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the people perish..."
Proverbs 29:18a*

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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR



"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light
to my path." ~ Psalm 119:105

Dear Friends,

I wish to express my gratitude for the many prayers and well wishes I have received during my recovery from arthroscopic surgery on my knee. The surgery went well. They found a "foreign body" and some excess tissue in my knee. The surgeon was able to clean it out and I returned home that afternoon...without even the aid of crutches!

Taking a week off to recover from the surgery turned out to be beneficial for me. I technically could have returned sooner. However, the surgeon told me that rest would be instrumental in my knee's healing process. And as I rested, knee often raised and iced, my thoughts frequently turned to

God's grace. It is often when we are still and quiet and undistracted by our many obligations that we feel the presence of God. And, at times, all of us need to be *forced* to take some time to be quiet and still so we can experience God more fully.

Two days after my surgery, I began my physical therapy. I'm not going to lie, I had gotten complacent sitting on the couch having Karen and Alex take care of me. The physical therapy proved to be more demanding than I expected. I will be seeing the therapist twice a week. That I expected. But, I did not anticipate how many exercises I would have to perform at home multiple times a day. And, I did not anticipate that the therapy would take up to six weeks. That first day of therapy, felt like the first day of a long journey – a journey that stretched further than I anticipated.

However, I am encouraged along this journey because I am reminded by the words of Psalm 119: "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Whatever journey we are on, and we are ALL on journeys all the days of our lives, God is there to light the

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way through, especially when the journey seems long and dark.

This month, we begin another journey together, the journey of Lent. Lent is a time when we prepare ourselves for the joy of Easter morning. The journey is marked by self-examination, repentance, and our need for resurrection. At times the journey is uplifting, but at times the journey is dark and lonely. But, the glow of the coming Easter keeps us on the journey.

It is my prayer that as we journey from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday, we would all be reminded of the reality that we are broken and fallible. However, I also pray that the promise of Easter would help us see the days along our journey growing brighter. And, we would fully

experience the reality of God's abundant and redeeming grace.

The journey ahead may seem long. It may seem arduous. And, it may feel lonely at times. But, God IS there, lighting our path, encouraging us on. We can make it through! There is healing and wholeness and resurrection ahead!

Blessings to you all along this Lenten journey!

Pastor Pat

Church Office Hours

Monday through Thursday
8:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS

Men's Ministry

Men's Ministry will meet on
Saturday, March 16th at
7:30 a.m.

Please bring a bag
breakfast.



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OUR CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

Jesus Christ calls us to:

- ♦ *Enliven our spiritual lives by experiencing God among us,*
- ♦ *Grow in love for one another as children of God,*
- ♦ *Invite all to Share in our fellowship,*
- ♦ *Demonstrate God's love through service to others.*

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Church Life

Finance

Mission/Outreach

Property (Chair)

Personnel (Chair)

Worship (Chair)

Clerk of Session

Worship

Christian Education (Chair)

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MARCH COMMUNION LEADERS & SERVERS

March 3

Preparer

Ian McCracken

Servers

Joe Hagan

Tim Urban

Bruce Wiese

Barbara Dumeler

MARCH USHERS

3/3 Kay Hucke &
Jean Weekley

3/10 Steve & Nancy Sebastian

3/17 Barb Hagan &
Roland Schwarzen

3/24 Linda Booher &
Michele Zumsteg

3/31 Jenny Bieg & Family

MARCH SOUND TECHS

3/3 Allen Vogt

3/10 Ian McCracken

3/17 Joe Hagan

3/24 Tom Ellenberger

3/31 Tim Urban

MARCH GREETERS

3/3 Bob & Jan Eade

3/10 Kathy Froning &
Mauri Truesdell

3/17 Allen & Becky Vogt

3/24 Gary & Beth Brehe

3/31 Ollie & Virginia Whyte

WORSHIP LEADER

Nancy Thater

POWER POINT

Chris Brehe

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2019 Committee Members

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Christian Education

Meets the 3rd Monday at 6pm

Ian McCracken* - Chair
Andy Wanager
Jocelyn VanBuskirk
Gerry Urban
Gary Brehe
Gretchen Farrell
Nancy Sebastian
Heather Miller

Church Life

*Meets the 2nd Tuesday at
9:30am*

Karen Ladd*
Jean Weekley*
Judy Bierbaum - Chair
Shirley Coulter
Jan Hardin
Anna Mae Boehmer
Sharon Wiese
Jan Eade
Linda Booher
Heather Miller

