

The Caller



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March
2019

March Worship Calendar

Transfiguration Sunday Listen to Him

Don't box Jesus in; shine his light for all to see.
Luke 9:28-43a
March 3

Ash Wednesday
Soup Fellowship and Ashes
March 6

Lenten Sermon Series - God Moves God Moves. . . Into the Desert

Jesus' temptation in the desert shows us that God has moved fully into human flesh and can identify with our every experience.
Luke 4:1-13
March 10

God Moves. . . Past All Obstacles

Jesus won't let Herod's threats or the people's opposition keep him from fulfilling his loving purpose.
Luke 13:31-35
March 17

God Moves. . . Over the Fence

Instead of gazing at the grass on the other side of the fence, Jesus brings us back to focus on realities that will bring change and growth in our own backyard
Luke 13:1-9.
March 24

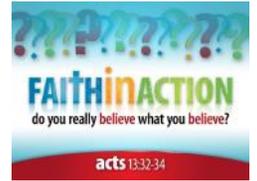
God Moves. . . Down the Road

God is always running to meet us, even when we have squandered his grace.
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
March 31

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*He has showed you, O Mortal, what is good.
And what does the Lord **require** of you?
Just this: To do Justice; To love Kindness; and to walk, humbly, with your God.*



OUTREACH NEWS

MARCH 2019

On Ash Wednesday, March 6, there will be a Lenten Soup Fellowship from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Centennial Room. This is open to the entire community and is free of charge. It will be a blessing to start your Lenten discipline with a shared, simple meal.

During Lent we invite you to make a donation to the Eastern Pa UMC camping ministries. There are four camps supported by our conference—Carson Simpson Farm, Innabah, Gretna Glen, and Pocono Plateau. The real cost of a week of camp per camper now exceeds \$500 per week, but reduced fees are available to families with the help of generous donors like us. Make your check payable to SUMC with a notation that it is for camping ministries.

SUMC will be offering a free showing of the recently released film “Green Book” on Friday, March 15 at 7:30p. “Green Book” is a biographical comedy-drama set in the Southern United States in 1962. It tells the story of the challenging relationship between the African-American pianist, Don Shirley, and his driver and bodyguard, Tony Vallelongo. The film won the People’s Choice Award at the Toronto Film Festival in September 2018. The film is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

PBJ Night will be on Wednesday, March 20 at 7:45 p.m. The sandwiches made benefit the Life Center of Eastern Delaware County and City Team Chester. Bring two loaves of sliced bread and we will provide the jelly and peanut butter.

Plans are under way for two weeks of service to Appalachia Service Project. SUMC and Swarthmore Presbyterian are jointly sponsoring the two work weeks, both of which will take volunteers to Chavies, Kentucky. The first week of service will be June 23-29 and the second week of service will be July 7-13. If you would like to participate, please contact Linton Stables at lstable52@gmail.com or Linda McCullough at lin-da.mccullough@swarthmorepres.org.

Please continue to support City Team Chester with your food donations. The collection table is in the narthex.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please join us for the following events:

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| March 6 | Ash Wednesday Lenten Soup Fellowship, 5:30p-7:30p |
| March 15 | Community Movie, <i>Green Book</i> , 7:30p, Free. Light refreshments provided. |
| March 20 | PBJ Night—Centennial Room—7:45pm |

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Deadline for the April Caller is Thursday March 14th

Be sure and let the Church office know about any events you would like published

Book Club Dates

Second Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm

March 13: at Mary Drott’s home: 629 Strath Haven Avenue, Swarthmore, PA 19081

Discussion book, *Educated* by Tara Westover



**All the World's a Stage
Theater Groups at Swarthmore United Methodist Church
MARPLE-NEWTOWN PLAYERS-SPOTLIGHT THEATER**



Broadway on Park Avenue

March 22, 23, 29, and 30, 2019

Evenings at 8 PM

Tickets \$15.00

Seniors (65+) and Students w/student id \$12.00

A performance cabaret of songs from Broadway.

