



Message from the Pastor:

Our ancient ancestors witnessed two battles, waged simultaneously. They had no control over either, and they watched them with awe. The first was the battle of light and darkness in the sky. They watched as Night swallowed up Day to a greater and greater extent, until in late December, Night had pushed as far as could be allowed. Then Day began the slow process of pushing Night back.

The second battle was the battle for the earth. This was a battle of Cold and Warm. Just at the time when Day began to turn the tide against Night, Cold was gaining a stronger and stronger grip on the earth. Warm did not begin to win until March. Then, as with the battle for the sky, the progress was maddeningly slow.

Science has reduced our awe, if not our aggravation, when it comes to these processes in the world around us – the cycles of the sun and the seasons. We can look at charts and graphs and be assured that by a certain date, the length of the day will be a certain number of hours, minutes, and even seconds. Our Christian faith has given us an assurance which our ancient ancestors did not have, since we view the world and its processes as a creation of God, who is just and loving, and can be trusted to be consistent. We do not have to wonder whether Night will be stronger than Day this year, because we trust that God has ordered creation according to consistent principles.

However, we still have to live through these cycles and seasons, and they affect how we live. They remain powerful metaphors for life, and for the way God has intervened in life through the birth, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

Jesus birth was the beginning of the victory in human lives of God's grace over evil, just as the winter solstice begins the lengthening of days. Jesus' resurrection is the "spring of souls" (to quote the hymn *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*) which is the final victory over the "winter" of sin and death.

March finds us in between, in a period we call "Lent." If winter is a metaphor for sin, then Lent is "late winter." Just as we look forward to spring, we also look forward to Easter: Jesus' victory over sin and death. However, just as the cold stubbornly continues to surround us outdoors, we continue to be immersed in our sin. We continue to fear death. In the physical world, we make preparations for spring, while still shoveling snow. In Lent, we recognize and prepare for Easter, while still recognizing and struggling with our sin.

As surely as spring will come, Jesus' victory will come as well. Let us take time this Lent, from Ash Wednesday (March 5th) through Easter on April 20th, to contemplate the battle of Love versus Evil in our world and in each of our lives. And let us prepare for the victory of Love, for the battle has already been won!

In Christ's love,

Pastor Matt Stengel



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Adult Progressive Dinner

- Come join us Saturday, March 22. Gather at church at 6:00 pm for appetizers
- We will travel out to homes for Salad and Main Course.
- Back to Church for Dessert and socializing.
- Its a great way to get to know people better.

Its a good evening out. Reserve a seat today!

We are looking for homes for salad and main course.

We need appetizers and desserts for all to enjoy.

Worship Schedule for March:

Worship Service - 8:15 & 10:45 a.m.



What follows are the Lectionary Readings for each Sunday. Each week, the theme of the service will usually emerge from one of the prescribed readings (often the Gospel). We invite you to read through the lessons prior to Sunday morning. It can be a healthy discipline and enhance the experience of worship.

3/2:	Exodus 24:12-198	Psalm 99
	2 Peter 1:16-21	Matthew 17:1-9
3/9:	Genesis 2:15-17;3:1-7	Psalm 32
	Romans 5:12-19	Matthew 4:1-11
3/16:	Genesis 12:1-4a	Psalm 121
	Romans 4:1-5, 13-17	John 3:1-17
3/23:	Exodus 17:1-7	Psalm 95
	Romans 5:1-11	John 4:5-42
3/30:	1 Samuel 16:1-13	Psalm 23
	Ephesians 5:8-14	John 9:1-41

A PRAYER CHAIN REMINDER: *We have an active prayer chain, both through e-mails and phone. You're invited to be part of that; just call Bill and Gail Mason at 453-9038. Also, if you have a prayer concern of any kind that you want to share, contact Bill and Gail at the number above or by e-mail at wmason@rochester.rr.com. We only send out prayer concerns when we receive direct requests.*



Altar Flowers: *If you like a formal arrangement placed in honor/memory of a loved one, call Betty LaMonica. Arrangements are \$25.*



Anniversary Ministry: *Please contact me of your special day at or dham1@rochester.rr.com*



Thank you, Dick Hamblin

Birthday Ministry: *We would love to recognize your special day. Please e-mail Mandy in the office to let us know if your birthday is not on our calendar. greeceumc@frontiernet.net*



Deadline for all newsletter articles is the 15th of each month by 5:00pm. Please e-mail to Deb Babbage at dbabbage@rochester.rr.com. Thank you.



