

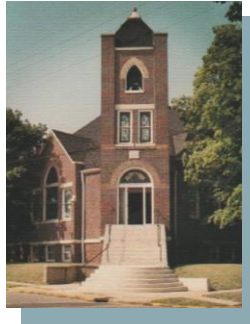
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**MARCH 2020**  
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## WHO WILL BRING HOME THE BLUE?

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



Saturday, March 14  
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.



This year, more than in years past, I've been fielding questions about why Easter isn't a set date. It would be really nice if it was. Wouldn't it make our calendar planning more convenient and predictable? So, why does it move?

In Western Christianity, Easter is always celebrated on the Sunday immediately following the Paschal Full Moon. The Paschal Full Moon doesn't do a very good job of presenting itself on the same date every year. What is the Paschal Full Moon you ask? It's the first full moon after the spring equinox. We know that the Spring Equinox happens every year on either March 19, 20, or 21, so the next full moon after that date will be the Paschal Full Moon and after the Paschal Full Moon, that next Sunday is Easter. Clear as mud! Long story short, Easter dates can range from March 22 through April 25 in Western Christianity.

Remember, the first Christians were Jewish and so the earliest believers wanted to keep the observance of Easter correlated to the Jewish Passover. The events of Easter for Christians (the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ - the Paschal Lamb) happened **after** the Passover, so followers wanted Easter always to be celebrated after the Passover. And, since the Jewish holiday calendar was based on solar and lunar cycles, each feast day was movable, with dates shifting from year to year.

Because the Paschal Full Moon comes out on different days of the year, we have to move Easter around every year, too, but the good news is that dates don't really mean anything for God to be with us every day. Full moons, fingernail moons, harvest moons, whatever kind of moon...Jesus still died for us, he still rose from the dead and has offered us eternal salvation. Easter is right around the corner, so are the special Holy Week worship services. Please, pull out

## The Paschal Full Moon and Easter's Date

So, we've entered the 2020 Lenten season and we've gathered with our sister church and gotten a little more familiar with each other. I hope throughout the Lenten season and with the additional worship services for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Sunrise Service, we'll get even friendlier!

your calendar, don't worry about the moon, and reserve the dates and times for our Holy Week services and then prepare yourselves for an incredibly spiritual journey.

Agape,



## **March birthdays and anniversaries**

### *Anniversaries*

None Reported

### *Birthdays*

- 1<sup>st</sup> – William Cowherd
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Irving Bressie
- 13<sup>th</sup> – Jerry Conkright
- 18<sup>th</sup> – Everett Kaur, Cadin & Cambria Caldwell
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – Loretta Whalen
- 25<sup>th</sup> – Chandler Renick
- 28<sup>th</sup> – Bette Vaught
- 29<sup>th</sup> – Genesis Fletcher

From the desk of Pastor Judi...

A joint thank you to Trinity and Christ's UMCs

This is horribly late in coming, and I do apologize for putting it off for so long, but I want to thank all of you at Christ's and Trinity for sharing your love of Christ's heart for helping others and gentle guidance when I got confused or lost during my time in Crawfordsville.

The going away parties seemed like Christmas! I have a corner in my home office where the montage of pictures, the pillow from Gail, Sharon Hamilton's bear and Mary Alice Barbee's picture of a tree (Marcia Caldwell will know what that is) remind me of the love and encouragement you all extended to me. The cross from Jerry and Sue has a prominent place in my office at the church, although I'm thinking about bringing it back home, if I can find something sturdy enough to secure it so I can hang it in a window. I have a lot of western facing windows where the sun streams through all day; the colors would be amazing! Janie's picture is in the guest bedroom on the main level. I use this bedroom quite frequently, as I don't want to

climb the stairs to the master bedroom. Yes, I'm that lazy, BUT the picture is the first thing I see when I awaken. The welcome sign remained outside until Christmas and I will put it out again in the spring. The wandering Jew is surviving nicely in the dining room waiting to go back outside when it gets warmer. I have yet to use the gift card, but the local Jaycee store (a division of Kroger) seems to have difficulty in keeping my little bottles of cranberry juice in stock, so I'm planning on using the card to order some from Wal-mart. Yes, Bedford has one, but I continue to avoid it.

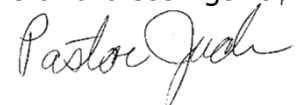
Claire and I are still adjusting to a new setting and there are lots of opportunities and challenges for growth, both personally and professionally.

There has been only one major disappointment since the move. The poinsettias I brought with me from Crawfordsville grew beautifully until I brought them in before the first frost. I put them in a storage room along with quite a few of my pots of day lilies and kept it as dark as possible so that the leaves would turn red. They turned all right. They turned yellow and obligingly fell off the plant stems. Now, I have a bunch of plant stems in pots, but I'm not giving up just yet. I'm going to cut back the stems and see if new growth will appear. If there is new growth, they'll go out on the patio again where they seemed to thrive last summer. Maybe there's hope, yet! I'd like to think so. Just as a new beginning for all of us is leading to new growth and beauty, maybe the same thing will happen to my Crawfordsville poinsettias!

