

# THE WYOMING MESSENGER

## March 2018

### God our Loving Father,

God, you are the One who is the author of peace. You are the God of all comforts that comforts us in our pain, our afflictions, our doubts, and our fears. You are the God of the sunshine, but also the God of the rain. Through all of life's seasons, O Lord, you sustain us.

Lord, we are a weary people. With the psalmist, we cry out, "How Long, O Lord?"

How long, O Lord, will our friends, our loved ones, and even ourselves—how long will we face illness? How long will we battle cancer, how long will we deal with death, how long will we face our own limits?

How long, O Lord, will your people be maligned for following you? How long will our wisdom be declared foolishness...our desire to hear from you be declared a mental illness...our commitment to you be called folly?

How long, O Lord, will we mourn for lives lost too soon? How long will we fear the next mass shooting? We pray for the community of Parkland, Florida, for a people torn apart by unspeakable tragedy. Be with the students, the parents, the teachers, and the administrators. As is your nature, Lord Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace, be near to the brokenhearted. And Lord, may you move within us, that our thoughts and prayers would stir to action to protect our children and our communities and to end the cycle of violence.

Our world is broken, O Lord. Come and show us the way to put it back together. Lead us in your path of wholeness and peace. Lead us in the path of righteousness for Your sake and for our own. May we be peace-makers...policy makers...world changers... Fill us with your indomitable hope and your unshakable peace, that we might be messengers of your good news.

Help us, O Lord, to find you. Help us, O Lord, to follow you. May we never back down, and may we never lose heart.

We need you Jesus.  
 We pray in your Name.  
 Amen.



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# Bulletin Board

## Food First Sunday

is **March 4**. Leave your donations for the Kent Ecumenical pantries on the cart in the narthex.

Needed this time:

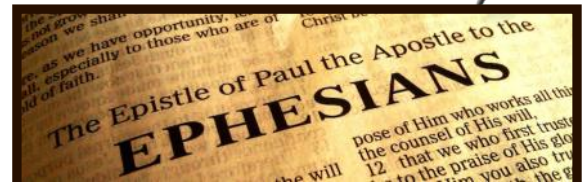
Applesauce, Canned Fruit, 1 lb. bag of rice, toilet tissue, canned meats, such as chili, stew, tuna, chunky soups, etc.

## SPRING IS COMING!

and so is our new up to date **photo directory**. Watch for a survey to help us in our planning make the best decisions. Questions will include: what would you like to see included? Will you be interested in purchasing a copy? We need the participation of everyone who attends WUMC. Your input is vital to its success.

Dave Kleinot is volunteering his services as a professional photographer on Sundays this spring. We want everyone to be included. Dates to be announced.

Any questions speak to Betsy Freidel ☎ 535-3983, Kim Reed ☎ 670-1832, or Barbara Shaw ☎ 538-6772



A 7 week **Bible study on Ephesians** will start **Monday, March 19th at 1 PM** at the home of Sharon Duncan. It doesn't matter where you've been or what you've done, GOD wants a relationship with YOU. This study will help us better understand the BIG LOVE of God. This is a brand new study from Stonecroft Ministries. Please call Sharon ☎ 698-1904 to sign up- the cost of the study book is \$10.



... to all the musicians and vocalists who made the (first annual?) Total Request Live Night a huge success. Thank you to our song- and spirit-filled audience, too! Your generous love offerings raised over \$1,100 toward the mortgage reduction.

## Dear Volunteer!

Would you like to join the number of faithful, reliable and much appreciated substitutes who would fill in for the office manager, a few hours at a time, when I'm on my 'summer break' **from July 17 through August 17?**

Currently, in my absence we need a substitute whenever my assistant Angela Donastorg is not in the office - we'll have her summer class schedule soon. The church office is open from 9AM to 4PM with a half hour lunch at 12:30. A volunteer would typically come in for the morning (9AM to 12:30PM) or afternoon (1 to 4PM).

### What does a substitute do?

You don't have to do my job... You **help walk-ins** as best you can, **answer the phones** and **take messages**. All important phone numbers and all information on current events is right there in the office for you, and, of course, you can use the internet on any office computer while you're here.

**Maybe a few more people would be willing to give it a try?** Moms, you can bring in your little ones - we have toys in the office.

Thanks for considering! *Renate Purdy*

## From the Pastor's Desk

*Rick Wessell*



One of the things we are working on with Elias right now is his comprehension of what we are saying to him. Like most toddlers, he has very selective hearing. You can be two rooms away and quietly mention the word "chocolate," and suddenly he will come bounding into the room to ask, "Can Elias have chocolate, please?" Mention going to the grocery store and you'll get much the same reaction - "Can I go to the grocery store with Daddy and ride in the car cart?" However, ask him to pick up his toys and he won't so much as acknowledge your presence. Mention that it's time for bed and you have to brace yourself for the catastrophic meltdown that will follow. To make sure that he understands what we are saying to him or asking him to do, one of the things we are doing right now is to make him look us in the eye, and we'll then ask, "Do you understand?"

The season of Lent is, in effect, God's way of doing the same thing with us. The longer we follow Christ, the

greater propensity we have to think that we know everything there is to know about the faith and that we are as "in tune" with the Lord as we possibly can be. Too often we actually tune God out and take our salvation for granted. Lent, then, comes as a six week season where God sits us down to ask, "My child, **do you understand?**" "I sent my one and only Son into this world to show you the way to live - **do you understand?** Jesus endured mocking, hatred, anger, and unspeakable pain on your behalf - **do you understand?** He bled and died on a cross to atone for your sins so that you can have eternal life and know peace and prosperity - **do you understand?**"

As we walk through this season together, I pray that our hearts and minds are open to comprehend the love and grace of God. I pray that it moves us to a deeper love for our Savior and a greater commitment to serve him. In the words of an ancient prayer, may we keep a holy Lent so that we might say,

**"Lord, I understand."**

**Thank you, Jesus."**

**Helping** her attentive audience in the WUMC Nursery **understand...** Miss Jennifer reads one of Jesus' exciting stories to the littlest Sunday School students.





