



## HARVEY MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1120 Arnold Avenue

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### MARCH MESSENGER 2020

#### The Migrating Geese and Lent

(Originally, I was writing on an article titled, “Let the Lent Begin II.” I tried to tie the Lenten season with the Olympic Games in Tokyo, Japan... as in “Let the Games Begin.” Then, I was inspired by the migrating geese so I am abruptly changing the writing at the last minute.)

It is so easy to complain about these migrating geese, as they can indeed leave such “residue” behind them. We can almost make them and their migration as pesky phenomena; however, we may learn or even appreciate their efforts if we look closely enough.

To me, it is a curious and mysterious phenomenon to see the migration of geese. For one, they would fly more than 2,000 – 3,000 miles to the South in autumn and the same distance back to the North in spring. It may even not be a day trip for the “snow birds,” but for these creatures that can only go about 40 miles an hour (70 if they catch a nice break of wind on their back), the task is daunting.

Also, if you noticed, they fly in the shape of a “V”. I wondered about it so I Googled it, “Why do geese fly in a “V” shape? And this is the answer that I got, according to the Library of Congress:

“Because it would be too hard to fly in an “S”! Just kidding. Scientists have determined that the V-shaped formation that geese use when migrating serves two important purposes:

- 1) It conserves their energy. Each bird flies slightly above the bird in front of him, resulting in a reduction of wind resistance. The birds take turns being in the front, falling back when they get tired. In this way, the geese can fly for a long time before they must stop for rest.

[FYI: The authors of a 2001 *Nature* article stated that pelicans that fly alone beat their wings more frequently and have higher heart rates than those that fly in formation. It follows that birds that fly in formation glide more often and reduce energy expenditure (Weimerskirch, 2001)].

- 2) It is easy to keep track of every bird in the group. Flying in formation may assist with the communication and coordination within the group. Fighter pilots often use this formation for the same reason.

Additionally, they “Quack” often as they go, as if they are encouraging and/or cheering one another to overcome their daunting task!

Maybe there’s a lesson or two for each one of us, especially during the season of Lent. As we are faced with these daunting tasks...

- \*Raising our children
- \*Taking care of our families
- \*Meeting demands at our jobs
- \*Paying the bills
- \*Serving people in need in our neighborhoods and communities
- \*Being Christians in an increasingly secular society

... what if we 1) help one another; 2) look out for each other; and 3) encourage and or cheer one another.

When leaders get tired, we can step up and move ahead to alleviate or reduce the burden of carrying the duties alone; when people fall by the wayside, we can notice and bring them back to the formation (friendship, family, faith, etc.); and, when troubled, we quack – not the quack of grumbling and/or bickering but – to encourage and cheer one another to overcome our daunting tasks.

How significant, meaningful, and exciting Lent thus would be if we could do so! So, in the spirit of and in erudition from these gees, Harvey Memorial would like to offer many opportunities to do so. These are the programs and ministries that will be offered during Lent.

- \*Ash Wednesday Worship (by the time you receive this edition of Messenger, this service would be complete): February 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:pm.
- \*The Lenten Supper/Studies: March 5<sup>th</sup>, March 12<sup>th</sup>, March 19<sup>th</sup>, March 26<sup>th</sup>, and April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00pm with Soup and Sandwich, and then, go into the Lenten Series around 6:45pm.
- \* A possible New Membership Class (as needed).
- \*The Pal/Passion Sunday Worship: April 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am.
- \*The Maundy Thursday Service: April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.
- \*The Prayer Vigil: April 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> from 8:00pm Thursday to 3:00pm Friday.
- \*The Good Friday Service (Further information will be provided).

Flying/Journeying together during this Lenten season as we help each other, as we look out after one another, and as we encourage/cheer one another, let us land/arrive where we need/want to be on Easter (the Day of Resurrection) “V”ictorious!





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Lenten Study  
"The Path to the Cross"  
by Ray VanderLaan

Lenten Study/Soup/Sandwich begins on Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. We will be studying the lessons from "The Path to the Cross" by Ray VanderLaan in five sessions. There is a sign up sheet to provide soup, sandwiches, dessert & drinks in the lobby.

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You are cordially invited to Pastor Shim's deployment reflection/report over luncheon following the service on March 22nd.



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**WALL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH,  
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

**2414 OLD MILL ROAD**

**SPRING LAKE HEIGHTS**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2020**

**9:00AM TO 1:30PM**

**KITCHEN ITEMS, KNIC-KNAC'S, HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, SMALL  
APPLIANCES, SMALL FURNITURE, SPORTS EQUIPMENT, POCKET  
BOOKS, LINENS, LAMPS AND A WHOLE LOT MORE!!**

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**BUY TICKETS NOW!!!**



**Point Pleasant Beach Rotary (Club #5657)**

**Annual Social Gift Auction**

**Saturday, April 25th, 2020**

**6:00-10:00PM**

**Brick VFW**

**373 Adamston Road, Brick, NJ 08723**

Bring your own food! Soup to Nuts! Be as Fancy or as simple as you want.

