

In Our Prayers

Our Members

DeLee Ballard, Bill Murphy, Kay Murphy, Gene Purser, Art Collier, Jane Carroll, Gertrude Dennis, Sarah Dotson, Travis Berry, Vivian Ferguson, Bill Bradley, Eleanor Brouwer, Peggy Heath, Dixie Roberts

Our Community

Joanne Dahlberg, sister of Linda Snyder
Hal Plyler, son of Carolyn Plyler
Marvin Baker, father of Mica Edwards
Willis Bethea, brother of Lisa Pettit
Shannon Threatt, daughter of Roberta Whitaker
Vaughn Miller, father of Andrea Ghent

In Ministry Today

Ushers: Donnie Little, Tim Page, Hugh Mobley, Marilyn Rainwater, Odell Steele, Jay White
Greeters: Nitsa Barrentine, Martha Swain (9:00 a.m.)
Teague Poston, Anita Palmer (11:00 a.m.)
Nursery: Deborah Adams, Katy Ghent (9:00-noon)
Acolyte: Debbie Wood
Crucifer: Pat Clancy
Counters: Willis Ballard, Dick Hoover

Attendance and Stewardship 03/03/19

Worship: 9:00—57; 11:00 —81
Sunday School—54

Offering received \$6,508.25 (Weekly need: \$8,234.00)

This Week

Today

7:30 a.m. UMM Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship
5:30 p.m. UMYF

Monday, March 11

10:30 a.m. Hannah/Mary Circle
Noon Christ Walk
2:00 p.m. Morning Bells
6:00 p.m. Lenten Bible Study

Tuesday, March 12

10:00 a.m. Lenten Bible Study
Noon Christ Walk

Wednesday, March 13

Noon Christ Walk
6:15 p.m. Jubilant Ringers
7:00 p.m. Movie

Thursday, March 14

Noon Christ Walk
9:00 a.m. Disciple Fast Track
6:30 p.m. Disciple Fast Track

Announcements

Christ Walk: A Journey of Spiritual Fitness

Now and throughout the 40 days of Lent, join us weekdays at 12 o'clock noon at Springdale track at the Recreation Center. Weather permitting, we will meet for prayer and walking fellowship. Pastor Charles is your point of contact.

Church Family

In 2005, my dad, LTC James T. Higgins, came to live at Morningside. He was still in mourning for my mom, Leila Jane Morrison Higgins. She died of esophageal cancer in 2000 after three years of chemo and radiation. It just about killed my dad. He had commanded hundreds of soldiers; but he couldn't command the cancer that killed my mom. Anyway, after six years, my dad couldn't live by himself. He resigned himself to let us move him to Lancaster. It broke my heart to see my strong dad go downhill. I became the parent. My dad became the child. After about a year, I finally convinced Dad to come to a service at church. It wasn't during Lent. I think it was in May. It was a service to remember all those who died of cancer. There were luminaries outside in the parking lot: one for each person we wanted to remember. We wrote down the name of the person we wanted to remember on the white paper luminary. I wrote down my mom's name on one of the bags. My dad saw the bags as he walked through the parking lot. I don't think he really knew what the bags meant. We told him one bag was for mom. But, it didn't seem to register to him. He came into the sanctuary with his walker and his youngest grandson- "his main man"- leading him to the same pew where Pastor Shelly sits now. I was busy running around like I usually do telling people what to do. I worried if my Dad was ok. He was sitting all by himself. One more thing to worry about before service, I complained to myself. But, I realized I didn't have to worry. You see, I was in the Narthex. I looked into the Sanctuary. There was my dad's sweet bald head surrounded by four of my church family. I think one of them was J.B. Sistare. They were talking to my dad. They didn't know him. And, Dad would have never initiated a conversation with strangers, especially since he couldn't remember words anymore. Nevertheless, they came over, sat down, and engaged my dad. I couldn't hear what they said. But, my dad was talking and smiling. After the service, we walked by the lit luminaries in the parking lot. My dad asked where my mom's luminary was. We showed him. Dad was real quiet. Then, he said, "Thank you." When I think of Lent, I think about what my Dad said in the parking lot. Thank you, Lord Jesus, for loving us, dying for us. Thank you for my church family.
By Pat Clancy



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March 10, 2019

First Sunday in Lent

Encountering God

Building Community

Transforming Lives

Early Worship

WORDS OF WELCOME

*Song: "Lord I Need You" NOCKLES, CARSON AND REEVES

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message Pastor Shelly

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

*Song: "Kyrie Eleison" TOMLIN, REDMAN AND MAHER

Scripture: Luke 4:1-13

Message: "Three Simple Rules"

*Statement of Faith (in unison)

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

**to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Song: "In Christ Alone" GETTY AND TOWNEND

*Sending Forth

Traditional Worship

Gathering to Worship

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Prelude XXI

J.B.BACH

*GREETING

This is the day that the Lord has made,

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

The season of Lent sets us on a journey.

The journey begins in the wilderness.

We follow the way of Jesus,
who faced trials, trouble, temptation, and testing.

Like Jesus, we are not alone.

The Holy Spirit is with us. God's Word is on our lips.

Our call is to trust in God alone, to do God's will in all things.

**For God leads us not only into the wilderness,
but also through the wilderness.**

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN OF PRAISE UMH 139

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

*CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**O God, our refuge and fortress,
forgive us when we fail to trust in you.**

**We fall to temptation;
we are swayed by false words;**

we speak false words of our own.

**We choose our ease and comfort
over your demanding claims upon us
and upon the world.**

**In turning from you,
we settle for less than the
abundant generosity you intend.**

Forgive us, we pray.

In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Bless the Lord

BERTHIER

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

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Hearing God's Word

SONG OF PREPARATION UMH 395

Take Time to Be Holy

HOLINESS

Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord;

Abide in Him always, and feed on His Word.

Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak,
Forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek.

THE FIRST LESSON

Romans 10:8b-13

SECOND LESSON

Psalms 91:1-2,9-16

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 4:1-13

Pastor Charles

The Message: "Three Simple Rules"

Responding to God's Word

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE UMH 377

It Is Well with My Soul

VILLE DU HAVRE

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

The Holy Lamb of God

K. LEE SCOTT

*THE DOXOLOGY UMH 95

OLD 100th

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Into the World

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT UMH 117

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Prelude in F Major

J. S. BACH

***Congregation stands (if able).
Congregational responses are printed in bold.**