



# The Messenger

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## WHAT SHOULD I GIVE UP?



Lent is here . . . I know it seems like Christmas just ended, but Easter is early this year!

For many people, Lent is a time that brings up the annual religious question: “*What shall I give up for Lent?*” Due more to the peculiarities of our society than to any faith significance, our answers tend to be food (desserts rank high) or television.

I’m not sure either of those is the right answer. I’m not even sure it’s answering the right question. Sure, there are some things that God would like us to give up, but I doubt that dessert and television would rank high on that list.

More to the point, I think, is to ask, “*What can I do during Lent that will make me more Christ-like, more of the person that God intends me to be?*” And if, in trying to answer that question, you come up with a shortage of good responses, let me suggest a few possibilities.

### 1. Be more positive.

There will always be enough people around who are willing to complain and to point out what’s wrong.

What’s needed are more people who are willing to cheerfully work hard to make our church warmer and more welcoming, our fellowship more open and more inviting, our evangelism more encouraging, and our stewardship stronger and more faith-revealing.

### 2. Be more open to change.

Contrary to popular opinion, people want and are excited about change.

So let’s be more open to change, not change for its own sake, but change that adds meaning and vitality to worship, change that moves us into new ministries, change that challenges us to live faith-filled lives, change that can energize and direct our church into the years ahead.

### 3. Be more intentional about scheduling some renewal time into each day.

I used to believe that multiple nights out and meetings backed up on meetings were an indication of a strong and growing ministry. But I’ve begun to realize that we make a mistake by trying to pack every minute of every day with something to do.

Instead, let’s spend more time with family and friends, or catching up on those books we’ve wanted to read, or starting that exercise program, or simply relishing the joy of holy leisure lost in thought and prayer.

Just a few suggestions. You probably came up with even better ones on your own. I’d love to hear some of them.

See you Sunday!

Pastor Dan

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### Worship Services

Sundays: 9:43 & 11:00am

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adults 9:30

Children ~ ONLINE 10:05AM

Church Office Hours

Mon.-Fri. 9:00a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

## **NEWS FROM THE FAMILY OF FAITH**



### **In Memory Of**

#### **Charles "Chuck" Bowen**

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#### **Tim Grantz**

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### **FUNERALS**

Long-time member Sarah Johns died on Sunday, January 31, 2021. A funeral was held on Thursday, February 4th, 2021, at Piatt and Barnhill Funeral Home, with interment at the Washington Cemetery. Arrangements were private, due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Faithful church member, choir member, handbell ringer and former church office assistant Margaret C. "Peg" Flynn, died on Thursday, February 11, 2021. Arrangements were handled by W.H. Neal Funeral Home. Interment was at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies.



**DEADLINE FOR THE April  
MESSENGER is March 15th.**

### **PASTOR SCOTT'S MUSINGS**

Dear Friends,

It is amazing to realize that it is one year this month since we began to feel the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. It was right in the middle of the Lenten season and interrupted our traditional journey to Easter. However, we also learned that just as God had been faithful to His creation and provided redemption for a fallen world, He also is faithful to His people even in a time of pandemic and upheaval.

Throughout the last year, many things have changed. We have had to adapt. Yet through it all, God has opened more doors for ministry and different avenues to reach the local community in some special ways. He has also been meeting the needs of members of the congregation and carrying us through some great transitions. There is much more God has in store for The Church of the Covenant, and we need to prepare ourselves for it.

During this Lenten season, things are still not back to normal, but one thing has not changed. We are reminded of God's love for us through the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus. As we prepare our hearts for the events of this Passion Week, let us open our hearts not only to God's saving grace but to His call and desire for our lives and the mission He has in store for The Church of the Covenant. What will your role be? How will you grow in grace this coming year? I cannot wait to see what God has in store!

In Christ's service,

Pastor Scott

## **MARCH PREACHING AND WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

### **March 7, 2021 (Communion) (Third Sunday, Lent)**

Sermon Title: **“Divine Tension...”**

Preaching: Pastor Dan

Scripture: Psalm 19:7-14; I Corinthians 1:22-25

Focal Verse: *“Jews demand miraculous signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles.” v. 22.*

Synopsis: There is TENSION in our world and in our lives. It is very difficult to be a Christian in the world today. The world called us to be successful, the Gospel calls us to be faithful. Which is right, how does one decide? Can you be both?