Regardless whether the plants survive, the memories of you will shine in my heart as long as I live. Thank you so much for welcoming me into your homes and lives for three years.

I miss all of you tremendously and enjoy seeing your posts on Facebook. There is not a day goes by that I don't thank God for the privilege of working with, and learning from, you those three years.

Hugs and prayers and blessings for you all.



**2020**  
**Women's Lenten Breakfasts**  
**Men's Easter Breakfast Series**  
**Breakfasts are free, but a love offering is accepted at both of these events.**  
**ANY PART OF THIS SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

<b>WOMEN</b> Breakfast 8 a.m. / Program 8:30 a.m. Theme & Song: "God of Grace & God of Glory" Love offering accepted / Child Care Provided Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1:3	<b>DATE</b>	<b>MEN</b> Breakfast 7:30 a.m. Program 8 a.m. Love offering accepted. Please bring a non-perishable food item to each breakfast for the FISH food pantry.
Waynetown Christian Church Speaker: Dr. John VanNuys Music: Dinah Gabel (piano)	MAR. 7	Yountsville Community Church Speaker: Danny Mountcastle
Whitesville Christian Church Speaker: Marvin Swick Music: Jason Surber	MAR. 14	New Market United Methodist Speaker: Drake Davis
Crossroads Church of the Nazarene Speaker: Nate Chambers Music: Mark Money	MAR. 21	Grace and Mercy Ministries Speaker: Sam Bayless
Christ's United Methodist Church Speaker: Pastor Dirk Caldwell Music: Pam Bryan	MAR. 28	First United Methodist Speaker: Andrew Schindler
Parkersburg Christian Church Speaker: Cody Hargis Music: Gary Ketchum (clarinet)	APR. 4	Harvest Fellowship Speaker: Ron Brown



### In Sympathy

### Thank You



Thank you to Pastor Dirk for his comforting service, to everyone who sent prayers, cards, the beautiful plant with an angel, the ones who attended the calling, funeral, and dinner and all who honored the passing of Leroy Shelton.

Eileen Shelton and family

Our sincere condolences to Sydney and Sam Cox at the passing of their great-grandmother, Elaine McClure and their great-aunt, Debb Hickam. It is also noteworthy to mention that they were very dear friends of Linda Kingry.



# March 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b><u>EACH SUNDAY</u></b> 10 a.m. SS 10:45 a.m. Coffee 11 a.m. Worship	<b><u>CHOIR Rehearsals</u></b> Mar. 8 & 22 Apr. 12 & 26 May 10 & 24 June 14 & 28	<b><u>GREETERS</u></b> 1 <sup>st</sup> – The Luzaders 8 <sup>th</sup> – The Conkrights 15 <sup>th</sup> – Linda Miller & Ruth Grant 22 <sup>nd</sup> – The Blacketers 29 <sup>th</sup> – Joe Hutchins & Linda Melevage		Men's Easter Breakfast Series & Women's Lenten Breakfasts are each Saturday in March. See info within.	<b><u>CLEANING</u></b> Upstairs Ladies <b><u>COFFEE HOST</u></b> Witness Cmte.	<b><u>USHERS</u></b> Linda Kingry Kay Phillips <b><u>ACOLYTES</u></b> Ruth Grant Linda Miller
<b>1</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sun. in Lent / Communion  10 a.m. Upstairs Ladies Mtg.	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 10 a.m. Bible Study	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Noon Thirty on Thurs. Prayer Time	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Set Clocks ahead one hour at bedtime See Lenten Breakfast Within
<b>8</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun. in Lent 9 a.m. Choir Rehearsal  Lay Speaker Rusty Carter	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 10 a.m. Bible Study	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  Noon Thirty on Thurs. Prayer Time	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Chili Cook- off: Entries arrive at 4 p.m. Judging at 4:30 and supper at 5 p.m. See Lenten Breakfast Within
<b>15</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun. in Lent  Apr. Ink Link Items Due by End of Day	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 10 a.m. Bible Study 	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>  Noon Thirty on Thurs. Prayer Time	<b>20</b> Spring Equinox 	<b>21</b> Church Reserved See Lenten Breakfast Within
<b>22</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sun. in Lent  9 a.m. Choir Rehearsal	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 10 a.m. Bible Study	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>  Noon Thirty on Thurs. Prayer Time	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> See Lenten Breakfast Within
<b>29</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Sun. in Lent Bucket Sunday Fifth Sun. Pitch-in	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 10 a.m. Bible Study	<b>Sunday March Lectionary Readings (not Chronological)</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> – Psalm 32; Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11 8 <sup>th</sup> – Psalm 121; Genesis 12:1-4; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17 15 <sup>th</sup> – Psalm 95; Exodus 17:1-7; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Psalm 23; 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-141 29 <sup>th</sup> – Psalm 130; Ezekiel 37:1-14; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45			

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