Thoughts from Deacon Dee:

"Insanity is defined as doing the same thing over, and over again, expecting different results."

This saying, commonly used in 12 Step programs, reveals a real wisdom. It can be a good beginning reflection as we examine the choices we will make in the days ahead. It is very simple. We are called as Christians to a "change of heart." And, we know from experience, that nothing will change, unless we change our patterns. To expect different results is insanity.

So, what needs changing?

We start to come to know that by asking for help. "Lord, help me to know what needs changing." It is often said, "Be careful about what you ask for." Then, we have to listen. With a little bit of reflection, most of us will just begin to "name" things that make up our ordinary habits and ways of being who we are, that we aren't very proud of. Things we do and things we never get around to doing. We can "feel" the call to change our attitudes, our self-absorption, or our way of interacting with others. Perhaps a spouse, a loved one, a friend, a family member, a co-worker has told me something about myself that gets in the way of communication, that makes relating to them difficult. Maybe I don't take God very seriously. I go to Church on Sunday, and contribute, but I don't really take time to deal with my relationship with God. Perhaps I've let my mind get cluttered. I might begin to name a number of self habits. I may realize I rarely, if ever, hear the cry of the poor, and can't remember when I've answered that cry. It could be that dishonesty on all kinds of levels has become a way of life. One of the roadblocks may be deep wounds or resentments from the past, things I continue to hold against others or myself.

Beginning New Patterns during Lent.

Something all of us can do is commit ourselves to being more reflective during Lent. It just means that I'm going to make a point of being more observant, more aware of what I'm experiencing - paying more attention to what is "automatic" behavior. And, I then start paying attention to my desires. We have all kinds of desires. During Lent, I can reflect upon the desires I currently have and which of them need to be purified, which may need to be abandoned, and which are wonderful desires that are there, but I haven't acted upon them.

Lent is the time to start new patterns of prayer. Perhaps I haven't been praying at all. This is a great time to choose to begin. It is important to begin realistically. I can start by simply pausing when I get up and taking a slow, deep breath, and recalling what I have to do this day, and asking for grace to do it as a child of God. I may want to go to bed a half an hour earlier, and get up a half an hour earlier and give myself some time alone to scripture/reflection readings for the day, I may choose to get to church on Sunday, just 15 minutes earlier, so I can reflect a bit. Lent may be a time I would want to choose to start to journal the day to day reflections that are coming, the desires I'm naming and asking for, the graces I am being given.

Practicing Generosity. Almsgiving has always been an important part of Lent. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. It is important to give ourselves the experience of fasting from being un-generous. Generosity is not simply giving my excess clothes to a place where poor people might purchase them. It's not even writing a "generous" check at the time a collection is taken up for a cause that benefits the poor. These are wonderful practices. Generosity is an attitude. It is a sense that no matter how much I have, all that I have is gift, and given to me to be shared. It means that sharing with others in need is one of my personal priorities. That is quite different from assessing all of my needs first, and then giving away what is left over. A spirit of self-less giving means that one of my needs is to share what I have with others.

