

**ARTICLES FOR THE MARCH ISSUE OF 'THE VISION'** are now due in the church office, as well as meeting dates for the calendar. The secretary appreciates your promptness!

**SUDSY SUNDAYS** during February! Please pick up some dishwashing soap, hand soap or detergent to donate to our Glen-Ed Food Pantry. These are items that they cannot keep in stock because the demand is so great. Thank you for any and all donations, as they are all appreciated. 59 pounds of donations were taken to the Pantry this week, which included 2 blankets, 11 bath towels, 4 packages of dry milk, 9 containers of detergent, 1 dishwashing soap, 5 power pods 2 in 1, and 5 deodorants. An additional 13 pounds were donated by the Yoga with Lisa group that meets on Wednesday evenings: \$5.00 cash, 5 bar soaps, 1 detergent, 16 rolls toilet paper, 1 can hummus, 1 can soup, 1 can beans. Thanks you!!

**OUR 55+ FELLOWSHIP GROUP** meets today beginning at 12:15 pm. Our meal will be warm soups and sandwiches, desserts and whatever anyone brings. Everyone from Immanuel and PCF are welcome to join us for fellowship and sharing. Speak to Sharon Koenig if you have any questions.

**THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES** will make a presentation about our upcoming tuckpointing project next Sunday, February 25 at both services. Guest Brandon Lange from Western Specialty Contractors will be available during both services and during the Hospitality time to answer any questions you might have about this project.

**2017 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** may be picked up from the table in the Hospitality Room.

**BOXED CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES** can be picked up in the narthex. If you would like to receive a box of contribution envelopes and one has not been prepared for you, please speak to Pastor Jackie or Anita in the church office. If you do not use boxed envelopes to donate, please find the number that has been assigned to you on sheets laying by the boxed envelopes to use on your checks or pew envelopes. Online giving is available, as well as the Give+ app, which are both explained in our monthly newsletter, or call the church office for more information.

**THE TRUSTEES** are in the process of coordinating all locks in the church building to be set to the same key. If you are in need of a key, please contact Sharon Koenig, 618-633-2659.

**AFRICAN VISION OF HOPE** is collecting feminine hygiene items to send to the young women of Africa. Please place your items in the basket in the narthex labeled "African Vision of Hope." Thank you for your loving contribution toward this effort.

**SCRIP ORDERS** will be taken next Sunday. You can pick up an order form from the table in the Hospitality Room, or visit our website to read about this easy fundraising program.

**PCF GREETERS**—If you are affiliated with Praise Community Fellowship and would like serve as Greeter on a Sunday when PCF is in charge of the service, please get in touch with Anita in the church office, or speak to Pastor Jackie.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR**

**Sunday, February 18**

**1st Sunday of Lent**

- 8:45 am Contemporary Joint Worship
- 9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Education/  
Youth Devo/Coffee Fellowship
- 10:45 am Traditional Worship
- 1:30 pm Fellowship Hall in Use until 3:30P
- 2:30 pm The Way to Move Forward with  
Bishop Beard at First UMC in  
Collinsville
- 4:00 pm Yoga

**Monday, February 19**

**President's Day**

- 7:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
- 7:15 pm AA
- 9:45 pm Panera Pick-Up—Schaake

**Tuesday, February 20**

- 11:45 am Kiwanis
- 6:30 pm Small Group

**Wednesday, February 21**

- 7:00 pm Yoga with Lisa
- 8:00 pm Contemplative Worship

**Thursday, February 22**

- 6:30 pm SPPR Committee
- 7:00 pm AA

**Friday, February 23**

- 9:00 am Newsletter Team
- 11:00 am Free Lunch Friday until 1:00 pm
- 6:30 pm Hall in Use—Bridge Club

**Sunday, February 25**

**2nd Sunday of Lent • Scrip Orders Taken**

- 8:45 am Contemporary Joint Worship
- 9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Education/  
Youth Devo/Coffee Fellowship
- 10:45 am Traditional Worship
- 12:15 pm 55+ Fellowship
- 4:00 pm Yoga

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We seek to be God's people in attitude and action as we:

*Experience and Share God's grace joyfully, Live and Teach God's*

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FIRST SUNDAY  
*in Lent*

**February 18, 2018**

*You are invited to join us in this mission ...*

Reverend Jackie K. Havis-Shear  
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Today's Worship Leaders:

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Greeters: (8:45 am)             | Gary & Sharon Koenig    |
| Sunday School: (9:45 am)        | Miss Katie Akers        |
|                                 | Ms. Missy Carter        |
| Greeters: (10:45 am)            | Matt & Kiffon Lewis     |
| Acolyte:                        | Noah Lewis              |
| Liturgist:                      | Mr. Jordan Grammer      |
| Communion Assistant: (10:45 am) | Ms. Emily Spitze        |
| Instrument Director:            | Mr. Maurice Mestemacher |
| Worship Leader:                 | Mr. Jordan Grammer      |
| Pianist:                        | Mrs. Sheila Acuncius    |
| Ministers:                      | All of Us               |

Next Week's Worship Leaders:

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|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Greeters: (8:45 am)      | Teresa & Christal Akers-Helle |
| Sunday School: (9:45 am) | Mrs. Kiffon Lewis             |
| Acolyte: (10:45 am)      | Noah Penelton                 |
| Greeters: (10:45 am)     | Jerry & Sharon Prott          |
| Liturgist:               | Mrs. Barbara Taliana          |

Word faithfully. Accept and Serve God's people lovingly.

