



THE OLIVE BRANCH

MARCH 2020



From the desk of Pastor Ryan

Mother Teresa once said “The most terrible poverty is loneliness, and the feeling of being unloved.” There’s a real weight to those words coming from one who dedicated their life to serving the poorest of the poor. We all deal with loneliness, don’t we? We can even be in a room full of people and feel lonely. It was before my time here, but leaders of our church must have recognized the struggle of loneliness when they created our mission statement. That’s almost certainly why “belong” was chosen as the second word of that statement. Naming belonging as a central goal of our faith community does not make us a “social club” rather than a church. It’s an acknowledgement of one of the greatest longings of our souls. Jesus cared deeply about such things. Through his death and resurrection, he empowered us to belong - to God and to one another. In baptism we are united with Jesus, claimed as a child of God, and given a new family to whom we belong.

Deacon Liz is offering all of us something called “Lent in a Bag.” Inside the bag are a few items and a devotional guide for use during the six weeks leading up to Easter. The devotional begins with a seashell (a symbol and reminder of our baptisms) and a passage from Paul’s letter to the Romans. Paul writes:

“Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.”

Paul’s words are a reminder that we are not alone. The Spirit calls us to the waters of baptism to be joined to Jesus forever. We’re joined to him in this life, joined in death, and joined when we rise to new life. In other words, we’re never alone. We are always surrounded by his loving presence.

Make sure you pick up your Lent in a Bag from Deacon Liz (one per household) and use it as a fun and simple way to focus your heart and mind on Jesus during the season of Lent. It might just help you see a little more clearly the God who is always near.

In Jesus’ love,
Pastor Ryan



**DEADLINE FOR APRIL
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES:
March 15**

**Please note: newsletter articles
should be sent to Karen at
mtolivechurch@embarqmail.com**

Upcoming Events

Mar 8: Council meeting
Mar 8: WELCA meetings
Mar 8: Pickles to Skateland
Mar 18: Adult Fellowship
Mar 20: Youth Lock-In
Mar 29: Pickles Farm Trip

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Upcoming Events

Midweek Activities in Lent (Wednesdays Feb. 26- April 1)

5:30-6:30 p.m. meal by the Hospitality Team

6-6:50 p.m. Book Club with Pastor Ryan - "The Walk" in Martin Luther room

7-7:30 p.m. Lenten Vespers

***On Feb. 26 we'll have a pancake feast and an Ash Wednesday service with ashes.**

Lenten Vespers

Have you ever found it hard to pray or had difficulty even finding the time? We've all been there. On Wednesdays throughout March into April, we'll be praying together through song, scripture, and activities 7-7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. You can expect some traditional liturgy, a meditation focused on our "Lent in a Bag" devotionals, and different types of prayer experiences each week. Maybe you'll begin to see prayer in a new way.



Weekly Activities

Sun	8:00 a.m.	Faith Out Loud rehearsal
	8:30 a.m.	Worship w/Communion
	9:35-10:35 a.m.	Faith Formation for ALL ages Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall
	10:15 a.m.	Chancel Choir
	10:45 a.m.	Worship w/Communion
Mon	8:30-11:30 a.m.	Tying & Tacking - Quilt Making
Tues	7-8:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	8-9:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast @ Café Gouda
	11:00 a.m.	Mt. Olive Staff Meeting
Wed	5:30 p.m.	Lenten Meal
	5:30-6:00 p.m.	Children's Music
	6-6:45 p.m.	Children's Music grade 4+
	6-6:50 p.m.	Book club
	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Vespers
Thur	10:00 a.m.	Kids' Korner
	6:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
Fri & Sat		Office Closed

****Please check your bulletin for any changes in these weekly activities.****

Electronic Sign

Want something on the sign? Awesome! Fill our a form in the church office and turn into the box labeled sign. We are doing this to serve everyone better!



How did Jonah spend his time in the belly of the whale?



Pickles Events (Grades K-6)

Lenten activities— We are doing some Lenten activities with the pickles of the church. We are meeting upstairs in the children's church room from 5:30-6:50 p.m., rotating with music, to do fun projects. The projects consist of Lenten prayer chain, Lenten calendar, diorama of the last supper, nail crosses and a Christ candle to take home with you! Come out and learn about Lent and have fun!

