

**Prayer/Concerns Requests**

Sherrad Adam	Richard Angel	Jim Avery
Jacob Boltz	Bob Benschoter	Family of Dorothy Brown
Anthony Bush	Lisa Cole	Joe Colen
Sheri Dauterman	Josh Earl	Dick & Sandy Gill
Tom Hale	Larry Foster	David Hall
Family of Bob Harmon	Carole Hummel	Zak Hunte
Virgil Krassow	Family of Tom & Char Horky	Mary Jacobs
Family of Melvin Johnson	Tim Kennedy	Eugene Lamb
Karen Landrus	Zella Leventhall	Shirley Love
Marcia Moore	Joel Nowicki	Luann Palmer
Robert Palmer	Joe Perez	Laura Rothhaar
Tom Roller	Family of Bob Sabo	Family of Nicholas Salaz
Donnagene Shrider	Nancy Shrider	Eileen Smith
Daniel Stacy	Derek Stender	Family of "Butch" Vestal
Family of Michael Wenig	Family of Vondale Woods	Family of Alyce Walden

**Stewardship of Time and Talents, March 1, 2015**

General.....	\$966.00	Parsonage .....	\$75.00
Coffee/Outreach .....	\$4.00	Easter Flowers .....	\$56.00
Attendance.....	25		

**Schedule of Events**

Today, March 8, 2015 .....	9:00 a.m. ....	Worship
.....	10:00 a.m. ....	Sunday School
Monday, March 9, 2015 .....	7:00 p.m. ....	Lion's Club
Tuesday, March 10, 2015 .....	7:00 p.m. ....	Scout Meeting
.....	7:00 p.m. ....	<b>Leadership Team Meeting</b>
Wednesday, March 11, 2015 .....	9:00 a.m. ....	Book Club
Thursday, March 12, 2015 .....	9:30 a.m. ....	REACH, Etiquette Program
.....	7:00 p.m. ....	Lenten Bible Study
Friday, March 13, 2015 .....	8:00 a.m. ....	REACH, all day
Saturday, March 14, 2015 .....	10:00 a.m. ....	Food Pantry

**Announcements and Reminders**

On Tuesday, March 10, 2015, the **LEADERSHIP TEAM** committee meets at 7:00 pm, at CUMC.

**FESTIVAL OF SHARING – SCHOOL KITS** The United Methodist Women (UMW) are collecting: (1) pair of metal scissors with rounded tips; (3) 70 count spiral notebooks; (1) 12 inch ruler; (1) hand held pencil sharpener (1) large eraser (6) new pencils with erasers and (1) box of 24 crayons. Kits will be packed in September. THANK YOU.

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“Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me...”

Mark 9:37



Worship: 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.

Christ Church Vision Statement:

CHRISTIAN SERVANTS UNITED IN MISSION TO THE COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD

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# Christ United Methodist Church

March 8, 2015  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent

\*(this symbol is an invitation to stand if you are able)

## We Gather for Worship

Sharing of Events & Ministries

Prelude as the Light of God enters Among Us

### \*Call to Worship

The morning stars profess God's glory:

**he waking birds harmonize a refrain of grace.**

The sun warms us with God's hope, the night sky whispers peace to our sleepy souls:

**creation's voice echoes continually in our hearts, reminding us of God's steadfast love.**

Our wisdom is shattered by God's absurd love; God's vulnerability strengthens our feeble faith:

**God's words place joy in our hearts; we follow them to peace and hope.**

\*Hymn #430 "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

### \*Invocation

You saw your children as slaves in Egypt, and brought them to freedom;

**you see creation held captive by our desire for more and more, and weep;**

and so you pour out your foolish love on us from day to day.

All that we have learned and think we know has not brought meaning to our lives;

**the brokenness of our world needs your peace; our pain-shattered hearts need your healing;**

and so you speak to us through the mouth of your Servant, Jesus.

All creation weeps with grief, and cries to you for comfort;

**all the broken of our world long for your wholeness; all who hunger for hope long for the sweetness of your grace and joy;**

and so you fill us with the Wisdom of your Spirit.

## We Proclaim God's Word

Time with the Children

"Being Great"

Reading the Sacred Text

Mark 9:30-37

Interpreting the Sacred Text:

"So You Want First Place?"

## We Respond to God's Word

### Offering our Prayer

Sharing our Prayer

Time of Silent and Personal Prayer

### Offering our Presence, Gifts, Service and Witness

Invitation

#### \*Doxology and Offering Prayer (Unison)

Make us foolish enough in our generosity, O God, that we might become wise enough to know that our gifts will bless others - the hungry, the lonely, the searching, the weak. In Jesus' name, we pray.

## We Are Sent Forth

\*Hymn #399 "Take My Life, and Let It Be"

### \*Blessing

God speaks, and sends us forth.

**We will go to proclaim God's grace and glory.**

Jesus speaks, and lives are changed.

**We will go to set free the oppressed, to be the voice for those never heard.**

The Spirit speaks, and the world is turned inside out.

**We will become as foolish as a trusting child, as powerless as those overlooked by everyone around them.**

Liturgy written by Thom M. Shuman

**Postlude** (Music that sends us forth, please remain seated until the music is concluded.)

**Participants in this morning's Worship Service** Pastor - Rev. Bruce McDaniel  
Organist - Linda Allen; Pianist - Kathy Bame; Liturgist: Nancy Shrider