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Out of the Woodwork

By Pastor Jeff Wood



Grow in Giving

Psychologist Robert Emmons studied 221 children in 6th and 7th grades. Before starting they assessed well-being, life satisfaction, and positive social behavior. Then they divided the children into three groups – one listed five things that irritated them since yesterday, one listed five things that they were thankful for since yesterday, and one didn't do any listing at all. They did this for fourteen days. It was clear from their research that the group listing gratitudes ranked significantly higher in well-being, life satisfaction, and positive social behavior.

So giving thanks is health giving and this is the season when we are giving thanks for God's many blessings including this church. *"It is required of a steward to be found faithful,"* 1 Cor. 4:2, and part of that faithfulness is thankfulness. Be faithful in what God has entrusted to you and be faithful by being thankful with what God has entrusted to you. It'll do you good.

Remember our Dedication Sunday, when we turn in pledge cards, happens on March 4. Of course, you can bring or send them in before this, or even after. You should know that it is your target for giving that helps the church estimate its budget. But if your circumstances change, and that estimate doesn't work for you, that is completely understandable. That being said, it is helpful to you and the church to have a target to shoot for.

We have a good God and a nice church. Let's all be faithful. Let's all be thankful. Always.

Pastor Jeff



When God is Silent

Someone recently wrote to me saying that they had been finding God, with whom they were usually interactive, to be silent. Here's my reply in case it might be helpful to you – Susan (not real name) — “Thank you for sharing about your experience. I feel for you. Let me say these things and perhaps they will help --

- a. that you want to hear God's voice is in itself a sign that God's with you. If he wasn't, you wouldn't care if you heard from him or not.
- b. that you want to hear God's voice is in itself pleasing to him.
- c. consider your overall well-being (are you sleeping enough, eating right, exercising, relating to your closest people wholesomely?) for fatigue can affect the soul.
- d. there is a learning to trust God beyond our feelings and sense experiences ... you seem to committed to him period and we grow that commitment in times of silence.
- e. on occasion, he wants us to retrace our steps to a place where we broke fellowship with him and did not make it right with him. Now's the time to talk with him about that.
- f. there are different ways to hear God, we may be needing to learn a new way ... but always put the most stock in reading the Bible.
- g. there's a little book from years back that I remember as helpful called *Spiritual Dryness* by Walter Trobisch.

Peace, Pastor Jeff”

The Special Gathering

The Special Gathering is a ministry within the mentally challenged developmentally disabled community. Our mission is to evangelize and disciple people through our chapel services, Bible study, annual camp and retreat and our weekly events. There are eight programs in two states. The Special Gathering choir ministers to help demonstrate that people who are intellectually and developmentally disabled can have a personal relationship with the Lord.

The Special Gathering will be with us to share in worship and tell about their ministry on **Sunday, March 11th**. You won't want to miss this special day.

Linda G. Howard, Area Director
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<http://specialgathering.wordpress.com>



From the Worship Team

By Mary Keogh

When you walk into church on Sunday mornings you are welcomed by our Greeters who are all scheduled by Jane Capo. Then you come to our Ushers who distribute the bulletins, seat folks, take up the collection, hand out packets to the new people, pass out the Welcome Pads and anything else that needs to be done that morning. They are lead by John Blaga.

The sanctuary is set up every Thursday by Sally Clark and Carol Wise who come in and make sure the hymn numbers are in their slots, the correct colors are in place and, for special holidays, see that everything that needs to be there is ready. They also set up the flowers for Easter and Christmas. Other team members who assist are Mona Young and Roe Abma. Jamie and Sally Clark prepare the elements for communion.

There is also a group that comes in on Thursdays to fold the bulletins for the coming Sunday. Speaking of bulletins, we have had many special bulletins with the art work of Ellie Gregory on the cover. I can't forget our fabulous choir under the capable direction of Charlene Peacock. Of course this is all topped off by a fabulous sermon given by Rev. Wood. As you can see it takes many people to prepare for worship on Sunday so that you can have a great worship experience to begin your God centered week.

Ushers and Greeters are always needed so feel free to speak with Jane Capo or John Blaga if you would like to assist on Sunday mornings and if you would like to join our team call me. See you on Sunday.



