

The Good News

Dear Sharon Faithful,

Welcome to the Lenten Season! A time in the life of the church for God's people to take stock, empty ourselves before God, and allow the God of redemption and resurrection to fill us with new life. Our Lenten theme and preaching series this year is entitled **Full to the Brim**. When I was considering what God is presently doing at Sharon Church, what arose was a voice of hope and renewal for God's people.

With so many things changing all around us, it is easy to feel destabilized and unsure about the future. For example, here at the church, we talk about building relationships with community partners as a significant part of our future. This is a change not only in the functional aspects of managing and sustaining church mission and ministry, but a theological shift in mentality about how God is using our gifts and resources to work both inside and outside of the church walls.



What changes are you experiencing right now? What hope and renewal are you seeking? Lent is the perfect time to sit with God to listen, feel, and sort out where God is percolating, offering clarity and *filling us to the brim*.

Included in this *Good News* is an insert that introduces you to our Lenten theme and offers a personalized starting point for Lent—a tool for reflection called a “Wellness Wheel.” It is a spiritual exercise that walks through various aspects of our lives and asks us to reflect, write down our thoughts, and set some intentions for where you would like God to be filling you with abundance. This exercise is not for you to share with others, but a tool to facilitate spending one-on-one time in God's presence and intentionally inviting God into your life.

Next, we have planned a number of Lenten missions and ministries to gather us together in God's presence and expand our relationships with our community and one another. Beginning on March 5th we will host **Lenten Lunches** at noon each Wednesday. We will offer homemade soups at long tables to gather around, grow in our faith, and fellowship.
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Each week will feature a devotion and conversation around a time and occasion when Jesus came to meet us at the table.

The **Lenten Lunches** are open to all who hunger and thirst. We will be extending invitations to the Lenten Lunches to the clients of the West Hills Food Pantry as well as to our neighbors at IPUL and Riverdale Presbyterian churches. Please consider inviting a friend to these Lenten Lunches and practicing the welcome of Jesus.



On **Ash Wednesday**, Pastor Becky will offer the imposition of ashes at the first Lenten Lunch as well as Drive-Thru ashes in the evening from 5:30—6:30 p.m. in the Portico of the Sanctuary. During **Holy Week**, we are partnering and worshipping with Riverdale Presbyterian Church—we will be hosting **Maunder Thursday** here at Sharon Church and they will be hosting **Good Friday** at Riverdale.

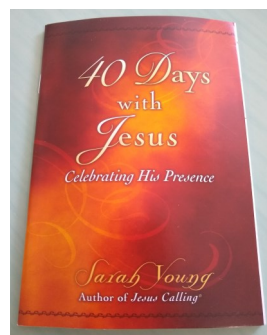
As we walk through this holy season with Christ, we must be willing to be remade as Christ's own. By God's grace, this is a spiritual remaking and renewal. By God's Holy Spirit, we do not journey alone. So, as you turn your hearts toward God in Lent, know that God is here to meet you and *fill you to the brim!*

Lenten Peace,



Your Worship, Music and Arts team has made Lenten devotionals available to the congregation in the Narthex of the Sanctuary as a gift to you.

As we begin Lent together, we pray that you find a quiet place for Christ to speak



these words into your life: *"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."*

Receive this peace so that you can pass it for those around you.

Lenten Season rehearsals at SCPC begin THIS Sunday, March 2nd.

It's still winter, but Easter is just around corner! Easter brings life and the church resounds with joyful singing. Our Easter celebration will include choral music,



instrumental music, and most importantly, God's congregation loudly expressing praise and thanksgiving through hymns, psalms, and spiritual songs.

To participate, please contact Claire Toomey at claire.toomey1016@gmail.com or **626-233-7119**. We'd love to have you and no experience is necessary!

**Easter choir rehearsals will take place in the Sanctuary
March 2nd through Palm Sunday, April 13th**

Choir Rehearsals: 11:35 a.m.—12:15 p.m. (after worship)

Bells Rehearsals: 10:00 a.m.—10:20 a.m. (before worship)

Lenten Lunches: Meeting Jesus at the Table

Wednesdays @ Noon in Fellowship Hall from March 5th—April 16th



In Lent, we are invited to recall what it means to be disciples, followers of Jesus, each and every day. It is a season in which we reflect on the immensity of God's love made known in Jesus and his victory over sin, evil and death. Each Wednesday, we will gather around the many kinds of tables that Jesus himself constructed, break bread together, and Pastor Becky will lead us in a Lenten devotion to hear the words and teachings of Jesus once again.

