
March 2018

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Holy Week Schedule:

Palm Sunday 3/25 11:00 am

Maundy Thursday Service 3/29 7 pm

Good Friday 3/30 Prayer Labyrinth from 3 pm to 7 pm

Easter Breakfast 4/1 9 to 10:30 am

Easter Sunday Service 11:00 a.m.





From the Pastor

In too many instances, followers of Jesus have been sold a bill of goods in the last generation or two. The idea that God wants us all to have everything on our personal wish list; that all we need do is ask and like a genie with no wish limit, God will give us the needs / wants / desires of our hearts is plainly false teaching (or heresy to use an older term that fits). Jesus understood both himself and his followers to be participants in God's Kingdom program; the process of growing as a follower of Jesus (called "discipleship") is simply kingdom bootcamp. If you think I'm overstating this, then ponder Jesus' words from Mark 8:34 (ESV):

And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."

The process of denying ourselves, of taking up our cross and following Jesus isn't something we do naturally without great self-understanding and discipline. Even Jesus in the garden prayed that there would be some other way besides the cross. He only walks that path when he understands it to be His Father's will. If Jesus struggles with the way of the cross, should we expect anything less from ourselves? We want to move to Easter too quickly; we hear only the second part of the baptismal declaration of Romans 6:

having died with Christ in baptism, we will also in baptism be raised with Christ to new life.

That is the meaning of Lent: to work on the "dying with Christ" part of the formula. It is the season we set aside to journey within ourselves and realize just how much we struggle with taking up Jesus' cross and being

a part of God’s Kingdom revolution. It is only by dying, by surrendering ourselves totally and unconditionally to God, that we will find the life promised in Jesus’ resurrection. We hold on to the old, our personal beliefs, our histories and our pet grudges, we refuse to die; but, my experience is that when I understand just how much I need God’s grace, then I can release the past and move into God’s new future for me.

We’re now half way through the Lenten season. My simple question is “how is your journey?” What are you doing to know both yourself and God a little better in these seven weeks? The window is starting to close on this season of contemplation, please don’t let the time slip away.

2018 Bible -in-a-Year Journey

Thursday	March	1	Matthew 11-12 Psalm 27-28
Friday	March	2	Matthew 13-14 Psalm 29-30
Saturday	March	3	Matthew 15-16 Psalm 31-32
Monday	March	5	Matthew 17-18 Psalm 33-34
Tuesday	March	6	Matthew 19-20 Psalm 35-36
Wednesday	March	7	Matthew 21-22 Psalm 37-38
Thursday	March	8	Matthew 23-24 Psalm 39-40
Friday	March	9	Matthew 25-26 Psalm 41-42
Saturday	March	10	Matthew 27-28 Psalm 43-44
Monday	March	12	Luke 1-2 Psalm 45-46
Tuesday	March	13	Luke 3-4 Psalm 47-48
Wednesday	March	14	Luke 5-6 Psalm 49-50
Thursday	March	15	Luke 7-8 Psalm 51-52

Friday	March	16		Luke 9-10 Psalm 53-54
Saturday	March	17		Luke 11-12 Psalm 55-56
Monday	March	19		Luke 13-14 Psalm 57-58
Tuesday	March	20		Luke 15-16 Psalm 59-60
Wednesday	March	21		Luke 17-18 Psalm 61-62
Thursday	March	22		Luke 19-20 Psalm 63-64
Friday	March	23		Luke 21 22 Psalm 65-66
Saturday	March	24		Luke 23-24 Psalm 67-68
Monday	March	26		Luke 25-26 Psalm 69-70
Tuesday	March	27		Luke 27-28 Psalm 71-72
Wednesday	March	28		Psalm 73-76

