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*MARCH 2016 CHATTER*

Jesus came to earth,  
To show us how to live,  
How to put others first,  
How to love and how to give.

Then He set about His work,  
That God sent Him to do;  
He took our punishment on Himself;  
He made us clean and new.

He could have saved Himself,  
Calling angels from above,  
But He chose to pay our price for sin;  
He paid it out of love.

Our Lord died on Good Friday,  
But the cross did not destroy  
His resurrection on Easter morn  
That fills our hearts with joy.

Now we know our earthly death,  
Like His, is just a rest.  
We'll be forever with Him  
In heaven, where life is best.

So we live our lives for Jesus,  
Think of Him in all we do.  
Thank you Savior; Thank you Lord.  
Help us love like you!

*Happy Resurrection  
Day*



He is not here - He has risen  
Just as He said - Matt 28:6

Poem by: Joanna Fuchs

Kathy

## TAKING ON SOMETHING FOR LENT

Lent is about examining ourselves to see if we are of the faith. When we see within ourselves anything that is unlike Jesus' character, we are to ask God to help us to repent. We then ask God to create in us clean hearts and to renew right spirits within us. We often think of giving up things for Lent. I want to suggest a few ways to take on something for Lent. Here are three things you can do to live into the spirit of Lenten repentance:



**Apologize to someone.** Lent is a season of repentance. We ask God for forgiveness from our many transgressions against God's holiness, but we must ask forgiveness and be truly sorry for hurting our brothers and sisters. Jesus is concerned about the way we treat each other. He told his disciples that if during worship if you "remember that your brother or sister has something against you... First make things right with your brother or sister and then come back and offer your gift." (Matthew 5:23-24 CEB). Lent is a perfect time to ask for forgiveness from those we have hurt.

**Visit the lonely.** Jesus also taught his disciples to treat others as we would treat him. When visiting those who are sick and in prison, he says it is as if we have done it unto Jesus himself! (Matthew 25:31-36). Perhaps you could volunteer at a local nursing home, or visit with parents of children at the A.I. DuPont children's hospital. Maybe you could find a creative way to serve the prison ministry here in the city or serve in any place where people need caring Christian contact. There are many members of our local congregations that cannot regular attend worship that would surely appreciate your call or visit.

**Say "thank you."** So many people like your parents, teachers, pastors, Sunday school teachers, friends and others have helped you to become the person you are. Think about sending a thank you note to one or all of them!

May God help us live into the spirit of examination and repentance during this Lenten season and prepare us for the coming of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Your brother in Christ,

Pastor Joe

Leo is his usual happy-go-lucky self and is delighted to have a bunch of adoring fans from multiple nations and cultures. He got over his jet lag faster than anyone else, actually, and is now crawling (well, digging his elbow into the floor and hoisting his belly across the floor, actually.)

Naomi is adjusting well, though she has not forgotten our Baltimore friends (who still frequently show up in her imaginary play and in our prayers.) There's another family with a son her age down the road a little as well as plenty of older kids on campus who don't mind her tagging along, so she's not been short on playmates. The aforementioned imagination has also come in handy as she tries to imitate Maggie's cooking with all the dirt in our front yard.

Maggie and I are trying to pace ourselves for the next two years and take the time we need to rest in between hectic days at the hospital, but also trying to set good habits as we spend lots of time with people. We've felt especially blessed to be called to a place full of love where people from all over the world work together and support one another in the daily struggle against death that stalks so many mothers and children here.

We miss our friends and our families, which makes us very thankful for Skype and email. It isn't easy, but it's worth it when we contemplate all of the good things God has done for us-- and, we hope, will do through us.

### **Prayer Requests**

- Praise God for the wonderful hospitality from everyone here and comfort in the (ongoing) sorrow of leaving and moving
- Pray for grace and initiative as we build relationships, connect with new friends, and try to find our stride here for the next several months
- Pray that Matthew would learn and adapt quickly to a very different pace of work (and that he can learn all of the necessary procedures well to help lighten Jeff's load!)

### **Mission Team Meeting**

A meeting of the members of the Mission team and some other key members of the congregation will be held in March. The date and time of the meeting will be announced in an upcoming Sunday bulletin.