### **March 14, 2021 (Fourth Sunday, Lent)**

Sermon Title: **RELIEF**

Preaching: Pastor Scott

Scripture: Ephesians 2:1-10

Focal Verse: *“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.” vv. 8-9.*

Synopsis: That burden you have been carrying, that weight from your sin, is not yours to carry.

You have been saved by grace through faith and brought into right standing with God. You are His, and nothing can separate you from Him.



### **March 21, 2021 (Fifth Sunday, Lent)**

Sermon Title: **“WE versus ME =ALL”**

Preaching: Pastor Dan

Scripture: Jeremiah 31:31-34; John 12:20-26

Focal Verse: *“‘And the time is coming’ declares the Lord ‘when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel. I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God and they will be my people,’” v. 31.*

Synopsis: The NEW COVENANT allows YOU and ME to have a personal one-on-one relationship with God. CELEBRATE that relationship with God. FIND LIFE in the relationship with God. FIND PEACE in that relationship with God, for it was purchased at a GREAT COST by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

### **March 28, 2021 (Palm Sunday)**

Sermon Title: **“The HOSANNA urge...”**

Preaching: Pastor Dan

Scripture: Mark 11:1-11

Focal Verse: *“Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!” vv. 9-10.*

Synopsis: Hosanna! There ARE crosses in the Christian life. We DO live in an imperfect world. But for the believer, for the one who trusts their life to God, beyond every cross there is resurrection.

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

### **LEMOYNE CENTER SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM - 2021**

Over the past several years the Lemoyne Community Center has sponsored a Summer Lunch program to feed people—principally children—a lunch during the summer months. Volunteers support the program by helping to prepare and deliver meals. The Church of the Covenant has been a consistent participant in the program. The Lemoyne Center is beginning planning for its summer lunch program for 2021 (mid-June to mid-August). They had a rough time in 2020 with the sad loss of Joyce Ellis and because of the chaos associated with the pandemic. However, the program will be run again in 2021 to once again feed children a daily lunch meal during the summer.

Steve Thomas, who some may have met last year, will be supervising the lunch program. He was an enthusiastic leader and did much to improve the program in 2020. For 2021, they will use lessons learned from 2020 to improve program efficiency. They are planning to prepare the meals at the Lemoyne Center and deliver them to 14 sites vs. the 24 that were serviced this past year.

The Mission Committee will be asking for volunteers next month to see how we can help this worthy endeavor. Volunteers can help prepare or deliver meals. As we have done in the past, we will focus The Church of the Covenant efforts on one day per week. If this mission project is something you would like to help with, please sign-up next month when we call for volunteers. Your participation will entail only a small amount of time and the work can be accomplished safely. Most importantly, it has real-time meaning to members of the community who have difficulty getting enough to eat.

For more information, contact Steve Johnson, 412-420-7253.

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### **FROM THE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE (PNC)**

Back on February 7, the PNC distributed an important survey from our consultants at “Holy Cow.” It may have reached you by email or in a large flat envelope delivered by the U.S. Mail.

Please complete the survey using the email link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/THECHURCHOFCOVENANTWPA>

or return the printed copy, if you have not already done so. There is still time for you to complete and return the survey by the closing date, March 3, 2021.

The results of the survey will be compiled and analyzed by the consultant for a report of results to the PNC. The PNC will receive this in an online presentation as well as in a written summary. This latter document will be available to the members in the Church Library as well as by a shorter Executive Summary. The survey is a very important step in our search for a new senior pastor. The results help prepare an outline of “who we are” to put forth in a Ministry Information Form (MIF). The Session must approve the MIF along with the Presbytery and it is the ‘first impression’ of key information that any prospective candidate will receive about The Church of The Covenant. We hope it will attract the interest of many qualified pastors. Your response is critical.

By participating in the Holy Cow survey, you will have directly contributed to the construction of an important tool your PNC will use to obtain names and qualifications of prospective pastors. The PNC thanks you for your involvement and responsiveness.

