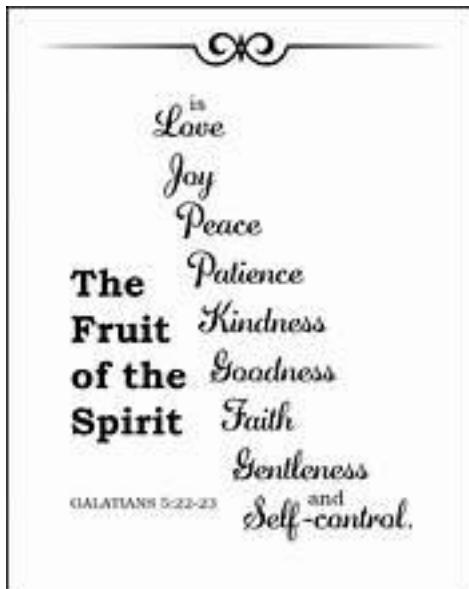


Quintagesima Sunday— Seventh Sunday before Easter

New Goshenhoppen United Church of Christ



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“Sharing the light, faith and love of Jesus with all people.”

February 15, 2026

**8:00 a.m. In Person Worship in Sanctuary
10:30 a.m. In person and Livestream Worship in Sanctuary**

Welcome to New Goshenhoppen Church!

While elaborating on loving one's neighbor, apologist Michael Ramsden spoke of a colleague who while in Asia asked his audience to close their eyes and imagine peace. After a few seconds the audience was invited to share their mental pictures of peace. One person described a field with flowers and beautiful trees. Another person spoke of snow-capped mountains and an incredible alpine landscape. Still another described the scene of a beautiful, still lake.

After everyone described their mental picture of peace there was one thing common in them all --- there were no people in them. Ramsden commented, "isn't it interesting, when asked to imagine peace the first thing we do is to eliminate everyone else."

Peace is not the absence of trouble or others. This morning, we will explore the fruit of "Peace."

The organ preludes are two pieces which are very different. The first is arranged by Janet Linker of John Ness Beck's, *When Peace Like a River* which we will sing during the service. The second piece written by Langlais – *The Chant of Peace* – peace is not found in the composition until the last chord.

Scripture Memory: *The fruit of the Spirit is: Love, joy, PEACE, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.* – *Galatians 5:22-23*

Today is approximately 50 days before Easter – it is called in the Latin – Quintagesima. The color for the "Gesima" Sundays is purple. It signifies penitence, preparation, mourning, humiliation, and the passion.

We Praise and Confess
*The * invites you to rise in body or spirit.*

Prelude

When Peace Like a River – arr Janet Linker
Chant de Paix - Langlais

Chiming of the Trinity

Invitation to Confession

We know that nothing is able to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ. Let us in freedom confess the wrong we have done.

Invitation

Think About His Love – Harrah

Chorus:

**Think about His love, think about His goodness,
Think about His grace, that's brought us through.
For as high as the heavens above, so great is the measure,
of our Father's love. Great is the measure of our Father's love.**

Verse 1:

**How could I forget His love?
How could I forget His mercy?
He satisfies, He satisfies, He satisfies my desires. [to Chorus]**

Verse 2:

**Even when I strayed away,
His love has sought me out and found me.
He satisfies, He satisfies, He satisfies my desires. [to Chorus]**

Prayer of Confession

Merciful Savior,

I lay my burdens before You, confessing the sins that weigh down my soul. Grant me the grace to repent and turn away from all that separates me from Your love. Heal my heart, and restore my brokenness, as I seek Your guidance and forgiveness. Enfold me in Your mercy, O Lord.

Silence

Declaration of Pardon

Christ is our peace;
those who are divided
he has made one.

He has broken down the barriers of separation
by his death and has built us up
into one body, with God.

To all who repent and believe
he has promised reconciliation.
So live as people reconciled. **Amen.**

Praise

O Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall show forth Your praise.

