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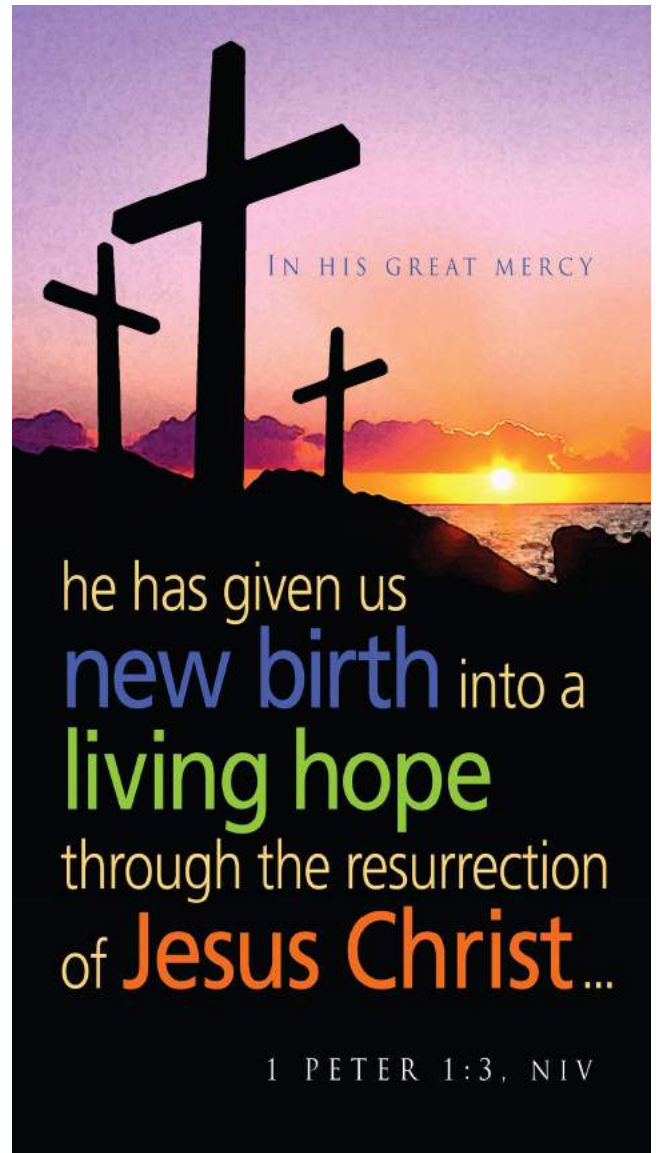
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The greatest news

Death carries with it a certain dread. It has always been the enemy, the great, mysterious monster that makes people quake with fear. Death stalks the rich and the poor, the educated and the uneducated. Death is no respecter of race, color or creed. Its shadow haunts us day and night. We never know when the moment of death will come for us. Is there any hope?

The greatest news that mortal ear has ever heard is the news that Jesus Christ has risen from the dead, as he had promised. ... Because Christ lives, we also shall live. The greatest truth that you can ever hear is that Jesus Christ died but rose again, and that you, too, will die but can rise again into newness of life.

—Billy Graham



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“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. (Psalm 51:10, 12, 15)

The congregation spoke these words, among others, at the Ash Wednesday worship service last month. It is a psalm of confession from David after Nathan the prophet confronted King David with his sin with Bathsheba and the murder of her husband, Uriah. The psalm contains a spirit of humility.

The season of Lent, from Ash Wednesday until Easter, is a good time to look within to realize the areas of our life that hinder our relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. David surely looked within because he wanted to restore himself with the Lord. We want to do the same, to experience greater joy and peace with God. If we humbly turn to God with repentance, God, with infinite grace, hears us and loves us. We need God’s cleansing!

Then, we are transformed, freed, and energized to do work for the Kingdom of God! We are less troubled by the worries, cares, and influences of our broken-down world. Our clean hearts stray less; our Holy Spirit-filled selves do better in all God asks us to do.

Please continue in faith on your Lenten journey, as I am also trying to do. We seek God’s help in this. As Jesus has encouraged us, “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you...You are my friends if you do what I command you” (John 15:12, 14).

Together in Christ, with love,

Pastor Dan



- March 4 3rd Sunday in Lent: John 2: 13-22; Psalm 19; Communion
- March 11 4th Sunday in Lent: John 3:14-21, Psalm 107; UMCOR Sunday
- March 18 5th Sunday in Lent: John 12:20-33, Psalm 51
- March 25 Palm Sunday, 6th Sunday in Lent: Mark 11:1-11; Psalm 118
- March 30 Good Friday John 18:1-19:42

**Serving in
Worship
March 2018**

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



Liturgist

3/04 Lyle Tague
3/11 Sandra Waterman
3/18 Anita Taft
3/25 Sue Josephson
3/30 Susann B (Good Fri)

Greeters

3/04 Allen Hulme
3/11 Lori McComb
3/18 Barry Taft
3/25 Florence Mihalyov

Ushers

3/04 Bob & Dianne Arazy
3/11 Sonya P, Susann B
3/18 Bob K, Roger Dart
3/25 Randy & Carol Bloechl
3/30 Bob Kuder (Good Fri)

Communion Servers:

3/04 Sandy W, Don F., Todd H

Acolytes

3/04 Rachael Guarino
3/11 Bob Kuder
3/18 Rachael Guarino
3/25 Don Allis

Altar

3/04 Martha Kline
3/11 Joyce Palmer
3/18 Margo Hughes
3/25 Randi W, Ruth M
3/30 Martha Kline (Good Fri)

Media Booth

3/04 Rodney N, Sue N
3/11 Randy & Carol Bloechl
3/18 Rodney N, Todd H
3/25 Sue N, Todd H

Media Presentation

3/04 Sue Norton
3/11 Carol Bloechl
3/18 Tom Wulff
3/25 Sue Norton

Coffee Hour:

SPPRC Team



To the United Methodist
Women's Group for provid-
ing refreshments for the
month of February.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTH CHILI

March 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 News

We are celebrating π with a PIE Day! \$9 for a 9 inch Pie
Sunday March 11th during Coffee Hour

Pick up your Pie pans the week of March 4-10

from the Seniors group or by the Office, and bake your favorite
Pie. Bring them to Adams Hall on Sunday the 11th for the sale!