Pastor Dave's Ministry Minute -  
March 2018

## "God Loves You"

*"Sin is the second most powerful force in the universe, for it sent Jesus to the cross. Only one force is greater -the love of God." Billy Graham*

The recent passing of Billy Graham has prompted me to recall my Christian conversion... It occurred following the 11:00 news one weekday evening when one of Billy Graham's Crusades came on TV... Billy got my attention by saying that you might be watching the program in a variety of places but, regardless of where you were or what circumstances you found yourself in, that "God loves you"... Those three little words came to mean something more to me that evening. I believe with all my heart that the moment I heard those words delivered by Billy (as only Billy could) was my moment of decision... It was in that moment that I placed my trust in Christ for my eternal salvation... Isn't that what the season of Lent is all about? A time of reflecting on the truth of God's love revealed to all of us in Christ's atoning sacrifice on the cross... God loves you so much that he sent his one and only son to die for you, and for me, so that we might have life and life everlasting... Even while Christ hung on the cross he offered eternity to one of the thieves that was crucified alongside him... The thief said, "remember me when you come in to your kingdom", and Jesus responded by saying, "today you will be with me in paradise"... Salvation in Christ alone is the Gospel message that Billy Graham spent his life sharing with millions of people across the globe... As we continue on our Lenten journey toward the cross and, in turn, the empty tomb, may we remember that the message of the cross is love, God's love...

**"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16**



The world's best-known evangelist, the Rev. Billy Graham, died Wednesday (February 21). He was 99. From the gangly 16-year-old baseball-loving teen who found Christ at a tent revival, Graham went on to become an international media darling, a preacher to a dozen presidents and the voice of solace in times of national heartbreak. He was America's pastor. ...

*(USA Today)*

Mr. Graham took the role of evangelist to a new level, lifting it from the sawdust floors of canvas tents in small-town America to the podiums of packed stadiums in the world's major cities. He wrote some 30 books and was among the first to use new communication technologies for religious purposes. During his "global crusade" from Puerto Rico in 1995, his sermons were translated simultaneously into 48 languages and transmitted to 185 countries by satellite.

Mr. Graham's standing as a religious leader was unusual: Unlike the pope or the Dalai Lama, he spoke for neither a particular church (though he was a Southern Baptist) nor a particular people.

At times, he seemed to fill the role of national clergyman. He read from Scripture at President Richard M. Nixon's funeral in California in 1994, offered prayers at a service in the National Cathedral for victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, and, despite his failing health, traveled to New Orleans in 2006 to preach to survivors of Hurricane Katrina.

His reach was global, and he was welcomed even by repressive leaders like Kim Il-sung of North Korea, who invited him to preach in Pyongyang's officially sanctioned churches.

In his younger days, Mr. Graham became a role model for aspiring evangelists, prompting countless young men to copy his cadences, his gestures and even the way he combed his wavy blond hair.

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In 2007, the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association estimated that he had preached the Gospel to more than 215 million people in more than 185 countries and territories since beginning his crusades in October 1947 in Grand Rapids, Mich. He reached hundreds of millions more on television, through video and in film.

"This is not mass evangelism," Mr. Graham liked to say, "but personal evangelism on a mass scale."

*(The New York Times)*

# Reflections

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**Danny Cooper** Coordinator/Counselor  
@ Daybreak Counseling Services

### Marriage Stickers

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart;  
do not depend on your own understanding.  
Seek his will in all you do,  
and he will show you which path to take.  
Proverbs 3: 5-6*

Recently, I was asked to play a small role in a three-week marriage enrichment workshop at a church in Middletown, DE. The evening I attended was the second gathering, and the theme for the night was healthy conflict resolution, or as the flyers on display read... *Fair Fighting!* As I took the stage of this contemporary church interior, I saw roughly 25 small tables, each holding a dimly lit candle and pads of paper and pens, with two chairs on either side, each filled with married couples ranging from newlyweds to over thirty years of marital experience. There was even one wife who had her phone out the entire time, allowing her husband, who was out of town at the time for work, to still be a part of the evening's festivities. The childcare room was at max capacity as many busy husbands and wives finished a hectic work day, ate a quick dinner at home, and finally were able to settle in for an evening at church focused solely on the health of their marriage. Each couple present was making a step, a purposeful decision for the welfare of their marriage. What a beautiful and inspiring scene to behold!

While I forget the actual character, I recall as a kid watching a Bugs Bunny episode (a personal favorite, by the way) where a suitcase was highlighted; a suitcase that was covered with stickers from the various travel spots it had been carried around the world. For some reason, I thought of this fictional suitcase when witnessing the couples who attended the workshop. They were each adding a sticker to their suitcase, their marital suitcase; making a small, yet meaningful investment in their individual marriages. This positive sticker addition is important, given the fact that not all the stickers we affix to our marital suitcase are necessarily pleasurable.

If we stop to think about it, as we make this meandering journey together in marriage, as we travel in essence through the myriad train depots of life, some are purposeful and

wonderful, like our wedding day or that long anticipated dream vacation, while other stops along the way we'd rather avoid, like the death of loved ones or stressful circumstances at home or work. They each come with a sticker. They each create memories that last. They each mark the course of our marital travels; the path we've shared that no one else can truly appreciate, and that certainly is beyond replication. Our path is singular to us. Our memories are unique to our story. There are no stickers like our stickers.

A few years ago, while conducting a workshop for marriage mentors, our group conversation during lunch shifted away from assisting vulnerable newlyweds and focused instead on our own married lives. In the course of our collective sharing, a retired lawyer who was in attendance said, "Although my wife and I are closing in on 50 years together, I must confess that the best years of our marriage were the first years. We were really poor back then, with not a whole lot between us, but we had each other. That was our best time." Just because the times may be trying, doesn't mean they lack long-term positive value to our marriage. Some stickers become priceless over time.

