

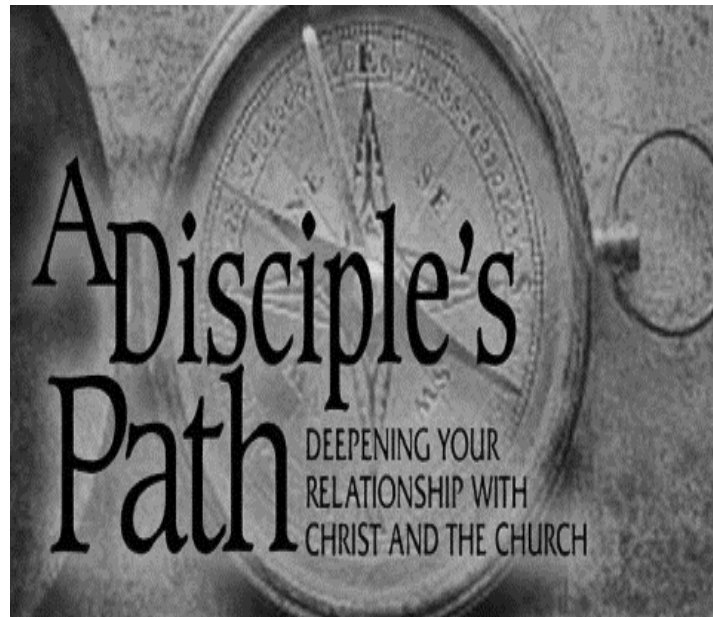
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Our Mission:

***To make disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world.***

1st SUNDAY in LENT

March 5, 2017

Series: A Disciple's Path

Today's theme: A Disciple's Path Defined

A Service of Word and Table

PERIODIC LITANY (May be used at any time.)

L: God is good.

P: All the time.

L: And all the time.

P: God is good.

(You are invited to stand, as you are able, wherever a "*" is marked. **Bold print** indicates congregational participation.)

ENCOUNTER GOD'S LOVE

WELCOME AND PARISH CONCERNS

***PRAISE SONG**

I Will Follow

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Worship Leader: From our busy lives, God calls us together to worship and to pray.

Congregation: We are here, Holy One!

WL: From different places, Christ calls us to gather, to love, and to live.

C: We are here, blessed Jesus!

WL: From unexpected journeys, the Spirit calls us into unity to serve and to grow.

C: We are here, Holy Spirit!

WL: Come! Let us worship!

***PRAYER OF PRAISE (Unison)**

Loving God, from the very beginning you have journeyed with your people. Journey with us, this day, as we learn what it means to follow you. Open our ears to hear you. Open our hearts to feel your love and compassion. Open our hands to receive your grace and to share it with others. Enable us to faithfully claim the name, "Christian," as we strive to follow the ways and teachings of Jesus, the Christ. Empower us with your Holy Spirit, as we worship you and serve one another. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

***HYMN #57**

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

(Please join in singing *Jesus Loves the Little Children*
as the children come forward.)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

UNDERSTAND GOD'S LOVE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 10:25-28

PRAISE SONG

Love the Lord Your God

SERMON

"Where Does this Path Lead"
Rev. Brian Lucas, Pastor

PASTORAL PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC

Come Share God's Gift

Choir

INVITATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

On Screen

SILENT MEDITATION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

***SHARING GOD'S LOVE**

PRESENTATION OF OUR LIVES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Tucker McClellan

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH#94

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH#13

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

*(The elements will be served by intinction. The U.M.C. observes an
"Open Table" where all are welcome to receive.)*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PRACTICE GOD'S LOVE

***HYMN OF PARTING #530**

Are Ye Able

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

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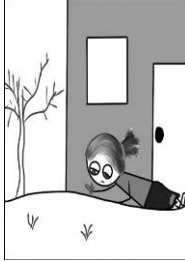
Next week we will continue our series "A Disciple's Path" with our week two theme: "Prayer and Scripture Meditation" based on Matthew 6:5-15. What will Pastor Brian talk about next week?

GARDENING

Spring is rapidly approaching and with it comes the need to care for the landscaping around the church building and front sign. This is a job that requires the help of more than the current one or two people from March through September or October.

