

Faith's Blessings

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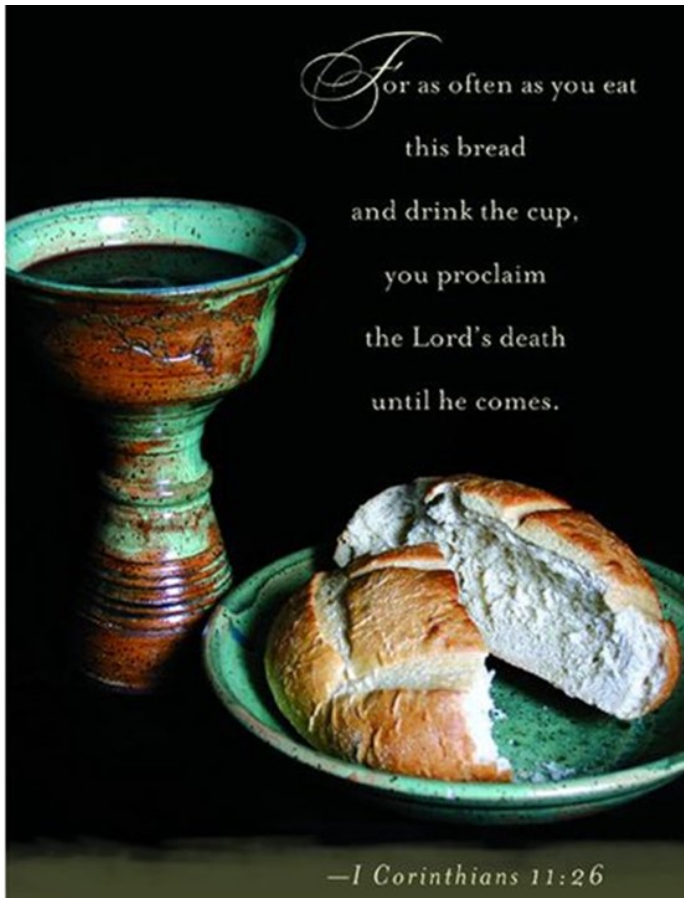
March 2023

COME TO THE TABLE

The table set with bread and wine...

A simple setting that tells the most profound story of all time...

The story of Christ's broken body and our fragmented humanity, of God's presence, provision, and promise to heal.



Breaking bread and eating together has been part of Christian worship since Christianity's earliest days. Meals are more than just a handy metaphor in the Bible. God often uses meals to prove God's provision for, redemption of, and ongoing communion with humanity.

"Come to the Table" Service of Word and Table scheduled for Wednesday evenings during Lent, March 1st through the 29th, at 6:30 p.m. will guide us into the meaning of food: in Scripture - from the fall in Genesis to the Last Supper; Christian tradition; history; and our own lives. As we examine the ways food and community are intimately connected, we will see how God uses food to heal our relationships with our bodies, our relationships with community and our relationship with God.

Gathered together in the Fellowship Hall, a light meal of soup, bread and beverage will be shared together with conversation and fellowship. Our hope is that you would "catch a

glimpse of the joy, abundance, and the holy imagination of what it means to feast together," and leave "more hopeful for a church where all are fed."

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"Come, taste and see that the Lord is good!"

Lenten Blessings, Pastor Kathy+



During the month of March we lift the following in prayer: Jeff Stutzman, Willis Beeler, Faith's Homebound Members, and the family and friends of Richard Steuernagle and Jodi Lee Barron.

Pastoral Care

Pastoral care visits are a means of bringing the presence of Jesus Christ into the lives of our community of Faith at times of acute illness, pending surgery, long-term care and rehabilitation of care, as well as hospice care. We rely on family members, friends, and neighbors to let the church staff know when someone is in a hospital or other facility; please call the church office 814-443-3179 and provide the name of the individual, name of hospital or care facility, and room number if known; and it is also helpful to give time/date of surgery. After office hours you may call Pastor Kathy directly at 814-483-3097.

Thank you,
Pastor Kathy



Second Offering

The second offering for March will be collected for Relay for Life on March 12th. We collected \$168 dollars in February for SAM Van. THANK YOU!



2023 Flower and bread sign-ups are on the bulletin board in the hallway. If you are able, please check and see which Sundays are still available.

We will meet the first Sunday of each month.

Children are invited to join Pastor Kathy

for a lesson and snack.

Our next gathering will be on Sunday, March 5th.



Mark your calendars ...



Wednesday, March 1st—"Come to the Table" Dinner
Church - every Wednesday

Sunday, March 12th—Chili Cook-Off & Bingo
(following worship)

Saturday, April 1st—Easter is EGG-cellent - Children
and Youth - 10 am to 1 pm

Saturday, April 1st—Children's Bell Choir practice 10 a.m.

