

Manor Talk

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As we come into March this year we also come into the season of Lent. Lent is the time on the church calendar that recalls Jesus' time in the desert being tested and tempted before he began his ministry. It takes place 40 days before Easter (excluding Sundays) and is a time of testing and temptation as Christians try to find ways to improve themselves in preparation for Holy Week and the Easter celebration. To this end it is customary to give something up for this time that will make you better in some way.

I don't remember my church celebrating it much when I was young and cannot say that I fully understood what it was until I went to seminary and learned much I didn't know about church history, liturgy, and tradition. In fact as a kid I would hear the kids on the bus who went to the local catholic school, Corpus Christie, use the word and I thought they were talking about lint, the fluffy gray stuff that gets on your clothes and stuck in your bellybutton. I laugh at it now, but I still sometimes make that association when I think that during Lent we strive to remove things from ourselves that shouldn't be there. We try to remove anger and bitterness, devotion to false gods, or reliance on crutches. We work to get rid of things that, like lint on a black sweater, keep us from presenting our best selves to the world.

These things are hard to remove for they cling and stick with tenacity, but Christ is to us like a brush that comes and wipes us clean. In the end that is what Lent is about. It reminds us that we are not perfect and need to get better, and it reminds us that we need Christ's help to do it. Finally, it reminds us that Christ understands our trials and temptations because he also faced them, but he resisted and passed the tests. It is always a good idea when trying to accomplish something to seek the help of one who has been there and succeeded, so as we begin the process of improving our spiritual life let us turn to the one who can remove all sin like a brush removes each speck of lint trusting that he who conquered death will also help us conquer temptation.

Rev. Chris



MARCH

Birthdays

- 1 Vanessa Duchess
- 4 Nyka Rash
- 7 Nicole Fowler
- 8 Chris Lewis
- 9 Dana Hess
- 11 Mallory Jones
Jordan Keener
- 12 Jessie Simpson
- 14 James Hritz
- 15 J. Brian Ashmore
- 20 Sandy Harton
- 20 Evelyn Ringer
- 21 Sandy Cope-Yokoyama
- 22 Rev. Pat Donahoo
- 22 Darci Sprowls
- 23 Trenton Shriver
- 24 Ashley Fowler
- 25 Ruth Campbell
- 27 Patty McConnell
Anthony Mountain
- 28 Cathy Duchess
Adeline Dye
Amanda Henry
Morgan Swartz
Darlene Yater
- 29 Terry Houston
- 30 Maggie Graff
- 31 Debbie Dague



MARCH

ANNIVERSARIES

- | | |
|----|------------------------|
| 15 | Matt & Tiffany Shetler |
| 17 | Jason & Erika Vanatta |
| 20 | Paul & Sandy Harton |

Scholarships are available to cover part or all of the cost of camp. Ask Pastor Gena for more information. Camp is often a life-changing experience for young people. Please encourage the young people in your lives to participate!



Camp Laurelview		
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)		<i>Summer Camp Schedule</i>
Summer – 2023		
Event	Entering Grades	Dates
Chi Rho Camp	7-9	June 18-24 (Sun-Sat)
Conference	10-new grads	June 25- July 1 (Sun-Sat)
Family	All ages	July 6-9 (Thu-Sun)
Junior Camp	4-6	July 16-22 (Sun-Sat)
Mini Camp	1-3	July 23-26 (Sun-Wed)

SUBMIT YOUR
REPORTS

Board Meeting
March 8

January & February
reports due March 3



If you have any non-perishable food items you would like to donate to the **Community Circle Food Pantry** you can continue to bring them in and place them on the table by the coffee station in the front entrance of the church and Rev. Chris will take them to the pantry at the beginning of each month. If you or someone you know would like to volunteer or are in need of their services they distribute the food every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9-12. The Community Circle Food Pantry is located at 69 E. Pine Ave in Washington, and they can be reached at 724-225-1540.



There is a container in the Narthex to place your caps.



He's Alive! The inspiring musical Passion Play will be presented at the historic Capitol Theatre in Wheeling WV on March 31, April 1 & April 2.

Maci Caster, Carmen & Peggy Oliverio's granddaughter is a member of the cast.

Check out the poster on the bulletin board and reminder cards at the Welcome Center.

If you have any extra **donut coupons**, please put them in Pastor Gena's mailbox. The coupons are used to purchase donuts to sell during Sunday School.



Thank you!

March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
			Outreach Coordination Meeting 5:30pm Library NA 6:45pm	Choir 6:30pm NA 7:30pm		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am	Book Club 7pm via Zoom NA 7pm	Stewardship/ Finance Ministry 5:30pm Library	Elders Meeting 5:30pm Board Meeting 7pm NA 6:45pm	Choir 6:30pm NA 7:30pm	Croppers 4pm-10pm Large Fellowship Hall	Croppers 8am-8pm Large Fellowship Hall
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am	Prayer Shawl 11am Parlor Book Club 7pm via Zoom NA 7pm		Personnel Committee 4pm Library NA 6:45pm	Tri-Count Men's Fellowship Dinner 5:30pm NA 7:30pm		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am Easter Flower Order Deadline	NA 7pm		NA 6:45pm	Choir 6:30pm NA 7:30pm		
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am CPR/AED class following worship	NA 7pm		NA 6:45pm Croppers Large Fellowship Hall set up	Choir 6:30pm NA 7:30pm Croppers Large Fellowship Hall set up	Croppers Large Fellowship Hall 4pm-10pm	