

# The Towers Newsletter

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Please continue to pray for the Pastor Search Team as they continue their work. They have completed the second round of interviews and are in the process of contacting candidates they wish to move forward. The Search Team will offer an update in worship on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>.

In worship we will continue our series on the Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations. We will be talking about Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Development, Risk Taking Mission and Service, and Extravagant Generosity in the weeks ahead. This series will take us to the first Sunday of Lent.

We will begin the Lenten season with an Ash Wednesday service on February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in West Memorial. Plan to join us for this meaningful time of worship and reflection. On Sundays during Lent we will be looking at the topic of forgiveness. We'll talk about God's pre-emptive grace and forgiveness, what happens when we fail God, forgiving others, and perhaps the hardest of all, forgiving ourselves. Invite someone to join us in worship as we begin this special season in the life of the church.

This year we will be offering a Lenten devotional guide similar to the Advent devotionals we provided in December. We hope this will be a meaningful addition to your own growth as we journey through this season together.

On the journey with you,

Tracy



**You may now watch our service LIVE Sunday mornings!**

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## WELCOME REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

On Sunday evening, February 5, 2023, from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM, our church will welcome the congregation of Reformed Presbyterian Church to Suffolk. Our building will serve as their temporary home while they search for a permanent location. Doug Hoven and Dan Cooke serve as our liaisons with the church. We are excited about this partnership and look forward to working with them. Each week representatives from our congregation will serve as security so we can get to know the members. If anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact any members of the Executive Board.



The board of deacons is pleased to announce that our new Ministry Assistant should be on board soon. She will be introduced to the congregation as soon as the details are finalized and she begins work with us. We look forward to welcoming her to our church family!



### *Reporting on Missions....*



#### **February's Yellow Envelope Mission: COATS FOR THE COMMUNITY**

The Board of Deacons has designated our own Coats for the Community as SCC's yellow envelope for the month of February. Our church has been giving away winter coats for over 30 years. Throughout that time, the mission has taken on different looks and the recent pandemic changed that look once again. We are now maintaining a coat closet on the third floor off of the Adult Bible Class Sunday School room. Gently used coats are still accepted but the majority of the coats are being purchased, sometimes to suit the specific requirements of someone in need. Coats were distributed this year in December and January, on Food Pantry days and at other times when we learned of a need. If you know of someone who needs a coat please check the coat closet. You can help by donating your gently used coats, hats, scarves and mittens, purchasing a new coat for the closet and of course, by your financial support through the yellow envelope for February. Thank you!

#### **Beyond Our Shores: HAITI**

Please continue to pray for Haiti. Please pray for the gangs to be stopped. Please pray for the Supply and Multiply team on the ground in Haiti and those support groups in the US. Please pray for Shear. Share your dollar bills in the offering plate on Sundays or write a check to SCC, marked for Dollars for Supply and Multiply Fund. We can make a difference.

**Giving: January 2023** – Church Family Assistance - \$365.00

# Ash Wednesday

**Please join us for our Ash Wednesday Service**

**February 22, 2023**

**7:00 p.m**

**West Memorial Room**

## Game Nights @ 6:45pm

*Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>*

*Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>*



Churchwide Fellowship will sponsor a Chili and Baked Potato Luncheon on Sunday, February 26, in the Fellowship Hall immediately after the worship service. Tickets will be \$10.00 and will be available beginning Sunday, February 6,



Elizabeth Fanny	Feb. 2
Simon Munn	Feb. 3
Alana Allen	Feb. 3
Jim McCrary	Feb. 4
Jay Baines, Jr.	Feb. 4
Sean Bilby	Feb. 8
Alana Garner Carollo	Feb. 8
Debbie Topping	Feb. 10
Susan Rawls	Feb. 10
Amy Hott	Feb. 11
Vernon Gayle	Feb. 11
Rita Queen	Feb. 13
Louise Winslow	Feb. 15
James B. Dailey	Feb. 15
Jackson Harry	Feb. 16
Howie Harris	Feb. 16
Victor Griffin	Feb. 17
Jay Baines, Sr.	Feb. 17
Carmen Halley	Feb. 18
Judy Parker	Feb. 19
Ryleigh Harry	Feb. 21
Julia McBride	Feb. 22
Eddie Hawn	Feb. 23
Cliff Thomas	Feb. 24
Barbara Hannah	Feb. 25
Elizabeth Topping	Feb. 26
Steven Brown	Feb. 27
Marty Debranski	Feb. 28
Mary Jane Cathey	Feb. 29





A Memorial Brick in memory of Dot Judkins has been placed on the memorial brick walkway as a gift to Jim Judkins, given by Glenn, Amy and Jennifer Hott.

Donations to the Memorial Fund in memory of Madelyn and Burke Howell have been given by Steve and Amy Howell and Lynda H. and Ernie Weston.