## MISSION MATTERS

### BECOMING DISRUPTERS



In reading of late I have come across 2021 PCUSA materials that focus on “God’s *disruptive* rule of love, which intervenes everywhere at all times.”\* The very word *disrupt* is probably not welcome at the moment because we frankly have had enough disruption. But, if we think about it for a moment and turn it on its head, “Every day we stand before the throne of God, the one who disrupts the tangles of the world with his kingdom,”\* the one who likewise calls *us* to disrupt—to act in the name of Jesus to feed the hungry, to fight injustice and racism, to assist the poor out of poverty, to support programs that help the addicted. Disruption for good.

Right in line with this idea of disruption is the content of Tightrope (Kristof and WuDunn), currently being studied by Monday Readers. Following exposition of scenarios of communities and generations scarred by low wages, scarce jobs, racial inequity, and the ravages of drugs, the authors offer illustrations of programs that disrupt, to offer hope. One such program resembles Resurrection Power, which is directed by Bob and Kathy Hedges right here in our own community. Their program harnesses the disrupting love of God to offer sustained hope to those recovering from addiction. Ministries and programs that disrupt abound in our own backyard. We are asking you to consider volunteering for the Lemoyne Center summer lunch program; we are asking you to consider involvement and aid to any one of our local mission partners that stand ever in need. Your past generosity has changed lives. We look to a new season of greater hands-on involvement. Please pray for those who labor in the following local mission efforts:

Friends of Jesus; Washington Christian Outreach; Community Circle Food Pantry; Domestic Violence; Faith in Action; Turning Point; Greater Washington County Food Bank; Salvation Army; Dreamers Company; Washington City Mission; Big Brothers/Big Sisters; Lemoyne Center; Hands and Hearts; W&J Campus Ministry; Special Olympics; Washington County Jail Ministry; Resurrection Power; Pine Springs Camp; Light of Life Rescue Mission; Washington Health Systems Teen Outreach; the Church of the Covenant Youth Ministries; Presbyterian Senior Care Foundation (Woodside Place Dementia Care); Young Life South Hills Capernaum; Church of the Covenant Preschool; and Presbyterian Senior Care (for PPE).

If you are moved to disrupt a bit, please contact the chairs of the Mission Committee, Rebecca Aizupitis or Kathy Teagarden.

The following words come from an Ash Wednesday service posted online by the national offices of the PCUSA, in which there are suggestions for our 2021 Lenten disciplines:

*gifts of generosity for organizations affected by the pandemic,  
works of compassion for those who have lost their livelihood,  
acts of protest against injustice and inequality in our society, or  
new spiritual practices to nurture and heal your weary soul.*

To **disruption** in Jesus’ name!

Submitted by Kathy Teagarden, Mission Committee

### MISSION TEAM NEWS

Just to give those interested in Mission Trips a brief update. We all missed last year’s trips and were hoping to be able to resume trips this year. However, at this time, mission trips for 2021 appear unlikely. We will continue to look for opportunities for trips, possibly in late 2021. It has been suggested that we look for mission trip opportunities in our own geographic area. If you have any thoughts or comments, please let Pat Boyer know at 412-860-2747 or [boyerpatricia41@gmail.com](mailto:boyerpatricia41@gmail.com). We can serve our Lord and be his hands and feet anywhere.

The Mission Fundraising Committee continues its work and strives to build a mission trip-restricted fund that will fund all mission trips. Watch for further news regarding this.

Submitted by Pat Boyer, Mission Committee



**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS****COVENANT KIDS**

Join us for Sunday School on Zoom. We have over 15 kids who participate. Each week we have Bible lessons that include life applications, a memory verse, groovy praise music and a fun game. The theme for March is "Patience."

If you would like to join us please

Email Miss Yvonne:

[yvonnegayle20@gmail.com](mailto:yvonnegayle20@gmail.com) for the Zoom link.

**IMPACT—WHAT WE'RE DOING**

Impact youth meets every Wednesday on Zoom at 7pm. Each week we have Bible lessons and games. Some weeks we have special visitors and prizes. Our mission trip details will be released soon. Youth who want to attend the mission trip must be an active part of the youth group. Please contact Miss Yvonne for more info @ [yvonnegayle20@gmail.com](mailto:yvonnegayle20@gmail.com).

**Calling All Brave Knights!**

**Are you ready to 'Armor Up' for an epic quest this summer?**

Church of the Covenant VBS

July 19-23 9:00 - 11:45 a.m.