Mar 1— We will be doing the Pickle Jar again! Bring your loose change to the late service. The money will go to support Micah's Cupboard! Children-please bring your jars to collect money!

Mar 8— The pickles will be going to Skateland. Bring money for food!

Mar 29— We are headed out to pasture. The pickles are visiting a working dairy farm. We will stop and get food on the way. Come out and see a different part of God's creation!

Apr 24-26— BYG at Camp Agape is on the horizon, April 24-26th. Anyone from 3rd-6th grade is invited to attend this weekend. Please see Deacon Liz if you plan to attend.



Youth (Teen) Ministry (Grades 6-12)

Teen News (Grades 6-12)

Sunday Mornings

Being a teenager can be lots of fun, but it's also a challenge. Let's talk about those joys and challenges together. Sundays 9:45-10:35 a.m. in the upstairs Youth Room. We always have fresh donuts!

Lock-In

How would you like to spend a Friday night having fun with friends, playing goofy games, and just being yourself? Invite a friend and come to our spring lock-in on March 20th, 8 p.m.-8 a.m. Bring a snack and drink to share.

Confirmation

Confirmation meets at Sardis Lutheran (Hwy 10 in Hickory toward Vale) on Sunday, March 8th from 2-4 p.m. We'll be learning about other faiths and what we have in common with them as Christians.

2020 Confirmation Schedule

March 8	2-4 @ Sardis, Hickory (Hwy 10 toward Vale)
April 5	2-4 @ Beth Eden, Newton
May 3	TBA @ Holy Trinity, Hickory

March Happenings at Mt. Olive

March Adult Fellowship

Adult Fellowship will meet Wednesday, Mar. 18th at 10:30 a.m. in Heritage Hall. We will be treated to games as well as bingo. Please contact Sue Coble or Lynnette Carson if you have any questions. More details to follow.

Please pray for Sonny Bolick and family as he lost his brother, Harold Bolick.



March Birthdays

Mar 1	Becky Anthony, Maleah Garner, Eugene Helton
Mar 2	Sylvia Whisnant
Mar 3	Edna Punch
Mar 5	Sal Rao
Mar 6	Halee Davis, Kay Hefner, Dawson Helton
Mar 8	Gerald Burke
Mar 9	Huitt Drum
Mar 12	Adam Moose
Mar 13	Beth Hefner, Steve Pruett, Jim Williams
Mar 14	Liam Ray
Mar 18	Marion Waldon
Mar 19	Paul Birkedal, Eric Griggs, Samantha Seabock
Mar 22	Mark Rauchfuss
Mar 24	Sue Ellen Frye, Katherine Tice
Mar 26	Liz Fox
Mar 27	Becky Moose
Mar 28	Amanda Fu, Amberly Horton

Outreach Team

The Outreach Team has designated that the Lenten offerings will go to Highways & Hedges. This is an organization that helps the needy with food, clothes, and household items. Please donate as you are able for this worthy cause. Envelopes for contribution are enclosed in the newsletter.

Annual Reports

The annual reports will be available to pick up in the narthex beginning in March.

Easter Candy

We are now starting to collect candy and plastic Easter eggs for our annual Easter Egg Hunt in April. Please place in the boxes provided.

We are collecting until April 5th.

Please no candy with peanuts

**Trivia Answer:
Praying (Jonah 2:1)**

Chrismon Workshop

We will gather on the Sunday, March 29th at 2:00 p.m. in Heritage Hall to repair and create new Chrismons for our Christmas Tree. All materials will be provided. We hope to have the new Chrismons on display in the church for our Homecoming Anniversary in October.

All are invited to attend!

Relay for Life

May 2nd from 3-10 p.m. at Hickory Fairgrounds. Come out and walk for a cure for cancer. We are looking for people to join our team, help with decorating and fundraising. You can either join online or see Deacon Liz.

Mt. Olive Congregation Council Minutes, January 25, 2020

Attending: Mickey Barnett, Gerald Burke, Chris Frye, Herm Price, Lynne Reed, Pastor Ryan, Sue Seabock, Samantha Seabock, Pam Sigmon, Geoff Yount

Request for use of Mt. Olive Property: Special Olympics Catawba County has requested the use of our property to be used for Bocce Ball practices and games. Discussion was had; Chris Frye made motion to approve this request; Samantha Seabock seconded; motion passed.

