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Pastor's Message

The commemoration and celebration of Easter has always been the biggest yearly event in the historic Christian Church. The celebration of the gift of the Holy Spirit would come in second. Christmas our biggest celebration during the Christian year was a distant third. So important was it to commemorate Jesus' resurrection, the church developed a period of preparation for Easter. This period is called Lent. Lent is a time full of rituals to further this preparation; fasting, spiritual self-reflection, self-denial, self-sacrifice and prayer.

One of the traditional rituals, an Ash Wednesday Service, we will not be able to observe this year. The traditional celebration of Ash Wednesday contains observances that run counter to social distance policies. Maybe this will provide us with an opportunity to reexamine what all the rituals and observances are all about. That bad news aside, there are still many, many other Lenten activities Christians can participate in to prepare for Easter.

The preparation in the early Christian Church for Easter was really about combining the two most important events of the Christian year. To understand

this we have to remind ourselves of what the second most important event was in the early Christian Church. The pouring out of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost and the work of the Spirit in our lives. Jesus talks about this gift in his discussion with the woman of Samaria at the well. John 4:10, 13-14:

¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water..... ¹³ Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

Why all the preparation for the celebration for Easter? It was all designed to engage the believer in activities that would lead to the Living Water welling up in us to eternal life. Or to put it another way, the preparations were intentional opportunities to engage with the Spirit. The prayers represented time the believer set aside to ask the Spirit for guidance and direction in the individual's life. The fasting and self-denial were intentional acts to seek to hear more clearly the leading of the Spirit. The desire and hope was through the work of the Holy Spirit during

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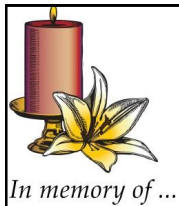
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The Purpose of the First United Presbyterian Church is to:
Invite people to know and glorify God
Grow together as followers of Christ
Serve others through the power of the Holy Spirit

***Newsletters are
sent by email
unless you have
made other
arrangements.***



Colleen McIlvain
01/09/21

John Arnott
01/14/21



Family of Colleen McIlvain, Family of John Arnott,
Gina Gough, Robert Johnston, Tony Paradiso,
Debbie Stover, Scott Kallemeyn, Sandy Shaw,
Andrea Klier,, Della Porter, Joyce Cross, Shelby Myers,
Donna LaPlaunt, Annie Andrews (Abbott), Matilynn Strange,
Jennifer Veum, Jane Kellan, Joyce Cross, Aaron Corbiere, William Kellan,
Tom Woodgate, Dave & Leslie Henderson, Patricia Farnhill,
Lillian Donelson, Geraldine Carnahan, Tara Jean Brody, Wendy (Menard)
James and all members of missionaries and the U.S. Armed Forces.
Please keep us up to date on your prayer requests.

Food Pantry

Shopping & Bagging:
Doris Boogerd



Food Distribution:
02/09 –Cathy & Cheryl
02/23 - Jeanne & Mary Frances



The next Deacon's
Meeting will be held on
February 21st



Ash
WEDNESDAY

February 17, 2021
Service is cancelled
due to COVID



Freighter View Assisted Living
605 West Portage Avenue

Audrey Bush
Elva Hutzler

Out of Town
Della Porter

Cross Roads Village
6600 Constitution Blvd Room 605
Portage, MI 49024

At Home

Mary Jane Bernier
Bev Ward

Medi-Lodge

1011 Meridian
Jane Kellan Room B15

Long Term Care

500 Osborn Blvd
Marion Osborn
Alice Soorus

McKinley Manor
2023 West 4th Avenue

Vera Steffens
Peg Zenda



February
15th!!!



Our Sunday Worship Service
starts at 10:00 a.m.
We hope to see you on
Sundays!



P.W. MEETING & COFFEE HOUR

Tuesday, February 16th
at 9:30 AM

Please join us for fellowship,
short meeting & treats.

All Ladies Welcome!



