

The Courier

a newsletter from your friends at
First Baptist Church
in Hamilton, Ohio



"Where everybody is somebody and Jesus Christ Is Lord"

March, 2016

From Daniels Den

Experience The Hope Of Easter Because Of Who You Are In Christ!

What do you hope for in your life?

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

Hope is a beautiful word and a powerful force. It encourages us, motivates us, gives us purpose and impacts the course of our lives. We hope for many things, but hopes aren't always realized.

There is, however, another type of hope that never disappoints-this is the hope of Easter.

*1 Peter 1:3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a **living hope** through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,*

A British pastor named Rev. Edward Mote is remembered for his song, "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less". The first verse proclaims:

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

And the hymn concludes,

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne!
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

Come discover the hope found in the good news that Jesus freely offers his love, forgiveness, and the promise of eternal life-and it all has to do with a world-changing event that took place over 2,000 years ago. No matter where you are in your spiritual journey, you'll discover how those who believe are changed forever.

Our Easter series is entitled: **The Hope of Easter: Who I am in Christ.** We will explore our sure hope in who Christ has made us through His resurrection.

3/6/2016 Because of What HE Has Done, *Rom 8:1, 38-39*

3/13/2016 Who GOD Created Me to Be, *Gen 1:26-31; 2Cor 5:17-18*

3/20/2016 Palm Sunday - Who I Am on My Own, *Rom 3:10-18, 6:6*

3/27/2016 EASTER - Who I Am and Who I Will Be In CHRIST, *Rom 8:15*

We all have family members, friends, neighbors, and people we work with who could use some hope. Nothing is more encouraging than **The Hope of Easter** and getting a grasp on **Who I Am In Christ.** Who will you bring with you during the month of March to receive the hope in who Christ has made us through His resurrection.

Be the light!
Pastor Dan



**Community Sunrise
Service**

Everyone is invited to a Community Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m. on Easter Sunday morning, March 27th. It will be held at the RiversEdge Amphitheater next to the Marriott Hotel. Please bring your own lawn chair. In case of rain the service will be held at the Presbyterian Church, 23 S. Front Street.



American Baptist Women's Ministries



Giving Opportunity

For the months of March and April, we will collect **peanut butter, canned green beans, and boxes of cereal** for the food pantry at Laurel Avenue Church of Christ. Place your donations in the box labeled "Food Pantry" in the coat room outside the Family Center. Thank you for all the ways you serve "the least of these."

March Missionaries of the Month:

Nzunga Mabudiga & Kihomi Ngwemi
Haiti
Philip & Corene Smith
Brazil

Ngunga Mabudiga teaches theology at the Christian University of Northern Haiti, trains other professors in teaching and writing books, administers a scholarship program for students and a "Kids for Kids" goat project for children and preaches in churches. He is also the Cap Haitien eye clinic administrator. **Kihomi** works with families in the areas of counseling, family planning, and women's health issues. She preaches in churches, and also coordinates and advises the Women's Association of the Haitian Baptist Convention.

Corene and Phil Smith minister to children who are part of a residential program that rescues homeless street children and youth ranging in age from 8 to 18. The program provides guidance, education, and training for future employment. Corene works mainly with the older children, mentoring and helping them develop life skills. Philip serves under joint appointment by International Ministries and Hope Unlimited International, of which he is CEO.

Bible Book of the Month Daniel

"Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might."

Daniel 2:20 (RSV)

Daniel stands in God's Word as the man who dared to keep a clean heart and body, and the man, therefore, whom God chose as a channel for His message to the

Gentile nations of the world.

The book of Daniel contains six stories about four Hebrew heroes and four visions of better days to come. The stories and visions instill loyalty to God in those who face persecution and death. God gave to Daniel special ability in understanding the meaning of dreams and visions.

PRAY

For those who suffer from hunger, disease, and lack of shelter, and for Christians to become more sensitive to their needs.

Baby Layettes

Don't forget that we are still collecting items baby layettes. If you see a bargain, please bring it in and give to Nancy Whipple (863-2309) or give to a greeter.