What is bocce?

Similar to English lawn bowls and French petanque, bocce ball is a sport that can be played both indoor and out, by everyone. Bocce is played at sports clubs, in schools, for rehabilitation in physiotherapy, for the fun of it - or as a serious elite sport.

What is Special Olympics Catawba County requesting of Mt. Olive?

Currently SOCC is considering purchasing a temporary, inflatable bocce court, similar to that shown in the photo below. The court is made from heavy duty thermoplastic and is both rigid, safe and maintenance free. Its unique auto-lock valve and slick design not only make the bocce court look professional but allow for rapid inflation and deflation, making it easy and quick to transport. The courts are also easy to **pack** away, removing the need to store expensive assets outside or in expensive storage space.

We would ask if Mt. Olive would allow:

- space in the grass or on the parking lot near the walking track for the court to be set up during practice periods. We anticipate this should provide minimal upset to the grounds, and practices would probably be rescheduled or canceled during rainy days. Chalk or some other means would be used to create boundary lines on the ground.
- permission for athletes to practice and play bocce games on the grounds. We would anticipate this could also include athletes in wheelchairs, since bocce is one of the few sports where wheelchair athletes can compete.

Parking spaces to be used by athletes, coaches and parents during the practices.

Approval of minutes: Herm Price moved to accept December council meeting minutes as submitted; Samantha Seabock seconded; motion passed.

Gerald covered financials: He covered how payments and deposits are recorded and tracked. Gerald is recommending that the council form a team to do an internal audit. He suggested Wilbert Seabock, Tim Lineberger, or Teresa Bazzle. Pastor Ryan suggested John Hegert. Gerald will talk with these people and see if they would be willing to perform this task.

Covenant Team to update 2020 calendar: And list all projects our church does throughout the year.

Possible meeting date help with of Tuesday, February 12, after Men's Bible study.

Use of excess funds: Mickey wants to see M.O. use some funds to be a help to the community. Suggestion: book drive, books (copyright date of no later than 2014) and send books to Pocahontas, VA.

Lenten & Advent: How can we generate more interest in the Lenten & Advent meals? Ask the people who don't come what does it take to get them to attend. We need to be more contagious with our members! We need to get more members involved in projects we do and events that we have. Sue Seabock's suggestion: Perhaps call one or two people to invite them to projects. Mickey will talk with Pat Neill and others on Hospitality about cost of meals.

\$1500 sponsorship of Student of the Month program (Northview Middle School): We're funding the Northview Student of the Month program this year but it was discussed that we'd like to find a more meaningful way to help the school instead of just giving money. In other words come up with a more "hands-on" involvement. This could mean having a representative from Mt. Olive agree to go to the monthly meetings in addition to giving the money or in lieu of giving money. It was decided to address the matter of how to help Northview again after school gets out and before it starts up again in August; this will be discussed again at June or July council meeting. This way the council won't be rushed to say yes so the program doesn't go unfunded.

Foster children: focus on clothing for fosters, books, suitcases, suggested by Samantha Seabock. We will discuss this at February meeting.

Items for the good of the church: Our electronic sign is not easily viewable or readable for people as they drive by. Letters need to be bigger; more contrast. Limit to 2-line message.

Respectfully submitted by: Pam Sigmon

Proposed Usher/Greeter Recommendations

Our ushers and greeters are a very important ministry for Mt. Olive. Our folks do a wonderful job welcoming worshipers to church each Sunday, and ensuring that each person has the necessary materials as our services begin. Due to a recent incident during first service, we have considered changes which we hope will reduce the probability of any significant problems occurring.

Here are the recommendations that came from our meeting last Sunday. These recommendations are being developed to ensure the safety of our worshiping congregation and to lessen the probability that an incident may occur on our church campus. These recommendations come from a meeting last week with Lt. Scott Hildebrand, Hickory PD, and David Willis, Select Tech, and also from our usher/greeters meeting.

These recommendations will go into effect on Sunday, 15 March 20.

