

Connections

March 2016

Christ
is
Risen!



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From Pastor John

By the time you read this, you will have heard part of this story at different times, but you will not have heard this part.

On Monday February 8 the Bishop had a meeting for the clergy. The meeting is to prepare the clergy for Lent. She does this each year.

Bishop Cho from VA. Was the speaker and he did an awesome job. He spoke about the church and how we need to improve or the United Methodist church will collapse by the year of 2050. That is sad to hear. But he also said there is hope for the church. One thing that he mentioned was for the church, pastors and church leaders to be authentic. He said that having small groups in the church was very important as well as good, sound Bible preaching. It will take a combination of things to really save the church.

As I think about all of this, the church is God's idea. He placed Jesus at the head of the church and we are the body. All of us have gifts to be used in the church. He also said that praying pastors is the key to a vital church, and he spoke of a book called, "Power Through Prayer." Which Pastor Amy and I are both reading. E.M. Bounds wrote the book. He is an excellent writer and we are learning so much on the subject of prayer.

There is a quote I read connected with the book: "The church is looking for better methods; God is looking for better men and women."

Step forward women of God, step forward men of God. And as we journey through Lent together may we remember to pray more, read the Bible more, repent of our sins, fast and to just open ourselves up to God and God's Spirit so that we can be the very best we can be for God!

God bless you all...

PASTOR
John

From the Assistant Pastor...

On Ash Wednesday we began our Lenten journey as we were encouraged to remember that we are dust, and to dust we shall return. The ashes were a sign of our mortality. Pastor John invited us to face the truth that we are sinners in need of a Savior and this life on earth is temporary. Perhaps, for these truths, the season of Lent calls us to go deeper with our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. We can stop the distractions in our lives to take time to be holy with Jesus. Whether it is in quiet devotion, Bible reading, solemn music, prayer, or in silence, we will humbly allow God to touch our hearts and souls. These God-moments will be a blessing to us and to others in our lives on our journey towards the celebration of Easter.

For myself, I have found the messages on "The Cross" have inspired me to reflect much more this Lent on the price Jesus paid for my sins. In the past, it is only on Good Fridays that I have heard a message on the cross. But now as I study and dig deeper into the Word, I am incredibly humbled by what Jesus did for me. Even more so, I am profoundly moved by the humility shown by Jesus to go to the cross. The courage, the discipline, and the obedience of Jesus are unparalleled! Has there ever been another human being as humble and yet, as powerful as Jesus? Has there ever been any other human being as powerful, yet as humble as Jesus? Like Thomas, I fall at Jesus' feet and proclaim, "My Lord and My God!"

God has already changed my heart this Lent. I owe all to Jesus and I humbly surrender and re-commit my life, my all to Him. Again and again Jesus has made and remade me into a new creation! And as the creation comes alive this Spring time in all its glory, I pray that we all come alive in Jesus and bring to Jesus the glory, honor, and praise that He has earned and deserves through the cross! And thanks be to Almighty God!

In Christ, **Pastor Amy**

UMCA FOOD CLOSET NEEDS:



UMCA's Food Closet serves many people in our church and community. On average, we are handing out 20 bags/month. We want to continue serving our community and beyond but need your help. See list of needed items on closet door across from Pastor Amy's office; **currently in need of peanut butter, jelly, cereal, rice, crackers and applesauce.** Donated items can be placed in the cart outside of the Nursery. Thank you!

**HOPE Community Church
Presents**

Prayer and Healing Service

Sunday, March 6

from 6:30pm.

Meeting in the Atonement
Church Sanctuary.

James 5:16

*Therefore confess your sins to
each other and pray for each
other so that you may be healed.
The prayer of a righteous person
is powerful and effective.*

Guests are most welcome.



Grief Share will begin February 28th at 2:00 in room 102. The cost will be \$20.00. This will run for 13 weeks. This new ministry is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. Contact the office for more information or contact Laura Calzone.

Connections Deadlines

The Deadline is the 17th of each month.