Nurture

Marnie Winkelman/Wendy Woodley

The whole church family has been given a bit of a Biblical challenge this year. Everyone has been invited to join together in reading through the entire Bible. It breaks down to this: you are reading four chapters a day, six days a week for fifty-two weeks of the year. Discovery Zone and Sunday worship have both synchronized their content to this reading plan. Readings on the book of Genesis, the books of Exodus, Leviticus and Numbers have been completed. Pastor Clint has been circulating the weekly reading plan in the bulletin each week. It's never too late to begin this reading plan, join in at any time. On February 14th, the readings turned to the New Testament Gospels and the Old Testament book of Psalms. The Gospel reading began in the book of Mark, and the book of Matthew readings began on February 23rd. Then on March 12th the book of Luke will be introduced and will be completely read through by the end of the month and the readings on the book of Psalms

will be a little over half way through. There is always something new and intriguing to be learned when you pick up your bible.

Through the weeks of Lent, three convenient discussion sessions have been offered on the reading material of each week. Meetings are on Tuesday evening at 7:00pm at the church, at 8:00pm on Wednesday evening online, or on Sunday mornings at 10:00am during Discovery Zone.

The children of Discovery Zone are exploring the Kingdom Parables through March 18th. On Palm Sunday, March 25th, they will experience Jesus and the Palm Sunday story. Discovery Zone will not be facilitated on April 1st, Easter Sunday but please join us for breakfast instead during this time.

The Nurture team always needs additional support. If you'd like to assist with games, art, science, music or drama on Sunday morning, please let us know. Discovery Zone offers all ages the opportunity to learn corporately on Sunday morning as families' together, learning the same message.

Still searching for an additional paid child care worker to assist Marlene in the nursery each week for two hours on Sunday morning. If you know of someone 18 years of age or older that might be interested in this position, please let Wendy or Marnie know. A weekly sign-up sheet is available in Fellowship Hall for anyone interested in helping Marlene with the nursery children until we can find an additional person.

On the third Sunday of the month children will now leave the Sanctuary during the worship service. Missy Gillespie will host craft time in the Rainbow Room after the Children's Time portion of the worship service. For the other weeks of the month, kids under second grade are being supervised in the back of the Sanctuary at a table just for them. If you would like to help with supervision of the children in the Sanctuary during worship, you're always welcome at their table. If you'd like to

help Missy on the third Sunday of the month by doing a craft, please contact her.

The Middle School and High School youth groups are meeting with Giovanna every Sunday evening. Additional volunteers are needed to assist Giovanna at Youth Group meetings or to accompany them on an outreach event, please let her know if you are interested.

Regular Youth Group meetings will be held on March 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th. No youth groups will be held on Easter Sunday, April 1st. Middle School meets from 5:30-6:30pm. High School meets from 7:00-8:00pm.

Plans have been confirmed for the 2018 Youth Feet to Faith Mission Trip. Giovanna, the Youth and three chaperones will travel to Canfield, Ohio for the week of July 23rd. They depart on Sunday July 22nd and return on Friday July 27th. Both urban and rural mission work are offered by the Feet to Faith program. The average trip costs about \$200. per person for 6 days and 5 nights. Both Middle School and High School Youth have been invited to attend. The Middle School and High School Youth will split up every day and serve in different mission locations from 9am-5pm. Eleven youth have expressed interest and are pretty sure they're attending. Each family has been asked to contribute \$50.00 per child and the Youth are planning to fundraise the rest.

Youth will meet on March 31st with Rich Pratt and Giovanna at the church for preparation of the Easter Breakfast menu items. Time to be determined.

Funds collected from donations to the annual Easter Sunday Pancake Breakfast will once again support the Youth with funding of their mission trip. Join us on April 1st from 9:00 to 10:45am in Fellowship Hall for breakfast provided by chef Rich, Giovanna and the Youth.

Join us on March 23rd from 6:00pm to 8:30pm for a family movie night hosted by the Nurture committee. Everyone is welcome! The movie presentation will be The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. This film is

based on the book written by C.S. Lewis and depicts a presentation of Christianity in fairy tale form. Please join us for pizza, a movie, conversation and discussion on the movie. A great evening of family time offered for all.

