

Our Continuing Vision

March 2019

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Worship – Sundays, 10:15 a.m.

March 3 – Last Sunday after Epiphany

“Revealed” Luke 9:28-43a

March 10 – 1st Sunday in Lent – Daylight Savings Time begins

NOTES OF FAITH

Ray Dotter, Guest Speaker

March 17 – 2nd Sunday in Lent – One Great Hour of Sharing

“Jesus Weeps” Luke 13:31-35

March 24 – 3rd Sunday in Lent

“The Very Heart of God” Luke 13:1-9

March 31 – 4th Sunday in Lent

“Eating with Sinners” Church of the Brunch Luke 15:1-3

Pastor Jan's Corner . . .

in a world
where you can
be anything
be kind

– Unknown

@dukeslee



Matthew 5:43-48

For some, Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and sacrificial living in preparation for the coming of Easter, recalling the 40 days and 40 nights that Jesus spent in the desert prior to the beginning of his ministry. Rather than “giving up” something of significance during Lent, others choose to “take up” a spiritual discipline or practice to help deepen their personal relationship with God while simultaneously enriching the lives of others. I suggest then, for those who are interested, the intentional practice of sharing acts of kindness as a way of following Christ as we model “another way of living”. (Your chosen acts of kindness may be as simple or as elaborate as you prefer.) I hope that during our Sunday morning sharing time, we may, throughout the Lenten season, talk about our experiences of practicing kindness and how we have been changed through this spiritual discipline. – Pastor Jan, Interim

Fun First Friday - March 1, 6-8 pm

Ages 3-16 are invited to join in the fun activities planned for the evening.

Ash Wednesday, March 6

Pastor Jan will dispense ashes from 4-6 pm for those who would like to receive.

Friendly's Fundraiser - Thursday, March 7

Join in this wonderful fundraiser 5-8 pm at the West Lawn location only. Friendly's will share a portion of the dinner proceeds with WCOTB! We will also be selling baked goods, so please help by baking some delicious items for us to sell and/or volunteering to work at the bake table.

At 4:00 pm Saturday, March 9, the Auction will begin!

Come close to 4 pm so you can see all of the offerings of the Silent Auctions and the Gifts of Gratitude. Begin your bidding at 4 pm. There will be at least 2 different Silent Auctions (depending on donations), and the evening concludes with the awarding of the Gifts of Gratitude. Bidding closes on the first Silent Auction at 5:15 pm. the next Silent Auction will be later in the evening. We will have a better idea of the times once all the donations are in.

If you are planning on making a donation, please fill out a donation slip **BEFORE Sunday, March 3 and put in Nancy Dotter's mailbox.** All items may go to Room 2, and you can fill out a donation slip there. Room 2 is open 9am – 3pm weekdays, and on Sunday morning.

This is a brand new way of doing our Auction. Please come and support your church. Bring friends and neighbors. Food is available. The donations are amazing, and the money raised will go to our church for programs and outreach.

Book Club - Sunday, March 10, 12 noon

If you like to join women of all ages to read, discuss and eat, come to our next Book Club. The discussions aren't always deep, but they are always interesting. Just let the hostess know you would like to come. We meet at noon, after worship, and have a light lunch.

This month's book is: **A Gentleman in Moscow** by Amor Towels at Brenda Bechtel's home, 1695 Morgantown Road, Shillington. Please let Brenda know you are coming bbechtel@farmersagent.com.

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) Sunday, March 17

More than we can imagine! Imagine the potential of one seed, one volunteer, one conference. Consider how God could use each of these to change the world. Though we may not always notice it, God is always behind the scenes making incredible and wonderful things happen.

When you give to One Great Hour of Sharing, you participate in the great vision that God has for our communities and for our world. Your gifts to this special offering directly support Global Mission and Service, Discipleship Ministries, Brethren Disaster Ministries, and the Global Food Initiative. Through your gifts and the dedication of faithful volunteer, God is accomplishing far more than we could ever imagine.

Please give generously. *Donations will continue through Sunday, April 7.*

Young-Ins Luncheon - Sunday, March 17

Sunday, March 17, immediately after worship, there will be lunch and childcare provided for Young Adults and Parents. Christian Education would like to gain some insight into programs and interests of this group. Please let the Church Office or Vicki Clements or Sue Blatt know if you would be able to attend. We look forward to hearing your thoughts.

Soup Kitchen - Monday, March 18, 10 am

Your help is always needed as we serve the needy at the New Journey Community Outreach, 138 South 6th Street, Reading. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board of food items and servers needed. Thank you for always supplying our needs.

