

UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

Sunday, Feb. 26 – UMYF Youth Bible Study @ 5:30PM
Tuesday, Feb. 28 – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner @ 6:00PM
Sunday, March 5 – Youth Group @ 5:30PM
Tuesday, March 7 – CREED Bible Study @7PM, Fellowship Hall
Saturday, March 11 – Knit, Purl, Pray @ 9AM, Family Room
Sunday, March 12 – UMW St. Patrick’s Day Luncheon @12:15PM

PRAYER LIST

Debbie Goebel 2/26
Continued healing for Betsy Newlin & Marietta Abbott 2/19
Mike Dube’s dad 2/19
Dawn Denkins 2/19
Family of Jeanne Haskins 2/12
For those recently diagnosed with cancer 2/12
For those who have lost a loved one 2/12
Family of Chris Swisher 2/12
Suzanne Askew 2/5
Babies Jessie & Grace 2/5
For those struggling to hold things together 2/5
Reese Fitzgerald 2/5
Faye Wills 2/5
Jake Schwarze 2/5
Assisted Living: *Micki Quesada (Brian Center), Robert Byron (Carver Center), Frank Berkes (Carver Center), Mary Brown (Emerald Pond)*
Ongoing Prayer Needed for: *Michael Nagy (7/17), Mike Huey (10/16)*

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Desiree Davis-Omburo, Director of Music
Betty Romani, Accompanist

A Service of Word and Table
Sunday, March 5, 2017 – First Sunday of Lent

Chiming the Trinity

Centering Words

Come to the Lord with openness, seeking God's presence whatever it brings. Bring doubt, bring belief. Seek the Lord and live.

Prelude

Call to Worship

In the wilderness of life, we are not alone.

God is with us, even in the midst of our loneliness.

On the treacherous paths, God's guidance is ours.

We will walk in God's ways of wisdom and truth.

Come to hear. Come to learn. Come to the hiding place of God.

Here we find grace. Here we find love. Here we will worship and pray.

Glory Sightings

Opening Prayer (In Unison)

Faithful God, strengthen us for the journey ahead. Guide us with your knowledge and your love. Send your Spirit to drive us and guide us where we need to go—ever-closer to you and to your ways. Amen.

**** UMH No. 269** *"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"*

**** Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Children's Time

Prayer of Illumination (In Unison)

O Lord, may the words of your mouth be our daily bread, and may the leading of your Spirit become our way; in Jesus' name. Amen.

First Reading Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 **Pew Bible p. 2-3 (OT)**

**** Gospel Reading** Matthew 4:1-11 **Pew Bible p. 3 (NT)**

Sermon "Renounce" Rev. Anita Taylor

Living the Call: Renounce, Reject, Repent

**** UMH No. 882** *The Apostle's Creed, Ecumenical Version*

Mission Moment CROP Walk Bob Newlin

Prayers of the People (Please see bulletin insert.)

Offering *"Bread of Life"* Joel Raney

**** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH No. 95**

**** Offering Prayer (In Unison)**

Gracious God, we dedicate to you not only these gifts, but also ourselves, in deep gratitude—for your call on our lives, your guidance in the baptismal journey, and for blessing us that we may be a blessing to others. Accept what we bring for your own good purposes. In Christ we pray. Amen.

**** TFWS No. 2236** *"Gather Us In"*

**** Holy Communion** (Please see song sheets in pew rack.)

Prayer after Communion (In Unison)

God of wilderness and nighttime, as we devote these forty days to you, shape us by your Holy Spirit and this gift of grace through this holy meal into the image of Christ our Lord, so that we may be ready, by your grace, to confront the power of death with the promise of eternal life. Amen.

**** UMH No. 378** *"Amazing Grace"*

**** Sending Forth**

Keep telling the devil, "Get out of here!"

We renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness.

Keep working with compassion for justice for every person.

We reject the evil powers of this world.

Keep building good habits of heart.

We repent of our sin.

Go then, with the blessing of our Triune God.

We go to live our baptismal calling. Amen.

**** Postlude**

**** Please stand as you are able.**