

THE GOOD NEWS

*Our Mission is to create and nurture disciples of Christ
and then send them into the world for Christ.*

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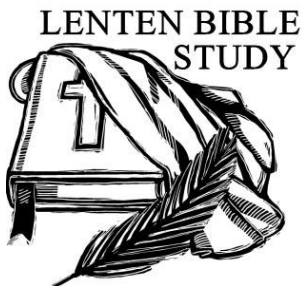
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**Wednesday, March 1st
7:00 p.m.**



You are invited to join us on Wednesday, March 1st at 7:00pm as we begin our Lenten journey with a worship service of ashes, introspection, and repentance.

Lenten Study



You are invited to a 6 week Lenten study on Tuesdays, 10:30 to 11:30 am, March 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 4 & 11 in room 105/106 downstairs at the church. We will use Tom Berlin's book, *Restored: Finding Redemption in Our Mess*. RSVP to Pastor Bruce and get your book ahead of time. Bring your Bible and the study book with you to class.

From Our Pastor...



Lent is a season of introspection. This can take many forms and meanings. Generally it is a time for you and me to explore our inner lives (thoughts, attitudes, feelings, faith) and evaluate our inner lives as well as our outer lives (actions, behaviors, relationships, faith lived out). The question that arises from this evaluation is whether we need to make any changes.

The church word for change is repent. Repentance (making changes) is also a major theme in the season of Lent. All of this begins with introspection.

Introspection is definitely counter-cultural in this day and age. To actually be willing to examine ourselves and then to make necessary changes is quite out of step in our blaming, finger pointing culture. In our culture it is always someone else's fault.

But for us, Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. Jesus challenges us to be introspective, to evaluate ourselves, and to change when necessary.

My prayer for you and me during this season of Lent (and throughout all of our lives) is that we will each follow Jesus' way of life.

Grace & Peace,
Bruce

Lent/March Worship Themes

March 1 Ash Wednesday –
7:00 pm Service

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

“The Journey of Introspection”
(Psalm 51:1-17, UMH #785-786)

Ash Wednesday begins our 40 day Lenten journey of introspection. The Matthew 6 passage challenges us to be introspective about spiritual practices and realities. Introspection is definitely counter-cultural in this day and age. Are we willing to rise to Jesus' challenge?

Sundays in Lent: On the six Sundays of Lent we will look at the stories of Jesus in John's Gospel. These stories portray Jesus as the special chosen one of God (Son of God) with a distinct connection and relationship with divinity. John's Gospel calls these revelations about Jesus, “signs.” These signs point people to believe in Jesus. They are often accompanied by the “I Am” sayings of Jesus.

March 5th First Sunday in
Lent (Communion)

John 2:1-11

“The Good Wine”

(Psalm 36:5-10, UMH #771)

Jesus, at a wedding in Cana, changes water into wine. As this wine is presented to the

wedding steward, he is amazed that the host family would save the good wine to be served later in the festivities. Good wine becomes a metaphor. What does “good wine” mean for and about Jesus, and for and about us?

March 12th Second Sunday in
Lent (Red Church) John 3:1-17

“Born Anew”

(Psalm 121:1-8, UMH #844)

In conversation with Nicodemus in John 3, Jesus says we need to be born anew. Nicodemus cannot understand this. What does this mean? How do we understand this and live into this truth beyond the cultural emphasis of being born again?

March 19th Third Sunday in
Lent John 4:5-26

“Living Water”

(Psalm 95:1-11, UMH #814-815)

In his conversation with the Samaritan women at the well in John 4, Jesus says that she needs “living water”, and that he can give this to her. What is living water? How do we receive or attain living water from Jesus?

March 26th Fourth Sunday in
Lent John 9:1-12, 35-41

“Eyes Opened”

(Psalm 23:1-6, UMH #754)

In John 9, Jesus heals a man who was born blind. This “receiving sight” healing story becomes a discussion and teaching about spiritual blindness versus living with spiritual eyes opened. What about us? Are we spiritually blind or do we live with our eyes opened to the things and ways of God?

