

Third Sunday in Lent  
March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

The  
Season  
of  
Lent



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The Reverend Dina Carter Ishler, *Rector*

*"O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; \*  
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,  
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water." Psalm 63:1*

On the Sundays in Lent, you will notice a difference in how we come together as God's people to worship God. We begin our service with the Penitential Order (BCP, p.319), which shifts our Confession and Absolution to the beginning of our service and with this shift, our awareness of our dependence on God and our longing for God's grace.

Our music in Lent may have a quieter tone and we are even more intentional about holding spaces of silence. We will be using Rite 1 for much of this season. Our crosses are covered, and a dark purple is the liturgical color. The word *Alleluia*, which is sung throughout most of our church year and offered in the dismissal during the season of Easter, is absent- we will bring it back joyfully for the first Eucharist of Easter!

Lent is a season for quieting our minds and souls so that we may listen to that small, still voice of God and respond with a renewed heart. Remembering that God alone is the source of wholeness and goodness in our lives, we join Christ in his struggle against evil and death, so that we may also join him in the victory that destroys all death.

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. If you wish to receive communion, place your hands together to receive the bread and you may take a sip of wine directly from the chalice. We also have individual cups available that contain a small amount of wine and a wafer (the consecrated bread); please put your hands in front of you as if you were praying if you'd like this option. Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you wish to receive a blessing, please come forward to the altar and cross your arms.

Together, we will keep a holy Lent and prepare our souls for the glory and joy that is ours as an Easter people when we will proclaim "The Lord is Risen indeed! Alleluia!"

*Blessings and love- Mother Dina*

**Third Sunday in Lent**  
**Holy Eucharist, Rite I, 10:00 am**

*(Directions to stand, kneel, etc., in our services should always be considered an invitation. If you find any of these to be challenging, please worship in whatever pose may work for you, knowing you are fully in God's presence.)*

**The Ringing of the Bells**

*We ring the sacristy bells five minutes before each service to invite us into a respectful silence that settles our souls for this time of Spirit-filled worship.*

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Prelude “O bless the Lord, my soul” Mikhail Ippolitov-Ivanov**

**Processional Hymn #401, The Hymnal 1982**  
**“The God of Abraham praise”**

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

*People* **His mercy endureth forever.**

The Celebrant continues Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:  
Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets. *Matthew 22:37-40*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God. BCP 320  
*Silence is kept.*

**Almighty and most merciful father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are**

penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

*The Priest stands and says*

BCP 321

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**The Kyrie**

S-91, The Hymnal 1982

**“Lord, have mercy upon us”**

**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with thy Spirit.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect.*

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**The Lessons** *The people sit.*

**A Reading from the Book of Exodus Exodus 3:1-15**

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, “I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.”

When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.”

Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,  
and this my title for all generations."

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**The Response: Psalm 63:1-8 (*Said in unison*)**

**1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; \*  
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,**

as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.

2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, \*  
that I might behold your power and your glory.

3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; \*  
my lips shall give you praise.

4 So will I bless you as long as I live \*  
and lift up my hands in your Name.

5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, \*  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

6 When I remember you upon my bed, \*  
and meditate on you in the night watches.

7 For you have been my helper, \*  
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

8 My soul clings to you; \*  
your right hand holds me fast.

## A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Church at Corinth

### 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has

overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn**

#665, The Hymnal 1982

**“All my hope on God is founded”**

**The Gospel: Luke 13:1-9**

*Then, all standing, the Celebrant reads the Gospel, first saying*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

**The Homily**

Mother Dina

*A time of silence after the homily is held for reflection.*

Nicene Creed *all stand and say together*

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### The Prayers of the People

*The Lector says*

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and ever living God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially **Presiding Bishop Rowe, Bishop Scanlan, and Mother Dina**, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy



true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially for our President, Donald Trump; our Governor Josh Shapiro, our Mayor, Josh Brosnious; and our Senator Lynda Schlegel-Culver, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor Mother Dina and family, Father Fred and family, Frances, Angela, Tanya, Weston, Mike, Richard, the Sterner family, Dawson, Erika, Stan, Nancy, Frank, Tammy, Becky, Marley, Tyanne, Easton, Barry, Ariella, Ereda Garcia and Junior Jimenez, Bena, Kim, Tabitha, Pope Francis, Simpson Family, Carol, Heather, Pastuszek Family, Jesse, AmberLynn, Daya, Alex, Gina, Keith, Jane, and Gina, and for those whose needs are known to God alone. Please pray for all healthcare workers, especially Dan, Kara, Melissa, Janice, and their co-workers. Also, please pray for all serving in our military, including Logan, and our first responders.

*Additional petitions and thanksgivings may be included here.*

Today in our Susquehanna Convocation Cycle of Prayer we pray for Christ Church, Berwick. In our Diocesan/Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Wellsboro and The Anglican Church in Central America.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, remembering especially *Angelique, Richard, Fred, and David*, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good example of **St. Matthew** and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ’s sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

**The Peace**

BCP 332

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*We greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

**Offertory Hymn**

#398, The Hymnal 1982

“I sing the almighty power of God”

**The Presentation of the Offerings**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**Eucharistic Prayer II, Rite 1**

BCP 340

*Celebrant* *People*  
 The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit.