*Hymn of Praise

Like a River Glorious – Wye Valley

1. Like a riv - er glo - ri - ous is God's per - fect peace, o - ver all vic -
 2. Hid - den in the hol - low of His bless - ed hand, nev - er foe can
 3. Ev - 'ry joy or tri - al fall - eth from a - bove, traced up - on our

to - ri - ous in its bright in - crease; per - fect, yet it flow - eth
 fol - low, nev - er tria - tor stand; not a surge of wor - ry,
 di - al by the Sun of Love. We may trust Him ful - ly

full-er ev - 'ry day, per - fect, yet it grow - eth deep - er all the way.
 not a shade of care, not a blast of hur - ry touch the spir - it there.
 all for us to do; they who trust Him whol - ly find Him whol - ly true.

Refrain

Stayed up - on Je - ho - vah, hearts are ful - ly blest;

find - ing as He prom - ised, per - fect peace and rest.

*Greeting

To those who are called, who are beloved in God,
kept safe for Jesus Christ,
and sealed in the Holy Spirit:
May mercy, peace, and love be yours in abundance.
Amen!

We Hear and Respond

From the Prophets

Isaiah 26:1-8

In that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah:

"We have a strong city;
 he sets up salvation
 as walls and bulwarks.

- ² Open the gates,
 that the righteous nation that keeps faith may enter in.
- ³ You keep him in perfect peace
 whose mind is stayed on you,
 because he trusts in you.
- ⁴ Trust in the LORD forever,
 for the LORD GOD is an everlasting rock.
- ⁵ For he has humbled
 the inhabitants of the height,
 the lofty city.
He lays it low, lays it low to the ground,
 casts it to the dust.
- ⁶ The foot tramples it,
 the feet of the poor,
 the steps of the needy."
- ⁷ The path of the righteous is level;
 you make level the way of the righteous.

⁸ In the path of your judgments,
O LORD, we wait for you;
your name and remembrance
are the desire of our soul.¹

The Word of the Lord, the Light of the World.

Thanks be to God!

From a Letter of the Apostle Paul

Colossians 5:22-25

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.²

Romans 5:1-2

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ² Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.³

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Thanks be to God!

*Gospel Hymn: No. 840 **When Peace Like a River** – Ville du Havre

*Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

Matthew 4:22-33

Hear the Gospel of Christ.

Glory to Christ our Savior.

¹ *The Holy Bible: English Standard Version* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2025), Is 26:1–8.

² *The Holy Bible: English Standard Version* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2025), Ga 5:22–25.

³ *The Holy Bible: English Standard Version* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2025), Ro 5:1–2.

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

²⁸ And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³² And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.**

⁴ *The Holy Bible: English Standard Version* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2025), Mt 14:22–33.

**The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

The Word of God Proclaimed

Dr Williams – "PD"

Peace. . .Deep Peace

Morning Prayer

Our Savior's Prayer [using **debts** and **debtors**]

Welcome and Announcements

Offering Our Gifts, Tithes and Offerings

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Offertory

*Offertory Response: No. 606

The Doxology

*Offertory Prayer

*Dismissal Hymn: No. 834

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Following the Light of Christ into the World

***We go. . .
To share the light, faith and love of Jesus
with all people!***

*Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude

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FEBRUARY 15, 2026

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WELCOME VISITORS ~ we're glad you are joining us for worship! Please sign the visitor card located in the pew rack and drop in the offering plate.

WiFi PASSWORD: Network: NewGoshGuest, password: **wearethechurch**

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP MONTHLY OUTREACH is baby items and women's personal items. There is a collection container in the Social Room for your contributions which will be given to Genesis Women's Clinic in Pottstown.

CARD SHOWER: Kindly spread some birthday cheer by sending Ed George a birthday card in celebration of his 90th birthday on March 1. Please send to Ed George, The Village at Lifequest, 2100 Cherry Blossom Lane, Apt. 221, Quakertown, PA 18951.

ASH WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 18: The Season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, February 18. The Reformation Sisters invite you to join them for worship at 11:00 a.m. at New Goshenhoppen or 7:00 p.m. at Friedens UCC, Sumneytown. The service at New Goshenhoppen will be the Preparatory Service with Ashes and Holy Communion. The service will be followed by chicken noodle soup made by "PD" with warm bread and beverage in the fellowship area (Social Room) below the Sanctuary. Pastor Nick Pence will preach at New Goshenhoppen, and Pastor Dave will preach at Sumneytown.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

The church is grateful for financial gifts received in the name of loved ones and friends.

