



The Crossroads

Newsletter monthly publication about Community Church's people and events.

THOUGHTS AS WE GET CLOSER TO MAUNDY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY, AND EASTER

Pastor's Note

For the last several weeks, my thoughts keep returning to two passages of scripture; John 3:16 and John 14:6.

John 3:16 - "For God so loved the world that He Gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."

I have both a son, a daughter, and a son in law and I love them all very much. I find it hard to imagine the love I would have to have for someone to give up one of my children for them. God asked Abraham to do just that with Isaac and that passage often leaves me breathless. God loved us so much that He did give His Son for us, so that if we believe in Him, we will have eternal life with God.

This is the difference between the Christian Faith and every other faith. Every other faith tells us that we have to do certain things and live a certain way in order to earn salvation, in order to earn eternity. Christianity on the other hand tells us that everything has been done for us by Jesus. All we have to do is accept His gift to us and believe.

Billy Graham said of this; "God proved His love on the cross. When Christ hung, and bled, and died, it was God saying to the world, I LOVE YOU!"

Jesus confirmed this gift before He allowed Himself to be crucified. He told the disciples that he was going to prepare an eternal home for them and they knew the way.

John 14:6 - Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Some call this exclusive, arrogant, and narrow minded. The truth is Christ died for all (not some - but all who believe) and that was God's choice. The true love that initiated our salvation is totally God's and not ours. All we are asked to do is believe in Christ and what He taught us. That being said believing means to follow Jesus and seek to live the life that He modeled for us.

In a few weeks we will celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection; some will tell you that this is but one way to heaven. God said different; this is the only way and that is why we must celebrate Easter as the most important event in the history of the world!

C.S. Lewis, an atheist who investigated and then proclaimed the Christian faith wrote: "Christianity is a statement which, if false, is of no importance, and, if true, is of infinite importance. The one thing it cannot be is moderately important."

Let us celebrate Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter joyfully; after all, we are promised eternal life through Jesus Christ and Christ alone.

God's Blessings to you and yours,
Pastor Brett

Up Coming Events

April

- Hospitality INC - April 8
- Palm Sunday - April 9
- Good Friday Services - April 14
- Easter Sunday - April 16
- Nursing Home Visits - April 16
- 5th Sunday, Noisy Coin
- Offering for:
Adopt - A- Family - April 30

May

- Community Table - May 9
- Mother's Day - May 14
- Memorial Day -
- Office Closed - May 29

June

- Pentecost Sunday - June 4

PRAYER NEEDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY & FRIENDS

Immediate:

Dick Boes, knee surgery
Jeff Maneke, heart surgery
Tim Ryan, back surgery
Sue Sabin's son, Julee Quinn, medical issues, friend of Holly & Gerry Flanery
Florence Beerman, recovering at home

Our Missionaries:

Daryl and Leshia Beltz (Wycliffe Bible Translators)
 Jim and Yuri Cerminaro
 Tony and Connie Johnson
 Dean and Debbie Lundberg (Youth with a Mission)

Military:

Jacob T. Overway – Back in the states (Grandson of Ted & Arlene Wierda)
 Blake Bentz - Navy, Deployed (Grandson of Dave & Diane Swathwood)

Nursing home residents:

Autumn winds - Marylyn Brown
 Willowbrook - Thelma Bowden
 Oakview - Gary Miller, Barbara Johnson
 Ludington Woods - Don Swier

Ongoing:

Barbara Peters, multiple sclerosis, Bob and Lynn Olmstead's Daughter
Terry and Tim Krystiniak, health concerns, encouragement and support
Eric Lund, lost both arms in Afghanistan, friend of Community Church
Chuck Oleniczak, health concerns
Harold Figgins, health concerns
Betty Foorman, health concerns
Daniel Williams, health concerns, Sandi Steckel's cousin
Sherrie Sanders, health concerns
Fred Compos, Throat Cancer
Judy d'Anton, health issues, Dave Swathwood's Sister
Myah Taylor, infant, congenital heart defect, daughter of Brooke Ashley and
Cory Taylor, friends of Kim Iteen, at Mott Children's Hospital
Fred Fleetwood, health concerns
John Barber, health concerns
Joe Newton, cancer
Kurt Spalding, health issues
Dianne Nasson, Health issues
Gavin Morgan, Scout Troop 1190, battling cancer
Kraig Sircley, pancreatic cancer
Randy Lillmars, heart blockage
Gerry Flanery, illness
Robert Paul Wilson Jr., Chemotherapy, 15 years old

