

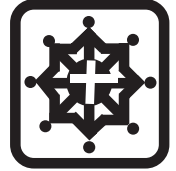
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No Matter What ...



**We can have Hope, Faith, Love & Trust
in God's plan of Salvation.**

**This is the only true security, peace, we
can have.**

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8:45 a.m.

Morning Worship:

10:45 a.m.

Sunday School Hour:

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Nursery - Adult

Ushers:

8:45 -

Gary Etter

Loren Houck

10:45 -

Charles Warren

Frank Taylor

“Jesus said to them, ‘Loose him, and let him go.’” John 11:44.

During Jesus’ journey to Jerusalem, our Lord was led to the tomb of his best friend, Lazarus, who died four days earlier. Jesus raised him from the dead. It was his greatest miracle. It was a sign of the new age to come in which Jesus, as resurrected Lord, would raise the dead among the living – people like you and me, those who are alive but dead to what life was meant to be. Put your name in verse 43, where Jesus commands “_____, come forth.” In other words Jesus is saying to you and me, “Come alive and live!”

There is another truth in this story. Jesus commanded the people to unbind Lazarus and let him go. Lazarus was alive and out of the tomb, but he was still bound by grave clothes. Like so many of us and or friends, we may be out of the tomb through belief in Christ, but we have yet to be set free to live life abundantly. Notice that Jesus himself did not unbind the grave clothes. He commanded the others standing by to do so. The same is true today. We are to be the ones to unbind others from the grave clothes that inhibit others from truly living their lives in Christ. We are to help unbind others from fear, sick memories, reservations, and timidity. We can do that by listening, loving, praying for them and praying with them.

Raising Lazarus cost Jesus his life. Yet Jesus did what he did out of love for Lazarus and his family. Let us ponder this third week of Lent: “What are we reluctant to do for people because of the inconvenience, problems or danger it may cause us?”

God bless you on your Lenten journey to Jerusalem.

Your friend and Pastor,
Greg King

Sermon Bible Readings

- Mar. 22 - Isa. 26:1-4; John 15:8-11
- Mar. 29 - Micah 7:18-19; Mt. 11:28-30
- Apr. 5 - Lam. 3:19-33; Rom. 6:1-11;
Mat. 5:5; I Cor. 9:24-25



Vital Statistics

Attendance Mar. 22, 09

8:45 - 18
 10:45 - 108
 Sunday School - 37

Offering - Operating Income
(monthly budget need - \$16,125)

	<u>Income rec'd</u>	<u>+/-- Amt.</u>
Jan. '09	\$16,653	+ 475
Feb. '09	\$12,298	- 3,827

Happy Birthday

- Alex Donovan - Mar. 23
- Kristen King - Mar. 23
- Opal Hunter - Mar. 25
- Kathryn Ruiz - Mar. 25
- Eric Landing - Mar. 25
- Beth Heath - Mar. 26
- Bonnie Urbanas - Mar. 27
- Edna Holland - Mar. 28
- Kathy Palmer - Mar. 28
- Gene Brooks - Mar. 28



In Our Prayers

- Nate Anderson - in Vietnam
- Glenda Boddie
- Margaret Dill - Masonic Home
- Harriett Edwards
- Jim Farra
- Jamie Geswein
- Gene Gibson
- Dawn Gilmore

- Beverly Guffey
- Mildred Heath - Walnut Creek
- Judy Hirshman (Chaney)
- Opal Hunter - Crestview Manor
- Lottie Jaeger
- Dan Jones - Patriot Ridge Nursing
- Marilyn Jones
- Dustin Knowlton
- Jimmy & Mary Lehman
- Peggy Lewis
- Nancy Lyttle
- Ron & Barbara Lyttle
- Zachary McBride
- Bob McCray
- Deloris Miller
- Marcella Miller
- Michael Ourfalian - Iraq
- Mr/Mrs Patterson - Liberty Woods
- Nancy Pratt
- Ron Rearick - in Afghanistan
- Guy Robinette - Walnut Creek
- Cindy Romano
- Mary Sampson - Liberty Woods
- Rich Shea
- Sue Shroyer
- Kathy Steele
- Connie Swanson
- Gloria Van Camp
- Mary Vance
- Flo Warner
- Evelyn Wheeler
- Vera Westfall
- Kevin White - in Afghanistan
- Wilma Yost



Please let the church office know, how God is answering prayers in our lives.



"We're Having Great Fun!"