Finance

Meets the 3rd Monday at 10am

Bruce Wiese* - Chair
Karen Ladd*
Kay Hucke*
Bob Eade*
Becky Vogt

Mission/Outreach

Meets the second Monday @ 11am

David Brunworth*
Jean Weekley*
Christy Eckert* - Chair
Kay Hucke*
Gretchen Farrell
Lois Kempf
Jolene Patterson
Pam Schwarzen

Personnel

Meets the 2nd Tuesday at 6pm

Tim Urban* - Chair
Bruce Wiese*
Joe Hagan*
Mary Ellenberger
Gretchen Farrell
Roland Schwarzen

Property

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Joe Hagan*
Bob Eade*
Roland Schwarzen
Steve Sebastian
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Fat Tuesday – Pancake Dinner and Jazz Concert



Join us for a great night of dinner, fun and music! On Tuesday, the 5th of March, we will celebrate the last night before Lent with a traditional "Fat Tuesday" pancake dinner.

Following the dinner will be a special jazz concert by "Aaron and Friends!" The festivities begin at 6 p.m. Wear your masks and bring your beads!



Donation Table: Grace's Place Crisis Nursery

In an effort to reenergize our donated items toward various local ministries, the Mission/Outreach Committee has decided to focus on one ministry at a time, over a specific time period. So, for the months of February and March, there will be a donation table for Grace's Place Crisis Nursery outside the sanctuary. Items needed during this time are Boys and Girls pajamas (all sizes), Diapers, Pull-Ups, Baby Wipes, Toys for Young Children, Toilet Paper, Brushes and Combs. God's blessings to you!

March Potluck

The next potluck dinner will be on March 13. The main entrée will be stew. The guest speaker will be Amber Hunewill with Grace's Place Crisis Nursery.

Join us for good food and fellowship. A sign-up sheet is available in the hallway.



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Valentine's Dinner THANK YOU!

Thank you to all 44 people that attended our church's Valentine's Dinner on Saturday, February 9th! In the nine years we have had this special dinner night, that is a record number of people! We had a terrific four course meal and a fun movie to watch but the best thing was just spending time with each other and getting to know our fellow Christian friends better! Thank you very much, also, to all the gentlemen that helped out before and after the meal. Looking forward to next year!

Tom Farrell and Joe Hagan

Annual Book Sale Coming Up Soon

Mark your calendars! Our 10th Annual Community Book Sale will be held on **Friday and Saturday, April 5th and 6th, from 8am- 6pm** each of those two days. We will also have the sale open for church members and friends for a few hours around Sunday worship on April 7th. This is just two weeks before Easter! We will have our basic table set-up time immediately after worship on March 31st where we will use just about every table in our church. Then we continue with the book category set-up from Monday, April 1st - Thursday, April 4th, 9am-3pm each day. Please look out for a volunteer help sign-up list coming soon! And please feel free to donate any books or media on or after April 1st, (no joke) up until Thursday morning 4/4. We will take and try to sell just about any kind of book, music, DVD or magazine! We will also have our very popular \$4 Baggie Sale on Saturday, our second day! Don't forget to pass the word around to your friends and neighbors! Thank you!

Gretchen Farrell & Kathy Froning
Book Sale Co-Chairs



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The Painting Crew!
(from left to right)
Steve Sebastian,
David Brunworth,
Richard Duemler
Bob Eade

If you see these volunteers, give them a "Thank You" for all the painting that is being done in the narthex, session room, and hallways! Great job!

Fellowship Kitchen Cleanup

If you think that the Fellowship kitchen looks cleaner, brighter, and less cluttered, you are right. Members of our Church Life Committee have been hard at work recently, cleaning, scrubbing, and polishing sinks, faucets, appliances, pots, pans, and just about everything else in the kitchen. A big "Thank You" to these folks.



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Defibrillator (A.E.D.)

We have received the donation of an A.E.D. (defibrillator) from the Gateway Chapter of the Sudden Cardiac Arrest Association at their annual Trivia Night on February 23, 2019. Now that we have the device, we can begin training for volunteers interested in learning how to use the device. I have a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for possible volunteers. Andy Wanager will be conducting the training. We hope to have dates for training soon. If you have questions before you commit, please contact me.

