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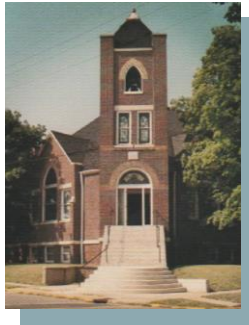
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OFFICE HOURS M-F, 9 A.M. TO NOON

9 A.M. CHOIR REHEARSAL
10 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL
11 A.M. WORSHIP
WATCH LIVE AT CHRISTSUMC.ORG

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MARCH 2018

March Scriptures & Sermon Titles

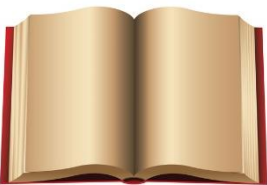
4th – Psalm 19; Exodus 20:1-17; 1 Corinthians 1:18-22; Luke 12:1-34; “The Crowd and the Uncertainty of Worry” / Communion

11th – Psalm 107:1-9, 33-43; Numbers 21:4-9; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 11:1-14; “Lazarus and the Uncertainty of Mortality”

18th – Psalm 51:1-17; Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:5-10; Luke 19:1-10; “Zacchaeus and the Uncertainty of Surrender”

25th – Psalm 31:1-16; Isaiah 50:4-9; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 26:36-46; “Jesus and the Uncertainty of Obedience”

30th – Prayer Vigil at Trinity, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. / Good Friday Service @Christ’s, 7 p.m.



Note: The Psalm is a responsive reading



March Birthdays and Anniversaries

Anniversaries

8th – Franklin & Leota McCloud (1988)

Birthdays

- 1st – William Cowherd
- 2nd – Irving Bressie
- 13th – Jerry Conkright
- 18th – Everett Jude Kaur
- 22nd – Leota McCloud
- 23rd – Loretta Whalen
- 25th – Chandler Renick
- 28th – Bette Vaught



Our responses suggest that we have some work ahead of us...

Throughout the month of March, the church observes Lent which is most frequently described as the Christian season of introspection, denial, repentance, and self-examination.

The 40 days of Lent between Ash Wednesday and Holy Saturday (excluding Sundays), is the same amount of time spent by Jesus in the wilderness following his baptism. In Deuteronomy 8:2, Moses reminds the Israelites (led by Moses) that they wandered in the wilderness for 40 years “to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep His commands,” (NRSV). According to the notes in my Bible, Jesus’ 40-day experience was very similar to that of those early Israelites headed to the Promised Land: the opportunity to demonstrate (1) true allegiance to God, as well as (2) complete and utter dedication to obeying God’s Commandments and God’s Will in all circumstances. In today’s world, the 40 days of Lent is the perfect time to reflect on the status of your personal relationship with God.

This is also a great opportunity for us to begin thinking about how we can contribute to the mission of the United Methodist Church “Making disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world.” Recently, West District Superintendent John Groves (on behalf of Bishop Trimble) asked the congregation to complete a Congregational Assessment. Our responses suggest that we have some work ahead of us as we consider our role in fulfilling the church’s mission. Guidelines for interpreting the results have been received and, as expected, the responses were varied. In the coming weeks, a focus group needs to be formed to review the responses for each topic and determine our next steps toward becoming a missional church. If you would be interested in taking part in this vital task, please let me know as soon as possible. The first meetings need to take place in April.

Finally, I need your help. Elsewhere in this newsletter, you will find a one-page questionnaire containing 14 open-ended

statements. Your observations and comments to these statements will help me develop my summer messages. I don't need to know (and truly don't want to know) whose answers belong to whom, I'm only interested in generating topics of interest to you and offer these statements as starting points for your consideration. If you have additional areas of interest, please note them down also. The goal is to attain meaningful worship for all of us. I'm well aware of my preferences; I just want to be sure that they interest you, also.