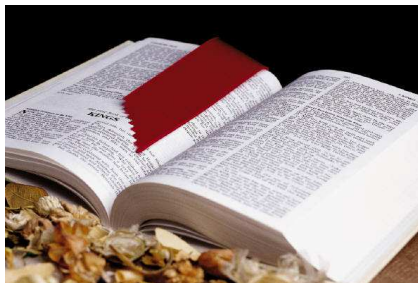
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Pastor's Lent Study:

"Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses... let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and finisher of our faith." (Hebrews 12: 1-2)

The Letter to the Hebrews is an often-ignored book of the Bible's New Testament, that nonetheless provided guidance, comfort, and strength to the earliest Christians, and can do the same for us. It connected those people of the first Christian century to the faithful of the past, the "great cloud of witnesses," who could encourage them and teach them. *Hebrews* can also encourage and teach us, and we can be inspired by the ever-growing "cloud of witnesses" - the faithful who have gone before us. *Hebrews* connects the Old Testament, the Hebrew scriptures, with the New Testament, the Christian scriptures, in a way that no other work in the Bible does.

Pastor Matt Stengel will be leading a study of the *Letter to the Hebrews* during the season of Lent. On six Thursdays (March 6, 13, 20, and 27, and April 3 and 10) at 12:00 noon, in the Kerrison Room at church, Pastor Matt will lead a discussion-style study. You may bring your lunch and eat during the study and discussion. The study is open to members and friends of Greece United Methodist Church, and the community. An identical study will be held at 7:00 p.m. on the same Thursdays, at the Villages, the senior living complex behind Unity (Park Ridge) Hospital. Anyone is welcome to attend either or both sessions, or switch between them, as it is convenient for them.



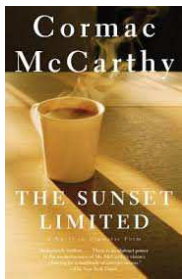
Deacon Dee Cont.....

Lent is a wonderful time to practice self-less giving, because it takes practice. This kind of self-sacrificing generosity is a religious experience. It places us in solidarity with the poor who share with each other, without having any excess. Establishing new patterns of giving will give real life and joy to Lent.

Lent is a wonderful time to name what sinful, unhealthy, self-centered patterns need changing and to act against them by coming up with a strategy. For example, if the Lord is shining a light into the darkness of a bad pattern in my life, I can choose to "stop doing it." But, I have to work on a "change of heart" and to look concretely at what circumstances, attitudes, and other behaviors contribute to the pattern.

Let us pray for each other on this journey, especially those who need and desire a change of heart on this Easter.

All Church Read Selection for 2014—The Sunset Limited **March 2, 12:15—2:30 Pot Luck Lunch and Discussion**



This year we have selected a play for our All Church Read: **The Sunset Limited** by Cormac McCarthy

A startling encounter on a New York subway platform leads two strangers to a run-down tenement where a life or death decision must be made. In that small apartment, “Black” and “White,” as the two men are known, begin a conversation that leads each back through his own history, mining the origins of two fundamentally opposing world views. White is a professor whose seemingly enviable existence of relative ease has left him nonetheless in despair. Black, an ex-con and ex-addict, is the more hopeful of the men—though he is just as desperate to convince White of the power of faith as White is desperate to deny it. Their aim is no less than this: to discover the meaning of life.

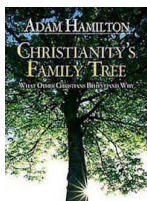
Deft, spare, and full of artful tension, *The Sunset Limited* is a beautifully crafted, consistently thought-provoking, and deceptively intimate work by one of the most insightful writers of our time.

Please join us, Sunday, March 2nd from 12:15—2:30, for a pot luck lunch. During our lunch, we will have an opportunity see a video of a stellar performance of this play by actors Samuel L Jackson and Tommy Lee Jones. After, we will have an opportunity for discussion.

Sunday Morning (9:30AM) Gatherings

Children's Sunday School Class: Lent and Easter

Youth Sunday Gathering: Christianity's Family Tree by Adam Hamilton



Adult Forum Class: Christianity's Family Tree by Adam Hamilton

Message from Outreach:

Undie Sunday

Sunday, March 30th

Please bring in new packaged children's underwear to give to our local schools for children in need.

