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FROM THE PASTOR

A Movie Night has been planned for Friday, March 6th, at 7:00 PM in the Dining Room to watch “Nonnas” – a movie that will touch your heart in many ways! Please bring a snack/beverage to share as well as a comfortable chair. Hope you will come and join the fun!



Lenten Study continues to meet on Tuesdays at 7pm in the Parlor. Our final session will be on March 31st.

Don't forget the Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 14th from 4:00 PM to 6:30 PM in the Dining



Room. Reserve your tickets in the Church Office or purchase tickets online at app.gopassage.com/events/2026-corned-beef. If you are donating desserts for the dinner, please bring your dessert to the kitchen on the morning of March 14th.

This is one of our busiest (if not the busiest) dinners and all help is greatly appreciated!!

Last year I held a Maundy Thursday Meal and all who attended had a great time! So, this year we will gather again for the Maundy Thursday Meal on April 2nd at 6:00 PM in the Dining Room. What is the Maundy Thursday Meal? It is a Covered Dish Supper with the celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Watch for a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board and I hope to see you all there!



Pastor [Signature]



March Birthdays:

- 2 Lynne Lothian
- 6 Carol Rzeczkowski
- 10 Phyllis Zeban
- 17 Jeffrey Murray
- 26 Isobel Green
James Paterno
- 30 Steve Hubscher

March Anniversaries



- 6 Al & Susan
Rohner
- 30 Fred & Jeanette
Neske

TREASURER'S NOTES

Happy New Year! Just to recap, we ended 2025, \$6,126 in the black. As it is our practice to start each new year with a zero balance in our current expense budget, I transferred \$6,126 into the general fund line item.

January proved to be a good month financially. Pledges were over \$11,000. The roast pork was a tremendous success, making a profit of \$2,295. Classis dues are starting to come in. (FYI, the assessment for 2026 is \$103 per member.) Our receipts for January totaled \$19,194.



The expenses for January were normal except for a plowing and salting of bill of \$2,325. After paying all our bills, we ended the month, \$741.41 in the red. Way to go, South Branch! Keep up the excellent work and we can get back in the black soon.

May God continue to bless SBRC and its people.

~ Robyn Friedlander

CORNED BEEF DINNER

SBRC will be holding a Corned Beef Dinner on Saturday, March 14th from 4:00 to 6:30 PM with Chef Tyson presiding over the kitchen. All tickets are now \$20 and you can dine-in or take out! Bring a bag if you are doing take out.

Call (908) 369-4956 for tickets or pre-purchase tickets by visiting: app.gopassage.com/events/2026-corned-beef

Menu

*Corned Beef
Boiled Cabbage
Parslied Potatoes
Glazed Carrots
Cole Slaw
Irish Soda and Rye Breads
Assorted Desserts
Coffee, Tea,
Lemonade or Iced Tea*

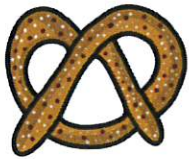
SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

After a couple weeks of being snowed-out, the Sunday School staff were thrilled to welcome students back on Sunday, February 1.

February 15th our classes celebrated Valentine's Day by making cards to share some smiles with our friends and Church family.



Coming up, on Palm Sunday, March 29, the students will participate in our Annual Lenten Pretzel Activity during Church and celebrate Easter with our school-wide Easter Egg Hunt following Coffee Hour. All children Preschool-aged through 7th grade are welcome to join us! Donations of wrapped candy for the Egg Hunt would be greatly appreciated and may be left in the Church office on or before March 15th. We are planning to stuff eggs on Sunday, March 22nd, during Coffee Hour for those who are willing to help.



We are looking ahead to next school year already, please reach out to Tracy Davenport if you would be interested in teaching, co-teaching, or substituting.

We have a lot of fun planned for the rest of the school year, which will wrap up on Sunday, May 31. We look forward to spending our Sunday mornings together.