Please send all information to be included in the newsletter to:

Nancy Alejandro
nancy@caphoto.com

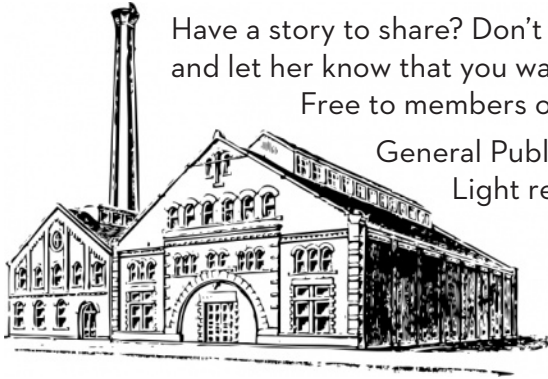
If you leave anything for the newsletter in my church mailbox, please put your name on it so I know who to contact if I have a question. Thanks, Nancy

Claymont Remembered Event

Saturday, March 19th, 2016

1:00 - 3:00 PM

Claymont remembers the Steel Mill. Whether it was called Worth Steel, Phoenix Steel, Citi Steel, or Evraz Steel, the Steel mill changed the face of Claymont, provided jobs and helped to create our community. Come see a new exhibit featuring the Steel Mill. Speakers will share their stories about the Steel Mill.



Have a story to share? Don't be shy, call Riva at 792-2023 and let her know that you want to participate!

Free to members of the Claymont Stone School.

General Public \$3.00.

Light refreshments will be served.



**What are
our kids doing?**

Congratulations!!

Timmy Armstrong, Accepted to Salesianum High School for Freshman year.

Jena Eckenrode, School Play, "God Spell", Penns Grove High School, March 10th, 11th, and 12th.

Jeffrey Peters, All State Senior Band, Mt. Pleasant High School

Nathan Yoder, All State Chorus, Brandywine High School



Ministry to Ivy Gables has reached twenty persons with a midweek worship services. All are blessed every week!

Sellers Senior center's Bible study is growing disciples for Jesus Christ. Monday's at ten am. All are welcome!

Church Need

The church is in need of one or two wardrobe closets to store costumes. If you have one that you are not using anymore and would like to donate it to the church, please contact Matt Yoder 302-792-1326.





150th Anniversary Fundraiser T-shirts, Polo's, Hats and Mugs



**Mugs are "cash and carry".
Shirts and hats are pre-order only.
Use order below or see display
in Welcome Center**

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

T-shirts: sizes SM-L \$10.00	Red	Size _____	Quantity _____
sizes XL-3X, \$12.00	Blue	Size _____	Quantity _____
	Black	Size _____	Quantity _____

Polo's: sizes SM-3XL \$20.00	Red	Size _____	Quantity _____
	Blue	Size _____	Quantity _____
	Black	Size _____	Quantity _____

Hats: one size \$15.00 Quantity _____

Total Amount Due: _____ Total Amount Paid: _____
Cash: _____ Check: _____

***MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ATONEMENT CHURCH
ALL ORDERS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE**



In Our Thoughts and Prayers

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* Semi Home Bound



HOPE

COMMUNITY CHURCH

A Missional Church of Atonement

HOPE Community Church Good News.....

- On Saturday January 30 the **Team Leaders of HOPE** had a mini-retreat in the beautiful setting of Ivy Gables Retirement Community. It was a time of leadership training, team development, and discussion about HOPE Church's vision and mission. We were there to encourage one another and renew our passion for what we are doing! Recommendations were made for an additional twelve committed people to come out to a dinner on Saturday, March 5th at Pastor Amy's house. Together we will share a meal and invite these aspiring leaders to become part of the team.
- **Winter Life Groups** are a success! 36 people came out to enjoy learning and fellowship with one another. Thanks to leaders John & Denise Hornberger, Renee' & Curt Bennett, T. J. Johnson & Mark Peters, and Pastor Amy for hosting the Alpha Life Groups and CaveTime life groups.
- **Prayer Partners 2016:** On Valentine's Day, HOPE Church initiated a Prayer Partner ministry for those who would like a personal prayer partner for the next six months. Names were submitted and in August we will have a gathering to reveal who the prayer partners are!
- It was **Love Sunday on February 7!** Atonement joined with HOPE in the Kindness Conspiracy with 150 bags of Valentine's cookies passed out at local shopping centers!! Inside each bag of cookies were Atonement's and HOPE's invitational cards to our churches. Thanks to all who donated lots of cookies!
- HOPE Church invites you to our **2nd Annual Chili Cook-Off** on Sunday, March 6th 12pm at HOPE!! Everyone, come, eat, and judge!

