

Wednesday, March 21	
9-12:00	am Kindergarten
3:00	pm Children & Youth Pickups
3:30	pm Kid's Klub
4:00	pm Youth Activities
5:00	pm Children's Choirs
6:00	pm Wednesday Night Supper -
6:30	pm Youth Activities
6:45	pm Prayer Meeting, GA's, RA's & Mission Friends
7:30	pm Chancel Choir
Thursday, March 22	
9-12:00	am Kindergarten
Friday, March 23	
9-12:00	am Kindergarten
Saturday, March 24	
8:00	am Church Work Day
Sunday, March 25	
9:00	am Prayer Time
9-9:45	am Library Open
9:45	am Sunday School
10:55	am Worship Service
	Children's Easter Party at the home of the Joseys'
4:00	pm Youth Choir & Activities
Monday, March 26	
9-12:00	am Kindergarten
12:00	noon Holy Week Service @ Nazarene
Tuesday, March 27	
9:00-12:00	am Kindergarten
12:00	noon Holy Week Service @ Nazarene
Wednesday, March 28	
9-12:00	am Kindergarten
12:00	noon Holy Week Service @ Nazarene
3:00	pm Children & Youth Pickups
3:30	pm Kid's Klub
4:00	pm Youth Activities
5:00	pm Children's Choirs
6:00	pm Wednesday Night Supper
6:30	pm Youth Activities
6:45	pm Prayer Meeting, RA's, GA,s & Mission Friends
7:30	pm Chancel Choir
Thursday, March 29	
9-12:00	am Kindergarten
12:-00	noon Holy Week Service @ Nazarene
Friday, March 30	
12:00	noon Holy Week Service
Sunday, April 1	
6:30	am Easter Sunrise Service
9:00	am Prayer Time
9-9:45	am Library Open
9:45	am Sunday School
10:55	am Worship Service
Monday, April 2	
Church Office Closed	

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We will have a Flowering of the Cross for Easter Sunday. Please bring your flowers before Sunday School that day to give the committee time to prepare the cross.



DEACONS OF THE WEEK	
March 18	Gene Boyd Eddie Nunnery
March 25	Ken Caldwell Jason Owens
April 1	Jeff Cok Billy Sanders

UPCOMING EVENTS	
April 2-6	FBC Staffs Food Pantry
April 15	Bridal Shower for Adreanne Pemberton & Drew Walters
April 27	Birthday Bash

March 19, 2018

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 Minister of Children &
 Activities Director

John Neely Gaston
 Minister of Music

David Edwards
 Minister of Education
 & Youth

Missy Hartis
 Associate
 Choir Director &
 Accompanist

The Chancel Choir Presents
the



BLESSED REDEEMER
Arr. By Dennis & Nan Allen
Palm Sunday, March 25
10:55 am

Mar 21	Spaghetti Bake, Salad, Fruit, Roll, Dessert
Mar 28	Baked Ziti, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert
April 4	NO WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES



There are several DVD's in the library that will help you prepare your heart for Easter, including ***The Power of the Resurrection*** and ***Risen***. In the "Close to Jesus" series, there are DVD's about Thomas, Joseph, Judas and Mary Magdalene. The library, located near the church office, is open on Sunday mornings before Sunday School and Tuesday mornings from 9 to 11. There are directions posted on the desk for self check-out if you go at another time. Also, an assortment of books are on a cart in the Social Hall on the second and fourth Wednesday nights during Prayer Service.

Easter Sunrise Service

On Easter Sunday Morning will gather at the home of Jane Bagley (1312 Williamsville Church Road) at 6:30 AM for an Easter Sunrise Service. As we gather together, we will reflect on the death and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is a beautiful setting in which to watch the sunrise and be reminded of the new life that comes through the resurrected Savior. As we worship together we will remember what Jesus has done for us and as the sun rises we will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Will you come and join us for this time of worship as we begin our Easter Celebration.

BIRTHDAY BASH RETURNS

After a three year absence and many requests, Birthday Bash will return on Friday, April 27, at 7:00 PM. Birthday Bash collectively celebrates the birthdays of church family and friends in attendance and promises to be a time of delicious food, great entertainment, and wonderful fellowship. Tickets will be \$12.00 for steak plates (steak, baked potato, salad, roll, dessert, and beverage) and \$6.00 for hamburger plates (hamburger, chips, dessert, and beverage). Please note that the hamburger plate does **NOT** include a salad. An entertaining program showcasing our FBC "talent" will follow the meal. Proceeds will be used to help fund the youth trip to New Mexico.

Make plans now to attend this special time of fellowship on April 27th. Tickets may be purchased on Sundays, Wednesdays, or through the church office. **April 22nd is the final day to purchase tickets. Hope to see you there!**

Prayer Walks

Our next Prayer Walks will be on Tuesday, April 10 at Chester High School and Wednesday, April 11 at the church. Come out and join as we pray for the power of the Holy Spirit to be evident at Chester High School and in all that we do as a church. Will you be a part of the prayer walks?