Cash bar-Wine and Beer.

this is a Co-Ed Event

Donation of \$20 per person.

Proceeds to fund Rotary Projects including Scholarships, local and international service projects. Includes dessert, coffee, tea, soda, water and starter tickets.

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**OUR EVENT WILL SELL OUT!!**



## CHOIR NEWS

During Lent, the Grayce Choir anthems will be selections from the cantata "A Service of Shadows". This cantata depicts the last days of Jesus' earthly life and the selections are very contemplative.

The Bell Choir is working hard learning their anthem which will be played on Palm Sunday.

On Easter, the Grayce Choir will present an encore presentation of the mini-cantata "Tree of Life".

We are always – **ALWAYS** – looking for new members. Give it a try. It beats singing in the shower!

Bell Choir rehearsals: Monday evenings 8-9pm

Grayce Choir rehearsals: Thursday evenings 8-9:30pm

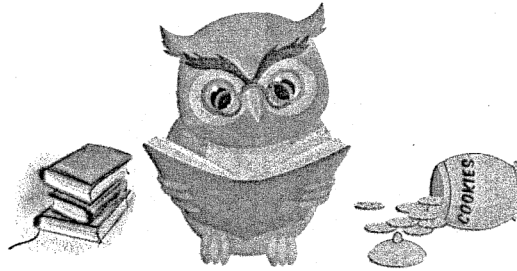


## Notes from the Worship Committee

The welcome brochures have been updated and placed in the Narthex and the lobby. Praise and Prayer Hours are now both at 6:30pm on alternating Wednesdays. We are now using our new bulletins. Acolytes and Ushers are desperately needed. The flowers chart has MANY openings. Andrew is checking in to putting a speaker in the choir loft as it is sometimes difficult to hear up there. We are looking into creating an "All-Purpose" room. Last but by no means least... The Newman Chapel has been scrubbed down floor to ceiling and re-arranged! There will be a new configuration soon.



The United Methodist Women will meet on Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm. All women are invited. In April, we will begin working on the Bazaar that will be the third week in October.



## *Page Turners Reading Club*

**Date – March 21st Time – 2:00pm Place – Harvey**

We will be discussing “Jesus on Trial” by David Limbaugh. David is a lawyer and the brother of Rush Limbaugh and in this book he confronts skeptics of Christianity and the Bible. We will read the first six chapters up to page 147. Write down any insights you get and questions you have and we will try to answer them on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Anyone is invited to buy the book on Amazon and join us!



Adult Sunday School meets every Sunday at 9:00am from September through May. This year we are using material from The Gospel Herald Press. The Spring quarter will focus on prophecies about Jesus. There is a Scripture reading each week with a lesson on what the reading means, discussion questions and articles to further explain the message, and a take home pamphlet to enjoy during the week. Bring your Bible and come join us!

To My Friends at Harvey Church,

Thank you so much for the wonderful surprise retirement party on Sunday February 23<sup>rd</sup> following morning worship service (and I do mean surprise!). The many cards, gifts and remembrances are so much appreciated, as well as the covered dish luncheon and beautiful cake. My 43 years as secretary for Harvey are something I will always treasure, not just as a job, but as a wonderful experience. God bless all of you!

With thanks and the love of Jesus Christ,  
Gloria Cottrell

Back by popular demand.....



Saturday, March 7, 2020

5 - 8 pm

Harvey Hall

Bring your favorite game (or two) to share with others.