~ Tracy Davenport

LENT & EASTER AT SBRC

Palm Sunday ~ March 29th

Worship in Sanctuary at 10am
 Sunday School Pretzel Activity
 Easter Egg Hunt following Coffee Hour



Maundy Thursday ~ April 2nd

Covered Dish Supper with Communion at 6pm in the Dining Room

Easter Sunday ~ April 5th

Dawn Service with Communion at 6:30am by the Cemetery
 Easter Celebration with Communion at 10am

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MARCH

March 2:

Genesis 12:1-4a
 Psalm 121
 Romans 4:1-5,13-17
 Matthew 17:1-9

March 8:

Exodus 17:1-7
 Psalm 95
 Romans 5:1-11
 John 4:5-42

March 15:

1 Samuel 16:1-13
 Psalm 23
 Ephesians 5:8-14
 John 9:1-41

March 22:

Ezekiel 37:1-14
 Psalm 130
 Romans 8:6-11
 John 11:1-45

March 29:

Isaiah 50:4-9a
 Psalm 31:9-16
 Philippians 2:5-11
 Matthew 21:1-11



COMMUNITY EASTER DINNERS!



We are collecting food bank items to ensure two local families have a blessed Easter Sunday dinner. The sign-up sheet is posted on the hallway bulletin board. Please place your items in the marked bin at the church parking lot entrance. All items are due by **Sunday, March 22nd**.

Thank you again for your continued generosity in partnering with the Hillsborough Food Bank. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with Holly Kowalenko.

MAUNDY THURSDAY MEAL

Join us on Maundy Thursday, April 2nd, at 6:00pm in the Dining Room for the “Maundy Thursday Meal”. This Covered Dish Supper will be an opportunity to gather in fellowship as we celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper.



Bring your favorite dish, dessert, and/or beverage to share as we gather during Holy Week.

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club continues their lively discussions each month and you can be part of the fun at any time! The group meets the last Sunday of the month at 8:00pm via Zoom. The list below contains the upcoming titles. They hope to see **YOU** next time. Contact Mary Nunn for further information.

March - “The Berry Pickers” by Amanda Peters

April - “How to Age Disgracefully” by Clare Pooley

May - “A Fire Sparkling” by Julianne MacLean

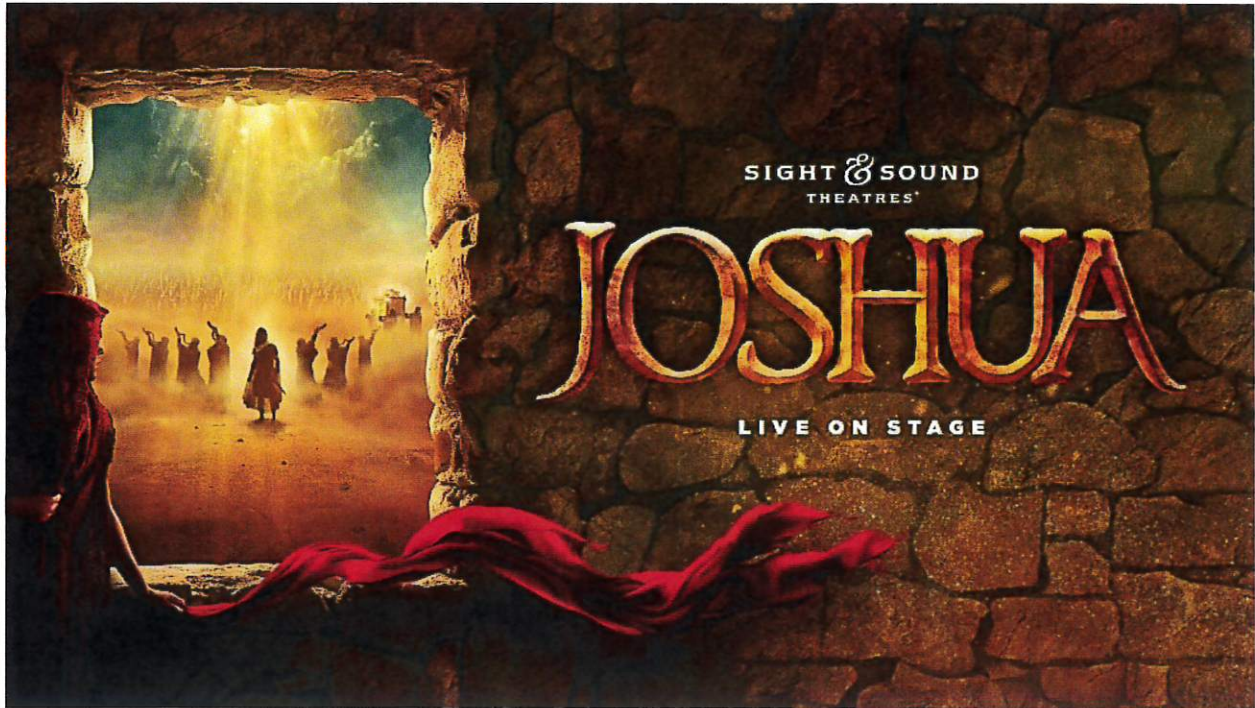
June - “The Harvey Girls” by Juliette Fay