TRAINING



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Women's Circle

The Women's Circle will continue its study of "God's Promise: I Am With You" on March 21st at 10:00 a.m., immediately following Prayer for Life from 9-10. We shall discuss Lesson 6, "God with Us Through Our Trials" in the study guide. Each lesson can be considered independently of the others, so feel free to come for this one, even if you have not attended before. It may be useful in understanding the trials Jesus experienced in the last week of his life.

- Jocelyn.

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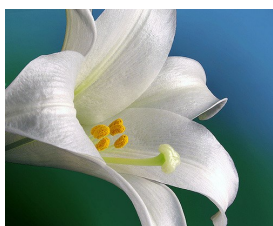
Weekend Meals on Wheels

Pasta Con Broccoli will be the entrée for our March Meals on Wheels. Our teams will be preparing and delivering meals to 25 participants on Saturday, March 16. A thank you goes out to our workers— Jean Weekley, Linda Booher, Wyonia Goebel, Sara Spear who have graciously taken on this task since its inception. Also a thank you to our new kitchen team—Francie Turnure, Virginia Whyte, David Brunworth, and Debbie Bandy. The teams will be working every other month.

Youth Group

Thanks to all who ate at the soup fundraiser that was hosted by our youth of the church on Sunday, February 24. \$607.56 was raised to help defray the costs of sending our youth to Triennium and the younger students to Camp Mo-Val this summer.

Mark your calendars for Friday, May 3 at 7:00 p.m. Our youth will be hosting a trivia night as another fundraiser for Triennium and Camp MO-Val. The cost is \$10 per person that covers entry, soda, water and popcorn. You are more than welcome to bring other snacks! You can get your own team of eight people or we can put you together with others to make up a team. Details to follow!



Easter Services

Outdoor Service 8:30 a.m.

Easter Brunch—9:15 a.m.

Easter Cantata—10:15 a.m.

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Lenten Study

There will be a six week Bible study discussion during Lent. Beginning Wednesday, March 13th, I shall lead a discussion called "Six Decisions That Will Change Your Life." The title comes from a book by Tom Berlin, but we shall create our own content for the weekly discussions. We shall meet from 6:30-7:30 p.m. each Wednesday. There is more information in The Remote article in this Pres-Bits.

- Jocelyn

Food for Spirit and Stomach

Food for Spirit and Stomach will meet on the second and fourth Monday, at noon, as usual. These sessions are to discuss the upcoming Sunday's scripture lesson. We meet in the library. This is totally informal. Bring your own sack lunch to eat while we talk.

-Jocelyn

Thank You

We so appreciated the many cards, thoughts, prayers and food shared the past months. We are very thankful for our caring church community.

Blessings,
Bob & Jan Eade



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PRES-BITS NEWSLETTER

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 1	Jonathan Farrell
March 3	Anna Mae Boehmer
March 4	Emily Bounds Bill Kellermann
March 5	Jim Conley
March 7	Jan Eade
March 15	Sarah Spear Stanley Barnhart
March 19	Tom Farrell
March 20	Sharon Fenner Debbie Bandy
March 29	Libby Farrell

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The Remote

"March hath winds and gales that blow,
While the winter hath had snow.
Flowers bloom and birds do zoom
Through the air without a care."

Not a particularly good nor profound poem. Timely it is though: a new, more lively, more colorful, and more liberating season is upon us as we rejoice that snow will be gone.

I know you've never seen this poem before because it was never published. But I've known it for 62 years. I composed it in 1957 during recess on an elementary school playground when I was in the sixth grade. I had a collaborator (I don't remember her so, alas, I cannot give here credit. My recollection is that I wrote it and she encouraged by creative moment. I may be giving myself too much credit.) There is a tune to it too, which I can remember and sing.

It is an important rhyme for me because it launched a lifetime of interest in me to

create poetic description and truth. I've composed poetry ever since on my own; I've composed no more music. Some of my poems are much better than this one and my sister and I are working to get some of them published.

I mentioned this poem now because of its seasonal timeliness, but also because this March is the season of Lent. Lent is the six weeks for Christian Reflection—sometimes Restriction—and Renewal prior to Holy week events and Easter resurrection. (If you choose to restrict your intake of chocolate or your habit of compulsive buying, you are on your own!) Reflection and Renewal may come through prayer or particular scripture study. Our weekly Thursday morning prayer group at 9 a.m.