Weekly attendance in these Lenten Lunches is a Lenten discipline and spiritual practice intended to build you up as a disciple and strengthen our community as Christ's church. Please come and allow the Risen Jesus to enrich your life as we gather around Christ's tables.

Each week will feature homemade soups, bread, and drinks. In addition to the soups listed below, we will have a gluten-free, dairy-free soup each week. If you would like to help out in any way, please let Pastor Becky know.



Lenten Lunch Schedule

March 5th: Ash Wednesday—Feeding the Multitude (Mark 6:30-44)

Imposition of Ashes will be offered

- ◆ Table Hosts: Chira Cratsley and Kilee Marx
- ◆ Soups: White Turkey Chili & Pasta Fagioli

March 12th: The Welcome Table (Matthew 9:9-13)

- ◆ Table Hosts: Myra Leigh Tokar and Jan Weber
- ◆ Soups: Vegetable Beef Chili & Potato

March 19th: Surprised by Grace (Luke 7:36-50)

- ◆ Table Hosts: Jan Gorr and Jan Bernard
- ◆ Soups: Stuffed Pepper & Vegetable Beef

March 26th: Making Room at the Table (Luke 14:7-14)

- ◆ Table Hosts: Sara Lintner and Vikki Lukac
- ◆ Soups: New England Clam Chowder & Italian Sausage

April 2nd: Empty Chairs at the Table (Luke 14:15-24)

- ◆ Table Hosts: Holly Henry and Lorna Phillips
- ◆ Soups: Minestrone & Potato, Bacon & Cheese

April 9th: A Meal with a Chosen Family (John 12:1-8)

- ◆ Table Hosts: Kathy Hamsher and Trish Bricklemeyer
- ◆ Soup: Ham, Mac & Cheese & Stuffed Pepper

April 16th: Holy Wednesday—Not the Last Supper (Matthew 26:17-30)

- ◆ Table Hosts: Susanne Udvari and Deb Williams
- ◆ Soup: Chicken Noodle & Tomato

Worship ✦ Music ✦ Arts

Ash Wednesday March 5th



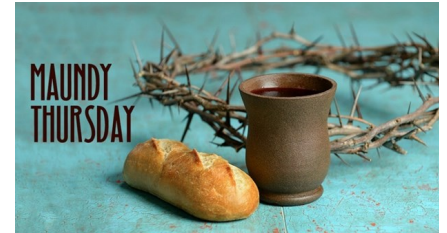
Ashes will be offered
Wednesday, March 5th
@ the Lenten Lunch
at noon in Fellowship Hall



AND... later in the
evening in the Portico
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Maundy Thursday: Love One Another

**Last Supper and Foot Washing
with Riverdale Presbyterian Church
@ SCPC Fellowship Hall
Thursday, April 17th @ 6:00 p.m.**



Our Maundy Thursday gathering is a time to dwell with Jesus' command "to love one another." This year we will be worshipping and fellowshiping with Riverdale Presbyterian Church @ SCPC. We will break bread together in Fellowship Hall and reflect on Christ's actions and words to his disciples on his final night with them.

This event is family-friendly. Children are welcome to participate in the dinner and service.



Good Friday Service

**@ Riverdale Presbyterian Church
Good Friday, April 18th**

Expanding community partnerships includes coming together in mission and ministry with our sister churches.

Last year, we hosted and worshipped @ SCPC with Riversdale for Ash Wednesday and Good Friday services. This year, Riverdale is hosting us for Good Friday. More details about this service will be coming soon.

Easter Sunday, April 20th

9:00 a.m. Resurrection Breakfast in Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary



The trumpets will sound, the choir will sing, and we will rejoice as we celebrate Easter in the Sanctuary. Let's come together and praise our risen Lord and Savior on Resurrection Sunday!

Children and Family Ministry



This Lent, our Children's Church lessons will explore the teachings of Jesus from the Gospel of Luke, guiding kids on a journey to deepen their relationship with Him. Through engaging stories, meaningful discussions, and hands-on activities, children will grow in faith and understanding, discovering

how Jesus' love and teachings can shape their daily lives.

