

**February 2018**



## **“LIGHT FROM THE HILL”**

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### The Session

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| <b>Barb Banks</b>      | <b>Debbie Hill</b>   | <b>Jim Sisitki</b>     |
| <b>Janis Baun</b>      | <b>Donna Kanouff</b> | <b>Barbara Meese</b>   |
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### The Board of Deacons

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## **From the Pastor’s Desk...**

*And I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. - Philemon 6*

In my annual report for 2017, I, for the second year in a row, highlighted four areas of growth I feel the Holy Spirit ‘nudging me to focus on. Personally and for our church. As I detailed a year ago, these areas are...

- Nudging me (and hopefully us) to not be complacent. We really haven’t done a lot of outreach, evangelism, and service. As we go into a new year, do you see ways in which we can increase this emphasis?
- Nudging me (and hopefully us) into becoming a more of a regional church, as we seem to be reaching people from a wide area between Indiana and Punxsutawney. We also seem to be very different than the Presbyterian churches in both Indiana and Punxsutawney, and that diversity may give us opportunity of reaching people that some of those other churches can’t. And, of course, vice versa. Please read 1 Corinthians 12 or Romans 12 to understand deeper what I’m pointing at.
- Nudging me (and hopefully us) into mission. It’s fairly easy for me to send money to very worthy causes, and I’m delighted when I (or we) can. It’s more difficult to send ourselves into the field and see results the Lord might create through us. Mission fields exist in our community, county, state and out to the four corners of the world (I know the world doesn’t have corners, but still). Where is the Lord wanting to send you, me, and maybe us? I have ideas and can always, always use more.
- Nudging me (and hopefully us) into deeper relationships with our Lord. My reading of Scripture over the past two years shows powerfully that there is this constant call for fidelity to our God. Yes we have the grace of Jesus Christ that enfolds us. But the call is still relevant, if not more so when we consider what Jesus did for each and every one of us.

Over the next few months I’ll be using this space to hopefully put some flesh onto this thinking. We have made some strides...but we need to push forward.

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Let me briefly touch on point one. What have you personally done to reach others for Christ? Paul, in the quote from his short letter to a leader name Philemon, points out one simple way to do evangelism. Talk with people about your faith! You don't need to have a degree in theology; you don't need to have the Bible memorized, you don't need to have some sort of dramatic conversion story... what you do need is to understand a bit about what you believe and why. And then share it! Share your story. Who is Jesus to you...and why.

Sometimes things that we think are difficult...are quite simple. I'll write more on this later. But for now, remember....

God loves you and so do I!

-Pastor Chris

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## **FEBRUARY 2018 WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS**

### **February 4, 2018**

Scripture: Isaiah 40:11-21

#### **“Lord of All”**

The Israelites were afraid to return from exile. What fears do we have that keep us from being all that God wants us to be? The Lord's Supper will be observed.



### **February 11, 2018**

Scripture: Mark 9:2-12

#### **“Goofy Faith!” (Boy Scout Sunday)**

Peter's response at the transfiguration can simply be described as goofy. There are a number of times in the Bible when great believers respond oddly. Yet God forgives and redeems even those responses.

### **February 14, 2018 – Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 p.m.**

### **February 18, 2018**

Scripture: Isaiah 41:1-13

#### **“Fear Not! - Courage”**

From the early days of the Hebrews God's message of “Fear Not” was helped build up their courage; and ultimately fulfilled in Jesus!

### **February 25, 2018**

Scripture: Luke 5:1-10

#### **“Fear Not! - Inadequacy”**

Simon is afraid that he is inadequate and unworthy. We have the same fears, and the fears are well founded! Jesus wants to use us anyway.



### **March 4, 2018**

Scripture: Mark 4:35-41

#### **“Fear Not! - Circumstances”**

The disciples are filled with fear because of the circumstance they find themselves in. Like them, sometimes we forget who is in the boat with us.

