



February, 2018 Faith Christian News "Journeying Together"



Pastor Terri's Thought Corner

Oh my goodness did January ever go quickly. As we take this faith journey together and as we prepare for Lent; let's reflect on all of the wonderful things that have been

CHURCH CALENDAR



and he who abides in love
abides in God, and God in him.

Sunday, Feb. 4

9:30 am. Christian Ed. classes

10:30 am. Worship

Saturday, Feb. 10

9-3 Threadbare Ladies

3:30 - 6:30 pm. Fellowship Hall is being used

Sunday, Feb. 11

9:30 am. Christian Ed. classes

10:30 am. Worship

Monday, Feb. 12

10 am. Monthly Bible Study

Tuesday, Feb. 13

5:30 pm. Council – following this meeting the Church Growth Ad Hoc Committee will meet.

accomplished and let's plan for many new and exciting adventures ahead.

Perhaps we can use this time to recharge, renew and draw closer to God. The following story was taken from an "Interfaith Service Blog"

One day, the Devil decided to close up shop in a certain part of the world, and so he decided to hold a fire sale and an attitude auction. Some evil people were pleased to get his tools like fear, ignorance and prejudice and be able to play his infernal games at half price. But one person seeking to be more spiritual and caring wandered into the shop. Intensely curious, he looked around at all the tricks of deception and the tools of malice, until he spotted the quality on the highest shelf that had the highest price. Boldly, he asked the devil what that quality was, and why was it so expensive. The devil replied, "That is discouragement." Why is it so expensive the person asked? That's simple responded the devil. It's my favorite. With the tool of discouragement, I can pry into any person or any group and cause all kinds of havoc and damage.

Let's not be discouraged by the challenges that are ahead. Let's uncover the diamonds that lie in the dust and find new opportunities to share the love of Christ and also to remind ourselves of his never ending grace.

Blessings and Peace.
Pastor Terri

40 Days of Lent: Find your own spiritual path - Begins Feb. 14

While you may be aware of this Lenten season leading up to Easter, you may wonder how you might "observe a holy Lent."

There is no one prescribed way. Instead, we are each encouraged to find our own method of

Wednesday, Feb. 14

7 pm. Ash Wednesday service at South Side Christian Church

Saturday, Feb. 17

7 - 9 pm. Valentine Game Night

Sunday, Feb. 18

9:30 am. Christian Ed. classes

10:30 am. Worship

7 pm. Lenten service at Westside United Methodist

Saturday, Feb. 24

9-3 Threadbare Ladies

9:30 - 4:30 pm. Communion Training in the Library/Youth Rm.

Sunday, Feb. 25

9:30 am. Christian Ed. classes

10:30 am. Worship

7 pm. Lenten service at Gomer Congregational

Monday, Feb. 26

10 am. Mission Committee Mtg.

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Total amount donated from Faith Christian in 2017 was 2007 pounds; best contributor of all participating churches - Way to Go folks! Always appreciated in the winter are soups as well as spaghetti sauce, packs of flavored drinks, etc.

"GIVE TO" rather than "Give Up" CHALLENGE

During Lent, which begins Feb. 14, you are challenged to put aside one item/day for the Food Pantry. Bring in your donations on Sunday mornings. Lent concludes on Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018

confronting our sinfulness, remembering our mortality, and giving thanks for the gift of salvation we receive through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Fasting - One of the more common practices is to give something up for Lent. We fast to reorient ourselves away from the distraction of those things, and back TOWARD God. Another way to reorient your life TOWARD God, is to [focus on devotional practices](#) like Bible study and prayer during the season.

Bible reading - Many do not know where to begin when reading the Bible. Consider a daily devotional book such as "Our Daily Bread" [available @ church] ; check online devotions for Lent; there are a gazillion. Each day these provide a scripture passage and wonderfully thought-provoking and spirit-enriching material to read and think about.

Service - Another way to observe a holy Lent is [to take on a new](#) way of serving. Throughout the forty days of the season you can adopt a new habit of volunteering in the community, making special financial gifts to service organizations, singing in the choir, or participating in a small group[come to Sunday School], to name a few.

Rest - An important practice with which many of us struggle is [the spiritual discipline of rest or Sabbath](#). We don't have to rest on Saturday, the traditional Sabbath day, or even Sunday. You can instead find moments during an ordinary day to be *still* in God's presence. You might choose to spend a few minutes during lunch with a [desktop meditation](#), listen to sermons on your commute, or [read a poem that feeds your spirit](#). Each can be a great way of enriching your Lent. May your Lenten journey be a time of reflection about God and your life - done your way.

VALENTINE'S GAME NIGHT SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17th 7 - 9 pm.



Kid board games, crafts and video games in the teen room. Adult games and refreshments in Calvin Hall. Photo booth and props. Fun for ALL AGES !!

What can you do?

- Bring games and snacks to share
- Invite friends and family, especially those who may not have a special someone to spend Valentine's Day with

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering Coming Soon

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education and opportunity. OGHS offering helps to improve the lives of people in challenging situations. Our gifts to OGHS become blessings to people we don't know and blesses in ways we can't expect. We can make a difference beyond what we can imagine. Please consider giving to this important special offering this year. Date received will be announced later.

Evening Lenten Services 2018

Date - Church

2/14 Ash Wed. South Side Christian

Rev. Joshua Andrews

2/21 Westside UMC

Rev. Todd Cosart

2/25 Gomer Congregational

Rev. Bruce Tumblin

3/4 Immanuel UMC

Pastor Terri Haithcock

3/11 Market St. Presbyterian

Rev. Dr. David Brown

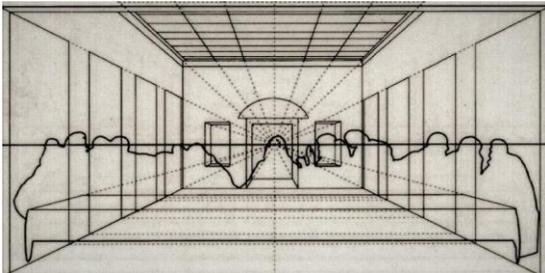
3/18 First Evangelical & Reformed

Pastor Jim Wilder

3/30 Good Friday First Baptist Church



ALL SERVICES BEGIN AT 7:00 PM.



What would your version of The Last Supper look like in 2018?

Draw, Paint, sculpt, mold, live art (or any other art form) of your version of the "Last Supper" in 2018.

Put a price tag on your art and someone may just purchase it.

FAITH CHRISTIAN IS HOSTING **AN ART SHOW**

You're Invited to...

Continue the Resurrection journey by expressing yourself thru an art form of your choice.

When: Saturday, April 7, 2017

Time: 1:00 PM-8:00 PM

If you would like to exhibit your version of the Last Supper, Please Email your Name, Address, Phone number and Chosen media form to:

faithcc1@midohio.twcbc.com

February Birthdays & Anniversaries

1 - Kateena Russell
3 - Rachel Ryan
6 - JoAnne Urish
8 - Jessica Avery
14 - Dorothy Winget
21 - George Morgan
21 - Jim Cooper
24 - Lianna Hicks

ANNIVERSARY - 16th - Howard & Mary Ann Hunt

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