We invite you to record your attendance on the pad found at the end of the pew.

A nursery is available in the basement level of the church.

Order of Worship Contemporary 8:45 am

Led today by Praise Community Fellowship

Getting Ready for Worship...

Welcome

Opening Music

Greeting

Celebration of Worship...

Worship & Praise

Celebration of the Spoken Word...

Offering

Special Song

Beverly Farm Presentation

Sermon—Pastor Kent Schuette

Celebration of Going Forth...

Closing Song

Benediction CCLI #2836520

DID YOU KNOW? ...
...Congratulations to Noah Lewis for passing the baked egg challenge
...Pay attention to the newly pruned parsonage bushes. They will be highlighted in next week's sermon
...Thanks to Jordan Grammer and Legion Post #199 Commander, Marion Strohman, for providing a beautiful and inspiring worship service on Sunday, February 4

We invite you to record your attendance on the pad found at the end of the pew.

A nursery is available in the basement level of the church.

Order of Worship Traditional 10:45 am

WE GATHER TOGETHER...
...to Express Our Unity in Christ

Gathering Music Woodwind Quintet

Ringling of the Bell

Gathering Words

With the help of the Spirit, look within. See what burdens may be lifted, what obstacles may be removed, what new life and promise await us.

\*Call to Worship

L: Even now, says the Lord: Return to me with all your heart. Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast.

C: With all our hearts, we return to the Lord, for God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love!

(Mary J. Scifres and B. J. Beu, The Abingdon Worship Annual 2018)

\*Hymn—This Is a Day of New Beginnings #383

\*Opening Prayer (unison)

Come, Holy Spirit, let us find our rest in you. As we begin this season of Lent, we step out of the fast-moving current of daily life. During this holy season, may we choose stillness over action; may we strive to listen rather than to speak. Help us slow our pace and quiet our minds, that our spirits may draw closer to you. Bless our worship with your presence, and fill our minds with new wisdom, that we may rise with you at Easter and lift up others in your name. Amen.

\*Gloria Patri #70

Children's Sermon/Noisy Offering

...to Share With Commitment and Love

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayers

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn—Spirit of the Living God #393

...to Hear the Word of God

Scripture Reading—Matthew 9:14-17 p. 8 NT

The People Respond

L: The Word of God for the people of God.

C: Thanks be to God.

Special Music Woodwind Quintet

Sermon Series: Growth and Renewal
Today's Sermon: "Truth in Tradition—Trust in Transformation"

\*Hymn of Preparation—Freely, Freely #389

...to Respond With Commitment and Love

The Invitation Insert

\*Passing the Peace

The Presentation of Our Tithes & Offerings

The Great Thanksgiving Insert

Holy Communion

Provided at the Communion Table you will find bread, common cup, individual cups, and gluten free, egg free bread

...so We May Go Out and Serve

Announcements

\*Benediction

L: Return to God with all your hearts.

C: Turn to your neighbors with the compassion of Christ.

L: May the God who makes all things new, restore with you a spirit of joy and hope as you go forth this day. Amen.

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\*The Postlude Woodwind Quintet

\*All who are able, please stand

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Celebrating Birthdays this Week: 2/20—Bill Daubenspeck, Pat Schott; 2/21—Elmer Hansel, Petie Hunter; 2/22—Trevor Page; 2/23—Sheila Acuncius; 2/24—Marjorie May
Celebrating Their Anniversary: 2/23—Don & Roberta Piper

Prayer Ministry (+ Indicates weeks—call office to continue another 4 weeks)
+ Stan Rutkowski, strength and healing
Bill Kreutzberg, healing from second carpal tunnel surgery this past week
Phil Grammer, Alan's dad, hospitalized for complications from COPD
Emily Chionchio's 2-month old son Maverick, who is still in ICU facing more surgeries
Prayers of peace and comfort for in-laws of Grace Havis, whose husband's grandma is in hospice
++ Antonize Anderson, health issues
Congratulations to newly married couple Antonize and Ashlei (Wolff) Anderson
Tiana Washington, classmate of Sydney Grammer, bone cancer
Vicki Aufdemberge, cousin of Anita Seehausen, cancer
+++ Trevor Rallo, 19 years old with tumor on brain stem
Al Werner, friend of Joanie Green, recovering from carpal tunnel surgery
Barbara Weiss, strength and healing
Family of Amanda Bates, 26-year old in her passing
++++ Pastor Jackie, recovering from surgery
June Helle, strength and healing
Renee Doss, broken foot
Barb Highlander, neighbor of Charles and Judy Hall
Brad Browning and family on the passing of his grandfather
Van Johnson, uncle of Floyd Fisher, continued surgeries