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Schedule Of Worship for Holy Week



Palm Sunday - March 20

Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.
Fellowship Dinner at 11:45 a.m.
Laurie Care Center Worship at 2:00 p.m.

Supper & Soul - March 23

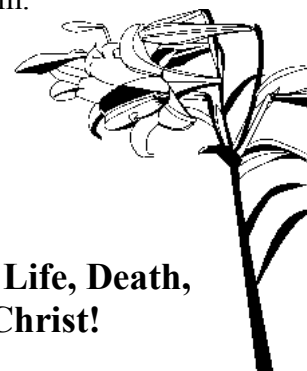
Casual Worship and pot-luck meal at 6:30 p.m. in Loehr Center

Maundy Thursday - March 24

Service of Remembrance led by Elders at 6:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday - March 27

Worship Service of Resurrection at 10:30 a.m.

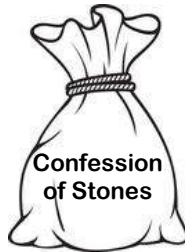


**Come join us as we celebrate the Life, Death,
and Resurrection of Jesus Christ!**

“Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.”

At our Ash Wednesday Service, we participated in the “Confession of the Stones.” With a bag in hand representing our lives, we visited stations each prepared with a bowl of stones representing the sin in our daily lives; *greed, laziness, temper, hate, prejudice, jealousy, envy, pride, vanity, arrogance, substance abuse, over indulgence, lying, and cheating*, just to name a few.

You were asked to reflect upon the listed sins and decide if your personal behavior required the need to load your “bag” with these “stones?” After visiting each station, reflecting upon your behavior and attitude, and loading your bag, each person was invited to lay their bag of burden at the base of the cross in our sanctuary where the bags will remain until Easter.



There are many things in our lives that we let come between us and our relationship with Jesus. As we continue through Lent and move toward the celebration of the Resurrection, I invite each of you to take time to be open and honest with yourself concerning those things that keep us from experiencing a “pure heart.”

March is a time of renewal. We witness this in the changing of the season as the earth begins to come alive from its winters dormancy and we see the hope of new life in the greening of the grass and the budding of the plants.

As we celebrate Easter this month, will it be a time of hope and renewal for you or are you carrying the weight of too many “sins” around with you?

Whatever it might be, I encourage you to lay it at the cross and experience a renewed spirit and a restored joy that is only found when we seek to have a pure heart for Jesus.



Blessings,
Kelly



“No, I Won’t Bless the Food.”

Have you ever had a meal with Kelly? Did you ask him to bless the meal or just expected it? The following are Don Whitney’s thoughts that I would like to share: At the start of a meal with Christian brothers and sisters, I’m often asked, “Will you bless the food?”

“No.”

My hosts sit there in stunned silence for a moment. Then, with everyone staring at me with awkward, “What do we do now?” looks, I’ll add, “But I’ll be happy to ask the *Lord* to bless the food.”

Maybe it reflects the limits of my own experience, but it’s been my observation that nowadays fewer followers of Jesus pause like this at the beginning of a meal to give thanks for what they are about to eat. This seems to be true for individuals and for families, at home and in public.

Why the decline? As with all Christian practices and disciplines, unless each successive generation is taught the *reason* for something, it soon devolves into a mere routine, then an empty tradition, and then disuse.

Have you ever been taught the biblical reasons for the Christian tradition of praying before a meal?

• **Before miraculously multiplying the loaves and fishes and providing a meal for His followers, Jesus asked the Father’s blessing upon the food:**

“And taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people” (Mark 6:41).

• **As He instituted the Lord’s Supper, Jesus gave thanks before distributing the cup to His disciples and also before giving them the bread:** “And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, ‘Take this, and divide it among yourselves. For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.’ And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, ‘This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me’” (Luke 22:17-19).

• **Paul taught that believers should receive their food with thanksgiving when he spoke of:** “...foods that God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth” (1 Tim. 4:3).

continued from your Moderator....