Blessings,

Pastor Judi

Lenten Breakfasts

MEN

Mar. 10 – Whitesville Christian Church;
Marvin Swick

Mar. 17 – Smartsburg Christian Church;
John Cloud

Mar. 24 – First UMC; Zach Largent

WOMEN

Mar. 10 – Christ Lutheran Church; Rev. Kelly Nelson; CLC Chime Choir & Angels of Harmony

Mar. 17 – Harvest Fellowship; Cindy Billings; Dan Hopkins

Mar. 24 – First United Pentecostal; Rev. Mike Wren; Sharp Sisters

Who will take home the blue?

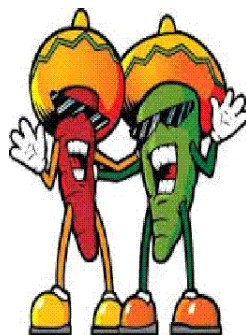


4 p.m. Contest Entries
4:30 p.m. Guest Judging
5 p.m. Dinner



Saturday, March 24
Christ's UMC

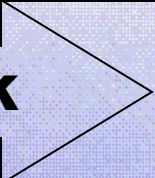
If you wish to bring a pot of chili for supper not to be judged, you may do so. Also, you may bring a different soup for supper, too.



Pastor Judi needs your input! Please take a few moments to complete this short questionnaire and either give to her your completed form or slip it under the door to her office. Your answers will be kept confidential (name optional) and only Pastor Judi will see them. Your responses will be used to help her develop the preaching schedule for the summer months as well as provide guidance for future Bible study/Christian education classes. Thank you!

1. When it comes to the Christian faith, I wish I knew more about _____
2. When it comes to our church's teachings, I wish I knew more about _____
3. When it comes to the Bible, I wish I knew more about _____
4. Why do we do _____ at church?
5. I've always wondered why God _____
6. In my daily life, I don't understand how God fits into _____
7. A question about Jesus I've always wanted to ask is _____
8. Something I don't understand about the Holy Spirit is _____
9. Learning in our church would be more relevant to me if it dealt with _____
10. Discipleship means _____
11. Do you think of God on a daily basis? _____
12. God will stop loving me if _____
13. The most relevant teaching the church has ever given me is _____
14. I began living my life differently after I learned _____

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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> Gail Horton <u>ALTAR FLOWERS</u>	<u>GREETERS</u> 4 th – The Remleys 11 th – Linda Miller & Ruth Grant 18 th – Sue Whalen & Jane Remley 25 th – Carol Kline & Bowie			<u>ACOLYTES</u> The Blacketers	<u>USHERS</u> Val Hester Linda Kingry
<u>CLEANING</u> Nurture Cmte. <u>COFFEE HOST</u> Witness Cmte.	Bible Trivia: February Q. Which tribe of Israel had the responsibility of moving the tabernacle? A. Levi, Numbers 1:51 / March Q. Who had a spear with an iron head weighing 600 shekels?			1 7 p.m. Thirty on Thurs. Prayer Time	2	3 Men's & Women's Lenten Breakfasts (See schedule within)
4 Communion 10 a.m. Upstairs Ladies	5	6	7 10 a.m. Bible Study @Trinity UMC	8 7 p.m. Thirty on Thurs. Prayer Time	9	10 Lenten Breakfasts (See schedule within) Move your clocks ahead one hour at bedtime
11	12	13	14 10 a.m. Bible Study @Trinity UMC	15 7 p.m. Thirty on Thurs. Prayer Time	16	17 Lenten Breakfasts (See schedule within)
18	19	20	21 10 a.m. Bible Study @Trinity UMC	22 7 p.m. Thirty on Thurs. Prayer Time	23	24 Lenten Breakfasts (See schedule within) Chili Cook-off
25 PALM SUNDAY Bucket Sunday	26 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">H O L Y W E E K</div>	27 	28 10 a.m. Bible Study @Trinity UMC	29 HOLY THURS. 7 p.m. Thirty on Thurs. Prayer Time	30 Prayer Vigil @Trinity, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. / Good Friday Service @Christ's, 7 p.m.	

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