BUILDING IMPROVEMENT AND MAINTENANCE FUND

In memory of the birthday anniversary of our father,

Clyde Ackerman, Jr.

by the family

In memory of Shirley M. Fox

by Ben & Bev Fox

GENERAL FUND

In memory of Shirley M. Fox

by Janie Slamon

by nephew, William & Grace Fox

by Loraine Heintz and family

by Rick & Luci Jabs

In memory of Doris M. Bieler

by Perkiomen Chapter No. 318, Order of the Eastern Star

CEMETERY FUND

In memory of my dear friend, Shirley M. Fox

by Maggie Pennepacker

THANK YOU: The Health and Welfare Committee would like to thank everyone who donated items for our college students. The care packages have been delivered. What a great way to remind our young adults, both near and far, that we are thinking of them. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

THANK YOU: Health and Welfare and Miller/Keystone would like to thank all that donated Blood, 21 donors were scheduled, 20 donors were registered and 18 were able to donate. All 18 units were viable so since each unit can potentially save up to 3 lives, this is enough blood to possibly save 54 lives!! Thanks so much!!

THE RISE AGAINST HUNGER MEAL PACKAGING EVENT has been rescheduled for March 22 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Red Hill. Volunteers are needed for setting up and meal packaging. Kindly sign up on the bulletin board located in the Social Room. Thank you!

MORE VOLUNTEERS are being sought for funeral luncheons. If you'd like to be added to the list, please call, text, or email Donna Yorkey at 215-679-7179 or DYorkey@icloud.com.

HILLEGASS SCHOLARSHIP FUND OPPORTUNITY: Through the generosity of the Foster C. and Florence (Moll) Hillegass Scholarship Fund, New Goshenhoppen U.C.C. is able to grant financial assistance to members of the congregation who have decided to further their education. The Scholarship Awards are for post high school students working for an undergraduate degree at an accredited school. All scholarships are awarded to full-time (12 or more credits per semester) students for a maximum of 5 years. Students applying to a community college, trade school, technical school, nursing school, as well as individuals pursuing a degree in ministry from an accredited school, are also eligible for this scholarship. Scholarships are given based on financial need, church involvement, and academic record. Members may stop by the New Goshenhoppen Church Office to pick up an application and information packet. Applications **MUST** be postmarked by Wednesday, April 15, 2026, in order to receive consideration. Students currently receiving a scholarship will get applications via the postal service in early April.

BULLETINS are presented in loving memory of parents, Penny & Richard Whitcomb by Andy, Ben, Amy and family; and in memory of Helen Dietz by the family.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented in memory of departed loved ones by Mr. & Mrs. Larry Rhoads and family.

THE FLOWERS IN FRONT OF THE PULPIT (left) are presented in memory of son, David Farkas by Mom.

THE FLOWERS IN FRONT OF THE PULPIT (center) are presented in honor of the 94th birthday anniversary of Ray Eppler by the family.

THE FLOWERS IN FRONT OF THE PULPIT (right) are presented in loving memory of the birthday anniversary of Clyde Ackerman by wife, Phyllis and children, Connie, Michael, Angela, and Steve.

THE FLOWERS BEHIND THE PULPIT are presented in memory of Frederick Fried by Donna, Scott and Kent.

ATTENDANCE: 2/8/26 – 8:00 a.m. worship & Sunday School not held due to weather; 10:30 a.m. 76, Livestream 77.

OPERATING INCOME 2/8/26: Current & Benevolences including EFT \$4,443; Building, Improvement & Maintenance including EFT \$1,067.

FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS:

Year to Date Income	\$59,355.24
Less Investment Withdrawals	<u>\$0.00</u>
	\$59,355.24
Year to Date Expenses	\$64,098.51
Special Income	\$0.00
Special Projects Expenses	\$3,563.98
Capital Campaign Income	\$730.00
Meadows Paid Back Year to Date	\$13,100.00

SCOUTING NEWS: **Cub Scouts** is for boys and girls Kindergarten to 5th grade. If interested in joining, please call or text Kyle Moyer at 610-360-0924. **Scouts BSA** is for 11 to 18 year olds. If interested in joining, please call or text Scott Spaar at 484-431-3178.

Wednesdays in Lent – The Questions Jesus Asked

Jesus asked many questions in the Gospels. We are going to explore 5 of those questions this year. Wednesdays in Lent this year will rotate to the various Reformation Sister congregations with a pastor of another parish preaching. Worship begins at 7:00 p.m. each evening followed by fellowship.