## Stewardship Report

*"We are Walking by Faith through Commitment"*

January - December income - \$248,806.60  
January - December expenses - \$259,835.37

Dollars for Supply & Multiply - \$786.00



## SHROVE TUESDAY

**Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>**

**5:00 to 7:00 PM**

The Adult Bible Class will be serving a Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The menu will be pancakes, sausage, apples, and drinks. **There will be no charge for this supper.** Donations will be accepted and will go toward class missions.

## Souper Bowl Sunday



### Sunday, February 12th

Immediately following our 11:00 am worship service, our youth and children will be standing at the north and south doors collecting funds for Souper Bowl Sunday. These funds will be given to our Food Pantry. Your donations to the Food Pantry are greatly appreciated.



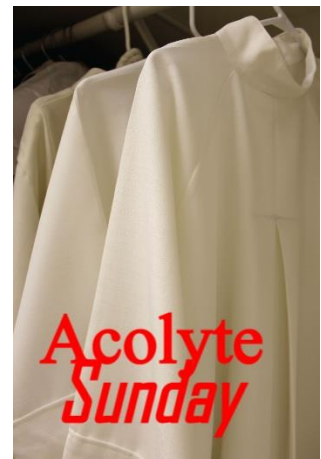
Monday, Feb. 13th

11:30 am in the  
Fellowship Hall

There has been some discussion about combining the daytime and nighttime circles. On Monday, February 13th, we will have a **covered dish luncheon** in the fellowship hall to discuss the possibility of combining the circles and meeting during the day. We encourage you, if you have been a member of a circle, to please come and invite a friend to come with you.

## February 12th

**On Sunday, February 12th, we will honor our Acolytes who graciously serve our church each Sunday. We encourage you to show your love and support to these young people of our church.**





## “The God of the Way” Book Study

By: Kathie Lee Gifford & Rabbi Jason Sobel

Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> or Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>

We will start a new book study in February called “The God of the Way”. You can come either Tuesday evenings @ 7:00 pm or Wednesday mornings @ 10:00 am. The study will be held in the Conference Room. Rabbi Jason will share wisdom from his Jewish heritage and help us to read Scripture in the cultural context of biblical times. Kathie Lee will add personal stories and reflections from her spiritual journey and studies, serving as a companion as you go deeper into your own relationship with God.

There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. If you wish to do this study, please indicate if you would like a book and study guide. The cost of the book will be roughly \$20.00 and the study guide \$15.00. I will try to find the best price available when ordering.



# FEBRUARY

## Daily Scripture Readings

We love because He first loved us. I John 4:8

<b>Day 1</b>	<b>Ephesians 2:4-10</b>	<b>Day 15</b>	<b>Titus 3:4-5</b>
<b>Day 2</b>	<b>Zephaniah 3:17</b>	<b>Day 16</b>	<b>Luke 12:6-7</b>
<b>Day 3</b>	<b>Galatians 2:17-21</b>	<b>Day 17</b>	<b>1 John 5:1-5</b>
<b>Day 4</b>	<b>Psalms 136:1-9</b>	<b>Day 18</b>	<b>Jeremiah 31:3</b>
<b>Day 5</b>	<b>Romans 8:31-34</b>	<b>Day 19</b>	<b>Ephesians 3:14-19</b>
<b>Day 6</b>	<b>Romans 8:36-39</b>	<b>Day 20</b>	<b>Isaiah 43:4-5</b>
<b>Day 7</b>	<b>Romans 5:1-11</b>	<b>Day 21</b>	<b>John 10:7-11</b>
<b>Day 8</b>	<b>Deuteronomy 7:9</b>	<b>Day 22</b>	<b>John 10:14-18</b>
<b>Day 9</b>	<b>Ephesians 1:3-6</b>	<b>Day 23</b>	<b>1 Corinthians 13:1-13</b>
<b>Day 10</b>	<b>1 Peter 5:6-10</b>	<b>Day 24</b>	<b>Lamentations 3:22-23</b>
<b>Day 11</b>	<b>Psalms 86:8-15</b>	<b>Day 25</b>	<b>Philippians 2:1-8</b>
<b>Day 12</b>	<b>Isaiah 41:10-13</b>	<b>Day 26</b>	<b>Matthew 5:43-48</b>
<b>Day 13</b>	<b>John 15:12-17</b>	<b>Day 27</b>	<b>Matthew 6:25-29</b>
<b>Day 14</b>	<b>1 John 4:7-21</b>	<b>Day 28</b>	<b>John 13:31-35</b>

Commit to spending 10 minutes every day to reflect and meditate on God's word. Write down your thoughts on what you have learned from the scripture every day.



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Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday

29	30	31	1 7:00pm Board of Christian Education 7:00pm Music Committee 7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous	2 10:00am Thursday Crafters 6:45pm Chancel Handbell Choir 7:30pm Chancel Choir	3 6:45pm Game Night	4
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