Sunday, May 7th—Sundae Sunday - following worship - Honoring Women
of Faith

Sunday, June 11th—Covered Dish Dinner Honoring Men of Faith

June 26th-30th—Kids Kamp



Promedica Hospice located on North Center Avenue, Somerset, is looking for volunteers to give a piece of their heart and become trained hospice volunteers who can make a difference in someone's life. There are various opportunities including caregiver relief, running errands for patients and family, art at the bedside, friendly visits, reading aloud and helping with office support tasks at the agency. Brochures and applications are available in the Narthex. Questions may directed to Faith member, Genette Swank, who is the Volunteer Coordinator at Promedica, or by calling Promedica Hospice at 814-443-6450.



CELEBRATING IN MARCH

Dawn Will	Mar 4	Bella Harding	Mar 5
Tyler Will	Mar 5	Chad Cramer	Mar 6
Mona Barndt	Mar 7 93 years old	Elby Walker	Mar 7 93 years old
Tresa Keller	Mar 8	Chole Miller	Mar 9
Chole Swanson	Mar 9	Jamye Matolyak	Mar 10
Heaven Ball	Mar 11	Wendy Swanson	Mar 11
Nancy Walker	Mar 11 86 years old	Brantly Leister-Gary	Mar 13
Zachary Weaver	Mar 13	Emily Nist	Mar 15
William Cober	Mar 16	Darlene Zerfoss	Mar 16
Dave Will	Mar 18	Justine Lundquest	Mar 19
Barbara Will	Mar 19	Philip Keller	Mar 20
Barbara Raupach	Mar 20	Brandi Rhoads	Mar 22
James Yonai	Mar 22	Mylo Clark	Mar 23
Denise Custer	Mar 23	Koltin McClellan	Mar 23
Patricia Stouffer	Mar 23	Luther Weaver	Mar 23
Ronald Smeak	Mar 25	Douglas Sheeler	Mar 27
Brian Weyant	Mar 27	Jeb Friedline	Mar 28
Melissa Lenart	Mar 28	Matthew Shaffer	Mar 29
Amber Heiple	Mar 31	Dean Nist	Mar 31
Michaela Ann Shaffer	Mar 31		



CELEBRATING IN MARCH

William & Janice Hoffman

March 14th

13 years

MARCH 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
*Second Offering is for Relay for Life			1 Mid-Week Lenten Service- "Come to the Table" @ 6:30	2 HeBrews Bible Study 10:30am	3	4
5 1st Sunday in Lent Worship 9am SCS 10:30am Choir Practice Kid's Kingdom @10:30 am Donut Sunday	6	7	8 Mid-Week Lenten Service- "Come to the Table" @ 6:30	9 HeBrews Bible Study 10:30am Council Meeting 7pm	10	11
12 2nd Sunday in Lent Worship 9am 2nd Offering—(Relay for Life) Chili Cook Off & Bingo	13 WELCA-7pm	14	15 Mid-Week Lenten Service- "Come to the Table" @ 6:30	16 HeBrews Bible Study 10:30am	17	18
19 3rd Sunday in Lent Worship 9am SCS 10:30am Choir Practice	20	21	22 Mid-Week Lenten Service- "Come to the Table" @ 6:30	23 HeBrews Bible Study 10:30am	24	25
26 5th Sunday in Lent Worship 9am SCS 10:30am Choir Practice	27	28				

We thank those who are willing to serve
for the month of March

March 5

Altar Guild	Sandy Pyle	Reader	Sami Swank
Assisting Minister	Brenda Maust	Acolyte	Dylan Pyle
Greeters	Dave Pyle & Ken Will		
Council Person	Sandy Pyle		

March 12

Altar Guild	Sandy Pyle	Reader	Ryan Maust
Assisting Minister	Dave Pugh	Acolyte	Darren Walker
Greeters	Keith & Kathy Rhoads		

March 19

Altar Guild	Sandy Pyle	Reader	Randy Fieg
Assisting Minister	Brock Bowers	Acolyte	Kohen George
Greeters	Nancy Walker & Shirley Weimer		

March 26

Altar Guild	Sandy Pyle	Reader	Sandy Pyle
Assisting Minister	Jack Loeffert	Acolyte	Kaden George
Greeters	Joleen Everett & Kaden George		

**Please remember that if you cannot be here and have
a “job”, find a replacement!**



AMAZING *grace*

CELEBRATING 250 YEARS

1773 - 2023

The beloved Christian hymn “Amazing Grace” was penned by the English poet and Anglican clergyman John Newton to accompany a sermon he preached on New Year’s Day, 1773. Over the last 250 years, it has become an immensely popular hymn, particularly in the United States, where it is used for both religious and secular purposes. The text for the hymn is drawn from 1 Chronicles 17:16-17, in which King David responds to the prophet Nathan’s words that God intends to continue David’s royal line for eternity. The text reads:

Then King David went in and sat before the LORD and said, “Who am I, O LORD God, and what is my house, that you have brought me thus far? And even this was a small thing in your sight, O God; you have also spoken of your servant’s house into the distant future. You regard me as someone of high rank, O LORD God!”

