

Christian Reporter

Mt. Lebanon Christian Church

March 2013

Friends, we are now in the season of Lent. Lent is the season that leads up to Easter. The forty days (not counting Sundays), are a reminder of the forty days that Jesus spent in the wilderness fasting, praying and being tempted by Satan. Lent is a time for repentance and reflection.

This Lenten season we will be looking closely at Holy Week. Each Sunday we will be looking at a specific day during Holy Week and the events that took place that day. We will consider Holy Week during worship and during Bible Study as well.

Through scripture, pictures, music and history we will delve into Holy Week in new ways to see its application to everyday life.

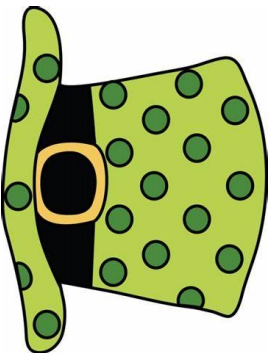
If you haven't been to worship for a while, or not very regularly, Lent is a great time to re-engage. If you haven't tried Bible Study before or haven't attended lately, please join us. We have wonderful opportunities to learn and grow during this special season.

During Holy Week (in April) there will be special opportunities to take part in worship, prayer, and prayer stations. Make a special effort to take part in this special season. Grace and peace to you all!

Blessings!

Cindy

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CINDY McCLUNG

WORSHIP
WITH US



Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 & 11:00 AM

PLEASE JOIN US!



March Worship Leaders & Elders

<u>Elders</u>	<u>Worship Leaders</u>
5 - Laurie Sargent	5 - Chuck Sargent
12 - Kathy Spray	12 - Verna McGinley
19 - Chuck Sargent	19 - Jeff Hawn
26 - Verna McGinley	26 - Dan Wahl

MISSION STATEMENT

Serving Christ!

Living and Sharing Faith, Hope and Love

VISION STATEMENT

God's vision for Mt. Lebanon Christian Church (DOC) is that we be a Christ-centered church; growing in faith through prayer, worship, and Bible study; growing in service through outreach; growing in love through Fellowship.

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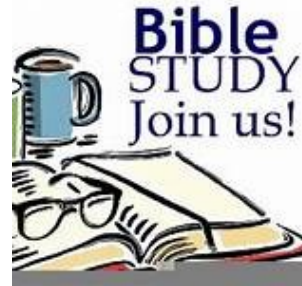
"Every Member Is A Minister"

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Bible Study



Our Lenten study "Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week" by Amy -Jill Levine looks at the history and literature surrounding the last days of Jesus' life. Levine set the narrative in historical context and analyzes the risks and motives of the story's characters. Levine shows how ethical and spiritual questions are

raised for the reader, and how we all face risk in our Christian experience. This study will also enhance your Sunday morning experience at worship. Dr. Cindy McClung will lead our study. Don't miss it!

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Man's way leads to a hopeless end.
God's way leads to an endless hope.



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WHAT DOES THE IDES OF MARCH MEAN?

The Ides of March is the 74th day in the Roman calendar, which corresponds to March 15 on our calendar.

Romans used the day as the deadline for settling debts, and the day was also marked by several

religious observances.

Each month has an Ides, relating to a [full moon](#) as the Roman calendar was lunar based.

The Ides of each month were marked by a sheep sacrifice to Jupiter, the Romans' top god.

On the Ides of March, they held the Feast of Anna Perenna, a goddess whose festival marked the end of the ceremonies for the new year.

Towards the end of the Roman period the Ides also marked the start of a week-long period marking various festivals celebrating Cybele and Attis, two mythical gods.

The Ides of March is just a day in the Roman calendar but it took on much more significance when it became the day [Julius Caesar was murdered](#) in 44BC.

Such an infamous event solidified the day in history and became a turning point in Roman culture.



IN NEED OF PRAYER

Please contact The Elders for any prayer concerns or even just to talk. The Elders pray for those in our congregation who need prayers from those on our prayer lists and those mentioned during our , worship services. If you are in need of prayer and would like to be included in our private prayer list please contact the church office.

Church Members

Joanne Houston

Persinger family—birth of Caleb

Ray Dubiel

Daryl Gray

Bill Green

Audrey Houke

Karen Newman

Mary Nicholson

Ed Pajak

Duane Ready

Also, please remember in your prayers our members who are homebound. Helen Butler, Connie McCarty, Ruth Schmidtetter, Lee Scott and Betty Rothermel.

