

Please keep these jammy members and friends in your prayers:

David (Bob & Gail Pierce), Charlotte Dickie (Lorry Cowan), Donna (Ahlgren family), Ryan King (Cindy Miller), Sue Kirkland (Nancy MacFarlane), Barry Lavery (Dale & Diane Jacobs), Kim Long (Nancy Hodges), John Mellor (friend of CCUPC), Jim Miller (CCUPC member), Harriet Murray (Bill Murray), Karen Raman (CCUPC member), Ruth (Karen Raman), Gale Terenzio (CCUPC member), and Tim (Shirl Lonie).

Lenten Study Series

You are invited to take advantage of a study opportunity using a video series produced by Ligonier Ministries, titled: The Assurance of Salvation. In this series, Dr. R.C. Sproul addresses the importance of living in pursuit of holiness against “easy believism.” He 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 the following **Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM** - March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, and April 6th in the Sanctuary. You don’t have to sign up, just come and join us when you can!

Lenten Devotionals are available by the Spiritual Growth table in the Greeting Area. Take a spiritual journey to Easter by reading a daily devotional during this Lenten Season to help prepare you for the resurrection of Jesus. Envelopes are available for your donation to help with the cost of the booklet and shipping costs.

The Trailer is here for all of your flea market items!! The trailer will be open every Sunday; you can also get access during regular church office hours (Monday - Friday/9:00 AM - 2:00 PM) by obtaining the key from the office. Please remember to pack items in boxes. All boxes should be stacked at the far end of the trailer. If you are donating linens please place them in a plastic bag and label them with the size; sheet sets can also be placed in the pillow case but they need labeled with a size. **DO NOT WRAP LINENS WITH PACKING TAPE!** The heat in the trailer ruins them by melting the tape into the linen. Large bulky items should be placed to the left when you enter the trailer. **NO TV’S!** Clothing and books still go to the table at the lower Lobby entrance. If you have questions call Dara Marner (724-538-5644).

March is officially here, which means a new group of students will be celebrated during the **Connections Student of the Month** program! We are showering Dan Hayden, Ben Hodges, Steven Prigg and Kristen Rossi with cards and letters of encouragement; so please stop by the Connections table in the Greeting Area to sign a card for these students. You don't have to personally know them to let them know that we are thinking about them while they are away. They will be blessed to hear from YOU this month!

Feed His Sheep vs. Buy a Peep “Change”-ing Lives Contest. . . has begun today! You can donate your change into the jug of your choice by the Mission table. For every \$25 donated in the “peep” jug, 5 chickens (3 female & 2 male) will be purchased and donated to those who need them most in the world. For every 50¢ donated in the “sheep” jug, one child will be fed a hot lunch at an FLM supported school in Haiti!

Munch...Munch...Chicken Lunch...is almost here! The Mission Committee will sponsor the chicken-n-dumplings “to go” lunch on **Sunday, March 26th**. Look for the sign up sheet on the bulletin board to preorder your lunch. Serving sizes: pint \$6, quart \$12, and 1/2 gallon \$24. Includes rolls and butter, and dessert will also be available at an additional cost.

THIS WEEK AT CCUPC

Today 3/5

Communion
Pray for the Republic of Korea
 9:00 am Sunday School Both Levels
 NewComer’s Class Pastor’s Study
 10:00 am Worship Sanctuary
 11:00 am Coffee Social Greeting Area
 Village G

6:30 pm Middle/High School Youth Group Lower Level

Monday 3/6

7:00 pm Worship Team Rehearsal Sanctuary

Wednesday 3/8

6:15 pm Kids Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary

7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary

THURSDAY 3/9

11:30 am Ladies Lunch & Learn Greeting Area

7:00 pm Lenten Study Sanctuary

SUNDAY 3/12

Pray for the Republic of Kosovo
 9:00 am Sunday School Both Levels
 NewComer’s Class Pastor’s Study

10:00 am Worship Sanctuary

11:00 am Coffee Social Greeting Area
 Villages I & N

5:00 pm Jr. Youth Group Lower Level

6:30 pm Middle/High School Youth Group Lower Level

A LOOK AHEAD AT OUR SCHEDULE:

- The **Ladies Lunch & Learn** will start back up as they meet on Thursday, March 9th at 11:30 AM. The brown bag lunch begins at 11:30 AM followed by the Bible study.
- **Daylight Savings Time** begins on Sunday, March 12th. Don’t forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour!
- The next **Men’s Breakfast/Bible Study** will be held Tuesday, March 14th at 8:30 AM.
- The **Prom Dress Sale** will be on Saturday, March 25th beginning at 9:00 AM.
- The **Munch...Munch...Chicken Dumpling** lunch is Sunday, March 26th.
- The **2017 Per Capita** amount is \$43.34 per confirmed member.
- The **2017 VBS dates** are June 12th - 16th!!! Registration will begin May 1st. This year’s theme is: **“HERO CENTRAL!!!”**