Baby Kit (Layette)

- 4 Cloth Diapers
- 2 Shirts
- 2 Washcloths
- 2 Gowns or Sleepers
- 2 Diaper Pins
- 1 Sweater or Sweatshirt
- 2 Receiving Blankets
- (1 can be a knitted blanket)

Disaster survivors need essential items to reclaim their homes and lives. Through the White Cross you can help prepare special recovery kits that provide both tangible assistance to people in need and show that neighbors near and far truly care. The contents of these kits are small things but having or not having them can make a world of difference in an on-going development program or when disaster strikes. Would you help Church World Service build an inventory of baby kits?

—Nancy Whipple



March 13th

(Set your clocks up before you go to bed Saturday, March 12th)

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Aaron's Attic

Worship His Majesty

As Easter approaches, let us turn our eyes to the enthroned King of Kings, focusing on how He entered the city of Jerusalem in what is known as the Triumphant Entry. For the sake of space, please read, or have for reference, Matthew 21:1-11. We will first look at the strategic point and method of entrance, the response of our Lord, and then the historically-rooted response of the people.

The Strategic Point and Method of Entrance

Jesus chooses to enter Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives while riding on a donkey, which fulfills the prophecy of Zechariah 9:9: "Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey." Jesus is the True King who rides into *His* city on a donkey, which shows intentions of peace, rather than a warhorse, which would demonstrate intentions of upheaval. It is also highly likely that this choice is based on how David, Israel's greatest king, left the city when his son Absalom conspired against him. David leaves via the Mount of Olives (1 Sam 15:30) while riding on a donkey (1 Sam 16:1-2). It is only fitting that Jesus, Israel's True King, who is, in fact, a descendant of David, should come to the capital city in the same way that David left.

The Response of our Lord

Luke 19:41-42 states, "As He approached Jerusalem and saw the city, He wept over it and said, 'If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace - but now it is hidden from your eyes.'" The Lord comes not as a conquering King but one who is grieving the lost. His compassion and love overflow for the inhabitants of the city, whom He knows will be the same ones screaming "Crucify Him!" in just a handful of days. Even still, He loves them and weeps for them.

The Historically-Rooted Response of the People

Have you ever wondered why the people cut down palm branches and throw their coats on the ground ahead of Jesus? This is the Jewish method of rolling out the red carpet for the king. We see a similar instance of this take place at the coronation of Jehu, king of Judah, 800 years earlier in 2 Kings 9:12b-13: "Jehu said, 'Here is what he told me: This is what the LORD says: I anoint you king over Israel.'" They hurried and took their cloaks and spread them under him on the bare steps. Then they blew the trumpet and shouted, "Jehu is king!" As they did for Jehu when declaring him to be king so, too, they do for Jesus. Make no mistake about it, the people here are hailing

Jesus as the messianic King, though their expectation is a conqueror who will take back Israel from the Romans rather than the Suffering Servant who will die upon Calvary.

The people cry out two phrases that also have historical roots. The first is "Hosanna!", a word that literally means "Save!" or "Save now!" An example of this can be found in Ps 118:25: "O Lord, *save us*." It probably had become an expression of praise in Jesus' time as the people shout "Hosanna in the highest" and "Hosanna to the Son of David!" The second historically-rooted phrase is "Son of David." The Messiah is to come from the line of David and is to reign forever. We know this from the promises that God makes to David in 2 Sam 7:11b-16. It is in 2 Sam 7, 1,000 years before Jesus, that God tells David, "When your days are over and you rest with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, who will come from your own body, and I will establish his kingdom. He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be his father, and he will be my son." On the Mount of Olives, on what we call Palm Sunday, the people crying out to Jesus are acknowledging Jesus to be the fulfillment of these promises made by God to David.

The Lord strategically enters Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives entrenched in rich symbolism and overflowing in compassion. The people recognize their King, though they fail to understand His plan. For His method of saving requires His atoning death. Yet, He is still their conquering King, just one whose throne waits through the doors of Calvary and an empty tomb.