I must confess, even though the Christmas season has long passed, the Dicken's classic *A Christmas Carol* is simply incapable of being stored away with the tinsel and nutcrackers until next year's festivities. It truly is the gift that keeps on giving! One of the great supporting characters in the timeless tale is Scrooge's first boss, the amiable Mr. Fezziwig. Long before Scrooge became, well, scrooge-like, he was engaged to be married and enjoyed the blissful companionship of a fine young lady. As the two young lovers are huddled apart from the greater company, lost in their own conversation while at the Christmas Eve Ball, it is Mr. Fezziwig, a proud husband and father, that interrupts their isolated discussion with this marital encouragement to young Scrooge, "What a difference it makes, Ebenezer, to travel the

rough road of life with the right female to help bear the burdens... What a lucky man I am!"

Poor Scrooge didn't quite get the message, and as we know, lived out a very isolated and self-centered life. But Mr. Fezziwig had it right. No wonder he was such a happy fellow. I have to think that the Fezziwig suitcase had quite a few stickers, many of which were likely of the positive variety.

As the view broadens the further up the mountainside we climb, so too our perspective is intended to broaden as we progress in age while making our way through life, both as an individual and as a married couple. *The Greatest*, Muhammad Ali, is quoted as saying, "The man who views the world at 50 the same as he did at 20 has wasted 30 years of his life". Ali could obviously do more than just throw a punch! Many of us who have lived a few years, when looking back at a troubling time in life through the rear view mirror, have voiced the phrase, "We can laugh about that now." What a wonderful sentiment. It's not just fine wine that matures with age. Our journey on this earth, the bumps and dips, the ups and downs, the twists and turns, seem to have the same refining power as that seasoned bottle of wine. What may have initially seemed like a dire circumstance in our youth, through the ripening power of age and the wisdom of life experience, is now seen more like a pesky pothole instead of a huge crater. This understanding of course is incredibly difficult to grasp in the moment, but more often understood through the vantage point of perspective. Can a marriage sticker initially applied with feelings of angst and heartache soften in its intensity over time, through the lens of maturity and wisdom? Thankfully so.

For the many of us who are privileged to be married, may we from time to time look back and reflect on the journey we have traveled. In other words, can we take a good look at our marriage suitcase, at the many stickers that chronicle the journey shared, and give thanks, for that journey, thankfully, continues.

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# Ladies' Retreat 2018

## RETREAT LEADER:

You don't want to miss what promises to be an inspiring, uplifting, fun retreat planned and led by our Wyoming Church friend, published author and sister in Christ, *Kim Bryan*.

**WHO?** All ladies of the church... bring a friend!

**WHEN?** Sunday, May 20th and Monday, May 21st

**WHERE?** Riverview Retreat Center at Pecometh, Centreville, MD.

Each room includes two queen beds and bathroom in this recently upgraded Methodist center on the banks of the Chester River on Maryland's Eastern Shore. Handicap rooms available. Their **website: [www.pecometh.org](http://www.pecometh.org)**.

**HOW?** Fill out a registration form and leave it in the envelope provided at the welcome desk.

**WHY?** An opportunity to fellowship in a Christian atmosphere as we sing, pray, eat, laugh, enjoy the beauty of God's creation, share in a comfortable setting, listen to each other and connect in a special way.

**COST...** includes three meals and is dependent on the number of guests in a room. **Payment deadline: May 6th.**



We'd love to see  
**YOUR smiling face!**

Pick up a registration form at the Welcome Desk.

**QUESTIONS / INFORMATION...**  
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# FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JANUARY 2018

Michael Quarnaccio, Finance Team Leader

	January 31, 2018	Budget to Date
Total Income:	\$ 55,221.58	\$ 55,476.58
Total Expenses:	\$ 57,001.88	\$ 55,476.58
<b>Net Income (Loss):</b>	<b>\$ (1,780.30)</b>	
<b>Mortgage Balance:</b>	<b>January 31, 2017</b>	<b>January 31, 2018</b>
	\$ 2,036,989.47	\$ 1,488,783.27
	<b>(\$ 548,206.20)</b>	

**Mortgage Balance on 12/31/2017**

**\$ 1,516,252.75**

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# Wyoming UMC

## YOUTH MINISTRY

"Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in What you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity". 1 Timothy 4:12

## March UPDATE!

upcoming  
events

March 4<sup>th</sup>: Youth Group, 6-8 PM

March 11<sup>th</sup>: Youth Group, 6-8 PM

March 19<sup>st</sup>: Youth Group, 6-8 PM

March 25<sup>th</sup>: Youth Group, 6-8 PM

The youth ministries of Wyoming Church are open to all youth in grades 6-12.

# Breaking Church Records...

On Super Bowl Saturday, we made a record **228 subs in 70 minutes** which is awesome! Thanks to all the parents and youth who helped in making and selling - and buying! them.

Thanks to **Pastor Rick** for being a **good sport** and announcing his **Eagles challenge** to the congregation which made our sub sales boom!

We raised \$502.29 for the youth account, \$237 in donations alone! We are very thankful for our church family who support the youth ministry in so many ways.

Kade Seip adding another sub to 200+, all custom-assembled by the WUMC youth.

No empty promises... Pastor Rick met his challenge... all the way!!

Sub...



Sub...



Sub...



Sub...



Sub!!



**Hey everyone!**  
**The**  
**rapids**  
**are**  
**heading**  
**our**  
**way!!**



Hard to believe it, but we are starting to gear up for this year's

## **Vacation Bible School** **"Rolling River Rampage!"**

The dates this year are

**June 18-22, 8:30 AM to 12:15 PM.**

As we all know, this is a huge team effort and takes many volunteers to make the week run smoothly. If you know you would like to help out, please contact me at [bjwhitey@comcast.net](mailto:bjwhitey@comcast.net). Kate Kleinot and I will be co-directing, and I will serve as the contact person. I will be reaching out to folks in the next few weeks to start getting our volunteer list filled. Also, please see our VBS wish list that we have started in case you are able to lend us any supplies for set needs (don't drag those Christmas trees to the attic yet)! You will have these items returned when the week is over! Thanks so much!! More to come!

