

The Central Chalice



MARCH 2019

MARCH EVENTS

MAR 03—Board Meeting—12:10pm
06—Ash Wednesday Service—7:00pm
15—Laundry Love—9:00am-12:00pm
17—CLC Meeting—12:10pm
24—Fellowship Meal-12:10pm



*Remember man
that you are
dust and into
dust you shall
return.*

Bethany Hills News from Jay Hutchens

I am very excited to announce that the region has contracted with **Rev. Dee Wells** to serve as the Interim Camp Manager beginning in April. Rev. Wells, a long-time minister in the region at First Christian—Livingston, has served as a camp director, counselor, Camp and Conference commissioner, as well as on the Bethany Hills Vision Project! Dee brings decades of experience and a deep love for camp and conference ministry as she steps into her new role as Camp Manager.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL — MARCH 24th



Sunday, March 24th, we will have a fellowship meal with the main course being **soup and chili**. If you are willing to bring a pot of **your favorite soup or chili recipe**, please let **Susan Calvert-Rosenberger or Cheryl Dunn** know. Hopefully, we will have several different kinds. Other folks, please bring sandwiches, or salad or dessert. Come join us for a **yummy meal!**

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From Alicia's Desk

You're out with your friends on a Friday night and suddenly you notice that one of them has switched from his favorite microbrew to ... lemonade? Is it time for Lent already? Giving up something for Lent sometimes evokes head-scratching in many Protestants, but what might seem like just another overly religious eccentricity can actually be a practice with deep spiritual significance.

Lent, the period of 40 days that precedes the celebration of Easter, has its origin in the early days of the Church. Converts seeking to become Christian, who at that time were mostly adults, spent several years in study and preparation. Under the threat of Roman persecution, becoming a Christian was serious business, so their process of preparation was intensive! Finally, they went through a final period of "purification and enlightenment" for the 40 days before their baptism at Easter. The rest of the Church began to observe the season of Lent in solidarity with these newest Christians. It became an opportunity for all Christians to recall and renew the commitment of their baptism.

Today we know Lent as a season of conversion: We acknowledge the ways we have turned away from God in our lives, and we focus on turning our hearts and minds back toward God. Hence the three pillars of Lent are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These observances help us turn away from whatever has distracted or derailed us and to turn back to God. Giving up something for Lent is ultimately a form of fasting. We can deprive ourselves of some small pleasure or indulgence and offer that sacrifice up to God. Or we might "give up" a bad habit such as smoking as a way of positively turning our life back toward what God wants for us.

Perhaps giving up your favorite TV show or abstaining from Oreos is an authentic way to acknowledge Lent. An experience of want, however temporary, can help us to appreciate the true abundance in our lives. And a small positive change can have a big impact that lasts beyond the 40 days of Lent.

Take the time now to think about what you might give up this year. Is it something you enjoy that you want to sacrifice for a while, like your daily latte? Or is it a bad habit you want to conquer, like procrastinating? Or perhaps you want to turn your cell phone off for a few hours each day and not let it distract you from the loved ones you are with in real time? Find something that works for you, and whatever it is, may it help you to turn toward God in this holy season of Lent.

Alicia

Prayer Concerns:

Betty Woodward	Doris Beesley
Brenda Fulbright	Bell Family
Dot Woodard	Dick Dean
Cody Wix	Susan Markham
Jason Smith	Tana Crum



Treasure's Report

The budget for 2019 is \$69,000.00. This requires an income of \$1,327 per week to meet the budgeted income. For the first eight weeks of this year, our average weekly income is \$1,376. Due to some pledges which are completely paid in January, our weekly average is higher than usual. For the months of January and February our income is \$720 above budget. Expenses for this same period are \$1,050.00 below budget which leaves us with a surplus, at this point, of \$1,770.00. This situation may not hold up throughout the rest of the year, but let's remain optimistic and expect it to do so. Everyone please remain current with your pledges and offerings.

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March	3	10	17	24	31
Invitation To Communion	Tom Beesley	Susan Calvert Rosenberger	Janie Calvert	Rev. Alicia Burton	Jimmy Calvert
Acolyte	Ava Heusser	Fisher Davis	Ian Heusser	Cammie Fulbright	Lilly Reveyoso

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

01—Doris Beesley
 04—Leslie LaForge
 06—Tom Beesley
 Cammie Fulbright
 07—Glen Dunn
 08—Brenda Fulbright
 12—Billy Reynolds
 14—Clayton Sykes,
 Mark Calvert-Rosenberger
 15—Jack Dunn
 27—Fisher Davis
 28—Ava Heusser



ANNIVERSARY

21—Jack and Cheryl Dunn

If you are receiving the CCC Newsletter by regular mail and would like to receive it by email, please let Alicia or a Board Member know your email address. They will be happy to see to it that the church office receives it. Thank you.

MARCH SERVANTS

Worship Leader:
 Jack Dunn
Presiding-
 Jack Dunn
 Billy Reynolds
Communion & Offering-
 Cheryl Dunn
 Ian Heusser
Communion Clean-up And Greeter-
 Susan Calvert Rosenberger

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YOUTH SKI TRIP

I feel that the ski retreat was a big success and that every one had a lot of fun. I made new friends there and got reacquainted with old friends. I know I had a lot of fun and I hope that Cammie had as much fun as I had and I hope that she wants to do it again next time. I feel that the ski trip is a chance for the youth group to get to know each other. One of the best moments I saw during the ski retreat was when my friend and I where skiing and another skier was going way to fast and had a really bad crash with a lady skier. It was amazing how my friend and I rushed to help her and how my friend helped her down the slope. We made sure that she got back to the lodge safe and sound. Luckily the lady was not seriously injured and the other skier was ok too. And from what I heard the whole youth group was doing the same thing and it just made it all that much better. It showed just how much our youth group cared about not just the group but the rest of the people who we were sharing the slopes with as well. Thank you so much for supporting our youth group and giving us the opportunity to go on the ski trip!



Ian Heusser