



MARCH NEWSLETTER 2024

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From the Pastor...

LOOKING AT THE LIFE OF JESUS

As we journey together through Lent and enter the glory of Easter, it is important to note that the final days of Jesus' life are well documented in the Old Testament. Every important detail had been written down beforehand. Consider the following examples:

- 1) The betrayal by a familiar friend-Psalm 41:9
- 2) The forsaking of the disciples through being offended at him- Psalm 31:11
- 3) The false accusation-Psalm 35:11
- 4) The silence before his judge-Isaiah 53:7
- 5) Being proven guiltless-Isaiah 53:9
- 6) Being included with sinners-Isaiah 53:12
- 7) Being crucified-Psalm 22:16
- 8) The mockery of the spectators-Psalm 109:25
- 9) The taunt of nonbelievers-Psalm 22:7-8
- 10)The gambling for his garments-Psalm 22:18
- 11)The prayer for his enemies-Isaiah 53:12
- 12)Being forsaken by God-Psalm 22:1
- 13)The yielding of his spirit into the hands of his Father-Psalm 31:5
- 14)The bones not broken-Psalm 34:20
- 15)The burial in a rich man's tomb-Isaiah 53:9

In his life, Jesus fulfilled 332 distinct prophecies in the Old Testament. The mathematical possibilities of all these prophecies being fulfilled in the life of one man are astronomical.

We can take away from this analysis that Jesus' life was a testament to the promise made by God thousands of years ago and fulfilled with the death and resurrection of the Lord. To put it another way, Jesus was born so that God would reveal His power and glory through suffering and death. In paradoxical way, God's weakness is our strength. God endures the pain of human existence so that humans can not only identify with the divine but experience a taste of glory in the sufferings of this world. I would describe this as a blessed irony that we can all encounter the glory of God when we are most weak and humble.

I invite you to meet the glory of God in the last few weeks of Lent by joining in the Wednesday services as well as Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. In addition, please consider the service of Healing and Hope on Wednesday, March 20 at 7:00 pm. At the Good Friday service, Chris Hart will portray the character of Pontius Pilate.

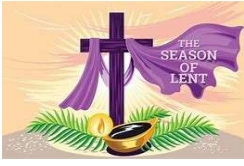
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MINISTERS FOR MARCH 2024

DATE	TIME	ASSISTANTS	DATE	TIME	LECTORS
3/3	8:00	Mark Cunningham	3/3	8:00	Olivia Howell
	10:30	Kim Pohovey		10:30	Kim Pohovey
3/10	8:00	Jim Ward	3/10	8:00	Jen Ward
	10:30	Terry Tegtmeier		10:30	Richard Dudash
3/17	8:00	Steve Maurer	3/17	8:00	Dave Zastawny
	10:30	Randy Simers		10:30	Cheryl Simers
3/24	8:00	Charlann Young	3/24	8:00	Sandy Ritter
	10:30	Maria Howenstine		10:30	Marcia Howenstine
3/28	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday - Kim Pohovey	3/21	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday - Kim Pohovey
3/229	7:00 pm	Good Friday - Terry Tegtmeier	3/22	7:00 pm	Good Friday - Richard Dudash
3/31	9:30	Easter - Randy Simers	3/31	8:00	Easter - Cheryl Simers
USHERS & GREETERS			SCREEN		
3/3	8:00	Byron & Marianne Lautenschleger	3/3	8:00	Pam Ward
	10:30	Dee Garrison		10:30	Doug Dix
3/10	8:00	John & Sandy Bolitho	3/10	8:00	Olivia Howell
	10:30	Tom & Tammy Huggins		10:30	Dee Garrison
3/17	8:00	Dave & Charlann Young	3/17	8:00	Terri Howell
	10:30	Randy & Cheryl Simers		10:30	Doug Dix
3/24	8:00	Jim & Jen Ward	3/24	8:00	Jen Ward
	10:30	Aaron & Meghan Woods		10:30	Ted Howenstine
3/28	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday - Randy & Cheryl Simers	3/28	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday - Dee Garrison
3/29	7:00 pm	Good Friday - Dee Garrison	3/29	7:00 pm	Good Friday - Doug Dix
3/31	9:30	Easter - Tom & Tammy Huggins	3/31	9:30	Easter - Doug Dix
Altar Guild			Community Meals		
Doug & Peggy Dix			Kathy Pozzuto		