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March 5, 2017

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

The First Sunday of Lent

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

“You are my hiding place; You will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.” Psalm 32:7

The Welcome and Announcements

An Update on the Directory Rich Rogers

The Prelude

“At the 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

“The Wonderful Cross”

(1) *When I survey the wondrous cross
 On which the Prince of Glory died,
 My richest gain I count but loss,
 And pour contempt on all my pride.*

(2) *See from His head, His hands, His feet,
 Sorrow and love flow mingled down.
 Did e’er such love and sorrow meet,
 Or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

CHORUS

*O, the wonderful cross, O, the wonderful cross
 Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live.
 O, the wonderful cross, O, the wonderful cross.
 All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name.*

(3) *Were the whole realm of nature mine,
 That were an offering far too small.
 Love so amazing, so divine,
 Demands my soul, my life, my all.*

Repeat Chorus twice

WE WORSHIP IN PRAYER

*The Call to Confession

*The Unison Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God, Your Son Jesus Christ was tempted in every way, yet without sin. We confess before You that we have sinned; we have hungered after that which does not satisfy; we have compromised with evil; we have doubted Your power to protect us. Forgive our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness. Restore in us such love and trust that we may walk in Your ways, and delight in doing Your will. We humbly pray these things in the precious name of Jesus. 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

The Choir

“Are You Washed in the Blood?”

*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 1st - 3rd grades may now leave for KFC out the back doors of the Sanctuary)

The Scripture Lesson

Matthew 4:1-11

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The Sermon

Pastor James M. Moran

“THE CROWN WITHOUT THE CROSS?”

WE WORSHIP AT THE LORD’S TABLE

*A Hymn

“I Love You, Lord”

I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice
To worship You, O my soul rejoice.
Take joy, my King, in what You hear,
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.

The Apostles’ Creed (in unison)

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving:

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: AND ALSO WITH YOU!

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD!

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

People: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE GOD THANKS AND PRAISE!

WE INVITE ALL who trust in Christ as Savior and Lord, regardless of denominational affiliation, to share in this celebration and thanksgiving! The Table has been prepared for those who seek fellowship and peace with God and each other.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Proclaiming our individual experiences of God’s gracious forgiveness, we eat the bread as it is passed. You will note a dish in the middle of each serving tray that contains gluten free bread. Proclaiming our corporate experiences of God’s grace to the Church, we hold the cup until all have been served, and drink together as the pastor indicates.

GOING IN GOD’S NAME

*A Hymn

“Rise Up, O Saints of God”

Rise up, O saints of God!
Have done with lesser things;
Give heart and soul and mind and strength
To serve the King of kings.

Rise up, O saints of God!
The Church for you doth wait,
Her strength unequal to her task;
Rise up, and make her great!

*The Benediction

The Postlude

“Come to the Cross”

*Please stand as you are able.

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I WAS JUST THINKING. . . By Pastor Jim

Today is the first Sunday in the season of Lent, a period of six weeks leading up to the celebration of resurrection on Easter. Typically, Christians take this time in the ecclesiastical calendar to be introspective and reflective in order to make course corrections in their lives. Some traditions encourage fasting and “giving up” some pleasure or behavior so as to stay focused on spiritual disciplines.

We begin our Lenten journey with the account of the temptation of Jesus in the wilderness. In preparation for today, I found the story recorded in Mickey Anders’ book, Six Flags over Jesus helpful. I share it with you:

“He had finally got his chance to make the really big sale. He was going into the final interview on the biggest contract he had ever written. As he was ushered into the office of the executive buyer, an assistant brought her coffee and left. The atmosphere was cordial, and he knew he was giving his best presentation ever.

“Then the assistant tapped on the door, re-entered the office and spoke briefly with the executive. She stood and said, ‘I apologize, but I have to tend to a matter. I’ll just be a minute or two.’ And she followed her assistant out of the room. The sales representative looked around the beautifully appointed office. He saw her family pictures on her desk. Then he noticed a contract on her desk. She had evidently been studying a bid from a competitor. Leaning forward, he could see the column of figures, but it was obscured by a diet soda can.

“He was tempted to move the can and see the bottom line of his competitor’s bid. What harm possibly could there be in reading her private information? After all, she had left it out in plain sight, almost. After wrestling with himself a while, he finally decided to take a peek. As he lifted the soda can, he discovered that the can wasn’t filled with soda at all. Instead it was a bottomless can filled with 1,000 BBs which gushed out, and ran all over the desk and cascaded onto the carpet. His attempt to short cut the competition was exposed.

“Not every temptation is so obvious. Not every failure is so embarrassing. But every temptation is a challenge. Not even Jesus was spared the choosing.”

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The vases of flowers are given by Mike Goddard to the glory of God, and in celebration of his “best friend,” Jo Goddard, on her birthday.

Why does God permit suffering? If that question is important to you, please join Pastor Moran’s **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** which is meeting in the Conference Room inside the office at 9:00 AM. The class is using video/discussion format led by Dr. Derek Thomas that reflects on the Book of Job. Come and join in!