

DID YOU KNOW..... that we have a staffed infant and toddler nursery available for you to use during worship? Children through age 2 are welcome to come and play. There is also a curtained off corner in the nursery for those who may need some privacy which can be used for nursing or for soothing your child. Additionally, we have ministries for those who are 3 years old through those who are finishing 3rd grade (TLC & KFC) where children may go after the Children's Lesson. Older children can find worksheets and coloring pages on a table in the sanctuary near the side entrance. Any of our ushers or nursery workers will be glad to show you how to locate our nursery or children's ministries and supplies. We love having so many growing families in church!

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.

The trailer is here, the trailer is here!!! The trailer will be unlocked each Sunday during church for your flea market treasures. Please use these simple guidelines when bringing items on a Sunday:

- ◆ Items should be packed in boxes when possible. There are empty boxes inside the trailer for your use
- ◆ Please wrap fragile items in newspaper or other suitable packing material
- ◆ Stack boxes as far back in the trailer as possible and as high as possible
- ◆ Please label sheets and blankets with size. (hint do not wrap sheets with packing tape - it ruins them)
- ◆ Please do not place candles in the trailer - they can be placed inside where you drop off clothes
- ◆ Place large items that cannot be packed to the left inside the trailer
- ◆ NO televisions or computer monitors

Feel free to call Dara Marner (724-316-3475), Jo Goddard (724-776-5987), or Kelly Stebor (724-831-1107) with any questions.

CCUPC's annual "***I Found the Gown!***" Sale will be held **Saturday, March 24th** from **9 AM – 4 PM**. The time of the sale has been extended in order to try to accommodate more women. Our church continues to collect new and gently used dresses and accessories through Sunday, March 18th. All formal gowns will be sold for only \$20 each with wedding gowns at \$50 each! Also available during the sale will be shoes, jewelry, hair and nail accessories, wraps, and purses, each for under \$5. If you would like to donate any items for this sale, please drop them off at the church office Monday - Friday from 9 AM - 2 PM. As always, ***volunteers are needed!*** Information and sign-up sheets have been posted on the bulletin board in the Greeting Area. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Hodges (412-780-7239) or Gretchen Peterson (724-452-4179).

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.

THIS WEEK AT CCUPC

Sunday	3/4	3rd Sunday of Lent <i>Pray for Palestine</i>	
9:00 am		Sunday School	Both Levels
		NewComer's Class	Library
10:00 am		Worship	Sanctuary
11:10 am		Coffee Social	Greeting Area
		Village C	
5:00 pm		Junior Youth Group	Lower Level
6:30 pm		Middle/High School Youth Group	Lower Level
Monday	3/5		
7:00 pm		Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Tuesday	3/6		
7:00 pm		Worship Committee Meeting	Conference Rm.
Wednesday	3/7		
6:15 pm		Children's Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm		Adult Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Thursday	3/8		
7:00 pm		Lenten Study Series	Sanctuary
Sunday	3/11	4th Sunday of Lent <i>Pray for Panama</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 D & Village E	
5:00 pm		Junior Youth Group	Lower Level
6:30 pm		Middle/High School Youth Group	Lower Level

A LOOK AHEAD AT OUR UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

- A **Lenten Study** will continue on Thursday, March 8th at 7:00 PM.
- **Daylight Savings** begins on Saturday, March 10th. ("spring ahead"!)
- The **Men's Breakfast/Bible Study** will be Tuesday, March 13th at 8:30 AM.
- The **2018 Prom Dress Sale** will be on Saturday, March 24th from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. To see where you can volunteer your time, go out to the bulletin board in the Greeting Area and sign up!!
- **Holy Week Worship services** will be Maundy Thursday, March 29th at 7:30 PM where we will be celebrating the Sacrament of Communion and Good Friday, March 30th at 7:30 PM.
- The **Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast** will be on March 25th after worship.
- A **Mission Lunch** will take place on Sunday, April 8th after worship.
- **Vacation Bible School** will be held from June 18th - June 22nd. Registration will open on May 1st.

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

The Third Sunday of Lent

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes. The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the Lord are firm, and all of them are righteous." Psalm 19:8-9

The Welcome and Announcements

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

The Prelude

"Just as I Am"

"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 ***"You are My All in All"***

***You are my strength when I am weak,
 You are the treasure that I seek;
 You are my All in All.
 Seeking You as a precious jewel,
 Lord, to give up, I'd be a fool;
 You are my All in All.***

Chorus

***Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.
 Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.***

***Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,
 Rising again, I bless Your name;
 You are my All in All.
 When I fall down, You pick me up,
 When I am dry You fill my cup;
 You are my All in All.***

Repeat Chorus twice

WE WORSHIP IN PRAYER

‘The Call to Confession

‘The Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess that we have grown complacent in our response to You. You set before us a rich feast of blessing, but we are drawn to lesser things that cannot satisfy. You call us to attend to urgent needs in the world, but we indulge our own desires. Our ways are not Your ways; our thoughts do not ascend to Your thoughts. Forgive us when we fall short of Your claim upon our lives. Disturb our complacency and quicken our desire for a more fruitful life. Be patient, we pray, as we mend who we are, in the hope of becoming who You intend us to be. We ask this in the name of our Savior, Your Son, Jesus Christ. 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

“In Christ Alone”

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 3:1-15

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The Sermon

Pastor James M. Moran

“ENCOUNTERS WITH JESUS - NICODEMUS”

GOING IN GOD’S NAME

*The Closing Hymn #342 **“I Will Sing of My Redeemer”**

*The Benediction

The Postlude **“I Will Sing the Wondrous Story”**

*Please stand as you are able.