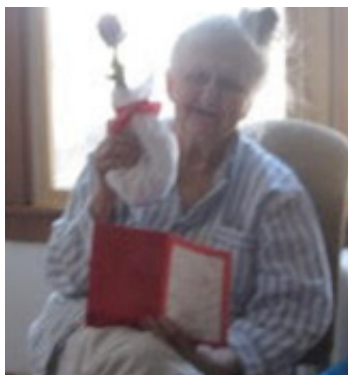
• UPCOMING Community Blitz on Sunday, March 13th

If you like to walk and want to contribute to this all-out effort from HOPE Church, here's how!

HOPE Church is going to the neighborhoods on Naamans Road on **Sunday, March 13th at 2pm** to hanging door-hangers with an invitation to our Palm Sunday and Easter events and information about HOPE. **Mark your calendars now!** Easter is such a great time to INVITE others to church!

- Urban Promise's monthly **Tasty Tuesdays** is now an Atonement and HOPE Church cooperative ministry. Thank you to Nancy Alejandro for baking our desserts and to Janet Geiger for serving and befriending these teens. Also new to our team is Pat and Richard DeFeo from HOPE Church.

• Ms. Shirley Wilson's Valentine's Day



(Comments from Laura Scott) "Miss Shirley said to thank everyone at Hope Church for making her day. She was thrilled with the card and impressed we had so many at church today that signed it. I read most of the notes to her.

She was in the back of her house facing the back yard and watching the squirrels when I arrived this afternoon, and thrilled I brought her the cake, goodies and the "real flower".

Flower Power! She seemed very appreciative and said most of her friends and family are gone except for the sisters who are not close by.

Makes me happy to be a Christian and to be able to share."

HOPE Church Celebrates Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 20th at 11am

E.P.I.C. Worship!

Worship that is: experiential, participatory, image-rich and connective.

Children's Message

A Message of HOPE from Pastor Amy and Mark Peters

Brunch Buffet at Noon

Easter Egg Hunt for Children



Resurrection Sunday!

Easter Sunday March 27th at 11am

Worship, Praise, Thanksgiving to God

Easter JOY for Everyone

Celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus & Lord's last Supper

Refreshments Before & After the Service

Easter Lillies

If you wish to place a lily for Easter, please fill out and return this form to the office or place in the offering plate by Sunday, March 20th. Lilies will be in a 6" pot with a single stem and 3-4 blooms.

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

Given by _____

No. wanted at \$10.00 each _____

Make check payable to: Atonement Methodist Church

(Write Easter lily in lower left-hand corner)

Order Deadline – Sunday, March 20th



Happy Birthday



March

- 1** Alexia Way (B)
- 9** Valerie Winer (T)
- 10** Lynn Peters (T)
- 13** Delvert Snyder (H)
- 23** Mark Peters (H)
- 26** Whittona Burrell (T)

If you would like your Birthday listed please send an e-mail to nancy@caphoto.com, and I will add you to the list.

T = Traditional Worship

B = The Branch

H = Hope Community



3RD SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH

DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 P.M.
LIVE MUSIC * NO COVER * FOOD

March 19

The Sarkissian Family Singers

Anybody that has pictures of Heavenly Perks Cafe events over the last 8 years, please give to Brenda Anderson or give to the church office. The idea is to make a collage to display in the Welcome Center, showing how Perks Cafe has changed and progressed over the years.

Change for Clean Water

Thank you for your continuous support to provide a pure-water drinking well to a country where uncontaminated, clean water is desperately needed.

Water jugs for your coins can be found in the Welcome Center area and by the glass doors in the Sanctuary. (Any coin or bill will gladly be accepted)



PieceMakers

will meet on Tuesday afternoons from 1 – 3.

All are welcome.

No quilting experience necessary.