2017 COMMUNION SCHEDULE

April 2	1st Sunday of the Month	Pews
April 13	Maundy Thursday	Intinction
April 16	Easter Sunday	Pews
May 7	1st Sunday of the Month	Intinction
June 4	Pentecost Sunday	Pews
	Also 1st Sunday of the month	
July 2	1st Sunday of the month	Intinction
August 6	1st Sunday of the month	Pews
September 3	1st Sunday of the month	Intinction
October 1	World Communion Sunday	Intinction
November 5	All Saint's Sunday	Pews
November 26	Christ the King Sunday	Pews
December 3	1st Sunday of the Month	Intinction
December 24	Christmas Eve	Pews

COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES

Minutes: Wednesday March 22, 2017

Members Present: Jack Thiel, Steve Iteen, Janet VanEpps, Darlene Carpenter, Tonda Cadey, Bob Lanterman, Lorrie McKay, Don McKay, Diane Swathwood, Maralyn Gable, Pastor Brett

Meeting Called to Order at 7:02pm by : Steve Iteen

Quorum Established: YES

Opening Invocation and Prayer: Pastor Brett

Agenda Adoption: YES

Approval of Minutes: No – will need to approve February Minutes at April Meeting

Correspondence: None

Guest Comments: None

Staff Report: Pastor Brett provided a written report regarding pastoral activities and staff activities. Pastor Brett also noted in the report the change in our secretarial position and how the duties will be accomplished with a team of Lisa Dains, Bethany Seymour, and volunteers on Thursday.

Committee and Group Reports:

Worship: Oral report – Lorrie McKay – focused on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Worship.

Christian Women's Fellowship: Oral Report – Maralyn Gable – Focused on activities of CWF.

Missions: Did not meet

Building Use & Maintenance: Did not meet

Membership, Outreach, Evangelism/Christian Education/Communication: Pancake Breakfast on 4/30 following worship, Planning Ice Cream Social and In House made Picture Directory, and they will be updating the membership and friends list after Easter

OAKS (Older Adult Caring System): Written Report focused on Maundy Thursday worship 2pm with refreshments following.

Finance and Personnel Committee: See Pastors Written report regarding staff. Insurance evaluation and recommendation for New Business.

Nominating: Work to resume in Fall

Long Range Planning: This committee will begin work in May to research and explore the question of denominational affiliation for the church.

New Business:

Building/Ministry and Worker's Compensation Insurance: A report was provided on the research by the Finance Committee regarding changing our insurance from Brotherhood Mutual to Church Mutual due to lesser premium, lower deductible, given a comparative policy. Moved by Don McKay to change plans, Support by Jack Thiel. Motion Carried Unanimously

Discussed Digital Recorder for Meetings

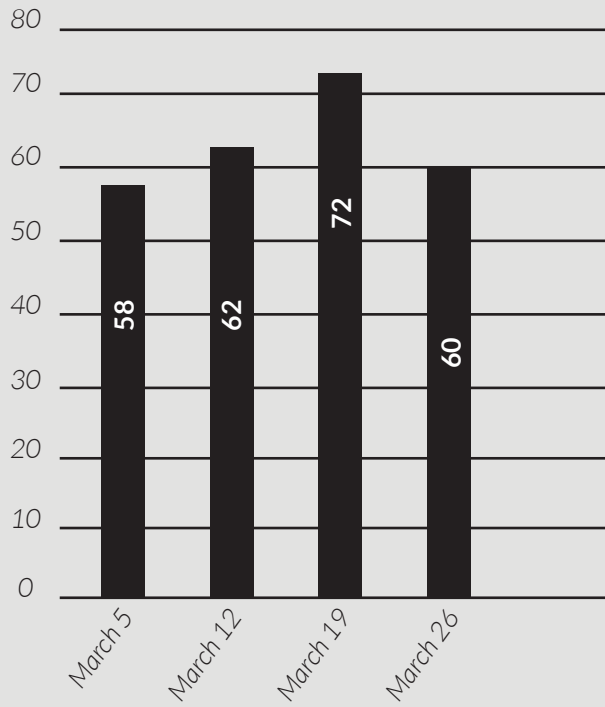
Keys were discussed and who still needed them