For such reasons Christians have historically paused before (and sometimes after) meals to acknowledge in prayer (or a song, like the Doxology) that our God, in His goodness and providence, is the ultimate source of the food before us.

Can a mealtime prayer become a meaningless ritual? Of course it can, especially since it's something we experience two or three times per day, seven days per week. In addition to its frequency, the table blessing—or any other prayer—is even more likely to diminish in meaning if we carelessly mouth the same words each time.

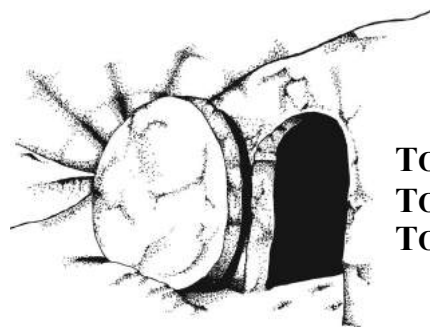
No Christian practice or spiritual discipline remains significant to the soul if one experiences it mindlessly and mechanically. Even activities as precious as personal daily prayer, singing praises to God with His people or taking the Lord's Supper can become hollow if we engage in them thoughtlessly. All prayer, including the brief prayer of thanks before a meal, requires the engagement of both mind and heart.

A mealtime prayer also acknowledges that *"every good and perfect gift is from above"* (James 1:17). In a culture of plenty, it's easy to forget that our food is in answer to Jesus' command to pray, *"Give us this day our daily bread"* (Matthew 6:11).

Besides the benefits it has for ourselves, openly testifying in prayer that the meal before us is God's provision also speaks to our children of our devotion to Christ and teaches them that what we eat is ultimately from the Lord, not the grocery store or our paycheck.

All of life should be lived with an awareness of the presence and blessing of God. Even in something as mundane and repetitive as eating, Scripture exhorts us, *"So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God"* (1 Corinthians 10:31). Taking a moment to pray before a meal can help us to do that mindfully. -Don Whitney

Kent Elliott
Moderator



TO LIVE
TO *love*
TO LEAD

2016 *Easter* Offering

Your gift to the special Easter Offering (above your regular giving to the church) helps bring life, love and learning through the general ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Ministries that receive funding from the Easter Offering include:

The Center for Faith,
Communications Ministries,
Council on Christian Unity,
Disciples Church Extension Fund,
Disciples Home Missions,
Disciples Women,
Division of Overseas Ministries,
National Benevolent Association,
National Convocation,
and several more ministries.

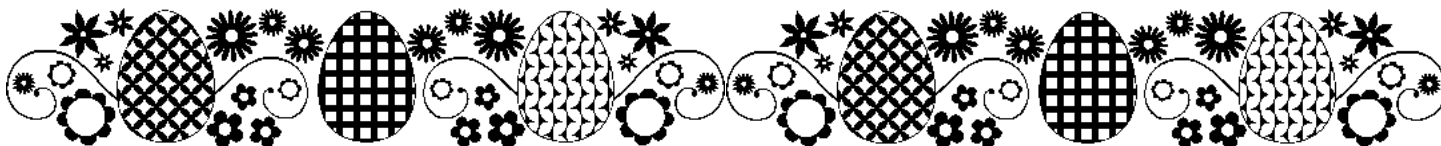
An insert and special envelope for this offering will be in your bulletin on **Sunday, March 27**.

Happy Hour Singles Group

Are you single or living alone?
Would you like to go out to
dinner with a group of
other singles?



Come join the Happy Hour Singles Group.
They meet on the last Thursday of each month at
4:30 p.m. at a local restaurant.
Call Peggy Crockett at 573-372-5300
to find out where this fun group is meeting next.





Teddy Bear Ministry

Bears are placed on our church pews to hear God's Word and songs of praise, and then can be taken to a sick loved one, friend, or neighbor. We ask you to replace it later with another bear. If you have any questions about the bears, please contact Diane Gilmore at 573-372-6665.