For more information call Joan Northwood at 798-7027.

Classified

Mount Pleasant Band Boosters collect aluminum every third Saturday of the month from 9:00 a.m. to Noon.

Attention Members of Atonement Church.

Free Computer Repair

Virus Removal

Optimization

Data Recovery

O.S. Reloads

Parts not included

Ron (neighbor of Linda and Randy Keim)

762-6137



Changing Lives in Appalachia Since 1921

Please help support Red Bird Mission through the various collectibles programs.



Tyson Project A+ Program. Boxtops for Education Program Campbell's Labels for Education. For more information on Red Bird Mission, go to www.rbmission.org.

READ THRU THE BIBLE IN ONE YEAR!

MARCH READINGS:

MARCH 1:

- ☐ -Leviticus 24:1-25:46
- ☐ -Mark 10:13-31
- ☐ -Psalms 44:9-26
- ☐ -Proverbs 10:20-21

MARCH 2:

- ☐ -Leviticus 25:47-27:13
- ☐ -Mark 10:32-52
- ☐ -Psalms 45:1-17
- ☐ -Proverbs 10:22

MARCH 3:

- ☐ -Leviticus 27:14-Numbers 1:54
- ☐ -Mark 11:1-26
- ☐ -Psalms 46:1-11
- ☐ -Proverbs 10:23

MARCH 4:

- ☐ -Numbers 2:1-3:51
- ☐ -Mark 11:27-12:17
- ☐ -Psalms 47:1-9
- ☐ -Proverbs 10:24-25

MARCH 5:

- ☐ -Numbers 4:1-5:31
- ☐ -Mark 12:18-37
- ☐ -Psalms 48:1-14
- ☐ -Proverbs 10:26

MARCH 6:

- ☐ -Numbers 6:1-7:89
- ☐ -Mark 12:38-13:13
- ☐ -Psalms 49:1-20
- ☐ -Proverbs 10:27-28

MARCH 7:

- ☐ -Numbers 8:1-9:23
- ☐ -Mark 13:14-37
- ☐ -Psalms 50:1-23
- ☐ -Proverbs 10:29-30

MARCH 8:

- ☐ -Numbers 10:1-11:23
- ☐ -Mark 14:1-21
- ☐ -Psalms 51:1-19
- ☐ -Proverbs 10:31-32

MARCH 9:

- ☐ -Numbers 11:24-13:33
- ☐ -Mark 14:22-52
- ☐ -Psalms 52:1-9
- ☐ -Proverbs 11:1-3

MARCH 10:

- ☐ -Numbers 14:1-15:16
- ☐ -Mark 14:53-72
- ☐ -Psalms 53:1-6
- ☐ -Proverbs 11:4

MARCH 11:

- ☐ -Numbers 15:17-16:40
- ☐ -Mark 15:1-47
- ☐ -Psalms 54:1-7
- ☐ -Proverbs 11:5-6

MARCH 12:

- ☐ -Numbers 16:41-18:32
- ☐ -Mark 16:1-20
- ☐ -Psalms 55:1-23
- ☐ -Proverbs 11:7

MARCH 13:

- ☐ -Numbers 19:1-20:29
- ☐ -Luke 1:1-25
- ☐ -Psalms 56:1-13
- ☐ -Proverbs 11:8

MARCH 14:

- ☐ -Numbers 21:1-22:20
- ☐ -Luke 1:26-56
- ☐ -Psalms 57:1-11
- ☐ -Proverbs 11:9-11

MARCH 15:

- ☐ -Numbers 22:21-23:30
- ☐ -Luke 1:57-80
- ☐ -Psalms 58:1-11
- ☐ -Proverbs 11:12-13

MARCH 16:

- ☐ -Numbers 24:1-25:18
- ☐ -Luke 2:1-35
- ☐ -Psalms 59:1-17
- ☐ -Proverbs 11:14

MARCH 17:

- ☐ -Numbers 26:1-51
- ☐ -Luke 2:36-52
- ☐ -Psalms 60:1-12
- ☐ -Proverbs 11:15

MARCH 18:

- ☐ -Numbers 26:52-28:15
- ☐ -Luke 3:1-22
- ☐ -Psalms 61:1-8
- ☐ -Proverbs 11:16-17