Thank you



Annual Book Sale Collection.

Time to clean off your bookshelves. We're looking for new or gently used books, CDs, DVDs, and puzzles to sell at our annual book sale*. We are hoping to collect enough to have a two day sale. Tell your friends. We need lots of books! Proceeds to benefit general budget and library.

*(Please no magazines, encyclopedias, or textbooks.)

Widows and Widowers Group:

**No Meeting in March Due to
March Music Madness.**

Meeting to resume in April.



Dinner and Devotion with Dee and Deb

Let's come together to break bread and reflect on God's presence in our lives. Dee and Deb will provide a soup and salad dinner, along with some treats.

Participants can, if they want, bring a soup/dessert to share.



Next Meetings:

**March 12th & 26th,
5:30—6:30pm Fellowship Hall**

Page Turners Monthly Book Club:

March Selection:

Biography Month



Empty Mansion: The Mysterious Life of Huguette Clark

by Bill Dedman & Paul Clark Newell

When Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Bill Dedman noticed in 2009 a grand home for sale, unoccupied for nearly sixty years, he stumbled through a surprising portal into American history. *Empty Mansions* is a rich mystery of wealth and loss, connecting the Gilded Age opulence of the nineteenth century with a twenty-first-century battle over a \$300 million inheritance. At its heart is a reclusive heiress named Huguette Clark, a woman so secretive that, at the time of her death at age 104, no new photograph of her had been seen in decades. Though she owned palatial homes in California, New York, and Connecticut, why had she lived for twenty years in a simple hospital room, despite being in excellent health? Why were her valuables being sold off? Was she in control of her fortune, or controlled by those managing her money?

Everyone is invited to discuss this biography on Thursday, March 27th at 10:00am in the Kerrison Room.

April's selection: **Great House** by Nicole Krauss

Tuesday Book Group:

Just Like Jesus:

Learning To Have a Heart Like His

By Max Lucado

God loves you just the way you are, but he refuses to leave you there. He wants you to be just like Jesus. Can you think of a better offer?

**All are welcome to this group which meets
on Tuesday mornings at
10:00am in Room 9.**

Questions, contact:

Linda Hoffman, facilitator

Bagel and Book Study:

Lent Study: **Starts 3/5**



Easter From the Back Side

By J. Ellsworth Kalas

Kalas's creative approach both clarifies basic teachings and introduces new possibilities of the meaning of Easter, even for those who are most familiar with the Easter story. Enriched with contemporary illustrations and personal experiences, this volume will provide new perspectives on Easter.

Chapter titles and Scriptures include: "Why We Need Easter" (Genesis 3:1-7, 22-24); "Easter from an Ash Heap" (Job 19:13-27); "Easter for the Disillusioned" (Ecclesiastes 2:14-26); "Ezekiel Celebrates Easter" (Ezekiel 37:1-10); "Easter Is a Love Story" (John 20:1-18); "Late for Easter" (1 Corinthians 15:1-11); and "Forever Easter" (Revelation 21:1-4).

**Group meets
Wednesday**

@ 9:30-11:30am

**Soho's Bagel Café,
Stone Ridge Plaza**

Come Join Us! Friends Welcomed!



MARCH MUSIC MADNESS IS BACK

Sunday March 16 @ 2:00 p.m.

Come for a “BRUNCHEON” before the concert starting at 12:30

The Bruncheon is free and there will be a free will offering taken during the concert.

The featured first half performers are:

Breathettes

Chancel Choir

Juke Vox

Treble Clefs

**The second half will feature our own Haeyeun Jeun who will also be joined
by Sungmin Shin and friends from Eastman School of Music**

Please mark your calendar for this awesome day of MUSIC MADNESS!



Finance Report:

Pledges, Non Pledges, shared Ministries and the Budget gap are coming in ahead of the anticipated amounts.