Lenten Suppers 2018

Our Lenten Suppers continue on Wednesdays through the 21st. Everyone is invited to join us for a casual soup or potluck supper with invited guest speakers. There are sign-up sheets on the table in the hallway each week. Contact person: Mary Keogh

- March 7th: POTLUCK at 5pm. Topic: Chum Bucket (Outreach/Evangelism & Stewardship/ Finance—setup/cleanup)
- March 14th: SOUP AND DESSERT at 5pm. Speaker: Lelita Janke, Exec. Dir. Of Camp Haven (Congregational Life—setup/cleanup)
- March 21st: POTLUCK at 5pm. Elaine McNeal, Salvation Army (Admin. Team & Nominating Committee—setup/cleanup)

Holy Week Schedule



March 25: Palm Sunday Worship and Cantata "Come Walk With Me" 10am
Bring a Cross Sunday: We're inviting members to donate a cross to the church, the kind that can be put on the wall...not too big, not too small...we'll have folks bring them on Palm Sunday and they'll be used to decorate the church.

March 29: Maundy Thursday, 7 pm Worship

March 30: Good Friday, Sanctuary Open -Noon-3pm for personal devotion

April 1st: Easter Sunday, Hot Cross Buns, Fellowship and Worship 10am

Bring a fresh flower with you on Easter Sunday to add to our flower cross .

From the Music Department

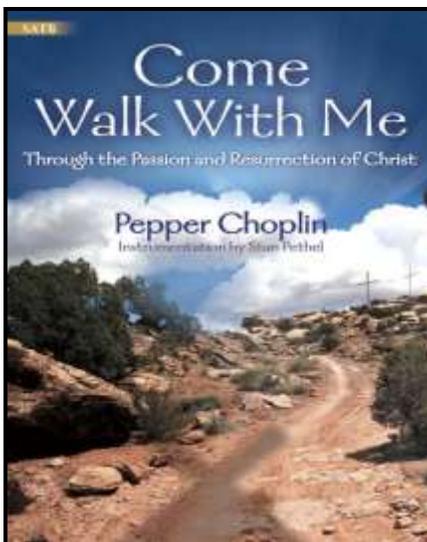
By Charlene Terry Peacock

Sunday afternoons on March 11th and April 8th at 4:00 P.M. the First Presbyterian Church of Sebastian will feature two professional and talented musicians, followed by a dinner that corresponds to the music of the concert.

Professional Violinist, Stewart Kitts, will be playing the first concert of **Hungarian Music** on March 11th, followed by a dinner featuring **Hungarian food**. Mr. Kitts is the grandson of the composer of one of the numbers you will be hearing.

The second concert on Sunday, April 8th, is focused on **Italian Music and Italian food**. Returning by popular demand is the talented and entertaining vocalist Mark Nelson. "Yes, he is bringing his lovely accompanist and wife, Eun."

A free will offering will be taken for the concerts and you are asked to bring a salad or dessert for the dinner. Sign up sheets are available. The main course will be provided. These concerts are open to the public and you are encouraged to invite guests. There are sign-up sheets on the table in the hallway for both events and we hope to see you ALL there!



Come Walk With Me

You are invited to walk with Christ, through music, from the Garden of Gethsemane, to the crucifixion and resurrection as the Sanctuary Choir and guests present Pepper Choplin's Cantata, *Come Walk With Me*. Selections will be sung during Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday. The narration and music will retell the events of the last days of our Lord. Come Walk With Fellow Christians through this sacred time. Come Walk With Christ, *COME WALK WITH ME*, beginning March 25, 2018.

Clerk's Corner

by Jane Capo

The Session met on Tuesday, 2/13/18. Minutes of the January Stated Meeting were approved. Minutes of previous meetings are always available for review on the bulletin board in the church office.

We joyfully received Sharon Layman as an Affiliate Member. Her home church is Montezuma Church of the Brethren in Dayton, Virginia, and she wants to maintain her active membership with them at present.



New Affiliate Member:
Sharon Layman

The Special Gathering will be worshipping with us on Sunday, March 11, and their director, Rev. Linda Howard, will be guest pastor that morning. Session approved taking up a special offering for them after the service as well.

We adopted a proposed budget, made some changes, asked some questions, and hope to approve that at the next Stated Meeting. Speaking of budgets, we authorized Outreach/Evangelism to go over budget by \$350 for radio advertising for our Holy Week and Easter services.

Toward the close of the meeting, Pastor Jeff asked about goals for the year, and we all agreed that as elders we want to be visible, be active, and be *proactive* in contacting folks, making opportunities for service available, and inviting our members and friends to be involved. As we learned on "*Tribe Sunday*", there are many ways to use our talents and gifts to serve Jesus...truly we are blessed to be a blessing!

