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Join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.

This Lenten season, please give generously to One Great Hour of Sharing.

WAYS TO GIVE -

- Through your congregation
- ♣ Donate by credit card online at presbyterianmission.org/give-oghs
- Text OGHS to 20222 to give \$10

-or-

You can help sustain the important ministries and programs that are supported by One Great Hour of Sharing Offering by making an online gift at any time throughout the year. Checks may be sent Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.); P.O. Box 643700; Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

Thanks to your heartfelt gifts, One Great Hour of Sharing currently supports projects in over 100 countries.

IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT!

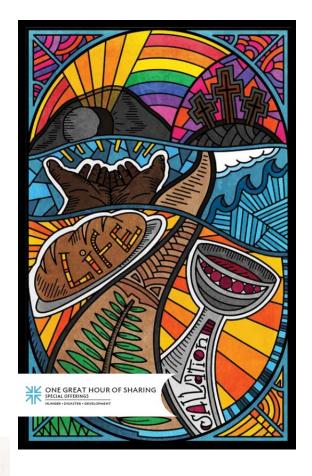


Text SHARING to 56512 to learn more about how your gift to One Great Hour of Sharing makes a difference, or visit pcusa.org/oghs.



One Great Hour of Sharing is one of four annual special offerings. The four churchwide Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Mission Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) play an important role in defining what it means to be a connectional church in

the twenty-first century, bringing together the diversity of the PC (USA) to focus and take faith-based action on shared concerns. The Offerings offer opportunities for partnership, learning, and witness and profoundly affect the life of the church as a collective witness to Jesus Christ's love for the whole church.



We will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering on Easter Sunday.

REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY **FOR SUNDAYS & FESTIVALS**

We are invited to read and reflect on these scripture passages as a part of our preparation for worship.

First Sunday in Lent—March 1 Genesis 2:15-17: 3:1-7 Psalm 32 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1–11

Second Sunday in Lent—March 8 Genesis 12:1-4a Psalm 121 Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 John 3:1–17 or Matthew 17:1–9

Third Sunday in Lent—March 15 Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 95 Romans 5:1-11 John 4:5-42

Fourth Sunday in Lent—March 22 1 Samuel 16:1-13 Psalm 23 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41

Fifth Sunday in Lent—March 29 Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 130 Romans 8:6-11 John 11:1-45



Uspiritus needs our help to urgently replace many of the old and unusable couches in the residential cottages of their Bellewood and Brooklawn Campuses. For the children and teens who live there, a couch is a place to be a kid again - to eat popcorn, hang out, play games and watch movies.

Now through March 6, their goal is to raise \$12,000 to purchase 15 new couches for the residential cottages. You can help them get there!

URGENT NEED: \$12,000 = 15 new couches

They will gladly accept in-kind donations of new couches as well as used couches that are in good condition. If you'd like to make an in-kind donation to this campaign, please contact Missy Fountain at missy.fountain@centerstone.org or at (502) 753-5508.

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EASTER LILY ORDER FORM

Cost \$11.00 each Please make check payable to FPC and mark it for "lily "

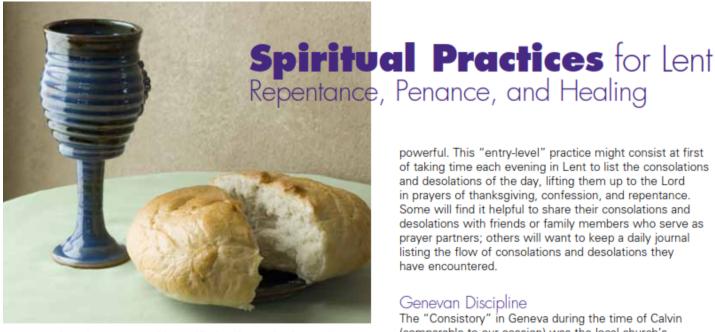
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(This will be the listing for the bulletin)

FINANCE REPORT JANUARY 2020

In January, we collected \$31,649.80 (which includes prepaid monthly pledges.) On the expense side, we spent \$20,918.15. We collected a total of \$10,731.65 more than we spent. Questions? Please call Fred Waits (502) 321-5128.

