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NEWSLETTER



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CHURCH HERALD

Pastor's Devo... See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled...
Hebrews 12:15

Well now, we've made it through the New Year, and survived the Superbowl and Valentine's day hoopla, and prepare to celebrate yet another event this month, as in two weeks everyone becomes Irish for a day, and remember the work of another of God's servants, whose work among God's people has been watered down so that a tiny mythical creature dressed in green and wearing a top-hat usurps God's agent, who devoted his life to spreading the Gospel has been turned into a day in which one great American city colors a portion of one of the rivers that run thru its downtown, and everywhere else in the Western world, anyway, people are urged to drink green beer, often to excess...although I do confess that I like me a nice corned beef sandwich...

But there is another day included in the month of March, that day which brings about the “Vernal Equinox”...that first day of the year, which brings to the Earth an equal amount of day-light and darkness, leading to ever lengthening days, days which warm an Earth from its wintery slumber thus allowing new plant growth to “Spring Forth” from the ground. And it's this “Springing” which lends this season its name.

And in our Scripture reading above, from The Book of Hebrews, the author, whom again I posit to be Barnabus, Paul's faithful companion, a belief I'll have to check out once we get to heaven, anyways, said author writes to God's people about another “Springing up”...bitterness in the Church, with its roots planted firmly in our sinful human nature ...the one which we find still to this day, especially in a world where we're told, even by fast-food restaurants to, “Have it YOUR way”.

But this admonition isn't only for the hearers to check themselves, but, “see to it that NO ONE fails to obtain the grace of God”, so in other words, we

ARE our brother's keeper...at least in these words God's people have a directive to help each other through our lives as God's people, and, as reminded in the verse just preceding the one above, "Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord." (Heb 12:14)...strive for peace WITH EVERYONE and for the "Holiness" (Set apartedness) **without which** NO ONE WILL SEE THE LORD!!!

I sure hope that everyone would want to see the Lord, and actually everyone will, as Scripture says, but just how that "Seeing" goes, whether it's with a smile and welcome, or glare and condemnation is our to determine by the lives we live in response to what we know has already been done for us. So may we devote our lives living them out to the fullest, letting works of service naturally "Spring" forth out of gratitude for the love we receive from a loving God and Lord...now and forever...Amen!



March 3

Kristine Banas

March 8

Cathy Siemsen

March 9

Mary Loney



March 16

John & Mary Loney

March 25

Dwayne & Susan Holt

READINGS FOR MARCH

March 1	Gen. 24:32-52, 61-67, <i>Gen. 25:1-26:35</i> , Mark 8:1-21
March 2	Gen. 27:1-29, Mark 8:22-38
March 3	Gen. 27:30-45; 28:10-22, Mark 9:1-13
March 4	Gen. 29:1-30, <i>Gen. 29:31-34:31</i> , Mark 9:14-32
March 5	Gen. 35:1-29, Mark 9:33-50
March 6	Gen. 37:1-36, Mark 10:1-12
March 7	Gen. 39:1-23, Mark 10:13-31
March 8	Gen. 40:1-23, Mark 10:32-52
March 9	Gen. 41:1-27, Mark 11:1-19
March 10	Gen. 41:28-57, Mark 11:20-33
March 11	Gen. 42:1-34, 38, Mark 12:1-12
March 12	Gen. 43:1-28, Mark 12:13-27
March 13	Gen. 44:1-18, 32-34, Mark 12:28-44
March 14	Gen. 45:1-20, 24-28, Mark 13:1-23
March 15	Gen. 47:1-31, <i>Gen. 48:1-49:28</i> , Mark 13:24-37
March 16	Gen. 49:29-50:7, 14-26, Mark 14:1-11
March 17	Ex. 1:1-22, Mark 14:12-31
March 18	Ex. 2:1-22, Mark 14:32-52
March 19	Ex. 2:23-3:22, Mark 14:53-72
March 20	Ex. 4:1-18, Mark 15:1-15
March 21	Ex. 4:19-31, Mark 15:16-32
March 22	Ex. 5:1-6:1, Mark 15:33-47
March 23	Ex. 7:1-25, Mark 16:1-20
March 24	Ex. 8:1-32, <i>Psalms 118</i> , Heb. 1:1-14
March 25	Ex. 9:1-28, <i>Lam. 1:1-22</i> , Heb. 2:1-18
March 26	Ex. 9:29-10:20, <i>Lam. 2:1-22</i> , Heb. 3:1-19
March 27	Ex. 10:21-11:10, <i>Lam. 3:1-66</i> , Heb. 4:1-16
March 28	Ex. 12:1-28, <i>Lam. 4:1-22</i> , Heb. 5:1-14, <i>Psalms 31</i>
March 29	Ex. 12:29-32; 13:1-16, <i>Lam. 5:1-22</i> , Heb. 6:1-20, <i>Psalms 22</i>
March 30	Ex. 13:17-14:9, Heb. 7:1-22
March 31	Ex. 14:10-31, Heb. 7:23-8:13

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION...

