

**Food Bank Sunday** is **today!** We are collecting non-perishable food items and paper products for the residents of VOICE (Victim Outreach Intervention Center). The *Item of the Month* is: toilet paper and baby wipes. All items should be *un-opened* and *non-perishable* (not requiring refrigeration or freezing, and no produce). Supporting local people who are struggling is just one way that CCUPC is trying to make a difference and to spread the love of God.

Also . . . the Mission Committee is sponsoring the **Munch! Munch! Chicken Dumpling “take-out” Lunch** immediately following the service **today**. Lunch fundraisers like this help us to keep our mission accounts strong so that we can faithfully follow where God is leading us to partner, both now and in the future. We want to continue to faithfully contribute to missionaries and causes that we’ve already committed to partner with on an ongoing monthly basis - the Katterhenrichs in Tanzania, FLM Haiti, Osman Hope in Honduras, The Pittsburgh Project, and CityView Church and be able to fulfill other requests too! Serving sizes are: pint \$6, quart \$12, and 1/2 gallon \$24. Includes rolls and butter, dessert will also be available at an additional cost. Orders are guaranteed for those who signed up, additional meals will be sold on a first come first serve basis.

We are collecting items to include in the **Connections Care Packages** that will be sent in early April to all Connections students (16 students). If you would like to donate items to be included in the packages, please drop them off in the box located in front of the Connections bulletin board. We are collecting items such as candy, fruit snacks, granola bars, protein bars, gum, mints, etc. Thank you for your continued support of the Connections Ministry!

You can still take advantage of a **Lenten Study Video Series** produced by Ligonier Ministries, titled: The Assurance of Salvation. In this series, Dr. R.C. Sproul explores the doctrine of assurance as he helps to explain the relationship between the Christian life and the work of Christ Jesus on our behalf, which leads to an assurance of salvation. Join us on these **Thursday evenings - March 30<sup>th</sup> and April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM** in the Sanctuary.

Mark your calendars and bring out your cookbooks. The **2017 Ethnic Food Fair** is scheduled for **Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM**. The funds we raise go to our ongoing missions, to support our mission partners like Wycliffe Bible Translators, Habitat for Humanity, FLM, VOICE (Victim Outreach & Intervention Center), the Pittsburgh Project and Cityview Church. We need your help! Let us know how you can contribute. You can help by: hosting a country table and preparing food for the event; helping out to prepare food for one of the countries (recipes provided by host), meeting and greeting guests, and/or help us set up or clean up. We hope you will consider helping in some way, and certainly mark your calendars to attend the event. If you would like to help, sign up on the bulletin board in the Greeting Area (next to Mission table).

**DON'T FORGET** that the **Scrip Gift Card Center** is open every Sunday before and after worship in the Greeting Area. You can purchase retail gift cards from the inventory, or place orders for specific cards that can be picked up the following week. Scrip cards allow you to support the mission of our church without spending any additional money. Order forms are available on the nametag table.

## THIS WEEK AT CCUPC

<b>Today</b>	<b>3/26</b>	<i>Pray for Kyrgystan</i>	
9:00 am		Sunday School NewComer’s Class	Both Levels Pastor’s Study
10:00 am		Worship	Sanctuary
11:00 am		Coffee Social Villages P & R	Greeting Area
11:15 am		Munch! Munch! Dumpling Lunch <b>NO</b> Youth Groups	Greeting Area
<b>Monday</b>	<b>3/27</b>		
7:00 pm		Worship Team Rehearsal Mission Committee Meeting	Sanctuary Conference Rm.
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>3/28</b>		
8:30 am		Men’s Breakfast/Bible Study	Conference Rm.
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>3/29</b>		
6:15 pm		Kids’ Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm		Adult Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>3/30</b>		
11:30 am		Ladies Lunch & Learn	Hodges Home
7:00 pm		Lenten Study	Sanctuary
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>4/2</b>		
		<i>Pray for Laos</i>	
9:00 am		Sunday School NewComer’s Class	Both Levels Pastor’s Study
10:00 am		Worship	Sanctuary
11:00 am		Coffee Social Village A	Greeting Area
11:15 am		Committee Council Meeting	Sanctuary
5:00 pm		Jr. Youth Group	Lower Level
6:30 pm		Middle/High School Youth Group	Lower Level

### A LOOK AHEAD AT OUR SCHEDULE:

- **Men’s Breakfast/Bible Study** will be this Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM.
- The **Lenten Study** is this Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.
- Our annual **Spring Outside Clean-Up** will be Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:00 AM.
- The **Palm Sunday Breakfast** is set for Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> following worship. Delicious hot pancakes and sausage will be served!
- The **2017 VBS dates** are June 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>!!! Registration will begin May 1<sup>st</sup>. This year’s theme is: **“HERO CENTRAL!!!”**

\*\*\*The 2017 Per Capita amount is \$43.34 per confirmed member\*\*\*

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March 26, 2017

## **SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP A WEEKLY CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION**

*The Fourth Sunday of Lent*

### IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*“For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord.”*

Ephesians 5:8-10

The Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

*“The Old Rugged Cross”*

*“Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him.” Psalm 37:7*

(If you have a prayer request, please fill out a green prayer card and pass it to the center aisle as they will be collected during the first hymn and included during the prayer time)

The Call to Worship

### WE WORSHIP IN PRAISE

\*A Hymn

*“There is Power in the Blood”*

1. *Would you be free from the burden of sin?  
There’s pow’r in the blood, pow’r in the blood;  
Would you o’er evil a victory win?  
There’s wonderful pow’r in the blood.*

#### REFRAIN

*There is pow’r, pow’r, wonder-working pow’r  
In the blood (in the blood), of the Lamb (of the Lamb).  
There is pow’r, pow’r, wonder-working pow’r  
In the precious blood of the Lamb.*

