



Jarrett's Jottings

Dear Friends,

As we begin the month of March, we anticipate several “beginnings”. We anticipate the end of winter’s cold grasp and the (somewhat) warmer winds of spring. With that brings the anticipation of new life emerging from dormancy. If you are a baseball fan, like me, there is the anticipation of a new season. In the church, there is the anticipation of Easter and the great celebration of Christ’s Resurrection. Before we get there, though, we journey through a season called Lent. Lent is a time of preparation for the celebration. In the early church, Lent was a period of intense instruction that preceded a public declaration of faith in Christ. It is a time to reflect, to renew, and to repent.

In worship over the past few weeks, we have, in subtle ways, already been preparing for Lent. You may recall we have been exploring and unpacking some events in the Gospel of John, through which Jesus reveals his identity. My hope is that we have spent some time watching what Jesus has done, and reflecting upon how Jesus might have done/be able to do the same thing in us. It is wondrous to see the work of Jesus!

As we begin Lent, though, our focus will no longer be on what Jesus does. Instead, our Lenten focus will be honing in on what Jesus *says*. To do this, we are going to be following the story of Jesus from the Gospel of Luke. More specifically, we are going to start at Luke 9:28 and work our way through the story until we reach the Empty Tomb. Along the way, we will hear Jesus teach on the way of the cross—the way that leads to everlasting life. It will not be easy; and I can promise that Jesus will say things that we would prefer he not say.

Our Lenten journey will begin atop the Mount of Transfiguration and will take the winding roads that lead to Jerusalem. Our listening to Jesus will not take place solely within the confines of our Sunday worship, though. In order to hear more completely what Jesus says, we will use a field-guide to show us the way. Each week, in the bulletin, there will be a sheet that will guide us in daily readings throughout the week, along with a few words of commentary. I encourage you to spend a few moments each day reading that day's passage and contemplating what Jesus is saying. Included in this newsletter is a day-by-day listing of the passages, but without any accompanying commentary.

Just as the ancient church had a period of intense instruction on the faith so too will we, and our instructor is none other than Jesus. So, friends, I invite us on journey; a holy journey where Jesus will teach us as much as we will allow. So...let's Listen to Him!

I'll see you on the Mountain of Transfiguration

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jarrett



*The Mustard Seed*

# March

**Ministry Team:**

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*Office Manager ~*

**Maria Hymes**

*Pianist/Organist ~*

**Jill Roegge**

*Choral Director ~*

**Tim Bartholomew**

*Financial Secretary ~*

**Lynne O'Hara**

*Treasurer ~*

**Susan Treadway**

*Youth Director ~*

**Andrea Wells**

*Building & Grounds ~*

**Tonya White**

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**9:00 a.m.**

*Sunday School ~*

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## March Birthdays

- 3 Sarah Elliott
- 4 Bill Barnhart  
Christy Bley  
Debby Malcomson  
Jaye Winkleman  
Amanda Parish  
Evaristo Rodriguez
- 6 Lynda Olson
- 7 Maria Hymes  
Kate Reichert  
Raji Nijhawan  
Amy Watkins
- 9 Jeff Baer  
Mark O'Hara  
Dalton Large
- 10 Jeff Olson
- 12 Jeanette Barker
- 12 Marti Fearneyhough
- 13 Mita Elam  
Tom Bell  
Brad Allen  
Colby DeSollar
- 15 Ronda Large  
Mikalía Kirchner
- 18 Jennifer Cagle
- 19 Brittney Taylor
- 20 Miriam Kight  
Ellie McGinnis
- 21 Tiffany Logsdon
- 22 Fawn Rohn
- 24 Ava Quigley  
Vicki Meyer  
Matt Hack
- 26 Karen Spencer
- 27 Karen Robinson
- 28 Chase Sommers
- 29 Will Barnhart
- 30 Marilyn Glasgow
- 31 Nancy Lamb



## March Anniversaries

- 1 Chris & Peggy Kinsey
- 2 Bill & Janet Logsdon
- 5 Bill & Angela Robertson
- 7 Dan & Mitzi McClenning
- 13 Mike & Linda Mullen
- 18 Bruce & Julie Cordell
- 23 Brian & Kathy Newman

## Liturgist

- 3 Sally Lael
- 10 Lynne O'Hara
- 17 Jerry Rohn
- 24 Julie Looker
- 31 Jody Peacock

