



March 2026

“LIGHT FROM THE HILL”

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The Session

Sharon Ackerson *Lorrie Gallo* *Carol Fry*
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The Board of Deacons

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Stepping Out of the Dark

It was as an interesting walk to the tree stand yesterday morning in the dark. About 6:00 a.m. we headed out walking in the complete dark with a small flash light to get ourselves in position and situated before daybreak. Have you ever walked in the woods in the dark? My eyes fell to a variety of shapes of glimpses of light through the tree limbs. I thought it was dawn breaking and day light but I realized that it was the brilliant bright moon. I turned and looked behind me to see the moon and as I turned back around and we were just approaching the crest of the hill, I saw it... dawn breaking and the sunlight. I had this very real sense of moving from the dark into the light.

As we have desperate times in our struggles, please know that God provides enough light for each moment and each step. He transitions with us from the dark into the light. He is the light of the world and our joy comes in the morning.

I have had very dark times in my life. Through my own sinful ways and choices, I've brought some terrible consequences on myself and through situations that weren't by my hand and yet led me into very dark days. I am most grateful as a believer in Jesus that his light shown so bright that my choice to follow him and surrender my life ushered me into the light and joy of the Lord. Abundant life comes from stepping out of the dark and into the light.

[#abundantlivingatfulldraw](#) [photo by me - JG]

Article written by
Pastor Jackie Greene
G.A.P. Ministries/Celebrate Life

**This article comes from Pastor Greene's Facebook page *Abundant Living at Full Draw*.
If you would like to read more of her posts, visit and like her page on Facebook.



MARCH & APRIL WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

March 1, 2026

Denny Weaver
The Lord's Supper will be served

March 8, 2026

Pastor Doug Snyder

March 15, 2026

Randy Stear

March 22, 2026

Donna Yarnal

March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday
Eric Longwell
Palm Parade
Deacon Social after worship

April 2, 2026

Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 p.m.
with communion

April 5, 2026

Easter Worship 10:30 a.m.
Denny Weaver
The Lord's Supper will be served

April 12, 2026

Randy Stear

April 19, 2026

Pastor Doug Snyder

April 26, 2026

Donna Yarnal



Session Update

The Session has been busy maintaining the buildings and properties in addition to planning for worship and mission. We have supported fifteen missionaries, ministries, and agencies along with 63 shoe boxes packed for Operation Christmas Child. In addition, our church hosted the ladies' tea and Harvest Fest while seven community groups use our facility weekly. Looking ahead, pulpit supply for most of 2026 is in place and along with mission projects.

It has been a busy year with property issues. The spring storms caused damage to the maintenance shed and steeple tower downspouts. In September, the manse renters vacated, and the session voted to sell the property, having rented the manse for the past ten years. Volunteers worked to clean up the property and placed it on the market with Good News Realty. On December 16, we signed a contract to sell the property; however, on December 24, it was discovered the copper piping in the basement had been cut and stolen. After reporting this to the police, insurance agency and realtor, the session had to initiate immediate repairs in order to protect the property and continue with the sale of the manse, with a projected closing of the sale in early March 2026. Unfortunately, the insurance company will not cover the theft because the property had been vacant for more than sixty days. To say the least, it has been a frustrating and challenging time for the session.

We need people with different talents and skills to do small but important tasks. R&S works to do the upkeep and maintenance both inside and outside. The mission group selects plans and organizes the various mission projects that the church supports throughout the year. The outreach group plans fellowship events like the Ladies' tea and Fall Fest and needs people who like to coordinate gatherings. The worship committee plans for Advent, Lent and regular services. If you are interested in helping with either the physical work or planning programs and worship, please speak with an elder. We would be happy to have your assistance.

PNC Update

Throughout the last year, the PNC has read 44 resumes of possible candidates. We have spent time watching sermons, reading blogs, and researching possible matches, and we have then invited individuals to apply. Unfortunately, at this point we have not found the person God is calling for our congregation, so we continue to work. Please keep us in your prayers.



Dear members and friends of the Presbyterian Church of Marion. You are encouraged to keep the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) in your frequent prayers. If you don't know what to be praying for, here is a prayer you can use that has been culled from several sources:

Most gracious and loving God, having accepted the invitation to work together to seek out and prayerfully discern the person who, even now, is being called to serve, lead, and journey with the Presbyterian Church of Marion, we ask you to come to the PNC's assistance.



As it is written in Psalm 139, "... you have searched us out and known us; you discern our thoughts from afar; you follow our journeys and are acquainted with all our ways ..." Be with them now, Father. As they continue in this search process, be present among them, and guide each step they take. Guide them in all their doings, Gracious God.

Build unity among them, guard them from distractions, and help them to welcome different viewpoints and perspectives as opportunities to hear, understand, and grow. Father, teach them to listen. But also, allow them some Holy rest when rest is needed.

Inspire not only their minds but also their hearts, allowing one to form the other, within each individual, and among all participants in this work. Open their hearts and minds to your presence, Lord Jesus.

Quicken the heart of the person begin called to serve as our next pastor. Remove any obstacles that might stand in the way of this call. Reveal the path and lead the way, as we all know you as The Way, The Truth, The Life.

Lord, may the PNC offer themselves as fertile ground through which your work may be done. And when their tasks are complete and the search is done, grant them quiet minds and confident hearts that, guided by your wisdom, they will have accomplished what you have asked them to do. And then let them rest, be still, and know that you are God.

Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Lenten DVD Study...

"An Unlikely Lent" by Rachel Billups explores the Easter story through the lens of unexpected characters, inviting readers to discover new insights and embrace the themes of devotion, courage, and companionship.

By seeing the Easter story through their eyes, we may discover that the resurrection is not just a past event, but an invitation into something new, unexpected, and unlikely. Walk through this season with eyes wide open, ready to see where God is moving, even in the margins. Since the cross is not the end of the story, embrace every unlikely moment along the way.



This six week study will be held on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. Our study began February 22nd, but it is not too late to join us this Sunday, March 1st.

Daylight Savings time...

Don't forget to spring forward with your clocks!
Daylight saving time starts **March 8th**



Easter Flowers....The deacons will be ordering flowers for Easter. If you would like to order in memory/honor of someone, please sign the sheet in the Narthex. Cost is \$10 and checks can be made payable to "The Board of Deacons". Available for order are tulips, Easter lilies or hyacinths.



Orders are needed by Sunday, March 29th

Palm Parade on Palm Sunday...

We would like to have a Palm Parade at the beginning of our service on Palm Sunday, March 29th. If you have kids that would like to be a part of our parade, please let Beth know. Please arrive by 10:25 a.m. so we can get the kids in order and hand out palms.

Feel like a kid at heart, adults are invited to join in as well!



Palm Sunday Social....The deacons will be hosting a social following worship on Sunday, March 29th. Start your Holy week off by joining us for a time of fellowship and yummy refreshments. We could even parade with our palms from the sanctuary to the social hall!



PALM SUNDAY

Holy Week Services....



March Mission Outreach...

The mission committee has set March as the month we will collect and support Jackie & Jim Greene's G.A.P. Ministries

Their ministry provides tools to help you trade your struggles, suffering, and sorrows for hope, healing, and wholeness!

Vision: Casting Hope - Catching the Lost - Releasing Followers

A ministry answering the call from God in Ezekiel 22:30 "I looked for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land..." Bridging the GAP in prayer for the people of our land to reconnect with Christ.

Mission: The GAP Ministries exists to bring Christ-centered hope, healing, and wholeness to the hurting and broken in our communities.

How: The GAP currently provides Celebrate Life, Encounter Women's Weekends, Life Coaching, Grief Support Groups, Prison Ministry, prayer gatherings, special events and seminars, preaching/speaking, and discipleship.

Monday Evening Celebrate Life is a Christ Centered, Biblical based recovery process for all who are broken and struggling and seek to break out of their bondages with a desire to live in the abundance and fullness of a life with Jesus. Their group meets on Monday evenings at 6:00 p.m. at their G.A.P. Hub in Clymer. Have questions about the ministry, contact Pastor Jackie at: gapministriespa@gmail.com

Donations can be placed in the small brown envelopes in the pew racks or you may include in your weekly offering envelope and mark how much is to go to Celebrate Life.



G.A.P. MINISTRIES

EZE 22:30 | STANDING IN THE GAP FOR THE HURTING & BROKEN



Friday Night Family Fun:

Family Worship Nights are a unique, once-a-month gathering created for families of all shapes, sizes, and stages. Hosted in a relaxed, coffee-shop-style setting at the GAP Hub, this evening invites children, teens and adults to experience worship in a way that feels welcoming, meaningful, and deeply connected.

Live worship fills the room while families move freely between creating stations, quiet places to respond, and toy-filled spaces designed especially for kids. Little hands can explore, older kids can create, and adults can breathe—all while sharing a heart-centered moment together.

This is not about sitting still or doing things “just right.” It’s about giving families a unique space to worship together in a way that feels natural, gentle, and full of heart.

- ✦ All ages welcome
- ✦ All families welcome
- ✦ Come as you are



FAMILY WORSHIP Night



THE FIRST FRIDAY
OF EVERY MONTH

6:30-7:30 PM

THE GAP HUB
148 SIXTH ST. CLYMER PA 15728

A unique, heart-filled family worship night with live worship, creative ways to respond, and space for kids to play. Let's gather, create, and seek Jesus together.

BASIC ART SUPPLIES AND TOYS PROVIDED BY: **tiny disciples**

Ladies, mark your calendars
and invite your friends

Ladies Brunch
May 9th
11:00 a.m. - 1:00p.m.



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“J.J. - Jonah’s Daughter”
The story of a reluctant missionary

Special Biblical Presentation

by LuAnne Baker

LuAnne brings Biblical women to life using costume and story-telling.

No cost to attend, but a love offering for LuAnne will be accepted the day of the brunch.

Please RSVP by May 4th to
Beth Turner 412-289-6821

Wear your favorite hat

Bring your favorite tea cup



*Don't have either.....
just come for the food, fellowship and
A Ladies Day Outing!*



****gluten free foods will be available****

Prayer Requests

Rest Home Folks: The Fountains of Dubois - Doris Glasser

Active Military Service: Louis Good

PNC Committee:

Calvin Farren, Lorrie Gallo, Natalie Gatskie, Chuck Glasser and Tonya Watkins

March Birthdays

- 1 Donna Kanouff
- 4 Ken Black
- 11 Abel Musgrave
- 15 Virginia McMahan
- 24 Cindy Mouser



ELDERS OF THE MONTH

Jennifer Frederick

DEACON OF THE MONTH

Calvin Farren

March Anniversaries

3-9 Hunter & Emma Armstrong

3-10 Ken & Donna Black