He enters the city by the will of His Father, abounding in compassion and love to save all who shall call upon His Name. For all who call upon His Name become His sons and daughters and citizens in His kingdom where He reigns as king forever.

The Lord enters our hearts in a similar way: as the True King bringing peace and salvation to all who accept Him as their Lord. This Lenten season, may we keep our eyes focused on His majesty, worshiping Him as the King of Kings and allowing His reign to further extend in our hearts.

–Aaron Osterbrock
Associate Pastor

Just-in Time's

It is a fantastic time to be a part of First Baptist Hamilton! God is moving in this congregation and community and I can't believe I get to be a part of it. Just so you know, I am having a lot of fun being your Youth Pastor. This past month we broke from our normal Wednesday night Gospel of John series and started a Dare2Share preparation series. We've been walking through myths about evangelism and how to start engaging in relational, community driven evangelism. Evangelism is a tricky subject for many teens, but I know they are capable of doing the work of reaching the world for Christ just like every other Christian is called to. Evangelism is part of our new philosophy of ministry (CORRE). It plays out in the letter "R" which stands for reach. On Wednesday nights we seek to train teenagers using CORRE as a platform for them to grow in their relationships with Christ and with others. We also had our first "Parents Night Out" event this past month where we were able to serve the parents of FBCH by giving them an opportunity to get exclusive time together away from their kids as we took care of them. I hope to grow this ministry opportunity over time to continually bless others in our church.

Here are the important dates for March:

March 4, 5 - DARE 2 SHARE. It's coming. Ready or not. Please be praying for this time with our students. It will be a tremendous growth opportunity as we get away for a weekend to encounter all that the Lord has for us. We will be pulling out of FBCH's parking lot at 5pm on March 4th. Pick up will be March 5th around 8pm. Students will contact parents as we pull leave the conference.

March 6 - Because D2S is this weekend, we have an optional FREE concert students can attend this night. Famous artist, NF, will be performing live at Receptions in Fairfield. We will be carpooling to this event from FBCH. We will be leaving at 6pm and arriving back at FBCH around 8pm. If you choose to meet our group there, make sure to arrange rides yourself. Students are encouraged to bring their friends as this concert is another way for them to exercise their outreach to their friends.

March 13 - Our fourth leader development will be 4pm to 6pm this evening.
For students, we will be having our Praise Service starting at 6pm.

March 20 - This evening we will be doing a photo scavenger hunt. Location is TBD. It will be from 6 to 7:30pm. All I can say is that it will be fun...

March 27 - In light of Easter and Spring Break we encourage students to get some family time in tonight.

March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30- For all Wednesdays this month we will be continuing to walk through the Gospel of John and cover our the remaining CORRE principles. Starts at 6:30pm and goes until 7:30. Please note that on March 23rd there will be no student activities due to Maundy Thursday Service and also on March 30th due to most students being on Spring Break.

For further updates please follow our Facebook page, go to goo.gl/P5BIry to see our Google Calendar and go to goo.gl/jnSSnq for a downloadable PDF version of the calendar. If you have any questions, call Justin at (513) 658-2277.

-Justin Davis
Youth Pastor

Budget Status Report

The Month of January, 2016

Projected (Budgeted) Spending	\$ 76,185
Offerings	<u>57,048</u>
Over (Under) Budget	(\$19,137)

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-The Board Of Trustees



First Baptist Church has been invited to partner with First United Methodist Church in feeding lunch to the hungry at First United Methodist Church, 225 Ludlow Street from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 26th. We are in need of 20 people to volunteer to serve in several capacities. Please sign the list in the connector. See Mike Gipson for further details.

Calling Energetic And Available Adults To Form A Work Crew For Camp Kirkwood In May!