Church Life

Gus Cline

Please set aside the dates of August 24-26 for our annual Church camping weekend. More details to come as this fun-filled event gets closer! We are in the process of finalizing dates for the June church picnic and Toledo Mudhens baseball trip in July and will have those dates out in future Newsletters.

The Pastoral Care Committee along with the Deacons, is coming alongside our congregational family through calls, cards, and transportation when necessary. We should as a church family identify and assist those when difficult circumstances arise. Please let Pastor Clint or myself know whenever this committee can be of assistance to someone.

Next meeting will be on March 4th @4:30 (Committee day).The new piece of the committee will be that Pastoral Care will now be under the Church Life umbrella and we look forward to updating you on some of the things that will be happening in this area.

I would like to thank Dave Fraser and all the members of this committee for all their hours of work the past year and look forward to working with many of you in the upcoming year.

Our next meeting will be on Committee day, Sunday Feb.4 at 4:30p.m.

Book Club

Joyce Rowley

Because the weather man's forecast held true, and snow arrived, we did not meet on February 9; therefore, we will discuss the entire book of Beneath the Scarlet Sky by Mark Sullivan on March 9.

Note the order of the books that will be read in the coming months:
March 9 – Beneath the Scarlet Sky by Mark Sullivan
April 13 and May 11 – All the Light We Cannot See
by Anthony Doerr
June 8 ????????

Please join us, helping us make a decision for the book we would enjoy reading in June. We are always looking for something new and different to be reading.

Barring any unforeseen circumstances, we always gather about 10:30, on the second Friday of each month, in either the Double Classroom or Fellowship Hall and are generally on our way by the Noon Hour. We are a very informal group and we always are happy to see new faces. Please remember it is not necessary to have read the book – if you would like to join us, just to see what our discussions entail, we would welcome your presence. As we always say, “Give it a try – you may find you will like it”, or “life is too short not to try something new” 😊

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Dave Bullion

One of our scheduled projects is complete. The teen classroom needed attention. We painted the wall where the chalkboard had been,

purchased new storage cabinets, shampooed the carpet, and installed a new fireplace. The fireplace takes the place of a space heater (which was unsafe) and also makes the room more inviting.

We will be having a garage sale on May 19. We will again accept donations (NO CLOTHING PLEASE. Save them for the Clothing Swap). We will accept items on Wednesdays 4-25, 5-2, 5-9, 5-16 from 6pm til 8pm at the garage.

Spring Clean Up will be on Saturday May 5 from 10am til noonish. Come on out and join in the fun.

Expressions

Michele Hintz

The Expressions committee is currently researching the idea of having a Clothes Closet set up at a local elementary or middle school. We plan to visit one that is currently operational in Trenton to use as a guide, and then continue to further plans with one of our own at one of the neighborhood schools. This will be an ongoing project to support, once we get established - the goal is to have something in place and ready to go before the Fall.

Our Spring/Lenten Project will be centered on supporting our friends at the Ilturisho School again. Feast in the Desert kicked off on Sun, Feb 18th where we saw some photos of meals that the children take at the school. We also had some examples afterwards for everyone to sample exactly as they eat it. The recipes came right from the leaders at the school – there were 2 dishes, Ugali (Corn based meal) and Beans w/ Tomatoes. It was quite an experience to taste a sample of what they eat every single day. In the upcoming weeks through Lent, we will have more examples to try if you missed this first time!!!

Due to the drought they are experiencing over there currently, and the lack of options to eat, we are taking a collection during Lent through Easter to send over to the children at the Ilturisho School. There are

Fish boxes that you can take to do a daily collection, reflecting at each meal you take vs. the meal they take – their meal only costs \$0.07 – can you eat a meal at that cost??

We also have envelopes in the narthex marked ‘Feast in the Desert’ to take if you would like to donate in that fashion.

As you take time to reflect during Lent, please remember our friends at Ilturisho and the challenges they have on a daily basis.

Next meeting: Committee Day – March 4th @ 3pm.