*Celebrant* *People*  
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord.

*Celebrant*  
 Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

*People*  
 It is meet and right so to do.

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It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all Times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father,

almighty, everlasting God. Who dost bid thy faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by thy Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which thou hast prepared for those who love thee. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and singing,

**The Sanctus**

**S-124, The Hymnal 1982**

**“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might”**

*The people kneel or stand. Then the Celebrant continues*

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

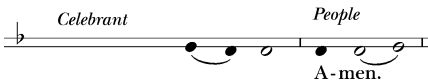
Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**



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And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

BCP 337

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

*The Celebrant says* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in

your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The people and Celebrant say together*

BCP 337

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Communion Hymn

#325, The Hymnal 1982

“Let us break bread together on our knees”

*Prayer for Spiritual Communion All pray together*

Dearest Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since we all cannot receive communion in the consecrated bread and wine, we pray you to come into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with our hearts, souls, and minds. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 366

*After Communion, the Celebrant says* Let us pray.

Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

*The Blessing The Priest blesses the People*

Recessional Hymn

#344, The Hymnal 1982

“Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing”

The Dismissal *The Priest dismisses the People*  
Let us bless the Lord.  
People Thanks be to God.

Postlude "Turn to the living God" Lori True

Serving today's liturgy

The Reverend Dina Carter Ishler, *Celebrant and Preacher*  
Patrick Ishler, *Music Minister*, and St. Matthew's Choir  
Mary Ann Loftus, *Thurifer*; Roy Casey, David Hollabaugh,  
Dana Kelly, *Eucharistic Ministers*  
Amber Kuczynski, Daniel and Jacob Renn, *Worship Assistants*  
Bill Bohner, *Lector*; Barry Treon, *Greeter and Usher*

OUR LENTEN WEDNESDAYS: Join us again this year on Wednesday evenings for fellowship and prayer to mark the holy season of Lent. We'll gather at 6pm in the Hall to open with prayer, then a meal together, then move to the sanctuary for Stations of the Cross, then end with Evening Prayer. Please bring a simple dish to share (if this is not possible, do not worry- we always have more than enough!) Questions- see Nate Blanchard or Mother Dina.

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PARISH NOTES FOR THE WEEK OF March 23, 2025

**COLE ALLEN DIAPER PANTRY:** The next Diaper Pantry will be Saturday, April 5th, 2025 from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. We're in need of volunteers to distribute diapers. Please contact Connie Kistler at [kistinpa@ptd.net](mailto:kistinpa@ptd.net). Monetary donations are very much welcomed, please give in an envelope labeled "Diaper Pantry." Donations of diaper wipes, pull-ups, and sizes 5 and 6 are so appreciated and urgently needed- We covered 120 baby bottoms in March!

**HIS DISCIPLES FOOD PANTRY:** The next Food Pantry will be Saturday, March 29, 2025, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. All donations are greatly appreciated, especially canned fruits and vegetables. We fed 36 families in February! Contact John Blanchard, 570-286-5415 (leave message) to volunteer.

**CHURCH SERVICE TIME is 10:00 AM.** Masks are now optional. Please follow any current COVID restrictions.

**CARLA'S OFFICE HOURS:** Office hours are Tuesday and Wednesday, 10AM to 2PM, and Thursday, 10AM to Noon.

**MOTHER DINA'S OFFICE HOURS:** Tuesdays, 11:30am until 5pm or so. Call, text, or email me any time to plan a conversation, pastoral visit, or to share any other need you may have. **I love hearing from you!**

**ALTAR SERVERS:** St. Matthew's is looking for altar servers of all ages for the ministries of: **Eucharistic Minister, Crucifer, Torch Bearers, Lector, Thurifer, etc.** Please contact Mother Dina if interested in participating in these or ANY of our other ministries!

**CHOIR REHEARSAL:** Rehearsals will continue to be Thursday evenings at 5:30pm. All are welcome to join us - **NO MUSICAL EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!**

**COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS:** Volunteers are needed each month to sign up for a weekly coffee hour session. Sign-up sheets are posted in the Choir Room. Any questions, please contact Carol Hixson. This month's sign-ups are:

Mar. 23<sup>rd</sup> - MaryAnn L./Carol L.    Mar. 30<sup>th</sup> - Rose/Kirk Miller

Apr. 6<sup>th</sup> - Fran Z.                      Apr. 13<sup>th</sup> - Martha /Bill B.

Apr. 20<sup>th</sup> - David/Matt              Apr. 27<sup>th</sup> -

**YOGA CLASSES:** Yoga classes will be held in the Social Hall every Thursday at 7:00PM. \$5.00 per class.

**LENTEN WEDNESDAYS:** March 12<sup>th</sup> started our Lenten Wednesdays, 6:00PM, Social Hall. Please join us for this time of formation and community.

