



THE CALLER

March 2024

"The Stone Church with a Warm Heart"

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From the Pastor....

So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. (Galatians 3:26-29)

Who are you? What defines you? Take time to ponder and to answer the questions. Often when we meet someone for the first time, we say our name. There is history in our name. There is meaning in a name. Following saying our name, the next question is "what do you do?" Sure, our work defines part of who we are, but not completely. There are many things that impact who we are: our family heritage, our friends, our circumstances, the community where we live, and so forth. However, it is our faith in Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior, that defines us. It is our faith that grounds us, supports us, comforts us, and gives us strength to endure. It is important for us to know the things which we believe and to know who we are in Christ.

So, who are you? As it is written in 1 John 3:1, "*See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.*" You are loved by God. You are named by God. You are a child of God. There is no greater love than the love of God. For God sent Jesus into the world to show us how to live a life of faith and trust. Jesus came into the world to show us the way and the truth and the life (John 14:6). Jesus lived and died for each of us. Jesus bore our sins so that we could be redeemed in His name. Through Jesus, your sins have been washed away; you have been cleansed and renewed in the name of Jesus. Friends, this is good news! Therefore, we need to live in the joy of the Lord, always. As Paul wrote in Philippians 4:4, "*Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!*"

Although Lent isn't really a "joyful" time, we need to still be joy-filled because of the great love of God that was revealed on the cross. This is what this season of Lent is about.

Lent is a time to reflect on the love and grace of God. Lent is a time to be "Altar'd" and transformed by the grace of God. This is a time to be intentional about reading Scripture, praying, and practicing the spiritual disciplines. This is a time to draw nearer and nearer to

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Sunday Morning Schedule

Informal Service 8:00 A.M.
Contemporary Service 10:15 A.M.
Traditional Service 10:30 A.M.

Office Hours

Monday - Friday
9:00 A.M. — 12:00 P.M.

March Mission of the Month

One Great Hour of Sharing/UMCOR, submitted by Mark Schappell

Through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) we are able to make a difference in the lives of communities and individuals whose lives have been upset by storms, wars, fires, displacement and climate change. UMCOR Sunday funds UMCOR's "cost of doing business," or "administrative expenses" allowing UMCOR to keep the promise that 100% of any gift to a specific UMCOR project will go towards that project and not administrative cost. In 2019, Consumer Reports listed UMCOR as a "best" charity because of this promise.



times. Also, UMCOR doesn't just respond to the emergency for the short term. Working with local organizations, churches in the community and United Methodist volunteers, UMCOR builds relationships and helps communities rebuild in the years following a disaster.

UMCOR responds to U.S. and international disasters, addresses diseases and poverty, assists refugees and immigrants, provides clean water and works to reduce hunger.

Your sustaining gifts on UMCOR Sunday lay the foundation for UMCOR to share God's love with communities everywhere.

UMCOR equips local churches, annual conferences and nonprofit organizations to be in mission with their communities and to respond to those left most vulnerable during challenging

To make a special gift to support the fund for Ukraine, use Advance #982450 on your check.



From the Pastor (cont'd)....

God...to draw nearer and nearer to the cross, to focus on the cross and to reflect on what the cross means to us. In this season of Lent we acknowledge that we are dust - that from dust we came and to dust we shall return. We also need to acknowledge that we are sinners. But, we are saved by grace through faith. Because of the cross, our chains are gone. Because of the cross, we are free to live an abundant life. Because of the cross, we have been redeemed. Therefore, we are called to profess Christ as Lord with everything we do and with everything we are. We are called to honor and glorify God in and through all things.

So, who are you? You are loved by God! You are a son or daughter of God; you are a child of God! Therefore, know it, be affirmed of it, live it, and share this same love with other people so that they, too, may know about the good news of salvation.

Hebrews 10:22 - *Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.*

In this season of Lent, draw near to God, and be "Altar'd" by His transformative love.

Peace and Grace,
Pastor Deanna Geiter



Groceries Give Back Gift Cards

We still have Sheetz cards available, nine \$100 cards to be exact! We would love to deplete these remaining cards before starting a new program. Please stop by the church office Monday through Friday from 9:00 - 12:00 to purchase these last few cards. Thank you for supporting this program.



March Events

Saturday, March 23rd @ 3:00 P.M. – 9th Annual Easter Egg Hunt (Rain Date March 30th, rain or shine)

VBS Planning

Be on the lookout for some exciting information on Vacation Bible School 2024!