In January of 2014 we had usable income of \$26,723.96. We spent \$21,817.31 and had bills left to pay totaling \$4,197.11, totaling \$26,014.42 for spending in Jan. A surplus of \$709.54.



There are giving envelopes with the Church Logo and an area for addresses and numbers available in the pews. These are left over from 2013.

Please, If you use the “other” line make sure you stipulate what the amount is for. Such as “Budget gap etc.

We still have pledges out. If you wish to pledge please contact me.

Bill Brado

Season of Lent (March 5 – April 20, 2014)

During the season of Lent there will be extra opportunities for worship, fellowship, and study:

Ash Wednesday Service - Wednesday, March 5, 7:30 p.m. at the church. Scripture for meditation: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17, Psalm 51:1-17, 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10, Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21.

Lenten Pastor Bible Study—Thursdays 12:00 a.m. (over lunch) at the church, or 7:00 p.m. at the Villages (apartment complex behind Unity Hospital) March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3 & 10
See page 3 for Pastor Matt's study announcement.

SoHo Conversation: Wednesday mornings 9:30-11:00am Using Easter from the Back Side author J. Ellsworth Kalas opens up new possibilities of insight into the biblical Easter story.
See announcement on page 6.

Dinner & Devotions: 2nd & 4th Wednesdays ***March 12 & 26, April 9 & 23 5:30 – 6:30pm.*** Soup and Salad served with Lenten conversation. Come join us in Fellowship Hall! All are welcome.

Pretzel Sunday: ***Sunday, March 9 9:30 in Fellowship Hall.*** Children and Youth will make pretzels, (traditionally a representation of hands folded in prayer), which will be shared with the congregation during Fellowship Time **after the 10:45 service.**

March Music Madness: ***Sunday March 16 at 2:00.*** See announcements on page 7

Maundy Thursday: ***Thursday, April 17***

6:00 p.m. Seder meal celebration in the Fellowship Hall

7:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion in the Sanctuary

Good Friday: ***Friday, April 18***

7:00 Tenebrae service

Easter Sunday: ***April 20***

7:00 a.m. Sunrise worship (outside, weather permitting)

7:30 Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall

8:15, 10:45 Worship



Greece United Methodist Women:

**Executive Meeting – March 31st, 2014 @7:00pm in Room 9
Chris Collins, president**



CIRCLE MEETINGS:

Deborah – March 9th, at 2:00 p.m., Room 9, They will be watching a video.
Miriam - March 10th at 7:00 p.m., Room 9, Vicki Standhart will speak about her trip to S. Africa.
Ruth - March 11th at 12:30 p.m., Room 9, Guest speaker, Kelly McGovern, from The Monroe County Legal Services. Items from Journey Home's Wish List will be collected.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED:

World Day Of Prayer Celebration will be held on Friday, March 7th, 2014, at Asbury First United Methodist Church. The program is from 1:30-2:30 p.m. and is always inspiring. Refreshments following the program will be provided by Church Women United.

USED CLOTHING SALE:

Our Used Clothing Sale will be held on April 26th. More details next month. It is not too early to begin sorting through the clothes in your closet and weeding out those you don't wear anymore. Handbags, shoes, belts and linens are other things that can be donated. It is time to simplify one's life and help others in need as we raise monies for missions!

MEMBERSHIP:

All women in the congregation are welcome to attend our general meetings and/or circle of their choice. Please contact Neva Benson, Sally Lepi or any UMW member for more information.

Out Reach Message:

"We are all God's extension cords, taking His light . . . to the world."

Roberta L. Messner



The merry month of March affords us many opportunities to share God's light! Because of your generosity on Mission Sunday (February 23), sixteen different projects will be well-funded to continue spreading the light to those served locally or globally.

On Mission Sunday, we welcomed guest speaker, Nancy Landas, Assistant for Public Relations at the Greece Ecumenical Food Shelf, who shared her mission and vision for the needs of the Food Shelf.

