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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

Greetings, my friends, what a great week this has been. Wonderful weather for February. Yet here we are facing March already with its traditional winds. The past several days the constant blowing of the wind reminds me of what Jesus said about the wind. Forgot or didn't know that Jesus spoke about the wind? Will he did. Wind is mentioned in the Holy Bible at least 113 times. His disciples were with him and a teaching opportunity presented itself. Jesus looked to the people around him and stated. "You know not from where the wind comes nor do you know where the wind goes. (John 3:8) On another occasion the New Testament tells us " As Jesus commanded the wind to stop, It obeyed and the disciples were afraid". Afraid of Jesus, can you imagine Jesus' disciples afraid of him? Sounds like us so often, doesn't it? We do not always embrace what we do not or can not understand. We are a blessed people, we are. We have the written word of God to fall back on. We have the power of the Holy Spirit to discern even those things we do not understand. God provides for our every need. Even the need to understand the wind. We understand the wind because knowledge has taught us living today 1) what the wind is, 2) where the wind come from, and 3) where the wind flows, and why. Jesus also tells us not to be blown about (moved) by every teaching, idea, or thought taught by man, but, to rely only upon the word of God. What a blessing to live in a time and place were knowledge frees us to live in harmony with Jesus, his teachings and with one another. What a awesome God is ours! Well, here we are in March. As always, it is my prayer this newsletter finds each of you healthy, well and blessed.

In last month's newsletter I told you more information would be coming about our **Saint Patty's Day Dinner** on March 17th here at the Church. The meal will be "Corn Beef, Red potato's, and Cabbage" with all the trimmings. We need your help to make this meal a success. So **please sign up** and help in service to our city. You can also help by simply telling your neighbors, and folks around the area about the meal Just invite everyone you meet! The meal time is 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. The cost of the meal is by donation (the suggested donation is \$6.00 per person, \$11.00 per couple and \$18.00 per family). If you know of folks who can not afford this suggested cost invite them to come, their cost will be covered. We would never want anyone to feel left out. This meal is more about "**Fellowship**" in our community and is **not a fund raiser**. We simply want to invite our city in for a community meal.



On February 12, in Morrows absence, Bill played his guitar and Ray played his mandolin and Fiddle, Julie, Elaine and Cathy lead the congregation in singing some of the older hymns. Thanks Bill, Ray and ladies.





Feb 12, Lee gave the Kings Kid sermon on St. Valentine to the congregation because there were no children. We all enjoyed the chocolate kisses he passed around! Lee also reminded us that a good Bible verse to remember on Valentine's Day is John 3:16.
Thanks Lee!



On February 19, Butch gave the Kings Kids sermon on Faith. (Luke 7:10) He began by telling the children he had an invisible dog. He then told the Bible story from Luke. It was a great lesson for all to learn about faith. Just like Butch's invisible dog, when he asked him to do something he did it, and when you think of that, then you'll also think about what our faith in God means, and how much we must trust him to have all things done. Faith (believing without seeing) is a source of power we can renew everyday by following Jesus. **Good job Butch.**

Notes from the Administrative Council

2/19/2017



Join EUMC for a **St. Patrick's Day Community Dinner** on Friday, March 17 from 4:30—6. We need your help to fellowship with neighbors, serve, cook and clean up. Sign up sheets will be passed around every Sunday. We expect a nice crowd!



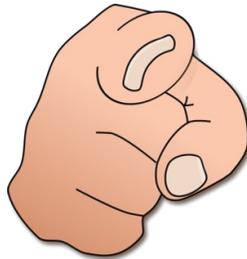
Did you know? Saint Patrick was of British origin and lived in the 5th century. As a teen, he was captured by the Irish in a raid. He was enslaved by an Irish chieftain and forced to tend sheep. He remained faithful to God during his years as a slave, escaped from Ireland and went back home. When he was about 40, he returned to Ireland to convert its people to Christianity.



Bible Study was a great success! Stay tuned for another Bible Study in late Spring!