We would like to encourage anyone interested in joining the Expressions Committee to come to our next meeting and learn about how YOU can help spread God’s plans for helping in our Neighborhood!! Hope to see you there! We would like to encourage anyone interested in joining the Expressions Committee to come to our next meeting and learn about how YOU can help spread God’s plans for helping in our Neighborhood!! Hope to see you there!

Memorials

In Memory of John Fields, Jr.

Given by: Joyce Rowley

In Memory of Joy Gantz

Given by: George and Sue Smith

Deacons’ Highlights

By Mary Cline

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- * We will be continuing our Gas Card Ministry
- * Blessed Prayer Shawls are available in the narthex if you need one or you know someone who needs one. Questions - Pat Tucker
- * Welcome bags will be available this month for new comers to our fellowship in the narthex
- * If you know of a member of our congregation that you would like us to reach out to - please talk to any Deacon

* During Sundays in Lent we will be meeting at 9:30 am on Sundays to pray. If you would like to join us please meet us in the double classroom. No experience necessary.

* If you are not getting the church Robocalls (automated messages from Pastor Clint), please let someone in the church office know. Important news about congregational happenings will come this way instead of cluster calls of the past.

* The Deacons' bulletin board is in fellowship hall for our contact information and calendar of our duties.

March Duties

Communion Setup - March 4 Carla Long and Nancy Gillespie, March 29 - Mary Cline

Communion Cleanup - All Deacons present

Pew Patrol - Sue Frederick and Mary Cline

Coffee Cleanup - Scott Barclay

Greeting - March 4 Carla Long, March 11 Mary Cline, March 18 Shirley Petlicki, March 25 Nancy Gillespie

“Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart.” ESV

February Session Motions

Connie Dainus

- Motioned by and seconded to participate in the Pentecost and Peacemaking offerings. Motion carried.
- Motioned by and seconded to adopt the amended Memorial Tree Policy. Motion carried.
- Motioned by committee to contract GFL for our trash removal needs. Monies to come out of the contract expense. Motion carried.

- Motioned by Expressions committee to approve hosting a Lenten/ Easter Project, launching on Sunday Feb. 18 through Easter, emphasizing the food/meal challenges of people in the Maasai Mari region and collecting funds to send over to further support the children at the Iturisho School. Motion carried.
- Motioned by Expressions committee requesting approval for a sports camp outreach at Heritage Glen this summer with funding from the Faith in Action Grant from the Presbytery of Detroit Motion carried.

PWPD

submitted by Connie Dainus

The Annual Women's Retreat will be on Saturday, March 24, 2018. All Women are welcome. Keynote speaker will be motivational speaker, Renee Warman who is involved in the GLOW Women's Ministries. GLOW (God Lavishing Obedient Women) ministries embraces the vision of our church, which is to build women created for purpose, fervent prayer, and submitted to God's power and perfect will for our lives.

There will be four afternoon sessions to choose from: Labyrinth, Spiritual Fitness, Finding Joy In Your Journey, and Hymn Sing.

This is a wonderful day of renewal and I encourage all women to attend. The cost is \$30.00, lunch included. There are registration forms on the Women'Circle board in the Fellowship Hall or talk with Connie. Mail or deliver registration to Joan Lockard by March 14th. Joan Lockard 40276 Aynesley Clinton Twp., Michigan 48038.

Senior Luncheon

Kay Snaddon

We will meet for our Senior lunch program on **Monday, March 12th at 12 noon**. The menu will be Corned Beef and Cabbage, beverage, and dessert for a small donation of \$3.00. Plan to attend and bring your friends. This is open to ages 55 and older.

March Anniversary

Patrick & Vorrey Holmes 3/2
 Gregory & Jean Walker 3/4
 Gus & Mary Cline 3/12

March Birthday

Arnold Aue	3-1	Ryan Pratt	3-21
Evelyn Langlands	3-3	Wayne Held	3-22
Marjorie Bernadine	3-9	Joan Watson	3-27
Darcy Matthies	3-12	David Fraser	3-27
Elaine Ciarrocchi	3-14		

Upcoming Dates

Mar 4, 11, 18, 25 10:00 a.m. Discovery Zone
 11:00 a.m. Worship

Mar 4, 11, 18, 25 Middle School Youth 5:30 p.m.
 High School Youth 7:00 p.m.