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Please keep these family members and friends in your prayers:

Jim Bell (Tom Bell), Elinor Dixon (Debbie Rossi), Lillian Grundler (Dick Grundler), the Hagan family (the Sikora family), Nancy Hodges (Marcy Hammann), Joseph Justus (Linda & Dave Schuman), Sandy Justus (Linda Schuman), the Kerr family (Julie Kerr), Ryan King (Cindy Miller), Madame Ortese (Dara Marner), Jim Miller (CCUPC member), Patti Moyces (Steven Dunham), Harriet Murray (Bill Murray), Cecil & Phyllis Pugh (Gary & Kim Pugh), Karen Raman (CCUPC member), David Rubinosky (Vera Rubinosky), Lois Saleone (Ray & Peggy Wetzels), and Tim (Shirl & Roy Lonie).

Nancy Hodges shares her THANKS to Jim Fisher for putting up the Prom Dress Sale banner. She is also THANKFUL to those who have been volunteering their time as we prepare for the sale.

The SYMPATHY of our congregation is extended to Ted and Julie Kerr and family on the death of Ted’s father, Jim Kerr.

Nancy Hodges shares her THANKSGIVING for her friend, Kim Long, whose son, Ricky, was married last Saturday (2/24).

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The next meeting of **Ladies Lunch & Learn** will be at the church in the Greeting Area on Thursday, March 8th. A brown bag lunch will be at 11:30 AM and the lesson will begin at 12:00 PM. Everyone is welcome!

March is officially here, which means a new group of students will be celebrated during the **Connections Student of the Month** program! During March, we are showering Abbey Watkins, Tim Stewart, Brienne Okuda and Joe Bell with cards and letters of encouragement. Please stop by the Connections Bulletin Board in the Greeting Area to pick up cards and address labels for these students. Even if you don't personally know them, you can still sign a card letting them know that our congregation is thinking about them while they are away. They will be blessed to receive a note from YOU this month!

I WAS JUST THINKING ...

I believe on a occasion or two I have told you my penchant for movies! Aside from the news and sports, almost all of my television viewing is in the form of movies as I like to be challenged in my thinking, anticipating the plot, and finding illustrations for life. Some movies are not profound in their message, but entertaining in their intrigue.

Two series that may fit into that category are the *Rocky* and *Godfather* series. I have seen them so many times that I have the dialogue memorized. There is a powerful scene in, *The Godfather* “Part III”. Perhaps some of you remember when the Godfather, Don Corleone (played by Al Pachino), is forced to visit the distinguished Cardinal Lamberto to tell him the bad news that a legitimate business deal involving the Vatican Bank has gone bad. The bank is run by the Archbishop and a coalition of Catholic businessmen. The Cardinal listens to the Godfather; then the Cardinal says something quite profound. He picks up a stone and says, “Look at this stone. It has been lying in the water for a very long time. The water has not penetrated it.” Then he smashes the stone. “Look,” he says peering at the smashed insides of the stone, “perfectly dry. The same thing,” the Cardinal continues, “has happened to men in Europe. They have been surrounded by Christianity for centuries, but Christ does not live in their hearts.”

This is exactly what happened to some of the religious leaders in the time of Jesus – they had been surrounded by the Temple and the Law and had gone through the motions of adherence and ritual, but the God of the Temple had not been allowed to enter their lives nor penetrate their hearts. As the Apostle Paul once put it, “They had the form of godliness, but not the real thing.”

We may fall prey to the same danger – if our adherence to Christ is governed by form and ritual, rules and regulations, and is missing the personal, relational element we miss the best God has to offer us. Lent is a season for us to enhance our relationship with Jesus. May we not miss the joy of Christ that is available to us.

Bless Your Hearts,
Pastor Jim

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Feed His Sheep vs Buy a Peep “Change”-ing Lives Contest:

During Lent we are asking you to please donate your “change” into the bucket of your choice as you exit the Sanctuary. Monies donated into the “sheep” jug will be used by FLM to purchase hot lunches for school children in Haiti, and monies donated into the “peep” jug will help purchase families of chickens (3 female/2 male) through the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Help us to “change” lives!

Visitors...Please Help!

If you are a **visitor** worshipping with us today, we’d like to ask you to do us a big favor. Help us discover which of our advertising dollars are doing the most good by telling us how you found our church. When the register pad is passed to you, please fill out not only your contact information, but also check the appropriate box that tells us how you heard of us. It will be a big help.