Janna (Whitenight) and Kate

Do you have any of the following items to lend to our VBS set?? Items we're looking for include the following:

- Artificial Christmas trees of all sizes (with or without lights)
- Inflatable rafts six feet long or smaller
- Raft paddles
- Small camping stools



## ~ Wedding ~

**"Join us for a  
craic... till you're  
all knackered!"**

**(Irish for: Dance till you drop!)**

On Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, come to the ARC of Delaware "St. Patrick's Day Dance" in our Family Life Center to greet all the fans of the good Irish Saint ready to dance the night away again with their friends from the ARC! Watch their faces light up when they are greeted with your smile and warm Wyoming Church Welcome!

They start arriving at 6:30 pm and the music starts at 7:00 pm. Many will be all dressed up for the festivities, so you may want to wear your finest 'greenery', too!

This relationship with the ARC of Delaware over the years is through WUMC **A.C.C.E.S.S. (All God's Children Every Single Soul)** Team. If you are interested in being involved with this team, please call the Church Office.

Pastor Dave Hill officiated the wedding of Lauren Parker Massey & Travis Wade Maule at the Naval Academy Club, Annapolis, MD on January 13, 2018. Lauren is the daughter of Cort and Marilyn.



*May joy and peace surround you both,  
Contentment latch your door,  
And happiness be with you now,  
And love be cherished evermore*

### Marriage Stickers... continued from Page 5

As the apostle Paul reminds us in Galatians 6:9... *And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.*

*Lord God, we ask your continued blessings on our marriages. May we have the eyes to see your presence along our travels. May we have the ears to hear your words of encouragement and love through each other, and those around us. May our loving commitment to each other bring glory to you, dear Lord... Amen*



*Take One Day at a time, today,  
after all, is the tomorrow you worried  
about yesterday." (Billy Graham)*

*... for all the prayers, calls and cards we received during Donald's illness! We feel so blessed with the comfort of our loving and caring church family!*  
*Janice & Donald Watkins*

## ~ Our People ~

### ~ March Birthdays ~

3/1	Bryce Piazza, Linda Lyon	3/21	Shannon Papen, Joan Randolph, Heather Martino
3/2	Carol Abbott, Shannon Ritter	3/22	Dick Seyler, Blake Fennemore
3/3	Joe Hajec, Renate Purdy, Connie Hagen, Sheila Snyder	3/23	Chris Harris, Hank Baker, Wil Martin, Clara Gravatt
3/4	Evelyn Voshell, Richard Stockslager, Cindy Pearson, Jack Kling, Elaina Ditty	3/24	Lauren Massey
3/5	Melissa Piazza, Frank Sumpter, Jeff Williams	3/26	Hillary Martino, Sherry Semonavick
3/6	Jeffrey Purdy, Elayna Simpson	3/27	Louise Webb, Wayne Gordineer, BJ VanKavelaar
3/7	Joyce Stockslager	3/28	Carlton Passley, Shirley Hawkins
3/8	Sharon Burge, Gloria Barker, Rod Thompson	3/29	Mary Wilcutts, Donna McCartney
3/9	Tim Freidel, Carleigh Campbell, Gwen Robinson	3/30	Nancy Shively
3/10	Joan Davis	3/31	Stephanie Lighter, Charlotte Martinson, Kaylee Gorgoretti, Joann Makdad
3/11	Karen Priestley, Susan Higgins	4/01	Maddie Mastriana, Robert Kirby
3/12	Jordan Summers, Dana Sharpe, Gail Vella	4/02	Matthew Dotson, Irene Gillette, Hannah Cote
3/13	Dwight Meyer, Linda Taylor, Norma Van Etten	4/03	Ross Lancaster
3/14	Linda Marker	4/04	Doris Taylor, Cort Massey, Ian Pearson, Tyler Heffington, Alicia Sumpter
3/15	Betty Pazder, John Riggins	4/05	Kathy Deckard, Margaret Jones, Reileigh Gray
3/16	Colleen Robinson, Robert Hawkins	4/06	Rachel Edwards, Jim Klecan, Noah Delgado, Chris Kirby
3/18	Dylan Pearson, Chloe Malone		
3/19	Kathy Hoyme		
3/20	Walt Ramstedt		

## A Poem for your Birthday

### Get Over Yourself!

Liz Clements to her little sister, 2003

Since I'm one year ahead of you - thought I would warn you  
Of what lies ahead in the year set before you  
You've just become 40 - You're in disbelief  
But you're grateful you still have a full set of teeth  
Who would have thought **you** would get here so fast  
You begin to evaluate years that have passed

"Evaluate?" - wrong word - you simply freak out  
And you freak till you shriek and you just want to shout  
"Have I done all I could? Have I done what I must?"  
"Are there graders somewhere shaking heads in disgust?"  
"That I haven't done, should've done, could've done more?"  
"Did I miss opportunity's knock on my door?"  
"I'M FORTY!! - Good Lord! - Now my eyesight is changing!"  
"Along with my glasses - my life needs arranging!"  
"I need to see better to make my days count"  
"As the race to the finish becomes paramount"  
"Half my life's gone!!" you acknowledge with sorrow  
And you realize you're limited with your tomorrows  
"Have I nothing to show for the last forty years?"  
And you anguish this thought over coffee and tears.

All at once you are sidetracked - your attention is drawn  
To the birds playing aimlessly out on your lawn  
You remember a story once heard of the Father  
Who takes care of birds even though they don't bother  
To worry about when their next meal will come  
And all of your worry has left you quite numb  
And you notice the wind that caresses the trees  
As you humbly and desperately fall to your knees

"Have I done what I should? Have I done what I could?"  
"Tell me Lord - did I do all the things that you would?"  
"I feel like my life has flown by me too quick"  
"I have nothing to show and it's making me sick"

And He'll say...

"For the last forty years, I have been by your side"  
"And I sat as you drove and we didn't collide"  
"I gave you the road map and showed you the way"  
"For the most part you listened I'm happy to say"  
"Nothing to show? Oh my Dear, you're so wrong"  
"The notes that I have from our trip are quite long"  
"A daughter, a sister, a friend and a mother"  
"A hard working gal - a nurse like no other"  
"You've managed your schedule to be a scout leader"  
"To top it all off you're a Sunday School teacher"  
"Community giver - a strong, loving wife"  
"These are the things you can show for your life."

And you'll say...

