

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS\***  
**Week of March 8, 2020**

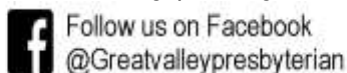
Sun 8	6:00pm	G3 Youth Group
Mon 9	7:00pm	Deacons Meeting
	7:30pm	Trustees' Meeting
Wed 11	7:00pm	Cottage Prayer (Helen Lee Potter's)
	7:30pm	Christian Education Committee Meeting
Thurs 12	7:00am	Men's Bible Study
	9:15am	Women's Bible Study
	7:00pm	G3 Senior High Bible Study
	7:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
	7:30pm	twenty: Bible Study for Young Adults
Fri 13	9:30am	ToolBelt Team
Sat 14	8:45am	Good Works Work Day (Phoenixville)
	9:00am	Great Valley Prayer
Sun 15	9:00am	Christian Education Hour
	10:00am	Corporate Worship

\* There are a variety of weekly Life Groups that meet in individuals' homes. Pick up a spreadsheet in Dickerson Hall or check out our website for more info.

**STAFF**

Pastor	Keith Fink
Director of Ministries	Jim Shackleton
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We exist to glorify God  
 by enabling all people to become fully devoted  
 followers of the Lord Jesus Christ. We prayerfully strive,  
 through the Holy Spirit, to fulfill our purpose by worship,  
 Biblical teaching, service, fellowship, and active involvement  
 in world evangelization.



Great Valley is a member congregation  
 of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church

**SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2020**

*Nothing but the Blood*

## **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Moment for Ministry *Welcome to Worship project*

Moment of Preparation

Call to Worship

Song *To God Be the Glory – #35*

Responsive Reading *Psalm 108:3-4*

Song *Come, Every Soul by Sin Oppressed – #267*

Unison Confession of Sin Followed By Private Confession

Affirmation of Forgiveness

Song *Mercy Still*

Prayers of the People

Offertory *All We Like Sheep*

Doxology *Praise God from Whom All Blessings – #556*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

## **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

Song (children dismissed) *Speak O Lord*

Old Testament *Leviticus 16:15-16 – Steve Garrison*

Message *Rev. Keith Fink*

**A Propitiation by His Blood**

*Romans 3:21-26*

## **WE DEPART TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD**

Song *In Christ Alone*

Benediction

Benediction Response

*What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus*

Postlude

## **ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE**

It is a joy and a privilege to gather together to praise our God. May you sense His presence here today in worship and fellowship (Heb. 10:25).

**Families** – Please see the cards in the pew racks for an explanation of family worship at GVPC. Children are welcome to stay with you during the worship service or participate in the following ministries:

**Infant Care** (*up to 18 months*) in the Nursery. Today's caregiver: Frani Hitzelberger.

**Rompers Church** (*18 mos. – K*) in Room 1 of the Children's Wing. Today's leaders: Missy and Bobby Freiling.

**Jr. Church** (*1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> graders*) **in the Library**. Children are dismissed from the service during the song before the Scripture reading. A parent or older sibling should pick them up after the service. Today's leader: Sally Farrell.

**Greeter** – Today's greeter is Jolene Rissinger.

**Flowers** – The flowers this morning are given by Brendalynn Aird and Tom Williams in memory of Brenda's mother, Barbara, and her niece, Elizabeth.

**Public and Private Prayer** – The yellow cards in the pew racks are for praise or prayer requests to be read during the Prayers of the People. Fill one out and pass it to the center aisle for the prayer leader to collect during the second song. If you prefer your request to be private, please meet Karen Erickson in the Prayer Room following the service.

**Deacons on Call** – In March, our deacons Susan Toms and Sergei Yurchak are on call for assistance.

**Following the Service** – Please join us in the chapel after the service for Coffee Fellowship.

**Bearing One Another's Burdens** (Gal. 6:2) – If you have or know of special needs, concerns, or illnesses among our church family, please call the church office at 610-644-1995.

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

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### Cottage Prayer

**March 11**

The Valley Forge Area Cottage Prayer group will meet at the home of Helen Lee Potter on Wednesday, March 11 at 7pm. Contact Helen Lee if you'd like to get involved.

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### Good Works Work Day

**March 14**

Please consider volunteering with the Good Works team next Saturday (March 14) at 8:45am. The team has been assigned a house in Phoenixville that needs a lot of love, and you will have the opportunity to learn new skills while helping a neighbor have a warmer, safer and drier home. Lunch will be provided! Contact Brian Gilbert with questions and for directions to the work site.

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### Welcome to Worship Update and Luncheon

**March 15**

There has been a healthy response to our request for comments from all of you on the scope of the *Welcome to Worship* project – thank you!

We desire to communicate an update of the plans. In this light, the fellowship luncheon next Sunday (March 15) will include an informational meeting for this purpose. We are still asking that Faith Promises for the project be returned the same day.

We hope you can make it on the 15th after our worship service! The main dish and dessert will be provided. Please sign up and indicate if you are able to provide a salad, either on the clipboard in your pew or at [gvpres.org/sign-up](http://gvpres.org/sign-up). If you're not able to make it but would like to discuss the content of the meeting, please contact the church office to request a phone call summarizing the information given.