Newton wrote the words of “Amazing Grace” from his own personal experience. In 1748 while Newton served as a sea captain of a ship in the Atlantic slave trade, a violent storm off the coast of Ireland struck his vessel so severely that he called out to God for mercy. This moment marked Newton’s turn toward God, what he called “the hour I first believed.” Eventually leaving sailing behind, Newton then began studying Christian theology and was ordained in the Church of England in 1764. He served as a minister in Olney, England, where he began writing hymns.

“Amazing Grace” was published in *Olney Hymns* in 1779, but was rarely sung in England. It was in the United States where the song would become widely known during the early 1800s. Today “Amazing Grace” remains one of the most recognizable songs in the English-speaking world.





Youth in Action

Doing God's Work with Our Hands In Fellowship and Fun

“Easter Is EGG-cellent!”

Saturday, April 1stth

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Come join the sights, sounds, and smells of Easter - drawing us closer to God and to each other. We will be “hands on” as we walk the walk of Holy Week with stations of learning, Easter-themed crafts and games. Lunch will be included.

Bring some-bunny with you! All children and youth are invited.

There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby at church
so “hop to it” and let us know “as quick as a bunny” that you’ll be joining us!

Lenten Midweek

Service of Word and Table

March 1 through 29 at 6:30 p.m.

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On Wednesdays during Lent,
we will gather at table in Faith's Fellowship Hall for a
Service of the Word and Table.

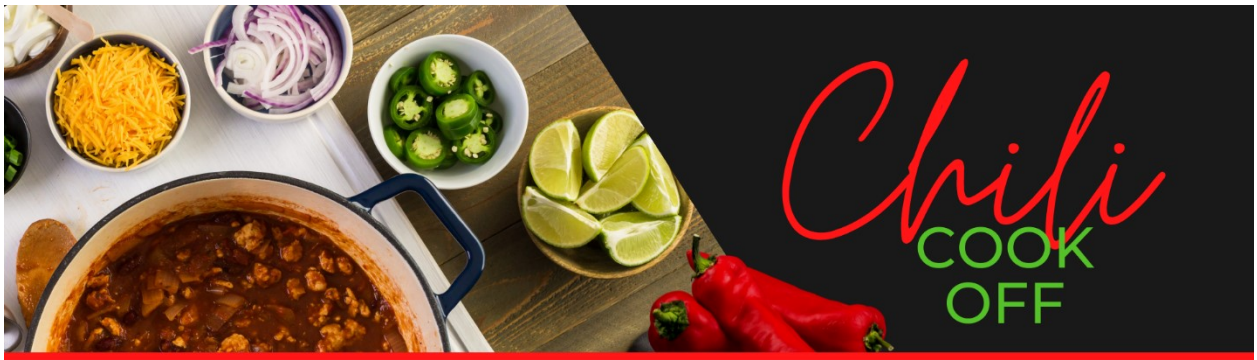
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MARCH 12th
CHILI COOK OFF & BINGO



FOLLOWING SERVICE

Enter your BEST Chili

PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED

Everyone is invited and encouraged to pull out your best recipe and join in the fun!

There will be Bingo for the adults and Bingo for the children.

Yes there will be trophies and prizes along with other fun things.

There will be chili, of course, a variety of breads, hotdogs, beverages and dessert.

Children & Youth
Upcoming Gatherings and Community
Service



- March 12th** **Chili Cook-Off and Bingo.** This is a congregational event following worship. Families are invited and encouraged to pull out their best recipe and join in the challenge. There will be Bingo for adults and Bingo for the children. And did I say prizes...yes there will be trophies and prizes along with other fun things. Our meal will include chili, of course, a variety of breads, hotdogs, beverages and dessert.
- April 1st** **Easter Is "EGGcellent"!** We will gather Saturday morning from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 to prepare for Palm Sunday and Easter. A busy morning is being planned as we walk the walk of Holy Week with stations of learning, Easter-themed crafts and games. Lunch will be included.
- April 1st** Children and Youth Bell Practice for Easter - we will practice this morning at 10 a.m.– come ring with us in celebration of Jesus resurrection on Easter morning.
- April 9th** **Easter Sunday** – Easter Breakfast will be served following the first service. Children and youth of all ages are invited to process with Pastor Kathy at the 9:00 a.m. service while ringing bells in celebration and joy. Bring your Easter Baskets and place them at God's table for a special blessing and receive a "sweet" Easter gift from the congregation
- May 7th** **Sundae Sunday!** following worship - watch for details!



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Sunday Worship 9 am

Sunday Church School 10:30 am

Kid's Kingdom 1st Sunday of Each Month 10:30am