February 21st

Communion Service

FEBRUARY



Margaret Money	02/01	Trudy Campbell	02/10
Jan Jobs	02/02	Gabrielle Gorsuch	02/10
Daniel Reattoir	02/02	Barbara Kenn	02/10
Donna Blair	02/03	Sascha Kuenzer	02/10
Marion Osborn	02/05	Bill Robbins	02/11
Jordyn Roe	02/05	Cole Lussier	02/14
Judith Rath	02/09	Doris Boogerd	02/17
		Chad Folkersma	02/22
		Joan Hill	02/23
		Sharon Sheppard	02/24
		Alyvia Lori	02/25
		Jackie Tastor	02/27



Ronald and Joyce Cross	02/04
Gary and Pat Lehman	02/25



The Deacons wish to express their thanks to all who donated hats, scarves and mittens for our mitten tree. We collected 45 items that were distributed to children in January. Next year, our goal is to begin collection in October for distribution in December. We also appreciate the gifts for the pantry that suddenly appeared in the work room or kitchen. The Deacons recently received a monetary donation to the pantry from Saint Barnabas Lutheran Church. We were honored to receive such a gift as they do not have a pantry of their own and shared with us.

Don't forget that the Lenten season will soon be upon us. Take time during the six weeks leading up to Easter to reconnect with God through prayer and reading His word, preparing for the gift of Jesus' sacrifice for us.

Are you able to provide time and talent? Willing hearts are needed! The Deacons have a variety of tasks that range from a phone call to sending a card. Won't you lend a heart, hand or voice? You needn't be a Deacon to be a part of the mission of compassion. Contact the office or get in touch with any of the Deacons today.

Yours in Christ,
The FUPC Deacons



Circle 3 Ladies

2020 Christmas Party!

The ladies had a great time filled with food, fun and friends!



this time of dedication to the Lord, the Spirit would lead us into an Easter experience where we were new people. The believer would become new in the sense of gaining a greater understanding of how to manifest God's love, mercy and grace in the world.

This Lenten experience can still be ours today. If we invest the time in pursuing the activity of the Holy Spirit in our lives we will be "new" people by Easter. Will we take the challenge this Lent?

Peace in Christ,
Mark



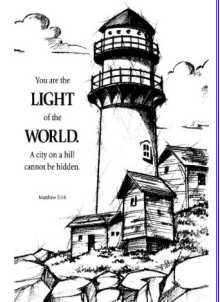
In the text for February Jesus uses three examples: salt, a city on a hill, and a light. These things all have something in common with each other, salt, a city on a hill, and a light. Their function are basically one. Salt is salty because it is salt, a city on a hill can't help but to be seen, light shines because it is its very nature.

The point Jesus is making with these parables is: That's also the way with Christians. Like salt that must be salty, because that is the essence of salt. Like a city on a hill can't be hidden, like a light that by its very nature gives light to everyone in the home. In the same way, if you are a Christian you strive to live a God pleasing Christian life, because that is the nature of a Christian.

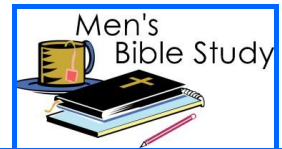
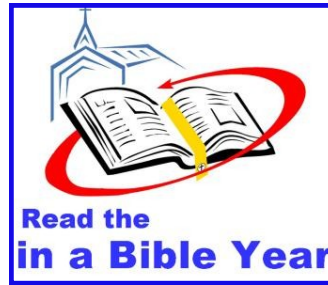
If salt loses its saltiness, it is no longer salt. If you can't see the city on a hill, it is no longer there. If a lamp is hidden under a bowl, it no longer gives light and its flame will slowly and surely die.

Let us make sure we live as a follower of Christ and be able to forgive, love, and bring glory to our father in heaven with a life of good works.

Don Myers
(posthumously)



February

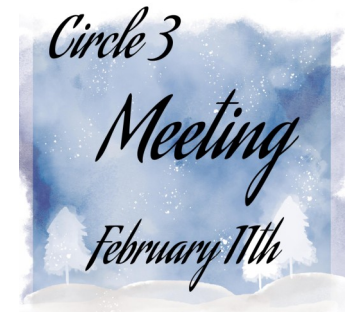


The study group meets
every Friday morning
at 9:00 am.

