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— R E F L E C T I O N S —

“What can I do as this political and spiritual crisis gets worse and worse? How do we even begin to respond to the enormous needs and stakes of this moment in American history and the future of Christianity in this country?

I believe the answer to these questions, now more than ever, is go to back to Jesus and help fellow believers and seekers to do the same.”

Jim Wallis, Editor of Sojourners Magazine

We are in a time of crisis in our country? This is way more complex than our political allegiances. The rising nationalism not only threatens our democracy but Christianity as movement for love, justice and peace. How do we respond to this crisis? I think Jim Wallis is right on...I think we need to go back to Jesus. But how do we do that? Who is this Jesus?

This Lent my sermons will focus on answering these questions. I will be exploring the Hebrew Scriptures that were Jesus' foundation to get an idea of what shaped his vision and call. Using Wallis' guide: "Christ in Crisis" my hope is spark dialogues with each other about how to best to live out our call to be true to the God to whom we belong and have come to know in the life and death of Jesus.

In Wallis' words: "This is so much more than just another election year coming up. What is at stake is a test of democracy and a test of faith — the future of the nation and the future of the church. The church is in danger of losing the next generation if we don't address critical issues like racism and xenophobia, climate change, economic inequality, and institutional corruption and abuse." He is correct our young people are watching: the very integrity and authenticity of our faith is at stake.

Lent is a time for introspection and this year we need to reflect upon who we are going to follow. It's not easy to choose Jesus. We must let go of our attachments not only to our ego driven desires but to the worldviews we have created in our own image in order to embrace God's vision for our humanity and for creation.

I hope you will join us in worship and stay to discuss some of the themes of the series. Whether it's giving up something, or to put it in a more positive light, doing something for Lent, I hope it is a meaningful time for spiritual growth and joy.

Blessings,

Angela

DEACONS' CORNER

The new slate of Deacons has continued the ongoing work of the Deacons and has made some changes to responsibilities given the new composition of the board. We are pleased to announce that Diane Conklin has not only joined the Deacons, but she has also accepted the nomination to be Moderator. The Deacons unanimously agreed and are grateful for her service. John Guzewich was nominated for Secretary and he has graciously accepted this role.

We are grateful for his service.

Deacon Responsibilities are as follows:

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Car Rides – Margaret Allen

Joys & Concerns / Prayer Chain: Stephen Van Dyk

Kitchen Supplies: Johanna Albin

Memorial Services: John Guzewich

Deacon's Corner: Karen Berger

Casseroles/Dinners: Madeleine Bassil

Flowers: Jim

Coffee hour as always will continue to be handled by the Deacons with scheduling based on needs. The Deacons also take care of setting up and serving Communion. These responsibilities are shared by the nine members as needed as well.

We ask for continued prayers for all who need God's healing presence in mind, body, and spirit. For those who are suffering loss, grief, pain, illness and hardship, we pray for them as well. Prayers for all who are victims of natural disasters, accidents and other tragedies, including combat and conflict throughout the world. And we also pray for honest, dedicated leadership to help bring safety and peace to all throughout the world.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Sunday Worship 10:00 am

Bible Study Wednesdays 12:15 pm

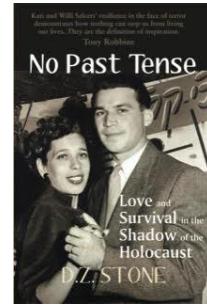
5 Parent Support Group Meeting 7:00 pm

9 Annual Meeting following worship

29 Community Book Discussion

and Signing 2:00 pm

Book Discussion & Signing at Palisades Presbyterian Church



The Palisades Presbyterian Church in Snedens Landing, NY, will host local author D.Z. Stone for a book discussion and signing on Sat., Feb. 29 at 2pm. Admission is free. Stone is author of the recently published and highly acclaimed, [No Past Tense: Love and Survival in the Shadow of the Holocaust](#) (Vallentine Mitchell; Oct. 2019), biography of Kati and Willi Salcer, two Czech Jews who as teenagers were swept up by the Holocaust in Hungary. Based on more than 100 hours of interviews and covering their entire lives, *No Past Tense* is unique for Holocaust memoirs, weaving in the Salcers' real time voices as if they are watching a documentary about themselves, a structure that provides a distinctive 'whole life' view of the Holocaust. *No Past Tense* has received praise from esteemed Jewish book critics such as Phil K. Jason, "[Soon-to-be-classic Holocaust narrative is a gripping tale of reinvention and romance](#)," and is featured in The New York Jewish Week's, "[A Roundup of New Fall Titles](#)," as well as Faith Columnist and author (and Presbyterian elder) Bill Tammeus, "[A Holocaust story not to miss](#)," as well as a [Twitter shoutout](#) to millions by author and life strategist Tony Robbins. To purchase a copy before the event, *No Past Tense* is available at these outlets: [Amazon](#) [Barnes & Noble](#) [VMBooksusa](#) Admission is free but space is limited. To RSVP please email: ppc10964@gmail.com

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the congregation will take place directly following worship on **February 9, 2019**. The reports of committees will be received as well as review of financials for 2019, the 2020 budget, voting on Pastoral terms of Call for 2020 and the election of a member at large for the nominating committee and auditors. Please make every effort to attend this important time in our life together as a faith community.