	Last Month	Year to Date	
Pledges Received	\$19,984.00		
Kroger Gift Card	\$0.00		
From Savings	\$9,100.00	\$9,100.00	
Other Income	\$2,565.80		
Designated Funds	\$31.00	\$31.00	
Total Income	\$31,680.80	\$20,428.72	
OPERATING INCOME	\$31,649.80	\$20,397.72	
Personnel Expense	\$13,360.81	\$13,360.81	
Utilities	\$2,519.68	· ·	
Building Maintenance	\$129.70	\$129.70	
Youth & Education	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Music	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Office	\$960.13	\$960.13	
Shared Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Per Capita	\$3,900.00	\$3,900.00	
Other	\$47.83	\$47.83	
Designated Expenses	\$120.00		
Total Expenses	\$21,038.15	\$21,038.15	
OPERATING EXPENSES	\$20,918.15	\$20,918.15	
Summary 2019	Income	Expense	Difference
December			
November			
October			
September			
August			
July			
June			
May			
April			
March			
February			
January	\$31,649.80	\$20,918.15	\$10,731.65
Monthly pledges include yearly p	repaid pledges		



Lent is a season of intensified self-examination and repentance. While these practices are part of regular Christian life year-round, we give them special attention during Lent to ensure they do not devolve into mere rote activities. Here are some ways to give special attention to the work of self-examination and repentance during this season.

Daily Examen

One of the long-established spiritual practices in Christianity, championed by Ignatius of Loyola (a Spanish reformer and contemporary of John Calvin, who sought to reform the Roman church from within), is a discipline of self-examination and repentance Ignatius called examen. Lent is a most appropriate season for Christians to engage this daily practice of taking inventory of our lives and resolving prayerfully to grow spiritually.

In his daily spiritual exercises, Ignatius invites us to begin each morning reminding ourselves of the "defects" in our lives we hope to amend today. At midday we take a first inventory: How has today gone so far with regard to the amendments we are seeking to make in our lives? Finally, at the end of the day, a full examen is undertaken: Where today did we experience a special awareness of Christ's presence and transforming power, and where did we feel absent from him? We thank God for the places where we can discern our Lord's presence with us, and repent for those places where we strayed from the way of Jesus. Ignatius speaks of the former as consolations, and of the latter as desolations.

The spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius constitute a thorough, systematic immersion in attention to Jesus, examination of self, and acts of repentance. They can be found online at ccel.org/ccel/ignatius/exercises.all.html. Lent offers an opportunity to begin a daily practice of examen that might not be so thorough but is nevertheless powerful. This "entry-level" practice might consist at first of taking time each evening in Lent to list the consolations and desolations of the day, lifting them up to the Lord in prayers of thanksgiving, confession, and repentance. Some will find it helpful to share their consolations and desolations with friends or family members who serve as prayer partners; others will want to keep a daily journal listing the flow of consolations and desolations they have encountered.

Genevan Discipline

The "Consistory" in Geneva during the time of Calvin (comparable to our session) was the local church's governing body, made up of elders and ministers. Among its regular tasks was the administration of discipline to those who had strayed from the way of Christ. The purpose of discipline was not to punish, but to heal and restore the fallen. Each week the Consistory met to hear cases, listen to appeals, make judgments, and determine appropriate penance for the errant.

While Ignatius offers us personal disciplines of repentance, Geneva commends corporate practices of penance and healing. The Consistory's consistent counsel to the wayward was: attend worship weekly, hear instruction from the Word of God, and come to the Lord's Table to receive the bread and the cup that seal the forgiveness and wholeness proclaimed by the gospel. The Word is not for the spiritually elite, nor the Table for the spiritually worthy; rather, those who need the transforming power of the Holy Spirit most are especially invited to hear, eat, drink, and be healed.

