

LENT

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The Cornerstone Newsletter

March, 2020

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Pastor's Reflections:



Recently a couple of chapters from the Old Testament book of Numbers was laid upon my heart to read and study. As I often do I try to apply verses personally to my life so that I may hear what God is saying directly to me. In this season of ministry as I have been trying to expand my personal goals and helping the leadership of the church to set goals for ministry in the future. I have tried to be open and praying often that my heart, my ears, my soul, my eyes are open to receive everything that God is showing us, both as individuals and as the Church.

The ministry of this church is being taken to a place where we have to follow what God with our whole heart. The call is not more of me but more of Thee – more of Jesus. Many times, God's call conflicts with our personal preferences. When I entered into Pastoral ministry, I never imagined the places God would take me to and the ways in which I would be called to serve. It comes from a great deal of faithfulness, sacrifice, and leaning into the direction of the Holy Spirit all the time. I admit that I am certainly not to completeness in any of these.

One of the verses from my recent reading and study of Numbers has spoken in very real ways to my heart. Numbers 23:20 "I have received a command to bless he has blessed, and I cannot change it." We all love to know that we are blessed, but it is more than just about me or us being blessed but in turn sharing that blessing with others. The key blessing is knowing Jesus Christ as Savior and then sharing that blessing that free gift of salvation with others. An area in our lives and I believe in the Church that we are lacking in.

We share blessings in many different ways, through our offerings and financial support of ministry, through the way we serve, through our faithfulness in praying, reading scripture and worshiping and then sharing what we have heard or learned with others, through simple acts of kindness. As we live and give we should be doing all things in the name

of Jesus Christ. If you are doing things that you believe Jesus would not be pleased with then you now have something to give up for lent. (I say that with a smile but also with the finger pointed back at myself.)

As I pray for all of you and for the church and for the building up of the Kingdom of God in the here and now, I am constantly reminded of the things that there are to do to honor Christ and show our thanks and praise to a loving God. As we finish reading James for February it is my prayer that we have drawn closer to God and are now moving in the direction that we should all be moving.

Our verse for March will be John 3:17 – after the proclamation in verse 16 that Jesus came into the world so that the world might be saved by knowing Jesus. Verse 17 reminds us that Jesus love is not condemning but healing, not judge mental because of past mistakes but transformative in the present, calling us to receive God like we have never experienced before.

I especially want to invite you to join with me in a Holy Lent, where we will worship together, pray together, be in holy fellowship together and find the real things that we are being called to.

Peace to you and yours,

Pastor Calvin





OUR CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Rev. Calvin Cook
Administrative Assistant	Jan Reynolds
Youth, Ministry & Outreach Coordinator	Dawn Stefani
Sanctuary Organist and Financial Secretary	Debbie Airgood
Treasurer (Current Account)	Jill Grosch
Chapel Organists/Accomp.	Ann Bokma Kristi Gelsick and Adam Hickey
Sanctuary Choir Director	Kathy Long
Celebration Bells Director, Young Adult / Youth Choir	Lori Avenali
Wesley Preschool Director	Laura Zampogna Stahli
Custodian	Rusty Harp

MUSIC MINISTRY TEAM

Children's Choir Director	Coleen Lundeen
Accomp. Children's Choir	Kristi Gelsick
Puppet Ministry Directors	Kristi Gelsick & Lindsey Reigel
Beginning Chimes Director	Kathy Long

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2020- 2021

Church Council Chair	Derek Dangelo
Co-Chairperson to Council	Bonnie Fuller
Lay Leader	Bonnie Fuller
Lay Rep. to Annual Conf.	Debbie Woodford
Alternate Representative	Kathy Long
Finance Chairperson	Danette Sarvey
Trustee Chairperson	John Simons
Staff-Parish Relations Chair	Debbie Woodford
Ministry & Outreach	Dawn Stefani
United Methodist Men	Larry Anderson
United Methodist Women	Donna Nelson
Nursery	Rebecca Miller
Worship	Ann Bokma
Education	Linda Hearst
Missions	Donna Nelson, Mary Thompson
Head Usher	Bill Whiteman
Greeters	Kathy Cledgett
Worship Leaders	Penny Barber