2. *Would you be free from your passion and pride?  
There’s pow’r in the blood, pow’r in the blood;  
Come for a cleansing to Calvary’s tide;  
There’s wonderful pow’r in the blood. **Refrain***

3. *Would you be whiter, much whiter than snow?  
There’s pow’r in the blood, pow’r in the blood;  
Sin-stains are lost in its life-giving flood,  
There’s wonderful pow’r in the blood. **Refrain***

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4. *Would you do service for Jesus your King?  
There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood;  
Would you live daily His praises to sing?  
There's wonderful pow'r in the blood. Refrain*

### WE WORSHIP IN PRAYER

\*The Call to Confession

\*The Unison Prayer of Confession

**God of mercy, You sent Jesus Christ to seek and to save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from You and turned aside from Your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected injustice, and ignored Your truth. Have mercy on us, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

\*The Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Glorifying God           *"We Will Glorify"*  
*We will glorify the King of kings, we will glorify the Lamb.  
We will glorify the Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.*

The Joys, Concerns, and Prayers of God's People

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### WE WORSHIP IN GIVING

Our Invitation to Give

The Offertory

*"That Old Rugged Cross"*

The Choir

\*Praising God #556   *"Praise God From Whom All Blessings"*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*The Prayer of Dedication

### WE WORSHIP IN PROCLAMATION

\*The Greeting (*Please share words of peace, encouragement, and hope*)

The Children's Lesson and Prayer (*The children may come forward*)

*The children 3 years old - Kindergarten may now leave for TLC out the back doors of the Sanctuary with Miss Gynni)*

*(The children who are in 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> grades may now leave for KFC out the back doors of the Sanctuary)*

The Scripture Lesson

Genesis 12:1-4a

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The Sermon

Pastor James M. Moran

*"SHOULD WE SCORN THE LESSER PEAKS?"*

### GOING IN GOD'S NAME

\*A Hymn

*"Worthy is the Lamb"*

*Thank You for the cross, Lord;  
Thank You for the price You paid.  
Bearing all my sin and shame,  
In love You came, and gave amazing grace.*

*Thank You for this love, Lord;  
Thank You for the nail-pierced hands.  
Washed me in Your cleansing flow,  
Now all I know Your forgiveness and embrace.*

*Worthy is the Lamb, seated on the throne;  
Crown You now with many crowns,  
You reign victorious!  
High and lifted up, Jesus, Son of God,  
The Darling of heaven crucified;  
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb.*

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*Worthy is the Lamb.  
Worthy is the Lamb.  
Worthy is the Lamb.*

\*The Benediction

The Postlude

*"Lamb of Glory"*

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

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*The flower vases are given by Dara Marner to the glory of God, and in loving memory of her daughter, Ralene, on her birthday.*

*The basket of flowers is given by Amy Primm to the glory of God, and in loving memory of her mom, Nancy Bauer, on her birthday.*

***Please keep these family members and friends in your prayers:***

Ryan King (Cindy Miller), Sue Kirkland (Nancy MacFarlane), Mike Lancas (Carolyn Lancas), Barry Lavery (Dale & Diane Jacobs), Kim Long (Nancy Hodges/Kelly Stebor), Jim Miller (CCUPC member), Harriet Murray (Bill Murray), Pat (Rick & Diane Alexander), Karen Raman (CCUPC member), Cheryl Semenko (CCUPC member), Tim (Shirl Lonie), and Ethan Wolf and his family (Pam Best).

### **I WAS JUST THINKING. . . By Pastor Jim**

A favorite traditional hymn is "Amazing Grace." The opening verse reads like this:

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now I'm found;  
Was blind, but now I see.

This plaintive spiritual song is a favorite among the elderly and nursing home residents at chapel time, those for whom physical eyesight is waning and for whom spiritual sight is increasingly significant. Some assume that it is an African-American spiritual, perhaps because of its haunting melody.

In reality, it was written by John Newton, who was part of the revival of the Church of England in the late eighteenth century. He was a self-educated man, who had gone to sea and at one time had been the captain of a ship in the African slave trade. After his conversion, he became an ordained minister of the Church of England, finally serving as rector of a church in London.

David Belgum writes concerning this hymn: "It could well be that this personal testimony referred to his time of blindness to the awful exploitation and forced transport of the wretched slaves. He was indeed a spiritual wretch, just as the slaves were physical wretches in the stinking hold of his ship. Through an amazing grace his eyes were opened and he could see clearly God's will for his life, and it was not to haul slaves." To some degree we all have spiritual blindness or myopia that needs correction. If we are attentive and receptive to having our "wretchedness" changed God will do a marvelous work of transformation in us.

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### **'Tweeners Retreat**

Youth in 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to come away for a night, to have a short retreat, and to experience some of the fun of **Camp Crestfield** on **April 29 - 30<sup>th</sup>**. We will gather at the church on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> around 10:30 AM, and return on Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> around 2:15 PM. Cost is \$75/person. All appropriately aged youth and their friends are welcome. We will need some parents to be willing to drive to and pick us up from Camp Crestfield, and we will also need at least one male leader to be able to participate. Additional leaders of either gender would also be welcome. (If cost is a concern, please talk with Pastor Dena. DO NOT let money be the only reason you don't participate!) A sign-up sheet is available on the bulletin board in the Greeting Area. **TODAY is the last day to sign up.**

**Are you New to CCUPC?** Visiting with us for the first time? We are excited you joined us for worship. To connect with us and learn more about our church family, text **WELCOME** to 724-906-4624. You are also encouraged to sign in on the registration pad passed in your pew and provide your contact information.

Copies of the **2017 Budget** which was approved at our last Session meeting are available at the Information Center in the Greeting Area.