**"THE HYMNS AND MUSIC OF LENT"!** Starts Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup> and runs every Thursday through Lent. **Join our own Becky Zartman** (raised in this parish, Priest in Charge at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Rocky Mount, NC, and passionate about formation) for this fun and informative series on "The hymns and music of Lent"! I'm happy to help you sign up if needed. The cost is flexible as well. We thought it might be fun to gather in the hall to stream this on the TV- it takes place from 12-1 pm on the Thursdays in Lent- and maybe even have some

lunch! Let's make it a wonderful time of learning and being together!
<b>EASTER FLOWER ORDERING:</b> Deadline to order Easter Flowers will be Mar. 23 <sup>rd</sup> . Call Mary Ann Loftus with questions.
<b>EASTER EGG ORDERING:</b> Forms are available throughout the Church. Any questions, please ask Martha Bohner.
<b>SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL:</b> Richard Simpson's service of Christian Burial will be held on March 29 <sup>th</sup> at 4:30PM. Service and Interment in the Memorial Garden.
<b>EASTER EGG MAKING:</b> Volunteers needed in making Easter Eggs on Apr. 4 <sup>th</sup> , 10:00AM - ?PM and on Apr. 5 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00AM till finished. All help is appreciated!
<b>MONTHLY MORNING BREAKFAST:</b> The monthly morning breakfast will be held on Apr. 6 <sup>th</sup> at 9:00AM.
<b>BRASS CLEANING:</b> Please join in helping with the brass cleaning on April 6 <sup>th</sup> after Coffee Hour. All are welcome to help!
<b>YARD CLEAN-UP:</b> April 12 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00AM, details to follow shortly.
<b>UP-COMING MONTHLY EVENTS:</b> Details to follow closer to the time of the events. Please visit our website for more info: Wed., <b>Mar. 19<sup>th</sup>:</b> Lenten Wednesday, 6:00PM Wed., <b>Mar. 26<sup>th</sup>:</b> Lenten Wednesday, 6:00PM Sat., <b>Mar. 29<sup>th</sup>:</b> Richard Simpson's Service, 4:30PM Wed., <b>Apr. 2<sup>nd</sup>:</b> Lenten Wednesday, 6:00PM Fri., <b>Apr. 4<sup>th</sup>:</b> Easter Egg Making, 10:00AM-6:30PM Sat., <b>Apr. 5<sup>th</sup>:</b> Easter Egg Making, 9:00AM- till finished Sun., <b>Apr. 6<sup>th</sup>:</b> Monthly morning breakfast, 9:00AM Sun., <b>Apr. 6<sup>th</sup>:</b> Brass Cleaning after the service Wed., <b>Apr. 9<sup>th</sup>:</b> Lenten Wednesday, 6:00PM Sat., <b>Apr. 12<sup>th</sup>:</b> Yard clean-up, 9AM Sun., <b>Apr. 13<sup>th</sup>:</b> Palm Sunday service, 10:00AM (gather at 9:50AM in the Hall) Wed., <b>Apr. 16<sup>th</sup>:</b> Lenten Wednesday, 6:00PM Thurs., <b>Apr. 17<sup>th</sup>:</b> Maundy Thursday service, 7:00PM Fri., <b>Apr. 18<sup>th</sup>:</b> Good Friday Service, 7:00PM Sat., <b>Apr. 19<sup>th</sup>:</b> The Great Vigil of Easter, 7:00PM



Sun., Apr. 20<sup>th</sup>: Adult Bible Study, 9:00AM  
Sun., Apr. 20<sup>th</sup>: Easter Service followed by Easter Egg Hunt

**VESTRY MEMBERS:** Fran Zartman, **Senior Warden and vestry member**; Mary Ann Loftus, Clerk of the Vestry; Martha Bohner; Ric Haines, Carter Ishler, Dana Kelly; Carol Lamparter; Tina McGee, Lynda Schlegel-Culver.  
Charlie Schlegel, **Senior Warden Emeritus** Sharon Baney, **Sexton**

**DONATIONS:**

**All tithes and offerings are most greatly appreciated, as we rely on your prayerful generosity to care lovingly for our physical space and to keep ourselves vital and active in our community through our worship, our witness, our outreach, and our presence.**

You can now donate to Saint Matthew's Episcopal Church "online" at the link listed: <https://diocesecpa.org/stewardship>

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# *The Cole Allen Diaper Pantry*



## Facts about “our” community

- Northumberland County approximate population for 2022 was 91,340 with an estimated 12.4%+ below poverty.
- Snyder County approximate population for 2022 was 39,797 with an estimated 8.37%+ below poverty.
- One in two U.S. families struggle to provide enough diapers to keep babies clean, dry, and healthy.
- No federal governmental agency, including SNAP and WIC, provides funding for families to purchase diapers.

**We need volunteers to donate money, diapers,  
or to organize a diaper drive!**

Organizations, churches, schools, groups, and clubs – we will gladly provide collection baskets to assist with your diaper drive to support this great outreach program.

**WITH YOUR HELP  
WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

