



The Herald



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Transfiguration OF THE LORD

Transfiguration

All over this magnificent world, God calls us to extend his kingdom of shalom-peace and wholeness — of justice, of goodness, of compassion, of caring, of sharing, of laughter, of joy, of reconciliation. God is transfiguring the world right this very moment through us because God believes in us and because God loves us.

What can separate us from the love of God? Nothing. Absolutely nothing. And as we share God's love with our brothers and sisters, God's other children, there is no tyrant who can resist us, no opposition that cannot be ended, no hunger that cannot be fed, no wound that cannot be healed, no hatred that cannot be turned into love, no dream that cannot be fulfilled.
—Desmond Tutu, God Has a Dream



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Ash Wednesday is Valentine's Day – February 14!

What a juxtaposition! The two days do not seem to go well together...unless we realize that God is love.

"Our firm decision is to work from this focused center: One man died for everyone. That puts everyone in the same boat. He included everyone in his death so that everyone could also be included in his life, a resurrection life, a far better life that people ever lived on their own" (2 Corinthians 5:14-15).

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of what Christians call the season of Lent. We try to take these 40 days (plus Sundays) and turn them into a time of introspection, fasting, and prayer. We get ready, with Jesus Christ, for what happens on the cross and through the resurrection.

The start of (Saint) Valentine's Day may have been a kernel of truth about a priest who loved the Lord who was martyred for his faith. But it has a greater association with romantic love or a symbol of a general love of others.

For this Valentine's Day/Ash Wednesday, it may help us to meditate on the character of God through the words of John the Apostle:

"Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love...God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them" (1 John 4: 7-8, 16b).

May God bless us on our Lenten journeys,

Pastor Dan



February 4 5th Sunday after the Epiphany: Mark 1: 29-39; Psalm 147;
Communion

February 11 Last Sunday after the Epiphany: Mark 9:2-9, Psalm 50;
Transfiguration Sunday United Methodist Women's Sunday

February 18 1st Sunday in Lent: Mark 1:9-15, Psalm 25

February 25 2nd Sunday in Lent: Mark 8:31-38; Psalm 22

**Serving in
Worship
February 2018**

*Liturgy is the Work of
the People
for the Glory of God*



Liturgist

2/04 Don Allis
2/11 Lori McComb
2/14 Eileen Gill (Ash Wed)
2/18 Sandy Wulff
2/25 Rodney Nichols

Greeters

2/04 Gail Powell
2/11 Kathy Krisher
2/18 Bob Kuder
2/25 Sharon Kelly

Ushers

2/04 Roger Dart, Susann B
2/11 Sue J., Sue McCracken
2/18 Barry & Anita Taft
2/25 Jim & Martha Kline

Communion Servers:

2/04 Sandy & Tom Wulff, Don F.

Acolytes

2/04 Rachael Guarino
2/11 Susann B.
2/18 Don Allis
2/25 Rachael Guarino

Altar

2/04 Randi Wachter
2/11 Martha Kline
2/18 Joyce Palmer
2/25 Margo Hughes

Media Booth

2/04 Rodney N, Todd H
2/11 Rodney N, Sue N
2/18 Randy & Carol Bloechl
2/25 Randy B, Todd H

Media Presentation

2/04 Tom Wulff
2/11 Sue Norton
2/18 Carol Bloechl
2/25 Tom Wulff

Coffee Hour:

United Methodist Women



To the Men's Breakfast
Group for providing re-
freshments for the month
of January.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTH CHILI

February 3rd, 2018

8:00AM to 10:00AM

From the Men's Breakfast Group

Featuring Barry's Magic Griddle!

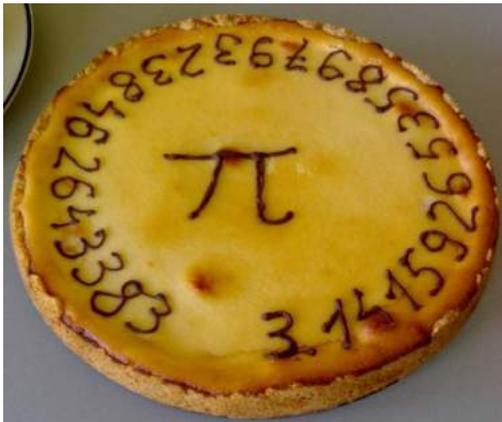
Scrambled Eggs Sausage

All you can eat Pancakes

Juice and Coffee or Tea

Donations: Adults \$5 ages 5-10 — \$3

Come for Breakfast, Stay for Fellowship!



