

KISSINGER'S CHURCH
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Kissinger's Caller

Calling all people to Jesus Christ

LENT

— 40 days of Renewal —

Psalm 51 (NRSV)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. ... Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit. ...

What is Lent?

The Christian churches that observe Lent in the 21st century (and not all do significantly) use it as a time for prayer and penance. Only a small number of people today fast for the whole of Lent, although some maintain the practice on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. It is more common these days for believers to surrender a particular vice such as favorite foods or smoking. Whatever the sacrifice, it is a reflection of Jesus' deprivation in the wilderness and a test of self-discipline.

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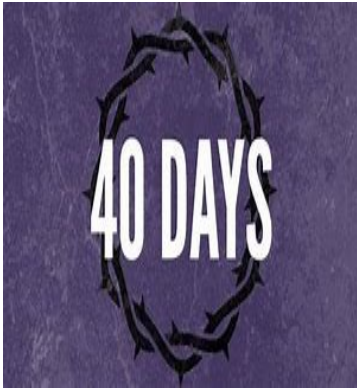
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Why 40 days?

40 is a significant number in Jewish-Christian scripture:

- ◆ In Genesis, the flood which destroyed the earth was brought about by 40 days and nights of rain.
- ◆ The Hebrews spent 40 years in the wilderness before reaching the land promised to them by God.
- ◆ Moses fasted for 40 days before receiving the ten commandments on Mount Sinai.
- ◆ Jesus spent 40 days fasting in the wilderness in preparation for his ministry.
- ◆ Most Christians regard Jesus' time in the wilderness as the key event for the duration of Lent.

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Why is it called Lent?

Lent is an old English word meaning 'lengthen'. Lent is observed in spring, when the days begin to get longer.

The color purple

Purple is the symbolic color used in some churches throughout Lent, for drapes and altar frontals.

Purple is used for two reasons: firstly because it is associated with mourning and so anticipates the pain and suffering of the crucifixion, and secondly because purple is the color associated with royalty, and celebrates Christ's resurrection and sovereignty.

East and West

Both the eastern and western churches observe Lent but they count the 40 days differently.

The western church excludes Sundays (which is celebrated as the day of Christ's resurrection) whereas the eastern church includes them.

The churches also start Lent on different days.

Western churches start Lent on the 7th Wednesday before Easter Day (called Ash Wednesday).

Eastern churches start Lent on the Monday of the 7th week before Easter and end it on the Friday 9 days before Easter. Eastern churches call this period the 'Great Lent'.

The last week of Lent is called **Holy Week**. (look for more on Holy Week in April's newsletter)

CHIPMUNK NEWS

Friends,

As I write this, it has only been a few weeks since the state of New York voted to pass the “Reproductive Health Act”, allowing women to have abortions later in pregnancies in certain cases. Unfortunately, the “Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act”, a response to the New York decision, failed to advance in the U.S. Senate.

As most of you know, I am a pro-life pastor who had the opportunity to share my testimony and music on BCTV as a special guest of Pro-Life Berks. In case you missed the program, I shared how I became a “pro-lifer” after a friend in High School confided in me that she survived an abortion, but her twin didn’t.

As disappointed as I have been over the recent legislative decisions, something positive is happening. Just a month ago 55 percent of respondents considered themselves pro-choice while 38 percent said they were pro-life, according to a Marist Poll. Now, a month later, Americans are split down the middle at 47 percent each. That is a big change!

“Current proposals that promote late-term abortion have reset the landscape and language on abortion in a pronounced – and very measurable – way,” Marist Poll Director Barbara Carvalho said, according to a Monday (2/25/2019) press release.

Psalm 139:14-16 says, *“¹⁴ Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it. ¹⁵ You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb. ¹⁶ You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.”*

God is on the move for His children, and the devil isn’t happy about that. Would you join me in prayer and speak up for those who can’t speak for themselves? It’s the least that we can do for the innocent. Who knows how many children will thank us when we get to heaven?

Blessings,
Pastor Dave



LENTEN
CHIP-MONK

EXCITING SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES



Sundays at 9:00 AM

- ◇ Dave Kauffman is teaching **“STORIES FROM THE BIBLE”**
- ◇ Bryan Seyler is teacher a new series on **“PRAYER”**
- ◇ Pauline Seyler and Barbara Adams will be teaching classes for children ages 5 thru 12

T-SHIRTS HAVE ARRIVED!

Have you already ordered your Church T-shirt? Did you want to order a T-shirt and never got around to it? Don't worry! We have you covered. T-shirts have arrived and are available for sale at a cost of only \$15 each. All sizes available. Get yours now!



MOVIE NIGHT

Our first special event movie night was held on the 15th of February and 35 people saw the movie 'FIREPROOF' This was a really GREAT MOVIE!! We had Popcorn, snacks and drinks.....and great fellowship!

"It takes courage to let go of the familiar and embrace the new"



As you may have noticed last month, changes are being made to our monthly newsletter. As with any change, things are a work in progress. Throughout future newsletters we'd like to continue to include items that have traditionally been a part of the newsletter while also adding more information about the positive events and happenings of our church. If you have an event at the church to advertise, please let the office know We'd love to include it! We would also love to include pictures and reports of events that have happened so all are aware of everything happening here in our church.

We're also looking for someone in the church to interview other members about themselves and their faith journey to include a "spotlight" on a member each month. Let's get to know each other. If interested contact the church office.

If you wish to contribute any items to the newsletter, please make your submission no later than the 15th of the month prior to publication. Items can be emailed to kissingerschurch@yahoo.com or you can call the office at 610-372-5606.



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

ALMOND BRITTLE

- 1 box club crackers
- 1-6 ounce bag sliced almonds
- 2 sticks melted butter
- 2/3 cup sugar

Melt butter and sugar until it starts to thicken, keep stirring or it will burn.

- Take cookie sheet and line it with non stick Reynolds wrap
- Place club crackers on sheet and sprinkle with almonds on top.
- Pour melted butter and sugar over crackers.
- Bake at 325 degrees for 15 minutes
- Cool and break apart.

HEALTHY NUGGET

When establishing a healthier lifestyle, use the buddy system. Find a friend or relative whom you like and trust and who also wants to establish a healthier lifestyle.

Encourage one another. Exercise together. Use this as an opportunity to enjoy one another's company and to strengthen the relationship.

If you have any fitness questions, call—
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Healthy choices for **LIFE**



Calling all Crafters! We're looking for your homemade crafts to sell at our Easter Bazaar. If you have an interest in donating, please see Sandy Kurtz.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SPEAKER LUNCHEON

Thursday, March 7th at 11:00AM

Paolo's Restaurant (Shillington)

Speaker - TBD

RSVP to Andee Swoyer



FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

Sunday, February 10th

Sign up at the kitchen window to bring a potluck dish.

This month's theme is "St. Patrick's Day"

GAME NIGHT

Friday, March 15th at 7:00 PM

Join us for our 2nd Game Night. Bring a drink or snack, your favorite game and a friend!



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CHICKEN POT PIE DINNER

Saturday, March 16th

4:00-7:00 PM

Dinner includes - Chicken pot pie, corn, roll and butter, dessert and drink



Adults - \$8

Children 5 to 10 - \$4

Under 5 Free

Music by Dave and Jackie Reinwald and Lee Schappell starting at 5:30PM

Take Out also Available

Invite your Friends!



EASTER BAZAAR

Sunday, April 7th and April 14th

After Worship

(Craft donations needed)

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Save the date

Saturday, May 18th

12:00 - 5:00PM

More details to come

