



RUHL'S CHURCH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

Sunday is the second week in Lent. Sunday is the second week of our series, "Lessons In Following Jesus From The Ones That Got Away." This week our text is Luke 18:18-30. We will be looking at the story of the Rich Ruler who came to see Jesus about salvation. Spend some time this week reading this text and meditating on it. What is God saying to you. How about this - If you could meet Jesus face to face as this man did, what would you ask Him? There is something to think about! Spend some time too, in prayer, preparing your heart for worship, and being open that God might show you some things and help you change some things, to grow closer to Him, this Lenten season. See you Sunday! Until then, be blessed.

THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to everyone who participated in any way in the Indoor Yard Sale. We were a bit surprised to wake up to 3" of snow, but lots of shoppers braved the weather to come shop with us. Proceeds from the sale support the ministries and missions of the Sunshine Class. Thank you for helping to make the 2019 Indoor Yard sale a big success!

EASTER BOXES

With Easter approaching quickly, plans are underway to create Easter food boxes! Our delivery date will be Palm Sunday, April 14. If you know a family who would benefit from receiving a food box with everything needed for an Easter dinner, please **contact Kris Gray** at 717-664-3868 by March 24 so we know how many food boxes to prepare. Thank you!

COFFEE HOUR

Join us for Coffee Fellowship this Sunday, March 17 (St. Patrick's Day), after both services. Our snacks will be provided by Laurie Winters, Patti Sheffey, Gail Ruhl, Sandy Phillips, JoAnne McClain, Sharon Rambler and Cheryl Ruhl. Please plan on joining us for a great time of fellowship and snacks!

MISSION TRIP - JUNE 15-22

The mission trip scheduled for June 15-22 will be serving the community of Clendenin, West Virginia. This area was devastated by flooding in 2016 and many families are still in need of help. There will be a sign-up sheet on the New Fellowship Hall bulletin board for anyone interested in joining the team. Fundraisers have been scheduled to offset the cost of the trip which includes, project money to fund repairs/ rebuilding, housing accommodations at a local church, meals and traveling expenses. If you have further questions, please **contact Chuck or Gail Ruhl** at 717-665-3018.

CHICKEN POT PIE DINNER

All you can eat Chicken Pot Pie Dinner Saturday, March 23rd from 4:00pm till 7:00pm or until sold out. Other menu items include: Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Applesauce, Homemade Desserts, and Beverages. Cost: Adults \$12.00, Children (6-12) \$5.00, Children under 5 are free. Take out Chicken Pot Pie will be \$8.00 a quart. All proceeds benefit mission trip in June 2019.

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Do you like to visit with people? We are looking for volunteers to be part of a new visitation ministry to help connect members of the church. If interested, or for more information **please contact Ted Achey** at 717-665-3733.

GRETNA GLEN CAMP & RETREAT CENTER IS HIRING FOR SUMMER 2019

Gretna Glen Camp & Retreat Center is hiring for the upcoming summer camp season. Summer staff arrive for staff training on June 5th and serve at Gretna Glen through August 10th. Gretna Glen is hiring lifeguards, counselors, food service and program team members. These positions are often held by college age staff, but please know we welcome applications from any adult that seeks to work in a Christian camp environment. More details are available at www.gretnaglen.org along with our application or call our office. 717-273-6525

WOMEN'S PRAYER AND SHARE GROUP

Women's Prayer and Share Group meets on Fridays from 10:00 to 11:00am. This is a time for sharing prayer requests and praying for each other, our church and our Country.

BUS TOUR—MUSEUM OF THE BIBLE OR SMITHSONIAN ZOO

When: April 6th, 2019

Cost: Museum of the Bible - Adults \$82.00, ages 5-11 years \$70.00, Under 5 years \$55.00

Cost: Smithsonian Zoo - Adults \$69.00, ages 5-11 years \$60.00, Under 5 years \$55.00.

Flyers & sign-up sheets on bulletin board in Fellowship Hall or contact Barb Dunmire at 717-201-7566 or bwbbbarb@gmail.com

FIREWOOD FOR SALE AT THE GROVE

CONTACT Dave Heisey 717-665-4499

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering envelopes have been moved to the church office. If you have not picked up your envelopes yet, please pick them up there.

