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The March



The ants go marching one by one, hurrah, hurrah. The ants go marching one by one, hurrah, hurrah. The ants go marching one by one, the little one stops to suck his thumb and they all go marching down, to the ground, to get out of the rain. BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

Then the ants go marching two by two so the little one can tie his shoe, and three by three so he can climb a tree and four by four so he can shut the door. I can go on because the song goes on forever with the only limit being my capacity to rhyme the verse's number with the little one's activity. The ants go marching one million by one million hurrah, hurrah. The ants go marching one million by one million, hurrah, hurrah. The ants go marching one million by one million, the little one stops to attend the cotillion, and they all go marching down, to the ground, to get out of the rain. Can you imagine singing the song long enough to get to one million? Can you imagine listening to someone sing the song long enough to get to one million?

As a people of faith, our march through time can sometimes feel like that, a continual moving towards something

without knowing when we will reach the end. Jesus has told us there will be an end and that it will be good, but he also said only the Father knows the time, so we keep marching. We keep moving forward. I think God understands the effect that such a march can have on us so he gave us Advent, and so he gave us Lent. Our God gave us moments in the midst of the march in which we can renew our sense of purpose and be reminded of what we are marching towards. On the First of March we will enter the season of Lent, beginning our preparation for the observance of Holy Week and the celebration of Easter. In Lent, we pause in the marching to remember our need, because it was to meet that need that our Savior came. We pause to renew spiritual disciplines; praying a little more, reading a little more of the word, seeking to live out a little more of the word in acts of love and generosity. We pause to remember that it's not just a march that we are on, it is a journey, it is going somewhere, it is taking us somewhere. It is taking us to God. So let's keep marching, hoping, believing, loving and serving because that is what the march is about.



The Season of Lent, our time of preparation for Easter, begins this year on Wednesday March 1st. We will mark the beginning of Lent with a traditional Ash Wednesday prayer service that will include the imposition of ashes and an invitation into a time of confession and repentance. It is only when we name our need of these that we are freed to receive God's answer to them. Please plan on joining us Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. as together we embark on a Holy Lent.

Mark Your Calendars!

- **Ash Wednesday Service**
Mar. 1st @ 7p
- **Men's Breakfast** *Mar. 4th @ 8a*
- **Book Club** *Mar. 15th @ 7p*
- **April Signpost deadline** *Mar. 23rd*
- **Community Supper at DMUMC**, *Mar. 23rd @ 5:50p*
- **Women's Circle** *Mar. 27th @ 10a*

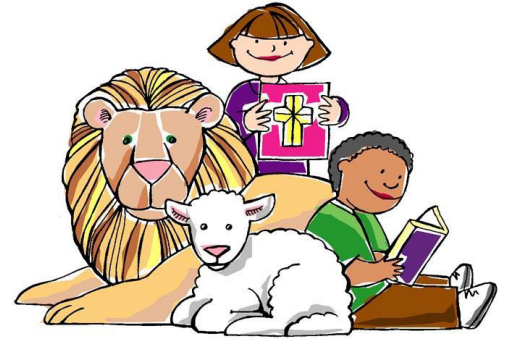


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SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

All our Sunday School classes are humming right along...we are busy with stories, lessons, crafts, and fun. We have now started a Pre-K class for the little folks who need a less structured learning time. If you are interested in this class or any class, please feel free to call the church office or ask Jonathan anytime. Also, our Sunday School superintendent, Cathy Dickey, is happy to answer any questions. Her phone number is (540) 539-2056. Ash Wednesday is March 1st, it would be a great idea to begin Lent with a new way to enhance your faith journey. **Come to Sunday School and see how rewarding it is!**



YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Our Youth will be participating in World Vision's 30-Hour Famine on March 10th and 11th. The Youth will Fast for 30 hours in an effort to raise awareness of the need that exists in far too many places in our world. They are raising funds to meet that need. Please speak with our youth about their experiences from the past and their hopes for this year's Famine. Please pray for them that it might be a faith growing and sustaining experience. **Please sponsor them.** Let them know that you are committed to helping them help others. We can only make a difference if we are in this together. During the 30 hours, we will be participating in a variety of activities to learn about and address the reality of hunger. This will include an early morning visit to the Winchester Rescue Mission to prepare breakfast, help clean, and participate in a community food distribution. Please remember to support the youth in their efforts to make a difference in our world.

