



Christ United Methodist Church
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THE BELL RINGER

March 2019



COMING IN MARCH

Sundays, March 3, 17, 24, 31 – Women's Study Group at 2:00 p.m.

Tuesdays, March 5 & 19 - Grief Support Group with Ann Akin in the parlor at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesdays, March 19 & 26 – Lenten Study at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesdays, March 6, 13, 20, 27 – 12:00 p.m. -- A Glimpse of Faith Lunch, noon, Fellowship Hall

Thursdays, March 7, 14, 21, 28 -- 11:30 a.m. – Pastor's Devotional

Sunday, March 3 – Transfiguration Sunday & Imagine No Malaria Sunday

Wednesday, March 6 – Ash Wednesday – Ash Wednesday Service at 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 7 – 5:00 p.m. – S/PPR Meeting

Sunday, March 10 – First Sunday In Lent & Daylight Saving Time begins (move clocks forward)

All Church Donation Lunch – Casseroles

Church Council Meeting

Sunday, March 17 – Second Sunday In Lent

Sunday, March 24 – Third Sunday In Lent

Sunday, March 31 – Fourth Sunday In Lent/UMCOR Sunday

March Birthdays – Jacob Faulks – March 12, Neil Guthrie - March 26

March Anniversaries – Alberto & Rhonda Giussani – March 7

Lenten Study

Justin Larosa has prepared a study for Lent entitled *The Jesus Challenge: 21 Days of Loving God and Neighbor*.

This study guides participants as they follow Jesus and live out his commandment to love God and neighbor.

We meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays
March 19, 26, and April 2.

Donation Lunch for March

The donation lunch for March will be March 10th following church. We will have casseroles for the meal. All the donations go toward Shared Ministries. The sign-up sheet is on the podium in the narthex.

SPPRC Meeting

We will be meeting Thursday, March 7th
at 5:00 p.m. for our quarterly meeting.



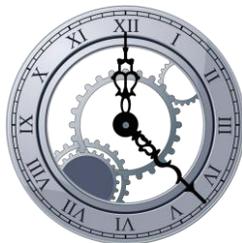
Church Council Meeting

Church Council will meet after the
Donation Lunch on March 10th.

Daylight Saving Time

March 10th starts Daylight
Savings time.

Don't forget to move your
clocks *forward!*



A Word from the Pastor

Dear Here For You Saints,

In Philippians 2:3-4 we read the following:

³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.

This scripture provides encouragement to stay the course in our Christian walk. We are called to love one another unconditionally. We are called to not count the cost. We are called to give what we have to strangers. Reflecting on this scripture for this month's message led me to a website which lists special days of each month. One of those days which struck me was Caregiver Appreciation Day.

According to holidayinsights.com, March 3rd is Caregiver Appreciation Day, a day for recognizing "tens of millions of Americans, who selflessly give their time to care for those who are ill, disabled, or elderly." It is meant to honor those who are paid and unpaid. This sight further indicates that "29% of the U.S. population, some 65 million Americans are care givers in some way, and according to the U.S. Department of Labor, over 40 million Americans, age 15 or older, provide unpaid care to the elderly alone."

Holidayinsights.com suggests several ways to celebrate this day as we recognize caregivers for what they do:

1. Give a simple thank you to everyone you know who is a caregiver in any capacity.
2. Send a thank you card by mail or email.
3. Give them a day off. Take over the role of caring.

Most of the people I know who provide care for someone who has difficulty caring for themselves, whether paid or unpaid, do so with love in their hearts. Some provide tireless care for years at home and in care facilities. Each time I have visited these folks, I see a spark of God's love in the eyes of the one being cared for and the one doing the caregiving. My prayers always include solicitations for strength, courage, and patience for those who sit by bedsides or provide comfort for someone each day.

As a church made up of a majority of older people, we certainly can empathize with those who are tirelessly providing home care and support in a nursing home or rehabilitation facility. Actually, we can do more than empathize. We can put our hands and feet where our hearts are. Indeed, we can let the love of Jesus move us to action.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Dennis