Tithes & Offerings March 4

Worship Service	213
Sunday School Attendance	149
Budget Offering Required	8,193.00
Offering Received	11,367.93
Gift	285.00
Annie Armstrong	755.00
Total	12,407.93
Annie Armstrong to Date	765.00

Honorariums

Frances Baker	Gene Boyd
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Tithes & Offerings March 11

Worship Service	192
Sunday School Attendance	137
Budget Offering Required	8,193.00
Offering Received	4,962.00
Gift	55.00
Annie Armstrong	359.00
Initial Offering	3.00
Berevement	25.00
Total	5,404.00
Annie Armstrong to Date	1,124.00

Memorials

Chuck Bryson	Dr. Laurie Milatz Atkinson
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Honorariums

Jill Wagers

Tithes & Offerings March 18

Worship Service	187
Sunday School Attendance	133
Budget Offering Required	8,193.00
Offering Received	8,218.00
Annie Armstrong	385.00
Total	8,603.00
Annie Armstrong to Date	1,509.00

Memorials

Merry Berry

Holy Week Services

The annual Holy Week Services sponsored by the Chester Ministerial Association will be March 26 -30, 2018, at the First Church of the Nazarene. The services will be each day at noon. There will be a time of worship and following the worship a light lunch will be served. Plan to be a part of these services as we worship and fellowship with Christians from throughout our community.

No Wednesday Activities or Services on April 4

During the Spring Break for the Chester County School District there will be no activities, meals, or services on Wednesday, April 4. We will follow the normal schedule on April 11.



Sixteen students attended a Spring Retreat at Garden City Chapel. We had a great time playing in the ocean (well, a few did), playing basketball, uno, and most importantly 9-square!! We ate a lot of food! Tacos, pancakes and bacon, Krispy Kreme doughnuts, Girl Scout cookies, chicken dogs(just ask), sandwiches, cereal and popcorn (hungry yet???). BUT, we also worshipped our Lord and Savior, and spent some time talking with each other about how to reach out to those people who feel left out, neglected or just alone. If you are one of those people who went and you are reading this, stop right now and look around you. Who can you invite 'in' right now? Who is your 'woman at the well'? Listen, do you hear that? It sounds like flapping flamingo wings! I wonder where they are going to land? Keep an eye out, they may be coming to your neighborhood, maybe even to your yard...more information coming soon! Hope to see you Wednesday! -David

Children's Easter Party

The Children's Easter Party for children and their families will be at 1:00 pm on Sunday, March 25th at the home of Douglas & Jill Josey. Their address is: 1045 Great Falls Hwy. We'll have hot dogs followed by an egg hunt. Please call the church office to sign up by Wednesday, March 21st.

Bridal Shower



Churchwide
Bridal Shower
honoring
Adreanne Pemberton &
Drew Walters
Sunday April 15th from
3:00 - 4:30 pm
Social Hall

Registered @ Belk & Target

Church Work Day

On March 24, 2018, there will be a work day here at the church. Bushes and shrubs need to be trimmed and new mulch put out. Anyone who can come is welcome to bring their yard tools and come help to make the grounds of the church beautiful as we move into Easter and the spring season. The more who come to help, the more that can be accomplished. Will you be part of helping to keep the church grounds beautiful?



Beginning on Monday, March 26, we will have the Holy Week Services that are sponsored by the Chester Ministerial Association. The services will be each day at noon at the Nazarene Church on Pinckney Street. Christians from throughout the community will gather for worship, for fellowship, and to share a meal together. Ministers from various churches will preach and musicians from various churches will bring special music. We will collect an offering that will support the work that Harvest Call has been doing in our community, building houses and repairing houses, helping people have decent places to live.

The Holy Week Services are an important event for our community. It is a reminder that we are all serving the same Lord – the One who entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, died on Good Friday, and rose again on Easter Sunday. We are reminded that we are brothers and sisters in Christ seeking to share His love in a world that so desperately needs to know that Jesus loves and cares for all people. The Holy Week Services are a reminder to us and a witness to the world that we are all brothers and sisters in Christ.

As I think about these services, I am reminded that when we get to heaven there will be people from all denominations, all races, all walks of life, all nationalities, all kinds of churches, and what a wonderful and glorious place it will be. As we gather together and worship together next week, let's be reminded that we are one in Jesus Christ.

If your work schedule permits, I hope you will be at the Holy Week Services next week. What a great time of worship, praise, fellowship, and unity. Come and join us as we gather with our brothers and sisters in Christ to honor and glorify Him.

GIFT Debt Retired

In late 2014 we began to borrow money to help pay for the renovations that we made to the Educational Building. Through June of 2015 the church borrowed a total of \$138,000. We began paying interest in April of 2015 and began paying the principle in October of 2015. On March 9 the principal amount owed was \$32,715.31 and the interest owed was \$32.49. The church voted at the January Church Conference to use money from the sell of the stock that originally funded the Ethel C. Fleming Fund to pay off the remainder of the debt. A check was written for \$32,747.80 and the GIFT fund has been fully paid.

Thank you for your support of this renovation. It is great to have this debt paid off as we move into the future. Thank you for your stewardship and support for all that we do as a church.