Mar 6, 13, 20, 27 8:00 p.m. Band Rehearsal

Mar 10, 24 6:00 p.m. Bowling Allen Park

Mar 4 3:00 p.m. Committee Day

Mar 5 Noon Rachel Circle

Mar 6 6:00 p.m. Building and Grounds

Mar 8	6:30 p.m. Worship Committee
Mar 9	10:30 a.m. Book Club
Mar 11	12:30 p.m. Deacon Meeting
Mar 12	Noon Senior Luncheon
Mar 14	10:00 a.m. Ruth Circle
Mar 15	7:00 p.m. Session
Mar 18	12:30 p.m. Conversations with Pastor Clint
Mar 22	Newsletter deadline
Mar 23	6:00-8:30 p.m. Family Movie Night
Mar 25	6:30 p.m. Sarah Circle
Mar 29	Maundy Thursday 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Mar 30	Prayer Labyrinth 3:00-7:00 p.m.

Prayers

FOR THOSE HEALING IN THE HOSPITAL

Margie Bernadine (Providence Park Hospital, Novi)

Dave Fraser (Oakwood, Dearborn)

FOR THOSE HEALING AT HOME

Jerry Kirkland, Vorrey Holmes, Pat Morton, Mary Wright, Arnold & Shirley Aue, Laurie Barclay, David Grove, Don Hardy, Connie Dainus, Larry Showler, Patrick Gillespie, Nancy Gillespie, Jan Waid

PRAY FOR THOSE NEEDING LONG-TERM AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

Marcia Brown (friend of Nancy Gillespie), Jean Page, Charlene Partlow (friend of Jean & Greg Walker), Joan Watson, Amy & Roger Gassman (Phyllis Hunt friend) Bill Cuthbert (Pat Tucker), Lina Laurin (Gloria Olsowy niece), Sandy Tipshus (Vicki Simon sister), Debra Creech, Patricia Kurish, Donna Clark, Joe Kurish (Elda Moore children), Laura Mount (Fred Mount daughter), Jerry Pawelczyk (Shirley Petlicki friend), Ralph Schall (Hope Lambrix uncle), Sheila Morais, Dorothy Davies (Judy Nowak friend), Barbara Willis (Terri Donnan friend), Kara Westra (Connie Dainus friend), Steve Premo, Tammy Lathrup, Mickey Corcoran & families, Sarah Tyler (Stephanie Pratt friends), Chuck Stevens, Carol Barnard, Darcy Matthies, Ed Schenken (Jean Page friend), Brian (Gloria Olsowy friend), Ann Rowley Smith (Joyce's daughter), Brenda Price (Cash family), Michelle Sample (Dale and Vicki Simon's daughter), Nancy

(Marlene Jones sister), Paula Schultz (Laurie Barclay friend), Dave Consiglio & Jason Dornoff (Sue Frederick friends), Kristy McMillan (Patty Lalinsky friend), Andrea Green, Karen S (Daniel Bartok friends), Jamie Crigger (Phyllis Hunt friend), William & Brenda Martinelli (friends of Southminster), Carolyn Politi (Shirley Aue friend), Nan Bouchard, Elda Moore, Ken Renner & Sue Landis, Michael & Linda Crosby (Shirley Petlicki family), Patricia Epperson (Pat Tucker family), Phyllis Marken (Pat Tucker sister), Gordon Watson (Joan Watson family), Carl & Carol Linke, The family of John Fields, Jr. on his recent death

THOSE WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY

Our President & Cabinet, Robert Fraser, Bradley Schleicher II, Kevin Moody, Stacy Denise Cain

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Weekly Worship Schedule:

Family Worship Service 11 am
Discovery Zone (Learning Time) 10 am
High School Groups 10 a.m.

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