Join us for an unforgettable experience as you travel to a frozen land in search of the King's armor! Open to children age 4 (by July 1) through 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

To register, please visit <https://churchcov.mycokesburyvbs.com/register-child>.

Registration forms are also available on the VBS bulletin board in the church Commons, or by contacting Amy Dille at [amy.dille06@gmail.com](mailto:amy.dille06@gmail.com) or 724-678-4456.

We can't wait to see you this summer!

**Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Volunteers needed!!**

Church of the Covenant VBS

July 19-23 9:00 - 11:45 a.m.

Ready to turn our church into a frozen land this summer for 'Knights of North Castle' Vacation Bible School? There are many ways to get involved -- both at-home and in-person. God has blessed each of us with our own unique gifts. We hope that you will share yours with us during VBS.

To view the volunteer opportunities and sign up, please visit <https://churchcov.mycokesburyvbs.com/register-volunteer>. Hard copies of volunteer forms are also available on the VBS bulletin board in the church Commons, or by contacting Amy Dille at [amy.dille06@gmail.com](mailto:amy.dille06@gmail.com) or 724-678-4456.



## **TUESDAY NIGHT SPEAKER SERIES**

It's back!!! And you are invited!! We welcome **Lynda Bradley**, counselor at Samaritan Counseling. She will be discussing the struggles we face in the light of Lent. This class is being offered in person (in the dining room) or via Zoom. Please call the office (724-222-0190) to attend in person or [email Pastor Scott](mailto:pastor.scott@churchofthecovenant.org) to sign up. This class will be held on the following Tuesdays at 7:00 PM.

### **The Weeping Willow and the Daffodil**

March 2 - Born into mortality.

March 9 - Why do we go through changing seasons?

March 16 - How can harshness lead to growth?

March 23 - It is finished becomes the eternal beginning.

## **PARISH NURSE CORNER**

Blood donations typically drop off during and immediately after the winter, which makes March a critical time for the nation's available blood bank supply. Busy holiday schedules, inclement weather and winter illnesses contribute to fewer blood and platelet donations. This poses quite a challenge since the need for blood doesn't take a holiday nor diminish because a snowstorm hits. Although an estimated 38 percent of the U.S. population is eligible to donate blood at any given time, less than 10 percent actually do. Repeat blood donors are critical to maintaining a safe and adequate blood supply. Consider donating blood. Contact the American Red Cross at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or the Central blood bank at [donate-blood.centralbloodbank.org](http://donate-blood.centralbloodbank.org) for more information. You CAN save a life! Any questions? Please contact me at 724-263-7911. Good health to all, Linda Grimm RN, Parish Nurse.



## **FELLOWSHIP OF CONCERN**

For prayer support or to join this ministry, call the church office. Please contact the Fellowship of Concern to give the names of those who are in need of prayer for health or other reasons. The names will then be called or emailed to the church members who pray daily for others. Prayer request cards are available in each pew. Completed forms may be placed in the offering basket.



## **RETIREMENT CARD SHOWER FOR CYNDI BARNEY**

Our dear Cyndi is set to retire in March. After nearly 28 years on staff here at The Church of the Covenant she will be moving into a new chapter of her life. Most members of the church can think of something that Cyndi might have helped them with, the weddings she has helped to coordinate, and the delicious meals that came from our kitchen under her guidance.

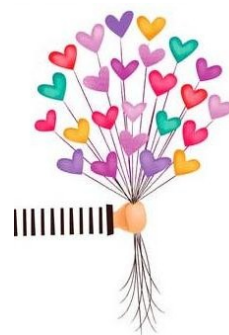
In addition to all of the special events that Cyndi has been a part of here, we celebrate her dedication to the church and congregation through the longevity of her service. Not many employers are so fortunate, or congregations so blessed, to have someone who has given as much as she has to all of us.

As she begins to travel a new path we would like to send her off with much love. A card shower/love offering seems to be an appropriate way to thank Cyndi for everything she has given. She loves to receive cards and we hope as many people as possible will shower her with well wishes and affection.

Please send your cards of gratitude and thanks to:

Cyndi Barney  
435 Lagonda Road  
Washington, PA 15301

She will be greatly missed by our staff and church family. We love you, Cyndi!



**DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MARCH**

<b>Monday, March 1</b> Jer. 1:11-19 Rom. 1:1-15 John 4:27-42	<b>Tuesday, March 9</b> Jer. 7:21-34 Rom. 4:13-25 John 7:37-52	<b>Wednesday, March 17</b> Jer. 18:1-11 Rom. 8:1-11 John 6:27-40	<b>Thursday, March 25</b> Jer. 26:1-16 (17-24) Rom. 11:1-12 John 10:19-42
<b>Tuesday, March 2</b> Jer. 2:1-13, 29-32 Rom. 1:16-25 John 4:43-54	<b>Wednesday, March 10</b> Jer. 8:4-7, 18-9:6 Rom. 5:1-11 John 8:12-20	<b>Thursday, March 18</b> Jer. 22:13-23 Rom. 8:12-27 John 6:41-51	<b>Friday, March 26</b> Jer. 29:1 (2-3) 4-14 Rom. 11:13-24 John 11:1-27 <i>or</i> John 12:1-10
<b>Wednesday, March 3</b> Jer. 3:6-18 Rom. 1:(26-27) 28-2:11 John 5:1-18	<b>Thursday, March 11</b> Jer. 10:11-24 Rom. 5:12-21 John 8:21-32	<b>Friday, March 19</b> Jer. 23:1-8 Rom. 8:28-39 John 6:52-59	<b>Saturday, March 27</b> Jer. 31:27-34 Rom. 11:25-36 John 11:28-44 <i>or</i> John 12:37-50
<b>Thursday, March 4</b> Jer. 4:9-10, 19-28 Rom. 2:12-24 John 5:19-29	<b>Friday, March 12</b> Jer. 11:1-8, 14-17 Rom. 6:1-11 John 8:33-47	<b>Saturday, March 20</b> Jer. 23:9-15 Rom. 9:1-18 John 6:60-71	<b>Sunday, March 28</b> Zech. 9:9-12 1 Tim. 6:12-16 <i>or</i> Zech. 12:9-11; 13:1, 7-9 Matt. 21:12-1
<b>Friday, March 5</b> Jer. 5:1-9 Rom. 2:25-3:18 John 5:30-47	<b>Saturday, March 13</b> Jer. 13:1-11 Rom. 6:12-23 John 8:47-59	<b>Sunday, March 21</b> Jer. 23:16-32 1 Cor. 9:19-27 Mark 8:31-9:1	<b>Monday, March 29</b> Jer. 11:18-20; 12:1-16 (17) Phil. 3:1-14 John 12:9-19
<b>Saturday, March 6</b> Jer. 5:20-31 Rom. 3:19-31 John 7:1-13	<b>Sunday, March 14</b> Jer. 14:1-9 (10-16) 17-22 Gal. 4:21-5:1 Mark 8:11-21	<b>Monday, March 22</b> Jer. 24:1-10 Rom. 9:19-33 John 9:1-17	<b>Tuesday, March 30</b> Jer. 15:10-21 Phil. 3:15-21 John 12:20-26
<b>Sunday, March 7</b> Jer. 6:9-15 1 Cor. 6:12-20 Mark 5:1-20	<b>Monday, March 15</b> Jer. 16:(1-9) 10-21 Rom. 7:1-12 John 6:1-15	<b>Tuesday, March 23</b> Jer. 25:8-17 Rom. 10:1-13 John 9:18-41	<b>Wednesday, March 31</b> Jer. 17:5-10, 14-17 (18) Phil. 4:1-13 John 12:27-36
<b>Monday, March 8</b> Jer. 7:1-15 Rom. 4:1-12 John 7:14-36	<b>Tuesday, March 16</b> Jer. 17:19-27 Rom. 7:13-25 John 6:16-27	<b>Wednesday, March 24</b> Jer. 25:30-38 Rom. 10:14-21 John 10:1-18	