Friends and family

Liam Teitz

Matt

Joanne - Bill Green's daughter

Holstead Family

Katy Creenan - cancer

Bob Conroy Sr.

Ann Peden - cancer

Kathleen Miller

Arthur McCarty

Rev. Janet Hellner Burris

Rick Fleischauer

Leo Schober

Hugh Pollon

Richard Sykes

Ed Totin

All those affected by Mass shootings

Peace in the Ukraine

Those affected by winter storms

Those with Covid

Lori Thomas

Peace

Rev. Heather Simpson

Services in-Person, via Facebook Live or Free Conference Call

We will continue to film the Facebook Live services on Sunday even though we are meeting in person now. We will also continue to use "Free Conference Call" using phone number 425-436-6348 and access code 284262#. Remember, you can view past services on our Facebook Live page by clicking here, pick Video and select what you want to watch. (or enter this <https://www.facebook.com/MtLebanonCC/>)



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

2 - Clare Newman
19 - Lee Scott
27 - Amy Angotti
28 - Janet Bowers
Kayla Wolff

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

4 - John & Mary Crist
7 - Bernie & Verna McGinley
18 - Diane & Richard Ozanick
19 - Horst & Doris Riddler

SOUTH HILLS INTERFAITH MINISTRIES

Due to changes in SNAP Benefits and the economy, Food Pantries are stretched and dire need of food and donations. This month we will continue to collect items from South Hills Interfaith Movement. Your generosity is deeply appreciated.

March 2023 Outreach

Most needed items for SHIM's food pantries

- Dried beans and lentils
- Rice
- Pasta sauce in jars
- Cereal and oatmeal
- Soup (especially low sodium)
- Adult diapers, especially L and XL
- Diapers sizes 3-6
- Baby food
- Dog food
- Personal care items (shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, feminine items, etc.)
- Flour
- Cooking Oil
- Sugar
- Spices and seasonings (salt, pepper, garlic, ginger, chili powder, turmeric, etc.)



If absence makes the heart grow fonder, some people

.must really love church





Why an ORGAN in church ?

THE ORGAN IS KNOWN AS THE KING OF INSTRUMENTS

First of all, that's only true in Western Christianity. The Orthodox churches mainly don't allow any instruments but the human voice (which was the way it was in the first Christian churches, too). The organ was developed around 200 years before Christ, but was not used in religious worship – the Byzantines used organs for many purposes, including public entertainment, (There was one in the Hippodrome, a great stadium that hosted things like chariot races.) In 757, Byzantine Emperor Constantine V sent an organ to Pepin the Short, king of the Franks, and Pepin's son Charlemagne liked it so much he requested one for his own chapel, which started the fashion of putting them in churches in Europe.

Different regions of Europe used the organ for worship differently. For example, in southern Europe, organs originally played music during worship but did not accompany the congregation singing, which was a cappella. And only large, rich churches could afford organs, which were (and are today) terribly expensive. Most churches had only a cappella vocal music or used whatever instruments the local congregation had and knew how to play.

In the 19th century, organs became more widespread. Developments in industrial techniques allowed them to be built less expensively, and rising prosperity throughout America and Europe brought pipe organs within the reach of medium-sized churches. And the development of the reed organ (small, quieter, less expensive) and electronic and digital organs made organs possible for churches and private homes. By this time, the trend was set. Organs have waned as far as non-religious use goes, but they have been firmly established in church worship use.



To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.

To make all of your friends know that there is something special in them.

To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.

To think only of the best, to work only to be the best, and to expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on the greater achievements of the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give living creature you meet a smile.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

To think well of yourself and to proclaim the fact to the world, not in loud words but in good deeds.

To live in the faith that the whole world is on your side, so long as you are true to the best that you God placed in you.








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<p>Immediate seating Available!</p> 		1	2	3	4	
		Bible Study, 7:00 pm on Zoom				
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
11:00 am United Service	Program Team 7:00 pm on Zoom	7:00 pm Women's Prayer Group	Bible Study, 7:00 pm on Zoom	7:00 pm Elder's Mtg		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:30 am Caya 11:00 Worship Traditional Service		7:00 pm Women's Prayer Group	Bible Study, 7:00 pm on Zoom		St. Patrick's Day 	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9:30 am Caya 11:00 Worship Traditional Service	<i>The First Day Of Spring</i> 	7:00 pm Women's Prayer Group 7:00 pm Board Mtg.	Bible Study, 7:00 pm on Zoom			
26	27	28	29	30	31	
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