In His name and in His service,  
Tom Pesickey  
Missions Chair

## **Circuit UMM**

**The winter coat drive which ended on Sunday, January 31, yielded 45 coats and several bags of assorted clothing items which were all donated to the Sunday Breakfast Mission. Thank you everyone for your support.**

**The UMM's annual chili cook-off on January 31 was very successful. We had 13 cooks and 80 – 90 in attendance. There was participation from all three circuit churches. The efforts of Diane Freebery, Beth Panariello, Joe Kontur, Ray Eck and Dianne Clark, our judges and counter, were greatly appreciated. Also, Carol Caward and Rodney Klotz were responsible for distributing, collecting and counting the votes for People's Choice awards. Many others contributed in different ways and their efforts made the event go smoothly.**

**Awards were given to:**

**People's Choice best chili – Pastor Joe Archie**

**People's Choice best theme decoration – John Thomas**

**Second runner-up – Pastor Joe Archie**

**First runner-up – Greg Schock**

**Grand Champion – Joe Johns**

**A freewill donation of \$182.00 will be used by the UMM in mission giving.**

**Our February sub sale also was a success. Ninety-six subs were sold with a profit of \$444.00. It, too, will go towards Circuit UMM missions. Thank you to Karen James for her hard work in purchasing supplies and making the subs. Also, Shelva Lewis deserves a thank you for her behind the scenes help.**

**Our largest money maker is the Spaghetti Dinner. This year's dinner will be in memory of Homer Lutton who was instrumental in keeping the dinner a huge success. This year it will be held on Saturday, March 19, from 4 to 7. Ticket prices are \$8.00 per dinner; children under six are free. Tickets are now on sale. See any UMM member to purchase tickets.**

**Our next endeavor will be a canned ham collection between now and Palm Sunday. The hams will be donated to the Sunday Breakfast Mission for their Easter dinner meals. A blue plastic bin will be placed across from the church office to collect these hams. We are also accepting cash donations toward the purchase of these hams. Please look for Ed King to make either cash or check donations. Checks should be made out to Circuit UMM.**

**Ed King  
President**



# MUMS

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### MUMS CORNER

It is that time again we are having our Avon fundraiser. The proceeds from this fundraiser will go to MUMS. The fundraiser will run from February 24, 2016 until March 9, 2016. All order forms and money will be due on March 10, 2015. The orders will be ready for pick up on March 18, 2016. Thank you in advance for your support.

We are starting to enroll children for summer camp and for the fall academic year. If you know anyone who is interested, please have them contact the school at 994-4188. We hope God blesses us with a full enrollment as He did this year.

Tashia Charles  
(Director of MUMS)



At the request of our congregation, Amanda Lawson's Vision Team will have small daffodils available at \$3 each on Easter Sunday in Fellowship Hall. You may see Amanda and any member of her team . Prior ordering is not necessary.

## **Billy Graham's Prayer at 93 years of age**

**From a man the media has *never* been able to throw dirt  
on.....amazing !**

***He has certainly hit the "world" on the head !***

### **Billy Graham's Prayer For Our Nation**

**THIS MAN SURE HAS A GOOD VIEW OF WHAT'S HAPPENING TO OUR  
COUNTRY !**

'Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask your forgiveness and to seek your direction and guidance. We know Your Word says, 'Woe to those who call evil good,' but that is exactly what we have done. We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and reversed our values. We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery. We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare. We have killed our unborn and called it choice. We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable. We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building self-esteem. We have abused power and called it politics. We have coveted our neighbor's possessions and called it ambition. We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression. We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment. Search us, Oh God, and know our hearts today; cleanse us from sin and set us free. Amen!'

With the Lord's help, may this prayer sweep over our nation and wholeheartedly become our desire so that we once again can be called 'One nation under God!'

*Think about this: If you forward this prayer to everyone on your e-mail list, in less than 30 days it would be heard by the world.*

***(It's worth a try !)***

## **ONE NATION UNDER GOD**

*"It cannot be emphasized too clearly and too often  
that this nation was founded, not by religionists,  
but by Christians; not by religion, but on the gospel  
of Jesus Christ."*

*~ Patrick Henry, 1765*

# THANK YOU

I thank each and every one of my many friends at Marshallton UMC who prayed for me, sent well wishes, made phone calls and visited me during my recent heart surgery and recuperation. Pastor Joe took time out of his busy schedule to visit and pray with me while I was in the hospital. The altar flowers sent home were beautiful. The fruit basket delivered to me by the Marian Rowe Circle and the Chancel Choir, created by Donna Wilburn, was absolutely gorgeous and also very delicious. I could feel all of the love for me put into creating this basket. I thank God for bringing me to this church and have felt very welcomed since I first began attending. My search for a friendly church did, indeed, end here.

