

"LIGHT FROM THE HILL"

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January 2018

From the Pastor's Desk...

BLESS THE LORD

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. Psalm 103:1-2

The other day I woke up early. Wayyy too early.

Among the first things I did was check my email. Bad habit I suppose, but I look forward to the early morning posts from Bible Gateway giving me just a short piece of Scripture to mediate and pray on. And on this particular morning, what came in my email was the passage shared above.

And so, as I started praying, these things (among others) came up in my mind...

- A friend who had just lost their job....
....*O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!*
- A ministerial colleague who is struggling in their ministry...
...*Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.*
- An acquaintance who is suffering with chronic illness.
...*Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!*
- A family that has had three deaths in it over the past month...
...*Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.*
- People I know who struggled through the Christmas season...
....*O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!*
- For those who may not have adequate shelter on an eight degree morning...
...*Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.*

Yet, I ended each petition by reading this passage of Scripture. Why? For me, it was one way that even in a time of desperate prayer, to remember to bless the Lord because of the faithfulness of God. Which might pose me to question— what are you praying for, but more importantly, are you remembering the faithfulness of God in your prayers? Maybe that is the most important thing we do in our prayer time.

So as we go into a brand new year...recall how faithful God has been to you...and in the midst of petitions...remember what He has done, bless him, and count on him to continue!

Let's have a great 2018! And let's all bless the Lord!

God loves you and so do I

-Pastor Chris

JANUARY 2018 WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

December 31, 2017

“Every Carol Tells a Story”

Readings and Carols – readings about the origins of the carols.

January 7, 2018

Scripture: Acts 19:1-7

“Remember Your Baptism”

The Lord’s Supper will be observed; baptisms are scheduled, new church officers will be ordained and installed.

January 14, 2018

Guest Speaker - Walt Marr

Samuel the Prophet is a three part story about listening to God’s voice to hear His word to understand what the Lord wants you to do for him.

January 21, 2018

Scripture: Psalm 62

“Sanctuary”

The church has always been a place of sanctuary – a place where we can feel protected; a place where we can patiently wait for God.

January 28, 2018

Scripture: Malachi 3:6-12

“Trust God”

Trusting God is every aspect of our lives including our giving.



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’d like to know how many of you would be open to receiving the monthly newsletter via email? In fact what you would receive is 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) and then click on the link of your choice! If you are interested and willing to help us out this way, please email Beth at the office (pcmarionsecretary@comcast.net) as soon as possible to help.

We’d love to hear from you as soon as possible, and make this change as early in the year as possible. Thank you so much!

-Pastor Chris



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 probably on Sunday evenings. A sign-up sheet will be posted soon on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Tentative start date for the class is February 11th from 6-8 p.m. and will take place in the downstairs of the church. 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 724-466-9022.



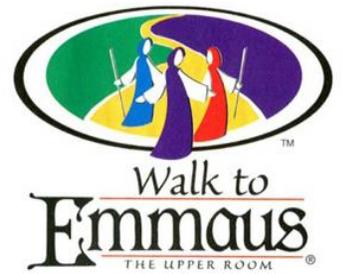
Deacon’s Blood Drive...The Deacons will be hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive here at the church on Friday, January 12th. The blood drive will take place from 1:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please visit the table in the Narthex for information on donating blood. You can schedule an appointment by calling the Red Cross at 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit their scheduling site at redcrossblood.org.



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.

Walt Marr – January 14th... Join us Sunday, January 14th during worship for a special presentation. Walt Marr will be sharing his story about the Prophet Samuel. Come listen as Walt shares this three part story about listening to God's voice, to hear His word and to understand what the Lord wants you to do for him. Walt has joined us before and is a delight to listen to, as well as, hearing an important message from God's Word.



Annual Congregational Meeting... On Sunday, January 28th following worship we will hold our annual congregational meeting. We invite all members to join us.



2017 Christmas Outreach... What a blessing you all have been. With your generous gifts we are able to provide the following for our sister church in Musange:

- 11 Elementary School Uniforms
- 8 Secondary School Uniforms
- 23 Family Units of Health Insurance
- 11 Water Purification Kits

Total of your donations is \$1,853



February 10th Valentines Dinner... Those going on the Mission Trip will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner as a way to raise funds for the trip. More details will follow, but mark your calendars so you don't miss the opportunity to treat your Valentine to a great dinner.



Looking Ahead

January 7	Communion, Ordination and Installation of Officers
January 12	Deacon's Red Cross Blood Drive 1:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
January 14	Presentation of Samuel by Special Guest, Walt Marr
January 21	After Worship Prayer
January 28	Annual Congregational Meeting
February 4	Souper Bowl Offering for ICCAP



Prayer Requests

Rest Home Folks:

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

Missionaries

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

Active Military Service:

Greg Lydic	Eric T. Buterbaugh	Jason Ratay	Benjamin Eaton
Matthew Baker	Dan Kessler	Andrew Linsenmeier	Dan Wozniak
Rusty Juart Jr.	Howard Bronsen Jr.	Ryan Hennessy	Michael Pappal
Dylan Wells	Louis Good	Matt Moore	Brianna Fulmer

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Ron Frankoff
- 6 Roman Elensky
Zachery Edwards
Matthew Hood
- 8 Nick Armstrong
- 10 Claudia Hilty
- 12 Irene Fairman
- 13 Carson Houser
Marnie Lewis
Valerie Slade
- 14 George Metz
Bill McCoy
Brooke Slade
Robbie Slade
- 15 Jennifer Dunlap
Sydney Kimmel
Paul McMahan
- 19 Fred Edwards Jr.



- 20 Aleah Duffy
- 21 Dave Meese
- 22 Chuck Glasser
Merle Pruner
- 28 Meghan Moore
Luke Slade
- 31 Debbie Frankoff

JANUARY LAYLEADERS

- 7 Jim Sisitki
- 14 Nancy Laird
- 21
- 28 Nancy Laird

JANUARY GREETERS

- 7 Rick & Sandy McKee
- 14 Mike Anthony Family
- 21 Karl Lightcap & Bob Henry
- 28 Dave & Barb Meese

JANUARY USHERS

Betty Zele, Cindy Mouser,
Heather Hood and Barb Meese

JANUARY ACOLYTES

- 7 Maddison Kanouff & Robbie Slade
- 14 Mackensi Kanouff & Sarah Moore
- 21 Noah Kanouff & Dakoda Anthony
- 28 Claire Hood & Cheyenne Anthony

DEACON OF THE MONTH

Gary Kanouff

ELDER OF THE MONTH

Jim Sisitki

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

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Blood Drive!

Jan. 12th 1:30 – 6 p.m.



Jan. 14th Walt Marr as Samuel



CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING
January 28th