Would you be interested and available for a short-term Mission Trip to Camp Kirkwood in May? The purpose of the trip would be for a group of adults (this includes college students who have started summer breaks) from First Baptist Hamilton to spend time together at Camp Kirkwood to spruce it up and help get camp ready for the summer.

Put the dates of May 22 - 26 on your calendar now! We will go to camp on a Sunday afternoon and return on a Thursday afternoon. (Spending 4 nights).

Tim Swicegood (our Wednesday night chef and the camp director) is very excited about the possibility of a group of us coming and staying at camp and working. There is plenty to do! And for all skill levels. On the job training will be provided. You just need to be willing to pitch in!

A lot of painting needs to be done (paint is needed as well). There is also cabin cleaning, grounds maintenance, brush cutting, kitchen cleaning and equipping (the ABW is getting some new kitchen equipment for the camp - old equipment needs to be taken out and new put in). There is minor tree trimming around cabins, minor carpentry, and some serious brush cutting on the back side of the dam that makes the camp's lake.

There will be some participation cost for participants to cover expenses but we will try to keep it minimal. The mission board is willing to designate some funds to help purchase needed supplies. We hope to get others donated.

We will have devotions each morning and a campfire each night. On Thursday a chapel service will be held before we return home. We will share before and after photos of the projects we get accomplished with the congregation.

Tim said the camp really needs work and our coming would be a "game changer" with lots of "impact". He is very excited. Camp is very important to our young people. They treasure their times there as some of their happiest memories and many decisions for Christ have been and will be made there..

It will also be a time of fellowship and service and bonding for our group. A close to home mission trip!

Please call Ann Brown, 894-0767, if you want to participate, sign up in the connector, and plan to stay after church for a brief meeting on Sunday, April 3rd.

If you can't come for all four days you are welcome to join us for whatever time you have! Camp Kirkwood is only about 45 minutes away

from Hamilton. Part-timers need to sign up too.



Kirkwood Camp Schedule 2016

ABC/OHIO summer camps at Kirkwood will be:

June 19-24 - Jr High Camp	\$325.00
June 26-July 1 - Junior Camp	\$325.00
July 3-8 - Senior High Camp	\$325.00
June 26-29 - New Adventure Camp	\$235.00
July 8-9 - Beginners Camp	\$145.00

Early Registration Discount \$10 if postmarked by April 1st

First Time Camper Discount \$10

Bring-a-Friend (attending camp for the first time!) Discount \$10

Family Discount (2nd, 3rd, 4th ... member to register this summer) Discount \$10

The Board of Christian Education decided that the church would pay a portion of the fee of **those who attend First Baptist regularly** to attend ABC camps. For additional information or registration forms, contact Camp Coordinator, Brian Chamberlain, 256-9384 or see him at church.

—Brian Chamberlain
Camp Coordinator

Vacation Bible School Submerged! July 11-15 9:00 a.m. -12:15 p.m.

We will once again be having VBS - *Submerged!* in July from the 11 - 15th. As usual we are planning ahead and appreciate knowing early who will be returning to help. We promise lots of fun and we delve deep into God's Word but we cannot promise you'll stay dry!!!

—Claire Metzger & Cheryl Motzer
Co-Directors of Children's Ministries



Awana Club

By the time you read this we will have enjoyed a great night at the T&T Grand Prix - we'll share our winners next month! We are so encouraged by how much effort our clubbers put into studying the Scriptures. We have a new clubber this year in Sparks who is no course to complete all three books this year - he is really absorbing our key Bible verses and can recall them accurately!

We still need help with listeners for the first part of the hour, especially during the flu season so if you are willing to be on a sublist please let us know!

Up coming events are as follows for March. Please note that families are invited to attend the matchbox races and clubbers will need to bring a matchbox car - just remember that only standard size ones will run on our course and this year we are expecting loops, tunnels and water in our race!