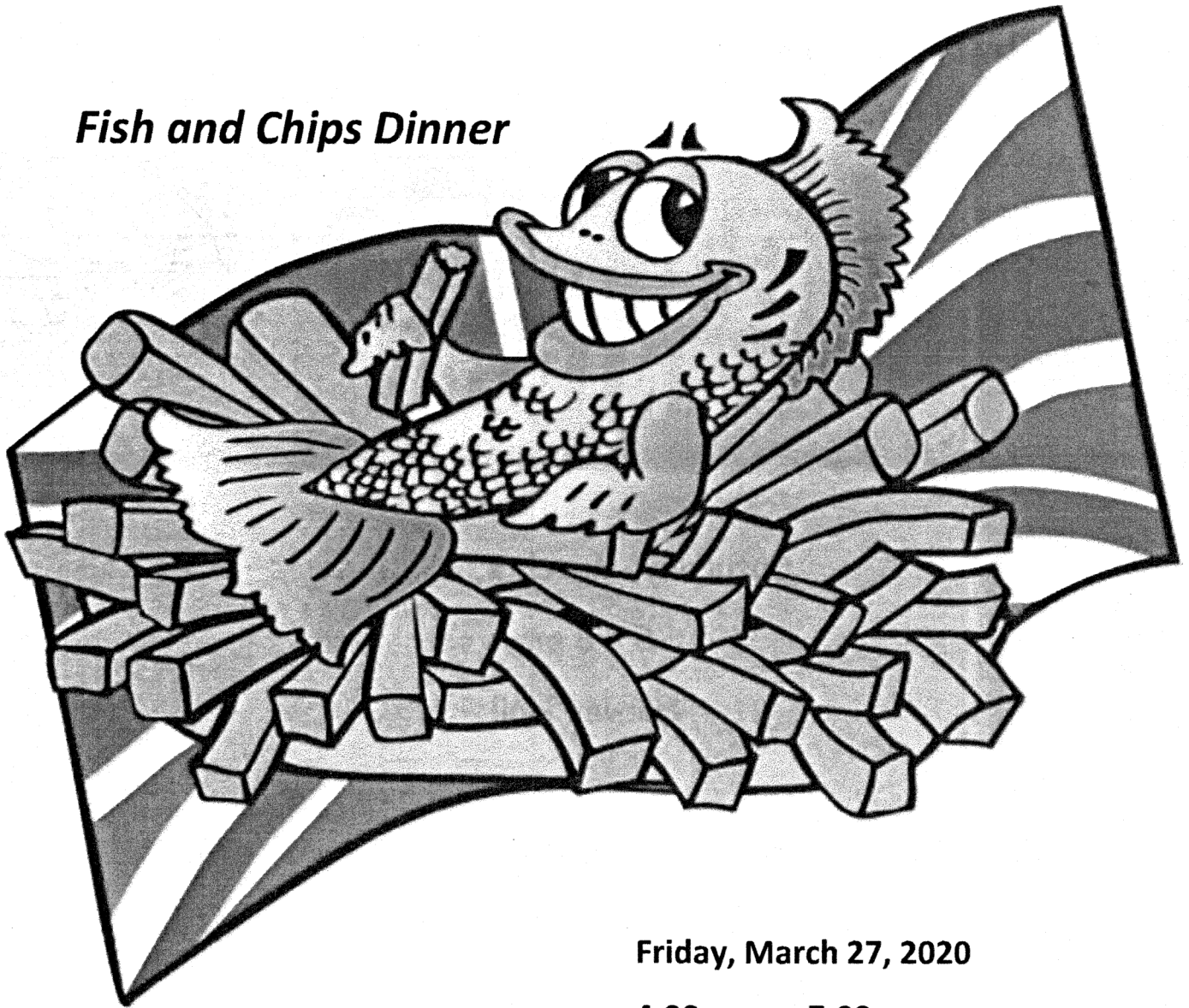
Enjoy the fellowship!

Enjoy the food and snacks!

Just enjoy!



## ***Fish and Chips Dinner***



**Friday, March 27, 2020**

**4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

**Harvey Hall**

**Adults: \$12; Children 12 and under: \$6; Children under 3: FREE**

**Fish and Chips**

**Cole Slaw**

**Beverages (soda, water, lemonade, iced tea, coffee)**

**Assorted Desserts**



# March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Lent 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Communion 5:00 Hispanic Serv.	<b>2</b> 8:00 Bell Choir	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 6:30 Prayer Mtg.	<b>5</b> 6:00 Lenten Study Soup/Sand. 8:00 Grayce Choir	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 5-8 Game Night
<b>8</b> 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 5:00 Hispanic Serv. Daylight Savings	<b>9</b> 8:00 Bell Choir	<b>10</b> 7:00 Finance Mtg.	<b>11</b> 6:30 Praise Hour	<b>12</b> 6:00 Lenten Study Soup/Sand. 8:00 Grayce Choir	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 4:00 Friendship Dnr. 5:00 Hispanic Serv.	<b>16</b> 1:00 UMW 8:00 Bell Choir	<b>17</b> AA St. Patricks luncheon 7:00 Trustee Mtg. 8:00 Council Mtg.	<b>18</b> 6:30 Prayer Mtg.	<b>19</b> 6:00 Lenten Study Soup/Sand. 8:00 Grayce Choir Spring Begins	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 2:00 Book Club
<b>22</b> 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Deployment Report/luncheon 5:00 Hispanic Serv.	<b>23</b> 8:00 Bell Choir	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 6:30 Praise Hour	<b>26</b> 6:00 Lenten Study Soup/Sand. 8:00 Grayce Choir	<b>27</b> Fish Fry	<b>28</b>
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## NEWS & NOTES

Acolytes & Ushers are desperately needed, sign up is in the lobby. Pastor's deployment reflection luncheon is after the service on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Don't forget the Fish Fry on the 27<sup>th</sup> of March, time tbd. Lenten study begins on March 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00, sign up in the lobby to bring sandwiches, drinks, soup or dessert. Game night is Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> from 5-8. There is a finance meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup>. The trustees will meet at 7:00pm March 17<sup>th</sup> followed at 8:00 by a church council meeting. Book club meets Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:00pm. Sign up for the upcoming all night prayer vigil, April 9<sup>th</sup> from 8:00pm until April 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm. One hour time slots available. If you have any unwanted new items, things you got for Christmas or your birthday and you just can't use them, Please consider donating them to the High Tea/Gift Auction to be held in June. See Triche Sherman for details. All proceeds go to the church.

“Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the Lord God is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.”

Isaiah 12:2 (NRSV)



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