



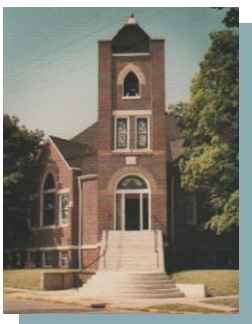
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9 A.M. CHOIR REHEARSAL
10 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL
11 A.M. WORSHIP

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FEBRUARY 2018

Ash Wednesday Service

February 14, 7 p.m.

Christ's UMC

Lent Begins

February Scriptures & Sermons

Subject to Change

4th – Psalm 147; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39; Isaiah 40:21-31 / "Rise Up – Focus!" / COMMUNION

11th – Psalm 50; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9; 2 Kings 2:1-12 / "Rise Up-God is Speaking!"

14th – 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service

18th – Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Genesis 9:8-17; Mark 9:14-29 / "Desperate Father and the Uncertainty of Faith"

25th – Psalm 22:1-18, 25-31; Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 18:21-22 / "Peter and the Uncertainty of Forgiveness"

In Christian Sympathy

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servants, Aileen Karg, Betty Stinchcomb, and Martha Miller.

Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, sheep of your own fold, lambs of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming.

Receive them into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints of light. Amen. – UM Hymnal, p. 875

Thank You

Thank you so much for the beautiful plant and also for the wonderful dinner you prepared.

Mom loved this church. She will be missed so much, but is now in a better place and with Dad.

Love,
Karen Holt

February Birthdays & Anniversaries

Anniversaries

2nd – Mike & Sonya Sosbe

Birthdays

9th – Cameron Remley
13th – Erika Frazier
23rd – Roger Taylor, Pastor Judi
24th – Mitch Gray
27th – Bill Remley



2018 LENTEN BREAKFASTS

Breakfasts are free, but a love offering is accepted at both of these events.
Subject to change.

WOMEN Breakfast 8 a.m. / Program 8:30 a.m. Child care is provided Theme: "Jesus Saves" Song: "Jesus Saves" Verses: John 14:6	DATE	MEN Breakfast 7:30 a.m. Program 8 a.m. Verse: Proverbs 27:17
New Ross Christian	Feb. 17	Waynetown Christian
Liberty Chapel	Feb. 24	Yountsville Christian
Holy Cross Lutheran	Mar. 3	Harvest Fellowship
Christ Lutheran	Mar. 10	Whitesville Christian
Harvest Fellowship	Mar. 17	Smartsburg Christian
First United Pentecostal	Mar. 24	First United Methodist

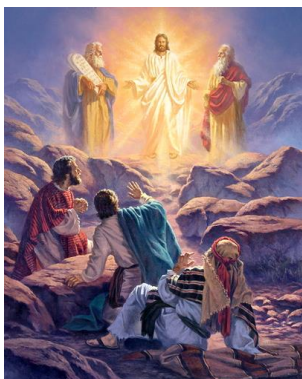
Transfiguration Sunday: Why Do We Celebrate It Before Lent?

This question's background lies in the differing practices of Christians in North America. United Methodists and many other denominations schedule the observance of the Transfiguration on the Sunday before Lent. There are three different times when the Transfiguration is commemorated and celebrated: Roman Catholics celebrate the Transfiguration on the second Sunday of Lent; most other denominations following a liturgical calendar, including those that follow The Revised Common Lectionary (United Methodists are part of this group), celebrate it on the last Sunday after the Epiphany (the Sunday before Ash Wednesday). On the calendar of "Holy Days," liturgical churches observe the Transfiguration on August 6.

The Book of Common Prayer collect for the Last Sunday after the Epiphany suggests why the Transfiguration is celebrated just before Lent in United Methodist and other denominations that follow The Revised Common Lectionary:

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.¹

We celebrate... "before the passion" so that we may "be strengthened to bear our cross and be changed into his likeness." The focus of the Lenten season is renewed discipline in walking in the way of the cross and rediscovery of the baptismal



renunciation of evil and sin and our daily adherence to Christ... In the biblical context, the synoptic gospels narrate the

Transfiguration as a bridge between Jesus' public ministry and his passion. From the time of the Transfiguration, Jesus sets his face to go to Jerusalem and to the cross.

We Live In Such Tumultuous Times

We live in such tumultuous times. Demands for our attention and involvement seem to be growing by leaps and bounds every day. People get accustomed to one thing only to have it morph into something entirely different in what seems like a matter of minutes. So, I find it enormously comforting that God remains the same day in and day out no matter how greatly out of control my life seems to get. It is my prayer that you do also.

Recently, I stumbled across the book, "Embracing the Uncertain, A Lenten Study for Unsteady Times" by Magrey R. deVega. Written for people like me, (and maybe you), who struggle to keep up with this changing world. The author explores various stories in the Bible that describe times of uncertainty



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and how faith in God can work within us to make us stronger and more devoted Christians. The chapters in this book will provide the framework for our Lenten messages. I hope you will join me as we explore timeless Biblical truths and advice for growing and maintaining our faith in uncertain times.

Peace,

Pastor Judi

FEBRUARY 2018

LENT BEGINS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<u>EACH SUNDAY</u> 9 a.m. Choir 10 a.m. SS 10:45 a.m. Coffee 11 a.m. Worship 4 p.m. Bible Study	<u>WORSHIP LDR</u> Bill Whalen	<u>ALTAR FLOWERS</u>		<u>USHERS</u> Andrew Blacketer Joe Hutchins	<u>CLEANING</u> Finance Cmte. <u>COFFEE HOST</u> PPRC	<u>ACOLYTES</u> The Remleys
				1 7 p.m. Thirty on Thurs. Prayer Time	2	3
4 COMMUNION 10 a.m. Upstairs Ladies No Bible Study	5	6	7 10 a.m. Bible Study @Trinity UMC	8 7 p.m. Thirty on Thurs. Prayer Time	9	10
11 Transfiguration of the Lord 4 p.m. Bible Study @Christ's	12	13	14 10 a.m. Bible Study @Trinity UMC 7 p.m. Ash Wed. Service at Christ's	15 7 p.m. Thirty on Thurs. Prayer Time	16 Pastor Judi to "Our Life Together"	17 Pastor Judi to "Our Life Together"
18 4 p.m. Bible Study @Christ's	19	20 Pastor Judi to Clergy Mtg. at First UMC	21 10 a.m. Bible Study @Trinity UMC	22 7 p.m. Thirty on Thursday Prayer Time	23	24
25 Bucket Sunday 4 p.m. Bible Study @Christ's	26	27	28 10 a.m. Bible Study @Trinity UMC	<u>GREETERS</u> 4 th – John & Cheryl Luzader 11 th – Jerry & Sue Whalen 18 th – Eileen Shelton & Carol Crowder 25 th – Kay Merrill & Gail Horton		

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