

Lyall Community Church

Welcome to all our visitors this morning!
We are happy to see you and blessed to have you here!

Announcements: Sunday, November 27, 2022

Please Note These Dates:

November 27 **Transition Team**
November 28 **Anti-Racist Study Group**
December 11 **Community Choir, 7:00**

NOTICE: THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 4, 2022 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP.

Prayers: Pastor Thom receives prayer requests from members of our church family, our community, the country, and world. Please pray for the family and friends of Guy Lavallee. We also pray for the healing of... Jeremy and Teresa Gould, Joe Credle, Sandy Beaumont, Dorothy Myler, Christine Horihan, Donna Cervoni, Jean Armstrong, Marianne Milo, & Anne Van Vlack.

UKRAINE Clothing Drive

We were contacted by the Stanford Fire Department (Doreen Brown). They are collecting and shipping much needed supplies to the Ukraine. They are requesting very warm hats, gloves, socks, coats, pants, boots, blankets, and sleeping bags, which will be sent in large shipping containers directly to the Ukraine. They will not accept dress clothing, just heavy warm winter-wear. The people working on restoring electric over there are working 24 hours a day, and sleeping in their trucks in the dead of winter – which should give us an idea of what they're in need of. They have already sent two containers over, and include fire fighting equipment and first aid supplies. They've been running fund raisers to pay for the shipping, and the extra money is used for equipment and medical supplies. There is another container scheduled to be shipped in a couple of weeks. If you can donate any of the above, they are collecting at the Stanford Fire House on Monday evenings, or we can gather everything here at Lyall and bring it up in one trip. Contact Alice at (845) 677-3485, or acama@lyallmemorial.org.

Lyall Lunch: Lyall Lunch will be prepared and served twice a month, on the 2nd and 4th

Thursdays, 11:30 to 12:30. Join us! Tell your neighbors, bring a friend! Please contact Bob Tierney at 845-677-4458, or bobtier03@gmail.com with any questions.

Food for Folks: Diane Moretti may be reached at 845-242-6508.

The Community Choir and the Chancel Choir: The Chancel Choir will meet on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm.

Meals on Wheels:

Meals on Wheels is seeking cooks, and drivers to help deliver meals. Your assistance will be appreciated whether it is one day a week, once a month or as a fill-in. Please consider volunteering to assist with this valued service to our community. If you would like to know more please contact John: 677- 4235; mealsonwheels@lyallmemorial.org

Meals on Wheels – Special Request

Please consider volunteering to bake a dessert for our Meals on Wheels clients. This can be done weekly or monthly. Nothing fancy, just a good home baked loaf cake, muffins, cookies, bars, etc. We serve 30 clients every Monday-Wednesday-Friday. If you are able to help out in this way, please contact **Shirley Rugar at (845) 677-9865**. Shirley coordinates the baking schedule. Your contribution will be very much appreciated!

Celebration Bags for Food Pantries: The congregation continues to be generous to the children of our area by providing birthday bags that include cake mix, frosting, and sprinkles. A friend of Lynn's is providing a birthday card for each child. Our intent is to continue this as a year-round effort.

The Donate Button on Our Web Page:

You may select the 'PayPal' option or make your donation with a credit card. It is secure and a receipt of your transaction goes to Kristen Reid, Treasurer.

St. Pauly Box Giving: Reusable clothing may be donated to the St. Pauly Box, in the parking lot. Lyall benefits from all donations.

Ukrainian Relief: Razom for Ukraine is a fully vetted 501 c3 NY-based organization that has

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worked assisting Ukraine and Ukrainians since 2014. Razom adjusts its efforts to focus on providing what is needed in real-time by those on the ground in Ukraine. *Please consider making a donation to: razomforukraine.org*

New Book Review Group: If you are interested in joining a book review aimed at devotional themes, contact the Pastor.

Anti-Racist Study Group: Having completed *Homeland Elegies*, the anti-Racist Study Group will resume on Zoom from 12:30-1:30, Monday, November 7, 2022 to take up a new book. We invite anyone to join us who wants to explore the complexities of race and racism in our country, issues that will not improve until we face them. We will be reading *The 1619 Project: A New Origin Story* by Nikole Hannah-Jones, *The New York Times*, and editors Caitlin Roper, Ilena Silverman, and Jake Silverstein, published in 2021. This anthology of essays and stories has been incredibly controversial and is on many banned book lists. As supporters of the freedom to read, we want to see for ourselves. The book re-frames American history, placing the institution of slavery at the core, asserting that our history as a nation began in 1619 with the arrival of the first ship of enslaved Africans, a year before the Mayflower reached Cape Cod and then Plymouth. The book maintains that while American democracy and the prosperity of our country were largely forged by enslaved Black Americans, this group is almost entirely excluded from America's founding stories and is still discriminated against due to racist institutions and policies, stemming from slavery: our economy, laws, law enforcement, society, and the livelihoods of Black Americans. The book concludes with recommendations for reparations. Accounts from other historians, economists, and researchers broaden the perspective. Our study group is welcoming, including our differences; our conversations are enlightening and helpful as we are grateful for this weekly hour to deepen our understanding and raise our awareness of these critical issues. If you'd like to join us, please contact Cat Greenstreet (catgreenstreet@gmail.com) or Pastor Thom.

Bible Study: A new series of discussions has begun and will be held Tuesdays from 1100 am to Noon beginning October 11, taught by Pastor Thom and Jim Demus. Here are the details.

Introduction:

What is the benefit of reading the bible? Is every word written in the bible inspired by God? Is every word of scripture of the same value? If not, how does one give weight and significance? What is a cristo-centric hermeneutic? The bible assumes a bearer/reader. What is the bible expecting from us? What is a "fair reading" of the text?

Week One: Mythical Readings: Spare me the facts, I want the truth.

On an impressionistic reading of the scriptures.

Genesis 2.18-25

God is not enough

God removes himself (Deus absconditus)

Week Two: Historical Readings: "This really happened." "Oh yeah, so what?"

What is the point of history?

Week Three: Poetry/Wisdom Readings: Metaphors Gone Wild.

Week Four: Prophetic Readings: "Tell the Truth and Tell it Slant."

Reading the moments of today will tell the events of tomorrow.

The prophets and scales. The prophets and the poor.

Week Five: Gospel Readings: Stories that turn into maps.

The Gospel wants the bearer/reader to become a follower of Jesus.

Week Six: Epistle Readings: Dear Abby-er-Paul