Emmaus Walk was noted: Men's walk will be October 5-8 at Portage Lake Camp in Onkama, Michigan

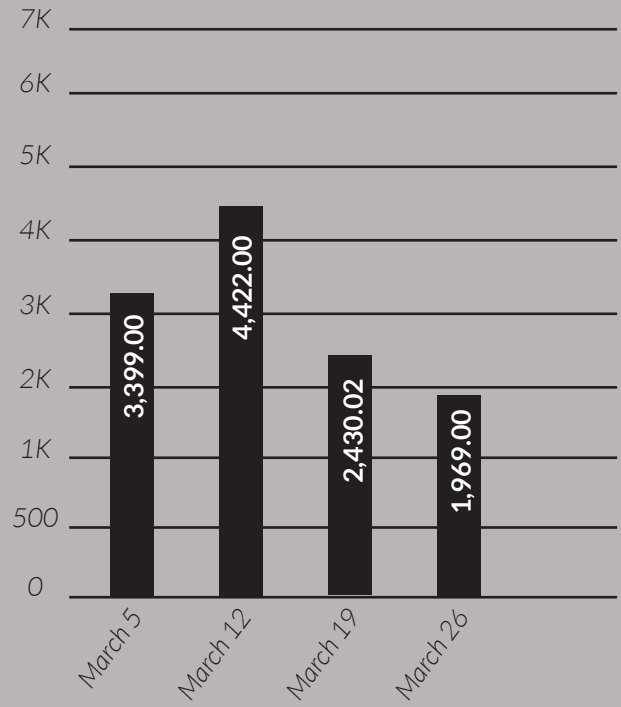
Meeting Adjourned at 7:58pm following a closing prayer by Pastor Brett

MARCH 2017 CHURCH STATISTICS

Attendance Count



General Fund Collection



LECTIONARY READINGS

April 2017

5th Sunday of Lent Sunday, April 2, 2017 Communion Sunday	"The Great Banquet: Encountering the Pharisee's"	Luke 14:1-4 Luke 14:15-24
6th Sunday of Lent Sunday, April 9, 2017	"Lazarus: Encountering Life"	John 12:12-19 Excerpts from John 11:17-44
Easter Sunday Sunday, April 16, 2017	"He Is Risen: Encountering Salvation"	1 John 4:7-12 Luke 24:1-12
1st Sunday after Easter Sunday, April 23, 2017	"Peace Be With You"	1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-32
2nd Sunday after Easter Sunday, April 30, 2017 Communion Sunday	"Redeemed By The Word"	Romans 6:19-23 1 Peter 1:17-23

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Send In Your Requests To The Office Secretary

Crossroads Deadline: April 19, 2017

Crossroads Mailing: April 26, 2017

BIRTHDAY'S & ANNIVERSARIES

April | Wish Someone A Happy Day



- 1. Lynn Olmstead
 Bev Anderson
- 2. Donna Hallin
- 3. Betty Orton
- 4. Ron Kovar
- 5. Wendy Lanterman
- 9. Pastor Brett Spalding
- 11. Kathy Spalding
 Barbara Karosas
- 12. Janet Dipple
- 14. Mike Petersen
- 15. David Carpenter
 Teresa Vroman
- 17. Herb Chinworth
- 18. Harold Figgins
- 22. Les Johnson
- 26. Sandy Alverson
 Kyle Lanterman
- 27. Pat Holton
- 29. Douglas Anderson
 Inja Lee

- 8th Lloyd & Janet Dipple
- 16th Bert & Lisa Dains
- 19th Jay & Denise Sherman



The ladies of the Christian Women's Fellowship will be collecting health kits during the month of April for distribution to the Salvation Army, last day to donate is Sunday, April 24. Collection site is in Fellowship Hall.