Christian Women's Fellowship

CWF News

Our February meeting enjoyed the Valentine's Day decorations of Diane Gilmore and Gail Renick. It was great to have Virginia Carlson there to give our devotion. It was fun to surprise Virginia with a cake to celebrate her 90th birthday!

Diane Gilmore said that the craft group would have its first session at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, March 7. All are invited to participate in this fun experience. Mary Ellen Flinn and Diane have some ideas and would welcome any ideas that others may have of great projects for the group to make.

We planned the menu for the Newcomers Luncheon that we are hosting on March 16. Anyone interested in helping to prepare meatloaf on February 29 at 9:00 a.m. or Watergate cake on March 14 would be welcome. The men will be serving. If you are willing to help with that I'm sure Greg Kissell would like to hear from you.

The Barnyard Memories Mother-Daughter Luncheon tickets will soon be available. This luncheon is scheduled for April 23. If you are willing to host a table for this spectacular event, contact Carroll Rinker at 286-5105.

We are so happy that Sharon Hofer has agreed to be in charge of our annual Yard Sale on June 10-11. More information will follow.

By now you have seen the teddy bears in the sanctuary. These bears have a note attached to let the recipient know what this ministry is about. If you know of someone, perhaps in the hospital or nursing home, maybe home bound or just needing some comfort, you are welcome to take a bear from the sanctuary for them. If you take one, we ask that you replace it at some point so this ministry can continue. Diane Gilmore is the point person for these bears as she has a special love for teddy bears!

Our next meeting is scheduled for March 8 at 11:30 a.m. The hostesses will be Beckie Huckriede and Coleen Modglin. All women of the church are members and are encouraged to be a part of this active group. See you there.

Carroll Rinker, President



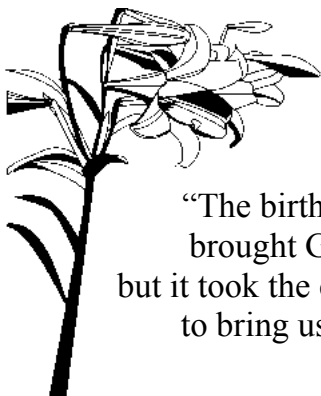
Attention Crafters!

Monday morning crafts will start **March 7** at 9:00 a.m. We invite anyone to join us for this social time together. Bring your own UFO's (un-finished objects) or any new craft ideas. We will have projects to work on also.



Laurie Care Center Worship

You are invited to Share the Faith with our members and friends who live at The Knolls and at Laurie Care Center. On **Sunday, March 20**, come join your Elders as they lead a worship service at the care center beginning at 2:00 p.m. in the Activities Room.



"The birth of Christ brought God to us, but it took the cross of Christ to bring us to God."

-Author unknown





Food and Fellowship at WLCC

Food plays a major role in most fellowship activities! Almost every social gathering involves eating! The Bible gives us many examples from the Passover Meal to the Last Supper with his disciples where Christ initiated the sacraments of communion.

For the past five + years Mary Ellen Flinn and Betty Snitker have taken responsibility for the kitchen and events involving food. Annually we gather for nine monthly fellowship dinners (including Thanksgiving and Christmas feasts); 39 Wednesday evening Supper & Soul Meals; and family funeral dinners. They have kept order, bought supplies, enlisted volunteers, and often prepared meals themselves to keep things going. Several years before taking charge, they worked with the late Mike Rinker on food and fellowship events.

Mary Ellen and Betty have announced beginning in 2016 they will no longer be “in charge of the kitchen.” They were recognized for their service at the February Fellowship Dinner, but please join in giving them your personal thanks for their leadership and hard work.