Communion	Leader Needed
Poverty Ministries	Bonnie Fuller, Tina Steudler
Hospitality	Ann Bokma & Sonja Geer
Audio	Don Lundeen & Craig Rudolph
Altar Guild	Don & Pinky Holt
Kimbrough Library	Jackie Durnell
Librarian	Adam Hickey
Newsletter	Jan Reynolds and Dawn Stefani
Nursery Attendant	Mary Williams
Evangelism	Barry Morgan
Prayer Ministries	Natalie DeWalt
Health Ministries	Rebecca Miller
Connections Facilitator	Pam Wright
Technology & Social Media	Debbie Woodford
Members at Large	Tina Steudler (2020) Bill Whiteman (2021) Robynn Boyer (2022)



DISCIPLES SERVING IN MARCH

MARCH WORSHIP LEADERS

(If you have a question or need to switch, please contact Penny Barber (837-7885) or the Church office. Thank you).

March 1	8:30am	Natalie DeWalt
	11:00am	Coleen Lundeen
March 8	8:30am	Adam Hickey
	11:00am	Penny Barber
March 15	8:30am	Youth
	11:00am	Youth
March 22	8:30am	Karen Hickey
	11:00am	Lindsey Riegel
March 29	8:30am	Deb Woodford
	11:00am	John Simons

MARCH GREETERS

March 1	8:30am	Natalie & John DeWalt
	11:00am	Shana Snyder

March 8	8:30am 11:00am	Nancy Rudolph Judy Haight
March 15	8:30am 11:00am	Youth Youth
March 22	8:30am 11:00am	Ann Bokma Patty Lindquist
March 29	8:30am 11:00am	Virgil Gillotti Linda & Jenyka Hearst

MARCH SPECIAL MUSIC

8:30am

1 st	Gail Cook
8 th	Carol Hammer
15 th	Youth/Young Adult Choir
22 nd	Lori Avenali - Handbells
29 th	

11:00am

1 st	Sanctuary Choir
8 th	Children's Genesis Choir
15 th	Youth/Young Adult Choir
22 nd	Sanctury Choir
29 th	Sanctury Choir

MARCH ALTAR FLOWERS

1 st	
8 th	
15 th	
22 nd	
29 th	Craig & Nancy Rudolph and Marty & Jan Reynolds (Palm Trees)

MARCH RADIO BROADCAST SPONSORS

(\$45.00 per broadcast)

(If you are interested in sponsoring a radio broadcast, please sign up or phone the church office, 837-7120)

1 st	Lynette Hadfield
8 th	
15 th	Magie Kibbie
22 nd	
29 th	

MARCH ORGANISTS/ACCOMPANISTS –

8:30am	
1 st	Kathy Long
8 th	Ann Bokma
15 th	Kristi Gelsick
22 nd	Adam Hickey
29 th	Kristi Gelsick

COMMUNION STEWARD FOR MARCH

February 29th and March 1st

Nancy Rudolph

USHERS: MARCH

Saturday Night:	Larry Anderson
8:30am Chapel:	Craig Rudolph and helpers
11:00am Sanctuary	To be determined

NURSERY HELPER SCHEDULE FOR MARCH

1 st	Erica and Emma
8 th	Jenyka and Rachel
15 th	Evan and Brady
22 nd	Eliana and Lexi
29 th	Saige and Satene

ACOLYTES.

Will be announced on Sundays

NEEDED! SPECIAL MUSIC SIGN-UP PEOPLE



We are always in need for people to sign up for special music during our 8:30am service. If you have this talent, please contact Debbie Airgood and sign up for a Sunday. Come and help our early morning worship service be even more special with your special music. It will be very much appreciated!