- Each kit should include:
- O (1) bath sized bar of soap
 - O (1) hand towel
 - O (1) wash cloth
 - O (1) wide-toothed comb
 - O (1) nail clipper
 - O (1) toothbrush
 - O (1) toothpaste
 - O (6) band-aids
 - O (1) deodorant
 - O (1) shampoo

All items should be bundled in the towel and tied with ribbon or yarn.

If you are unable to shop, health kits can be provided with your donation of \$15.00/per kit.



Good Friday Worship Services

You are invited to stay for the entire three hours of worship or come for one or more worship sessions.

What: Good Friday Service

When: April 14th / 12 PM - 3 PM

Where: Scottville United Methodist Church, 114 W. State Street

The individual sessions run from:

12:00 - 12:25	1:40 - 2:00
12:25 - 12:45	2:05 - 2:25
12:50 - 1:10	2:30 - 3:00
1:15 - 1:35	

Pastor Brett will be speaking during the 2:05 - 2:25 worship time.

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Church Staff & Council 2017

Church Staff

Pastor - Rev. Brett Spalding

Music Director - W. John Clement

Secretary - Lisa Dains

Custodian - Cheri Welch

2017 COUNCIL

3 Year Term Ending 12/31/2017

Steve Iteen
Robert Lanterman
John Stapleton
Jack Thiel

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Tonda Cadey
Ruthann Kyle
Don McKay
Janet VanEpps

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Darlene Carpenter
Maralyn Gable
Diane Swathwood
Lorrie McKay

Moderator

Steven Iteen

Vice - Moderator

Robert Lanterman

Treasurer

Donna Hallin

Nominating Committee

Bobbie Maclean
Stephanie Thomsen

Scholarship Committee

Wendy Lanterman
Betty Orton
Jack Thiel

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				<i>april</i>		
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2 Worship 9:30A Lent Soup & Study Soup Supper 6P Study 6:45P	3 CWF Mtg. 9A Cub Scouts 7P	4 Ladies Bible 9:30A Quilters 9A-6P Community Table 4:30-6P Cub Scouts 4P Boy Scouts 7P Finance/Personnel 6P Worship Committee 7P	5	6 Bulletin Folding 10A Bell Choir 6:30P Chancel Choir 7:30P	7	8 Hospitality INC
9 Palm Sunday Worship 9:30A Lent Soup & Study Soup Supper 6P Study 6:45P	10 Cub Scouts 7P	11 Ladies Bible 9:30A Quilters 9am-6pm Community Table 4:30-6pm CE/MOE/COM 6P Cub Scouts 4P Boy Scouts 7P	12	13 Maundy Thursday O.A.K.S. Worship Service 2P Maundy Thursday Evening Worship Service 7P	14 Good Friday Service Scottville United Methodist Church 12:00 - 3:00 P	15
16 Easter Sunday Worship 9:30A Nursing Home Visits	17 Scholarship Application Deadline Cub Scouts 7P	18 Ladies Bible 9:30A Quilters 9am-6pm Community Table 4:30-6pm Cub Scouts 4P Boy Scouts 7P	19 CROSSROADS DEADLINE Council Meeting 7P	20 Bulletin Folding 10A Bell Choir 6:30P Chancel Choir 7:30P	21	22 Earth Day
23 Worship 9:30A	24 Cub Scouts 7P	25 Ladies Bible 9:30A Quilters 9am-6pm Community Table 4:30pm-6pm Cub Scouts 4P Boy Scouts 7P	26 CROSSROADS MAILING	27 Bulletin Folding 10A Bell Choir 6:30P Chancel Choir 7:30P	28	29
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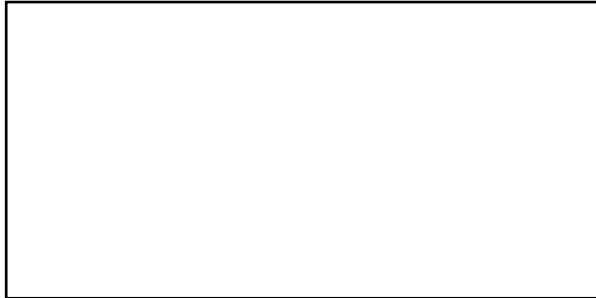
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