Outreach/Evangelism Team

Mary Keogh, Team Leader

UPDATED CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY



From Joan Giltinan: Thank you to all who helped make our photography day with Lifetouch possible, from the men who readied the Sanctuary for photographers (then re-set it for worship) to those who signed folks up for photo appointments to those who served as hosts/hostesses on Feb. 5th as people arrived to have photos taken ... and, finally to all who had their photos taken so our Directory will be the helpful instrument it is. Soon we all will be putting more faces with names and names with faces. We're awaiting the e-delivery of our book so proof-reading can be done, and, if all goes according to 'plan,' we can expect our Updated Pictorial Directories to arrive at the church close to Easter.

Presbyterian Women

Photo from M.L. Crawford

Thanks to everyone who participated and attended the Sweetheart Fashion Show on Feb. 18th. A fun time was had by all. Pictured below: our fashionable ladies modeling styles from Bon Worth.

Interested in PW? Contact: Doris Brown, Moderator 772-581-9781 or M.L. Crawford — 321-759-9980



From the Martha Circle

You're Invited...

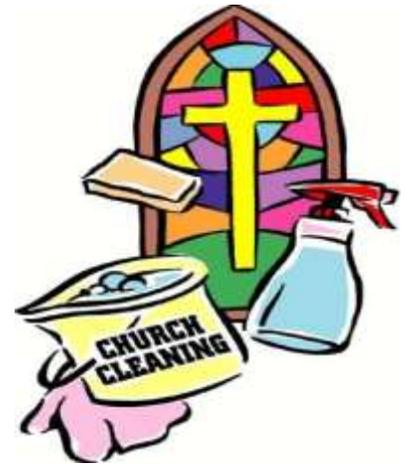
Martha Circle invites you to join them on **Wednesday, March 21st at 11:30 am** for lunch and a study lesson *"In Community with the Living Word"* as taken from the Book of Hebrews. In a prior lesson we thought together about images of God traditional and modern. In the lesson to be discussed we'll rediscover the theology of an important concept from the tradition, and see what the writer of Hebrews does with it. In Hebrews 1:3 we read that the Son *"sustains all things by his powerful word."* Just what does this mean? Think about joining us for lunch with your sisters in Christ and sharing your thoughts on *"just what does this mean."*



Volunteer Opportunities...

Spring Cleaning Day for the Church

This is an all-hands-on-deck experience of about 1-2 hours on **Saturday, March 10th at 8:30 a.m.** Come for the whole time or part of the time but come ready to get to know other church members and come ready to make the church fresh for Easter.



Knitters Wanted!

If you want to do something very special for someone but “don’t get around much anymore,” and, if you can knit or crochet, there is a great way to do it! Prayer shawls! They are the perfect comfort gift for the sick, homebound, elderly, be-reaved, etc. Knitting can be done at home with no time restrictions, and picked up at completion for dedication. Also, any donations of yarns and needles can be used after we are organized. Instructions are very simple. We need only one initial meeting to discuss particulars. Call Rose Hunter at 315-323-1782 or Patsy McCammack at 772-388-2213 for more information.



The Thrift Shop

We will be **closed** on Mar. 17th for a funeral and also on Good Friday (3/30) and Saturday (3/31) during Holy Week.

Thrift Shop Hours are Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Come in and see what bargains you can find, new items arrive daily and are waiting for new homes. Thrift Shop Phone: 772-581-8155



Member Spotlight: Linda Weeks

by Sally Clark

Pickin' & a'Grinnin'

Have you hugged a Presbyterian today? Be sure and save one for Linda Weeks, who joined our church in June 2017. After moving to Sebastian the year before, she found us and we “felt like home” to this former South Florida native.

Linda first hailed from Indiana. When a tragic accident took her young father, her mom relocated to Miami, FL, with Linda and her sister. The threesome shared many great times together, all often taken for sisters, and have always lived near each other. Mom died in 2012; sister lives in Sebastian near Linda.

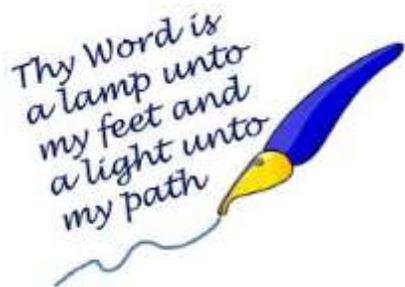


A musical family, Linda sings and plays the fiddle while her sister strums guitar. Belonging to the Roseland Old-Time Music Guild, Linda enjoys “just jamming with down-home music,” saying “There is nothing more beautiful and heartfelt than old-time Americana music with friends.” Her love of all types of music led her to become Marketing and PR Chair for the Sunrise Symphonic Pops Orchestra in South Florida.