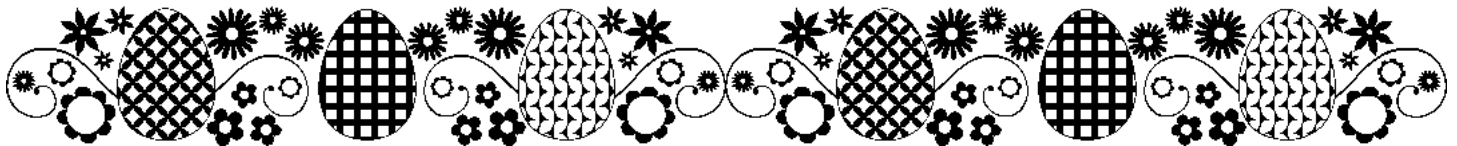
2016 Food and Fellowship Plan

The Church Growth committee has responsibility for Food and Fellowship events and has set up this plan for 2016 events:

- A team approach with a work schedule will be used in set up and clean up for the potluck fellowship dinners on the third Sunday of each month;
- The Supper & Soul Wednesday night meal, before the service, will now be potluck. Those who come are asked to bring a potluck dish.

Simplicity is the key word. A pot of soup, a salad or dessert, or a casserole dish (prepared at home, deli, grocery store or restaurant) will be just great! **Come celebrate Fellowship and Faith with Food!** Bring a neighbor, a stranger ... Help another know the Lord and know our faith community.

The Church Growth Committee is establishing service teams to set up and clean up for the Sunday Fellowship Dinners and Wednesday Supper & Soul meals. Please respond generously to serve on a team. The kitchen belongs to all. Working together builds friendships. Kitchen orientations will be held to familiarize all. Norma and Rick Pace will have overall responsibility for the kitchen and purchase of supplies for 2016. In an effort to be better stewards of our environment, we will be minimizing the paper products we use.



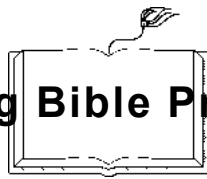
Now is the time to order your Easter Flowers



Please fill out this form with your name and the name of the person(s) you wish to honor. Place your form and payment in the Worship Committee mail box in the reception office. The cost is \$10 for each lily, tulip, or hyacinth ordered. If you write a check, be sure to mark “Easter Flowers” in the memo section. If cash is given, please place in an envelope.

Easter Flower Order Form	
Name _____	
In Memory of _____	
In Honor of _____	
Lily _____ Tulip _____ Hyacinth _____	Total \$ _____

Applying Bible Principles



Someone once said, “Experience is a good teacher, but she gives the test first and then the lesson.” That’s certainly true, and based on many of life’s experiences, we frequently fail the test before we can benefit from the lesson.

The formula “ e equals mc^2 ” is familiar to many college students but understood by very few people. Most of us know it had something to do with Einstein and was the formula that led to the release of enormous energy and to the nuclear age. Similarly, in funding the local church, “ e ” might stand for *every*, “ m ” for *member*, “ c ” for *commitment*, and the “ 2 ” for the *effort multiplied by itself*. The fruit of that kind of effort is much more powerful than what Einstein discovered, even as Jesus described it in Matthew 21:22 — “If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.”

Right now, as we consider the opportunity to support the ministries here at West Lake Christian Church, God is putting us to the test. As Gordon Moyes stated, “Responsible giving or stewardship is not man’s way of raising money, but God’s way of raising people. . . . The church’s budget is not a list of its expenses, but a record of its vision. It is not a list of bills to be met, but a program of ministry to be achieved.”

As each of us prayerfully considers what God would have us give, and as we obey what God asks of us, we can trust Him to provide the resources. That’s a test — a test of where we are spiritually much more than where we are financially. It’s a test of us as individuals and of us as a church. The question is whether or not we really believe that God has the power and ability to bless our obedience “more than all we ask or imagine” (Ephesians 3:20).

How are you doing concerning God’s tests regarding money in your life? If God’s provision in your life in the days ahead depends on *how* you obey His leading *now* concerning your giving, what will the future be like for you?

It just might, you know. . . .

Copies of the monthly Board Minutes and Financials are always available in the church office.

The following names have been in need of our prayers. Please call the church office if you would like a name on the prayer list. Names will be taken off the list after one month, but you are always welcome to request that the name be added again.

