

BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
THE NEWSLETTER
March 2018

PASTORS' REFLECTION

I shared in worship at the beginning of Lent a bit of my journey through rehab for my knee. I was doing a normal everyday task. Walking. All of a sudden, I felt pain in the knee, but it quickly went away. I thought nothing of it until the next day it started getting worse and by evening I could barely walk without extreme pain. I had a partial tear in my ACL. After a couple of doctors' visits and an MRI, I had a treatment plan that had me doing twice a week physical therapy. At first, it was great. I got to sit. Did a few simple things, it was even a bit relaxing? That quickly faded away as my doctor wanted to push me to get my knee back to its original abilities. And after six weeks it was there.

Rehab is not a fun process. It can be frustrating, full of pain and setbacks. However, we all know that it is worth it. The hope in doing these exercises, the stretches, and working through the pain that we can heal what is wrong. We can get back to life as it was and forget about the injury that brought us there.

As we continue to move through the season of Lent, I want us to keep this metaphor in mind. We all could use some rehab when it comes to our faith. We have all made mistakes, failed, and not done all that God has called us to. We all need a bit of rehab, some reorienting towards God. Lent is the space within the Christian year to turn our attention towards prayer, fasting, and study to do this work. It might be painful, uncomfortable, but it is worth it.

We spent the first two weeks of Lent (Feb 18 & 25) talking about wilderness and intervention and will continue this journey over the next couple of Sundays in March.

I hope that you join us in this work.

WORSHIP FOR MARCH 2018

Sunday March 4, 2018 – Program– Exodus 20: 1-17

Sunday March 11, 2018 - Recovery – John 3: 14-21

Sunday March 18, 2018 – Promise – Jeremiah 31: 31-34 (Sunbeam Choir)

Sunday March 25, 2018 – Palm Sunday – Mark 11: 1-11 (Mixed Same Day Choir)

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Maundy Thursday Service- Thursday March 29 @ 7 pm (Communion Service)

Easter Service- Sunday April 1st @ 10 am- Special Music by Bethany Oleyniczak

LENTEN BIBLE STUDIES

Continue Wednesday Nights During Lent (March 7, 14, 21, 28)

Light Meal (soup) @ 6pm

Bible Study begins @7pm

Even if you missed the first two weeks come and join us in March. Come for both or if you cannot make dinner join us at 7 for the Bible Study.

ATTENTION ALL SINGERS

Same day choir singers – Mixed Choir will sing Sunday March 25.

Meet @ 9:45 for rehearsal.

BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY (Flyer Attached)

Breakfast with the Easter bunny for free! Come and enjoy breakfast at Bethany and have your children's picture taken with the Easter Bunny on Saturday, March 24, 2018, from 9 – 11 AM. Donations benefit the Children's Lunch Program at the Caring Cupboard. If you would like to help or donate food, please see the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Room.



CHILDRENS' MINISTRIES

On March 23rd, we will be having our Easter Egg Hunt in the dark from 6-7:30 pm.

Please bring a flashlight.

EASTER FLOWER ORDERS

We will be taking orders for Easter flowers from now until March 18th. See the attached flyer for prices and types of flowers. Order forms will also be in the bulletin the next two Sundays.

SUB SALES

Sub and pretzel sandwich orders are due by Mar. 14. Pickup is March 22, between 10:30 -11:30.

CARING CUPBOARD

March 11th is Caring Cupboard Sunday. Bring your donations of non-perishable items and place them in the wagon at the rear of the sanctuary. All donations are greatly appreciated.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME



March 11th- begins Daylight Savings Time. We spring forward one hour - Remember to change your clocks.

March 12th is Ad Council meeting beginning at 6:30 pm.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Greeters/Ushers: Dave & Karen Finney/Paul & Karen Leicht

Scripture Readers:

MARCH 4: Pastor Stoltzfus
MARCH 11: Barry Smith
MARCH 18: Pastor Stoltzfus
MARCH 25: Barry Smith

Sound System Operators:

MARCH 4: Don Brubaker
MARCH 11: Seth Schell
MARCH 18: Barry Smith
MARCH 25: Dick Lasher



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 1 – Terry Patrick
2 – Arlene Gable
5 – Barbara Laraia
10 – Anna Scipioni
10 – Cara Scipioni

12 – Emily Scipioni
15 – Harriet Linebaugh
21 – Selma Patrick
28 – Kevin Brubaker
28 – Aiden Schell
29 – Nannette Rechel