Seniors Group Fund Raiser

Watch for more information about the next PI day Pie sale.

Sunday March 11



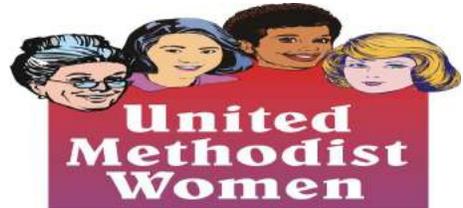
LOVE THY NEIGHBOR

Donations are needed such as Dry Goods, Toiletries, Paper towels, Soap & Dish soap. Our delivery day is Sunday February 18 this month. The donations are delivered to Grace Church of the Nazarene each month to benefit people in our area who need a little help. Drivers this month are Doris F. and Mike Carr.

Ambit Energy

How many people do you know who would like to save money on their electricity and gas bills? The UMC of North Chili has partnered with Ambit Energy to save money on utility expenses. Relatives, friends, and neighbors can support us by switching their gas and/or electric service to Ambit Energy. This will also save them money on their home energy supply at the same time. With Ambit, as with any ESCO, the incumbent provider (like RG&E or National Grid) still reads your meter, sends your bill and will do any service in the event of a power outage. For additional information or to sign up, please contact me at 585-352-0837, or email me at LMTAGUE@rochester.rr.com. Budget billing is available.

Lyle Tague



United Methodist Women News

I am so excited!! Anna Valeria-Iseman, Executive Director, Open Door Missions will be our guest speaker on UMW Sunday, Feb 11th. This Christian non-profit organization has been around since 1952. I have always thought of this organization as mainly helping homeless men. Recently I learned, the Open Door Mission is working to open the Gates Women and Children resident home at 220 Coldwater Rd. This is just a little ways down the road from our church. I am excited that our community will be part of "raising hope, changing lives" (the Open Door Missions motto). Check out the DOVE Campaign (<https://opendoormission.com/doves/>) to learn more. Lori McComb, UMW President

Roger Dart would you like you to know that he will be using his cell phone exclusively soon. The No. is (585)315-7754.

Pack well



During Lent, as we focus on Christ's journey to the cross, let's also examine the journey of our lives. The first task when leaving on any adventure is packing. What have you placed in your bag? Are you weighed down with temptations, self-doubt, money worries, relationship troubles? Have you overlooked any important items? Maybe your bag feels too empty for the challenges ahead. Remember to pack mercy, grace and forgiveness.

Thanks to Easter, we know that our journey in Christ continues, even when the road becomes difficult. So as you prepare for Lent, carry with you the hope made possible by Jesus' sacrifice on our behalf.

—Based on the "Journey to Hope" sermon series,
www.rethinkchurch.org/lent



February Birthdays

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| 2/3 John Standinger | 2/11 Andrew Allen |
| 2/11 Lori McComb | 2/17 Judy Guarino |
| 2/22 Bea Tyson | 2/22 Rick Pratt |
| 2/25 Joyce Beaman | 2/26 Bob Closs |
| 2/28 Janet Snyder | |

Prayer Concerns for February

Prayers for: Carol M., Dee, Rick & Kitty, June H, Paityn, Deb C, Stephanie, Adelaide, Brian, Sharon's niece Jessica, Kathy M, Sarah S, Sue W, Rosie's daughter, Dory, Miriah.

Please keep these families who have lost loved ones in your thoughts: Sharon Kelly, Coolbaughs & Weinrebers on the passing of Lyla Weinreber.



Dolores Calvin, Gary & Marcia Caswell, John DeBack, June Harndon, Irene Kochersberger, Helen Ottley, Ruth Peck, Mildred Tower, Barbara Ward



Ash Wednesday Supper

A simple supper of soup, bread and dessert will be hosted by the CARE Ministry on February 14 starting at 6 p.m. A sign up is posted on the bulletin board by the kitchen. If you wish to bring something, please indicate what food item you will provide on the sheet. Not everyone will have to bring something for the meal; just come and enjoy the food and fellowship with your church family.

An Ash Wednesday service will follow at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary.