In previous years, volunteers were assigned specific sections to maintain throughout the growing season. This year we want to try a different approach. Instead of volunteering to maintain a section for the entire season (although we welcome anyone willing to do this!), we also want volunteers willing to help an hour or so wherever/whenever work is needed.

If you would like to help with landscape maintenance or want more information, please see Lyn or Martha.



LENTEN PROGRAM

Lent begins on March 1st with Ash Wednesday. This year we will be joining up with Trinity Middleburg, Hummel's, St. Paul's, and Zion UMCs for our weekly Lenten programs, most of which will begin with a soup and bread meal. The schedule is as follows:

- Sunday, March 5th: Zion UMC, soup at 6:00 with program to follow at 7:00
- Sunday, March 12th: Hummel's UMC, soup at 6:00 with program to follow at 7:00
- Sunday, March 19th: Hummel's UMC, soup at 6:00 with program to follow at 7:00
- Sunday, March 26th: St. Paul's UMC, soup at 6:00 with program to follow at 7:00
- Sunday, April 2nd: Trinity UMC, soup at 6:00 with program to follow at 7:00
- Thursday, April 13th: Paxtonville UMC, Holy Thursday service at 6:00 with soup meal to follow.

Throughout the series offering plates will be available for your donations to Mission Central.

LAST WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP

General Fund	\$3,380.00
Sunday School	35.00
Land Development	10.00

Our Vision:

***ENCOUNTER+UNDERSTAND+PRACTICE
GOD'S LOVE***

LOCAL VIM OPPORTUNITY

Christ U.M.C. in Selinsgrove was destroyed by fire in 2015. They are currently constructing a new building just off 522 in Selinsgrove and have several VIM opportunities. The dates are: March 13 to 17; March 20 to 24; and March 27 to 31. You can go as individuals or as a group, for one day or for an entire week. If you are interested in helping them out, please see PB for more info and for the volunteer registration form.

FAITH WALKERS' UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS

It's almost time to start making those delicious peanut butter and coconut cream eggs. If the weather cooperates, we should have some ready for sale after worship on Sunday, March 5th. Stop over to the Fellowship Hall following the service to purchase some at just \$1 apiece.

Orders will be taken starting today and continuing through Sunday, March 5th, for homemade soup. Varieties for sale are chicken corn, chicken rice, ham & bean, and vegetable beef. Cost is \$7 a quart. See a member of the team or sign up on the sheet located in the narthex. Soup will be ready for pickup on Wednesday, March 15th.



If you've started your spring cleaning and found "treasures" you no longer want, you may donate them to the Faith Walkers. All donated items should be in the Fellowship Hall no later than Thursday, March 16th. We will be having an indoor yard sale on Saturday, March 18th, beginning at 8 a.m. Other teams from the Mid-West Relay will be here as well offering various items for sale. A lunch stand will also be available. (Treasures not sold will be held for the Blueberry Festival Yard Sale.)

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Greeters	Ron & Sylvia Strawser
Organist	Peg Rearick
Lay Reader	Cathy Polan
Sound Room	Doug Keefer, Irene Walter
Praise Team Singers	Greg & Jess Hetrick, Nate Zechman

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ...

Gina Burns	Dale Feltman	Paul Kratzer
Sylvia Strawser	Faye Aurand	Jackie Herrold

FOR YOUR CALENDARS

Sunday, March 5	2 p.m. Confirmation Class Lenten Program @ Zion 6 p.m. Soup Meal 7 p.m. Program
Monday, March 6	9 a.m. Morning Mocha 7-8:30 p.m. Scouts
Tuesday, March 7	6-8 p.m. WWII Class
Wednesday, March 8	7 p.m. Choir Practice
Thursday, March 9	8:30 a.m. Breakfast Girls at Rayauda's 7 p.m. Prayer Meeting
Sunday, March 12	8 a.m. Prayer & Communion 9 a.m. Sunday school 10:30 a.m. Worship 2 p.m. Confirmation Class Lenten Program @ Hummels 6 p.m. Soup Meal 7 p.m. Program