



Newsletter

MARCH 2020

**Glorifying God by Making, Maturing, and
Mobilizing Enthusiastic Disciples for Jesus Christ**

Vision 2020

**In 2020, in order to live deeper into our mission statement we want to invest more in our community,
our welcome, and our relationships.**

PASTOR'S REFLECTION...

Why do you come to church? Why do you make the journey to be here on Sunday at 10 am?

To grow in your faith? To learn? To worship God? Good reasons, but I think there is one more, to be in a community. Faith, the Christian walk, cannot really be done alone. We need each other. We were created for community, to journey through life with one another.

As we seek to welcome people into this congregation, I hope we also seek to build relationships. I hope we seek to build community and connection. People want connection. We live in a world that is so disconnected, so scattered, and hopefully we as the church can offer something different.

We worship a Trinitarian God. A God always in relationship. We worship a God that said it is not good for humans to be alone and created a helper for Adam. We worship a God who was revealed in Jesus, a man who called disciples to travel with him.

How do we as a church invest in relationships? How do we make connections and reach out to those who enter this building? How do we get to know one another, even if we have worshiped here for years? How do invest in relationships?

MARCH WORSHIP

During the season of Lent will be following a series called "Selah-Life in a Minor Key" by journeying through the Psalms.

Sunday March 1, 2020 - Psalm 32 - "Happy Are Those" (Communion)

Sunday March 8, 2020 - Psalm 121 - "Going Out and Coming In"

Sunday March 15, 2020 - Psalm 95 - "Worship and Bow Down"

Sunday March 22, 2020 - Psalm 23 - "In Right Paths"

Sunday March 29, 2020 - Psalm 130 - "Out of the Depths"

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Join us for our Lenten Bible Study beginning Thursday March 5th. We will begin with dinner @ 6 and study @ 7. If you can only come to once piece, no problem. Join us in the fellowship whenever you can. This year we will be working through the book *Simon Peter*, by Adam Hamilton. More information, including books, will soon be available on the Welcome Table. Questions see Pastor Jared.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

We are going to be doing something a little bit different this year with our Holy Week Services, Bethany-First Worship. We will be joining with First UMC to worship together for two services. On Holy Thursday we will worship here and on Good Friday we will worship at First UMC. Both services will begin at 7pm. Stay tuned for more details.

SUNBEAM CHOIR...

All children and youth are invited to join the Sunbeam choir as it practices each Wednesday, they meet downstairs from 5-5:30. They perform the third Sunday of the month.

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

Caring Cupboard Sunday March 8th. Their needs for March are fresh produce, canned pasta, salt & pepper, spam, canned pork, hamburger helper, sugar, paper towels, napkins, shampoo, and bar soap.



Sub and pretzel sandwich orders are due March 18th
with pick-up on March 26th.



The order form is on the Information Table in the Gathering Room.

We want to thank everyone who supports our sub sale fundraiser. The profits from January's sub sale was \$156.25.

Ad Council will be meeting Monday, March 9th. @ 6:30 PM. All are welcome to attend.

We will be ordering Easter Flowers again this year. The cost will be \$9.00 each. There will be an order form in the bulletin Sunday, March 8th. The orders are due Sunday, March 29th.

LOYAL WORKERS...

The Loyal Workers wish to thank everyone who is helping with our flea market and bake sale fundraiser. Bakers and volunteers are all appreciated. Come out Saturday and see what you can find from our flea market vendors and there are all those baked goodies including apple dumplings. And, of course, stay for a hot lunch.



CHILDRENS' MINISTRIES...

The Children's Easter Egg Hunt in the Dark will be held on April 3rd from 6:30-7:30 PM.
Please bring a flashlight.

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, April 4, 2020 from 8-11 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.

VBS plans are in the works. Our theme this year will be Knights of the North Castle.
Be on the lookout for more information.
Any questions call Vicki Smith @ 717 838-5665

FLOWER CHART...

March 1 - Open
March 8 - Open
March 15 - Open
March 22 - Open
March 29 - Open

The Flower Chart is in the vestibule on the Railroad St. side of the church.
Sign up for your favorite Sunday to sponsor flowers for our church

WORSHIP LEADERS...

Greeters/Ushers: Richard & Diane Miller and Lloyd & Lois Grumbein

Acolyte: Sophia Commissong

Scripture Readers:

March 1: Pastor Stoltzfus
March 8:
March 15: Pastor Stoltzfus
March 22:
March 29: Pastor Stoltzfus

Sound System Operators:

March 1: Seth Schell
March 8: Barry Smith
March 15: Dick Lasher
March 22: Don Brubaker
March 29: Seth Schell

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 1 – Terry Patrick	12 – Emily Scipioni
2 – Arlene Gable	15 – Harriet Linebaugh
5 – Barbara Laraia	21 – Selma Patrick
10 – Anna Scipioni	28 – Kevin Brubaker
10 – Cara Scipioni	28 – Aiden Schell
	29 - Nannette Rechel



ANNIVERSARIES

Tim & Barbara Laraia – March 3
Paul & Karen Leicht – March 14
Jeff & Elsa Patrick – March 31



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