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PASTOR'S NOTES: THE BIBLE IN WINTER

Dear Friends - It's been a long, cold, snowy winter – and its only February! If you're like me – Spring can't get here fast enough. I thought, though, for this month that I would give us some food for thought on winter as it comes to us in the Scriptures. Read, think, pray and be warmed by the light of God's enduring Word.



*As long as the earth endures,
seedtime and harvest, cold and heat,
summer and winter, day and night,
shall not cease.*
– Genesis 8:22

*Yours is the day, yours also the night;
you established the luminaries and the sun.
You have fixed all the bounds of the earth;
you made summer and winter.*
– Psalm 74:16-17

*From its chamber comes the whirlwind,
and cold from the scattering winds.
By the breath of God ice is given,
and the broad waters are frozen fast.*
– Job 37: 9-10

*Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord:
though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be like snow;
though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.*
– Isaiah 1:18

On that day living waters shall flow out from Jerusalem, half of them to the eastern sea and half of them to the western sea; it shall continue in summer as in winter.
– Zechariah 14:8

A Look Ahead to Lent

February is (thankfully) a short month. March will be here before we know it – and with it will come **the Season of Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2**. When taken seriously, Lent may be a time of spiritual discernment, renewal, and recommitment to our faith. Lent may also be a time to contemplate God's loving grace poured out in Jesus's crucifixion – to be honest about the ways we've not been loving to our neighbors and to ourselves - and to open our hearts to receive the grace which gives us the strength to forgive and be forgiven. In order to help deepen our Lenten journey, our focus on Sundays will be on the Psalms and our weekly study will be on the book of Job. I hope both will be a blessing.

More details to come in the March issue of The Gram. For now, please mark your calendar for an **Ash Wednesday service, March 2 at 6:00 PM**. The service will be offered in person and via ZOOM with a link to be emailed at the end of February. Join us for the traditional services of ashes, special prayers, music and a message to help us begin the Lenten journey.

In the meantime, I'll look forward to seeing you on Sundays in February (in-person or by ZOOM) as we continue through the Season of Epiphany. We hope that COVID protections may soon be relaxed, but for now we continue to ask that masks be worn in service and whenever in the building. I thank you as always for your cooperation.

Peace,
Pastor Mark

CHRISTIAN ED

Once again the youth of the church will be holding a Super Bowl Sub Sale on Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 13th. **All orders must be placed by February 9th.** If you would like to place an order, please contact the office or Lindsay 443-880-0107. **All proceeds from the sub sale will go to help send the Draheim family to Disney, through the Biker's without Borders fundraiser.**

Lakelyn Draheim, their daughter, is a vibrant 4-year-old who was recently diagnosed with stage 4 Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG) - an inoperable brain tumor. If you would like to help the family but do not wish to purchase a sub you can donate to the family's Disney trip by noting "Draheim family" on your check or even by praying for them as Lakelyn will begin 6 weeks of radiation treatments very soon.



Sunday mornings the "Sheep Pen" kids have been getting hands on with their Bible lessons through a series based on the 12 Days of Christmas, you can see the fun they are having on our S'more Jesus Youth Group and Activates Facebook page. We hope to get all youth activities back in full swing beginning in March. If anyone is interested in helping in any way please contact any Christian Ed team member, Jerry, Kristin, Victoria, Arline, Emily, or Lindsay.

February Mission— Souper Bowl of Caring an Cold Weather Shelter



We will continue through Super Bowl Sunday collecting canned goods and non-perishables for our Blessing Box. Beginning Sunday, February 20th we will collect clothing for the cold weather shelter. The shelter uses Men's and Women's clothing of all sizes for those using the shelter as a clean set of clothing to put on while their cloths are being washed. *If you have a mission tugging at your heart you would like to see our church participate in please let anyone of the Mission team know as we are always looking for new ideas of ways we can be God's hands and feet!!!*



DEACON'S REPORT - Carol Neal, Moderator

In December, the Deacons were very busy. We helped the Worship Committee decorate the Sanctuary & Chapel for Advent. In the middle of the month, we packed our famous Christmas bags for seniors, shut-in's and this year for several folks living in the Cottages. It is always a fun time as every Deacon contributes a treat. *This year we want to especially thank former Deacons (but always a Deacon) Joan Townsend, Pat Rouch, Lynda Truitt, Lindsay Ashton and Bob Arthur for their contributions.* Deacons delivered the bags and a poinsettia and had a quick visit.

In January, we did our usual; greeting folks, as well as delivered the "hearts" you donated along with a supper to the Samaritan Shelter. We also contributed funds, that were to be matched by a generous donor, to the Samaritan Shelter for a new playground, and money (and prayers) to the local family with a child diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor. The Deacons would like to give **MANY THANKS** to those members in our congregation who make financial contributions - Your generous contributions are much appreciated.