In some churches, the Lord's Supper is celebrated each Sunday during Lent, Nothing could be more appropriate. Whether or not we celebrate the Lord's Supper each Lord's Day during Lent, in our Reformed tradition the core spiritual practice for all church members during Lent is to be especially diligent, to gather often with brothers and sisters, to hear God's Word proclaimed, and to receive with thanksgiving the gifts of Christ's body and blood, broken and shed for us that we may be made whole. Churches I have pastored have held special midweek worship services with Holy Communion through Lent to offer the church community the opportunity to engage practices of thanksgiving and repentance more intensively during this holy season.

Article written by Rev. Sheldon W. Sorge.





MARCH 8 Remember Love Sunday

Funds collected on Love Sunday are used to help many individuals in the community needing assistance with utilities, prescriptions, school supplies, and more. Payments are made directly to the vendors, and cash is never given to an individual. Individuals may request assistance once in a 12-month period with a \$ limit per request. Make your checks payable to First Presbyterian Church and mark it for LOVE SUNDAY.

JOIN US ON

Wednesday, MARCH 4
Anytime between
12:00 noon & 4:00 p.m.
At the Serenity Center,
98 7th Street



Help distribute food to 400+ Shelby County families.

Bring plastic bags (Kroger, Walmart, etc.)

Presbyterians usually at the Serenity Center:
Herb VonGruenigen
Carlen Pippin
Lynn & Mark Whittaker

AND THE WINNER IS...

Souper Bowl Sunday



Whether you cheered for Kansas City or San Francisco or neither, the real winners are those Veterans facing homelessness who will benefit from our community's Veteran's Village.

Kansas City Chiefs—12 San Francisco 49ers—14 Neutral Zone—134

TOTAL—160 ITEMS!

Items have been placed in storage set aside for Veteran's Village. Each tiny home will be furnished once they are completed. As soon as the weather breaks so the final foundation pouring can be done, the walls (which are already being constructed) will go up and hammers and nails will start flying.

Wanna drive in a nail or spread a little paint? Go to: <u>serveshelbycounty.com</u> and plug in.

THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT February 2020

One request for a ramp was received. She was referred to the Methodist Church Ramp Committee headed by David Pratt.

A Place to Sleep

- 23 children have received beds in 2020 making a total of 2044 children having received beds with 36 on the waiting list.
- Christ Community Church has agreed to continue to deliver beds on the fourth Sunday of each month.
- Donations of hospital blankets and pillows were given to help the homeless in Louisville.
- On Tuesday, February 18, Chase Young State Farm Insurance will be at the Paddock Coffee Shop giving free coffee along with a \$10 donation to A Place to Sleep for each insurance quote.

Serenity Center

-This church continues to volunteer at the Serenity Center on 7th Street on Wednesdays.

Musical Instrument Ministry

Two flutes were received this month making a total of 117 instruments that have been placed in the schools.

The Souper Bowl Challenge

- Results are: 12 items for Kansas City, 14 items for San Francisco, and 134 items for Neutral Zone giving a total of 160 items for our Veterans.

Shelby Touched Twice will be Saturday, March 21 at the First Baptist Church

- A Place to Sleep will have a table with information.
- Volunteers are needed; see additional information on how and what in this newsletter

New Business

A \$50 donation was given to Jessica Collins for her trip to Tanzania.

The next meeting will be March 8, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.



ART NIGHT SUPPLIES STILL NEEDED FOR PAINTED STONE ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

Submitted by Maree Collins

You are invited to attend and participate in

ART NIGHT
March 10, 2020
5:00-7:30 pm
Painted Stone Elementary School
Warriors Way, Shelbyville

Come eat, play and enjoy the wonderful art creations and the outstanding performances by each class.

Here's what we still need more of for art night if you'd like to help. Please bring items to Painted Stone Elementary and drop at the front office for the Art Class.

Glue Sticks Masking and Scotch Tape

AWAKE MINISTRY'S VETERANS VILLAGE UPDATE It's Happening!!!

Want to honor a loved one? Buy a brick!