Usher Schedule For March

March 5

Len Sutton, Arlene Sutton,
Sam Egan, Karen Egan

March 12

Mike Carrigan, Linda Carrigan,
Bron Miller, Debbie Miller

March 19

Mike Drushel, Debbie Drushel,
Ray Hankey, Etta Hankey

March 26

Jerry Allshouse, Jackie Allshouse,
Sam Egan, Karen Egan

Super Sprouts Pre-School

Now taking registration for
2017/2018 school year.

Pre-K Class

(4 & 5 year old)

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
9:00—11:30 a.m.
\$110 per month

3 & 4 Year Old Class

Tuesday & Thursday

9:00—11:30 a.m.

\$80 per month

Call 724-287-4462 for more
information or to register.

Please keep the children and
families and our teachers,
Arlene, Lisa & Sandy, in your
prayers.

Little Red Church

The March Little Red Church
will be for Meals-on-Wheels.

The offering will be taken
Sunday, March 12.

Thank you in advance for
your generosity.

Liturgist Schedule for March:

March 5

Ray Hankey

March 12

Bron Miller

March 19

John Relihan

March 26

Deb Pincek

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

All men are invited to join us at
King's Restaurant at 8:00 am on
the 2nd Monday of each month.

Our next breakfast will be
March 13.

Thank You Note

Dear Church Family,
Many thanks to everyone for
the cards, phone calls and
prayers following my recent
surgery.

Bron Miller

Food Cupboard for March

The food item for
March is
CEREAL

Food carts are in the lobby
for your convenience.

Get Well Soon

These persons
were hospitalized
or had outpatient
surgery during
February:



*Bron Miller

*Pam Cajka

Please keep these
persons and other who are not
feeling well in your prayers.

If you are hospitalized or
know of someone, please
contact the church office.
Sometimes we don't receive a
notice from the hospital.

Men's Fellowship Group

March 1—6:30 a.m.
at Eat'n Park

March 8, 15, 22, 29
6:30 a.m. at
Panera

Youth Happenings...

From Cherie Loomis, Youth Director



\$35 will feed and care for a child for a month!

You can make checks payable to the church with World Vision in the memo, or the checks can be made directly to World Vision.

March schedule

- March 5 Youth Group 6-8
- March 12 Youth Group 6-8
- March 19 Youth Group 6-8
- March 26 Youth Group 6-8

Confirmation Class

Sunday, March 12—5:00 p.m.
Confirmation trip to UM Conference Center on Friday, March 7th

Watch Facebook and text messages for new youth group events.

Check out our Facebook page YouthStuff@CCUMC for pictures from the mission trip and updated event info.

YOUNG ADULTS

Please like our Facebook page

YoungAdults@ccumc for upcoming events.

Food Cupboard Volunteer Dates for 2017

April 17 , June 19

August 14, October 16

December 11

Youth Group News

The Youth will participate in the 30 Hour Famine on the weekend of Feb. 24-25. They will be collecting donations through the end of March.

A child dies from a hunger related disease every 11 seconds.

\$840 will care for 2 children for an entire year

\$420 will care for one child for an entire year

\$105 will care for a child for 3 months

Day Light Savings Time begins at 2:00 am on Sunday, March 12th. Do not forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour before bedtime on Saturday, March 11th.

Pot Luck Lunch

Join us on Sunday, March 26th at 12 noon for a Pot Luck Lunch in Oz Hall.



N.O.W. Meeting

Our NOW (Nurture, Outreach, Witness) Team will meet on Tuesday, March 7th at 7:00 pm. You are invited to join us as we plan and implement ministries and events for church and community for spring and summer.

Church Staff

- Rev. Bruce Gascoine—Pastor
- Cherie Loomis—Youth Ministries Director
- Karen Egan—Administrative Assistant
- Joanne Schwab—Treasurer
- Marilyn Stephenson—Organist
- Deb Pincek—Pianist

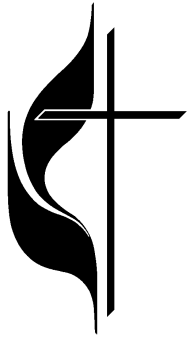
Worship With Us!

- 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday School (Sept—May)
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

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Traditional

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