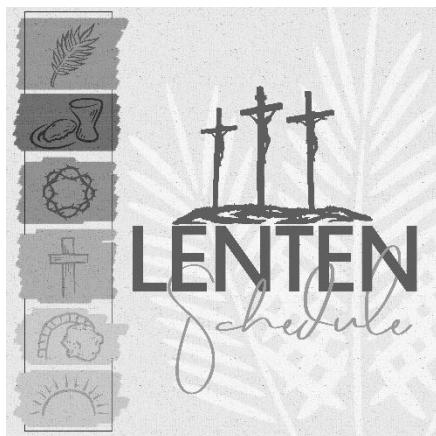
Wednesday, February 25 - Friedens UCC, Sumneytown – Rev'd Myren, preaching

Wednesday, March 4 - St. Paul's Lutheran, Red Hill – Rev'd Thompson, preaching

Wednesday, March 11 - Pennsburg UCC, Pennsburg – Rev'd Compton, preaching

Wednesday, March 18 – St. John's Lutheran, Green Lane – Rev'd Sellers, preaching

Wednesday, March 25 – Palm Schwenkfelder, Palm – Rev'd Schanely, preaching



ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School (Christian Education Building)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary & Livestreamed)
Mon.	6:30 p.m.	Elders Meeting (Pastor Dave's office)
	6:30 p.m.	Code Blue Meal Preparation (Kitchen)
Tues.	8:00 a.m.	Quilting (Pathfinder Room)
	6:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts (lower-level classrooms)
Wed.	11:00 a.m.	Ash Wednesday Communion Service (Sanctuary)
	12:00 p.m.	Soup lunch (Social Room)
	7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Communion Service (Frieden's UCC)
Thurs.	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Confirmation Room)
	1:00 p.m.	Grief Support (Parlor)
	6:00 p.m.	Cardio Drumming (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study (Confirmation Room)
Fri.	6:15 p.m.	Girl Scouts (Heidelberg, Apostles', 4 th grade classrooms)
Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School (Christian Education Building)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary & Livestreamed)

Thank you to our Service Participants

8:00 a.m.	Narthex: Gene Basara Roberts' Church Office: Janet Weikel Elevator: Lois Anastas Upper Narthex: Randy Peterson Liturgist/Acolyte: Alex Anastas
10:30 a.m.	Narthex: Theodore Kutt Roberts' Church Office: Denise Fox Elevator: Peter Hemperly Upper Narthex: Steve Lentz Liturgist/Acolyte: Thomas Bancroft

840 When Peace like a River

It Is Well with My Soul

This text is a remarkable expression of faith born of grief. The author, an active Presbyterian layman who had just lost four daughters in a tragic shipwreck, wrote it while sailing to Paris to meet his wife, who had survived. The tune was named for the ship that sank.

TRUSTING IN THE PROMISES OF GOD

Musical notation for the text "it is well; it is well with my soul." The music is in G minor (two flats) and common time. It consists of two staves: a treble staff with a basso continuo staff below it. The treble staff has a basso continuo staff below it. The music features a steady eighth-note pattern in the basso continuo and a more melodic line in the treble staff.

SERVICE MUSIC

606 Praise God, from Whom
All Blessings Flow
Doxology

Musical notation for the Doxology hymn. The music is in G major (one sharp) and common time. It consists of three staves: a treble staff with a basso continuo staff below it. The treble staff has a basso continuo staff below it. The music features a steady eighth-note pattern in the basso continuo and a more melodic line in the treble staff.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise *him, all crea-tures
here be - low; praise *him a - bove, ye heavenly host; praise
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

*Or "God"

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

OLD HUNDREDTH
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834 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand; lead me on, help me
 2 When my way grows drear, pre - cious Lord, help me
 stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
 near; when my life is al - most gone,
 Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the
 hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I
 light; take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.
 fall; take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

This black gospel song, like much hymnody, sprang out of the author's deep personal loss (the death of his wife and newborn son), yet it has brought solace to many. He thought his fingers were playing new music, but they unlocked a deep memory of a tune almost a century old.

TEXT: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1938

MUSIC: George N. Allen, 1844; arr. Thomas A. Dorsey, 1938

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PRECIOUS LORD

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