March is also Undie Sunday; we welcome donations of underwear (and socks) in various sizes for children in local elementary schools.

Finally, we offer you another chance to brighten the lives of kids by donating your gently-used children's books to the Rochester Area Literacy program. Let's fill up the crate located next to the undies basket in the commons area! The public library welcomes used Bibles, as well.

Thank you for being "the salt of the earth" and "the light of the world." So many benefit from your warm hearts and generous gifts.

Karen Pearson

Library Message:

New Titles for the Shelves

We are starting to update our shelves with new additions. Come check out what we have this month:

The First Phone Call From Heaven by Mitch Albom

The Distant Hours by Kate Morton

The Secret Keeper by Kate Morton

Life After Life by Kate Atkinson

State Of Wonder by Ann Patchett

The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho

Hope and Other Dangerous Pursuits by Laila Lalami (2008 If All Rochester Read Selection)

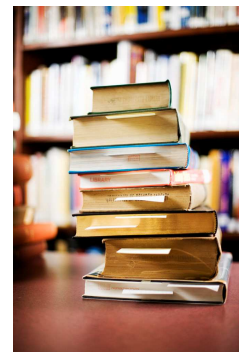
The Thirteenth Tale by Diane Setterfield (A Page Turner Selection)

The Postmistress by Sarah Blake (A Page Turner Selection)

The Light Between Oceans by M.L. Stedman (A Page Turner Selection)

Water for Elephants by Sara Gruen (A Page Turner Selection)

The Memory Keeper's Daughter by Kim Edwards (A Page Turner Selection)



If you have an author or particular book you think should be on our shelves, please leave a message in the Library mailbox in Kings Commons. This Library is for you to enjoy.

Alzheimer's and Dementia Seminars

Chris Albee, Executive Director, Atria Greece Senior Living has offered info/support/training to anyone who is dealing with aging issues or parents or people who are wanting to know more about Alzheimer's and Dementia.

The Seminar Series/Support Group will be on

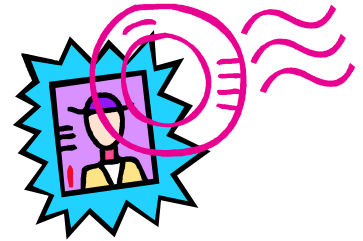
Monday nights 1st of the month in Room 9, 6:30-7:30pm

March 3	Principles of Person-Centered Care and Development of a Holistic Care Plan
April 7	Understanding and Managing the Challenging Behaviors
May 5	Successful Communication Strategies
June 2	Therapeutic Activity for Persons with Alzheimer's Disease/Dementia
July 7	Personal Care: Maximizing ADL Independence
August 4	Enhancing Nutrition and Hydration
September 8	Environmental and Safety Considerations for Persons with Alzheimer's
October 6	Disease/Dementia
November 3	Sexuality
December 1	Working As a Team...Including Your Families

Sunday School Mission Project

Join us in "Stamp Act" for Curriculum

This year, the Sunday School classes are joining with the Alliance Stamp Ministry in collecting and recycling cancelled stamps. The proceeds go toward publishing Spanish language Sunday school materials and distributing them to churches in Latin America. Even in the age of e-mail, people are still using stamps. Help us by collecting your used envelopes and trimming them so the stamps have at least a 1/3 of paper left around them. If you are not comfortable trimming the stamps, just bring in the used envelopes in and our volunteers will trim them for you.



Thank you in advance for helping us spread the God's word to others in the world.

Any questions, please contact Jean Lee.