Thank you for serving as Deacons in 2021: Debi Cook, Gloria Gubosh, Charlie Herpen, Tammy Nickell, Carol Rose, and Evelyn Warren

Happy Anniversary!

- 02/05 Douglas and Suzanne Parks
- 02/09 Charles and Joan Townsend
- 02/14 Tony and Karla Davis
- 02/27 Gregory and Leslie Fraser

welcome baby

Congratulations to Mitchell & Emily David on the birth of their son, Gideon Mitchell David, born January 1, 2022

- HAPPY BIRTHDAY**
- 02/01 Evelyn Warren
 - 02/05 Lynne Murray
 - 02/06 Jacob Cook
 - 02/07 Lindsay Ashton
 - 02/10 George David
 - 02/12 Dorothy Timken
Thomas Truitt
 - 02/14 Rowan Cook
 - 02/16 Cathy Leyden
 - 02/19 Michael Leyden
 - 02/20 Ethan Cook
 - 02/27 Cade Harsh



A Note from Historian Lynne Murray

The *Democratic Messenger* of 30 January 1904 reported a fatal accident in which a prominent Berlin resident, and long-time Buckingham member Zadok Purnell Henry, was killed by a train. The incident took place at a *Baltimore, Chesapeake, & Atlantic Railroad* crossing just above St Martin's station as Judge Henry was returning from one of his farms near Campbelltown. The village of St Martin's is located west of Berlin; from North Main St turn left on Route 50, then right on Old Ocean City Rd/route 346, the first paved state road on the right. From St Martin's, a short section of Pitts Rd connects to Campbelltown Rd, a country road running north for some distance, so the Henry farm could have been anywhere along that road.

I wasn't able to pinpoint the exact location of the crossing in question as the BC&A has been defunct since 1928. There seems to be some confusion as to how Henry's carriage was hit by the engine when the whistle was repeatedly blown and the engine almost came to a standstill. The *Messenger* opined that Judge Henry may have been incapacitated in some way at the time the engine struck his carriage. The impact threw Henry about 20 feet down an embankment where he landed face down with the ruined carriage on top of him. The train crew took Henry aboard and carried him to Berlin, where he died that evening without regaining consciousness. I was tremendously relieved to learn the horse was not injured; no surprise to you I'm sure, from anyone bottle-feeding a foal in their kitchen! (cont'd on back)

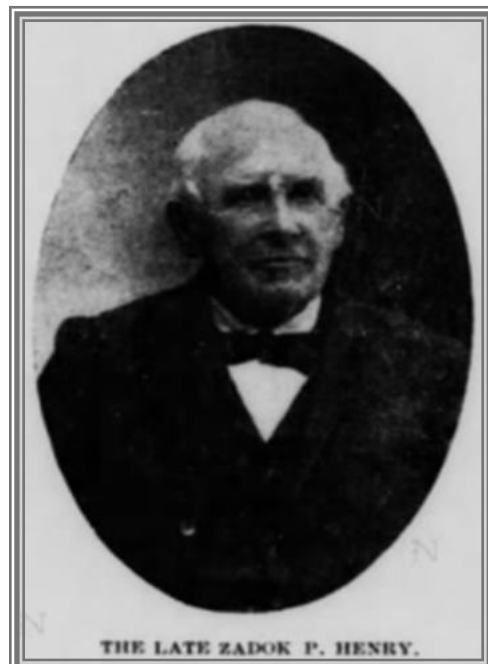
ZADOK P. HENRY
KILLED BY TRAIN

Ex-Chief Judge of Orphans' Court Loses his Life at B. C. & A. Crossing Near St. Martins.

A terrible accident on the Baltimore, Chesapeake & Atlantic Railroad crossing just above St. Martin's station took place Tuesday, resulting in the death of Mr. Zadok P. Henry, of Berlin, ex-judge of the Orphans' Court, and one of Worcester county's most prominent and respected citizens. Mr. Henry was returning home from a visit to one of his farms near Campbelltown, and

in crossing the B. C. & A. railroad track, his carriage was struck by the engine, and, with him, thrown about twenty feet down an embankment, where he was found lying on his face under the ruins of the carriage. The horse escaped injury. The train immediately stopped for him, and carried him to Berlin. He was conveyed to his home, where he died about seven o'clock, having never regained consciousness. There seemed to be scarcely any evidence of external injury, the damage being entirely internal.

Blame can scarcely be attached to the railroad employees, as the whistle was repeatedly blown, and the engine brought almost to a standstill. It is possible that Mr. Henry may have been unconscious from an apoplectic attack when struck by the engine, as his well-known caution makes it impossible to believe that he would knowingly drive in front of an advancing train.



THE LATE ZADOK P. HENRY.