We're planning something HUGE & we need your help! Please plan to attend a VBS planning meeting on April 14 right after services or contact Amanda Hollich if you would like to find out how you can be a part of VBS 2024!



Sat., March 23 at 3 P.M.
(Rain Date March 30)

The Easter Egg Hunt is recommended for Children 0 – 12 years old, but if your teen wants to join us, we would love to have them.

Each age group is started separately so parents with different aged children can watch the fun. (bags of eggs will be available for church members to fill beginning February 18).



Gretna Glen camp brochures are now available in the 1st floor elevator foyer.

We are happy to announce that we are again able to provide scholarships to our children and youth for summer camp.

Scholarships are for **half the cost** of camp up to \$225. (e.g., if camp cost is \$500, scholarship will be \$225; camp cost, \$350, scholarship will be \$175).

Make sure you get a camp catalogue and register for camp early!

After registering, please submit a copy of your Statement of Account (available from the camp website) so that the church can pay its portion.

Youth Group

March Schedule

March 3 - Youth Sunday School; Youth Group

March 10 - Youth Sunday School; Youth Group

March 17 - Youth Sunday School; Youth Group, at Gretna Glen for a Free Youth Event 4:00-6:30 P.M. Drop off at church at 3:40 P.M., return at 6:45 P.M.

March 24 - Youth Sunday School; Youth Group

March 31 - Youth Sunday School; No Youth Group, Happy Easter!

Times (unless listed otherwise):

Sunday School 9 - 10 A.M.; Youth Group 6 - 8 P.M.

Need to contact Jon?

email: js200@cairn.edu, cell phone: 717-202-7789

Holy Week and Easter



March 24 - Palm Sunday

Come wave palms as we celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem at all three of our worship services.

March 28 - Maundy Thursday Experience

Join us as we experience the night before Jesus' crucifixion. You will be invited into the Upper Room to receive communion with Jesus and the disciples. Following communion you will walk to the Garden of Gethsemane for a time of personal prayer and reflection. Arrive anytime between 7 and 7:40 P.M. Groups will be guided through the experience beginning at 7 P.M. (do not arrive early) with the last group starting at 7:40. Please enter at the door to the old building.

March 29 - Good Friday Service

1:00 P.M. at Levi Zerr Chapel, Cornwall Manor

March 31 - Easter Sunday

Colorful Easter flowers will decorate each worship service and a brass ensemble will accompany the hymns during the 10:30 service. Join us as we celebrate the risen Lord through word and song in all three worship services.



Upcoming Mid-Week Lenten Services

March 6

at **Quentin UCC**

Speaker, Rev. Jason Arnold, Rocherty & Zion UMC, Iona

March 13

at **Zion UMC, Iona**

Speaker, Rev. Deanna Geiter, Cornwall UMC

March 20

at **Mount Gretna UMC**

Speaker, Chris Ritchie, Cornwall UMC

Cornwall Manor will be providing transportation for manor residents who sign up.



Get your Lenten Breakfast Tickets!

LCCM's Lenten Breakfast will take place at 8 A.M. on Sat., Mar. 16th at South Lebanon Community Church, 13 Evergreen Rd. Lebanon. Tickets are \$30. To order tickets, contact Sandy Snyder at ajs722@yahoo.com or 717-383-3387, visit www.lccm.us or send payment to LCCM 250 S. 7th St., Lebanon PA 17042. Please write Lenten Breakfast tickets on the memo line. Also, indicate that you are with Cornwall UMC for seating purposes.

Deadline to order tickets is March 9th.



Easter Flowers

Each Easter we are filled with joy as we behold the beauty of our services filled with flowers. Once again we will be selling flowers to decorate all our worship areas on Easter Sunday, March 31. An order form is included with the Caller. If you would like to order but are not currently attending services, contact the church office at 717-272-0148 or cornwallumc@comcast.net to get an order form or place an order.



Men's Retreat - March 22nd - 23rd

The Men's Group has scheduled a retreat for all men, young and old at the True Life Ministries Cabin in Northern Lebanon County. We intend to review a session from a Right Now Media program, practice lectio divina, have group activities and games but also allow time for quiet reflection in the wilderness.

The cost is expected to be approximately \$150, but men under 25(ish) will be free. Food and drinks are included. All men, young and old, are welcome. Feel free to invite a friend or two. Should you have any questions or want additional details, please contact Mark Schappell at markschapp@yahoo.com or at 717-454-6519.