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY... 10am on Sundays with Rev. David Anderson, before the church service. All are welcome! No Bible Study on Easter!

BIBLE STUDY... Wednesdays at 10:00am with Pastor Smith. Lent Services to follow at 11. No Bible Study on Wednesday, March 27th, but has been moved to Thursday, March 28th at 10, Holy Thursday service to follow at 11.

LENT SERVICES... at 11:00. No service Wednesday, March 27th.

LWML... Our next meeting will be March 9th at 10 am. Let me know if you have any questions. Laurie

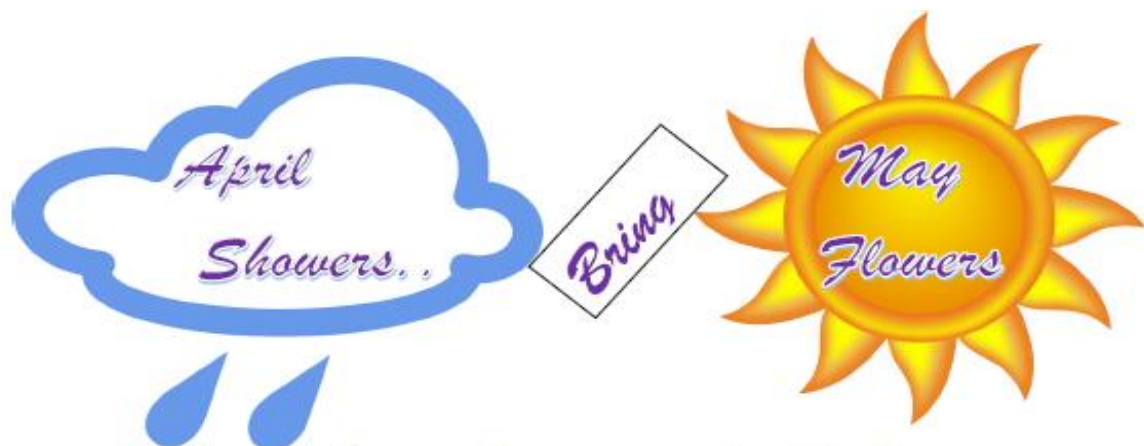
RECITAL... The congregation and general public are invited to a recital on March 24, as our organist, Dale Stanton performs Music for Palm Sunday and Holy Week. A medley of selections will be played on the pipe organ and hammer dulcimer, including two hymns with audience sing-along. The event is at 2:00, with voluntary donations accepted for the Fine Arts Fund.

EASTER BELL HYMN... Everyone is urged to bring some type of hand bell with them on Easter Sunday to ring during the chorus of the Easter Bell Hymn. Please, no cowbells.

CHURCH LUNCH... Plan to attend a church luncheon on April 14th. Let's celebrate Spring with a fried chicken luncheon. A sign-up sheet will be posted for both attendance and side dishes. The church will provide chicken, tea and water. Please let us know how many will be joining us, so we may plan appropriately. Your Fellowship Activities Committee

PAPER FLOWER GARDEN... We have created a garden of paper flowers in the Fellowship Hall, but we need help to make the garden grow. If you like crafts, please make some paper flowers and add them to the garden. After the church lunch on 4/14, the flowers will be turned into May Day baskets and delivered to OSLC shut-ins and a local senior care home. If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Siemsen.

DONATIONS... Mooresburg Community Center is in need of BIG cans of veggies! Cash is also appreciated.



Let's celebrate Spring and all the beauty it provides with a gathering of family and friends.



What: A Fried Chicken Luncheon

When: April 14th

Provided: Chicken, tea, water

(Fried and Rotisserie Chicken)

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The OSLC Paper Flower Garden – please help our garden grow by bringing your home made paper flowers to add to the paper flower garden in the Fellowship Hall. After the luncheon, we will make May Day baskets to be delivered to OSLC Shut-ins and a local senior care home. If you have any questions, see Brenda Siemsen