On Maundy Thursday, April 16th at 6 PM, there will be a special children's table set up at our dinner and foot washing gathering, so little ones can participate in this important time of reflection in a way that is engaging and age-appropriate. We have invited Riverdale to our Maundy Thursday event.



Before church **on Easter Sunday**, families will enjoy a special breakfast together, followed by an egg hunt for the kids. During Children's Church, we will have an Easter lesson and crafts to bring the story of Jesus' resurrection to life.

We look forward to celebrating this holy season with your family!

EASTER CANDY COLLECTION

Sunday, March 3rd thru Sunday, March 30th

Willing Workers are collecting bags of individually wrapped candies to fill Easter Bags for West Hills Food Pantry families. There will be an Easter Basket in the Narthex of the church where you may deposit bags of candy each week.

We will pack as many Easter Bags for WHFP families as we have candy—**our goal is 80 bags!** Thank you in advance for your contribution.



Deacons' Message

By Trish Bricklemyer

One of the Deacons' priorities has been serving the At-Home Members of our congregation. We keep in touch via visits, phone calls and cards. *I'm sure they would love to hear from you also, and Lent is a perfect time to take on this ministry.*

Deacons will supply cards and address labels at the front desk in the Narthex during Lent. If you would like a phone number, please contact one of the Deacons. Our At-Home Members are:



- Bettie Barrett
- Roger Behm
- Nancy Bush
- Carol Gordon
- Nancy Handerhan
- Arlene Johnson
- Ruth Meanor
- Joanna Mosca
- Carol Musgrave
- Wayne Schuliger
- Harry and Kay Schurr
- Joe Sharkey
- Elinor Taylor
- Miriam Wolf
- John Yeck

Mission and Outreach



SOLES 4 SOULS

**Collection Dates:
March 30th thru April 13th**

Gather your new & gently-used shoes for our Soles4Souls Shoe Drive this Lenten Season!

Collection boxes will be under the Portico and in the sanctuary. This a community-wide collection, so please tell your friends, loved ones, and neighbors. Flyers will be in the Narthex for you to take.

We need your help! At the end of March, a sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex for those able to help us pack the shoes into shipping boxes **during the week of April 6th**.

Pleasant Valley Emergency Men's Shelter

The Mission & Outreach Committee is looking for groups or individuals interested in volunteering on the following dates: April 1st, June 3rd, August 5th, and October 7th.

You can be a partner in this mission in a few different ways:



- **Grocery shopping:** We can provide a tried and true easy menu & shopping list, or you may create your own. The M&O Committee would purchase the ingredients for you, or reimburse you for the cost. 1-2 volunteers needed.
- **Cook the meal:** Spend about two hours with a friend cooking the meal in the church kitchen. 2-3 volunteers needed.
- **Serve the meal:** Pick up the prepared meal at the church kitchen, take it to the Men's Shelter on the North Shore, and serve the meal. 3-4 volunteers are needed.



Please contact Grace Peters @ 412-264-7683 or graceepeters@verizon.net to sign up!



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March 5-April 20, 2025

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

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-or-



Help sustain the important ministries and programs 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.

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What is God Up to at SCPC?

As we end 2024 and reflect on God's presence among us, Paul's words from 1 Corinthians 3:5-11 come to mind. Here, Paul is talking to the Corinthians about building up the church. He reminds them that God, and God alone, gives growth, but says to them in verse 9, "For we are God's co-workers. You are God's field, God's building."

Other biblical translations call God's people "fellow-workers," "laborers together" or "partners" with God, but you get the gist—Paul's message is that God's people are a necessary part of what God is creating on this side of heaven and without us, creation is stymied. We are God's partners and as I reflect on God's creative work at Sharon in 2024, two things stand out: God's people tilling the soil and planting seeds and God's Holy Spirit watering and tending to us.



Now, we usually think of God planting seeds (and not us!). Yet, Paul's words aptly capture the power of God's Holy Spirit being the foundation and cause of growth in a very organic, atmospheric, transcendental manner, often working mysteriously. If you've ever experienced God working in your own life, empowering you with strength and vision or

comfort and peace, then you may relate to Paul's words—God is, indeed, a little mysterious, and, yet, God is felt, sensed and known by us.

God at Sharon in 2024 has been just as Paul describes: the power and inspiration behind the hard work. God has been the insight and the peace given in leadership's vision and desire to update our building, partner with the community and work to create a financial infrastructure built to support the future of the church. Knowing that the church is in a historic and wide-spread decline nationwide, our future at SCPC is likely as a smaller congregation who will have fewer resources and less of a need for an expansive church campus.