1. Ushers will greet worshipers at the Education building and Heritage Hall doors as usual. Greeters will continue to hand out bulletins and greet worshipers in the Narthex.
2. Each usher will remain at those doors until 8:35 am for early (8:30 am) service and 10:50 am for second (10:45 am) service. In the event of a one-worship service, the ushers will remain at the doors for an additional five (5) minutes past the start of worship.
3. Ushers will make sure doors are locked and the sign is posted directing late arriving worshipers and guests to enter through the side doors of the Air-Lock located at the front on the building facing Hwy 127.
4. One usher will monitor the air-lock and one usher will go to the audio booth and monitor the security cameras. (Note: a recommendation was made after the meeting that a greeter could monitor the security cameras in the booth as well.)
5. Five (5) minutes prior to the end of the first service (approximately 9:25 am), ushers will unlock the Heritage Hall and Education building doors and these doors will remain unlocked until 10:50 am.

(Note: Congregational members with keys may use the keys to enter any door. Please make sure the door locks after entrance. The security code may be used to enter the Education building).

Two way radios and ear pieces are available in the audio booth to be used as a communication tool.

If an unwanted visitor should create a potential problem or threat to the church, an usher or greeter should call Hickory Police at **328-5551**. If, however, it is an *extreme emergency*, **911** should be called.

As part of our safety plan, we are putting together a team of people to help develop these plans as we go forward. If you would like to be a part of this team, please contact Mickey Barnett.

Let's continue to pray that God gives us strength to meet these challenges we face in our life and makes us a stronger congregation. Thank you for your interest and input as we continue to develop the most effective plans for our church.

Proposed Green Card Collection

1. Ushers will collect the offering with the plates, only offerings will be collected, not green cards.
2. Ushers will take the plates down front as normal.
3. As ushers are returning to the back of the church, one usher on each side will collect the green cards from the end of the pews. Cards will then be put together and placed on the table with the bulletins.

This plan was implemented on Sunday, February 16, and worked well at the 8:30 am Worship Service. The green card collection did not go as smoothly at the 10:45 am Worship Service due to a communication gap with the ushers. Hopefully this communication has cleared up any questions.

If there are still questions about this plan, please feel free to talk with Mickey Barnett.



Mt. Olive Members in Assisted Living or Nursing Facilities:
Heritage Care

John Beatty

Trinity Village, Springs Road:

Martha Yount,

Mildred Salley

Edna Punch

Mary Wright

Brookdale Assisted Living Falling Creek

Ann Everhart, Gwen Kingsley

Brookdale Assisted Living Lenoir

Catherine Adams

Catawba Valley Living at Rock Barn:

Maxine Kirchin

Grace Ridge

Jennie Bost

Pincrest

Mary Black

We are proud of our Mt. Olive members who are continuing their education post high school. **Please remember to keep them in your prayers.**

Emma Barger, Darrius Adam Barger, Ben Bazzle, Brittany Collins, Matt Cook, Jacob Garren, Keely Horton, Whitney Horton, Bradley Langan, Derek Moose, Halee Ormand, Markus Pope, Daniel Richter, Kayla Seabock, Megan Shook, Paige Shook, Jenna Waters, Katie Tice.

Prayer List for Members of Mt. Olive

Esther Armstrong	Tara Rink
Margaret Barger	Diana Kingsley
Jennie Bost	Sal Rao
Chris Brookshire	Michael Bock
Brad, Meredith, and	Loretta Stephenson
Owen Elder	Miya Teague
Nina Fullwood	Tony & Diane
Ann Everhart	Shacklady
Mary Gregory	Henry & Thelma Jarvis
Eugene Helton	Nancy Ruffner
Jeanette Huffman	Herman Price
Linda Huffman	Todd Propst
Sarah Hull	Georgia Collins
Virginia Killian	Frankie Wilson
Gwen Kingsley	Bois & Edith Crocker
Terry Laxton	Clyde & Sarah Hull
Mildred Salley	Lynette Stilley
Thomas Salley	Sylvia Whisnant
K.C. Setzer	
Pat & Leigh Thompson	
Mary Wright	
Tom Rhea Jr.	
Tom East	
Van Seabock	