Democratic Messenger, 30 Jan 1904,
continued:



The deceased was the head of the well known, and for many generations, prominent Henry family, his father being the late Z. P. Henry. His mother's maiden name was Esther Bredell. He was born in 1831. In his early manhood he was associated with his father in extensive merchandizing and shipping, in which he showed great activity and sagacity. Later, he formed a partnership with the late R. Jenkins Henry, after whose death he conducted a mercantile business under the name of Z. P. Henry & Sons. In 1860 he married Miss Elizabeth Dirickson, a daughter of the late John C. Dirickson and Catherine Brevard. He is survived by his widow and three children, viz: John D. Henry, who is cashier of the Berlin Exchange and Savings Bank, Dr. Z. Henry, who has recently begun the practice of his profession in Berlin, and Miss Addie Byrd Henry. In the death of Mr Henry, not only Berlin, but the entire county loses one of its most useful citizens. Kind and courteous to all, of fine business ability, he enjoyed the confidence of all who knew him, his advice being eagerly sought by the widow and orphan, and never in vain.

He lived a very quiet domestic life, his family occupying his entire affection, and while he was frequently urged to become more prominent in political life, he only on one occasion allowed himself to come before the people for public office. This was in 1899 when he was nominated and elected by a large majority, one of the Judges of the Orphans' Court, a position for which he was peculiarly fitted. He was made Chief Judge and served four years. He was active in organizing the Exchange and Savings Bank of Berlin, being a stock holder and vice-president of that institution. In politics Mr. Henry has been a life long democrat in the broadest sense of the word, and he always showed the greatest interest in the welfare of his party. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, but his liberal views made him interested in all denominations, and he was a quiet and earnest worker in all church work. The pall-bearers were H. F. Harmonson, H. J. Anderson, Dr. T. V. Franklin, John T. Keas, Dr. E. J. Dirickson, and Josiah Bethards. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family and relatives.

The Henry family clearly were persons of consequence locally. Henry himself had been elected Judge of the Orphan's Court and was an organizer, stockholder and vice-president of the former Exchange & Savings Bank. His son John D. Henry was cashier of Exchange and Savings, then located in the brick building on the corner where Bay St. comes in to Main St. His son Dr. Zadok P. Henry III practiced medicine in Berlin and his daughter Addie later married Ethan Allen Carey.

Although a staunch member of Buckingham, Judge Henry was buried at St. Paul's Episcopal Church yard where there are 23 graves of the Henry family. The list of pallbearers included Horace Harmonson, owner of the Atlantic Hotel, Drs. Franklin and Dirickson, and John Keas, owner of the c. 1880 home located at 200 S. Main St., just 3 doors south of our church.

On the same page of Berlin news as her father's obituary, the brief article below reports that daughter Addie Henry returned home after her father was struck by the noon train. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. William Bancroft, who served Buckingham from 1900 to 1911.

Miss Addie Henry, who went to Snow Hill Monday to visit Mrs. R. D. Jones, was called home Tuesday to the death bed of her father, Mr. Zadok Henry, who in crossing the railroad track at St. Martins, was struck by the noon train, and thrown out of his carriage. He was injured so badly that he only lived until night, when the Lord took him out of his sufferings. Mr. Henry had been a member of the Buckingham Presbyterian Church ever since he was a young man, and was ready when the Lord called him. His remains were interred in the Episcopal Churchyard, Rev. W. H. Bancroft and Rev. J. G. Gantt officiating at his funeral, Messrs. Wise & Burbage funeral directors. He leaves a wife and three children—Mr. John Henry, Cashier of the Exchange and Savings Bank, Dr. Zadok Henry, and Miss Addie Henry, to mourn their loss.

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | 1 Pastor's Hrs. 3-5pm | 2 Pastor's Hrs. 1-3pm | 3 Bible Study 6pm Choir 7:30pm | 4 Pastor's Hrs. 10am-12pm | 5 |
| 6 9am Contemporary Service 11am Traditional Service Ordination/ Installation Sunday & Celebration of Holy Communion (both services) | 7 Share & Care 6:30pm | 8 Pastor's Hrs. 3-5pm Session 6pm | 9 Pastor's Hrs. 1-3pm Super Bowl Sub Orders Due | 10 Bible Study 6pm Choir 7:30pm | 11 Pastor's Hrs. 10am-12pm | 12 |
| 13 9am Contemporary Service 11am Traditional Service Super Bowl Sub Pick-up 10:30am -1pm | 14 Share & Care 6:30pm | 15 Pastor's Hrs. 3-5pm | 16 Pastor's Hrs. 1-3pm Trustees Mtg. 6:30pm | 17 Bible Study 6pm Choir 7:30pm | 18 Pastor's Hrs. 10am-12pm | 19 |
| 20 9am Contemporary Service 11am Traditional Service | 21 Share & Care 6:30pm | 22 Pastor's Hrs. 3-5pm | 23 Pastor's Hrs. 1-3pm | 24 Bible Study 6pm Choir 7:30pm | 25 Pastor's Hrs. 10am-12pm | 26 |
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VISION STATEMENT

*We are a community of disciples,
Who honor all people,
Care for those in need,
Share the hope we receive from Jesus Christ.*