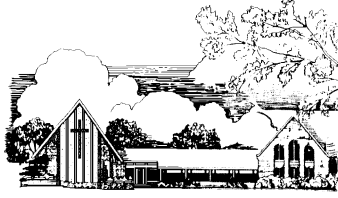


# **The Bacon Visitor**



***April 2024***

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**Bacon Memorial Presbyterian Church**  
www.baconmemorial.org

**Worship & Sunday School**  
**Sundays at 10:30 am**

Worship is streamed live on Facebook and posted  
on our YouTube channel.

**Weekly bulletin and Sermon available on our website.**  
Web page: www.baconmemorial.org

*If you would like a copy of the sermon sent to you weekly, please call the office (716-283-5744) to be added to our email  
or mailing list.*

Office Hours  
**Mon., Wed., Fri. from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm**

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**Pastor Lisa Giacomazza**  
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## ***The In-Between Time***

### ***Pastor's Corner – Pastor Lisa Giacomazza***

Holy Saturday, the day that sits between Good Friday and Easter Sunday, is a day of mourning and grief and yet preparing and knowing that what is next is glorious. So much of our lives is lived in just such a space. In Richard Rohr's book, Wondrous Encounters, Scriptures for Lent, he says, "the crucial in-between time – when everything actually happens and yet nothing appears to be happening. It is the waiting period when the cake bakes, the movement is made, the transformation takes place. ...he urges..."One cannot just jump from Friday to Sunday in this case, there must be a Saturday!"

For our church, in many ways we are in such a time – a time of transforming from what once was into what it will become. Like the cake in the oven, I wonder, have we stirred the bowl enough? Have we added enough ingredients? Have we followed the recipe as we should? And just what will the cake be – how will we know when it's done?

In many ways, the tomb was such a place. (Rohr shares...) "They laid the body in a tomb that had been cut into the rock, and rolled a stone across the entrance," says Mark's Gospel. Luke has the women "watch" and then they go home to prepare spices and perfumes, and "observe the Sabbath as a day of rest." Greatness does not just happen unprepared. It must be waited for, needed, desired and an inner space must be created. The Sabbath rest is everything – and yet nothing."

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– R. Rohr

As we walked through our holy journey, the stone was rolled away and once more, when the women looked to see what they expected to see, what they came to prepare, it was no longer there. The preparation was done, and the result was prepared and was so much more glorious than they would have hoped for or imagined. Jesus walked among them, alive, defeating the death that had been put upon him by hate and judgement...and we, we follow. As we witness change in our lives, in our bodies, in our church and in our community, some of it so unsure, so unclear...yet, it is our time to walk it. We finally have to walk it ourselves.

Rohr tells us, "Remember, hope is not some vague belief that “all will work out well” but biblical hope is the certainty that things finally have a victorious meaning no matter how they turn out. We learned that from Jesus, which gives us now the courage to live our lives forward from here. Maybe that is the full purpose of Lent."

### **Session Highlights from March 13, 2024 meeting**

- Approved floor replacement in the Multipurpose room and Chapel. (final step in winter damage repair.)

## February 2024 Finance

January income	\$3,318
January expenses	<u>\$4,916</u>
Net	(\$1,598)
Year to date income	\$ 8,658
Year to date expenses	<u>\$11,290</u>
Net	(\$ 2,632)

### Lay Readers/Liturgists for April and May 2024

April 7..... Bill Springer  
April 14.....Barbara Logar  
April 21.....Lynn Pasek  
April 28.....Karen Colton  
May 5.....Lynn Pasek  
May 12.....Barb Logar  
May 19.....Carol Costantino  
May 26.....Woody Chatmon

Liturgists needed for June and July 2024.

Call Cheryl at 716-283-5744.

It's easy, everything is written out for you.

The **Presbyterian Men's group** is calling all interested Bocce players !! Come join us on **Saturday, May 18** at Hyde Park, Niagara Falls from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Bring your family and friends to this fun activity for the young, old, experienced, and inexperienced !! Any questions call Lee at 716-875-7327.

### Third Sunday Lunch

Bacon's Third Sunday Lunch will be held on the odd months of the year. This is due to the few folks able to take this event on. We can always use your help with coffee hours and lunches. The next Third Sunday Lunch will be on May 19, hosted by Mission and Outreach and Christian Education.

Do you have any **additions or changes to the church directory**. Have you moved? Did you get a new phone for Christmas? Has your family dynamic changed? Contact Jeff Trethewey (716-383-2333) with any changes.

**Offering** – In 2024 we have returned to Passing the Plate for our offerings. You may also use our PayPal which you can access from our QR code located in the bulletin or from our website at [www.baconmemorial.org](http://www.baconmemorial.org). Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity.

**Are you interested in becoming a member at Bacon?** Please let Pastor Lisa 716-816-9503 know. We would love to have you be a part of our church family!

### PayPal Option Available

If you prefer to give your offering through a secure electronic source, we accept **PayPal** payments. You can find the link on our webpage. You may enroll in an AutoPay option to make this even more convenient for you. The church now has a scannable QR code for our PayPal. If you'd like to support the mission of Bacon Memorial, please consider making a donation!



**Rada cutlery sale** - The **Presbyterian Women of Bacon Memorial** are holding a fund raiser with Rada Cutlery, those wonderful stainless-steel knives that we all love. See Cheryl for a book, or you can order online, and the profits will go to the PW group. If you are not computer savvy and prefer to order by check, make the check payable to Presbyterian Women, give it with your order to Cheryl McInerney, Fran Clements or Carol Costantino and we will take care of your order. The Presbyterian Women of Bacon get 40% of the sales and we thank you!