Our Family and Friends

Susan Anderson, friend of Marion Waldon
 Wayne Austin, friend of Penny & Tim Lineberger
 Shirley Baker, friend of Kathy Starr
 Becky Barkley, friend of Ronnie & Roxy Poovey
 Anne Barnes, friend of Susy Morrison
 Robert Beard, friend of Jimmy Seabock
 John Beatty, son of Elma Jean Beatty
 Bud Beyers, friend of Judy Rao
 Kim Birtwistle, friend of Pam Sigmon
 Margie Black, friend of Penny Lineberger
 David Bolick, friend of John & Kathie Hegert
 Belinda Borzich, friend of Darin & Karen Shook
 Gary & Lisa Bowne, friends of Mickey & Linda Barnett
 Barbara Boudreaux, friend of Hank & Bernice McCrorie
 Bill Canata, friend of McCrorie's
 Barbara Van Cleave, cousin of McCrorie's
 Eric Cogan-Pat Neill's brother in law
 April Colbert, niece of Van & Debbie Seabock
 David Conger, friend of Jane Spaugh
 William Coyne, friend of Terry & Cathy Laxton
 Frances Cranford, friend of Eva Helton
 Curt Evans, friend of Tom & Kate Rhea
 Bill Field, family of June Field
 Louise Foster, mother of Paulette Church
 Misti Fuller, granddaughter of Mary Gregory
 Joyce Garrett, friend of June Field
 Christine Gates, friend of Judy Rao
 Deborah Gleaton, friend of Amanda Truett
 James & Cathy Grant, friend of Rick and Debbie Carmack
 Bobbie, Christopher, Jada, and Jason Halle
 David Harwood, friend of Hank & Bernice McCrorie
 Harold Hedren, friend of Ed & Mary Crowell
 Dwayne Helton, friend of Amanda Fu
 Mary Howell, friend of Teresa Bazzle
 Peggy Hollar, mother of Scott Hollar
 Kathy Holmes, friend of June Field
 Mona Hughes, sister of June Field
 Sue Johnson, friend of Pat Neill
 Sandy Kauk, friend of Chris & Brenda Bass
 Leroy & Lynee Lail, friend of Thom Shell
 Boyce Laxton, father of Terry Laxton
 Tom McCarthy, brother-in-law of Ellis Bolick
 Olivia Mason, great niece of Teresa Bazzle
 Shelby Mason, niece of Teresa Bazzle
 Anita Mitchell, friend of Tom & Kate Rhea
 Sidney McCoy, niece of Jane Spaugh
 Eric Nilsen, brother of Amy Whaley
 Donna Parker, sister of Frances Hallman & Margaret Barger
 Lauren Parlier, Paul Rozzelle & Zeke, friend of Amy Whaley
 Randall Parsons-friend of Tom & Kate Rhea
 Courtney Pearce, granddaughter of Sylvia Whisnant
 Wes Pearman, family of Anthony & Teresa Tippi
 Barbara Pennell, sister of Kay Hefner and Jeanette Huffman
 Norman Punch, uncle of Darrell Punch
 Richard Rhea, Tom Rhea's brother
 Tom Rhea
 Tom Rhea III, Tom Rhea's son
 Terri Brown Robins-friend of Kate Rhea
 Jim Russell, friend of McCrorie's
 Alton Piester, brother of Elma Jean Beatty
 Amanda Rogers, Jim William's sister
 Scott Ross, friend of Judy Rao
 Jim Russell, friend of McCrorie's
 Norene Setzer, Cindy Sullivan's mother
 Courtney Spencer, daughter of Jane Kazelman
 Jim Starkey & family, friend of Eva Helton
 Judy Steele, friend of Judy Rao
 Sharon Smith, friend of Amanda Fu
 Leigh Thompson, daughter of Pat Thompson
 Cindy Brittain-White & Abby Brittain
 Ann Widner, friend of Lynn Seabock
 Robert & Kaye Ullman-sister, brother-in-law of Nina Fullwood
 Jack, friend of Lynne Reed
 Kelly, friend of Beth Smith

OFFERINGS

Cash Basis:	Jan 26	Feb 2	Feb 9	Feb 16	
Total General Offerings	\$6,286.43	\$12,539.24	\$5,516.00	\$7,607.00	
Budgeted amount needed weekly	\$8,310.00				
Designated Funds:	Jan 26	Feb 2	Feb 9	Feb 16	
World Hunger		\$220.00		\$220.00	
Youth fund/trip					
Micah's Cupboard		\$75.00	\$60.00	\$10.00	
Quilting Fund	\$1,650.00		\$50.00	\$10.00	
Lenten book club				\$40.00	
Sanctuary flowers					
Evangelism/Outreach		\$10.00			
Advent offerings /CCM	\$107.00				
Extra Mile fund			\$100.00		
Soup Kitchen		\$459.57	\$20.00		
Operation Christmas Shoebox				\$10.00	
CCM Have a heart				\$165.00	
Use of building	\$20.00				
TOTAL DESIGNATED FUNDS	\$1,777.00	\$764.57	\$230.00	\$455.00	
Reserve - Repairs & Maintenance	\$200.00	\$115.00	\$300.00	\$140.00	