Help pave the path... for only \$150!
This Christmas, we would like to give you an opportunity to honor a loved one, military or otherwise, by purchasing an engraved brick that will literally pave the path to the doorway of our heroes' homes at Veterans Village!

Engraving may include up to 18 characters per line (2 lines) each additional line is extra.

Please contact Marcia Mitchum at Awake Ministries: 502-647-5555 ext.221 | Marcia@awakeky.com



COME CELEBRATE THE DEDICATION OF VETERANS VILLAGE **BRADSHAW STREET** (BEHIND PONTRICH FLOORING-SEE MAP ON NEXT PAGE) SHELBYVILLE KY SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29 11:00 A.M. Come be a part of the official flag raising and maybe a chance to get your hands dirty! HERE

Moving right along...
Awake Ministries' Veterans Village.
There are several ways you can help:
(1) To make a financial donation go to our website, awakeky.org, or mail to 701 Washington Street, Shelbyville, KY. (2) Go to our volunteer page at serveshelbycounty.com and plug in. Can we build it? Yes, we can!!



Veterans Outreach & Veterans Village

CrossRoads Missions partnered with Awake Ministries on two great CrossRoads projects. Utilizing Missions' ServeLouisville staff led by Nathan Ott, the construction of six tiny homes for veterans in need is moving They will also be right along. rehabbing a building that will include a chapel, kitchen, office space, and gathering area. There will also be three apartments upstairs. In the picture to the left, you can see the foundations for the six homes and the community center in the background.

This has been an awesome experience to see God bring so many people together. Pray for a huge effort on Saturday, February 29 where we are bringing churches, groups, and individuals together for a major day of service.



A Place to Sleep

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Since the last newsletter, we have provided beds to 52 children during 2020 for a grand total of 2,073. There are currently 21+ on the waiting list.

THANKS BE TO GOD FOR: Christ Community Church continuing to serve us the 4th Sunday of every month during their Love Shelbyville Days and the men from Open Door of Hope for volunteering every

Friday.



Here are some ways you can continue to help A Place to Sleep without spending anything extra:

QUOTES FOR GOOD

Chase Young State Farm Insurance is again partnering with us to donate \$10 for every quote given that selects A Place to Sleep as their charity. Simply stop in at 201 Alpine Drive, Suite A, or call 502-513-5139 to get a free quote. No purchase necessary!

10 quotes = 1 twin mattress 25 quotes = an entire twin bed & bedding

AMAZONSMILE.COM

Support A Place to Sleep by shopping at AmazonSmile. Anytime you shop, AmazonSmile donates to A Place to Sleep!

Simply go to: smile.Amazon.com/ch/83-2952455

FLIPGIVE.COM

Download the Flipgive app, select A Place to Sleep to support, and shop at family favorites like Walmart, Starbucks, Sam's Club, Lowe's, Nike and more. You can also buy gift cards for restaurants, airlines, movies and many more. All you have to do is continue to buy the things you need. A percentage of your purchase will be donated to our nonprofit. (FYI—Once you join, eating at Cattleman's and Ditto's Grill automatically makes a donation!)





Free Medical Clinic

Saturday, March 21, 2020

First Baptist Church, Shelbyville 1516 Midland Trail

10 AM to 4 PM First Come, First Served

This clinic will offer
A Warm Meal
Free Medical Screenings
Vision Screenings
Dental Screenings
Personal Care Services
Children's Activities
Music and Worship
Food and Clothing

Children under 18 years old must be accompanied by an adult.

Free transportation within Shelby County

If you need additional information or transportation,

please call (502) 437-9437 and leave a message

http://www.shelbytouchedtwice.com/ for more information

Go out and preach the Gospel, using words if you have to.



2020 Shelby Touched Twice Clinic Saturday, March 21, 2020 Shelbyville First Baptist Church



How Can I Help?

Pray

For the Shelby Touched Twice Clinic, for volunteers, For Clinic attendees to meet Jesus, for donations, for wonderful weather for the Clinic and Clinic activities.

