

Please keep these family members and friends in your prayers:

Tom Bell (Sue Bell), Brenda Bordas (Christina Taylor), Roy D’Ginto (Roy & Shirl Lonie), Elinor Dixon (Debbie Rossi), Lillian Grundler (Dick Grundler), Joseph Justus (Linda & Dave Schuman), Kelly Lutz (Ray & Peggy Wetzel), Kent (Kim & Gary Pugh), Ryan King (Cindy Miller), Charlie Marner (Melinda Marner), Jim Miller (CCUPC member), Harriet Murray (Bill Murray), Cecil & Phyllis Pugh (Gary & Kim Pugh), Karen Raman (CCUPC member), David Rubinosky (Vera Rubinosky), Lois Saleone Ray & Peggy Wetzel and Gynni Gorman), and Tim (Shirl & Roy Lonie).

The sympathy of our congregation is extended to Jon and Lydia Horvath and family, and the Cornell family on the death of Jon’s great uncle, John last week.

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The **Connections** team hears from our students frequently about how much it means to them to get the encouraging notes from our congregation. They not only read those notes when they receive them, but they keep them around and re-read them when they are feeling particularly down and need a “pick-me-up” during the semester. Why don't you write one of those “pick-me-up's” today to our February *Students of the Month* (Brendan MacFarlane, Isaac McKinley and Ryan Stewart). You will be blessing them in many ways! Address labels and note cards can be found on the Connections bulletin board across from the elevator.

Please come and join us for **Family Movie Night** on **Saturday, March 3rd** at **7:00 PM** for an evening of family fun! We will be showing a movie (to be decided) in Thornton Hall. Popcorn and beverages will be provided, and you can bring your own comfy canvas camp chairs or blankets for the kids to lay on.

The administrative expenses for the Presbyterian Church (USA) are covered by Per Capita funds. The **2017 Per Capita amount is \$39.50 per confirmed member**. Our Session has chosen to designate the total amount of per capita received for the work of Beaver-Butler Presbytery unless you specify otherwise. We will be happy to make available to you the breakdown for Synod and General Assembly if you have the desire to contribute to them. If you have any questions you may talk with Pastor Moran.

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.

The Trailer is Coming!! The trailer for your flea market treasures will be here March 1st. So start gathering your treasures and remember:

- › Items must be boxed (a limited supply of boxes will be available)
- › Do not put candles in the trailer - they melt in the heat
- › Label sheet sets with size
- › NO computers (or monitors of any kind) or TV's

Look for further information and instructions in the upcoming weeks. If you have any questions, call the church office.

A Special Request. . . . please be considerate of our retired members, those with special needs, and visitors of our congregation as you choose your parking space on Sunday mornings.

THIS WEEK AT CCUPC

Sunday	2/18	1st Sunday of Lent/Communion	
		<i>Pray for Oman</i>	
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 A	
11:15 am		Session Meeting	Conference Rm.
5:00 pm		Junior Youth Group (grades 3-5)	Lower Level
6:30 pm		Youth Group (grades 6-12)	Lower Level
Monday	2/19	President's Day	
		<i>Office Closed</i>	
Wednesday	2/21		
6:15 pm		Children's Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm		Adult Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Thursday	2/22		
7:00 pm		Lenten Study Series	Sanctuary
Sunday	2/25	2nd Sunday of Lent/Food Bank	
		<i>Pray for Pakistan</i>	
9:00 am		Sunday School	Both Levels
		NewComer's Class	Pastor's Study
10:00 am		Worship	Sanctuary
11:10 am		Coffee Social	Greeting Area
		Village B	
6:30 pm		NO Youth Groups	

A LOOK AHEAD AT OUR UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

- A **Lenten Study** will be held this Thursday, February 22nd at 7:00 PM.
- **Food Bank Sunday** will be February 25th. The *Items of the Month* are soup, rice, beans, and boxed dinners.
- The next **Men's Breakfast/Bible Study** will be Tuesday, February 27th at 8:30 AM.
- The **2018 Per Capita amount is \$39.50 per confirmed member**.

Notice is hereby given for a **MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION** of the Cranberry Community United Presbyterian Church to be held **Sunday, February 25, 2018** immediately following the 10:00 AM worship service. The stated purposes for this brief meeting will be to receive the 2018 congregational budget and to approve the terms of call for the pastors.

For the well-being of our Nursery Volunteers, if your child has a bad cold or you feel they are contagious, please refrain from taking them to the nurseries. Thank you for your consideration for all who are involved.

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February 18, 2018

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

The First Sunday of Lent

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

“Show me Your ways, Lord, teach me Your paths. Guide me in Your truth and teach me, for You are God my Savior, and my hope is in You all day long.” Psalm 25:4-5

The Welcome and Announcements

(Please sign the register pad, passing it down the row, then back to center aisle.)

The Prelude Jonathan & Vincent Horvath
“Hallelujah”

“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.)

The Call to Worship

WE WORSHIP IN PRAISE

*A Song of Praise **“The Wonderful Cross”**

*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.*

*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.*

*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 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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

“Jesus, Lord to Me”

Adult 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*)

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

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

The Scripture Lesson

John 9:1-12

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The Sermon

Pastor James M. Moran

“ENCOUNTERS WITH JESUS - THE MAN BORN BLIND”

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

*The Closing 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

“Lift High the Cross”

*Please stand as you are able.

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The vases of flowers are given by Mike and Jo Goddard to the glory of God, and in celebration of their grandson, Ayden, on his 12th birthday.

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I WAS JUST THINKING . . .

John Ewing Roberts, writing in, Remembering and Forgetting, says: “When I was a boy, I was told, ‘Baptists don’t do Lent.’ No one knew why. I suspect that it was an anti-Catholic thing which I pray we are over. It was the old argument, ‘whatever they do, we don’t!’ - a curiously convoluted, twisted and unhealthy way to decide on religious practices.

“Whatever the reason for ‘not doing Lent,’ I think it is a great loss for any Christian not to prepare for Good Friday and Easter. Every spring the baseball players prepare for the season with spring training; every spring ordinary people prepare for summer by doing ‘spring cleaning.’ So why shouldn’t Christians prepare for the most important events in Jesus’ ministry - what he did for us on Good Friday and Easter Sunday, what he did for us on Golgotha’s cross and at the empty tomb?

“If it helps you, think of Lent as a kind of Christian spring training and spring cleaning.”

As we travel the path of our Lenten journey I would encourage you to be intentional in your study, prayer, reflection, worship, and actions. Prepare for the recognition of your need for forgiveness that is granted at Calvary, but do not end the journey there. Prepare for the victory that is offered in the vacated tomb.

Bless Your Hearts,

Pastor Jim

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As members of a society that is quickly abandoning its Christian past, followers of Christ often feel disoriented or even frightened. When human leaders and political advocates fail us, doubts arise and the road to compromise beckons. Our **Lenten Study** has begun, and will meet on **Thursdays at 7:00 PM**, ending on **March 22nd**. Our topic will be: “A Time for Confidence: Trusting God in a Post-Christian Society.” In this series, Dr. Stephen J. Nichols points to the almighty God as the source and ground of our confidence. Though the whole world may shake around us, His kingdom is unshakable. This is a time for confidence.

Lenten Devotionals are available on 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 celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. Envelopes are available for your donation to help with the cost of the booklet and shipping costs.