MARCH 19:

- ☐ -Numbers 28:16-29:40
- ☐ -Luke 3:23-38
- ☐ -Psalms 62:1-12
- ☐ -Proverbs 11:18-19

MARCH 20:

- ☐ -Numbers 30:1-31:54
- ☐ -Luke 4:1-30
- ☐ -Psalms 63:1-11
- ☐ -Proverbs 11:20-21

MARCH 21:

- ☐ -Numbers 32:1-33:39
- ☐ -Luke 4:31-5:11
- ☐ -Psalms 64:1-10
- ☐ -Proverbs 11:22

MARCH 22:

- ☐ -Numbers 33:40-35:34
- ☐ -Luke 5:12-28
- ☐ -Psalms 65:1-13
- ☐ -Proverbs 11:23

MARCH 23:

- ☐ -Numbers 36:1-Deuteronomy 1:46
- ☐ -Luke 5:29-6:11
- ☐ -Psalms 66:1-20
- ☐ -Proverbs 11:24-26

MARCH 24:

- ☐ -Deuteronomy 2:1-3:29
- ☐ -Luke 6:12-38
- ☐ -Psalms 67:1-7
- ☐ -Proverbs 11:27

MARCH 25:

- ☐ -Deuteronomy 4:1-49
- ☐ -Luke 6:39-7:10
- ☐ -Psalms 68:1-18
- ☐ -Proverbs 11:28

MARCH 26:

- ☐ -Deuteronomy 5:1-6:25
- ☐ -Luke 7:11-35
- ☐ -Psalms 68:19-35
- ☐ -Proverbs 11:29-31

MARCH 27:

- ☐ -Deuteronomy 7:1-8:20
- ☐ -Luke 7:36-8:3
- ☐ -Psalms 69:1-18
- ☐ -Proverbs 12:1

MARCH 28:

- ☐ -Deuteronomy 9:1-10:22
- ☐ -Luke 8:4-21
- ☐ -Psalms 69:19-36
- ☐ -Proverbs 12:2-3

MARCH 29:

- ☐ -Deuteronomy 11:1-12:32
- ☐ -Luke 8:22-39
- ☐ -Psalms 70:1-5
- ☐ -Proverbs 12:4

MARCH 30:

- ☐ -Deuteronomy 13:1-15:23
- ☐ -Luke 8:40-9:6
- ☐ -Psalms 71:1-24
- ☐ -Proverbs 12:5-7

MARCH 31:

- ☐ -Deuteronomy 16:1-17:20
- ☐ -Luke 9:7-27
- ☐ -Psalms 72:1-20
- ☐ -Proverbs 12:8-9

APRIL 1:

- ☐ -Deuteronomy 18:1-20:20
- ☐ -Luke 9:28-50
- ☐ -Psalms 73:1-28
- ☐ -Proverbs 12:10

APRIL 2:

- ☐ -Deuteronomy 21:1-22:30
- ☐ -Luke 9:51-10:12
- ☐ -Psalms 74:1-23
- ☐ -Proverbs 12:11

APRIL 3:

- ☐ -Deuteronomy 23:1-25:19
- ☐ -Luke 10:13-37
- ☐ -Psalms 75:1-10
- ☐ -Proverbs 12:12-14

APRIL 4:

- ☐ -Deuteronomy 26:1-27:26
- ☐ -Luke 10:38-11:13
- ☐ -Psalms 76:1-12
- ☐ -Proverbs 12:15-17

APRIL 5:

- ☐ -Deuteronomy 28:1-68
- ☐ -Luke 11:14-36
- ☐ -Psalms 77:1-20
- ☐ -Proverbs 12:18

APRIL 6:

- ☐ -Deuteronomy 29:1-30:20
- ☐ -Luke 11:37-12:7
- ☐ -Psalms 78:1-31
- ☐ -Proverbs 12:19-20

APRIL 7:

- ☐ -Deuteronomy 31:1-32:27
- ☐ -Luke 12:8-34
- ☐ -Psalms 78:32-55
- ☐ -Proverbs 12:21-23



MARCH



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