In Christian love,  
Mildred/Millie King

A big THANK YOU to all of you who have contributed stamps to the Stamp Ministry! In 2015, the Stamp Ministry was able to send \$45,639 to the Sunday School project to teach children about Jesus.

A few reminders of what they can and can't use:

1. Stamps only - no pre-printed postage on envelopes
2. All US and foreign stamps, used and unused
3. No torn or damaged stamps - stamps with edges cut off are discarded.

You can either save your entire envelope (your info is shredded by me), or the upper right quarter of the envelope as shown on the Stamp Ministry box located at the Church Office window. The people who buy the used stamps don't like them cut too close.

If you have an questions, you can call or text me at 383-0862, or email me at [junebarnett1956@gmail.com](mailto:junebarnett1956@gmail.com).

## TRUSTEE'S UPDATE

The Trustees have two new officers:  
Jim Copes, President and Shelva Lewis, Secretary.

Betty Tull will function as Treasurer and be responsible for coordinating with Jim on local church problems, the parsonage and all rental property. All other Trustees remain the same:

Billy Snyder, Bill Binkley, Evan Tjaden, Richard Barker, Karen Lester and Chris Cooper.

Thank you to all who serve and welcome to the new Trustees!

## A GLORIOUS OPPORTUNITY

*May the Glory of the Lord endure forever;  
May the LORD rejoice in His works.*

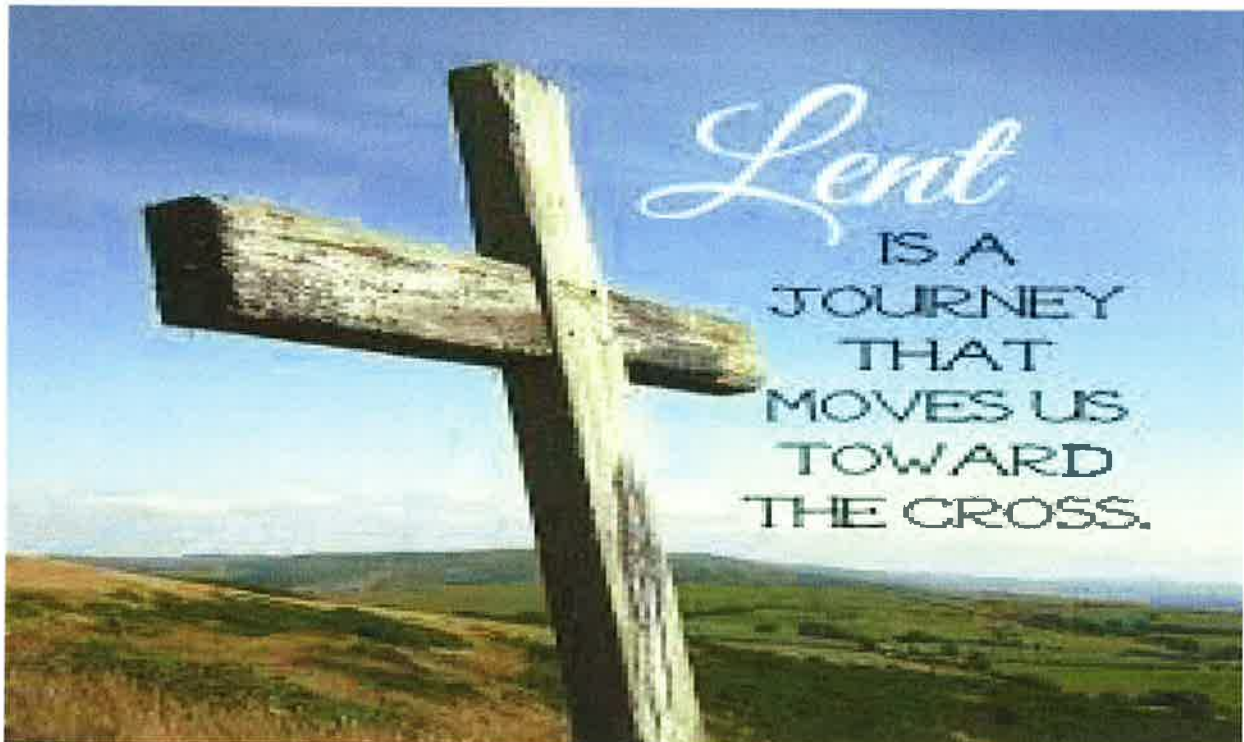
Psalm 104:31

C. T. Studd, the famous Cambridge cricketer and missionary pioneer, wrote the following couplet while still a student at Cambridge:

Only one life, 'twill soon be past;  
Only what's done for Christ will last.