Linda holds a Masters of Fine Arts Degree in Advertising Design from Syracuse University. Working for ad agencies in the US, Canada and London, she ultimately became a college professor, teaching graphic design, marketing and advertising at Florida Atlantic and Florida Metropolitan Universities, and Bauder College. She is the former Director of Graphic Design/Advertising Department and faculty member at Fort Lauderdale Art Institute.

Disabilities from an auto accident forced Linda to retire, so she sought out calmer corners. Remembering the “old Florida feel” from past clamming trips on our shores, she settled in small-town Sebastian and is happy here. Along with her music she now pursues her artistic talent as a member of the Sebastian River Art Club.

Although Sebastian is now home, she often goes to her small farm near Gainesville, FL, where she keeps some Angus cattle and three Arabian horses. “They are all yard ornaments,” she claims, no longer able to ride. While the farm is peaceful, it is isolated, so time in Sebastian is best – “where the pace is slower and the faces are friendly. What could be better?”



Well, finding our church folds into that “better!” Linda cherishes Pastor Jeff’s sermons and his Wednesday morning Bible Study. She finds our church family warm and welcoming, enjoying the camaraderie here. Her motto has always been “*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet* (Psalm 119:105).” Feeling led by the Lord, “one step at a time,” she knows He brought her feet through our doors. For that, we are thankful.

March Anniversaries and Birthdays

3/19 Robert and Phyllis Keith (35)

3/22 Fred and Becky Augenstein (32)

3/1 Doris Berni

3/2 Norman Lopez

3/3 Debbie Sladen

3/4 Doris Miller

3/5 Betty Letrick

3/6 Bess Scholten

3/6 Jean Valentine

3/7 Maggie Hall

3/9 William Kalb

3/10 Joan Wells

3/11 Robert Wannop

3/17 Priscilla Spears

3/19 William Scholten

3/21 Mabel Rohr

3/23 Robert Wilson

3/24 John Sommers

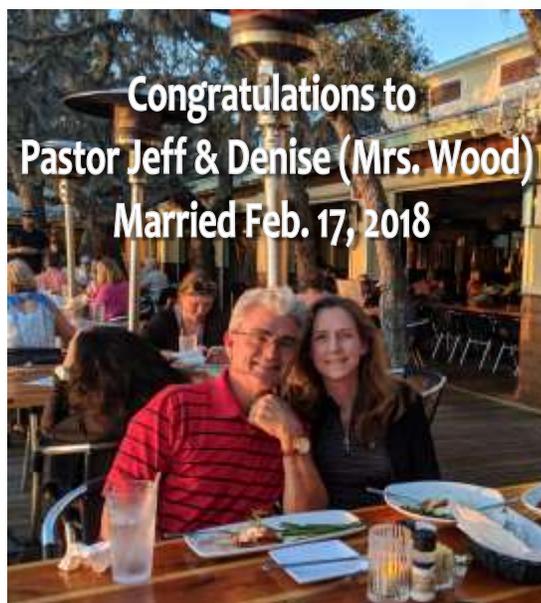
3/25 Rusasell McConnell

3/26 James Kemman

3/26 Richard Nafziger



If you have
the power to
make someone
happy, do it.
The world
needs more
of that.



Correction: Susan Coard's birthday last month was on Feb. 11th (not the 13th). Sincere apologies.

Is your name missing from our birthday/anniversary list? Please let the church office know so we can update our records and celebrate your special day(s)!

Easter Lilies

Forms are now available on Sunday to order Easter Lilies as a special way to honor a loved one or special time in your life. Lilies will be placed on the altar and may be taken home after worship on Easter Sunday. Lilies not claimed on Easter will be given to the home bound or others in the community.



