



# The Burning Bush

News and information about growing God's children at  
**Tree of Life Evangelical Lutheran Church**

Odessa, Delaware

February 11, 2018

**Today's  
Hymns**  
866  
318  
466 469  
834

**This is Christ's church. There is a place for you here.**

We share a living, daring confidence in God's grace. Liberated by our faith, we embrace you as a whole person -- questions, complexities and all. Join us as we do God's work in Christ's name for the life of the world.



## Today is *Transfiguration of our Lord* Sunday

In the story from Mark about Jesus' baptism, apparently only Jesus sees the Spirit descending and hears the words from heaven. But now, in today's reading, Jesus' three closest friends hear the same words naming him God's beloved son.

As believers, Paul writes, we are enabled to see the God-light in Jesus' face, because the same God who created light in the first place has shone in our hearts to give us that vision. The light of God's glory in Jesus has enlightened us through baptism and shines in us also for others to see.

- [sundaysandseasons.com](http://sundaysandseasons.com)



Today's flowers are donated by Jean and Rick Mullen  
in honor of the birthday of their daughter, Cindy



### It is easy to donate altar flowers

Sign up for a Sunday of your choice at the desk near Fellowship Hall, put \$25 in one of the envelopes there (Make your check payable to Tree of Life LC.) with your name and date of the Sunday you are paying for, and place it in the offering plate. **After service, the flowers are yours to take and enjoy.**

**Please leave the silver container and the vase - which belongs to the florist - on the kitchen counter.** You can take your flowers home in a church vase located in the lower cabinet to the left of the stove.

**Let us pray for ...** Robert and Judy Horensky, Deborah Atkinson, Jim Mowery, Craig Bailey, Paul Schuler, Ronald Rollerson, Frank Houghton, Dallas Dean, Gary Eberhard, Patrick Pileggi, Danny Matz, Danielle Fangman, Elizabeth Schreppler, Elizabeth Zaiser, Vernon Foraker, Bernadette Paine, for those who serve and have served in our military; disaster victims and victims of violence everywhere; and for discernment and the Spirit's guidance as we search for a permanent pastor.

### Today we welcome Rev. Bettye Wolinski

While Pastor Johnson is keeping a prior commitment to preach at another church today, Assistant to the Bishop for the Eastern Cluster Bettye Wolinski is with us today. She is well-acquainted with us as our Synod liaison, helping us find a permanent pastor. Welcome back, Reverend Bettye!

### John Collett, Jr. head ups Toy Drive for young patients at A.I. duPont Hospital

Last year John held the drive at his school, Old State Elem. School, where 100 toys were donated. As we heard last week, this year he is also asking Tree of Life to help the young patients at the nation's most advanced pediatric health care system. Only a second-grader, John and his younger brother, Chris (age 3), have both received specialized care at this world-renowned hospital. The box for your donated toys will be here by next week. **Deadline:** Wed., March 28.

### Our Prayer List to start over next Sunday

Beginning next Sunday we will remove all names from the Prayer List and begin again. Please resubmit any names of those you wish to remain on the list **this week** to Jean Mullen at [jaramullen1@verizon.net](mailto:jaramullen1@verizon.net) or [treeoflifelc@verizon.net](mailto:treeoflifelc@verizon.net). Please also give her names of those you would like to add in the future. You may also fill out a prayer card (Find them on the Ushers Table.) and place it in the offering plate.

## Weekly financial update: *How are we doing with our weekly offerings?*

Our offering last Sunday totaled \$4,081.00. The average for the month of January was \$2,173.00. The first Sunday of the month is normally the highest. To be able to call a full-time pastor, we need to average \$3,000/week, an amount we do not yet reach consistently. If you would like to reconsider your pledge amount for 2018, pledge forms are on the Ushers Table, or see Gene Zaiser, our treasurer.



**Coming up for Lent:** *Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper*, February 13, 5:30 – 7:00 pm, here. Troop 505 families will serve special cookies! Invite friends, neighbors, and family. All are welcome.

Please sign up on the poster in the kitchen.

*Ash Wednesday community service*, this Wednesday, at St. George's United Methodist Church, 109 Broad St., St. Georges.

*First Sunday of Lent* next Sunday, February 18; *Palm Sunday* March 25; *Maundy Thursday* March 29; *Good Friday* March 30; *Easter Sunday* April 1

### Synod-wide donation for Puerto Rico today

The Synod is encouraging congregations to collect a special offering for the Caribbean Synod today. Your donation will be used for material goods that can help the congregations of Puerto Rico recover from the devastating hurricane. Even after two months, parts of the island are still without electricity or water.

### Mark your calendar, volunteer, participate!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
FEB. 11 10:30am Worship Service * Deadline for donating socks * Offering for Puerto Rico 11:45am Immigration Study Group	FEB. 12	FEB. 13 5:30-7:00pm Pancake Supper	FEB. 14 10am—Quilting No Troop 505 <b>7pm ASH WED. service at St. Georges UMC</b>	FEB. 15 3:30-5pm Grocery distribution	FEB. 16	FEB. 17
FEB. 18 10:30am Worship Service	FEB. 19	FEB. 20	FEB. 21 6pm Troop 505	FEB. 22	FEB. 23	FEB. 24

### Serving today....

**Presiding and preaching:** Bettye Wolinski

**Musician:** Duane Dillard

**Usher:** Volunteer

**Acolyte:** E.J. Kruah

**Worship Assistant:** Edwin Kruah

**Communion Assistant:** George Matz

**Altar Guild:** Joanne Letwinch

**Offering Counter:** Maxine Campbell

**Nursery:** Volunteer

**Fellowship:** Irene Soucy



**Dust Busters:** Schill and Young families

**Altar Flowers:** Dot Schreppler

**Office Manager:** Jean Mullen

**Worship Folder:** Gail Russell

**Burning Bush:** Pam Nichols

**The Leaflet:** Donna Parks

**Webmaster:** Jeff Russell

**Facebook:** Scott Soucy and Jean Mullen

**Troop 505 - Faith Formation:**

Pam Nichols, Joanne Letwinch and parents



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