Easter Flowers

To celebrate Easter, the Altar will again be decorated with fresh, flowering plants. Plants may be ordered in honor or in memory of a loved one. Tulips, hyacinths, daffodils, and Easter lilies will be available for **\$8.00** per plant. To place an

order, please fill out the form below and return it to the Church with your payment. You may also donate to the flower fund. Checks should be made payable to UMC of North Chili. The Altar Ministry Committee thanks you for your continued support.

\$8.00 per plant:

Tulip _____ Hyacinth _____ Daffodil _____ Easter Lily _____

Flower Fund: \$ _____ **Total No. Plants** _____ **Total Amount Enclosed \$** _____

In honor of: _____

In Memory Of: _____

Donated By: _____

_____ Will _____ Will Not Pick Up Plants

Orders will be accepted until March 11, 2018. No orders after March 11, 2018.



Refocus for Lent

- Give up complaining — focus on gratitude.
- Give up harsh judgments — think kind thoughts.
- Give up worry — trust God to provide.
- Give up discouragement — be full of hope.
- Give up bitterness — turn to forgiveness.
- Give up hatred — return good for evil.
- Give up anger — be more patient.
- Give up pettiness — become mature.
- Give up jealousy — pray for trust.
- Give up gossiping — control your tongue.
- Give up sin — turn to virtue.
- Give up giving up — persevere.

—Author unknown

Generosity is another way to generate Joy and Gratitude.

Give someone a Smile!

Send someone a Card.

Give to a Mission Project.

Pray for someone in need.

Donate an item you no longer use.

Get involved in a small group.

Volunteer at an animal shelter.

Read to a child or someone elderly.

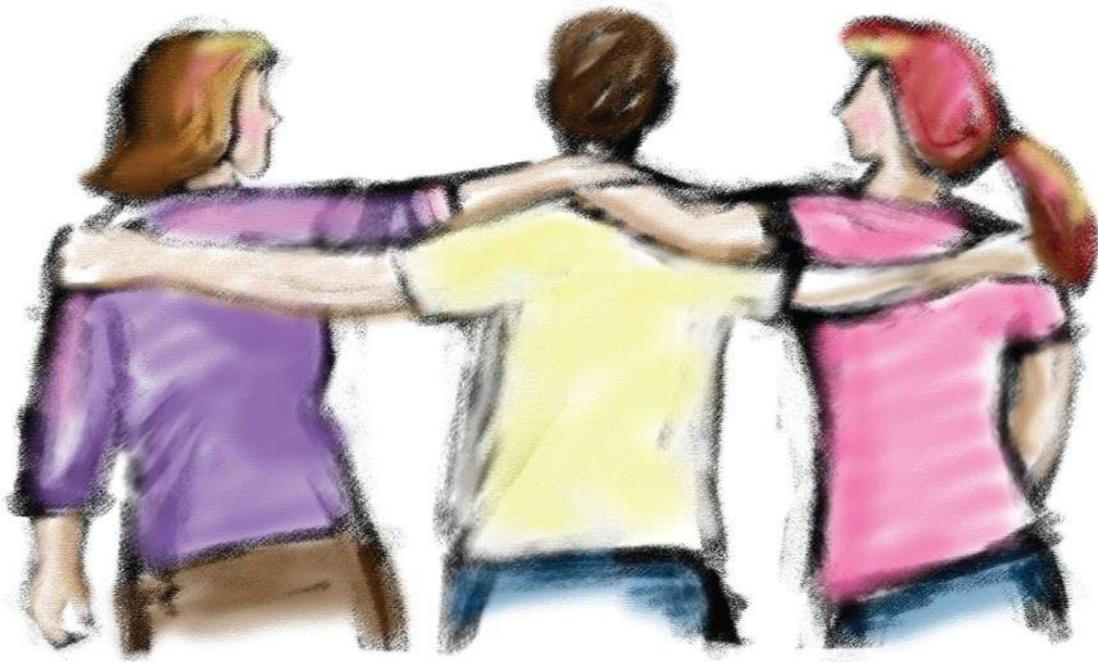
Send a note to a Veteran.

Visit one of our homebound members.

Deliver a meal.

Put an extra dollar in the Offering plate.

Do any one of these—with a smile!



Friends in Christ

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Pastor Dan Carr