## Greeters

- 3 Virginia Thompson & Mary Deaton
- 10 Virginia Thompson & Mary Deaton
- 17 Kathleen Quigley & Anna Wells
- 24 Bob & Paula Kloker
- 31 Carlos & Susan Treadway

## Communion

- MARCH:** Julie Looker  
Servers: Lynne O'Hara,  
Jody Peacock,  
Jody Cowen
- APRIL 7 & 21:** Chris & Brittney Taylor  
Servers: Jean Olson,  
Virginia Thompson  
Leigh Lamb (7<sup>th</sup>)  
Julie Looker (21<sup>st</sup>)



## Christian Love In Action

Currently C.L.I.A. is in need of: **Canned Vegetables**. You can bring your donated items to the church or directly there. Hours are: Tuesdays from 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. and Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Thank you for donations.

Christian Love In Action will be doing Easter baskets again this year. They ask that we contribute **33 cans of green beans**. Please bring your donations to the church by Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> (Palm Sunday).

## Local Missions

The December Local Missions voted to donate \$500 to: *Beardstown Baseball Association, Beardstown Park District, Heritage Manor South—Activity Fund*. Local Missions will meet on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, those scheduled for the meeting are: *Jerry & Peg Burgett, Kay Chambers, Bea Coats, Erwin & Shirlee Krumwiede*.



## BA MA Lenten Service & Luncheon

The Beardstown Ministerial Association will be hosting midweek worship services each Wednesday during Lent. Services will begin at 12 noon, on March 6<sup>th</sup> and will be held at the Congregational Church (corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> and Washington Streets). A light meal will be served after each service. The theme for this year's services is "The Questioning Christ" and will focus on some of the questions Jesus asked. Pastor Jarrett will present the service on March 20<sup>th</sup>. We are scheduled to provide the lunch on Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, and need volunteers to help prepare and serve that day. If you are able to help please let Maria know. Thank you.



## Ash Wednesday

We will be having our Ash Wednesday service on March 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. This will be a reflective service that prepares us for the Lenten season. During this service, we will hear God's word and receive the ashes upon our forehead, as a sign of our mortality and our repentance. Come join us as we begin the Lenten season together.



## Upcoming Meetings

- **Local Missions:** Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30 a.m.
- **Board of Trustees:** Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m.
- **Church Council:** Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m.

## Cass County Food Pantry

The Cass County Food Pantry is another place that helps Cass County residents in need of food. To help with their mission they are asking churches for donations in **MARCH: Au Gratin, Scalloped, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Mixes**.

They are always in need of: **Peanut Butter, Jelly, Macaroni & Cheese, Canned Vegetables, Canned Fruit, Cereal, or Non-Perishable Food Items**. They have a walk in cooler or freezer to hold perishable items, and are able to take fresh produce items.



"These are vegetables, mother. You wouldn't want me to eat something I've given up for Lent, would you?"

## Youth Movie Night

There is a movie night scheduled for Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> from 5:00—7:30 p.m. Those in 5<sup>th</sup>—12<sup>th</sup> grade are encouraged to come. The movie will be "God Is Not Dead", and there will be pizza and drinks provided. Hope you can come and invite your friends, for this fun evening.

## Bread of Love—Meals on Wheels

Thank you to Ron Blakeman, Bill & Patsy Barnhart, Christy Bley, Julie Cordell, Dan & Jody Cowen, Lynne O'Hara, Kathleen Quigley, Virginia & Julie Thompson, Carlos & Susan Treadway who helped deliver Meals on Wheels this past February. Even with the bitter cold this past month, your service is greatly appreciated.





## Food Pantry

On February 24<sup>th</sup> several from FUMC went to Virginia to help in the Food Pantry with boxing food. What a wonderful ministry this is and a great opportunity to serve our community and be the Hands and Feet of Christ. If you would like to contribute to the Food Pantry, see the items listed in the monthly newsletter or weekly bulletins, and bring them to the church. There will be totes by 5<sup>th</sup> Street Door marked for C.L.I.A. or Food Pantry.

Thank you to those who helped that day and to everyone who has contributed in anyway in the past. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

*Pictured above: (Front L-R) Rei Nakayama, Andrea Wells, Nick Wells, Pastor Jarrett Wells, Evan Wells, Anna Wells, Randi Kirchner & Dennis Hack. (Back L-R) Tami Mathis, Susan Treadway, Kay Chambers, John Chambers, Carlos Tredway, Judy Briggs, Rob & Maria Hymes. (Not Pictured) Jo Ann Surber, Jerry & Donna Rohn, Matt & Charlie Roegge.*

## Church Council Minutes

The administrative Council met on Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at 11:30 a.m. Those present were: Pastor Jarrett Wells, Ron Blakeman, Susan Treadway, Lynne O'Hara, John Chambers, Brittney Taylor and Andrea Wells.