Awana March Calendar Update

- 2 - Regular Club Night/**Store Night**
- 9 - Cubbies Match Box Race
- 16 - Sparks Matchbox Race/**Character T-Shirt Theme Night**
- 23 - No Club - Maundy Thursday Service
- 30 - No Club - Hamilton Spring Break

-Cheryl Motzer & Claire Metzger,
Awana Leaders

Childcare

Thank you for all who volunteer to love on our kids! We were able to celebrate your help at the childcare luncheon where we served over 125 people. Please remember we are always in need of help watching and teaching kids, as our church grows so does the number of children that worship with us!

Starwars Event

We had a fantastic time learning about the good and the bad side of life and how Jesus is the true promised one and who is the most powerful and helps us through life if we trust Him!

7th and 8th Grade Sunday School Class Goat Project

Taku and Katie Longkummer, American Baptist missionaries to North East India, visited First Baptist Hamilton recently. They have a Goat Project that our 7th and 8th graders are getting involved with and inviting all First Baptist kids to participate in during Kids Church in March.

North East India (where the Longkummers live) is populated by many poor indigenous tribal groups and the geography is challenging. The Longkummers and their International Ministries Development Partners like to give goats as a tangible expression of Christ's love. The gift of a goat offers a needy family life-sustaining assistance. A goat helps meet the villagers' basic needs for food and better nutrition. A goat provides milk, Goats eat almost anything and reproduce quickly. Goats usually have twins. The families who are given a young goat, commit to pass on the first female offspring to another family to multiply the blessings and improve the quality of live in the broader community. Eventually a herd of goats will exist in a village and additional sustenance as well as income will be generated.

Each goat costs \$60. If the 7th and 8th graders can raise \$60 for one goat on their own, the Mission Board has promised to put our collective offering money to work providing four additional goats! That will be five goats for the Longkummers to pass on in Northeast India!

Ann Brown and Linda Wallace,
7th and 8th Grade Sunday School Teachers
Karen Buchanan, Kids Church Leader

Sunday School Teacher Leadership Training

Sunday School teachers, please make it a priority to join us on March 12th from 8:30am to 11:30am. We will be discussing our vision for Sunday School, which includes building disciples, as mandated by our Lord in the Great Commission, and encouraging Gospel-intentionality. We want to calibrate or re-calibrate our strategy to make sure that we are all on the same page in what we're seeking to achieve on Sunday mornings.

-Pastor Osterbrock



Summer Softball

Softball begins in April! If you would like to play on the men's team (games on Tuesday nights), please see Brian Chamberlain. Watch the bulletin for sign-up dates. All games are played at North End (Ford's Field).

—Brian Chamberlain
Director of Sports and Recreation

Rotary Revels Present Shrek, The Musical

March 10 at 7:30 p.m.
March 11, & 12 at 8:00 p.m.
March 13 at 2:00 p.m.

At Hamilton High School Rotary Auditorium
1165 Eaton Avenue, Hamilton, Ohio

Tickets are \$16.00

To buy tickets visit their website
<http://hamiltonohiorotary.com>
or see Mag Baker or Larry Bowling

Fun For All Ages!!



The next scheduled Work Day at Matthew 25 will be Thursday, March 24th. As usual, we would like to have a good working group to go. We will leave the church at the usual time, 8:30 a.m. Bring your sack lunch and beverage and be prepared for a good day of work and fellowship.



From The Heart Of Marilyn

College Corner

E-Mail From God

Take A Chill Pill

"In your anger do not sin; when you are on your beds, search your hearts and be silent."
—Psalm 4:4

Dear Child,

Has anyone ever told you, "Just sleep on it"? That's often good advice. Sometimes you'll be so angry about something that you can't see straight. That is not a good time to make a decision. When you are angry, you may blurt out something rude and later think, *I can't believe I said that.*

My advice is, just wait. When you're mad, don't act. If someone is forcing you to make a decision while you're mad, tell them, "I need some time to think about this. Let me get back to you." Then just chill out and pray about it. Ask Me what I think about the situation. Breathe deeply. Count to a hundred. Do whatever it takes to calm down. Yes, you have emotions. But you don't have to be a slave to them. I want you to control your emotions, not the other way around.