A Call to Prayer

Concerns This Week:

June (John) Atta
Evelyn Barrett
Al & Doris Berni's friend, Dan Higgins
Betty Berry's sister, Elaine
Doris Brown & her sister, Margaret,
friend, Joann Langevin
Joy (Roger) Carey's sister, Beverlee
Henion and son-in-law Steven
Spencer
Pat Carroll
Carole Costello's brother, Eddie Reed &
her friend, Bill Langley
Million (Kathy) Daneker
Dawn Durling's friend, Roxanne Green
Pat Dwyer's nephew, Brian Cooper
Nancy Hart
Mildred Hartman
Don Helmboldt's son, Bob
Doris (Ron) Kelly
Mary Keogh's friend, Nicole
Al/Joan Killian's grandson, William
Juanita Leioatts aunt Carrie
Brad McGrath
Ann Mensinger, and her sister, Brenda
Johnson
Marge Royce
Sam Spear's brother
Rhonda Wilson
Pastor Jeff Wood
Pastor Jeff Wood's former brother-in-
law, Doug Askren

Current Prayer Requests:

Rosemary Abma & sons, Hank, Mark &
friend, Rina
Gloria Ajose
Joyce Anderson's friend, Janet
Thelma Andresen & her sister, Sharon
Augensteins' infant (premie) twin
grandchildren, Mackenzie & Mason
Betty Berry's granddaughter, Emily
John Blaga
Jack Boardman
Lynn Boyd
Bob Brown's cousins, Suzanne/John
Schlichter & Ann Marie Glenn
Pat Carroll's daughter/son-in-law,
Jennifer/Greg Emory
Pat Carroll's neighbors, Fred/Gerry
Campbell
Jamie (Sally) Clark and Sally's friend,
Adele
Patti Davidson
Sandy Doughty's daughter, Melissa King
Kathleen Dyer's daughter
Joan Giltinan's friends, Pat Sollenberger,
and Barry Webster

Cindy Glover
Dot Goare
Greggs' daughter, Rachel
Phil/Ellie Gregory
Paula Guildford's son, Todd
Vickie (Don) Haines
Eleanor Hakes' son-in-law, Bruce
Wayne/Barbara Harding
Florence Huber
Bob Johnson
Joan (Al) Killian
Arnold (Joan) Kimmel
Joan (Bill) Kraftchak
Kraftchak's friend, Tom & neighbor, Phil
Juanita (Nick) Leioatts
Lindora Llewellyn & daughter
Susan Mann
Sylvia McFadden's sons, Daniel & Timothy
& friend, Kathy
Duncan (Camie) Mills
Dave (Chris) Pierson
Jan Rapacke's sister, Sue & nephew, Jim
Pam Richardson's sister-in-law, Robin
Karen Rohls, her daughter, Natalie Devito;
and her friend, Paul Spolina
Sandy (Bob) Rose
Bebe (Dick) Rowe
Elvi e Sanchez
Bess Scholten's friend, Brendan Leonard,
& her sister's son, Tim Menzer
Debbie Sladen's mother, Ann Powers,
sister & friends, Bruce, Tom & Ruth
Shirley Stevens-Buffa
Susan Stingone's sister, Jean
Sam/Priscilla Spear
Juanita/Bill Welsh
Sherry Whitcomb's brother, Bob English
Don Wilson
Pastor Jeff's sistr, Stacey Guthiel

Continuing Prayer Requests:

Joyce Anderson's friends, Bill Daly & Arlene
Judy Baysinger & her daughter, Melanie
Bells' grandson Taylor, & friend, Norman
Gladys Cormeia
Gertrude Dinnany
Gloria Fennell
Bob Keith
Joan/Bill Kraftchak & Bill's brother, James, &
friends, Bernie & Jinja
Kellys'/Bells' friends, Dave & Donna
Eileen Kennedy
Juanita (Nick) Leioatts & her sister, Sue,
Donna Lemon's brother, Bobby
Donna Ligla & her daughter, Myra, & friend,
Carol
Stan Linder
Nancy Marine

Myra Mende's grandson, Kyle
Dick Nafziger
Dave (Chris) Pierson's niece, Susan
Carol Plummer's friends, Fiona Atwell, Joe
Cruz & Joan Boulay & her son, Flavio
Mary Rawn
Audrey Reed & her sister, Maryanne
Mabel Rohr
Carol/Dick Roy
Marge Royce
Bill (Bess) Scholten
June Taylor's granddaughter, Mellanie
Mary Jane Morrow
Bob Wannop
Don Wilson's son, James
People whose lives & homes were
impacted by floods, earthquakes, fires,
tornadoes, hurricanes
People whose lives & homes were
impacted by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma &
Maria

Grieving:

Family of Harriet Beatty, upon her death
(12/29/2017)
Juanita Welsh, upon the death of her sister,
Barbara
Ramona Widman, upon the death of her
brother, John Rauch (1/15/2018)
Arnold Kimmel and family, upon the death
of Arnold's sister, Martha (1/25/18)
Merrill Wood & family, upon the death of
his brother, Lyle
Nancy Hart and family, upon the death of
her daughter (1/28/18)
John Jaynes and family, upon the death of
his wife, Josie (1/28/18)
Becky Augenstein, upon the death of her
sister, Susie Swan (2/6/18)
Pam Richardson and family upon the death
of her sister-in-law, Robin (2/2018)

Missionaries:

Dan & Elizabeth Turk
Rodney & Sharyn Babe
Nate/Elinda Steury
Pastor Jeff's friends, Mike & Rachel Weller
in Ethiopia
Pastor Jeff's friends, George & Anne Harper



If you have a prayer request,
email it to: office@welovefirst.org
or call the office: 772-586-5656



March

2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7a B&G 9-3 Thrift Shop 10a PW Coord. Team 4p Choir	2 OFFICE CLOSED 9:30a W.Watchers 9-3 Thrift Shop 1p Bridge	3 9-3 Thrift Shop
4 8:45a Café 9a Bible Study 9:15 Choir 10a Worship/Communion 11a Coffee	5 11:30a Worship Team 1p Book Club 1p Bridge 5:30p W.Watchers 7p Bible Study	6 9a CAP 9-3 Thrift Shop 10:30a O/E Team 11:30a Cong. Life Team	7 9a Pastor's Bible Study 10a Thrift Shop Team 11a Mission Team 1p Admin. Team 5p Lenten Potluck	8 7a B&G 9-3 Thrift Shop 4p Choir	9 OFFICE CLOSED 9:30a W.Watchers 9-3 Thrift Shop 1p Bridge	10 8:30a SPRING CLEANING 9-3 Thrift Shop 
11 8:45a Café 9a Bible Study 9:15 Choir 10a <i>Worship/The Special Gathering</i> 11a Coffee 4p Hungarian Concert/Dinner	12 10:15a Finance Team 1p Bridge 5:30p W.Watchers 7p Bible Study	13 9a CAP 9-3 Thrift Shop 3p Session	14 9a Pastor's Bible Study 5p Lenten Soup/Dessert	15 7a B&G 9-3 Thrift Shop 9am AARP Safe Driver Class 4p Choir	16 OFFICE CLOSED 9:30a W.Watchers 9-3 Thrift Shop 1p Bridge	17 THRIFT SHOP CLOSED FOR FUNERAL SVC.
18 8:45a Café 9a Bible Study 9:15 Choir 10a Worship 11a Coffee	19 1p Bridge 5:30p W.Watchers 7p Bible Study	20 9a CAP 9-3 Thrift Shop	21 9a Pastor's Bible Study 5p Lenten Potluck	22 7a B&G 9-3 Thrift Shop 4p Choir	23 OFFICE CLOSED 9:30a W.Watchers 9-3 Thrift Shop 1p Bridge	24 9-3 Thrift Shop
25 PALM SUNDAY 8:45a Café 9a Bible Study 9:15 Choir 10a <i>Worship/Cantata "Come Walk With Me"</i> 11a Coffee Bring A Cross Today! 	26 1p Bridge 5:30p W.Watchers 7p Bible Study	27 9a CAP 9-3 Thrift Shop	28 9a Pastor's Bible Study	29 MAUNDY THURS. 7a B&G 9-3 Thrift Shop 4p Choir 7pm Worship 	30 GOOD FRIDAY OFFICE AND THRIFT SHOP CLOSED 9:30a W.Watchers 12-3p Sanctuary Open for Devotions 1p Bridge	31 THRIFT SHOP CLOSED

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To know Christ and to make Christ known.

Remember these dates:

Wednesday (March 7, 14, 21 at 5 p.m.): Lenten Suppers

Saturday, March 10, 8:30 a.m.: Spring Cleaning for the church

March 11, 4 p.m.: Music for a Sunday Afternoon (Hungarian Music/Meal)

Palm Sunday, March 25, 10 a.m.: "Come Walk With Me" Cantata

Thursday, March 29, 7 p.m.: Maundy Thursday Worship

Good Friday, March 30, noon to 3 p.m.: Sanctuary open for personal devotions

Easter Sunday, April 1, 10 a.m.: Bring a fresh flower for our Cross

Serving Hot Cross Buns before and after Worship

Happy Easter!