Lunch: 50s Theme with the Honeybees

On Wednesday, March 6, the Honeybees will meet at the church at 11:15 A.M. to trek to the Lebanon County Career & Technology Center's Hilltop Café for a 50s theme lunch. Unfortunately, we couldn't get reservations for Valentine's Day (which was good because the school ended up being closed), so 15 of us travelled to Lazzaro's Italian Bistro in Palmyra for a lovely luncheon together, with a surprise guest, Pastor Deanna, in attendance. Thank you to bus driver Bob Doll for chauffeuring us once again.

If you'd like to join us for a celebration of the 50s, please call/text/email Kathy Snavelly at info@lightkeeper.net or 717-507-2667 by March 3 to let her know. 50s attire optional!!



Young Adults: Burgers & Bingo



We'll be heading to the 7th Street Grill, meeting at the church at 5:00 P.M., for an evening of Burgers & Bingo on Wednesday, March 6. We'll enjoy dinner at the Grill, followed by bingo across the street at Sunset Bingo. The Moyers report the food is good, and bingo is busy! Contact Kathy Snavelly by phone/text at 717.507.2667 to let her know you're coming by Sunday, March 3, please!

Adult Sunday School to Explore Ecclesiastes

On March 10, the adults will begin a new study on the book of Ecclesiastes from Right Now Media, "Where to Turn When Life Lets You Down". Led by Pastor Jonathan Pokluda, Harris Creek Church in Waco, TX, the series will last through mid-May.

Life is a gift, but it rarely turns out how we expect. We're convinced things like wealth, power, fame, and control will give us meaning and lead us to a flourishing life—but every time, they let us down. So where do we go when the bottom falls out? Where do we turn when things are going great but we still feel empty? We are not alone in our search for meaning. Discover how God himself, not the things of this world, satisfies our deepest desires for meaning

This class meets at 9 A.M. Sunday mornings in room 57. If you can't join us in person, a link to the video/study can be emailed to you to be viewed at your convenience. Contact Kathy Snavelly at:

info@lightkeeper.net

for that information. Hope to see you there!!

Thank You...

...to everyone who provided valentines for our shut-ins. We were able to deliver an envelope containing approx. 14 unique valentines to each of our 13 shut-ins! The deliverers reported back that the shut-ins were so happy to be remembered and appreciated with the many beautiful cards. Special thanks to Sue Brimmer, Harriet Doll, Fay Groff, Jean Ladd, Jill Risser and Margaret Sowers for delivering the valentines.

... to every who helped with and attended our annual Souper Supper. We tasted some great soups and MANY wonderful desserts while getting to know a little more about the CUMC staff and their talents.

... to our friends at Cornwall UMC for keeping us in your prayers as my son Richard ("Dick") dealt with serious health issues. A special thanks for the prayers, phone calls and cards you sent us after his death, which helped to ease our sorrow.

God bless,
Ruth Squires and Dick's sister Julie



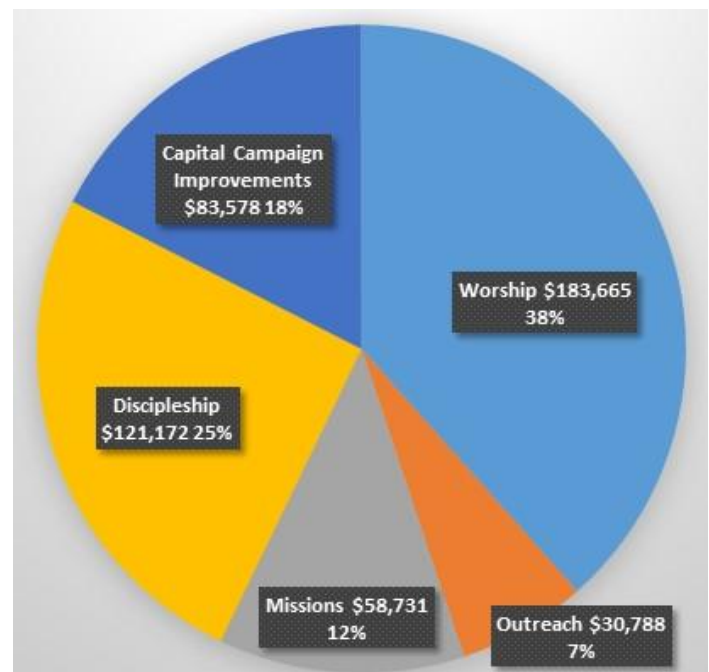
Health Center Birthday Party

Cornwall UMC is the host church for the February Birthday Party held in the Cornwall Manor Health Center. Normally we provided gifts, a program, wheelchair transporters and help in serving cake and ice cream. Due to Covid-19, the birthday party hasn't been able to take place, however we were happy to be able to provide gifts to the ten Health Center residents celebrating their birthdays in February.