Your Peace,
God

—Marilyn Bowling
College/Career Coordinator



Winter Reminder!

If Hamilton City Schools do not open on a week day because of snow or ice, the church will not be open that day either.



Thank you for supporting MOPS! It has been exciting to see moms open up and feel comfortable to share both the highs and lows of motherhood together. Motherhood is not easy and MOPS provides a safe place for moms to find the encouragement and support they need to persevere and thrive. Please continue to pray for MOPS moms as they grow in their walks with the Lord and desire to be the best moms they can be.

Our next meeting is scheduled for March 15th from 9:30a.m.-11:45a.m. Our topic is *Financial Freedom*. Laurin Sprague has graciously agreed to speak to us on finances and will be sharing several lessons from Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University. Moms will be taught how to handle money God's way and be good stewards of their finances.

Several additional events are planned in March. The Fierce Flourishing MOPS Bible Study will meet on March 8th from 9:30-11:30a.m. at First Baptist Church. Moms will enjoy the chance to deepen friendships at a movie night on March 10th at 7p.m. The month will end with a fun outing to Run, Jump, and Play in Mason on March 22nd at 10a.m. Please contact me at allison_sommers@yahoo.com if you have any questions or if you want to get involved in MOPS.

Serving Him,
Allison Sommers



The First Baptist Church Chancel Choir
presents

We Remember Calvary

By Joel Raney

The Choir will lead a special Maundy Thursday service on March 24th at 7:00. This Tenebrae worship service will recreate the emotional and spiritual aspects of the Passion Story. *We Remember Calvary* uses both traditional and contemporary hymns, worship songs, congregational singing, scripture reading and narration to paint a vivid and moving picture of Christ's last days and his journey to the cross.

Please join with us in worship to reflect on Christ's journey and sacrifice the night before He is crucified.

–Lauren Sprague
Chancel Choir and Orchestra Director



**Help Decorate The Sanctuary
For Easter**

Easter arrives early this year -- on March 27th! That means the time has arrived already for ordering a lily in memory or in honor of a loved one. The cost is still \$9 per flower. Checks should be made out to the church. Order envelopes are available in the connector and the office. Return your envelope to either Marilyn Bowling or Lois Anderson, or drop it in the offering plate, no later than Sunday, March 6th. Those who purchase lilies can take them home following the Easter morning worship service.

KeenAger March Outings

The KeenAgers have a couple of outings in March. On **Sunday, March 13th**, at 2:00 p.m. Hamilton Rotary is presenting *Shrek* at Hamilton High School Rotary Auditorium. On **Thursday, March 31st**, we are going to LaComedia Dinner Theater to see *Fiddler On The Roof*. Twigg Cox is playing in it. The cost is \$33. The bus will leave church at 9:45 a.m. Please sign the lists on the bulletin board.

–KeenAger Activity Committee
Dave & Janet Hazelwood



Child Care Schedule



Wednesday Family Dinners

Nursery (Morning)

March 6 - Carolyn Dudley
March 13 - Judy Wallace, Amy & Anna
March 20 - Linda & Larry Wallace
March 27 - Carolyn Dudley

One & Two Year Olds

March 6 - Cheryl Lambertson & Hannah & Emma Imhoff
March 13 - Allison & Andrew Sommers
March 20 - Brianne & Thomas Ellison
March 27 - Cheryl Lambertson & Hannah & Emma Imhoff

Kiddie Church

March 6 -
March 13 - Claire & Chris Metzger
March 20 - Sharon Brewer & Lauren Hampton
March 27 -

Kinderchurch

March 6 - Dorothy Hollowell & Jill O'Hara
March 13 -
March 20 - Cheryl Motzer, Noëlle & Syd
March 27 - Dorothy Hollowell & Jill O'Hara



Childcare Schedule

Just a reminder that all child care workers should try and trade with someone on their schedule sheets when something comes up and they are not able to keep their scheduled Sunday. Also, it would be extremely helpful if child care workers would be in their scheduled room by 10:15 a.m. to help with the transition time between Sunday School and Morning Worship time. Several of our Sunday School teachers need to be relieved for choir and the adult worship service. When you have difficulty finding someone with whom to trade, please call the Child Care Coordinator: C h e r y l Motzer (868-1888)

Thank you for volunteering as a child care worker and may you always know how much we appreciate you!