"Well that's all well and good Lord - but is it enough?"  
"You **MUST** know I worry about all of this stuff"  
"Have I done what I should? Have I done what I could?"  
"Tell me Lord - did I do all the things that you would?"

And He'll say.....

"My Dear Child... GET OVER YOURSELF!!"  
"My dearly beloved - I need you to see"  
"This is not about you - this is ALL about ME"  
"I hear all your worry - I hear all your stress"  
"It's exactly those worries I want to address"  
"I'm listening to you and I know how you feel"  
"Let me give you the scoop - let me show you the deal"  
"All that you CAN be and all you have done"  
"Is a glorious tribute to Me and my Son"  
"For the next forty years if you want to do more"  
"Then reach down beside you and open the door"  
"Trade places with Me - let Me drive where I please"  
"Just relax in the backseat and give me the keys."



## ~ Baptisms ~

**Noelle and Gwen Robinson,**  
the daughters of Dan and Sandy  
Robinson, were baptized  
on February 18, 2018.



**Kelsey Orna Sunderman,** the daughter  
of Jon & Alison Massey Sunderman and  
granddaughter of Cort & Marilyn Massey,  
was baptized on February 18, 2018  
at the Calvary United Methodist Church  
in Frederick, MD.

The baptismal bonnet was handmade tatting by  
her maternal great-great grandmother passed  
down in the family.

## Spring is in the air...

Beautiful Music is just around the corner!

### April 23<sup>rd</sup> Spring Hymn Sing

@ Dover Place at 6:45 PM

All are invited to join their hearts and voices to praise the Lord. Not only the flowers will be blooming but you can bloom, too with the

joy and wonderful fellowship singing with the residents, it is just the nutrients you need to bloom.

If you need any additional information, please call Donna ☎ 331-0876



Check out some recipes from the 1950's  
Wyoming Church Cookbook on Page 15!

## You've been waiting for it... *Annual Progressive Dinner* It's on... **Saturday, March 17**

Starting with *Appetizers* at 5:30 PM  
at the home of Betsy & Jack Freidel  
☎ (302) 387-1586

... continuing with *Entrées*  
at the home of Renate & Bill Purdy  
☎ (302) 399-3898

... and concluding with *Desserts*  
at the home of Barbara & George Pettyjohn  
☎ (302) 736-1236

Please sign up at the 'Southern Dinner Table' in the narthex, and call your hosts to coordinate your choice of Appetizer or Entrée or Dessert dish you'll be contributing.

Please direct any general questions to Sharon Duncan ☎ (302) 698-1904 or Renate ☎ (302) 697-8400. If you need a recipe, please call our 'Southern gal' Barbara Pettyjohn.

## Southern Cuisine





## 'Green Season Mowers, Weed-Eaters And Edgers'

Several hardy and dedicated volunteer Mowers, Weed-eaters And Edgers who are willing to care for the North, East and South Church lawns are needed for the coming 'Green Season'. Please consider lending your valuable energy and talents to this very important effort to make our beloved Wyoming Church look its very best to the growing number of visitors and members as well as the thousands of folks that drive by each day. If you feel so led, please call Dave Yencer ☎ 222-2252 or Warren Field ☎ 242-5656 to discuss the opportunities to serve in this very worthwhile endeavor.

The first **Weed, Mulch And Feed** event of the Spring will occur on **Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>** (Rain Date March 24<sup>th</sup>) **from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon**

followed by a Luncheon --- 'Subs & Beverages' --- that will be served to all of the volunteers by members of the Sexton Kitchen Team in Conference Room 101. We will be concentrating on removing the 'Weeds' (actually these weeds are wildflowers and grasses that are in the wrong place at the wrong time) from the individual shrub and tree plantings as well as the Church's front shrubbery bed.

Upon the completion of the weeding around the base of each of the 'stand alone' tree and shrub plantings, mulch will be added.

The shrubbery bed that runs the length of the front of the Church will be mulched in its entirety at a later date.

If you would like to lend your good talents and great energy to this very worthwhile endeavor please sign at the 'Grounds Kiosk' in the Narthex. Bring your favorite garden tools, gloves and dress for the weather of the day. Terry Higgins [tmhiggins59@hotmail.com](mailto:tmhiggins59@hotmail.com) or ☎ 492-3354 or 363-5823.

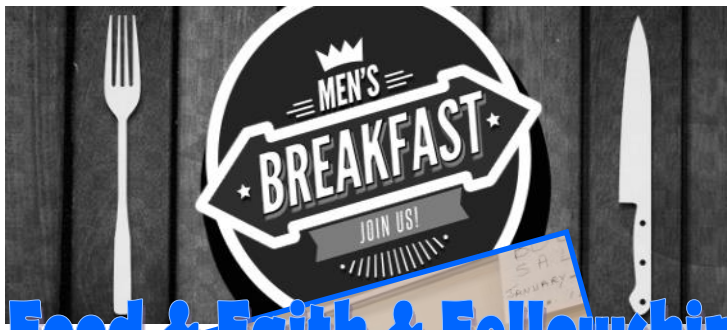
## Memorial Garden Brick ...

... orders are now being accepted for early Spring placement and continuing care in our Wyoming Church's Memorial Garden. The Bricks are an excellent way to honor the memory of loved ones as well as honoring the presence of current family members and friends.



If you have not taken the opportunity to do so, take a moment to look over the Bricks that are currently on display in the Narthex awaiting placement in the Garden.

Should you have any questions please contact Dave Yencer at ☎ 222-2252 or Terry Higgins at ☎ 492-3354.



The March 'ALL MEN ARE WELCOME' **Prayer Breakfast** will convene in the 'Backroom' at Hall's Restaurant on **Saturday, the 31<sup>st</sup> from 7:30 AM to 8:30 AM**. 'Prayers of Faith' will be the "Mini Message". Ordering from the menu we will enjoy good food, an uplifting message and great fellowship in a relaxed and informal setting. Bring a friend if you feel so led!

Information/Questions — Josh Turner ☎ 678-9818.

