



February 22 through February 28, 2026

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth (Genesis 1:1).

"I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth..."

Dear Friends in Christ,

We're all familiar with the two passages above. The first is the beginning of Genesis, the other are the first words of the Apostles' Creed. The Apostles' Creed isn't the oldest creed (the Nicene is), but it is certainly the most well-known.

Although not written by apostles, the Apostles' Creed reflects the theological formulations of the first century church. The creed's structure may be based on Jesus' command to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. In a time when most Christians were illiterate, oral repetition of the Apostles' Creed, along with the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments, helped preserve and transmit the faith of the western churches.

Around A.D. 180, Roman Christians developed an early form of the Apostles' Creed to refute Marcionism, the belief in two distinct gods: a righteous, harsh Old Testament deity who created the material world, and a superior, loving God of the New Testament. The Roman Christians affirmed that the God of creation is the Father of Jesus Christ, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified under Pontius Pilate, was buried and raised from the dead, and ascended into heaven, where he rules with the Father. They also affirmed belief in the Holy Spirit, the church, and the resurrection of the body.

Beginning this Sunday, and for the next five Sundays (through Lent), we will be considering the Apostles' Creed. We stand and say it, but do we really know what's behind or in it? Perhaps a closer look will enable us to think about and consider the meaning behind the words.

Maybe you're thinking, "How can he spend five weeks on 110 words?" I hope that by the time we are done, you'll be thinking I rushed through things! There is an enormous amount of ground to cover, if we carefully consider all the aspects and theological declarations made in the Creed.

Meanwhile continue your daily Lenten readings – I hope you opened the Flocknote attachment, or picked up a copy of the readings in the Narthex – it's not too late to start!

Easter is coming, let us continue our preparations.

In Christ,

Pastor Jim



BABYSHOWER

The Women's Association is collecting donations for Adoption Connection, located in Beaver, PA. Donations can be placed in the marked box in the Cry Room every Sunday in March. The items most needed are:

- Gently used baby items
- Diapers-size newborn to 6, and wipes
- Shampoo, conditioner and body wash
- Baby wash and lotion
- New hairbrushes, combs
- New underwear and socks (all sizes)
- Gently used clothing of all sizes

Thank you for your donations!!

Questions? Contact Eleanor Pike
at 724-601-4007

HUMAN TRAFFICKING: A CRIME THAT IMPACTS US ALL

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2026

1:30-3:30 PM

**OLD ECONOMY VILLAGE VISITOR CENTER
270 16TH STREET; AMBRIDGE, PA 15003**

Did you know there are more than 45 million people trafficked worldwide? Learn how human trafficking impacts our communities. Join us for a discussion with Brenda Lutz, Education and Awareness Coordinator, the Asservo Project, and learn the signs of trafficking, how to report it, and how to prevent it.

**Register @ asservo37.eventbrite.com
Or Text Aida @ 412-908-0323**

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Worship
• Sunday School for children 3yr.-6th grade is during worship after the children’s chat • Adult Sunday School is at 9am • 73 in church on February 15, 2026 • Communion is Sunday, March 8
Congregational Care
• Story Time continues on Wednesdays at 9:30 or 10:30am • Food Drive to fill the Pantry is on February 22 • Women’s Association meets on Tuesday, March 3 at 6:30
Mission
• .Manna is set for Tuesday, February 24 at the House of Prayer. If you can help by baking cakes, serving or cleaning up contact Linda Duganich at 724-622-7929 • The Lenten Mission project this year will be a goal of \$3000, which will go to building two water wells. This Sunday during Children’s Chat there will be a congregation collection to donate to this project. Offering designated as “Lenten Mission Project” will also go towards our goal. If your child needs a coin collector, talk to Simon Hunsberger
Operations
Property Meeting is on Monday, March 2 at 6:30pm

If you are able to help with the snow removal from the sidewalks, please contact Charles Hendrick

The Deacons are requesting donations for our food pantry. Any donations are appreciated but we are running low on cereal and canned vegetables. Donations can be placed in the bin at the back of the sanctuary.

We are looking for individuals who are interested in providing special music on the Sundays that the choir doesn’t sing. If interested, sign up on the form outside the choir room

Church FAMILY —PRAYER LIST—



- Kristen Nan—Prayers for husband Eric who is scheduled for heart catheterization on Friday followed by open heart surgery to repair a valve next Thursday, February 26.
- Diane Gennaro—Prayers for my sister-in-law, Chris Davis, who had a meeting with an oncologist this Thursday and having a lumpectomy on Friday.
- Marcus McCowin—Prayers for his grandmother Joanie whose cancer has returned and has spread.
- Jen Davis—Prayers for Mark Douglass who is having a hard time with his cancer treatment. Began the next one on Tuesday.
- Shirley Fluharty is now a great grandmother! His name is Forest Michael Renalds.
- Shirley sent a card to Vi Young who passed on October 17, 2025.
- Dawn Psik—Please pray for my sister Susan who will be having surgery on Friday, February 20 at the Medical Center Beaver. A double mastectomy with some lymph node removal. The surgery will last approximately 5-6 hours. Prayers all will go well and for peace for sister.
- Kristy Otto—Prayers for my brother Tommy for back surgery recovery
- Lynn Smith—Prayers for my brother-in-law Larry who is having back surgery
- Pastor Judy—Prayers for the Olympic athletes



Ray & Peggy Atwell 02/27	Harper Gavita 02/01	Crystal Saxon 02/13	Trevis Gregory 02/23
	Linda Duganich 02/04	Marsha Douglass 02/14	Brenda Jones 02/24
	Dawn Psik 02/04	Jonah Honess 02/14	Sharon Neville 02/24
	Eric Rastetter 02/06	Marloe Rastetter 02/15	Chris Cronin 02/26
	Missy Sardo 02/06	Michael Colesar 02/16	Nathan Cronin 02/26
	Dolores Skinner 02/06	Kiane Gennaro 02/18	Richard Pike 02/26
	Ken Gregory 02/11	Noah Honess 02/21	Corinna Petrella 02/28
	Weston Shaffer 02/12	Tanner Lewis 02/21	

Highlights From The Deacons Meeting on 2/10/2026

Investigate the Needy - We are always looking into our community to see if we can assist with anyone that may need help.

Correspondence/Cards - We sent out 6 cards in December.

Extra Care List - We continually reach out to members that cannot attend services.

Fellowship-We are organizing Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, consisting of pancakes, sausage, coffee, and juice.

The Fellowship schedule for March includes Palm Sunday donuts after service on March 29,2026.

Food Programs: We continue to maintain food inventory for the Food Pantry. In addition, we stock the pantry each day. We are currently asking for cereal and canned vegetable donations. Peggy Franzese is organizing a Food Drive to fill the pantry inventory on February 22, 2026.

Blessing Bags - We currently deliver 10 bags to Hopewell Jr. High; 10 bags to Hopewell Elementary; and 8 bags to Margaret Ross Elementary. Delivery to the schools must be before noon on Thursdays unless there is a short week or early Friday dismissal then Wednesday is the delivery day.

Next Meeting - March 10,2026, at 6:30 pm.