During our 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM Worship services we offer Nursery Care for our young children. Mary Williams is our attendant. If you desire to take your child to the nursery and are unfamiliar as to the location, any usher or church member would be more than happy to assist you. Parents/Guardians/Grandparents will be given a hand-held pager for their convenience in the event you need to be contacted during the service time. Mary is also available in the nursery for some of our special programs and choir/bell rehearsals during the months that they rehearse.



WESLEY PRESCHOOL

The Wesley Preschools new preschool teacher, **Mrs. Laura Zampogna Stahli** has set a date for an **open house and registration** for the preschool and pre-K programs. It is **March 2nd from 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM in the preschool.** Please pass this information on if you know anyone that might have children or grandchildren, friends or neighbors that might be interested in our wonderful program. We are very proud of our Wesley Preschool and the education that is given to the young children that attend. We ask that you continue to keep our preschool and aids in your prayers.



The United Methodist Men met on Sunday morning, February 2nd at 7:30am for a time of fellowship and a breakfast. Discussion was held on the

upcoming Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper to be held on Tuesday, February 25th - 4:30 to 6:30pm. All men are always invited to come and join with them. The next Men's breakfast is March 1st at 7:30 am.



We have classes from Nursery aged children, Elementary aged children, Middle school, High school, young adults and the mature adults. There is a place for YOU. Come and join us Sunday mornings at 9:30am. You are more than welcome!

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



By: Donna Nelson

The UMW will be starting our Lenten suppers on March 4th at 5:30 PM. There is a listing of the recommended donation and the menus later in this newsletter. Anyone interested and willing to help with the suppers let us know.

On March 10th at 7:00 PM we will be holding our first UMW meeting of the year. This will be a memorial service for all of the women of the church that have passed away in 2019. It will be held in the chapel.

SOMETHING SPECIAL

You are invited to a shower for the Ruth M. Smith Center. Throughout the month of March you can bring in items from the list you will find later in the newsletter for the center and place them in designated containers in the back of the chapel and sanctuary, then on March 22nd they will be presented to a representative of the center that will be present at the 11:00 AM service. There will also be the usual special collection for the center on March 29th which is the 5th Sunday. I hope everyone will be willing to participate in this wonderful endeavor.



RUTH M. SMITH CENTER

PERSONAL PRODUCTS (Men & Women)

Body Wash
Shampoo / Conditioner
Shaving Cream
Disposable razors
Deodorant
Feminine Hygiene Products
Fixodent / Polygrip
Denture Tab
Mouthwash
Small notepads
Colored pencils

KITCHEN / BATHROOM

Ziplock Bags
Food storage containers (plastic)
Washcloth / Bath towels / hand towels
Bath mats (rubber for in shower)
Shower curtains (heavy duty)
Pillows & pillow protectors
Twin sheets
Water proof mattress pads
Washable bed pads (34" x 34")
60" round, 90 x 60, 102 x 60, 60 x 84 tablecloths
Blender
Cooling racks
Large garbage can for kitchen
Teaspoons and dessert forks
Toilet paper
Paper towels
Hypoallergenic laundry soap (Free & Clear)
Regular Laundry Detergent
Dryer sheets
Shout stain remover

LARGE ITEMS

Storage shelving units
Bookshelves
Recliners
Floor lamps
Twin mattresses
New curtains for closets (3ft by 80 in.)

MISCELLANEOUS OFFICE ITEMS

Batteries (AA, AAA. 9-volt)
Copy paper
Flash lights with batteries
Dry Erase Markers and Erasers
Pictures for Walls (appealing to males, outdoor scenes, Western)
Extendable Swiffer Dusters for ceilings and floors
Aire Fresheners (Febreze)

ACTIVITIES

Acrylic paints / brushes
Card stock – white or colored
Gel pens / Adult coloring books
Activity Learning Books (Grade3s Pre-K thru 4)
Step 1 or Pre-Reading Books
Small glue sticks for hot glue guns
Quilting materials – fabric and batting (72 x 80)
Fabric Squares

Daycare Wish List

Play-doh or modeling clay
Large toddler crayons
Masking tape
Air fresheners
Plastic containers
Clear glue for making slime

Gift Cards from Wal*Mart, Amazon, Dollar General, Dollar Tree, etc.

