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Kirking the Tartans at PHPC

A Message from the Editors:

With the arrival of the New Year we are going to publish the PerryPres quarterly rather than monthly. This is the first issue under the new method.

If you have any information, bits of wisdom, jokes, items of interest etc. that you would like to see in print you can call or email the church office or email Alvina Hickey at stepmom1995@yahoo.com. We look forward to having your input and making this paper more about “you”.



The Kirkin (churching or blessing) of the tartans is a moving ceremony. It celebrates the end of proscription and the freedom to “show the colors” of the clan tartans. This particular kirking was held outside. Led by bagpipers, the knights of The Imperial Constantinian Military Order of Saint George, clad in white capes, processed onto the field followed by the clans, with their tartan flags held down at their sides. After a rousing “Amazing Grace” on the bagpipes, the national anthems of the various countries represented were played. Then, a brief history of the proscription was read, and as the name of each clan was called, the clan flag was quietly raised. When all the flags were raised, they were blessed by the chaplain with the following prayer:

On behalf of all Scots away from Scotland, and in the name of all the Scottish Clansfolk that are here represented, we present these Tartans before Almighty God in appreciation of our Heritage; and we ask His Blessings upon these, His humble servants.

O Lord, Thou hast promised that in all places where Thou recordest Thine Holy Name, Thou wilt meet with Thy servants, and bless them; fulfill now Thy Promise, and make us joyful in our prayer, so that our Worship, being offered in the name of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, and by the guidance of Thy Holy

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Spirit, may be acceptable unto You, and profitable unto ourselves.

Bless, we pray, these Tartans – that they may be unto us and unto all people a token of the faith of our Fathers; and a sign of our service unto You.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



THANKSGIVING'S ANCIENT ORIGINS

Although the American concept of Thanksgiving developed in the colonies of New England, its roots can be traced back to the other side of the Atlantic. Both the Separatists who came over on the Mayflower and the Puritans who arrived soon after brought with them a tradition of providential holidays—days of fasting during difficult or pivotal moments and days of feasting and celebration to thank God in times of plenty.

Christmas is celebrated with a candlelight service and Communion with Reverend John Kazanjian, the choirs and musicians of PHPC.



Answers to Lenten quiz

1-a 2-b 3-c 4-a 5-c 6-a 7-b

8-d 9-c 10-c

GOD AND LIFE RELIGIOUS

EMBLEM AWARDED TO JACK KRUG



On Sunday, January 3, 2016, Jack Krug was recognized with the Presbyterian Church-USA's God and Life Religious Emblem. This is an award on which Jack worked very diligently to earn. The God and Life curriculum focuses on the life of the Apostle Paul as recorded in Acts 9:1-31, which is a brief account that describes how Paul encountered Christ and was changed forever. The goals of the program are for young people to strengthen their relationship with Christ; be open to God's calling in their lives; make a plan for daily Bible reading; experience the joy of serving others; and write a statement of commitment. Jack is an active Boy Scout in Troop 732, which meets at St. Michael's Lutheran Church. Pastor David Petr (then Vicar Dave, under the supervision of Pastor Joe Condro) worked one-on-one with Jack to complete this program before his relocation to Pennsylvania. He has certified that Jack has met the requirements for earning this God and Life award. Pastor John Kazanjian presented Jack with a medallion, certificate, badge, and embroidered patch.

In Boy Scouts, Jack currently holds the rank of Life Scout and the position of Assistant

Senior Patrol Leader. He has held the position of Chaplain Aide more than once over the last three years.

The church was full that day with fellow scouts, his Scout Master, Scout leaders, scout families, family and friends. Scouts assisted in the worship service by presenting the colors and collecting the offering. Jack spoke about his learning experience and read his Statement of Commitment that he wrote at the beginning of the program. The recognition service was followed by a reception of cake and punch in the Narthex of the church.





Lent is the Christian season of preparation before Easter. In Western Christianity, [Ash Wednesday](#) marks the first day, or the start of the season of Lent, which begins [40 days](#) prior to [Easter](#) (Sundays are not included in the count).

Lent is a time when many Christians prepare for Easter by observing a period of [fasting](#), [repentance](#), moderation and spiritual discipline. The purpose is to set aside time for reflection on [Jesus Christ](#) - his suffering and his sacrifice, his life, death, burial and resurrection.

Lent 2016 begins on Wednesday, February 10 with a Service of Worship at 7:00 p.m. "Simple Suppers" will begin on Wednesday, February 17th in Fellowship Hall and continue Wednesdays during Lent. Cost will announced and sign-up sheets will be in the bulletin the Sunday preceding the supper.

THE LENTEN QUIZ

1. Which is the first day of Lent?

- a) Ash Wednesday
- b) Valentine's Day
- c) Shrove Tuesday
- d) Maundy Thursday

2. What is the original meaning of Lent?

- a) Autumn
- b) Spring
- c) Fast
- d) Penance

3. Which is the last Sunday of Lent?

- a) Easter Sunday
- b) Whit Sunday
- c) Palm Sunday
- d) Pentecost Sunday

4. Which feast day always comes during Lent?

- a) Annunciation
- b) Assumption
- c) St. Joseph's Feast
- d) Presentation

5. Lent is said to be of 40 days even though from Ash Wednesday to last Saturday of the season it is 46 days. Why?

- a) Sundays are not included
- b) Mondays are not included
- c) Counting error
- d) Saturdays are not included

6. How is ash for Ash Wednesday made?

- a) By burning palms used during previous Palm Sunday
- b) By burning logs
- c) By burning books
- d) By burning clothes

7. On which day is Chrism Mass?

- a) Ash Wednesday
- b) Maundy Thursday
- c) Good Friday
- d) Palm Sunday

8. What is special about Good Friday?

- a) Day of fast
- b) Day of abstinence
- c) Day of penance
- d) Day when mass is not celebrated

9. Which devotion has special place during Lent?

- a) Novena
- b) Triduum
- c) Stations of the cross
- d) Retreat

10. Which of the following does not take place on Good Friday?

- a) Intercessory prayers
- b) Communion
- c) Consecration
- d) Veneration of the cross