Readings for February 2024

<u>Third Sunday in Lent</u> 3/3	<u>Fourth Sunday in Lent</u> 3/10	<u>Fifth Sunday in Lent</u> 3/17	<u>Palm Sunday</u> 3/24	<u>Maundy Thursday</u> 3/28	<u>Good Friday</u> 3/29	<u>Easter Sunday</u> 3/31
<u>Exodus 20:1-17</u>	<u>Numbers 21:4-9</u>	<u>Jeremiah 31:31-34</u>	<u>Zechariah 9:12</u>	<u>Exodus 24:3-11</u>	<u>Isaiah 52:12-53:31</u>	<u>Exodus 15:1-11</u>
<u>Psalm 19</u>	<u>Psalm 107:1-9</u>	<u>Psalm 119:9-16</u>	<u>Psalm 118:19-29</u>	<u>Psalm 116:12-19</u>	<u>Psalm 22</u>	<u>Psalm 118:15-29</u>
<u>1 Corinthians 1:18-31</u>	<u>Ephesians 2:1-10</u>	<u>Hebrews 5:1-10</u>	<u>Philippians 2:5-11</u>	<u>1 Corinthians 10:16-17</u>	<u>Hebrews 4:4-16:5:7-9</u>	<u>1Corin.5:6-8</u>
<u>John 2:13-25</u>	<u>John 3:14-21</u>	<u>Mark 10:32-34, 35-45</u>	<u>Mark 14:1-5:47</u>	<u>Mark 14:12-26</u>	<u>John 18:1-19:42</u>	<u>John 20:1-18</u>



Lenten Services Schedule – All services begin at 11:30 a.m.

March 6 – Zoar UCC - March 13 – St. John UCC

March 20 – Holy Trinity - March 27 – Bolivar Community Church

EASTER SERVICES:

March 24 – Palm Sunday – 8 & 10:30 a.m.

March 28 - Maundy Thursday – Service 7:00 p.m.

March 29 - Good Friday – Service 7:00 p.m.

March 31 - Easter Sunday - Service: 9:30 a.m.

Council News: The council approved the following disbursements \$500 to sponsor Zac Pirillo for the Akron Food Bank and \$700 to Pastor Tim Klink to purchase 100 Bible Study booklets.

SICK AND SHUT-IN LIST

Shut-ins: *Please see a list of our shut-ins below; they would enjoy hearing from you by visit or card.* **Bonnie Burkhart** – Park

Nursing Home – 1525 N. Crater Ave. Room 507– Dover, OH 44622 **Betty Menapace** – Park Village – 1511 Crater Ave. Room 19 A, Dover OH 44622



Prayer Chain - This week remember in your prayers —- Jack Fortune, Jim

Davis, Cindy Spiger, Jim Elsner, Brenda Schreffler, Lisa Johns, Sandy Mizer, Brock McNutt, Suzie Polcin, Dave Garan, Pastor Scott Anderson, Sally Lider,

Jenny Melegari, David Shetler, Amy Hughes, Velda De Ruggiero, James Baltzly, Margret Cox, Dr. Jennifer Carr, Pam Miller, Jeff Elliott, Lucie Dillon, Steve Morrin, Lee Hartline, Shannon Welty, Jeff Siegenthaler, Dave Mason, Josh Aubihl, John Moffett, David Sears, Joycelyn Ely, Marilyn Shaw, Weston Cooper, Dominic Manuel, Joanne Simers, Jessica Ditous, Hannah Dragomir, Bob Leffler, Devlin Crist, Gary Smerglia, Carol Schlagenhauer, Lyn Christenson, Tony & Ann Whatling, Lauren Seifert, **Servicemen & Women-** *Seth Hershberger, Abraham Marlowe, Kyle Grieving, Cearra Taylor, Don Scholz, Rob Vitous, Camren Taylor, Trent Garver, Andrea Gibson, Andy Jones, Jordan Ritter, Adam Pohovey, William Robishaw*