Anything you can do to help the RM Smith Center with any of these items would be greatly appreciated. Thank you all so very much for your help.



MISSION NEWS

by: Donna Nelson

Haiti is still in turmoil and so we don't know when we will be able to go see how things are going there in person but we are hoping we can get there soon.

More items continue to come in for the Erie Alliance for their work with the homeless. Kurt Crays, the director of the Erie Alliance's programs was in Kane to attend the Homelessness Consortium meeting and then held a discussion for the Kane district at Olmsted Manor to provide some insights and information on homelessness, poverty and their programs and best practices. We are thankful for his willingness to share with us.

Keep in mind we have missions going on in our church and community as well. We have the After School Program for any kids in the community 3 days a week, Youth Group, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, NA, AA and Al-anon, the Sharing Room and WIC, to name some. These are great ways for us to be in service to our church and the community at large and we are looking forward to more to come. If you are interested in knowing more see me or Dawn Stefani.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

by: Dawn Stefani

The Youth have been very active recently. Several attended the Snowbound event at Wesley Woods on Jan. 31st to Feb. 2nd with the Corry Methodist Church Youth and the youth reported that it was a great event and look forward to more. On Feb. 16th the youth and many of their friends gathered at the Elks Club for bowling, food and fun fellowship along with many of the adults who work with these kids regularly. There are pictures to see on facebook if you missed them. We have a few amazing bowlers in our midst. Then Feb. 21st-22nd Rebecca Miller and Michael Airgood took on the task of having a Youth lock-in here at the church. The kids arrived Friday night at 8 pm and left at 8 pm Saturday. Several adults

volunteered in that time to help with different aspects of the event. They got little to no sleep but they had a great time of fun and fellowship with each other and met some new folks from Michael's church. I know it was a hit when the kids come up to me and say can we have another one soon! We'll see about that but I am grateful for Rebecca and Michael's leadership on this and for all the volunteer help as well.

Several Youth helped in the Ash Wednesday service in a variety of ways like helping to prepare the ashes, helping to greet people as they entered to hand out the regrets papers people were asked to fill out, burning the regrets papers and presenting them to God, and documenting the experience with photos. It's great to have our youth involved in so many ways.

March is going to be a little more mellow at least in the beginning. We will have regular Youth Group meetings March 1st and March 22nd at 5 PM in the Junior center. March 8th is second Sunday Lunch which will be Spanish Buns, green beans, drink and dessert for a donation. No Youth Group this week. March 15th is Youth Sunday and the youth will be the worship leaders, greeters, ushers and will provide the special music. There will be no Youth Group this night. March 28th we are planning to take a bus load of kids and adults to Winter Jam 2020 in State College. This is a Christian Music Event with a wide variety of artists performing about 4 hours of music. Anyone interested in going see me asap. And last but not least, on March 29th there will be a Kane District Youth Event held at the First United Methodist Church in Warren from 2-5 PM which will involve fellowship, food, fun, games, and worship for **any** Youth grades 6-12. If you know of anyone that wants to attend, we need to know by 3/22.

Thanks to all who are involved in this ministry in all ways. You are making an eternal difference.