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continues in the church library, open to all. This year, beginning Wednesday, March 13, I shall lead an early evening Bible study based on the structure but not the content of Tom Berlin's book, *Six Decisions That Will Change Your Life* (Abington Press, 2014). The six decisions are:

- 1) to follow,
- 2) To choose new life
- 3) To mature
- 4) To respond
- 5) To preserve, and
- 6) To surrender.

The class will meet each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. for an hour. There will be five scripture passages for study, reflection, and discussion each week. A Bible is all you will need.

Perhaps with your Reflection, Renewal can come about through your own creative endeavor—like writing poetry/letters/a diary maybe, or drawing/painting/sculpture or building something, or composing/playing/singing new music. Perhaps A New You will be born during Lent for New Life to follow at Easter and beyond.

As I said in my March poem: 'Tis the time for flowers to bloom and birds to zoom. Let's go!

Jocelyn

Church Keys and Alarm Codes UPDATE

To anyone that has either a church building key and/or an alarm code, we are updating our lists for better accountability and we need your help! We are now etching EACH key with a number and confirming all alarm codes with EVERY person, church member and staff, as soon as possible. Please see Gretchen after worship on Sunday, March 3rd in the Church Library to get your key etched (which will take seconds!), OR please talk to Gretchen or Bonnie Borgmann to return your key and remove your name from our current list. If you have or HAD a key at any point in time, please take the time to check our lists so we may keep them current. This is a safety concern for all on our church property and we need your help!

Thank you!

Gretchen Farrell
and
Bonnie Borgmann



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MEMBERS WITH CONTINUING NEEDS



Laura Fenner, Lisa Conrad, Laura Evans, Heather Miller,
Dorothy Leary

SOUTH POINTE: George Peters

CEDAR CREST: Dorothy Mutert, Lorene Brunworth,
Elaine Dodson, Connie Conrad

FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH REQUESTING PRAYERS:

Laura Leigh Rhoades (daughter of Laura Evans)
Jeff Pierce (son of Barbara Pierce, brother of Janet Aaron)
Eddie & Sarah McGurthy & family (daughter and son-in-law of
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Pam Evangelist (sister of Sharon Fenner)
JoAnne Hagedorn (friend of the Fenners and Shirley Coulter)
Majorie Hines (grandmother of Miles & Ian McCracken)
Sandy McDaniel Siess (friend of Kathy Froning)
Vicki Turner (friend of Tom & Lois Kempf)
Mary Rinne (friend of the Fenners)
Cathy Bedsaul (sister of Jean Weekley)
Emma Venginnit (client of Tom Kempf)
Lydia Disbro (great granddaughter of Laura Evans)
Kay Beckmann (friend of Lois Kempf)
Barb Roach (friend of Nancy Thater, Mauri Truesdell & Susan Benedict)
Sharon Panter (daughter of Jan Hardin)
Vicky Vogel (sister of Karla Becker)
Loyd Gordy (father of Beth Brehe)
Kay Kappelmann (sister of Karla Becker)
Diana Hayes (daughter of Barbara Schofield)
Ray Tucker (father-in-law of Jamie Tucker)
John Nordwald (friend of Whip Schultz)
Jay Hepner (son of Pamela Schwarzen)
Tom Jett (cousin-in-law of Mauri Truesdell & Kathy Froning)
Harry Ballard (cousin of Barbara Duemler)
Robert Bollinger, Jr. (father of Rob Bollinger)
Jane Kitt (aunt of Nancy Thater)
Adam & Erin Anglin (son & daughter-in-law of
John & Vivian Anglin)
Virginia Kieffer (friend of Susan Benedict, Nancy Thater
and Mauri Truesdell)



March 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Fellowship Hall Rental 1pm
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Session 7pm	PDO 9am Yoga 5:30pm Fat Tuesday Dinner & Concert 8pm	Youth Group 8:30pm Ash Wednesday	PFL 9am Franklin County Singles 7pm	Bridge 7pm	
Daylight Savings Time 10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Bible Study noon Mission 11am	PDO 9am Church Life 9:30am Yoga 5:30pm Cub Scouts 6:15pm Boy Scouts 7pm	Potluck 5:30pm Lenten Study 8:30pm	PFL 9am	Bridge 7pm	Men's Ministry 7:30am Meals on Wheels 8:30am
St. Patrick's Day 17	18	19	First Day of Spring 20	21	22	23
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Christ is all and in all.”
Colossians 3:11

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