In concrete terms, with God's guiding, we have been tasked with downsizing or rightsizing our church campus to support the needs of a smaller congregation. So, what do we do with a small church and a large church campus? For several years, our church leaders have been working on getting our proverbial house in order for such a time as this—optimizing our financial investments, committing to necessary building renovations, and seeking community partnerships that will make good use of our property and offer the church an ongoing revenue source.

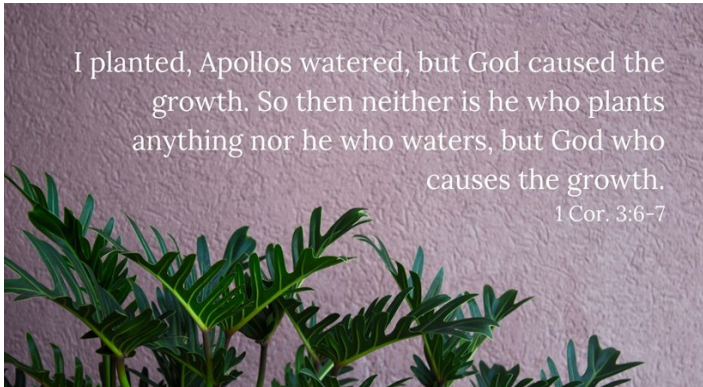
2024 was a continuation of the arduous work. In other words, it has been a year of tilling and planting! This past year has asked much of our leaders—significant time, management and sweat-equity continuing to update our buildings (bringing them up to safe occupancy standards), to cultivate relationships with community partners who may utilize our unused space and land, and to manifest the ministry of the Christ's church in worship, formation and mission.

Tilling and planting! A lot of churning up the dry land, pulling weeds, unearthing nutrient rich soil, and tenderly planting the seeds of growth that God has given us to plant. We have praised God that we have

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the resources to do this planting. And we have, at times, been fearful when we are leading and managing or tilling and planting in new ways—running deficit budgets, spending our investment funds, or downsizing our staff and programming. Tilling and planting is not easy work, but it is intentional and faithful work. And tilling and planting have in mind *new life*.

As God’s “co-workers,” our tilling and planting is committed to the future of Sharon Church. The Holy Spirit has graciously filled us with hope and concretely given us the provision we need to improve our church campus and bring new life to its buildings and fields. So, please offer a prayer of gratitude to our generous God who continues to nurture us, care for us and include us in God’s own creative process, right here at Sharon Church. And beyond praying for the Spirit of God to continue to lead us, please consider offering more of your time, talent and resources in support of building-up the church. You are not only God’s people, but God’s co-workers and partners... and Christ’s church at Sharon needs you!



Responding to God’s Generosity

All of us have been gifted by God with time, talent and resources that come together to create a Body of Christ—our church. We are, in fact, not a church *without you!* The Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 2, tells us that after Christ died and was risen, his followers formed the first church as they shared their testimonies of faith. It is a picture of Pentecost. The Holy Spirit gathered people together to form a new Body of Christ who believed that God’s power had come to be eternally present *in them* through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

Acts Ch. 2 concludes by telling us that *“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers... All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.”*

Acts gives us a picture of God gathering people and God’s people learning, fellowshiping, sharing, worshipping and praising God. Your Session believes that God’s Spirit continues to lead us today just as God’s Spirit led the early church. We also feel led to ask God’s people to remember their calling by God to participate in the life of the church—learning, fellowshiping, sharing, worshipping and praising God—and contribute your gifts, given by God, to creating an abundant Body of Christ.

So, the church asks you, “What do you have to offer or give to build up Christ’s church?” While the



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world asks you a different kind of question. The world asks you, “What’s in it for me? What does the church give to me?” These are very different points of view. The church believes that God has nurtured you and given you gifts of every variety—gifts of faith and wisdom, talents and aptitudes, relationships and wealth—gifts that you are called to share in response to God’s generosity to build up Christ’s church. The world believes that you alone have earned your gifts and therefore others should earn your generosity; and if you give, you should get something in return.



So, what do you believe? Is giving to the church an act of faith, sharing a portion of the gifts that God has given you? Or is church giving something that must be earned? We will not be asking you to complete a pledge *card* this year. However, we hope that you see yourself as a critical part of creating the Body of Christ here at Sharon and pledge to build up the church.