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**February 10<sup>th</sup> Valentine's Dinner...** Those going on the Mission Trip will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner as a way to raise funds for the trip. Treat your Valentine to a great dinner of spaghetti, salad, drink and dessert for just \$8 and also help our mission trip members get a little closer to their goal needed for the trip in June to the Navajo Reservation in Chinle Arizona.



## THE REASON FOR GOD

Why does God allow suffering in the world? How could a loving God send people to Hell? Why isn't Christianity more inclusive? How can one religion be "right" and the others "wrong"? Why have so many wars been fought in the name of God? These are just a few of the questions and doubts even ardent believers wrestle with today.

Join us on Wednesday evenings in Lent as we work our way through questions like those using a video series by Tim Keller called "The Reason For God"

Keller uses literature, philosophy, real-life conversations, and reasoning to explain how faith in a Christian God is a soundly rational belief, held by thoughtful people of intellectual integrity with a deep compassion for those who truly want to know the truth.

The study will start on Wednesday evening February 21 at 7:00 p.m. and will run through March 28. Come join in on Wednesday evenings.



**Wednesdays**  
**STARTING FEBRUARY 21 @ 7:00 P.M.**  
**FELLOWSHIP HALL**  
(Featuring videos by Tim Keller)

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## NEWSLETTER CHANGES....

Starting in 2018, the postal service has required some changes in the way we do mass mailings. To summarize, it will be much more difficult now to send out such mailings (like the newsletter) as we'll have to work out of the Indiana post office.

So we thought this might be a good time to try something different, and perhaps save a little money in the process.

**We have had a tremendous response to receiving the newsletter by email. The fact that you received a copy by mail means we have not heard from you.** We are down to mailing about 50-55 copies. If you have not responded and would be able to receive the newsletter by email, please respond to Beth in the office by dropping her an email at [pcmarionsecretary@comcast.net](mailto:pcmarionsecretary@comcast.net) to be added to the list.

The email you will receive will give you a link that allows you to open and download the newsletter and print it up if you would so wish. Minimally you can view it on your computer or tablet – and all in living color!

If you'd like a preview as to what the newsletter looks like electronically, visit our church website and visit the newsletter page ([marionpres.org/newsletters](http://marionpres.org/newsletters)) and then click on the link of your choice!



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## Pysanky Egg Decorating...

Susie Enoch will once again be sharing her knowledge of Pysanky Egg Decorating with anyone who would like to learn. (children, parents, grandparents and friends)

The class will run thru Lent and will be held on Sunday evenings. Cost will be \$10, this covers tools and supplies. (You will need to supply your own medium eggs, a candle and some paper towels) If you already have tools, and want to refresh/continue learning, the cost will be \$2 for community supplies. Have questions or want more details, call Susie at 724-471-8525. The first class will be February 11<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 p.m. in the basement of the church. Please sign-up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex or contact Susie as soon as possible so she can make sure she has enough supplies.



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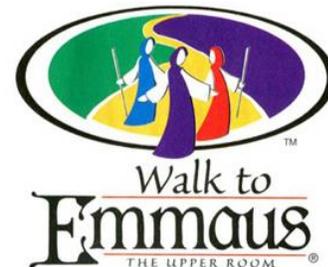
**Blood Drive Success...**The Deacons and the Red Cross would like to thank those that took part in the recent blood drive. We were able to collect 11 units of blood!



## WALK TO EMMAUS

Have you given this any thought? A “Walk to Emmaus” weekend may be the greatest gift you will ever receive.

The Walk to Emmaus is an experience of Christian spiritual renewal intended to strengthen the local church through the development of Christian disciples and leaders. The experience is a three-day short course in Christianity comprised of fifteen talks by lay and clergy on the themes of God's grace, disciplines of Christian discipleship, and what it means to be the church. The course is wrapped in prayer and meditation, special times of worship and daily celebration of Holy Communion. It is an opportunity to meet Jesus Christ in a new way as God's grace and love is revealed to you through other believers.