July - “The Lion Women of Tehran” by Marjan Kamali



March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion Confirmation Class at 7pm	2 Lectio Divina at 7pm in Parlor	3 Lenten Study at 7pm in Parlor	4	5 Choir at 7:30pm in Parlor	6 Movie Night at 7pm in Dining Room	7
8 Daylight Saving Time Begins	9	10 Lenten Study at 7pm in Parlor	11 Knit, Pray, Crochet at 7pm at Stockman Home	12 Choir at 7:30pm in Parlor	13 Dinner Set-Up at 7:00pm	14 Corned Beef Dinner 4:00pm - 6:30pm
15 Women's Group Confirmation Class at 7pm	16 April Newsletter Items due Lectio Divina at 7pm in Parlor	17 Lenten Study at 7pm in Parlor	18 Consistory at 7:30pm in Parlor	19 Choir at 7:30pm in Parlor	20	21
22 Easter Lily Orders Due! Community Dinner Items Due!	23 Lenten Study at 7pm in Parlor	24 <i>"Science Night" for Preschool</i>	25 Knit, Pray, Crochet at 7pm at Stockman Home	26 Choir at 7:30pm in Parlor	27	28
29 Palm Sunday Sunday School Pretzel Activity Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt	30	31 Lenten Study at 7pm in Parlor				



Join Us for a Day Trip to Lancaster, PA!

Tuesday, November 3, 2026

(most local schools are closed on 11/3 for Election Day)

Back by popular demand – South Branch and Hillsborough Reformed are teaming up again this year for a wonderful fall day trip – and you’re invited!

We’ll be traveling by bus to beautiful Lancaster, PA for a day filled with fellowship, inspiration, and delicious food. The day begins with an early morning departure from SBRC promptly at **7:15 AM**, heading to the world-renowned **Sight & Sound Theatres** for the **11:00 AM** performance of the brand new production of *Joshua*.

Following the show, we’ll enjoy a delicious buffet meal at **Miller’s Smorgasbord** at **2:30 PM**. We expect to arrive back to SBRC around **7:00 PM**.

We received glowing reviews from those who joined us last year for Noah and we are excited to be able to plan another so soon.

Tickets are limited, so be sure to reserve your spot early!

Reservation and payment are due on or before August 15.



Memorial Easter Lilies

Easter is a time for freshness, beauty, and renewal. This Easter, help us refresh and beautify the Sanctuary.

Memorial lilies, designated “**in memory of**” or “**in honor of**” a friend or loved one, may be ordered by using the short form printed below. Please complete the form and return to Karen Abbatiello. If you do not wish to take a lily home, but want to remember or honor a loved one, you may contribute to our Memorial Flower Fund instead.

The cost is \$10.00 each and the deadline for ordering is **Sunday, March 22nd**. If paying by check, please write “Easter Lily” in the memo section.

Easter Lily: # _____ **OR** Memorial Fund

Name(s)	Relationship	Given by	Choose one
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DAYLIGHT SAVINGS—SPRING AHEAD



Live & Love Like Jesus

Rev. Stephen Eckert ~ Pastor
Mr. John Colaiacovo ~ Music Director
Mrs. Karen Abbatiello ~ Church Secretary
Mrs. Jennifer Feaster ~ Preschool Director
Mrs. Maritza Acosta ~ Sexton

**Daylight Savings Time
begins on March 8th!!**
Be sure to turn your
clocks **AHEAD** one hour
on Saturday
night or you'll
get to church an
hour late on
Sunday morning.