Volunteer

We need people to be Shepherds. Shepherds escort the visitors through the Clinic sharing Jesus while showing love and making the visitors feel special. We also need kitchen helpers, clean-up crew helpers, Hairstylists, Prayer Warriors, Doctors, Nurses, Dentists, Hygienists, Chiropractors, Registration workers, along with volunteers to work other areas. We need people to just come and show love to those who need to feel special. Visit www.shelbytouchedtwice.com to register.

Donate

<u>Financial donations</u>: Would be greatly appreciated as this clinic is funded by donations only. Financial donations may be mailed to Salem Baptist Church, 8311 Mt. Eden Rd., Shelbyville KY 40065.

<u>Food Pantry items</u>: canned fruits, vegetables, meats, peanut butter, boxed meals, juices, please watch expiration dates

<u>Full Size Toiletry Items</u>: diapers of all sizes, shampoo, soap, deodorant, comb, hairbrush, tooth paste & toothbrush, etc.

<u>Clothes Closet</u>: We are asking for gently used spring and summer clothes until February 14, 2020

<u>Bibles</u>: We will be collecting Bibles to give to our guests. We will need them in both English and Spanish translations for both adults and children.

The donations may be dropped off at Ferrell's, LLC, 6036 Frankfort Road, Shelbyville, KY 40065, 502-633-2665, during normal business hours or at the Shelby Baptist Association Office, 120 Henry Clay St., Shelbyville, KY, 40065, 502-633-1198 during normal business hours.

Prayer Vigil, Thurs., Mar. 19 5-8pm
Friday, March 20, 2020
Come after 12 noon to help set up
for the clinic
Dedication Service at
First Baptist Church 7:00 pm
Friday evening

Saturday, March 21, 2020
Registration begins 7:00 am
come as early as 6:00 am to
minister to the early guests
Prayer service 9:00 am
Clinic hours 10:00am - 4:00pm
Clean up after the clinic

Join us as we further God's work at our 11th annual Shelby Touched Twice Clinic For more info: http://www.shelbytouchedtwice.com (502) 437-9437



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 1st Sunday in Lent 10:00 AM Sunday School for All Ages 10:15 AM Choir Rehearsal 11:00 AM Worship 7:30 PM NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	2	3:30 PM Emerging Artists 6:00 PM Session Meeting 7:30 PM NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	4 12:00 PM Food Distribution at Serenity Center 6:00 PM Lenten Wednesday Night Series - Wholeness and Healing Service	5	6 3:30 PM Emerging Artists 7:30 PM NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	7 12:00 PM NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting
8 2nd Sunday in Lent HOLY COMMUNION LOVE SUNDAY 9:00 AM Outreach Ministry Meeting 10:00 AM Sunday School for All Ages 10:15 AM Choir Rehearsal 11:00 AM Worship 7:30 PM NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	9	3:30 PM Emerging Artists 7:30 PM NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	11 10:00 AM PW Morning Bible Study 6:00 PM Lenten Wednesday Night Series - Bible Study	12	13 3:30 PM Emerging Artists 7:30 PM NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	14 12:00 PM NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting
15 3rd Sunday in Lent 10:00 AM Sunday School for All Ages 10:15 AM Choir Rehearsal 11:00 AM Worship 12:00 PM Newsletter articles due 7:30 PM NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	16	17 3:30 PM Emerging Artists 7:30 PM NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	18 6:00 PM Lenten Wednesday Night Series - Bible Study	19	20 3:30 PM Emerging Artists 7:30 PM NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	21 12:00 PM NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting
22 4th Sunday in Lent 10:00 AM Sunday School for All Ages 10:15 AM Choir Rehearsal 11:00 AM Worship 7:30 PM NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	23	3:30 PM Emerging Artists 7:30 PM NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	25 6:00 PM Lenten Wednesday Night Series - Bible Study	26	27 3:30 PM Emerging Artists 7:30 PM NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	28 12:00 PM NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting
29 5th Sunday in Lent 10:00 AM Sunday School for All Ages 10:15 AM Choir Rehearsal 11:00 AM Worship 7:30 PM NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	30	3:30 PM Emerging Artists 7:30 PM NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	1 12:00 PM Food Distribution at Serenity Center 6:00 PM Lenten Wednesday Night Series - Wholeness and Healing Service	2	3 3:30 PM Emerging Artists 7:30 PM NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	4 12:00 PM NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting