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### Missionary Visit

**March 15**

Mark your calendar and don't miss our special Missions event next Sunday, March 15 during the Christian Education Hour. Mike and Elisabeth Jochum, who serve with Pioneers, will make a presentation to the combined adult classes. The Jochums are supported by Great Valley and they will be reporting on their ministry as well as sharing a short devotional time with us! We will meet at 9:00am in the Chapel. Be sure to join us!

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### Great Valley Book Club

**March 17**

Great Valley Book Club meets Tuesday, March 17, 7:30pm at the home of Kathy Anderson in West Chester.

This month's selection is *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson. Inspired by the lives of the brave and dedicated Kentucky Pack Horse Library Service of the 1930s, *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* is a story of raw courage, fierce strength, and one woman's belief that books can carry us anywhere — even back home. All are welcome!

Questions? Contact Carol Jones.

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### Missionary Society

**March 18**

A mission happens whenever we are obedient to God's calling. Come and hear how God has woven together three individuals obedient to His calling at the March meeting of Great Valley Missionary Society. Debbie Pell will be joined by Dawn Reid Buckner and John Kathuri as they discuss how God has woven their ministries together in such diverse ways, such as sharing God's Word with incarcerated women and ministering to Kenyan youth.

Join us for Missionary Society Wednesday, March 18; devotions and a brief business meeting begin at 10:30 am, with our speakers' presentation at 11:00 followed by lunch at noon. See Paul or Susan Toms with any questions.

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### Women's Retreat

**May 9**

Ladies of Great Valley, mark your calendars. Our annual retreat at the Traber Center in Spring City, PA is scheduled for Saturday, May 9. Details are coming soon! Please contact Rhoda Schuck or Debbie Fanus if you have any questions.

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### Vacation Bible School

**July 6 – 10**

The King is coming! Join us this summer as we celebrate King Jesus and share the gospel with children in our community. VBS will take place the week of July 6-10 from 9:30am to 12 noon. Mark your calendars now, and please sign up on the clipboards or contact the VBS planning if you'd like to volunteer with this important ministry to children. This year's planning team: Meggan Arnold, Patty Fink, Rhonda Schuck, Lisa Sybrandt, and Tracey Toms.

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### College Students of the Week

This week's college students are **Andrew and Seth Schuck**. Andrew is a junior at the University of Pittsburgh and Seth is a freshman at Millersville University. Please pray that Andrew and Seth's love for Christ would be evident as they "...bear fruit in every good work, (and) grow in the knowledge of God (Colossians 1:10)."

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### Heard from the Mission Field

Liz Loeffler, Greater Europe Mission on loan to Entrust, Women-to-Women Ministry Training (WWMT): Liz recently updated us on her involvement in her first WWMT training hub in the Middle East. Her letter begins, "A Chinese, Egyptian and Turk walk into a room..." No, it isn't the start of a bad joke, but the situation in which Liz found herself as she led an ethnically-diverse group of women in a lively discussion around God's Word. It was her first group made up of more nationals than ex-pats (missionaries and others from western countries).

Liz explains in her letter that the method the ladies are taught, called "Dialog Training," helps them develop questions that promote learners to discover for themselves truths from the Bible. They are also given instruction on how to manage group dynamics.

She thanks us for our prayers and support that made it possible for her to take part in this third trip overseas in 2019. She also asks for our prayers regarding her heart issues. A second heart ablation, to correct her AFib, was performed this past Thursday. She asks for prayer that her recovery goes smoothly and that this correction will keep her in normal rhythm for many years to come.

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### More Generous Life Spiritual Journey

We are now concluding our booklet entitled *A 40 Day Spiritual Journey to a More Generous Life* by reading Week 6. It seems that the readings of Days 38-40 are particularly appropriate for members of Great Valley at this time. We pray that this journey has been memorable and a means of spiritual growth – both individually and collectively in our church. May God use our generosity to expand His kingdom and accomplish His purposes!

## Great Valley and Coronavirus Preparedness

**Has the church heard about the coronavirus?** Yes, indeed we have! We are, and have been in discussion about this on several levels; and we will continue to be in discussion in the days ahead. Here are some thoughts we want to share with you concerning this issue:

### 1) Pray instead of Panic.

**2) Don't miss kingdom opportunities in discussions about the virus.** As believers in Jesus we have core beliefs that our world does not share (we believe in a sovereign God, we have a sure and certain hope of an eternity of the very best in life that not even death can steal from us...). As people express fears we may find opportunities to point to how our faith in Jesus makes a difference in our lives even when life seems so very uncertain.

**3) Be Wise not Foolish.** We all know the repeated common-sense measures that health officials are advising; let's be people who follow them (Please note the posters in the church bathrooms).

**4) Stay Tuned.** To date, the church has taken some measures (signs in bathrooms, increased attention to disinfecting common surfaces, the pastors will strive not to shake hands as people leave worship...). As the situation changes we will institute other changes as needed or advised.

**5) What can I Do?** Doing the above-mentioned items 1-4 would be a good start. If you would like to take further measures, we would suggest that you volunteer to "adopt" one section of the church and provide one additional level of wiping down common surfaces (we can provide you with an area and a supply of Clorox wipes).

## CDC's Frequently Asked Questions:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html>