## Food & Faith & Fellowship & Family & Food & Faith

### FINAL 'Super, Souper, Soap Day' for the season!

From 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM in the Family Life Center - Chefs of the Sexton Kitchen Team, once again, preparing their hand-crafted soups. For a donation of \$4.00 you will receive a generous helping of your choice of HAM & BEAN, VEGETABLE BEEF or VEGETARIAN VEGGIE SOUP, as well as breads/rolls, dessert, and beverage. The 'Tastes Like Seconds' option will be available which means that for another donation of \$3.00 you can enjoy a second helping of your choice of menu soups.

As you plan for the forthcoming 2018 Fall Season please remember that the 2018 – 2019 Soup Day Season will begin on Wednesday, October the 10<sup>th</sup>.

*P.S.* to all of our fantastic

Congregational *Bakers* ---

**We need your very fine baked goods --- Thank You!**



## Food, Faith & Family

Your Sexton Kitchen Team's (SKT) Ministry Program of 'Food, Faith & Family' has just completed an extremely demanding and busy series of events during the past month of February. Specifically, almost one half of the days in the month of February were devoted to activities that were classified as either Extended Table or Bereavement events.

This month of March will be highlighted by the Team's responsibilities associated with the **Adult Fellowship Covered**

**Dish Dinner on Wednesday, the 7<sup>th</sup> of March** at 6:00 PM; **Soup Day** on Wednesday, March 14, from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM; **Maundy Thursday Meal at 5:30 PM on March 29** - all in the Family Life Center and **'Sonrise' Breakfast on Easter Morning, Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>** in the Family Life Center, immediately following the Sunrise Service at Wyoming's Mill Pond Park.

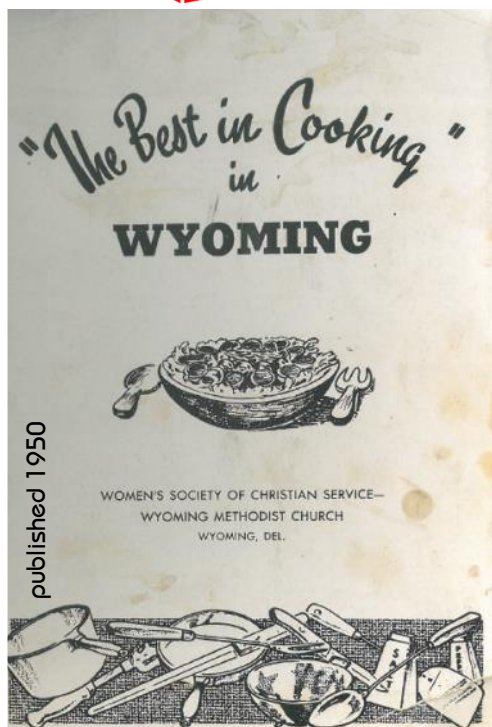
In response to a request from the Church Council, an Ad Hoc group from the SKT met to review the Team's Goals

and Objectives. A current draft of the Goals and Objectives has been prepared and, along with the Team's Policy Statements, will be presented at the Team's monthly meeting on Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Should you be led to consider membership in the SKT, Linda Booher, Team Chair, would be delighted to talk with you about the opportunities to lend your talents and time to the Team's program. Linda can be reached at ☎ (302) 632-7765.

## From the Church Cookbook

Wyoming United Methodist Church published a total of 5 cookbooks over the past 65 years. Every month, we will present a recipe that has been a cherished part of the great Methodist tradition of food & fellowship!



### BAKED ONIONS

Mrs. Emma Collison

Onions  
2 Tbsp. butter  
2 Tbsp. flour  
1 c. milk

1/4 tsp. salt  
Pinch pepper  
3/4 c. cheese, grated  
Bread crumbs, buttered

Cook onions until tender in salt water. Melt butter over slow fire, add flour and stir until well blended. Pour the milk in stirring constantly. Add salt and pepper, stir thoroughly. Cook until raw starch taste has left sauce. Add cheese and stir until melted. Put onions in baking dish and pour sauce over them. Sprinkle bread crumbs and brown in oven.

## Staples for the Progressive Dinner Table...

### SPOON CORNBREAD

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Jackson

1 c. cornmeal  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1 c. boiling water  
1/2 c. milk

2 eggs  
1 Tbsp. butter, melted  
2 tsp. baking powder

Combine cornmeal and salt; add boiling water; mix well. Add milk; beat thoroughly. Beat in 2 eggs and butter and baking powder. Bake in buttered pan.