There are Walk to Emmaus communities throughout the world, the closest to Marion Center is the Three Rivers Walk to Emmaus which is based out of Pittsburgh.

It is not too early to consider attending the next scheduled Walk to Emmaus weekends; scheduled for May 10-13, 2018 for men and May 17-20, 2018 for women. We cannot recommend these weekends any higher; for many people they are a highlight of their walk with Jesus Christ. Interested?

If you are interested please speak with Bob or Jennie Henry, Gary and Donna Kanouff, or Pastor Chris or Susie Enoch. Or...all of us! It's an amazing weekend that you will cherish the rest of your lives.

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES FEBRUARY 2018 THROUGH JULY 2018

|                                     |  |                  |                  |                              |
|-------------------------------------|--|------------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday School</b>                | <b>Sundays Sept through May</b>          | <b>R &amp; S</b> | <b>7:00 p.m.</b> | <b>1<sup>st</sup> Monday</b> |
| <b>Adult</b>                        | <b>9:30 a.m.</b>                         | <b>Session</b>   | <b>7:00 p.m.</b> | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Monday</b> |
| <b>Pre-School to 8<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>during worship</b>                    | <b>Deacons</b>   | <b>6:30 p.m.</b> | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Monday</b> |
| <b>Worship</b>                      | <b>10:30 a.m. Sunday</b>                 | <b>Worship</b>   | <b>7:00 p.m.</b> | <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Monday</b> |
| <b>Holy Communion</b>               | <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Every Month</b> | <b>M &amp; M</b> | <b>7:00 p.m.</b> | <b>4<sup>th</sup> Monday</b> |
| <b>Prayer Group</b>                 | <b>8:00 a.m. Monday</b>                  |                  |                  |                              |
| <b>Material Girl Sewing</b>         | <b>10:00 a.m. Mondays</b>                |                  |                  |                              |
| <b>Choir</b>                        | <b>7:30 p.m. Thursdays</b>               |                  |                  |                              |

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| <b>FEBRUARY</b> | 4 Souper Bowl Offering<br>Beacon Ridge @ 2p.m.  | <b>MAY</b>  | 3 National Day of Prayer                             |
|                 | 10 Presbytery Mtg. @Brookville  |             | 6 Beacon Ridge @ 2p.m.                               |
|                 | 10 Mission Trip Fundraiser<br>Valentines Dinner   |             | 8 Presbytery Meeting @ Strader Grove                 |
|                 | 14 Ash Wednesday Service 7 p.m.   |             | 10-13 Mens Walk to Emmaus                            |
|                 | 18 After Worship Prayer   |             | 13 Mother's Day                                      |
|                 | 21 Lenten Bible Study 7p.m.   |             | 17-20 Womens Walk to Emmaus                          |
|                 | 28 Lenten Bible Study 7p.m.   |             | 20 Pentecost   |
|                 |   |             | Communicants Join the Church                         |
|                 |   |             | After Worship Prayer Service                         |
|                 |   |             | 28 Memorial Day – Community Parade                   |
| <b>MARCH</b>    | 7 Lenten Bible Study 7 p.m.   | <b>JUNE</b> | 3 Graduate Recognition                               |
|                 | 11 Daylight Savings Time starts   |             | Deacon's Social following worship                    |
|                 | 14 Lenten Bible Study 7p.m.   |             | 16-23 Navajo Mission Trip                            |
|                 | 17 Mission Trip Fundraiser<br>St. Patrick's Day Breakfast   |             | 17 Father's Day                                      |
|                 | 18 After Worship Prayer   |             | 25-26 Family Promise Outreach                        |
|                 | 19-20 Family Promise Outreach   | <b>JULY</b> | 15 Beacon Ridge @ 2 p.m.                             |
|                 | 21 Lenten Bible Study 7p.m.   |             | 15-19 Vacation Bible School<br>@ MC Methodist Church |
|                 | 24 Roast Beef Dinner 4-7 p.m.   |             | 29 Worship at Blue Spruce<br>w/picnic to follow      |
|                 | 25 Palm Sunday<br>Kids Activity 2-4 p.m.  |             |  |
|                 | 28 Lenten Bible Study 7p.m.   |             |  |
|                 | 29 Maundy Thursday Service 7p.m.  |             |  |
| <b>APRIL</b>    | 1 Easter Sunday<br>6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service @ The Barn<br>w/refreshments following<br>10:30 a.m. Worship |             |  |
|                 | 8 April Communion   |             |  |
|                 | 15 Heritage Quartet   |             |  |
|                 | 22 After Worship Prayer   |             |  |
|                 | 28 Ham Dinner 4-7 p.m.  |             |  |