STEWARDSHIP

Easter is just around the corner; the Lenten season is about to begin. While it's important to the finances of the church that you meet your commitment for the year and respond generously to special giving requests, it's important to understand that stewardship is much more than that. *2nd Corinthians 9:7 states "Each one should give as you have decided in your heart to give. You should not be sad when you give, and you should not give because you feel forced to give. God loves the person who gives happily."*

We are given many opportunities beyond financial giving to be stewards; opportunities to share the gifts God has given us. Watching Gail as she works with her women's circle, her outreach committee and Church Women United has certainly made me more aware of how many ways we can share our God-given talents. To see the many knitted baby blankets at her circle's annual shower, along with donated infant needs for stocking the Asbury storehouse for new mothers in need has always amazed me. To watch our church support the Outreach efforts such as Undie Sunday, Thanksgiving baskets, the Mitten Tree is truly heartwarming.

Hardly a day goes by that someone from our Trustees isn't taking care of some need at our church. When I attend our Greece Coalition of Churches as we work toward sponsoring and building another Habitat for Humanity home, I'm always surprised how willingly members of that group take on the task of raising funds and finding volunteers. I could go on and on with the many things that are all forms of stewardship as we use our time, talents and treasures to help make this a better community and world. I'll finish by quoting Max Lucado: *"Good stewardship means that you work and give cheerfully. Take inventory of your gifts, talents, and possessions. Invest them in the world around you so that with a glad heart you can report back to the giver."*

Bill Mason

March Birthdays:

Not available for
Web Edition



March Anniversaries:

If you have a wedding anniversary in March, please contact Dick Hamblin.



Happy Anniversary!

Congregational Updates

Letter of Gratitude:

On behalf of my daughter, Lori Wright, I just want to thank my church family for their cards, calls, emails and prayers during the time Lori was undergoing surgery for removal of a melanoma. The results were excellent and no chemo is warranted.

Gale Huber

Phone Number Updates:

Earle Ridley—no house number—cell only
Call office for update

Pam Gallagher—Call office for update

In Memory:

Flowers on the alter Sunday, March 2nd are in memory of Bea Milligan 1923-2004 by Gordon and son, Craig Milligan.



Sunday Volunteers:

Nursery



3/2: Janice & Erich Ruppert
3/9: Melissa Dunn/Kali Iachetta
3/16: Barb Miroff/Ellegra Nier
3/23: Karen Ingle/Chelsea Whittemore
3/30: Debbie & Missy Symonds

Projectionists

8:15/10:45



3/2: Earl Ridley/Cheryl Sheldon
3/9: Sarah Babbage/Jon Standhart
3/16: Kara Down/Chris Standhart
3/23: Neva Benson/Melissa Dunn
3/30: Ellen White/Donna Lashbrook

Liturgists

8:15/10:45

3/2: No Liturgists—Communion Sunday
3/9: Sarah Babbage/Karen Klingenger
3/16: Holly King/Tom Hinterman
3/23: Sue Sepkowski/Karen Pearson
3/30: Dennis Wake/Sylvia King



Ushers

8:15: Dick & Tammy Beebe
10:45: Brett Zeller's Team



Thank you to all who volunteer and contribute to our worship experience.

Congregational Want-Ads

A Stitch in Time Saves Nine—Call Sue Sepkowski for your sewing needs. E-mail at esepkoski@rochester.rr.com

Interested in saving money on Auto and/or Home insurance? Want peace of mind that you are not paying too much? For details, Call Lisa Kostyshak

Need help with raking, shoveling, etc? Our exchange student Daniel is looking for work. Call Jim & Kim Whittemore

This area for members and friends of the congregation to advertise their services, products, and business. All advertisements need to be 30 words or less.

Thoughts from Co-Lay Leader Lisa Kostyshak...

It's is nearly here. Will you do anything different during Lent?

Source: <http://www.upperroom.org/lent101>

Why "DO" Lent? How do I start?

Are you searching for something more? Tired of running in circles, but not really living life with direction, purpose or passion? It's pretty easy to get caught up in the drama of classes, relationships, family, and work. Our lives are filled with distractions that take us away from living a life with Christ. We try to fill the emptiness inside us with mindless TV, meaningless chatter, stimulants, alcohol, too many activities or other irrelevant stuff. We run away from life and from God.