FOOD PANTRY

At Ruhl's Church we want to help out our neighbors in need. One of the ways we do that is through food ministry. In the main lobby, there is a grocery cart with a list of items each month. You are encouraged to give a food tithe. Every time you go to the grocery store, purchase one item that you will share with those in need and place it in the cart when you come to church.

The items collected ultimately go to the Food Pantry in Manheim, housed at the Salem United Methodist Church. However, we will pull a few items aside as they would be useful to keep a small selection here at Ruhl's for special, emergency needs. In the Hallway between the Sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall, there is a white book case with a selection of food items that you can take and use personally or deliver to someone you are aware of who has an immediate need. Take whatever is useful. No questions asked!

FOOD PANTRY SPECIAL REQUESTS FOR MARCH

Canned Potatoes
Canned Chicken
Canned Spaghetti
Canned Fruit
Applesauce
Saltines/Crackers

SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY PREGNANCY CENTER

At Ruhl's Church, we support the work of the SVPC through our Mission Team. You can help personally. In the main lobby there is a manger to collect items used by SVPC. Anytime the Spirit moves you, purchase an item and drop it off. (All items should be new unless noted otherwise.) Items will be delivered when the manger starts to get full. Items to support this local ministry include: Baby bathtubs, Bottles, Boppy Pillows, Pacifiers, Diaper Bags, Baby Wash, High Chairs, Baby Bouncer, Teething Rings, Receiving Blankets, Burp Cloths, Wipes, Hooded Towels, Crib Sheets, Baby Lotion, Diapers, (New OR GENTLY used) Clothing in sizes preemie up to 5T.

SOMETHING NEW IN THE BULLETIN - QR CODES

We have started to add QR Codes throughout the Sunday bulletin. When you access a QR Code on your Smart Phone, it will take you directly to a specific page on our website. This feature will work with your camera or you may need to download a QR Reader app.



CAN'T MAKE IT SUNDAY MORNING?

We are Live streaming services here at Ruhl's. What does that mean exactly? Well that means if you are ever home sick or away on a Sunday morning, you can tune in and watch our service live from where ever you are with your cell phone, tablet, computer, or smart TV. All you need to do is go to www.youtube.com, then in the search bar type in Ruhl's Church. The first thing that will pop up is the Ruhl's Church channel. You click on that, select the live service or watch one of the previous uploaded sermons. The actual link is <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCixs22KP6jkwmdmCXuwlwMg>

Our live services will be most 8:00am services and all of the 10:30am services. We also live stream our service to the nursery and the prayer room for anyone who may need to step out of the service for a while. The live stream is deleted soon as the service is over for copywrite issues and the Sermon part of the service will be put up on our website and youtube channel on Monday. If you have any problems or questions, see Dustin.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

- **IGNITE** is held Sunday nights from 6:30 till 8:00pm for grades 6th through 12th. Our new series will be starting soon. We will be talking about "Godly Relationships".
- **Youth Fundraiser:** The youth are selling Hershey Park Tickets at a discounted rate. The best deal is to buy the tickets before March 15th. All checks need to be made out to Ruhl's Church. For more info look on the Bulletin board in the NFH or talk to Barb Dunmire at 717-201-7566

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Leadership Team (Board of Ministry) have decided to do flowers different this year to cut down on cost. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the offices. If you would like to sponsor flowers this year please sign up and then there will be two options for you. The first being you can have the office order the usual flowers from Royer's for \$30 and we would need the money and the office notified by the Thursday before the Sunday you wish to sponsor flowers. The second option is for you to order flowers on your own from your own florist and to let the office know what you want in the bulletin for information. If you have any questions, please call the office. (717-665-3400)

“Thinking Out Loud” by Rev. Blaine R. Wenger

“Mr. Potato Head”

If you have ever visited my office and looked around, besides the books, and a few droopy plants, you might notice a “Mr. Potato Head” on a shelf among the nicknacks. Do you remember playing with one when you were younger? (I do.) Maybe you have one in the house now? I don’t remember why I got the one I have now. I’m sure it was part of some illustration or children’s thing I was doing at the time. But, I never got rid of it. (Like a lot of other things as well.) Sitting there on the shelf, in this season of Lent, is making me think.