We are deeply grateful for your participation in the ministry and missions of Sharon Church through the dedication of your time, talents, and treasure. There is truly no gift too great or too small. All gifts are from God and are an act of worship. What is most important is that *everyone* supports our church in the form of a pledge to participate and give generously.

In 2025, we look for 100% participation from the SCPC membership to participate in the life of

the church. What are your gifts? Have you been giving them and building up the church? What a difference it would make in the life of the church if *every member* of Sharon Church believed that God has called them to be the Body of Christ; people here to give and create with others Christ’s church.

Your session believes that God’s Holy Spirit is with us, guiding us, giving generously to us—one project at a time—to lead us into an abundant future. With your support and active participation in church life, we are a statement of faith and testimony to the joy of being God’s people here in Moon Township.

So, may your generosity to Christ’s church in 2025 bring you joy, and joy to those who benefit from your gifts. Thank you for being a vital part of this congregation.

How to give financial gifts: Regular giving to Sharon Community Presbyterian Church is safe and convenient by giving directly to the church at 522 Carnot Road, Moon Township, PA 15108 or using the online giving portal found at <https://www.sharoncpc.com> . Finally, we have provided this QR Code that will direct you to our online giving portal.



Property

Parcel Sale to MASD Update

What Are We Doing? We have been in discussions since Spring 2024 with the Moon Area School District (MASD) regarding an undeveloped parcel of land behind our upper parking lot that is adjacent to the school district's property. The MASD expressed interest in purchasing approximately 3 acres of land to allow for expansion plans of the school campus.

Discerning a Land Sale: As you are aware, we have been looking for community partners to share our church campus to more efficiently and effectively use the excess capacity we have in our buildings and property. Session has meticulously considered all possibilities for the best use of this parcel of land, and the potential sale of the unused parcel fits nicely into our longer-range plans. In the process of discerning any land sale, session has received land surveys, geotechnical testing, property appraisals, title abstracts and other estimates and consulting necessary to make an informed decision.

Updates on the Sale Process: In January 2025, we came to an agreement with MASD on the price and terms of sale for the parcel that exceeds our appraised values. In February, we completed the Pittsburgh Presbytery process for approval of the sale. We are currently in the process of "sub-dividing" our property with Moon Township which is necessary to sell just a portion of our property.

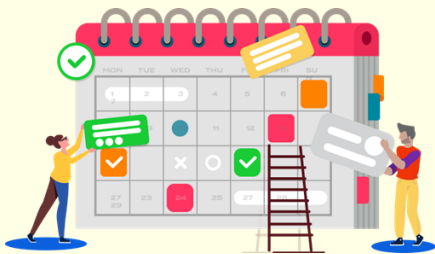
We anticipate having all approvals and completing the sale process in the next 60 days.

How MASD Construction Affects SCPC: With the sale completed, MASD will begin construction this Spring. Their access point to the build site is primarily from their property (not ours). Yet, the work they are doing will include removing dirt and trees from what appears to be "our side."



Our cemetery road will have limited access during construction—it will not be a "through" road that loops into our parking lot. After construction, it will then be redesigned and reopened as a road that loops to our parking lot. This cemetery road design will separate our properties so there will be NO THROUGH ROAD or passage between our properties. MASD will likewise construct a 5-foot barrier between the back of our parking lot and their newly developed property.

Maintaining a Safe and Secure Church Campus



We are asking all church members and community partners who use SCPC buildings to please keep all exterior doors locked during events. As well, please take note that the door closes behind you as you enter or exit the building. Our exterior doors and locks are older and do not always close. We have had some issues with people accessing our buildings without permission to enter the buildings by simply walking in through unlocked or open doors. So, we have to pay attention to the doors remaining locked and closed behind us.

Also, please practice safe building occupancy and always inform our Property Manager, Anna Laufer (in the front office), by phone, email or messenger pigeon when you plan on being in the SCPC building. Finally, we are in the process of updating our exterior doors and locks to improve building safety and security. We will keep you informed of this process.



I have been blessed to have my Church Family and Friends help me through the most difficult time in my life. Sharon Church meant so much to Bob, and he enjoyed everyone.

Thank you for your love and support

~ Sara Lintner



Congratulations to George Branch-Trevathan for being honored as Professor of the Year at Thiel College.