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

Maxine Donham	3/1	Linda Weaver	3/6	Clint Watson	3/14	Morgan Namie	3/22
Rose Moyer	3/1	Thomas Day III	3/7	Fred Simpson	3/15	Casey Key	3/23
Renee Dickson	3/3	David Hough	3/7	Gay Vroble	3/16	Mary Alice Wilson	3/24
Rachel Heather	3/3	Carrie Justice	3/7	Jeffrey Goddard	3/17	Bonnie Saffell	3/25
Shirley Howe	3/3	Terrie Myers	3/10	Kay Thompson	3/18	Amy Wagner	3/26
Ryan Kepler	3/3	Clarissa Lucas	3/10	David Camlin	3/19	Christopher Edwards	3/27
Doug Hodinko	3/4	Colleen Benard	3/11	Jennifer King	3/19	Margaret McIlvaine	3/27
Alec Osbourne	3/4	Gloria Lesnock	3/11	Kirk Spiegel	3/19	Caleb Maleski	3/29
Barry Blose	3/5	David McCabe	3/11	Brian Dessart	3/20	Colton Maleski	3/29
Jarrett Maleski	3/5	Lois Morton	3/12	Harry Johnston	3/21	Barbara Richmond	3/29
Craig Myers	3/5	Maureen Breitigan	3/14	George Linck	3/21	Richard Welch	3/29
George Miles III	3/6	Kelly Proudfit	3/14	Bonnie Densmore	3/22	Joan McCrory	3/31
Janet Nevin	3/6	Dr. Will Sharpnack	3/14	Aaron Kojundic	3/22		



## THE CARNAHAN LIBRARY

Dedicated on 11/1/09 to the memory of Thomas Dorrington Carnahan II,  
Thomas Dorrington Carnahan III, George Kirk Carnahan and to the glory of God.

Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm and Sunday 8:30 am – 12:30 pm

*The following books were donated to the library. The Library Committee thanks the donors. All have been cataloged and are ready to be checked out. The library is in Room 308, the first room on the right as you enter the third floor hallway from the elevator. The card catalog will help you to locate a book by author, title or subject.*

*The following 2 books were given in memory of Nancy Wright by Barbara Knight (her cousin).*

**The Bone Tree** by Greg Iles. This is the second book of a trilogy about race, family and justice. It takes place in modern day Natchez, MS. The main character, Penn Cage, is a prosecutor. His father, a well-loved family practitioner, is accused of murder. His dad becomes a fugitive and Penn, in a desperate search for him and his reasons for running, unknowingly starts a ‘war’ with a violent offshoot of the KKK.

Penn learns that in the civil rights history of the 1960’s, there may even be a connection to the assassination of President Kennedy. (Book 1 of the trilogy, **Natchez Burning** is also available in the library). (Recommended by Sara Smith)

**Mississippi Blood** by Greg Iles. This is the final book of the trilogy. Penn’s dad, Tom, is going to trial for the murder of his former nurse. The Double Eagles, the offshoot group of the KKK, wants to be sure that Tom Cage takes the fall for them or takes his secrets to an early grave. Penn continues to seek the truth. He is joined by a writer named Serenity Butler, who is investigating his father’s case. Even their lives are in danger as they try to learn the history of Penn’s family, the past events that took place during the 1960’s and how they are connected.

*The following 2 gently-used books were donated by Linda Pitner.*

**Treasures from the Attic, The Extraordinary Story of Anne Frank’s Family**, by Mirjam Pressler. In 2001, a cache of several thousand letters, photographs and other documents was found in the attic of the house in Basel belonging to Buddy Elias, Anne Frank’s cousin. It was soon realized that these documents were of major significance for the history of the Frank family and cast a new and clearer light on Anne Frank herself. Pressler’s lucid account provides an insight into an almost forgotten world. This book not only sheds new light on the touching persona of Anne Frank, illuminating her background, but also contributes a narrative description of the social and mental history of German Jewry.

**At the Water’s Edge** by Sara Gruen. After embarrassing themselves at the social event of the year in high society Philadelphia on New Year’s Eve of 1944, Maddie and Ellis Hyde are cut off financially by Ellis’s father, a former Army Colonel who is already ashamed of his colourblind son’s inability to serve in WWII. To Maddie’s horror, Ellis decides that the only way to regain his father’s favour is to succeed in a venture his father attempted and very publicly failed at: he will hunt the famous Loch Ness monster and when he finds it, he will restore his father’s name and return to his father’s good graces. In January 1945 they hitch a ride on a ship across the Atlantic while the war is still raging all around them. And Maddie, now alone and virtually

abandoned in a foreign country, must begin to work out who she is and what she wants—the vacuous life she left behind or something more real? What she discovers—about the larger world and about herself—opens her eyes not only to the dark forces that exist around her but to the beauty and surprising possibilities of life.

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