From Finance –

Last month, we reported the overall financial results of the 2023 General Fund and the projected General Fund Budget for 2024. Those numbers may not mean a lot, especially when we consider the elements, which include electricity, gas for heating, maintenance, salaries, etc. However, it also does not include all of the special giving, especially to various missions that are given. Those do not go into the General Fund. The following chart tries to give you a different perspective. We have taken ALL expenditures from last year and assigned them to Worship, Outreach, Missions, Discipleship, and Capital Campaign expenses. This chart will let you see how all expenses are allocated to each area as well as the relative size of each. Next month, we will present the same type of information but for the 2024 budget. Then at the end of 2024, we can look at how 2024 actuals compare with 2023 actuals. Please let me know if you have any questions or would like further discussions.



Thank you, James R. Brimmer – Finance Chair



March 2024

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
					1	2 Praying Hands 9:30am
3 Communion Girl Scouts 3-4:30, 6-7:30pm Youth Group 6pm Men's Group 7pm	4 Women's Bible Study 1:30pm Boy Scouts 7pm Ad Board 6:30pm	5 Women's Bible Study 7pm Cub Scouts 7pm Audit Committee 4pm	6 Women's Bible Study 10am Honey Bees Lunch 11:15am Young Adults Burgers and Bingo 5pm Mid-Week Lenten Service @ Quentin UCC 7pm	7 BSA Roundtable 7pm Choir 7:30pm	8	9 Girl Scout Lock- in, YR till Sunday morning.
10 Girl Scout Sunday Youth Group 6pm 	11 Women's Bible Study 1:30pm Boy Scouts 7pm	12 Women's Bible Study 7pm Cub Scouts 7pm	13 Women's Bible Study 10am Mid-Week Lenten Service @ Zion UMC, Iona 7pm	14 LCCM noon meal Choir 7:30pm	15	16 Cub Scout Crossover in FH 9am-2pm
17 Girl Scouts 3-4:30, 6-7:30pm Youth Group 4pm Men's Group 7pm	18 Women's Bible Study 1:30pm Boy Scouts 7pm	19 Women's Bible Study 7pm Cub Scouts 7pm	20 Women's Bible Study 10am Mid-Week Lenten Service @ Mt. Gretna UMC 7pm	21 Trustee mtg. 7pm Choir 7:30pm	22 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">Men's Retreat</div>	23 Egg Hunt 3pm
24 Palm Sunday Youth Group 6pm Men's Group 7pm	25 Women's Bible Study 1:30pm Boy Scouts 7pm	26 Women's Bible Study 7pm Cub Scouts 7pm	27 Women's Bible Study 10am	28 Maundy Thursday Experience Arrive between 7 and 7:40pm 	29 Good Friday service @ Cornwall Manor 1pm 	30
31  Easter Sunday						

The Second Annual Cornwall Girl Scout Cookie Bakeoff
Sunday, April 7

In a joint effort with our church's Girl Scout troops, we are hosting the Cornwall Girl Scout (GS) Cookie Bakeoff on Sunday, April 7 from 5:30-7:30 P.M. There are 20 age-related and cookie flavor categories for prizes. Create a recipe using any flavor GS cookie, Adventurefuls, Toast-Yay!, Lemonades, Trefoils, Thin Mints, Peanut Butter Patties, Caramel deLites, Peanut Butter Sandwich or Caramel Chocolate Chip, by yourself or with a partner. Entry forms are due by April 1st and are available at www.lightkeeper.net or by contacting the church office at 717-272-0148.

Baking or not, if you're looking to purchase cookies, the girls from the troops who meet at CUMC will be selling at the following locations:

March 9	10-12:30 P.M.	Karns, Hershey
March 10	2-5 P.M.	Redners, Palmyra
March 13	During Fish Fry	Sacred Heart (waiting for confirmation)
March 20	During Fish Fry	Sacred Heart (waiting for confirmation)
March 23	2-5 P.M.	Redners, Palmyra
March 27	During Fish Fry	Sacred Heart (waiting for confirmation)



Scout Sunday

Join us in worship on Sunday, March 10 for Scout Sunday.

This is a great chance to see some of the scouts who meet at our church and find out about the things they do.



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