We miss you! Yes, you! If you haven't been to church in a while, check EUMC out again! God is calling for you to pray, come closer to Him, and fellowship with others.

**Service is at 9 am Sundays.
Hope to see you!**



Trustees on the job!

A spring work day will be held when the weather gets warmer. Sewer lines will be cleared from the Ed building to the alley. Trustees ordered a new microphone to be used during Sunday service. The earpiece mic still works too. Do you like maintaining the yard? EUMC will need an extra hand to help keep the grounds up in the upcoming months.

UPCOMING EVENTS

3/1—Lent begins. Ashes will be incorporated into Sunday service on 3/5.

3/12—Daylight savings time. Spring forward!

3/17—St. Patrick's Day Community Dinner

4/9—Palm Sunday—Butch is bringing a surprise guest. Come spread palms and visit with Butch's special friend!

4/14—Good Friday

4/16—Easter Sunday



Start Planning

5/14—Special Mother's Day service

6/18—Special Father's Day service

7/4—Fourth of July activities at Arthur Park Estancia.



Politics and Peace

February 20, 2017 By [Francine Rivers](#)

Everyone seems to be angry these days: protesters on the march, cowards in black using crowd-cover to cause chaos; incendiary columnists on all sides, hysterical letters to the editor, people unfriending life-long friends because they have different political views. And name-calling didn't end when the campaign was over. Both sides are grouping and categorizing people. Both sides are guilty of hate speech.

I read the story of two men who stood before a mob, both brutalized by their guards, one to such a point he was barely recognizable. One man was the leader of a rebellion, an insurrectionist; the other was a man of peace who never did harm to anyone. One had committed murder; the other had fed the hungry, given sight to the blind, healed the lame and sick, and raised a dead man to life.

Which one do you think the mob chose to free?

Barabbas. Interesting that his name means "son of father". Notice the small "f" in father. He was a human being, angry and undoubtedly feeling justified to resort to violence and murder.

Jesus was God Incarnate, God the Son. Men and women screamed for him to be crucified. Why? Because he wasn't the warrior-savior they wanted. He didn't come with an army and swords. He wasn't going to slaughter their enemies. Angry and disappointed, they had Him nailed to the cross. He didn't scream, "Unfair!" Stripped, crucified, exposed to mockery and hate, He suffered excruciating pain to be the sacrifice for our sins. He asked His Father to "forgive them, for they know not what they do." Jesus is the way, the truth and the life, and proved it by rising out of death.

We live in trying, frightening times, but no less so than generations before us. And yes, things could get worse, a lot worse. The question is: Where do you look to feel safe enough, strong enough, hopeful enough to not be afraid? Where do you find peace?

If you want a haven in this chaotic, hate-filled world, don't look around for a man or woman to save you. Look up to Jesus who already has — if you're willing to accept Him and the inner peace He offers.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Lean not on your own understanding. Acknowledge Him in all His ways, and He will make your path straight. (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Praise the Lord!

Contributed by Kathy Hunt

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<h1>MARCH 2017</h1>						
			1 Pastor's Office Day 10 AM - 4 PM	2	3	4
5 Worship 9:00 AM Mtair 11:00 AM	6	7	8 Pastor's Office Day 10 AM - 4 PM	9	10	11
12 Worship 9:00 AM Mtair 11:00 AM <u>DAYLIGHT</u> <u>SAVINGS</u>	13	14	15 Pastor's Office Day 10 AM - 4 PM	16	17  Community Dinner 4:30 - 6:00	18 Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM
19 Worship 9:00 AM Mtair 11:00 AM AD COUNCIL 2:00 PM	20	21	22 Pastor's Office Day 10 AM - 4 PM	23	24	25
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PROMISES ABOUT BLESSINGS IN OUR DAILY TASKS

Commit your words to the Lord and your thoughts will be established.
Proverbs 16:3

This is the day the Lord has made
We will rejoice and be glad in it
Psalm 118:25.

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.
Ephesians 2:10

From:
Joy for The Journey

Contributed by Alma Wimsatt