...on March 17 - see Page 12

### MOLASSES COOKIES


Mrs. Alice Roush Brown

1 pt. molasses  
1 c. brown sugar  
1 c. lard  
1 c. buttermilk

1 tsp. ginger  
1 tsp. salt  
1 Tbsp. soda  
Flour to make soft dough

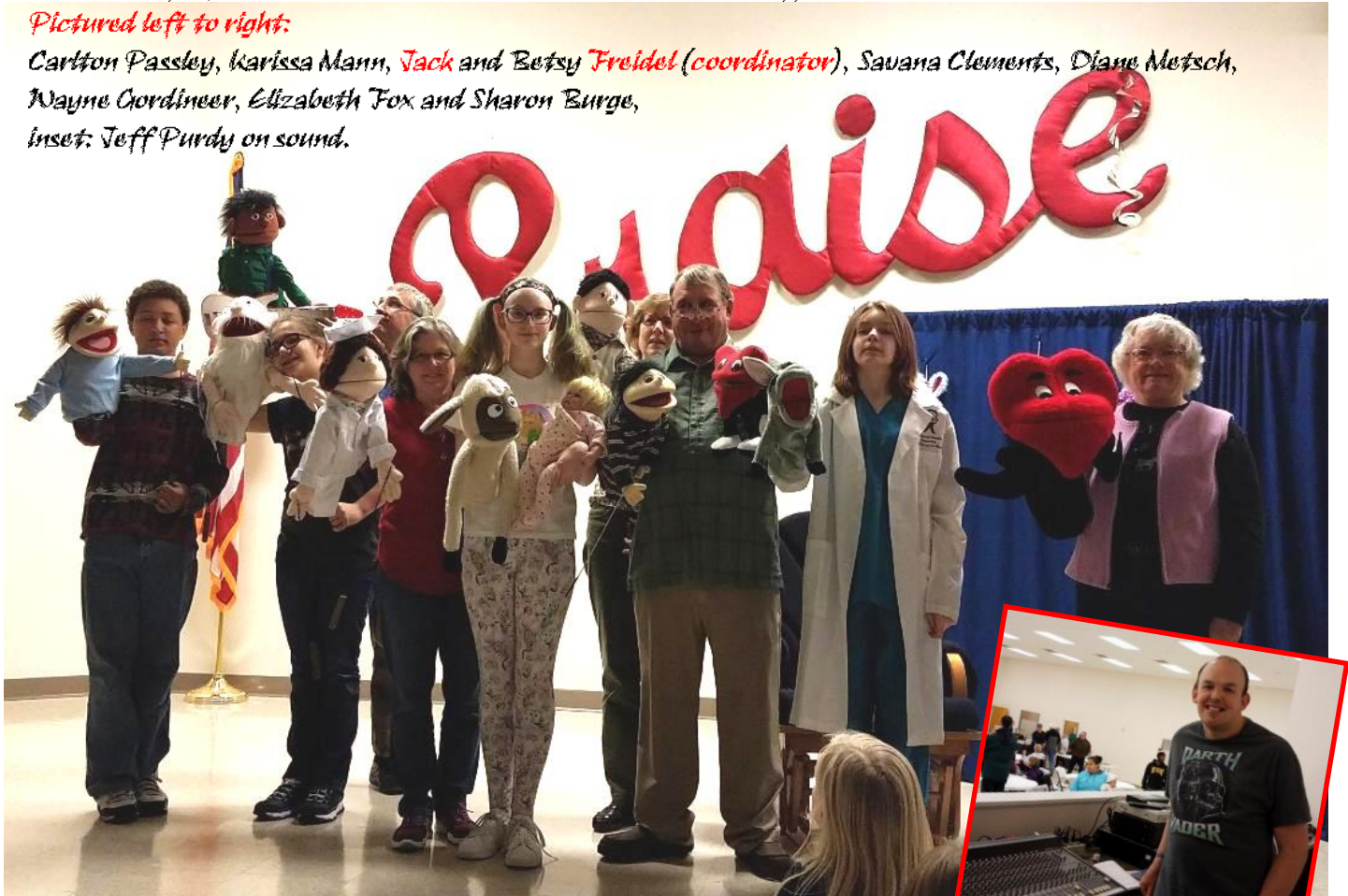
Mix very soft dough using spoon, put in a cool place for several hours. Roll out and cut, keeping the dough as soft as possible. Before baking, brush over the cookies with a beaten egg.

For more refined "Southern" recipes, call Barbara at ☎ 736-1236

*"Look in your !" Thank you, WUMC Puppets of Praise for this most entertaining and inspiring musical you performed at the recent Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper.*

*Pictured left to right:*

*Carlton Passley, Karissa Mann, Jack and Betsy Freidel (coordinator), Savana Clements, Diane Metsch, Wayne Gordineer, Elizabeth Fox and Sharon Burge, Inset: Jeff Purdy on sound.*



*"We say to our children, 'Act like grown-ups,' but Jesus said to the grown-ups, 'Be like children.'" (Billy Graham)*



**Look out for "Faith Build",  
the WUMC-sponsored  
Habitat for Humanity  
project in May -  
more info coming...**

*Pictured:  
WUMC Habitat "Apostles Build"  
project 2015*



# SEWING DAY OF SERVICE

Calling all sewers and helpers: Outreach and Helping Hands Quilt Guild are sponsoring a Sewing Day of Service on **Saturday, March 17 from 9AM to 2PM** in the Wyoming Church Family Life Center. Those who sew may bring their machines and equipment to spend the day in fellowship and sewing. Those who don't sew, are very helpful because they iron and help with non-sewing tasks that facilitate a fast turn-around with tasks.

Some projects that will be worked on will be bags for school supplies that go to UMCOR as well as pillow cases for cancer patients. All materials will be provided.

If sewing, please, bring a long extension cord and all will need a lunch. Come for any part of the day you can!

Questions? Call Mary Dawn Ditty ☎ (302)883-3037. Join the fun!

**On the fourth Monday of each month** (March 26), WUMC provides the evening meal for the 40 residents at Interfaith **Mission in Dover**. The people live there temporarily while trying to become self-sufficient. Please look at the Mission Dinner Table in the narthex what's needed each month. Food is due at church by noon on Monday or call Betty Harvath ☎ (302) 697-6617 to make other arrangements. Helpers meet at the mission at 684 Forest St, Dover, DE 19904 and help for about 1 1/2 hours. Sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

Take a turn, **the blessings will be yours!**

**On Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**at 10:00 a.m.** we will have the  
opportunity to package over 10,000  
meals for **Rise Against Hunger.**  
This will be the third year we have  
participated in this wonderful event.

Anyone can participate and there are jobs for all ages, from 8 to 85!

This is an Outreach sponsored event, however, our Youth Group will be helping to set up and participate with us and the congregation will have an opportunity to donate towards the cost of the meals which is just over \$2,900. On Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, you will find an envelope in your bulletins marked **‘Rise Against Hunger’**.

If you wish to make a donation other than on that Sunday, please mark your checks accordingly.

***This is an exciting event and one that will feed 10,000 people who are suffering from hunger all over the world.***

**Please consider helping out!!**

Take a turn, **the blessings will be yours!**

**Outreach Outreach Outreach Outreach Outreach**



**Rise**<sup>SM</sup>  
**AGAINST HUNGER**  
 food • community • sustainability

## On the Threshold

While working for the Delaware Department of Transportation, I was attending the TRB (Transportation Research Board) Conference in Washington, D.C. On the third day and after a grueling morning of presentations of overhead projected charts, graphs, and tables, mercifully a lunch recess was declared. I walked out of the cavernous meeting room at the Sheraton and, as I exited the building, was happy to inhale some crisp January air after breathing the recycled hotel air, know what I mean? A dozen or so of us made our way to a quaint little eatery located about a half mile from the seminar site. After an enjoyable repast and two cups of coffee, a PennDOT office secretary and I were first to pay up and leave. As we began the slow walk back to the Sheraton, the most interesting event of my DC trip was about to unfold. "What do you think happened to me?" he said. I looked to my left and saw a fellow, in his mid to late 50's, who was clad in some worn trousers, a military field jacket, and terrible looking boots. Over his right shoulder was a sack of what was probably his sole possessions or some street items he had picked up during the morning. Although he hadn't shaved for some time and his hair was uncombed, I was startled by the contradiction between his appearance and his clear, well-spoken question to me. "How's it going, man?" I replied. "Going our way?" He seemed pleased at the opportunity to converse with someone but my PennDOT friend, looking rather uncomfortable with our new arrival, slipped back to our lunch time group now leaving the dining spot. He stuck out his hand and said, "Dave's the name". "Mine too" I said and couldn't help but notice the firm grip and eye to eye contact during our hand shake. "Did something happen to you?" I asked.