Many thanks to the chefs who baked the wide assortment of cookies for Christmas and to the volunteers who delivered them.

A special thanks to those who designed the creative gift bags for the cookies!

~Nanci and Glenn Bush



The cookies were delicious! Thank all who worked **very** hard to get **beautiful bags** decorated and all who made the fabulous cookies

Your kindness is deeply appreciated.

~ Kay and Harry Schurr



Synchronized in song and style, this choir shines in spirit and fashion alike.



*Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth her song begin;
Let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein!
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord hath risen, our Joy that hath no end!*

• *St. John of Damascus*



Risen Lord Jesus,
as the rising sun baptizes trees and shrubs
in rippling light, let me be baptized
by Your resurrection light.
May I trust in You above all other goals,
seek You in all things,
find You in every situation,
meet You among all people,
know You over everything -
and love You with adoration!

Amen.

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EASTER DEDICATIONS

Easter Dedications may be made by filling out this form and placing it in the offering plate or by mailing it to the church office (522 Carnot Rd., Moon Twp., 15108).

If you would like to order flowers and/or make a donation to the West Hills Food Pantry, please return this form and payment/donation by **Sunday, April 5th**.

Checks should be made to *“Sharon Community Presbyterian Church.”*

Call Myra Leigh Tokar @ 412-974-3329 if you have any questions.

Lily	Quantity: _____ x \$10 =	\$ _____
Tulip	Quantity: _____ x \$10 =	\$ _____
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West Hills Food Pantry		\$ _____
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In Memory of: _____

For/In Honor of: _____



Flowers may be picked up after the service on Easter Sunday. Do you wish to leave the flowers or take them?

_____ I will take them with me.

_____ Please leave for a visitor or homebound member.

About this Resource

Lent is a season that invites us deeper into intentional living. This tool is designed to help you do just that. Use this worksheet to help you reflect on where you are in your life and how you hope to grow throughout this Lenten season.

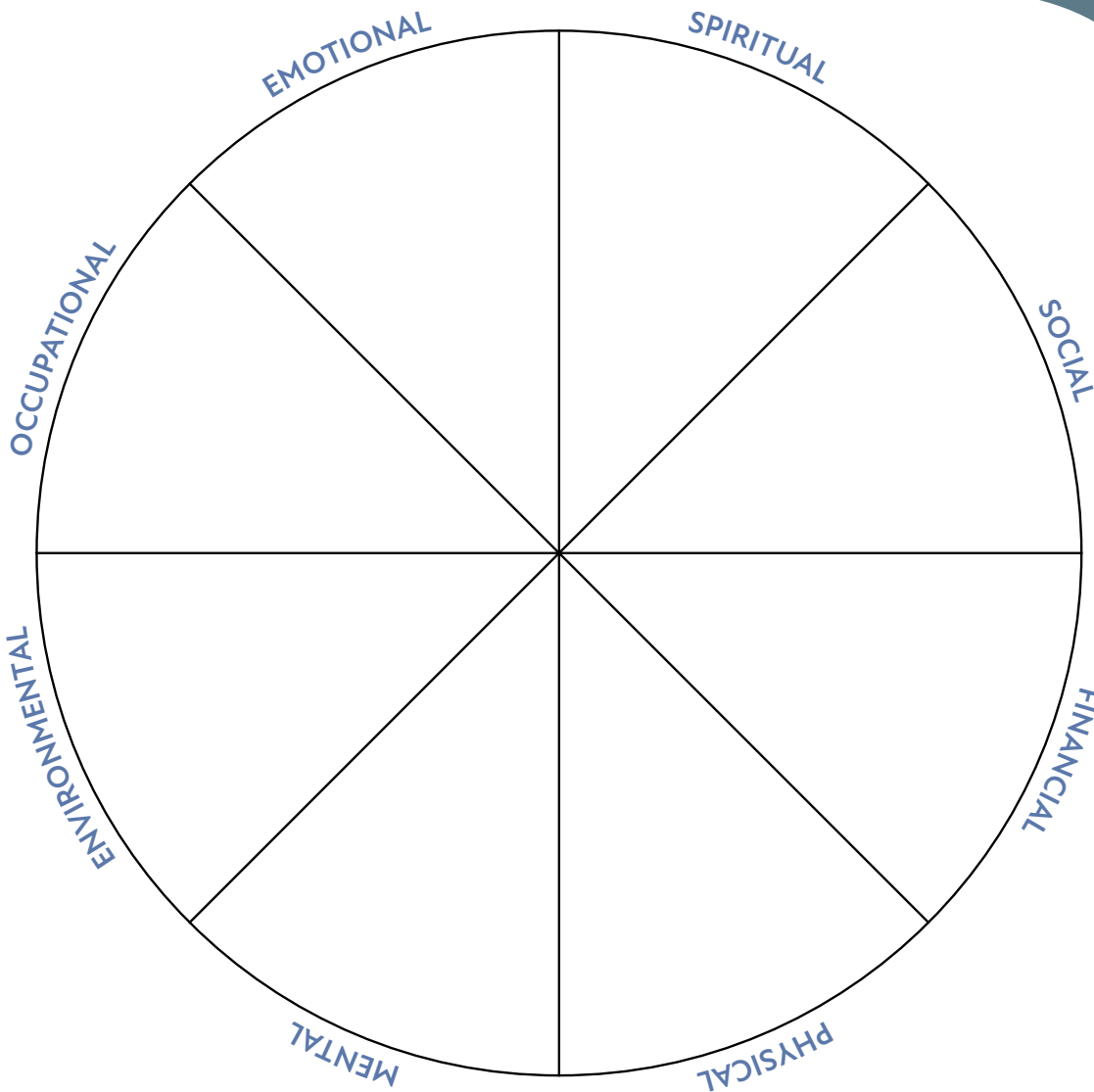
What is an Expansive Life?