## Looking Ahead



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| February 4  | Communion<br>Souper Bowl Offering for ICCAP       |
| February 10 | Spaghetti Dinner 4-7 p.m.                         |
| February 14 | Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.                   |
| February 18 | After Worship Prayer                              |
| February 21 | Lenten Bible Study "The Reason for God" 7:00 p.m. |
| February 28 | Lenten Bible Study "The Reason for God" 7:00 p.m. |

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**March 25, 2018 from 2-4 p.m.  
at the Church**



Come for an afternoon of fun, hear the Easter Story,  
make an Easter Craft,  
search for Eggs and take home an Easter Goodie Bag!  
Kids 6th grade and younger are invited to attend  
Parent supervision is required

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### Prayer Requests

#### **Rest Home Folks:**

St. Andrews - Grace Gromley  
Crystal Waters - Irene Fairman & Charles Wallace  
Arc Manor - Erma Griffith

#### **Active Military Service:**

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| Greg Lydic      | Eric T. Buterbaugh |
| Matthew Baker   | Dan Kessler        |
| Rusty Juart Jr. | Howard Bronsen Jr. |
| Dylan Wells     | Louis Good         |

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| Jason Ratay        |
| Andrew Linsenmeier |
| Ryan Hennessay     |
| Matt Moore         |

#### **Missionaries**

Musange Presbyterian Church (Rwanda)  
Michael & Rachel Weller – Ethiopia

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| Benjamin Eaton |
| Dan Wozniak    |
| Michael Pappal |
| Brianna Fulmer |

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

4 Isaac Haney

5 Diane Sellers

12 Stephanie Baun  
Elaine Edwards

20 Mabel Millen  
Ed Turner

21 Lynette Clawson  
Anne Shannon

22 Nancy Laird

26 Bev Gatskie



**Milestone Anniversaries**

13 Fred & Connie Eaton - 30<sup>th</sup>

14 Dave & Nancy Laird - 60<sup>th</sup>

25 Ray & Doris Glasser - 67<sup>th</sup>



**FEBRUARY LAYLEADERS**

4 Lorrie Gallo

11 Nancy Laird

18 Jim Sisitki

25 Nancy Laird

**FEBRUARY GREETERS**

4 Lewis Slade Family

11 Boots Belardinelli & Dee Donald

18 Jeff Beasom Family

25 Ken & Donna Black

**FEBRUARY USHERS**

Bob Henry, Jan Gallo,

Doug Mouser and Karl Lightcap

**FEBRUARY ACOLYTES**

4 Katie Moore & Ryan Kanouff

11 Luke Slade & Shaylynn Duffy

18 Morgan Chichy & Lennon Brown

25 Maggie Hood & Miranda Leasure

**DEACON OF THE MONTH**

Betsy Sisitki

**ELDER OF THE MONTH**

Debbie Hill

**MARCH GREETERS**

4 Calvin & Bobbie Farren

11 Warren & Jennifer Frederick

18 Chuck & Linda Glasser

25 Ron & Debbie Frankoff

**MARCH USHERS**

Ashley Anthony, Jamie Duffy

Lorrie Gallo and Beth Turner



February 10<sup>th</sup> 4-7 p.m.



February 14<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.