I am happy to report that the **Angels group** is progressing very nicely. We have 6 kids who are regularly attending. I have gotten positive feedback from the Parents that they are very excited to come. Two of the kids attending are non-church members and I am encouraging them and the other kids to tell their friends so that we might be able to reach out to other families in the community. I found some curriculum that is perfect for the one hour we have to meet. It breaks the meeting up into: Sing it, Play it, snack it, make it and pray it. There is one lesson for the day and all of the activities are related to memorizing the lesson.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, March 26th at 6PM. We will then resume with the regular Wednesday Schedule, the 2nd and 4th Weds. of the month. If there are any other children age 5-8 who wish to join our Angel group, please do. I am having great fun doing this and hope to continue. Thank you - Carol Landing

"GriefShare Rescheduled"

Once again we are sponsoring GriefShare, a special seminar and support group for people grieving the loss of someone close. We have rescheduled to begin the sessions on Thursday, April 16 from 6:30 - 8:00 PM, here at the church. This is a 13 week free program, that is nationally recognized to provide comfort, support, understanding and encouragement for those in need at this difficult time.

Each session includes a video seminar and group discussion. A workbook can be purchased (but is not necessary) to assist you. GriefShare is nondenominational and features Biblical teaching on grief and recovery topics.

Please join us for these next GriefShare sessions. **You need to register by Friday, April 10th.** An information schedule and registration list is posted on the church bulletin board. If you have any questions, call the church office at 252-6705. - Rev. King & Charles Warren



Lenten Thoughts

"Little Arms" (bracellae), the Latin word for pretzel, is a snack that has origins in early Christian Lenten life. In as early as the fourth century, early faithful Christians kept a strict fast through Lent; no milk, butter, cheese, eggs or meat. So, they made breads of water, flour and salt. They shaped these breads in the form of crossed arms, because that is how they prayed with their arms crossed over their chests. So go ahead - have a pretzel!

Lent is a time of prayer. (Lenten devotional thoughts prepared by Joe Von Holle)

"Thank You"

Mission Outreach,

Thank you so much for the monetary gift towards our African Mission trip this summer. Jamie & I both are honored and blessed that you felt the Spirit to contribute so generously. Thank you for helping us make a difference. Love, Jacque & Jamie Fisher

Music Committee Mtg.

The Music/Choir committee will be meeting on March 22, after church in the Laubach room. There will be a short meeting, then a question & answer session. All choir members & organist(s) are urged to attend. Sincerely, Toni Bailey, Music Chairperson, 643-3795

"Spring Cleaning"

Mark your calendars to join the Social Action Committee in participating in the Five Rivers Metroparks cleanup on Saturday, April 18th from 9-11:30 AM. We have participated in this event the past couple of years as a way to recognize Earth Day.

Volunteers will be assigned to a crew that will work at a Metropark or along a section of waterway removing litter and doing other earth friendly tasks. Gloves and trash bags are provided, you just need to bring yourself and a bottle of water. Plan on dressing for the weather and wear boots or thick-soled shoes. If we register our group by April 3rd, we can receive a Free T-shirt. Please sign-up on the sign-up sheet outside the church office or contact Suzanne Dull at 434-5368 if you would like to participate.



"Correction"

The Altar flowers last Sunday were given in memory of Wanda Brown by Karen & Phil Brown. Thank you. The Bulletin information was printed in error, my apology - Nova

Pancakes,
Pancakes,
Pancakes...



The men of Greenmont will be having a free PANCAKE Breakfast on Saturday, March 21, between 9 & 11 AM, here at the church. THE PUBLIC IS INVITED to come on in for some Hot pancakes and sausage!

Any male church members are welcome to volunteer, please call Craig Kigar @ 708-6830.

"Easter Lilies
for Purchase"



We will be ordering Easter Lilies to beautify the church on Easter Sunday, April 12. The plant's cost is \$8.50, and the plant can be taken home after the services on Easter. Please sign up on the bulletin board, if you wish to purchase one, also, write in any memorial or honorary information. - Thank you, Worship Comm.

Lent

Accepting Christ's sacrifice
Experiencing God's
Infinite Love

"Easter Egg Hunt"



The Recreation Committee is planning the egg hunt for Saturday, Apr. 11 at 10 AM sharp. We are accepting donations of wrapped candies or money to purchase candy. Candy can be brought to the church office, monetary donations can be placed in the offering plate. - Thank you for your support

"Special Good Friday
Service Planned"



Join us for the one-act play, "John: His Story". This retelling of the Gospel of John in meaningful and humorous, first person accounts of "eyewitnesses" to Jesus' ministry. Four actors play the 27 different characters. This one-act play was written by Jeanette Clift George who is the Artistic Director of the A. D. Players, one of the premier professional Christian theatre groups in the country.

Five of our youth are generously putting in their time and their talents (sounds like good stewardship to me): to bring this powerful story to life. Adam Donovan, Tim Keltner, Jessica Parrett and Megan Weyrauch are the actors, with Jacob LaBeau as stage manager. I am honored to be working with them! - Patti King