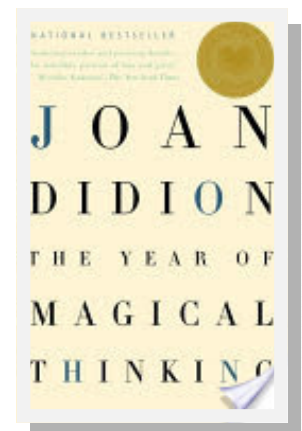


BOOK CLUB

The book club met on February 15th at Cathy Dickey's home. We discussed the book "Then We Came to the End" by Joshua Ferris. Our next book is "The Year of Magical Thinking" by Joan Didion.

Feel free to join the club at any time! It's a casual group that rotates meeting locations each month. We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7p.m.

*"Life changes fast.
Life changes in the instant
You sit down to dinner and life as you know it ends.
The question of self-pity." ~Joan Didion, "The Year of Magical Thinking"*



I Corinthians 1:18-25

I would like to share with you the 'opening prayer' we prayed together in our Women's Circle before uncovering the portrait of Jesus presented through the lens of the apostle Paul:

Spirit of the living God, open our eyes to see you in new ways. Open our hearts to feel the amazing grace you have poured out and continue to pour out on your people. Open our minds to experience your love for us in ways we never felt before. With eyes and hearts and minds wide open, fill us with your love. Amen.

It is with this prayer that our lesson was guided to reveal the history of the very early period of the development of Christianity in a Greco-Roman world, and how Paul was an “embattled” apostle with various opponents both within and without the church. What courage it took to be a witness to the Risen Christ!

Come join us as we study Paul's letters to understand more completely the truly extravagant gift of grace God provided for all humanity through Jesus. You will be inspired by your growing faith, gratitude, and energy to help make this world a light-filled place.

Patti Washington (540-554-9006)

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18, NIV



The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed, he is girded with strength. He has established the world; it shall never be moved; your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting. The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring. More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters, more majestic than the waves of the sea, majestic on high is the Lord! Your decrees are very sure; holiness befits your house, O Lord, forevermore. ~Psalm 93



Lilies and Gardens

We will be using Easter Lilies to decorate our sanctuary on Easter Morning. The cost of a lily is \$8.50 and may be given in memory or in celebration of loved ones. As an alternative, we will be partnering with the Presbyterian Mission Agency in providing impoverished families the materials and resources necessary to develop Container Gardens. This allows families in countries like Haiti to grow food in smaller spaces with minimal expense, water, and labor. \$40 provides a family with everything they require to grow life sustaining food in the limited space they have. You can sponsor a share of a container garden for \$10. **Please attach a check to this form and place it in the offering plate when it is passed.**

Your Name: _____

Your Order: _____ Easter Lilies \$8.50 each _____ Container Garden \$10 per share

Total Check: _____

Memorial or Celebration Dedication:





“And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.” ~Matthew 6: 16-18

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Ash Wednesday 12p Clarke Co. Rotary 6p Bell Choir 7p Ash Wednesday Service 7:30p Choir	2	3	4 8a Men's Breakfast
5 Communion Sunday 1 Lent 8:30a Worship 9:30a Children/Youth Sunday School 9:45a Adult Sunday School 10:30a Fellowship 11a Worship	6 7p Committee Mtgs.	7	8 12p Clarke Co. Rotary 6p Bell Choir 7p Choir	9 10a Hooks & Needles with Love	10 Youth Group: 30-Hour Famine	11 Youth Group: 30-Hour Famine
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19 3 Lent 8:30a Worship 9:30a Children/Youth Sunday School 9:45a Adult Sunday School 10:30a Fellowship 11a Worship	20	21 12:30 Town & Country Garden Club 7p Session Mtg.	22 12p Clarke Co. Rotary 6p Bell Choir 7p Choir	23 Signpost Deadline 5:30p Community Supper at DMUMC	24	25
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March Volunteers