– Childcare Co-Ordinator
Cheryl Motzer

March 2

Menu: Fried Fish, Macaroni and Cheese, Cole Slaw, Hush Puppies, Carrot Cake
Hosts: Trustees

March 9

Menu: Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Baked Beans, Applesauce, Pineapple Upside Down Cake
Hosts: Chancel Choir

March 16

Menu: Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Rolls, Banana Pudding Cups
Hosts: Deacons

March 23 & 30

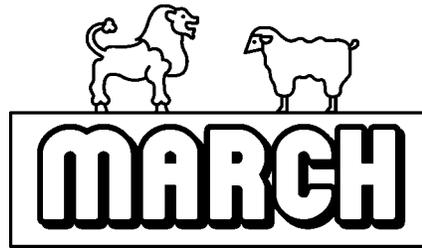
There will be no dinner because of Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service and Easter break

Reminder: Adults should contribute \$5.00 per person for the meal (including children who eat from the main table), \$15 per family (those living in the same household), and \$1.50 for children under twelve who eat from the hot dog table. Be sure to make your reservation on the Friendship Folder each Sunday.

Reminder: Anyone desiring to borrow items, such as, chairs, tables, coffee pots, etc. are now required to fill out a sheet in the office with name, date, item, and number borrowed and the date, item, and number returned. Please see Ellie.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>March 2016</h1>						
		1 9:30 MOPS Steering	2 5:45 Family Dinner 5:45 Awana-Store Night 6:30 Student Ministries 6:30 Bible Study & Prayer 7:00 Praise Team 7:30 Chancel Choir	3	4 Dare2Share in Columbus	5 9:00 Men's Prayer Gathering Dare2Share in Columbus
6 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 6:00 KingsKids 6:00 NF Concert @ Receptions 6:00 Evening Ministries	7	8 9:30 MOPS Bible Study 10:30 Holloway Circle 10:30 Abell Circle 6:00 Smith Circle	9 5:45 Family Dinner 5:45 Awana-Cubbies Match Box Race 6:30 Student Ministries 6:30 Bible Study & Prayer 7:00 Praise Team 7:30 Chancel Choir	10 5:30 Board of Trustees	11	12 8:30 Sunday School Teacher Leadership Training
13 Daylight Savings Begins 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 4:00 Fourth Leader Development Seminar 6:00 KingsKids 6:00 Evening Praise	14 11:00 Women's Book Club at Fairfield Lane Library	15 9:30 MOPS	16 5:45 Family Dinner 5:45 Awana-Sparks Match Box Race / Character T-Shirt Night 6:30 Student Ministries 6:30 Bible Study & Prayer 7:00 Praise Team 7:30 Chancel Choir	17	18	19 9:30 WMC Dressmaking
20 Palm Sunday! 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 4:15 Missions, Diaconate, CE Boards in Rm 200 6:00 Photo Scavenger Hunt 6:00 KingsKids 6:00 Evening Ministries	21	22	23 No Wednesday Dinner/No Evening Programs 7:30 Chancel Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal	24 8:30 Matthew 25 7:00 Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service with Chancel Choir Cantata - <i>We Remember Calvary</i>	25 12:00 <i>Way Of The Cross Walk</i> at Hamilton Courthouse	26 11:00 Serve Lunch at First United Methodist Church
27 Resurrection Sunday! 7:00 Community Sunrise Service 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 12:00 Annual Easter Egg Hunt	28 6:30 Cabinet Meeting	29	30 No Wednesday Dinner/No Evening Programs	31 9:45 KeenAgers to LaComedia Dinner Theater <i>Fiddler On The Roof</i>		



HAPPY BIRTHDAY !