About a year ago, Dave answered, something began to happen to his body and mind and he couldn't figure out what was happening. "I got out of the rack one morning and everything seemed different", he said. Not many people refer to a bed as a rack; I had to ask him. "Dave, did you serve in the military?" "Sure did, the United States Marine Corps." I hoped this wasn't a developing stolen valor incident and was compelled to put him through my little test to make sure he wasn't a Marine wannabe. He comfortably explained where the Iwo Jima monu-

ment was in relation to the Parris Island parade deck, who Chesty Puller was, and the significance of the red stripe on the NCO uniform. Sure enough, I concluded, he is family, a United States Marine.

The upper of his left boot flopped up and down as we walked toward the Sheraton. I asked if he'd tried to get help from the Veteran's Administration. Dave said he went but they couldn't find anything wrong with him. Not everyone wants to walk the streets of DC, I thought, this guy just fell through the cracks of the system. As things turned out, Dave was one of the many unfortunate people nationwide who were victims of that sickening euphemism "downsizing". I wonder which came first, his bad health and then the loss of his employment, or was it reversed. A chicken or the egg scenario with lousy results no matter how it came down, I concluded. Dave asked what I did for a living and then got the story on how I went from hauling steel on the DelDOT drill rig as a laborer to becoming a professional civil engineer. "You're to be congratulated, David, on your accomplishment." Again, the sincerity in his eyes and the clarity of his sentence betrayed his outward appearance and the jangling sack of items on his shoulder. I liked this guy.

We were now just across the street from the Sheraton. There were so many questions still to be asked. "Dave, you hungry? I have twenty bucks, you want it?" "I'm OK today" he said. He was on his way to a Catholic church where one of the priests would give him a few hours of work and some pay. "Straight scoop?" I asked. "I'm good" was all he replied.

We were now in the street where the covered walkway worked its way from the sidewalk to the entrance of the Sheraton. It was nearing 1:00 and the well-dressed folks who were attending the TRB Seminar were bustling toward the entrance from all directions. I looked, for a second, at the professional women in their brown and gray business garb and the properly attired navy blue pinstripe suited men and then turned my attention to Dave. We were each standing with one foot in the street and one on the sidewalk. As I stood on the threshold of my world, and he on his, we shook hands for one last time. The folks

who I dined with twenty minutes ago gave us a wide berth as they entered the hotel. No words were spoken during our last hand shake; the communication was now a visual thing. And just for those few seconds when we locked eyeballs, we knew there was a common bond of respect between us and that we wished each other only the best.

I walked up to the hotel and couldn't help but be thankful for my employment and mused that, with a few bad breaks, any one of us could find ourselves in a situation not unlike that of my DC friend. All homeless people have a story; listen to them, help them, and count your blessings. As I passed through the door and stepped onto the plush red carpet of the warm and cozy vestibule of the Sheraton, I glanced through the huge lobby window to see Dave as he switched the sack to his right shoulder and trudged up the hill.

*David Van Kavelaar*

*Published in the February 1998 edition of the DelDOT Dispatch. It is edited here to not include other names of employees and to take out seminar info. The lunch and homeless man did occur as presented.*





Top: Goodies in abundance - Betty and Melissa setting the table  
Left & Below: Food for hungry souls who found a home for a cold winter's night at Wyoming Church.



Thank you so much to all who helped out during our most recent **Code Purple** week that ended in early February. Your efforts and donations are very much appreciated!! To recap, you kept over 20 men a night warm, fed and cared for during the bitter cold! We gave out new socks, coats, gloves, clothes, book bags filled with essentials, and lunch bags made by our Sunday School kids that included sweet and inspiring notes to encourage our guests. It's so great watching you all work together to be the blessing!!

Our next **Code Purple** week at WUMC begins on 2/25/18 weather permitting. We will do our best to let our volunteers know as far in advance as possible as to whether we

will be open or not. There are a few volunteer slots that still need to be filled on the overnight from 3/3 to 3/4, if you are able to help out, please call ☎ (215) 808-5867.

Blessings to all of our wonderful volunteers for all that you do!!

*Melissa Mann, WUMC Code Purple Coordinator*



## Blessings to our Homeless Friends

On January 28th, the 3rd, 4th and 5th grade Sunday School class put together Blessing Bags for the men in **Code Purple** to take when they left in the morning. They included cards, socks, gloves, band aids, food, snacks, hand warmers and more. We prayed that the men who received these bags would be blessed. The kids were so happy to be able to help others!





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To: You!



March  
Memory Verse

**“We are the **Bibles**  
the world is reading;  
we are the **creeds** the world is needing;  
we are the **sermons** the world is heeding.”**

**Billy Graham (1918-2018)**

**Maundy Thursday, March 29**

**5:30 PM** Supper & Communion in the Family Life Center

*(sign up for crockpots of soup in the church lobby, Linda Booher ☎ 632-7765)*

**Good Friday, March 30**

**7 to 7 - Prayer & Meditation in the Sanctuary**

**Easter Sunday, April 1**

**6:30 AM** Community Son-Rise Service at Wyoming Park

Wyoming Church will once again partner with 7 local Christian churches to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ on this glorious Easter morning! Join us for a hearty breakfast in the Family Life Center after the service.

**8:30 AM, 9:45 AM, 11 AM** Festive Easter Worship