1	Luke 23:1-25	Genesis 41	Psalm 32
2	Luke 23:26-56	Genesis 42	Psalm 33
3	Luke 24:1-12	Genesis 43	Psalm 34
4	Luke 24:13-53	Genesis 44	Psalm 35
5	Hebrews 1	Genesis 45:1-46:27	Psalm 36
6	Hebrews 2	Genesis 46:28-47:31	Psalm 37
7	Hebrews 3:1-4:13	Genesis 48	Psalm 38
8	Hebrews 4:14-6:12	Genesis 49-50	Psalm 39
9	Hebrews 6:13-20	Exodus 1-2	Psalm 40
10	Hebrews 7	Exodus 3-4	Psalm 41
11	Hebrews 8	Exodus 5:1-6:27	Proverbs 1
12	Hebrews 9:1-22	Exodus 6:28-8:32	Proverbs 2
13	Hebrews 9:23-10:18	Exodus 9-10	Proverbs 3
14	Hebrews 10:19-39	Exodus 11-12	Proverbs 4
15	Hebrews 11:1-22	Exodus 13-14	Proverbs 5
16	Hebrews 11:23-40	Exodus 15	Proverbs 6:1-7:5
17	Hebrews 12	Exodus 16-17	Proverbs 7:6-27
18	Hebrews 13	Exodus 18-19	Proverbs 8
19	Matthew 1	Exodus 20-21	Proverbs 9
20	Matthew 2	Exodus 22-23	Proverbs 10
21	Matthew 3	Exodus 24	Proverbs 11
22	Matthew 4	Exodus 25-27	Proverbs 12
23	Matthew 5:1-20	Exodus 28-29	Proverbs 13
24	Matthew 5:21-48	Exodus 30-32	Proverbs 14
25	Matthew 6:1-18	Exodus 33-34	Proverbs 15
26	Matthew 6:19-34	Exodus 35-36	Proverbs 16
27	Matthew 7	Exodus 37-38	Proverbs 17
28	Matthew 8:1-13	Exodus 39-40	Proverbs 18



Elder
&
Mary Frances Morden



**Cheryl
Thoresen**



*Women's
Bible Study*

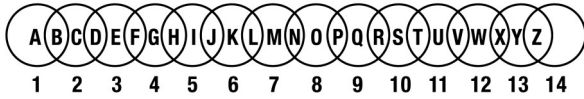
Meeting every
Wednesday at 9:30 am
in the Youth Room

No Meeting
in the week that
Circle 3 Meets

Puzzle!

Use the code to complete the blanks — and find out how God wants us to treat people.

CODE:



1,2 3 6 5 7,8 2,3 1 7,8 2,3

2 8 7 8,9 1 10 10 5 8 7,8 1 10,11 3

10,11 8 8 7,8 3 1 7,8 8 10,11 4,5 3 9,10

3,4 8 9,10 4 5 11,12 5 7,8 4 3 1 2 4,5

8 10,11 4,5 3 9,10 5,6 11 10 10,11 1 10

5 7,8 2 4,5 9,10 5 10 10,11 4 8 2,3

3,4 8 9,10 4 1 11,12 3 13 8 11

EPHESIANS 4:32, NIV

Answer: Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Ephesians 4:32, NIV



BIRDS IN THE WORD

The Bible mentions many kinds of birds. How many have you seen?

Directions: Unscramble the bird names, using the Bible references and pictures as clues. Then insert the final unscrambled bird name to complete the passage below.



VIDEO

— — — — (Genesis 8:8)



LWO

— — — (Psalm 102:6)



GEELA

— — — — (Isaiah 40:31)



TOKRS

— — — — (Jeremiah 8:7)



APROSWRS

— — — — — — — —

“Are not five — — — — — sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God. ... Don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many — — — — —.”

LUKE 12:6-7, NIV

Answer: dove, owl, eagle, stork, sparrows



FOR THE BIRDS

Display this recycled craft to care for feathered friends.