Financial Update at a glance:	December	January	February
Month to date giving	\$38,404.13	\$31,650.43	\$25,662.24
Monthly budgeted amount:	\$42,452.50	\$33,962.00	\$33,962.00

JANUARY 2020 TREASURER'S REPORT

Total income for January, 2020 was \$35,798, compared with \$36,237 in the prior year. Total expenses were \$34,663, compared with \$33,087 in the prior year. Net income for January was \$1,134.

The financial plan for January, 2020, was revenue of \$37,000, and expenses of \$35,796. The financial plan was for net income of \$1,204.

Gerald Burke, Treasurer

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

SERVICE	Jan 26	Feb 2	Feb 9	Feb 16	
Combined	110	135	117	133	

STAFF AND CHURCH LEADERS

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Congregation Vice President: Chris Frye

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Worship Times:

Sunday Mornings
8:30 am with Holy Communion
10:45 am with Holy Communion

Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday
8:00 am—4:00 pm
The office is closed on Friday

Our Mission Statement:

In response to the love of Jesus Christ, our mission is:
Believe, Belong, Serve. God's Work. Our Hands.

March 2020 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS, MEETINGS, ASSIGNMENTS

MARCH 1 8:30 SERVICE

Communion Asst: Mickey Barnett
Crucifer: Darin Shook
Acolyte: Mickey Barnett
Lay Lector: Barbara George
Greeters: Dennis & Becky Anthony
Ushers: Carson Hefner/ Bob Eliasson

MARCH 8 8:30 SERVICE

Communion Asst: Chris Bass
Crucifer: Chris Bass
Acolyte: Steve Pruett
Lay Lector: Brenda Bass
Greeters: Rita Miller/ Cindy Sullivan
Ushers: Doug / Josh Sullivan

MARCH 15 8:30 SERVICE

Communion Asst: Shirley Griggs
Crucifer: Curtis Paul
Acolyte: Shirley Griggs
Lay Lector: Kathie Hegert
Greeters: Mary Davis/ Sylvia Price
Ushers: Herman Price / Cecil Davis

MARCH 22 8:30 SERVICE

Communion Asst: Amanda Truett
Crucifer: Tom Atwater
Acolyte: Amanda Truett
Lay Lector: Tom Atwater
Greeters: Frank & Rita Miller
Ushers: Rick Carmack / John Hegert

MARCH 29 8:30 SERVICE

Communion Asst: Mickey Barnett
Crucifer: Mickey Barnett
Acolyte: Darin Shook
Lay Lector: Rita Miller
Greeters: Rita Miller / Amy Cook
Ushers: Ken & Susy Morrison

MEETING TIMES:

Men's Bible Study: Tuesday 7:00 am
Upstairs Prayer Chapel
"Tying & Tacking Girls": Monday 8:30—11:30
Heritage Hall
ACAP (Adult Children of Aging Parents):
2nd Tuesday of month 5:30 pm
Heritage Hall
Narcotics Anonymous: Thursday 6:30 pm
Heritage Hall
Girl Scouts: Second & Fourth Tuesday / Month
2nd floor Ed. Bldg.

WELCA CIRCLE MEETINGS:

Abigail: 1st Wed 7:00 pm Martin Luther Room
Devotions: Lisa Atwater
Esther: 1st Mon 2:00 pm Heritage Hall
Program: Carol Tawney
Martha: 1st Tues 11:30 Heritage Hall
Leader: Karen Birkedal

MARCH 1 10:45 SERVICE

Communion Asst: Penny Lineberger
Crucifer: Nolan Ray
Acolyte: Brenna Garner
Lay Lector: Elma Jean Beatty
Story Time: Libby Garner
Children's Church: Libby Garner
Greeters: Carolyn Tawney/ Debbie Seabock
Ushers: Craig Garner/Tim Lineberger

