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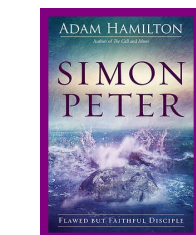
Watch this box wherever it shows up each week in your bulletin. Various items that you can collect to help us at VBS will be listed here. Be a part of the VBS team! This week we need:

CD's that you are discarding
Small, clean disposable containers.
.....Lids are not necessary.
Left over ribbon.

Leave donations for Judy, please.



To Mars and Beyond!
June 17-20



LENT STUDY & SERMON SERIES

Join a study on Sunday or Wednesday to take a look at this Faithful but Flawed disciple of Jesus. Books are \$14. See Pastor Rounsley to order a book.

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- Resident Bishop Rev. Dr. Peggy Johnson
- Ministers to the World ALL OUR PEOPLE

Rehearsals are beginning for the Children's Musical

...to be shared May 12, at 10:00.

If your 3rd-5th grader wants to participate, please let Mike Muzzo know right away. Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 6:45-7:30. There is room for us all and we'd love to have you!
Practice Wed. at 6:45 and Sunday evenings during Sprouts- 4:30-7:00.



Ash Wednesday is March 6. How will you get involved in Lent this year? Look for ways to give more of yourself. What can you do as a family to learn and grow this Lenten season. Lent is often a time of reflection. Can you slow down enough with your family to become reflective? Set aside a time to pray together or even just sit together. Challenge yourself into a new way of being. You can do it. I believe in you! Judy

Weekly Calendar

<p>Sunday, February 10 8:45 AM - Worship Nursery (104), 2-5 yrs. (Splash) 10:00 AM - Sunday School 0-2 (104), 2 yrs. (1), 3 yrs.-pre K (11), Grades K-4 (4,5), Grades 5-6 (10), Grades 7-12 (Pit), Adults (Sanctuary) 11:00 AM - Worship 2-5 yrs. (Splash) 4:00 PM - El Buen Choir 4:30 PM - Sprouts 5:00 PM - Youth Choir 5:00 PM - El Buen New Beginnings 6:00 PM - El Buen Worship 7:00 PM - Web Dance</p> <p>Monday, February 11 10:00 AM - Sunshine Memory Cafe 2:00 PM - UMW Reading Group 7:00 PM - Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 PM - El Buen Men's Group 7:30 PM - Boy Scouts</p> <p>Tuesday, February 12 7:00 PM - Stephen Ministry Supervision 7:00 PM - El Buen Liturgical Dance</p>	<p>Wednesday, February 13 9:30 AM - Women's Bible Study 6:00 PM - Wednesday Night Out 6:30 PM - Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM - Disciple IV 6:45 PM - Junior Choir, Hope Choir, Cherub Choir 6:45 PM - Wednesday Night Live 7:30 PM - Carillon Choir 8:00 PM - El Buen Bible Study</p> <p>Thursday, February 14 9:00 AM - Stephen Leaders 10:00 AM - Chester County Blind Assoc. Support Group 7:00 PM - Chancel Choir 7:00 PM - Chess Club</p> <p>Friday, February 15 7:00 AM - Men's Bible Study 7:00 PM - El Buen Liturgical Dance</p> <p>Saturday, February 16 5:00 AM - El Buen Morning Prayer 9:00 AM - Good Works 6:00 PM - El Buen Usher Training</p>
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**Our Vision-
Building A Spiritual Home
Where You are Family**

**Our Mission-
To be a Christian community that invites everyone to know, love, and serve God**

Welcome to our guests and members!

- First time guests please come to the Welcome Desk in the Gathering Area to receive a gift and a packet of material about our church.
- Children are always welcome in worship. If you prefer, childcare is available with trained attendants: Nursery for infants - 2 years is in room 104; Children ages 2-5 are invited to the "Splash Room" free play area on the second level following the Message for Growing Christians. The ushers can help you locate childcare rooms.
- Children's Bulletins or Pew Packs are available from the ushers.
- Prayer request cards can be found in the friendship folder. To request prayer for someone, please fill out the card and place it in the offering plate.
- Hearing assist devices are available. Please see an usher if you would like to use one during the service.
- Enjoy coffee in the Gathering Area after worship. Proceeds go to the youth mission trip.

