THE MESSENGER FEBRUARY 2021

GILEAD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Service time 10:30 AM

**A WORD FROM PASTOR JEFF SILVERNAIL**

February 2021 Messenger – Pastor Jeff

“Yet even now, says the Lord, return

to me with all your heart, with fasting,

with weeping, and with mourning;

rend your hearts and not your

clothing, Return to the Lord, your

God, for he is gracious and merciful,

slow to anger, and abounding in

steadfast love and relents from

punishing.” Joel 2:12-13

Do you remember the movie

Groundhog Day? Phil Connors,

played by Bill Murray, is a TV

weatherman covering the emergence

of the groundhog Punxsutawney Phil

but he gets stuck in an endless time

loop. Every day he wakes up to the same song, in the same place and he has to keep reliving this one day. At least until he gets it right and starts living the day for others and not himself.

I know it is not yet Lent as this newsletter is published, but soon we will be there. Lent begins on February 14th as we are called to return to the Lord and receive ashes as a reminder of our mortality and utter dependance on God.

Lent is marked by many of us with giving up something for the season, or perhaps

giving something in an act of sacrificial giving. It is a time of remembering Jesus’

journey to the cross for us and a time for us to reexamine ourselves and to seek the

Lord in response to what we see and feel.

As we engage in the practices of Lent remember this, it is not about beating ourselves up – it is about remember and returning to the Lord who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

We are not stuck in a time loop, but our Lord gives us resets of forgiveness without end. For that we seek to learn and to practice living not for ourselves but for others.

In Christ’s love and peace,

Pastor Jeff

**GILEAD’S VISION STATEMENT**

We ring out a joyous message of welcome and togetherness to neighbors near and far through the Spirit of Christ!

**VALUES FOR GILEAD LUTHERAN CHURCH**

PRAISING GOD through Traditional and Contemporary music and Lutheran liturgy.

GROWING IN FAITH through Fellowship, Study, Prayer and Service.

STAYING CONNECTED with each other and reaching out to others in the community.

LISTENING for the Spirit’s guidance in all we do.

AFFIRMING each person as worthy of love and respect.

Please keep our homebound and those that can’t be with us in your prayers:

Bill Beck, John Grassman, Linda Romano, Mike Boomhower, Matthew Raymond, Tom Spade, Jim Spiak, Kelly Nutter, Bob Guerin, June Boomhower, Rick Brown, Peter Valdeon, Liam, Dove Sheldon, Flip Coonradt, Joe Carista, Allen Sheffer, Issiah Burnell and Bev Kantrowitz.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Johnny Cameron 2 Vinnie Coonradt 5

Robert Jones 6 James Spiak Jr. 6

Michael Roberts 7 Leonard Flath 9

Hollyn Blair 11 Andrew Morens 12

Erin Hayner 14 Kent Duncan 14

Marion Daus 19 Xavier Keefer 20

Christopher Brown 26

FEBRUARY CHURCH CALENDAR

**5th Sunday pf Epiphany, Feb 7th 1st Sunday in Lent, Feb 21st**

Holy Communion Holy Communion

1st Reading: Isaiah 40:21-31 1st Reading: Genesis 9:8-17

Psalm: 147:1-11, 20c Psalm: 25:1-10

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39 Gospel: Mark 1:9-15

**Transfiguration of Our Lord, Feb 14th 2nd Sunday in Lent, Feb 28th**

Holy Communion Holy Communion

1st Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-12 1st Reading: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Psalm: 50: 1-6 Psalm: 22: 23-31

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 2nd Reading: Romans 4:13-25

Gospel: Mark 9:2-9 Gospel: Mark 8: 31-38

**EVENTS CALENDAR**

**February 2nd Multi Committee Meeting 5:30pm**

**February 17th Ash Wednesday Service 7:30pm**

**February 22nd Council Meeting 6:30pm**

**February 25th Body and Soul Pantry/Dinner 3-6pm**

**WORSHIP LEADERS READERS**

February 7th Pastor Dan Hahn Eleanor Bode/Melanie Hickey

February 14th Deacon Jim Netzer Al Coonradt

February 21st Pastor Dan Hahn Michele Krill

February 28th Deacon Jim Netzer Betty Britt

**EMAIL LIST**

I have acquired an email list for most of the congregation. I have decided to email the monthly Messenger to everyone. If you have been receiving it in the mail you will continue to do so, unless you have requested to receive it via email. If you find that receiving it via email works for you and you no longer need it mailed to you please send me a message, [a.keefer.gilead@gmail.com](mailto:a.keefer.gilead@gmail.com) and I will remove you from the mailing list. If you know someone that would like to receive the monthly Messenger please pass that along to me as well. Thank you for all of your support!

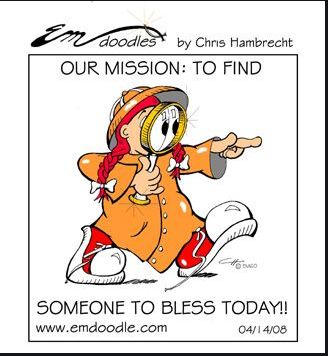
Andrea Keefer, Church Secretary

***Thank you from Pastor Silvernail***:

For Pastor Recognition Month in October, W&M committee presented each pastoral leader with a gift for their dedicated leadersh*ip of*Gilead*.* Flowers were also presented to Linda Silvernail.  The following thank you was received from Pastor Silvernail.*"Thank you so very much for your surprise of showing your appreciation of me at the beginning of the service yesterday.  The gifts of faithful servant pen and the pastor bookmark are perfect.  And Linda absolutely loves the Christmas centerpiece!  It is a delight to minister with you and to be a part of your special, loving community of faith!  In Christ's love, Pastor Jeff and Linda Silvernail."*

**EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY**

Hudson Valley Community College will be offering two programs in April (a.m. programs) concerning Meneely Bells in Troy (Gilead has one) and another one concerning the history of the German community settling in Brunswick in the 18th century to the founding of Germania Hall. The fee is $20 and $15.  More information - contact Eleanor Bode 518-279-9901."



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**READ ME, SEE WHAT’S NEW!!**





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