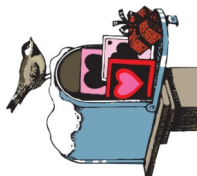




What you need:

- Peanut butter or vegetable shortening
- Plastic knife
- Empty toilet paper tube
- Bird seed
- A plate
- String



What you do:

1. Spread peanut butter or vegetable shortening on the tube, covering the entire outside surface.
2. Pour bird seed on a plate and roll the tube in the seeds.
3. Thread string through the tube and tie it to make a loop.
4. Hang the bird feeder outside. When seeds are eaten, coat the roll again.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>1</div> <div></div> <div>7:00p Boy Scout Meeting</div>	<div>2</div> <div></div> <div>Groundhog Day</div>	<div>3</div> <div>9:30a Women's Bible Study</div>	<div>4</div> <div>10:00a Textile Social (SH)</div>	<div>5</div> <div>9:00a Men's Study Grp</div>	<div>6</div>	
<div>7</div> <div>9:00a Early Social Hour (WR) 10:00a Worship Service 10:00a Sunday School</div>	<div>8</div> <div>7:00p Boy Scout Meeting</div>	<div>9</div> <div>4:00p Food Pantry</div>	<div>10</div> <div>9:30a Women's Bible Study</div>	<div>11</div> <div>9:30a Circle 3 Meeting (SH)</div>	<div>12</div> <div>Office Closed 9:00a Men's Study Grp</div>	<div>13</div>
<div>14</div> <div>Transfiguration Sunday 9:00a Early Social Hour (WR) 10:00a Worship Service 10:00a Sunday School</div> <div></div>	<div>15</div> <div>5:30p Session Meeting 5:30p Trustee Meeting 7:00p Boy Scout Meeting</div> <div></div>	<div>16</div> <div>9:30a Ladies Coffee Hour (SH)</div>	<div>17</div> <div>Ash Wednesday 9:30a Women's Bible Study 7:00p Ash Wednesday Service</div>	<div>18</div> <div>10:00a Textile Social (SH)</div>	<div>19</div> <div>9:00a Men's Study Grp</div>	<div>20</div>
<div>21</div> <div>1st Sunday in Lent 9:00a Early Social Hour (WR) 10:00a Worship Service 10:00a Sunday School 11:15a Deacon's Meeting</div>	<div>22</div> <div>5:30p Session Meeting 5:30p Trustee Meeting 7:00p Boy Scout Meeting</div>	<div>23</div> <div>4:00p Food Pantry</div>	<div>24</div> <div>9:30a Women's Bible Study</div>	<div>25</div> <div>10:00a Textile Social (SH)</div>	<div>26</div> <div>9:00a Men's Study Grp</div>	<div>27</div>
<div>28</div> <div>2nd Sunday in Lent 9:00a Early Social Hour (WR) 10:00a Worship Service 10:00a Sunday School</div>		<div></div>				

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Monday through Friday

Sunday Worship Schedule

Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School (all grades) 10:00 a.m.

Church Staff

Rev. Mark Gabbard, Minister

Brenda Ransom, CRE

Kay Boyne, Music Director

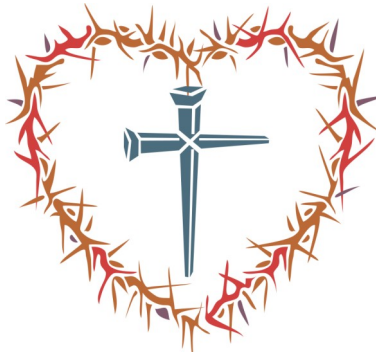
Denise Goldade, Financial/Administrative Assistant

Jeremy Witte, Sexton

**Deadline for March issue:
February 15th**

FORTY Days OF LENT

twitter internet fast food
procrastination chocolate movies
credit cards soft drinks ice cream
smoking tardiness shopping
candy sweets
MySpace Facebook
red meat caffeine
TV junk food
sweating coffee parties
**What
Are You Giving
Up?**



FIRST SUNDAY
in
LENT

ASH
Wednesday



SECOND SUNDAY
in
LENT