Tickets: Phone 610-328-1079 or on-line at *Ticketleap* (fees apply)

From the Pastor's Desk

As I write this, delegates and observers, from around the world, are starting to gather in St. Louis, Missouri for the 2019 Special Session of General Conference. This gathering, occurring February 23 - 26, is a pivotal moment for the United Methodist Church. The primary agenda of the meeting is to find "A Way Forward" through the issues of human sexuality which divide us as a church. As a Reconciling Congregation, we are going to continue our mission of being a church that is welcoming of all people regardless of the outcome of the Special Session. Next month, Bishop Johnson is presenting a report on the outcome of gathering and during my March 17th Conversations with Pastor Kevin I will, in turn, provide an update to the congregation so that we may respond to whatever has happened appropriately and faithfully. See you there!

It was March 31, 1929 when the Nozzolillo Family of Astoria, Queens, New York welcomed their third child. It was a boy - Michael Gabriel. Michael grew up with two older sisters and a younger brother and graduated from Long Island City High School, class of 1946. Michael would always be known as Michael Nozilo. He said there was some story about the last name being too long to fit on his father's dog tags when he joined the National Guard in 1917. Perhaps legend?? After high school, Michael got a job in New York with a motion picture producer.



Drafted in 1950, Michael served in military intelligence for a year in Weisbaden, Germany where he was involved in the Cold War. Following the service it was back to New York and motion pictures for Michael. He graduated from the Television Workshop at the top of his class. He got a job with WKNX TV and moved to Saginaw, Michigan. While there he met and married a pretty dental hygienist, Connie Misiolok in 1956. The Nozilos lived in Michigan for ten years where Michael produced and directed the Milwaukee Braves telecasts. From 1961-66 he worked with the Green Bay Packers meeting many famous visiting tv broadcasters and personalities. One such celebrity was Lou Kline, the WFIL Manager in Philadelphia at the time. He told Michael if he was ever in Philadelphia to look him up. In October 1967, Michael came to Philadelphia to work on a children's show "The World Around Us" with Anita Cleaver. It was an attempt to compete with Captain Kangaroo. Unfortunately, the Captain's roots were too deep and Michael was laid off in 1971. There were many interesting jobs in the ensuing years including a stint at the Philadelphia Naval Ship Yard where he was the director of Public Affairs.

Since his retirement, Michael occupies himself with the Media VFW Post 3460 where he is a past trustee. He is a member of the Broadcast Pioneers of Philadelphia which provides scholarships for high school students who want to major in broadcasting. (One of those schools is at Temple University named after the famous Lou Kline who was responsible for bringing Michael to Philadelphia.) But the joy of his life is working with the Shriners in their efforts with the Shriners Hospitals for Children. Ask him about this and he lights up!

The Nozilos have three children, two granddaughters and in April Michael will become a great grandfather. He lights up about that too!

How does a little Italian boy from Astoria, Queens become a Methodist in Swarthmore? Well, the Methodist part actually started in New York when Michael's parents joined the First Italian Methodist Episcopal Church in Astoria. After moving to Wallingford in 1970, Michael visited SUMC and knew that he had found a new home. He liked the people and was excited about being in the choir. The people at SUMC have liked Michael too! HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MICHAEL!!



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Faith and Life Offerings

March 2019

Please join us for the Faith and Life offerings this March. We meet from approximately 11:15-noon, following the fellowship time in either the Centennial Room or the Parlor.

March 3: We continue with the Great Courses DVD and a presentation by Professor Amy-Jill Levine on “the Old Testament, or Tanakh, (that) was written in ancient Israel over 1,000 years by many authors. What can this book teach us about the ancient Israelites? What does our faith find in new scholarly understanding?”

March 10: Response to today’s sermon lectionary passages, specifically [Deuteronomy 26:1-11](#) and [Romans 10:8b-13](#), and the topic “God’s Generous Heart”. This is an excellent opportunity to delve further into scripture and discuss what it means to us today through an informal group discussion.

March 17: Pastor Kevin will present an update on the recently completed Special Session of General Conference.

March 24: David Page will lead a meditation session, a fulfilling way to quiet our busy minds and get in touch with the spirit within. If you haven’t already, join the group and experience our spiritual connectedness.

March 31: No Faith and Life session.