Pastor Jarrett opened with prayer. Lynne O'Hara gave the devotions with a reading "Oh, How God Loves Us". Lynne O'Hara will have devotions for the next meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as presented.

### **Trustees:**

- They are going to set up what things need to be done in order of importance such as doors and windows, parking lot, etc.

### **Old Business:**

- Ron Blakeman said the bid for audio-visual was \$150,000 so he will meet with Wendy to see what we absolutely need right now and then go back and discuss it with the vendor.

### **New Business:**

- On a motion by Susan Treadway, seconded by Lynne O'Hara, Beardstown Middle School – PTO was added to the list for Local Missions.
- On a motion by Ron Blakeman, seconded by John Chambers, the UMM (United Methodist Men) account will be closed to the General Fund. If, at a later date there is interest, it could be restarted.

- On a motion by Ron, seconded by Lynne the Hands and Feet Account will be combined with the Samaritan account.
- There was discussion regarding the study lab since in is currently not being used. Suggestions of a different time on Sunday afternoon, more advertising on flyers or even advertisement on radio, etc.

### **Disbursements from New Life Trust:**

#### **Local Missions:**

- ♦ \$500.00 ~ to the Beardstown Baseball Association
- ♦ \$500.00 ~ to Heritage Manor Activity Department
- ♦ \$500.00 ~ to the Beardstown Park District

As all have been approved by the Trustees, on a motion by Lynne O'Hara, they were accepted.

There was much discussion regarding the "Unstuck Church". There was no consensus how to proceed.

Brittney said she has had no response from those she had talked to about it. Possible having input from committee although didn't seem promising. She will refresh herself and speak to the congregation next Sunday.

The next meeting is on March 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. Pastor Wells closed with prayers.

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Susan Treadway*



## 2019 Lenten Devotional Readings

**March 5**..... Luke 9: 28-36  
**March 6**..... Luke 9:37-45  
**March 7**..... Luke 9:46-50  
**March 8**..... Luke 9:51-62  
**March 9**..... Luke 10:1-16  
**March 10**..... Luke 10:17-24  
**March 11**..... Luke 10:25-37  
**March 12**..... Luke 10:38-42  
**March 13**..... Luke 11:1-4  
**March 14**..... Luke 11:5-13  
**March 15**..... Luke 11:14-28  
**March 16**..... Luke 11:29-32  
**March 17**..... Luke 11:33-36  
**March 18**..... Luke 11:37-52  
**March 19**..... Luke 11:53-12:12  
**March 20**..... Luke 12:13-21  
**March 21**..... Luke 12:22-34  
**March 22**..... Luke 12:35-48  
**March 23**..... Luke 12:49-59  
**March 24**..... Luke 13:1-9  
**March 25**..... Luke 13:10-17  
**March 26**..... Luke 13:18-30  
**March 27**..... Luke 13:31-35  
**March 28**..... Luke 14:1-6

**March 29**..... Luke 14:7-24  
**March 30**..... Luke 14:25-35  
**March 31**..... Luke 15:1-32  
**April 1**..... Luke 16:1-12  
**April 2**..... Luke 16:13-31  
**April 3**..... Luke 17:1-10  
**April 4**..... Luke 17:11-19  
**April 5**..... Luke 17:20-37  
**April 6**..... Luke 18:1-17  
**April 7**..... Luke 18:18-30  
**April 8**..... Luke 18:31-33  
**April 9**..... Luke 18:35-43  
**April 10**..... Luke 19:1-10  
**April 11**..... Luke 19:11-27  
**April 12**..... Luke 19:28-44  
**April 13**..... Luke 19:45-20:18  
**April 14**..... Luke 20:19-47  
**April 15**..... Luke 21:1-4  
**April 16**..... Luke 21:5-36  
**April 17**..... Luke 21:37-22:38  
**April 18**..... Luke 22:39-65  
**April 19**..... Luke 22:66-23:49  
**April 20**..... Luke 23:50-56  
**April 21**..... Luke 24:1-8





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*Then Israel sang this song: "Spring up, O well! Sing about it!"  
Numbers 21:17*

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