Here in America, we have this idea repeated, and drilled in to us, that we can do anything that we want. We can be anything that we want. So, we try to make ourselves, or shape ourselves, in the fashion that we desire; according to our designs and intentions. It is kind of like we are this living version of the Mr. Potato Head; we can move this around, change that out, add in that feature, and so on. In the end, we will be what we want to be; we can change what we want to change, when we want to change it. The trouble is, often it doesn’t turn out the way we expected or we hoped. I think that honestly, some of the reason we see so much dissention in our society today is because on one hand we have this message of self-determination and self-reliance in our minds, consciously or unconsciously. Yet, too often experience shows us we cannot, in fact, be anything we want. People get frustrated and they react; acting out. If I am not being who I want to be, achieving what I want, someone, or something must be to blame. Something is unfair. Something needs fixed. Don’t get me wrong; there are many inequities and injustices that should be addressed in our country. But not everything that happens to us falls under that category. You know, sometimes, personal issues need personal solutions.

It turns out in fact, that we may NOT be able to change everything about ourselves that we would like to. In fact, in some ways, we can change very, very little. Here is the good news, and the tie in to Lent, there is one that can change us. God can, if we are willing, and especially if we are cooperating. Go back to the Mr. Potato Head image. Does the toy change itself? No. It needs an outside hand. So often, more often than we might like to admit, in more areas than we might like to admit, the only way that we will change is if we have an outside hand. We might be able to envision what we would like, but not be able to accomplish it on our own. And too, we might not be able to envision the best outcome in the first place. We REALLY need that outside hand. Lent is that time, when more than usual, we are invited to turn our attention to the hand that shapes us, the hand that makes us, the hand that blesses us. Rather than trying to do things on our own, we turn to God and seek to connect with Him. We spend time to call forth the inward stuff that crowds our hearts and clouds our hearts, that separates us from God. This is confession. Then, we seek God’s hand to help us to change these things; to be remade. We may not be able to be all that we want to be. But, with God’s help, we might just be able to be even more.

Grace & Peace, Pastor Blaine

RUHL'S CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, March 17

8:00am – Traditional Worship Service
9:15am – Sunday School for All Ages
10:30am – Worship Service
6:00pm – Youthful Praise (music ministry for kids & youth)
6:30 – 8:00pm IGNITE for all Youth

Monday, March 18

7:00pm—Leadership Meeting

Tuesday, March 19

7:00pm – Finance Team Meeting

Wednesday, March 20

6:30pm – Bible Study with Pastor Blaine
7:30pm – Choir Rehearsal
8:15pm – Praise Band Rehearsal

Thursday, March 21

10:00am – Ruhl's Church Prayer Walk (Come and pray for Ruhl's)

Friday, March 22

10:00-11:00am – Women's Prayer and Share

Saturday, March 23

4:00pm-7:00pm – Chicken Pot Pie Dinner

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8:00am – Traditional Worship Service
9:15am – Sunday School for All Ages
10:30am – Worship Service
6:00pm – Youthful Praise (music ministry for kids & youth)
6:30 – 8:00pm IGNITE for all Youth

Looking Ahead

Bishop's Town Hall Meeting—March 28, 6:30pm at Ruhl's
Bus Tour— Museum of the Bible or Smithsonian Zoo—April 6
Easter Egg Hunt – April 14, 6:30pm
Maundy Thursday Service – April 18, 7:00pm
Good Friday Service – April 19, 7:00pm
Easter Sunday – April 20
Easter Sunrise—6:30am Followed by breakfast at 7:00am
Strawberry & Waffle Breakfast – May 4, 7:00am
Summer Mission Trip – June 15 thru 22
Community Picnic – July 20
Grove Revival Week – July 21 thru 26
Vacation Bible School – July 29 thru August 2

What's Happening in East PA. Conference/West District—See Pastor Blaine for Details

GIANT Yard Sale for Anchorage Breakfast Ministry, March 30, 7:30am-1pm
Lancaster Brethern in Christ, Fruitville Pike

District Conference—May 5, Location TBA
Equalizing Delegate must submit name to District Office by April 28