Limited refrigerator space!



We will sponsor the Girl Scouts selling their cookies after
the March 25th service by setting up a table in Adam's
Hall. They will have the actual boxes of cookies to sell.
Cookies are \$4 a box. We will have the following:
Shortbreads, Lemonades, Thanks A Lots,
Thin Mints, Caramel Delights, Smores,
Peanut Butter Patties and Peanut Butter
Sand witches. Cash or check is fine.

Check can be made out to GSWNY Troop # 60296.



Why Be A Lay Servant?

We would love to have you join us as a Lay Servant in service to Christ. Following Christ is a journey, not a destination. We all fall short of his example and commands on a daily basis. All he asks is that we put our faith and trust in him and accept him as our one and only Savior.

So, why be a Lay Servant? The Lay Servant Committee offers a wide variety of training twice a year. Courses in the Spring are generally held at local churches over a 2 to 4-week period. The Fall training is a retreat held at Camp Asbury, starting Friday evening and ending after a Sunday morning service. These courses range from helping us identify our gifts to learning how to deliver a Sermon. There are also courses to strengthen leadership, learn to develop a better prayer life, and so on. For many, the Fall retreat is an opportunity to renew old friendships, find quiet time to meditate with nature, and recharge our spiritual batteries for the year ahead.

This Ministry was changed from "Lay Speaker" to "Lay Servant" because our focus IS NOT on the pulpit. Yes, there are several who help with Pulpit Supply. However, the vast majority take the skills identified and strengthened through Lay Servant training to lead Prayer groups, start a Media Ministry, provide leadership to Youth group, and so on. The opportunities are endless.

Becoming a Lay Servant demonstrates a commitment to continuous improvement and opens opportunities for growth to help solidify the ministry of all involved. We would love to have you join us on this path in the local church and beyond.

Please contact Lyle Tague if you would like additional information.
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Thank you for all the cards and phone calls on my mothers passing. the Kelly Family.

Ellen Farnham says Thank you for all the cards and letters she has received.



Don't be late, on March 11

set your clocks ahead

1 hour!



LOVE THY NEIGHBOR

Donations are needed such as Dry Goods, Toiletries, Paper towels, Soap & Dish soap. Our delivery day is Sunday March 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 Norma Hochgraf & Eileen Gill.



March Birthdays

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|---------------------|----------------------|
| 3/7 Karen Huey | 3/8 Cooper Hochgraf |
| 3/10 Erin Nichols | 3/11 Eileen Gill |
| 3/14 Sandy Wulff | 3/16 Mary Lou Bowers |
| 3/21 Marcia Caswell | 3/22 Jim Kline sr |
| 3/24 Linda Tague | 3/25 Scott Boyce |
| 3/30 Doris Frediani | 3/31 Cliff Cook |

Prayer Concerns for March

Prayers for: Dee, Carol M, Rick & Kitty, June H, Paityn, Kathy M, Sarah S, Sue W, Rosie’s daughter, Dory, Miriah, Helen N, Allie D, Chase, Doris F, Nubby, Mary Agnes, baby Jack.

Please keep these families who have lost loved ones in your thoughts: Jerry R family, and the school shooting victims in FL.



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

Easter is timeless

Easter is a moveable feast, falling any time between March 22 and April 25 on the Gregorian calendar. At a meeting of bishops in 325 A.D., Easter Sunday was set as the first Sunday after the first full moon following the northern hemisphere’s vernal equinox. (Though the equinox can fall on March 19, 20 or 21, the church fixed March 21 as this date.)

Over the years, branches of the church differed on the precise date for Easter, finally reaching agreement in the late 700s. Since 1582, however, when the Western Church adopted the Gregorian calendar while the Eastern Church retained the Julian one, the timing of Easter has sometimes varied between the two.

Such computations are interesting but pale in light of the ultimate assurance that for Christians, every day is truly Easter. Christ’s tomb is empty! Jesus defeated death! Whenever we worship, we celebrate resurrection. Date-bound by earthly calendars, the Feast of the Resurrection, by heaven’s rendering, is eternal.



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.



Special Sundays are coming up in March, April, & May:

UMCOR Sunday is March 11. Native American Ministries Sunday is April 15. Peace with Justice Sunday is May 27. Please prayerfully consider how much you will give to these important United Methodist programs.



Easter Breakfast April 1st

Please join us for Breakfast on Easter Sunday!

9:00 a.m. in Adams Hall

We'll share a Breakfast buffet of various Egg dishes, Breads, Fruit, Sweets, Coffee, Tea and Juice.

There is a sign-up sheet in the hall near the Kitchen.

Please sign up to bring a dish or just to come and enjoy some food and fellowship. Everyone is Welcome!

And bringing Friends is encouraged!

Worship Service will be at 10:00 a.m.





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