VALENTINE'S OATMEAL BAR- TODAY, BETWEEN SERVICES Have a warm cup of oatmeal with toppings including chocolate chips for \$5. All proceeds go to our 2020 **Rise Against Hunger** Meal Packaging Event. Our Jan. Oatmeal Bar made \$215.10. **If you ordered Vegetable Beef or Spinach Tortellini Soup** from United Methodist Women, please pick it up in the Gathering Area today. There is still time to order Italian Wedding and Chicken noodle (delivered 2/24). Cost is \$6/pint. All monies go toward UMW mission projects!

Tools for Ministry- Want to improve your ministry skills? Come to this important workshop offered by our South District leadership. Sat., March 2, 8:30am-12:30pm, at Eastern University, St. Davids, PA. Register online, submit your receipt, and our church will reimburse you. See brochure in Gathering Area for workshop information. Register at www.epaumc.org/districts/south/. Look for Tools for Ministry.

From the Property Team - See the announcement page for the list of projects the team would like to undertake in 2019. Consider giving a generous donation to the Building Fund to help keep our building safe and inviting for future ministries.

Dine-and-Donate Night to benefit Rise Against Hunger 2020 - Tuesday, February 12, at Fellini Cafe (2 Waterview Rd/West Chester Pike, West Chester) from 4pm to 9pm. Come to enjoy an early Valentine's Day meal with your friends and family! Say you are with UMCWC and we will receive a percentage of the your receipt.

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Sunday, February 10, 2019 ~ 8:45 AM

A grateful heart is a beginning of greatness. It is an expression of humility. It is a foundation for the development of such virtues as prayer, faith, courage, contentment, happiness, love, and well-being. -James E. Faust

Worship is the submission of all our nature to God. It is the quickening of conscience by His holiness, the nourishment of the mind with His truth, the purifying of the imagination of His beauty, the opening of the heart to His love, the surrender of the will to His purpose. -William Temple

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Trompette Jubilante* Penfield

◆Call to Worship

For those who have not been welcomed before,

You are welcome here.

For those who have been turned away,

Christ is opening the door for you.

For those who have been forgotten,

God cannot forget you, for God made you.

You are God's beloved. We welcome each other in the name of Jesus.

◆Hymn *All Creatures of Our God and King* no. 62, vs. 1-5

Opening Prayer

We welcome you, precious Jesus, to our worship this morning. All that we do and say in this space we dedicate to your glory and honor. Our desire is to lift high your name, to praise you, to proclaim your kingdom and to be renewed again as your people. To you be blessing and majesty and power, wisdom and glory and might, for you alone are worthy to receive our worship. Holy is the Lamb, God's Son and Word Incarnate, now and forevermore. Amen!

Silent Confession of Personal Sin

Confession as the People of God

Gracious and most merciful God, we forget who you are and forget who we are.

We get caught up in our own desires. We search for an easy way out of human loneliness. We work too hard, we buy things we don't need, we look for love in all the wrong places.

Be with us in our wanderings and our hurts. Help us to find you, and then to tell others about your faithfulness. In the name and power of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

◆Signs of Peace and Unity in Christ

Music *Do Lord* arr. by Valerie Stephenson Carillon Choir

Prayer For Illumination

Scripture Malachi 3:1-6

Look, I am sending my messenger who will clear the path before me; suddenly the Lord whom you are seeking will come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you take delight is coming, says the Lord of heavenly forces. Who can endure the day of his coming? Who can withstand his appearance? He is like the refiner's fire or the cleaner's soap. He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver. He will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. They will belong to the Lord, presenting a righteous offering.

The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in ancient days and in former years. I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be quick to testify against the sorcerers, the adulterers, those swearing falsely, against those who cheat the day laborers out of their wages as well as oppress the widow and the orphan, and against those who brush aside the foreigner and do not revere me, says the Lord of heavenly forces. I am the Lord, and I do not change; and you, children of Jacob, have not perished.