FROM THE MINISTRY AND OUTREACH COORDINATOR

By: Dawn Stefani

We are starting to move forward in many ways in our ministries and outreach. There have been a few small groups started and we look forward to more. We were blessed by a visit from Kurt Crays from the Erie Alliance Ministry who shared many insights and best practices from their ministry's experiences dealing with poverty and homelessness and how ministering to others changes the trajectory of their lives. The After School Program serves anywhere from 4 to 17 kids ages 6 to 17. Right now it provides them a meal and a safe place to be but plans are in the works to expand this a bit doing projects and learning more about being a part of something bigger than just themselves and hopefully ministering to some of the families as well. The Ruth M. Smith shower and the 5th Sunday offering for the Center are other ways we minister to those in our community. Plans are being made to go to places like the R.M. Smith Center and Olmsted Manor and also here to help with some projects as volunteers. This will be open to everyone so keep your eyes peeled for many opportunities to minister to and reach out to others in our church and community. We will try again this Spring to clean up our section of Route 6 for the Adopt-A-Highway Program. More information to come. Church Camp is another outreach. There are several kids in our After School Program that have expressed a desire to attend camp but know they cannot afford to do so on their own. We have all either experienced or heard how influential church camp can be in people's spiritual journeys so we would like to make a way for all kids that are interested in going.

So how can you be involved in the conversation? **Join me on March 3rd at 6 PM in room 203** to review what we already do, what we would like to do and how we are going to do it. I bet you have ideas on how we can reach out to people in our community or have seen a need that is not being met or not met well. Please come share this with us and join us in this mighty new adventure God is calling us to.



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
112 Greeves Street, Kane, PA 16735
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Lenten Suppers during the season of Lent.

Wednesdays: March 4th, March 11th, March 18th, March 25th and April 1st.

TIME: 5:30 PM – Bartlett Hall of the church (downstairs)

DONATION: \$6.00 per person or \$20.00 for a family of four or more.

PREPARED BY: The United Women of the Church

MENU:

March 4: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Brownie Sundae.

March 11th: Chili or Broccoli Cheese Soup, Assorted Sandwiches, Relish Tray, Dessert

March 18: Chicken and Biscuits with Cranberry Sauce, Mixed Vegetables, Relish Tray, Sherbet and Cookie

March 25th: Hamburg Gravy on Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans or Corn, Relish Tray, Ice Cream Sundaes

April 1st: Beef Stew and Dumplings, Relish Tray and Assorted Homemade Pies

Take-outs will be available. Please phone the church office by 5:00pm to place your order for pick-up (837-7120). Thank you.

POVERTY MINISTRIES/SHARING ROOM

Bonnie Fuller



Helpers are still needed for this ministry. There are several opportunities other than working directly with the needy. Some people have generously donated money instead of donating items (THANK YOU!). A new way to help would be to shop for items to stock the room, assist Bonnie with shopping and carrying items into the church, stocking the shelves, and stocking the Warm/Sharing Line. As always, you could keep our volunteers company in the Sharing Room during open hours. Some days are slow, none are crazy busy. Time passes quickly with a buddy and new ideas are shared during those times. Please call the church office or Bonnie Fuller (335-7238) if you can help out.

SOUP FUNDRAISER

THANK YOU to all who have helped with this in any way: from providing ingredients, to chopping vegetables, to peeling potatoes, to washing jars and spoons, to jarring the soup, and taking in money, and purchasing and eating the soup. THANK YOU ALL!

CENSUS 2020

The 2020 CENSUS will be here before you know it! This critical head count is easy to do and the best way to help your community. The Kane area has traditionally been undercounted, especially in Wetmore and Hamilton townships. Each person counted translates to over \$2,000 a year in local funding! Your information is secure and the Census does not share with any other government office. You are not asked to provide your Social Security number or any bank information. Your information is combined with other

households in your locality and the COMBINED DATA is then used when your local government makes requests for funds. Schools, fire departments, and hospitals use Census data. Please be sure that you are counted! You can respond to the survey by mail, online through the Census.gov website, or by phone. Your library can also help you to complete the form on their computers. If you do not feel comfortable doing that, a Field Representative will visit you after April 1. They are also sworn for life to keep your information confidential under penalty of fines and/or jail.



(From our most current listing)

SYMPATHIES TO: The William Hill Family. The Marshall Wallace Family. The Allan Abram Family.

