019
Skytop Lodge
Price: \$175.00/person

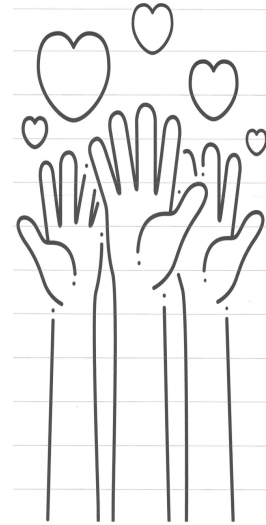


Your Fellowship Ministry Team will host the Annual Easter Luncheon on Palm Sunday, April 14th, immediately following the Second Service.

The meat and beverage will be provided. The side dishes and desserts will be whatever you all sign up to bring.

We will also be asking some of you to host a table.

MISSION MINISTRIES



Thank you so much for giving to the Retired Ministers and Missionaries offering. Our final total was \$939.00 . We may have been \$61.00 short of the goal we had set, but we know in our hearts that we have been faithful in our giving.

Our next offering will be the AMERICA FOR CHRIST offering, which will be taken from March 10 – 31. The theme is “Healing Communities” and the scripture for the theme is taken from Galatians 6:9-10...⁹ *Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.*¹⁰ *Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.* Our goal is once again \$1,200 and we trust God for the end result.

EXCITING ADVENTURES

From March 12-19, our own Flor Figueroa will be traveling to Puerto Rico on a mission trip with other American Baptist Women. They will be working to rebuild the Iglesias Bautista de Masas II church near Gurabo, Puerto Rico. The church was totally destroyed in the last hurricane and the PADE Region Women have taken it upon themselves to raise funds to help rebuild. We look forward to hearing first hand what was accomplished on her trip when Flor gets back.

Pastor Jeff will also be going on a mission trip, but this one will be closer to home. He will travel to Tarboro, NC to do hurricane relief work in that community. He will be gone from March 31-April 6.

Please keep Flor and Pastor Jeff in your prayers!



Rev. Dr. Kevin A. Walden
Associate General Secretary
for Congregational and Pastoral
Effectiveness
American Baptist Churches USA

On Sunday, March 31, the Rev. Dr. Kevin Walden will be our guest speaker at both services. He will share with us information about our sister church in Puerto Rico and let us know how we can better pray for her.

We still have cards that are addressed to the church in Puerto Rico. They are located in the church office if you would like to send a note of encouragement to let them know you are praying for them.

OUTREACH MINISTRY

The homeless is a growing concern for many of our communities. Our ministry will be making Blessing Bags in early April to be distributed to some of the homeless in our community before Easter.

Psalms: 41:1 Blessed is he who considers the poor!

Details are forthcoming.



THRIVE 2019



Annual Conference Sponsored by the American Baptist Women's Ministries of Pennsylvania And Delaware



JUNE 28 - 29, 2019

**BLAIR COUNTY CONVENTION
 CENTER, ALTOONA, PA**

Adult Conference Fee \$95*

Girls Fee \$100 (includes housing)

*Hotel not included, Look for housing info with Registration Materials early February 2019.

*Some Early Bird Discounts will be available for those registering and paying for conference prior to May 1, 2019.



Barb Roose
 KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Marie Monville
 TESTIMONIAL SPEAKER

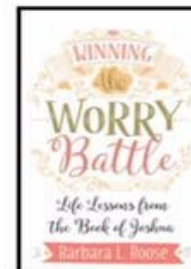
"When all other lights go out, He still shines!"

On October 2, 2006, Marie's life was forever changed when her then husband made the decision to hold an Amish school hostage.



**Abigail Medina
 Betancourt**
 MISSION SPEAKER

Abigail is the Puerto Rico Volunteer Coordinator at the American Baptist Home Mission Society in Cantano, Puerto Rico.



Popular speaker and author, passionate about equipping women to win at life with Christ-empowered strength and dignity.

THRIVE 2019 updates, as they become available, can be found on the ABCOPAD Website, Notes and News Publications, on the ABWMOPAD Facebook Page or on the THRIVE Facebook Event Page. [FIND US ON FACEBOOK!](#) A REGISTRATION BOOKLET and forms will be mailed to each church in the region in early February. Please SHARE it when it arrives in your churches mailbox!