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The formal definition of expansive is extensive or wide-ranging, spacious and all-embracing. From a spiritual standpoint, we add to that definition. Expansive living is a life that reflects the fullness that comes from right relationships with God, yourself, and others. This will look different for everyone, but might be marked by awe and gratitude, a sense of self-worth rooted in God's love, meaning and purpose in one's life, loving relationships, and joy that comes from using your God-given gifts.

Wellness Wheel

Wellness wheels have been used as a meaningful reflective tool for years. By inviting ourselves to reflect on individual components of our life, we see a more holistic image of ourselves, which allows us to live more intentionally.



Within each section of the wheel, respond to the following prompts:

- **EMOTIONAL:** What emotions do you feel day to day? Which are prominent?
- **SPIRITUAL:** Where are you in your faith journey? Do you have practices nurturing your faith? How are you living from your values?
- **SOCIAL:** What are the positive and healthy relationships in your life? Where would you like to grow? Where do you need to draw boundaries?
- **FINANCIAL:** What is your current financial state, and what emotions or desires does that bring up?
- **PHYSICAL:** How are you taking care of your body? What does your body need?
- **MENTAL:** Are you mentally stimulated? Learning new things? Honing new skills? Curating the information you take in from social media or the news?
- **ENVIRONMENTAL:** Does your home and/or work environment allow you to thrive? Does where you live feel like home?
- **OCCUPATIONAL:** How does your current work use your gifts? How satisfied are you with your vocation? What is your calling?

Takeaway Reflections

1. What did you learn about yourself in this process?
2. What are you bringing with you into this Lenten season?
3. What areas of your wellness wheel feel expansive and beautiful, and what areas do you want to focus on in the future?

Expansive Life

You've filled out the wellness wheel. You have a picture of what your life looks like currently. Now, imagine how your life might become more expansive. What does a "full to the brim" life filled with meaning, purpose, faith, awe, beauty, and relationships look like for you? How would you describe a life that full of goodness? In order to live an expansive life, what needs to change? What do you need to take on? What do you need to let go of? Draw or write your reflections below.

Next Steps

Name three small things you want to focus on this Lent to help you draw closer to God and the wildly beautiful life God invites you to lead:

Closing Prayer

God of new life,

We know that you want more for us than the rat race of work-sleep-eat-repeat.

In our fiercely independent and competitive world, living a life any other way feels almost impossible.

Remind us that you ate meals around tables.

Remind us that you demonstrated radical generosity.

Remind us that you took quiet time on the mountainside by yourself.

Remind us that you opened doors and said, "Come on in!"

Remind us that you created friendships that transformed.

This is the life you modeled, and it's the life we long to lead.

Holy God, help us tap into this deeper and more expansive way of living.

Help us use this season of Lent as an intentional one.

Starting today, help us build a life not measured by to-do lists, but measured by love.

With hope we pray, amen.