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| 1 - Debra Clemens
Tammy Gabbard
Derek Hines | 13- Elaine Tragesser
Tyler Dickman | 24- Lisa Witmer
Brian Martin
Jared Morris |
| 2 - Edward Allen
Katie Ford | 14- Christopher Arnold
Stephen Campbell
Charlotte Furginson
Lauren Schwab | 25- Ryan Inloes
Nick Wilson |
| 3 - Adam Begley
Rich Hazelwood
Cameron Jenkins
Kelley Taylor Rion | 16- Rob Ruwe
Barb Perkins-Salcido | 27- Taylor Emenaker
Lee Trent Yates |
| 4 - Jerri Lenehan | 17- Miranda Gabbard
Billie Jean Gipson
Gary Hetterich
Emma Imhoff
Durb Tuley | 28- Michael Shalloe |
| 5 - Jacob Baker
Jim Baker
Bruce Helton
Janet Messer
Anne Ruwe
Dave Walker | 18- Hank Miller
Lisa Stanger
Jill Saylors | 29- Josh Braun
Bob Stanger
Freida Tuley |
| 6 - Brandon Sapp | 19- Zoe Caswell
Paul Bryant | 30- Savannah Millie Adams
Danny Sparks
Katie Hoskins |
| 7 - Taylor Schuermann | 20- Michelle Harris
Hannah Spicer
Jim Yates | 31- Ann Brown
Samuel Jarrett
Craig Keller
Janice Russo
Andrea Thomas
Buddy Wallin |
| 8 - Barb Blevens
Bill Brantingham | 21- Riley Bowling
Heidi Martin | |
| 9 - Lauryn Emenaker
Nancy Humbach
Chris Metzger
Keith Wallace | 22- Dwain Brewer
Pat Gingrich
Ciaran Joseph Metzger | |
| 11- Betty Dulli
Mikayla Laney | 23- Kristin Fryer | |
| 12- Janet Hazelwood
Caitlin Jackson
Debbie Miller
Joey Sackenheim
Dorothy Wallace | | |

Note: Please call the church office if you notice that one of your family members has been inadvertently overlooked on the birthday calendar. We do not intend to overlook anyone but do not realize it unless you inform us.

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Personal Notes

From Ron Lakes

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, visits, and phone calls Ellie made and the Prayer Chain by Carol Howard letting everyone know where Barb was. The visits by Pastor Bill and Pastor Dan were very much appreciated. Thanks also for the meal that the food committee prepared after the service. It was great! Thank you all for everything.



Easter Egg Hunt Sunday, March 27th

Our annual event will be immediately following the morning worship service. Nursery-3 year olds will meet in Room 101 downstairs. Four year olds and Kindergarten will meet in the Kinderchurch room 102. Grades 1-6 will gather downstairs in the lower parking lot to separate into three groups. There will be prize eggs and something for everyone! Please bring your favorite Easter basket! This is a great opportunity to invite your family and friends for a wonderful day at church.

Now for the important part: we need CANDY! We have plenty of eggs, but we need the goodies to fill them. Please place the wrapped candy in the box in the connector by March 20th. Candy donations should be of a size that would fit into eggs!

—Brian Begley
Sunday School Superintendent



Don't Miss These Important Events!

- March 20th** - Palm Sunday- "*Who I Am On My Own*" 10:30 a.m.
Palm Sunday Evening - "*The Universality Of Sin: God's Wrath Against All Humanity*" - 6:00 p.m.
- March 21st-25th** - Communion to Shut-Ins
- March 24th** - Chancel Choir and Orchestra Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service with Communion - "*We Remember Calvary*" 7:00 p.m.
- March 25th** - Good Friday, Hamilton Prayer Walk, noon, Courthouse, "*Come Walk The Way Of The Cross*"
- March 27th** - Resurrection Sunday Morning Worship Service - "*Who I Am And Who Will I Be In Christ*" 10:30 a.m. No Evening Service.

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