The **Empower Redemption Center** has moved to 7500 Porter Road. Bacon Memorial is Acct. #1. Or...you can bring your clean bottles and cans to Bacon Memorial and place them in a collection bin and we will take them to the redemption center for you. This is an easy way to help with our mission projects and saves you a trip to the redemption center.

If you would like to **order flowers for the re-table**, please call Ron Clements at 716-283-9411. You may want to honor someone's memory with flowers in remembrance of a birthday or place a rose when a child is born.

### **April Birthdays**

- 4/3 Alexandra Trethewey
- 4/6 Lynn Wilson
- 4/9 Eileen Argona
- 4/20 Lynn Wolf
- 4/23 Stephanie Wagner
- 4/26 Edward Weber



Happy belated Anniversary to Fran and Ron Clements – March 22, 1969

NO April Anniversaries

## **Please Pray For:**

- ❖ *For those who are tired, lonely, homebound, addicted or have mental health issues.*
- ❖ *For our church members who can't get to church but want to stay connected.*
- ❖ *People struggling with their relationships.*

### **SERVING OUR COUNTRY**

James Bak	Joseph Bak
Cameron Gee	Andrew LaFave
Mathew Springer	Ryan Sepe
Andrew Wilson	Emily LaFave



### **HOMEBOUND**

Harold & Billie Cooper  
Carol Ortt  
Judy Reese  
Larry and Janet Downs  
Graham Luskin – at Northgate, room 130 D

### **Prayers also needed**

**Renee Quinn** – is home

**Quinn family** – Care givers

**Frank Clark** – in hospital in Georgia with critical low potassium (son of Boyd and Chris Clark)

**Barbara Kudela** – eye surgery

Family of **Josephine Tomasine** – passed away suddenly

**AJ** – sprained ankle

**Ron Clements** – surgery

**Chris Young** – cancer – will be getting radiation every day and chemo once every 6 weeks.

**John Hayes** - recovering from a stroke

**Valari** - surgery

## **Scripture Lessons for April 2024**

### **April 7            2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Acts 4:32-35 *and Ps. 133 or*

Isa 65:17-25 *and Ps. 3*

1 John 1:1-2:2

John 20:19-31

### **April 14            3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Acts 3:12-19 *and Ps. 4 or*

Isa. 6:1-9a *and Ps. 40:1-5*

1 John 3:1-7

Luke 24:36b-48

### **April 21            4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Acts 4:5-12 *and Ps. 23 or*

Zech. 10:1-12 *and Ps. 80:1-7*

1 John 3:16-24

John 10:11-18

### **April 28            5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Acts 8:26-40 *and Ps. 22:25-31 and*

*Ex. 19:1-6 and Ps. 118:19-25*

1 John 4:7-21

John 15:1-8

## **What's Happening at Bacon – April 2024**

**April 3** NAP (Niagara Area Presbyterians) **dinner** at Lewiston Pres., 505 Cayuga Street, Lewiston. 5 pm.  
All are welcome.

**April 7** **Worship, Communion, Sunday School** – 10:30 am  
Mission and Outreach meeting - Noon  
Crochet, Knitting group - 3-5 pm  
AA meeting – 7:30 pm

**April 10** **Session meeting – 7 pm - Zoom** only

**April 12** **Temple Beth El Service** – 2 pm

**April 14** **Worship, Sunday School** – 10:30 am  
Crochet, Knitting group - 3-5 pm  
AA meeting – 7:30 pm

**April 16** **Worship and Music** meeting -7:30 pm Zoom

**April 20** Presbyterian Men at 9 am

**April 20** Deadline for May Bacon Visitor announcements

**April 21** **Worship, Sunday School** - 10:30 am  
NO Third Sunday Lunch  
Baby Shower for Samantha Barry  
Crochet, Knitting group 3-5 pm  
AA meeting – 7:30 pm

**April 22-30** **Passover**

**April 27** **Seder Meal at Bacon** – 11 am

**April 28** **Worship, Sunday School** - 10:30 am  
Crochet, Knitting group 3-5 pm  
AA meeting – 7:30 pm

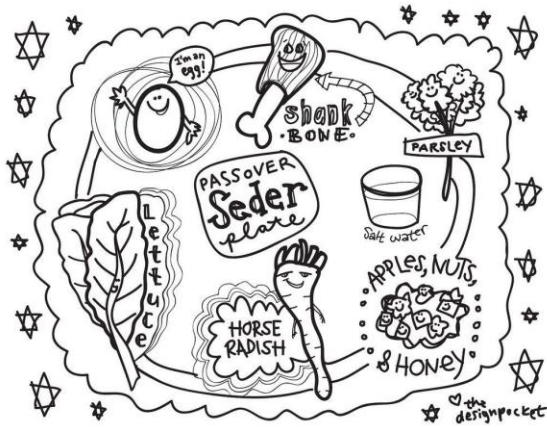
### **BARRY BABY IS COMING!**

Mike and Samantha Barry are expecting their first baby in early June. Please join us as we celebrate this wonderful event on **April 21st** immediately following worship. Samantha is registered at Bye Bye Baby.



## SEDER MEAL

Rabbi Ellen and the members of Temple Beth El extend an invitation to their Seder meal on April 27, 2024, 11 am, at Bacon Memorial. This Passover practice has been celebrated for centuries. If you would like to attend, please sign up on the sheet outside the office so they can be sure to have enough for everyone.







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