Life is a glorious opportunity if it is used to condition us for eternity. If we fail in this, though we succeed in everything else, our life will have been a failure. There is no escape for the man who squanders his opportunity to prepare to meet God.

You will never live this day again; once it is gone, it is gone forever. How will you spend it - for yourself, or for Christ? Remember: "Only what's done for Christ will last."





# *Annual Saghetti Dinner*

**In Honor of Homer Lutton  
“Noodle Man”**

**Marshallton UM Church  
1105 Stanton Road  
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**Sponsored by Marshallton / Cedars /  
Christ Circuit Men’s Group**

**Where: Fellowship Hall  
Marshallton UM Church**

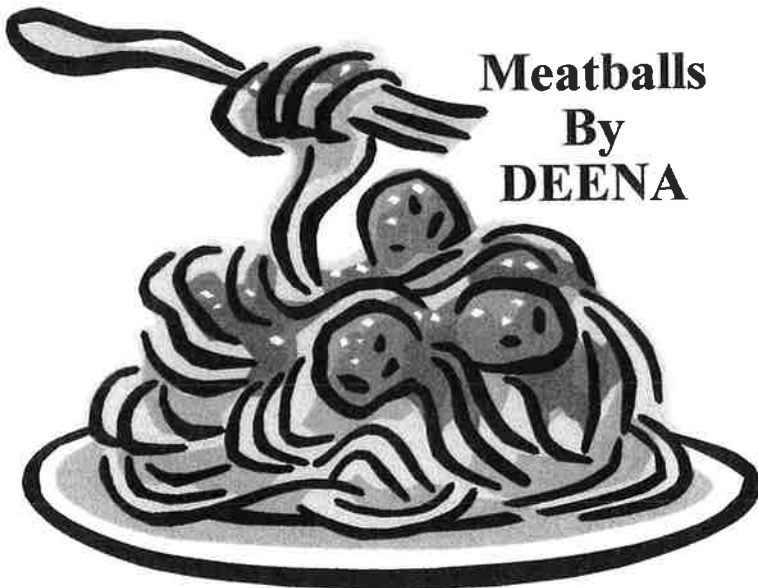
**When: Saturday, March 19 2016  
4:00 to 7:00 PM**

**Eat In or Take Out**

**\$8.00 each  
Under 6—Free!**

**Meatballs  
By  
DEENA**

**For Tickets, Please See  
Any Member of the  
United Methodist  
Men**



**Or Call Ed King  
(302) 328-5383  
Or John Thomas  
(410) 392-9986**

# HOLY WEEK & EASTER

## Marshallton, Christ, Cedars UMC's



### ALL ARE WELCOME!

*Palm Sunday: March 20 \* "Jesus' Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem"*

- 9:00 a.m. Worship at Cedars UMC – Traditional service
- 9:00 a.m. Worship at Marshallton UMC – Contemporary service
- 11:00 a.m. Worship at Christ & Marshallton UMCs – Traditional services

*Maunder Thursday: March 24 \* "Do This in Remembrance of Me"*

- 7:00 p.m. Holy Communion Services at Cedars & Marshallton UMC's commemorating the Last Supper of our Lord

*Good Friday: March 25 \* "Jesus Died for Our Sins"*

- 12:00 p.m. Millcreek Ministerium Service Meditation on the Seven Last Words at St. James Episcopal Church  
*(Homemade Hot Cross Buns will be served following the service)*

*Easter Sunday: March 27 \* "Celebrating the Resurrection"*

- 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Worship Services at Marshallton & Christ UMCs
- 9:00 a.m. Festival Worship Services at Cedars & Marshallton UMC's
- 11:00 a.m. Festival Worship Services at Marshallton & Christ UMCs