Lent is a great time to "repent" -- to return to God and re-focus our lives to be more in line with Jesus. It's a 40 day trial run in changing your lifestyle and letting God change your heart. You might try one of these practices for Lent:

FASTING: Some people have been known to go without food for days. But that's not the only way to fast. You can fast by cutting out some of the things in your life that distract you from God. What do you need to let go of or "fast" from in order to focus on God? What clutters your calendar and life? How can you simplify your life in terms of what you eat, wear or do?

SERVICE: Some Christians take something on *for* Christ. You can collect food for the needy, volunteer once a week to tutor children, or work for reform and justice in your community. You can commit to help a different stranger, co-worker or friend everyday of Lent. Serving others is one way we serve God.

PRAYER: Christians also use Lent as a time of intentional prayer. You can pray while you walk, create music or art as a prayer to God, or savor a time of quiet listening. All can be ways of becoming more in tune with God.

I have thought maybe I would give up some negative emotions ...and see who I am without them. What about you...? Give up something? Do something extra? Simplify? Serve more?

Here's a Top 10 list of things to consider from <http://www.upperroom.org/lent101>

- 10. Try an electronic fast.** Give up TV, Guitar Hero, texting, tweeting, e-mail and all things electronic for one day every week. (or everyday of Lent!) Use the time to read & pray.
- 9. Start a prayer rhythm.** Say a prayer every time you brush your teeth, or check your e-mail. Before you text someone, pray for them.
- 8. Read one chapter in the Bible each day.** (Matthew or Psalms are good starts)
- 7. Forgive someone who doesn't deserve it (maybe even yourself.)**
- 6. Give up soft drinks, fast food, tea or coffee.** Give the money you save to help other folks in crisis.
- 5. Create a daily quiet time.** Spend 30 minutes a day in silence and prayer.
- 4. Cultivate a life of gratitude.** Write someone a thank you letter each week and be aware of how many people have helped you along the way.
- 3. Be kind to someone each day.**
- 2. Pray for others you see** as you walk to and from classes or drive to and from work.
- 1. Volunteer one hour or more each week** with a local shelter, tutoring program, nursing home, prison ministry or a Habitat for Humanity project.



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A SPAGHETTI DINNER

DATE: WEDNESDAY MARCH 5TH

SERVING TIMES: 5:00PM-6:00PM

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ON VINTAGE LANE

COST: \$6.00 PER INDIVIDUAL

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 <u>Worship Services</u> 8:15 & 10:45 <u>Sunday School</u> 9:30 AM <u>All Church Read, Lunch & Discussion</u> 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM	3 <u>AA</u> 12:00 PM <u>Silv Squares</u> 12:30 PM <u>Guitar</u> 2:30 PM <u>Alzheimer's & Dementia Series</u> 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM <u>Boy Scouts Troop #5</u> 6:30 PM	4 <u>Staff Meeting</u> 9:30 AM <u>Tuesday Book Study</u> 10AM <u>Guitar Music Lessons</u> 2:30 PM <u>Weight Watchers</u> 5:30 PM <u>Education Team</u> 7:00 PM <u>Treble Clefs</u> 7:00 PM <u>Praise Band</u> 7:00 PM	5 <u>Bagel and Book Study</u> 9:30 AM <u>AA</u> 12:00 PM <u>Bell Choir</u> 6:15 PM <u>Chancel Choir</u> 7:00 PM <u>Ash Wenesday</u> 7:30 PM	6 <u>Atria Sr Bible Study</u> 10:30 AM <u>Women's AA</u> 11:00 AM <u>Pastor's Bible Study</u> 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM <u>Girl Scouts</u> 6:30 PM <u>Pastor's Bible Study</u> 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	7 <u>AA</u> 12:00 PM <u>Creative Hands</u> 1:15 PM <u>AA</u> 7:30 PM	8 <u>Emmaus Gathering</u> 8:30 AM
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