MARCH 8 10:45 SERVICE

Communion Asst: Naomi East
Crucifer: Amanda Fu
Acolyte: Caleb Hedgepeth
Lay Lector: Lynnette Carson
Story Time: Deacon Lynne
Children's Church: Amy Hollar
Greeters: Frances Hallman / Joan Yount
Ushers: Thom Shell / Jane Spaugh

MARCH 15 10:45 SERVICE

Communion Asst: Kim Ray
Crucifer: Meadow Frye
Acolyte: Hannah Hollar
Lay Lector: Anne Lyerly
Story Time: Jenna Waters
Children's Church: Deacon Liz
Greeters: Robert & Gail Welch
Ushers: Patty Williams / Harry Heavner

MARCH 22 10:45 SERVICE

Communion Asst: Audrey Glenn
Crucifer: Liam Ray
Acolyte: Simon Frye
Lay Lector: Caylee Rink
Story Time: Pastor Ryan
Children's Church: Sue Seabock
Greeters: Carolyn Tawney/ Jane Spaugh
Ushers: Gerald Burke/ Dave Collins

MARCH 29 10:45 SERVICE

Communion Asst: Steve Seif
Crucifer: Steve Seif
Acolyte: Carly Seif
Lay Lector: Teresa Bazzle
Story Time: Sue Seabock
Children's Church: Deacon Liz
Greeters: Susan Garren / Joan Yount
Ushers: Chris & Bryna Frye

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Mar 1: Herman & Sylvia Price
Mar 8: Harry Heavner
Mar 15: Debbie Hoover
Mar 22: Mary Gregory
Mar 29: Bodine Family

ALTAR DUTY: Pam Sigmon

COMMUNION PREP: Kate Rhea, Pam Sigmon

COMMUNION BREAD: Kate Rhea

ROBE CLEANING: Barbara George

MONDAY MORNING COUNTERS:

Linda Barnett-Supervisor, Bob Eliasson, Frank Miller

ADULT FELLOWSHIP GROUP:

March 18th at 10:30 a.m.: Heritage Hall

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8am: FOL 9:30am: Children's Music 3pm: Outreach Team 4pm: Heather-Langan's Ordination-St. Mark's	2 8:30am: Tying & Tacking 2pm: Esther Circle	3 7am: Men's Bible Study 11:30am: Martha Circle	4 5:30-6:30 pm: Lenten Meal 5:30pm: K-3 Music 6pm: Grade 4+ Music 6-6:50pm: Book Club 7-7:30pm: Lenten Vespers	5 10am: Kids' Korner 6:30pm: Narcotics Anonymous	6	7 Set Clock's Forward
8 8am: FOL 9:30am: Children's Music 12pm: Pickles to Skateland 12:30pm: Council 2pm: WELCA Executive mtg 3pm: WELCA mtg 2-4pm: Confirmation Daylight Savings Time	9 8:30am: Tying & Tacking	10 7am: Men's Bible Study 5:30pm: ACAP	11 5:30-6:30 pm: Lenten Meal 5:30pm: K-3 Music 6pm: Grade 4+ Music 6-6:50pm: Book Club 7-7:30pm: Lenten Vespers	12 10am: Kids' Korner 6:30pm: Narcotics Anonymous	13	14
15 8am: FOL 9:30am: Children's Music	16 8:30am: Tying & Tacking	17 7am: Men's Bible Study	18 10:30am: Adult Fellowship 5:30-6:30p: Lenten Meal 5:30pm: K-3 Music 6pm: Grade 4+ Music 6-6:50pm: Book Club 7-7:30pm: Lenten Vespers	19 10am: Kids' Korner 6:30pm: Narcotics Anonymous	20 8pm-8am: Youth Lock-In	21
22	23 8:30am: Tying & Tacking	24 7am: Men's Bible Study	25 5:30-6:30 pm: Lenten Meal 6-6:50pm: Book Club 7-7:30pm: Lenten Vespers	26 10am: Kids' Korner 6:30pm: Narcotics Anonymous	27	28
29 8am: FOL 9:30am: Children's Music 12:15pm: Pickles to Cow Farm 2pm: Chrismon Workshop	30 8:30am: Tying & Tacking	31 7am: Men's Bible Study	Worship with Holy Communion each Sunday at 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. unless otherwise noted			