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR MARCH, 2016

**GOD'S PRAYERFUL WORD**

| Day                          | Book         |          | Day                         | Book         |          |
|------------------------------|--------------|----------|-----------------------------|--------------|----------|
| 1                            | Psalm 79     |          | 17                          | Lamentations | 5:1-22   |
| 2                            | Psalm 80     |          | 18                          | Luke         | 11:1-13  |
| 3                            | Psalm 84     |          | 19                          | Luke         | 18:1-14  |
| <b>WORLD DAY OF PRAYER</b>   |              |          | <b>PALM / PASSION SUNDY</b> |              |          |
| 4                            | Psalm 85     |          | 20                          | Luke         | 19:28-48 |
| 5                            | Psalm 86     |          | 21                          | Luke         | 20:1-26  |
| <b>FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT</b> |              |          | 22                          | Luke         | 22:1-38  |
| 6                            | 1 Kings      | 3:1-15   | 23                          | Luke         | 22:39-71 |
| 7                            | 1 Kings      | 8:1-21   | <b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b>      |              |          |
| 8                            | 1 Kings      | 8:22-40  | 24                          | Luke         | 23:1-25  |
| 9                            | 1Kings       | 8:41-53  | <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>          |              |          |
| 10                           | 1 Kings      | 8:54-66  | 25                          | Luke         | 23:26-49 |
| 11                           | Jeremiah     | 32:1-15  | 26                          | Luke         | 23:50-56 |
| 12                           | Jeremiah     | 32:16-44 | <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>        |              |          |
| <b>FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT</b>  |              |          | 27                          | Luke         | 24:1-12  |
| 13                           | Jeremiah     | 42:1-22  | 28                          | Luke         | 24:13-35 |
| 14                           | Lamentations | 1:1-22   | 29                          | Luke         | 24:36-53 |
| 15                           | Lamentations | 3:1-33   | 30                          | Jonah        | 1:1-17   |
| 16                           | Lamentations | 3:34-66  | 31                          | Jonah        | 2:1-10   |

BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES FOR MARCH, 2016

BELATED BIRTHDAY WISHES TO  
VICTORIA HETZELL ON 2/15 AND  
KAREN JAMES ON 2/26



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

| <i>MARCH</i> |                              |           |                            | <i>APRIL</i> |                       |
|--------------|------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| <i>4</i>     | <i>Jacquelyn Kelso</i>       | <i>21</i> | <i>Louise Schilling</i>    | <i>1</i>     | <i>Sharon Hayden</i>  |
| <i>10</i>    | <i>Rick Cope</i>             | <i>23</i> | <i>Joanne Mergenthaler</i> | <i>3</i>     | <i>Sherron Long</i>   |
| <i>15</i>    | <i>Virgie Arbogast "102"</i> | <i>30</i> | <i>Amy Maguire</i>         | <i>8</i>     | <i>Matthew Howell</i> |
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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

| <i>MARCH</i> |  |  |  | <i>APRIL</i> |                                       |
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|              |  |  |  | <i>11</i>    | <i>Mary Jane &amp; Charles Graham</i> |
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# MARCH, 2016

| Sunday  | Monday | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday  |
|---|--------|---|---|---|---|---|
|   |        | 1   | 2   | 3   | 4   | 5   |
| 6<br>9:00am Praise & Worship<br>11:00am Worship Service   | 7      | 8<br>10:30am - Alice Ball Circle Mtg.<br>6:30pm - Praise Team<br>7:45pm - Chancel Choir | 9<br>10:30am - Marian Rowe Circle Mtg.  | 10  | 11  | 12  |
| 13<br>9:00am Praise & Worship<br>11:00am Worship Service  | 14     | 15<br>6:30pm - Praise Team<br>7:45pm - Chancel Choir                                    | 16<br>12:30pm - Lenten Service & Lunch<br>St. Mark's UMC  | 17  | 18  | 19<br>4:00PM - 7:00PM - Spaghetti Dinner in Honor of Homer Lutton |
| 20<br>PALM SUNDAY<br>"Jesus' Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem"<br>9:00am Praise & Worship<br>11:00am Worship Service | 21     | 22<br>6:30pm - Praise Team<br>7:45pm - Chancel Choir                                    | 23<br>12:30pm - Lenten Service & Lunch<br>St. Mark's UMC - MUMC will be Host and Pastor Joe will be preaching | 24<br>MAUNDY THURSDAY<br>"Do This in Remembrance of Me"<br>7:00PM Service at Cedars & Marshallton UMC's | 25<br>GOOD FRIDAY<br>"Jesus Died for our Sins" 12:00PM - Seven Last Words at St. James Episcopal Church | 26  |
| 27<br>EASTER SUNDAY<br>6:30AM - SUNRISE SERVICE<br>9:00am and 11:00am FESTIVAL WORSHIP SERVICES                     | 28     | 29  | 30  | 31  |   |   |
| PLEASE SEE INSERT FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER FOR MARSHALLTON, CHRIST, CEDARS UMC'S                                    |        |   |   |   |   |   |