Three Week Lenten Bible Study

Pastor Jan is scheduling a 3 week Lenten Bible Study, Tuesdays, March 26, April 2, & April 9. In this study, we will look at a weekly scripture text together as Jesus makes his way to Jerusalem, as we invite Jesus' teachings to inform our daily lives. There is a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board. **Please add your name if interested in attending beside your preference of time of day: 2 pm or 6:30 pm.**

Junior/Senior High Youth Lock-In

Saturday, March 30 - Sunday, March 31

A Lock-In is scheduled for March 30 & 31st in our church. See Vicki Clements now for details and permission slips.

Be ready for summer and Camp Swatara!

The camp schedule is here and on the bulletin board. Check your calendars and reserve early to get the Early Bird discount. See Pat Harris and let him know your choice so he can prepare the Good as Gold certificate which pays half of your fee. **Campers may also write a few paragraphs about why they want to go to Camp Swatara and submit it to the Church Office by March 31.** One lucky camper will receive the Voelker Campership which covers the entire fee for camp. The winner will be announced April 7, so start writing and planning for summer and a great time in nature, learning about God's love at Camp Swatara.

Londonderry Village Auxiliary news

The Auxiliary is having their annual sandwich sale on March 30. In addition to sandwiches, chips and caramel corn is also available. Sandwiches: 11 to 12 inch subs cost \$6.00, Pretzel sandwiches cost \$5.00. Kettle cooked chips are .50 cents a bag and an individual serving of caramel corn is \$1.00 a bag. **Deadline for orders March 8. See Vicki Clements.**

Fellowship Directory updates:

Pg. 11 – Shirley Lowry's address is: 3703 Congress Avenue, Dallas, TX 75219-4809

Pg. 17 – John Tabakelis address is: 47 South 13th Avenue, Coatesville 19320-3564

Would you like to sponsor flowers for our worship?

There are several dates available:

April 7 & 28

May 5 & 12

June 6 & 30

There is a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board
or you can let the Church Office know.

In Our Prayers this month:

Betty – Gloria Barnett – Doug Bechtel, Sr. – Jim Beck – Gail Camp – Minerva Cohn

Nancy Custo – Dawn Ernst – Mel & Sandy Fox – Joan Hornberger – Betty Kintzer

Tim Latshaw – Mia Losito – Brianna Lowry – Bob Pettit – Corinne Romano

Lester Sharar – Eric Speece – Jill Keyser Speicher – Mary Spotts – Horace Stewart

Sunday Worship Participants for March 2019

March 3

Last Sunday after Epiphany

Acolyte: Katherine Felker
Flowers: In memory of my mother, Arlena Focht – Barbie Kuhns
Greeters: Harry Kruse & Laura Kruse
Nursery: Paula McCutcheon
Worship Leader: John Robinson
Deacons of the Week: Ted & Mary Jo Noble

March 10

1st Sunday in Lent – Daylight Savings Time begins

Acolyte: Sissy Sfinzas
Flowers: Margaret Bauer
Greeters: Ken & Carole McCraw
Nursery: The Felker Family
Worship Leader: Sharon Harris
Deacons of the Week: Don & Eleanor Robinson

March 17

2nd Sunday in Lent – One Great Hour of Sharing

Acolyte: Abigail Felker
Flowers: In honor of our 46th Wedding Anniversary – Dan & Sandy Biss
Greeters: Ted & Mary Jo Noble
Nursery: Stefanie Thomas
Worship Leader: Ray Dotter
Deacons of the Week: Scott & Sue Blatt

March 24

3rd Sunday in Lent

Acolyte: Alexis Martinez
Flowers: In loving memory of Jim – Verna Hartman
Greeters:
Nursery: Carolyn Tetley-Fazzari
Worship Leader: Pat Harris
Deacons of the Week: Margaret Hildebrand & Verna Hartman

March 31

4th Sunday in Lent

Acolyte: Josh Felker
Flowers: Honor our Great-Grandchildren – Doris Krick
Greeters: Darlene Dunn & Karen Redner
Nursery: Paula McCutcheon
Worship Leader: Brian Zimmerman
Deacons of the Week: Carl & Linda Voelker

Audio: Don Solinger

Counters: Mark & Sandy Henderson

Head Usher: Dave Zimmerman

Ushers: Classic Sallada, Jai Shaun Sallada, Diane Zimmerman

Parking Lot Greeters: Terry Long & Bob Blatt

Welcoming Team: Rick & Barbie Kuhns