	March 5 1st Sunday in Lent	March 12 2nd Sunday in Lent	March 19 3rd Sunday in Lent	March 26 4th Sunday in Lent
Altar Flowers	Dorothy Thorne: To the Glory of God and in memory of her mother, Louis Duke	Camilla Welsh: To the Glory of God and dedicated to the memory of Anna Fry Armel and Terry Presgraves	Charles & Grace Wakeley: To the Glory of God	Joan Schneider: To the Glory of God
Lay Readers	Stacy Rosen	Wally Gardiner	Stacy Rosen	Betsy Arnett
Ushers	Rosen Family	Rosen Family	Sam & Mary Miller	Sam & Mary Miller
Nursery Attendants	Lynn Tuohig	Betsy Arnett	Cathy Dickey	Susan Bunker



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| 1 Julie Dalton | 13 Greg Grubbs |
| 1 Mindy Lindsay | 14 Danielle Smith |
| 1 Lynn Tuohig | 16 Maxwell Lee Ervin |
| 2 Marilyn Heikes | 17 Sandra Duke |
| 2 Joan Schneider | 23 Nancy Vincent |
| 2 Karen Stevenson | 25 Ben Ghaffari |
| 3 Tom Duke | 25 Mark Smith |
| 6 Christopher Tuohig | 26 Amanda Blake |
| 7 Alma Brown | 27 Dickie Costello |
| 7 Steven Duckstein | 28 Kitty Dunn |
| 9 George Washington | 28 Kameryn Kizer |
| 10 Beverly Costello | 31 Kathryn Cox |
| 11 Alexandra Harden | |



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| 16 | Dickie & Beverly Costello |
| 23 | Philip & Theresa Shenk |

Let nothing disturb you;
Let nothing make you afraid;
All things pass;
Yet God is unchanging.
Patience
Is enough for everything.
You who have God
Lack nothing.
God alone is sufficient.
~St. Teresa of Avila

Submitted by Patti Washington

An early start to spring cleaning

Although Lent starts before spring appears in many areas, it's an appropriate time for spring cleaning. Indeed, *Lent* comes from old German and English words for "spring." So, while it might be too soon to open windows or hang clothes on the line, now is ideal for some *spiritual* spring cleaning.

Lent calls us to examine our beliefs, confess and dispose of old grudges and selfish habits, dust off our Bibles for a new routine of study and prayer, air out our hearts and brighten up our attitudes. "Lent cleaning" lets the Holy Spirit freshen our faith — and it's never too early for that.



Brain Teaser

Jonathan's sermon on Feb. 12
was entitled:
"G.O.A.T."
(remember what it means?)

Here is another word to
remember: **FROG**



Who knows what delicious
product is made
by this company?

Submitted by Patti Washington

The first ever cordless **phone**
was created by **God**.

He name it **Prayer**.

It never loses it's signal and you
never have to recharge it.

Use it **anywhere**.

~Author unknown

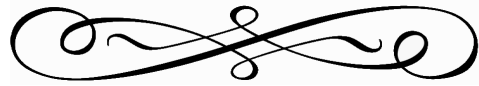
Submitted by Margaret Barb



The Security Check Team Needs YOU!

They are looking for someone to check our building on either Tuesday or Thursday night. If you are interested please call Sue Windisch:

571-643-2218



The

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ship Committee

...is looking for someone who would be interested in polishing the brass in the sanctuary twice a year, once before Easter and once before Christmas. If you are interested, please contact

Stephanie Lederhouse:

540-665-3095



The Rector responds to concern that Lent is a downer



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Sunday Church Schedule

8:30 am Worship
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Fellowship
11:00 am Worship

Church Office Hours: M-F, 9am-2pm

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Devotional Service &
Imposition of Ashes