



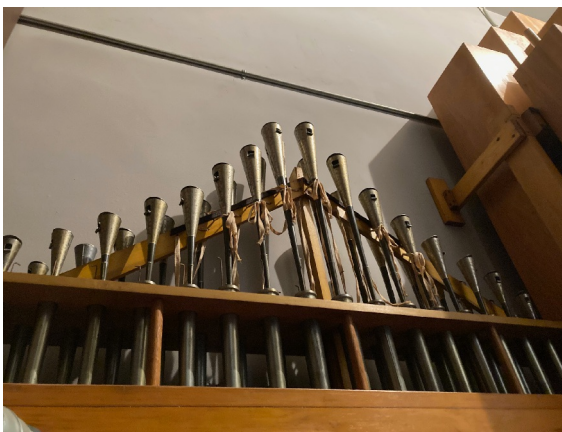
# *The Babcock Banner*

*February 21, 2024*

## Meet Our New Church Secretary

The Session is pleased to introduce you to Mrs. Marsena Harris-Barbar, our new Church Secretary at Babcock. She comes to us with a wealth of experience in the university area (Johns Hopkins), data management (PeopleSoft), administration, customer service (Kaiser, Enoch Pratt Free Library), and service as Church Administrator at Trinity Episcopal Church in Towson.

Her graduate degree is from Westminster Choir College in Princeton, NJ, with a BA in music. Her interests include nutrition, healthy living, Music, and a focus on human services. Her husband is Derek Barber. We are pleased to welcome her into the Babcock Family. On Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, she will take time from worship at her church to be introduced at worship.



## Work on the Pipe Organ

The team from Myers Pipe Organ Company continues working on our organ. At this point, there is not a single pipe in the organ chamber; all have been removed for repair. On Sunday, the congregation heard only wind blowing like a giant wind tunnel, and see pipes stored in long rectangular boxes in the chancel.

The work continues with "releathering" in the organ chamber so wind boxes feeding air to the pipes function smoothly. We invite you to view Bill Blair's brief tour of the organ chamber with the pipes in place:

[https://youtu.be/b\\_XKmniaGZ0?si=kYjL8A9T\\_gM-nlb](https://youtu.be/b_XKmniaGZ0?si=kYjL8A9T_gM-nlb)

# A Sunday Sermon Series for Lent

## "The Stories Jesus Told"

Each Sunday, we will explore a parable from Luke's Gospel. Luke is the expert writer of the New Testament. He understands Jesus as the Master Story-teller. Luke gives us some parables not found in the other gospels. This Lent, we'll be asking: What do these parables mean for us in our day?

February 18 (*First Sunday in Lent*)

1. "The Sower Goes Forth to Sow" Luke 8:5-8 and 8:11-14

February 25 (*Second Sunday in Lent*)

2. The Parable of the Good Samaritan Luke 10:29-37  
(Luke 10:25-29 is the preface)

March 3 (*Third Sunday in Lent*)

3. "The Man Who Had Two Sons:  
Part 1 - "The Prodigal"  
(chapter 15 is fascinating. It is all about losing and finding)

March 10 (*Fourth Sunday in Lent*)

4. "The Man Who Had Two Sons:  
Part 2 - "The Older Brother"

March 17 (*Fifth Sunday in Lent*)

5. "The Rich Man and Lazarus" Luke 16:19-31

March 24 (*Palm Sunday - the beginning of Holy Week*)

6. The Pharisee and The Publican" Luke 18:9-14

March 31 (*Easter Sunday - The Day of Resurrection*)

7. "The Great Banquet" Luke 14:15-24

## Opportunities to Grow at Babcock

### **\*Wednesday Zoom Bible Study with Janet Jones**

Our Wednesday Zoom Bible Study is from 7-8 pm. Come one and all, as you, are whenever you can make it. We are reading through the Psalms with an eye to deepening our intimacy with God in order to better worship and serve. Come to be blessed and to be a blessing!

**\*ZOOM Information to join**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4108253314?pwd=eIVqUVBMbDFLM1V3a2RMOSTvSDhGdz09> Meeting ID: [410] 825-3314; Passcode: 21286

**\*The Thursday Group meeting in The Upper Room**

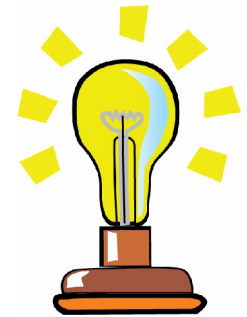
**The next group Meeting is Thursday, March 14, at 6:30 pm.**

Above the Narthex in what we are calling The Upper Room (enter by the front deep red Sanctuary door), the group meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Together, they engage in study, discussion and prayer, either in person or by Zoom. Jenn Pearson and JoyAnne Amani are the leaders. Their focus is on the book, What Makes You Come Alive A Spiritual Walk with Howard Thurman.

## Babcock Bits and Pieces

**\*It Has Been Years since Some Lights Were Changed!**

The spot lights in the chancel now light the cross dramatically. It has been many years since this has been seen. In addition, the porch lights now work so evening groups may see clearly. In the Sanctuary, the dimmer system has been updated. A brighter Babcock is on the way.



**+ Painting and refurbishment of the previous food ministry rooms, 2nd floor:**

The painting has been finished and both rooms look much better. Cost was just under \$2000. Thanks to Monica, the carpet in both rooms has also been cleaned, making the room just about ready for other uses. Initial thought is to have the smaller room become the Music Director's office, with the larger room set for music ministry use.

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Mrs. Marsena Harris-Barbara, Church Secretary

# The Ends of Lent

David Jewel is a minister member of the Presbytery of the Cascades in Oregon. Following the service of Jack Hodges, David, now retired, served as pastor of Kenilworth Presbyterian Church in Portland, Oregon.

The end of Lent, I can foretell, when trumpets play and church bells ring.  
The ends of Lent, I know less well. What does this Lent intend to bring?

Will I be changed by a forehead smudge? Will I forgive a long-held grudge?  
Am I supposed to sit and pray? Am I to mourn these forty days?  
Shall I respond to Lenten calls and don my sackcloth overalls?

And as for Lent in the great Northwest, March and April don't seem the best,  
For darkened thoughts and dreary fasts, while skies become less overcast.  
You see, out here, this season brings a warmer rain, a brighter day,  
When flowers claim their rights of spring, and S.A.D. just fades away.

Perhaps the best I'll make of Lent is simply use its in-between  
To arrive at where I'm being sent accompanied by One unseen.  
(To come to where)

Not so much the what I do, As learning more the doing.  
Not so much the where I walk, As loving more the walking.  
Not so much the why I go, As living more the going.

I know Lent's end, all bright and fair, when lilies white infuse the air.

The ends of Lent, what might they be? What ends will they unfold in me?



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