We give thanks to God for:

160 items received from Souper Bowl collection for Veterans All those celebrating birthdays, including: Mary Ann Soergel and Norma Beasey

Barbara Troyer in church and recovering well; she is thankful for all the prayers, food and thoughtfulness

Cindy Green is thankful for family visiting

Jessica Collins sharing about her upcoming Tanzania Trip

Megan Berry's return to the pulpit

Our incoming Elders: Mark Whittaker, Janet Kalmey

and Stephanie Schmidt

Shelby Luckenbill and Lawson Zaring ordained as Deacons

The birth of Ellis Frederick Waits

Since our last issue, we lift up the following in our prayers:

Ben & Patricia Farris
Duke Owens
Robert Baker
Sue & John Davis
The Lingle Family
The safe return home for Collins &
Shelby County HS students
The families of two moms and
daughters killed in accident near St.
Louis

We continue to lift up:

Lisa & Bill Beasey Lucy & Charles Long Nancy Pearce The Garbat-Welch Family



WELCOME
Ellis Frederick Waits
Born January 20
to Chad & Becca Waits
and big brother, Oakley.
His grandparents are Fred & Cathy Waits.

We pray for our military family & friends:

Alaine Shepard, medic US Army, wife of Steve Shepard, daughter-in-law of Linda Shepard Brandon Pettyjohn

Brandon Brouillet, father of Tyler Brouillet

Carmen Aragon Corum, sister of our childcare workers

Daniel Ehrichs, nephew of Joanne Burke

David Luebke

Frank Renner, US Navy, Leslee Bottorff's son

Gabriel Romeo, US Army, brother of our childcare workers

Hannah Riddle, US Air Force, granddaughter of Carlen & Jenny Pippin

Hunter Moore, US Marine Corps, Tom & Brenda Seacat's nephew Jack Walters

Jared Bentley, US Marine Corps, Tom & Brenda Seacat's nephew Jonathan Bowman

Ryan Donaldson, grandson of Joanne Burke

Seth LeMaster, US Marines, family of Lynn & Mark Whittaker

Spencer Goetzinger, US Army, husband of Bobbie Renner Goetzinger, son-in-law of Leslee Bottorff Todd Dillon, US Army, friend of the Whittakers

(If you have additional information regarding any of the folks listed above or have someone else to add to the list, please contact the church office.)





If you know of someone whose birthday or anniversary aren't included, please contact the church office so we can add their information to our records.



3/09 Bob & Karen Pratt Jr. 3/16 Shirley & Darwin Foley 3/16 Jim & Sue O'Malley 3/28 Jon & Carol Henson



All women are invited to participate in our Evening Women's Bible Study Group held one Wednesday a month. The group determines which Wednesday based on schedules. Check with Ruth Welch for March's date.



CHOIR TRIAL PERIOD

The choir is in the process of starting a program for choir recruitment and calling it **The Choir Trial Period**. The trial period is just as it implies—a trial period. This involves participation by individuals who are interested in music and would like to just try the choir for a short period of time. If at the end you don't think it's for you, then that can be your decision.

Three of the biggest objections heard about singing in the choir are:

- 1. I can't read music.
- 2. I don't have time.
 - 3. I can't sing.

We are a blest congregation in that there are many people who are talented and need an outlet for that talent. Singing is good for your mental as well as your physical health. You are a happier person and can improve your breathing if you sing.

As we approach the season of Lent, this is the perfect time to take advantage of this opportunity. The *Trial Period* will begin Sunday, March 1st (Lent) and end Easter Sunday morning—April 12, 2020.

Please contact Tom Seacat and give this new concept a try.