Homily *How Do You Treat God? (a)*

Passing of the Friendship Folders

Message for Growing Christians

Music *O God Beyond All Praising* arr. Dan Forrest Chancel Choir

O God beyond all praising, we worship You today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay; for we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end: we lift our hearts before You and wait upon Your word, we honor and adore You, our great and mighty Lord. for we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end: For Christ, Your gift from heaven, from death has set us free, and we through Him are given the final victory. Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring, that we who know Your favor may serve You as our King; and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill, we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still; to marvel at Your beauty and glory in Your ways, make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

Michael Perry, 1982

Scripture Malachi 3:7-10

Ever since the time of your ancestors, you have deviated from my laws and have not kept them. Return to me and I will return to you, says the Lord of heavenly forces. But you say, "How should we return?" Should a person deceive God? Yet you deceive me. But you say, "How have we deceived you?" With your tenth-part gifts and offerings. You are being cursed with a curse, and you, the entire nation, are robbing me. Bring the whole tenth-part to the storage house so there might be food in my house. Please test me in this, says the Lord of heavenly forces. See whether I do not open all the windows of the heavens for you and empty out a blessing until there is enough.

Homily *How Do You Treat God? (b)*

◆Hymn *Deep in the Shadows of the Past* TFWS no. 2246

Scripture Malachi 3:13-15, 18

You have spoken harshly about me, says the Lord; but you say, "What have we spoken about you?" You said, "Serving God is useless. What do we gain by keeping his obligation or by walking around as mourners before the Lord of heavenly forces? So now we consider the arrogant fortunate. Moreover, those doing evil are built up; they test God and escape." You will again distinguish between the righteous and the wicked, between those serving God and those not serving him.

Homily *How Do You Treat God? (c)*

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer no. 895

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Offering *Cantilene* Peeters

◆Offertory Response TFWS no. 2237, vs. 1

As a fire is meant for burning with a bright and warming flame, so the church is meant for mission, giving glory to God's name. Not to preach our creeds or customs, but to build a bridge of care, we join hands across the nations, finding neighbors everywhere.

◆Offertory Prayer

◆Hymn *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* no. 664

◆Benediction

As we leave this place, O God, we will still remember you.

We will think of you day and night, knowing that you are with us, that you are our help.

We will sing in the shadow of your wings. Today. Every day. **Amen.**

◆Postlude *Sing Aloud to God, Our Strength* Hughes

◆Please stand as you are able. Bold text indicates congregational response.

The flowers on the Lord's Table are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of their grandson, Charlie, who would have been 2 years old on Feb. 14, by Dr. Fred and Sally Bopp.

Worship Participants

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Truman Brooks
Liturgists: Rev. Molly Dee Rounsley, Rev. Allen Keller
Readers: Valerie Douglas, Cory Smith
Message for Growing Christians: Cory Smith
Chancel Choir Director: Mike Muzzo
Organist: Steve Campitelli
Carillon Choir Director: Brian Rotz

Prayers and Meditations to Deal with Apathy

1. Revelation 3 "And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, "These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God: "I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot...—I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see."

Read this scripture out loud. Where do you find your life in this verse? What parts of the Christian walk are you ambivalent about? Meditate on the last part- ask God to anoint your eyes that you may be open to see God's many blessings and the way God works in the world.

2. Matthew 24 "And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. "

Read this scripture out loud. Think about the awlness that surrounds you every day. How does that affect your spiritual journey. Think about the simple lawless acts you have taken part in. Now meditate on the goodness of God. Think of someone who glows with the light of Christ. Begin to feel the warmth that the Holy Spirit can bring.

3. Hebrews 10 "Let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching."

Read this scripture out loud. Think of the friends with which you surround yourself. Do they support you in your spiritual walk? Do you encourage them to assemble with the Church and do good works? Meditate on the shortness of all of our days and ask God to stir up love and the passion to do good works for the Kingdom.