Book Club: This past week, we discussed Parts 3 and 4 of our most recent book “Faithfully Different” by Natasha Crain. We had a very lively and frank discussion about the secularism of our current culture and the role of Christianity today. We have decided in book club to read and discuss the book that we’ve given to the congregation, “How to Talk About Jesus Without Looking Like an Idiot: A Panic-Free Guide to Having a Natural Conversation About Your Faith.” It’s got a long title, but it’s

a humorous book with a lot of practical advice. If you need another book for you family, contact Terry Tegtmeier or Pastor. And it’s even FREE! Book Club will meet on **Tuesday April 9 at 7:00 p.m.**

Upcoming Events: Next month there will be a service of healing and hope on Wednesday, March 20 at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Doug Gregory, who led our Grief Counseling sessions last year will participate in the service. In addition, Chris Hart will present the character of Pontius Pilate at the Good Friday service at 7:00 p.m.

PRAYER FOCUS FOR MARCH 2024

This month we celebrate the glorious resurrection of Jesus - but before that glorious day, there was the horrible, ugly crucifixion. Why did Jesus agree to go through that agony? **BECAUSE OF HIS LOVE FOR YOU AND ME!**

“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8

Before He died, Jesus gave us a new commandment:

“Love one another as I have loved you, so you must love one another”

John 15:12

Be humble & courteous - Be quick to listen - Be not haughty or rude - Be slow to anger

Be pleasant to be around - Give hugs - Be ready to bless rather than curse

Be quick to forgive - Be quick to listen - Be happy for others - Smile more - Make that phone call

Be a steady, true friend - Don't gossip - Offer to help when situations arise

Is there any one thing on this list that you specifically need to work on?



Make an extra effort this month to be like Jesus.

There are only 3 prayers a Christian need:

Help me Jesus - Forgive me Jesus - Thank you Jesus

Birthright Annual Steak Dinner: Dennison Knights of Columbus Hall - 122 Grant Street – Dennison OH - Saturday – March 2, 2024 - 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. \$25.00 Per Meal - For advanced ticket purchase call:330-874-3635



Whitney Ward	3/1
Logan Hornberger	3/2
Vaughn Sears	3/2
Joe Pozzuto	3/3
Rick Simmons	3/4
Lizzie Kienzle	3/5
John Kienzle	3/6
Brenda Tegtmeier	3/8

March Birthdays

Skip Steward	3/11
Madelyn Reeves	3/15
Walter Tidenberg	3/16
Jim Howell	3/19
Gabriel Woods	3/22
Gary Pohovey	3/23
Jen Ward	3/24
Meghan Woods	3/24

March Anniversaries

Gary & Donna Spangler	3/9
Pastor Mike & Kathy Pozzuto	3/31

Youth: Friday, March 15, Youth Group 6-7:30pm - St. Paul Fellowship Hall

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					3/1	3/2
3/3	3/4	3/5	3/6	3/7	3/8	3/9
Worship & Communion 8 & 10:30 a.m. – Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Third Sunday in Lent	Yoga Class 9- 10:00 a.m.	Men & Women's Meeting 7:00 p.m. First Communion Class 6:00 pm	Choir Practice 7:00 pm Evangelism Meeting 9:30 am Lenten Service Zoar UCC11:30 am	Community Meal 11:30 – 1:00 pm		Property 9:00 am Daylight Savings Time Turn Clocks ahead one hour...
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Worship & Communion 8 & 10:30 a.m. – Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Fourth Sunday in Lent	Yoga Class 9- 10 am Lions Club 6:30 pm	First Communion Class 6:00 pm	Lenten Service St. John UCC11:30 am Choir Practice 7:00 pm	Worship Meeting 11:00 am	Youth Group 6-7:30pm Fellowship Hall	
3/17	3/18	3/19	3/20	3/21	3/22	3/23
Worship & Communion 8 & 10:30 a.m. – Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Fifth Sunday in Lent Happy St. Patrick's Day	Yoga Class 9- 10 am Council 7:00 p.m.	Men & Women's Meeting 7:00 p.m. First Communion Class 6:00 PM	Healing Service 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service Holy Trinity 11:30	Community Meal 11:30 – 1:00 pm		
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3/31						
EASTER SUNDAY Worship & Communion 9:30 am – 						

Menu For Community Meal March 7: Million Dollar Spaghetti, tossed garden salad, garlic toast, desert, and beverage.

Month To Date Giving

Month to Date Giving February Amount 2024 **\$7,769.00**

Month to Date Giving February Amount 2023 **\$10,640.00**