PRAYERS TO BE LIFTED: Bill Barr * Jim (Tami Silvis' brother) * Katrina Kimbrough * Chrystal * Sandra Northrop * Bruce Simms * Drake Wilson * Lexi Morgan * Marianne Rook * Dave Curulla * James Gardner * Joanne Whittemore * Ellen Hulings * Crystal Jacobs * Jeff Kempf * Angelina Mayo * Erin Hannon * Erin Brinkley * Andrea Mayo * Jake DeWalt * Don Busch * Betty Straneva * Jennifer Lorenzo (Ruther Heeter's daughter-in-law) * Anthony Mayo * Joan Walker & children * Tom Grosch * Isaiah Rudolph * Linda Eschrich * Beverly Magnuson * Baby Brielle Paronish * Jodi Perry * Linda Hedlund *

Brooke Thompson * Al Stefani * John (JR) Forsyth * Judy Punk * Wendy Fuller * Laura Crosby * Kerry Thompson * Alex Tingley * Karin & Randy Schatz * Sue Zampogna * Nita Peterson

CHURCH and COMMUNITY PRAYER REQUESTS: Our church, First responders and fire personnel, men & women of the military, the homeless

LUTHERAN HOME: Madeline Anderson, David Banks, John Bloomquist, Georg Chatmon, Lee Holmes, Barbara Jones, Marion Larson, Joyce Ross, Margie Salvamoser, Candy Schreiber, Bobi Smith, and Vivian Wolfgang

KINZUA VALLEY HEALTH CARE CENTER,
WARREN, PA: Darla Peterson

SENA KEAN MANOR, SMETHPORT, PA: Edythe Gerhart, Cory Schreiber and Jim Vail

WITH DAUGHTER IN CAMBRIDGE SPRINGS,
PA: Jane Lenox

AT HOME: Carol Bell, Jerry Blum, Glenda Grosch, Judy Lockwood, and Rheta Tilburg, Jim Vantine

WITH DAUGHTER IN NEW YORK STATE: Betty and Bill Gilmore

MEMORIAL GIFTS GIVEN

November 30th through January 25th, 2020
(Memorials go to the General Fund unless otherwise noted)



ALLAN ABRAM

Mary Thompson, Roof Fund
Marty and Jan Reynolds, Wesley Preschool

DR. HAROLD, ELSIE & HAROLD, JR. BANKS

David Banks, Roof Fund

KIM BROWN

Katherine Magnuson, Youth Fund

MAUREEN CARLSON

Bill and Nancy Barr, Roof Fund
Dale and Ethel Fogel, Roof Fund
Gordon and Aneta Johnson, Candle Oil Fund
Paul and Nancy Morgan, Roof Fund

THOMAS A. JOHNSTON

Wayne and Ann Chapman

DELBERT MAZE

Armstrong Sunday School Class, Roof Fund
William and Nancy Barr, Roof Fund
Dale and Ethel Fogel, Roof Fund
Marjorie Kibbie, Roof Fund
Don and Coleen Lundeen, Sanctuary Sound System

Mary Circle of FUMC, Roof Fund
Marty and Jan Reynolds, Wesley Preschool
Mary Thompson, Roof Fund

FIRST QUARTER JUG COLLECTION

January, February, March 2020

CAMPERSHIP FUND

Our goal is \$1000

TARGETED GIVING FOR MARCH IS:

The Good Samaritan Fund

ESTHER – A BIBLE STUDY BY BETH MOORE

Morning and evening groups are meeting.

Grace Lenox is leading this six session winter women's bible study and all women were invited to join. The evening group began January 13th at 6:30 pm. The morning group began Thursday, January 16th at 10 am. Both groups meet every other week and are studying the same lesson. This study will run through April 20th for Monday's class and April 23rd for Thursday's class.

TOPS GIFT CARDS AVAILABLE

Most of us have an occasion to shop at Tops Market. How about purchasing Tops gift cards to use to shop with? These are sold in \$25 increments and the preschool receives a percentage of this purchase back. You are going to spend the money anyway why not let it support this important community ministry. It's an easy way to give without really costing you anything. Thank you for helping our preschool!

**APRIL NEWSLETTER INFORMATION TO BE
SUBMITTED BY MARCH 15th.**