Cheryl Alderson
Brian Arnold - Jim Arnold’s great-grandson
Ray Beard - Gerri Beard’s step-son
Stacey Bennett - Maggie Houdek’s niece
Myron Blackwell
Carol Easter
Dan Evers - Joe & Peggy Proch’s son
Courtney Field
Jean Garber
Carolyn Garrison
Dick Haxel
Maggie Houdek
Mike Jones - friend of the Hofers
Mel & Jane McKeown
Frank Mercer - Shawna McBrien’s brother
Rick Pace
Bill Reynolds - Renick’s friend
Judith Richardson
Karen Swanson - Gail Renick’s sister
Aiden & Amanda Williams
Mick Williams

The Knolls & Laurie Care Center

Helen Blackwell
Maxine Ellis
Stanley Field
Bill Sell
Lorene Wilcox

The church office received notice of the death of **Jerry Troutwine** on February 3, 2016.

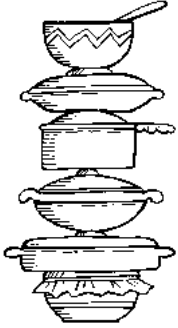
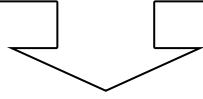
Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Troutwine family.



We mourn the loss of **Doris Yates**, who died February 20, 2016.

Our Christian love and deepest sympathy is extended to Bob Yates and their family.

**BRING FAMILY!
INVITE FRIENDS!
COME!**



**Fellowship Dinner
Sunday, March 20**

Bring a meat dish, vegetable, salad or dessert and come share a great meal with your family and friends right after the worship service.



From Our Parish Nurse

Betty Greenley



LRHS Parish Nurse Network
Wellness Tip of the Month

Atrial Fibrillation

What is it?

Atrial fibrillation is a fast irregular heart beat. The top part of the heart (atria) starts to quiver instead of having a controlled heart beat. This, in turn, stimulates the bottom part of the heart (ventricle) to beat faster and irregularly. When the heart quivers it causes blood to collect, which may cause clots to form. A blood clot from this pooled blood may cause a stroke.

Causes

Illnesses or conditions that strain or damage the heart including:

- Hypertension (high blood pressure)
- CAD (Coronary Artery Disease)
- Heart Attack
- Heart Valve Disease- especially the mitral valve

Other Causes

- Heart Surgery
- Medical problems (lung disease, pneumonia, hyperthyroidism)
- Heavy alcohol use
- Use of stimulants such as caffeine, nicotine, certain medications (decongestants), and illegal drugs (cocaine)
- Using some prescription drugs (albuterol, theophylline)

Symptoms

- Dizziness or lightheadedness
- Shortness of breath
- Weakness and tiredness
- Palpitations (a feeling that the heart is racing or pounding)
- Irregular pulse (heart rate)
- Chest Pain
- Fainting

Treatment

If a person has these symptoms, they need to be seen by a physician or in the emergency room. The doctor will do an examination, take a history and do tests which may include an EKG, lab tests and an echocardiogram.

Treatment may include medications and possibly cardioversion to help return the heart to a normal rhythm.

Resource-<http://www.webmd.com/atrialfibrillation>

A NOTE OF THANKS...

The City of Laurie and The Enchanted Village of Lights Committee would like to thank you for your continued sponsorship for this event. We had over 7,000 cars and 21,783 people come through the lights, which was a record year. Without your support The Enchanted Village of Lights would not be the success that it has become.

Sincerely,
 Susann L. Huff,
 Events & Parks Coordinator

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 Letters of appreciation for our monthly donations were received by the following organizations:

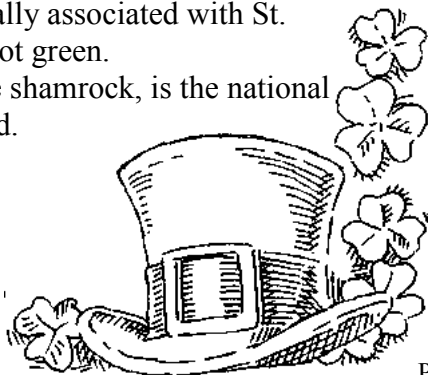
- Feeding America (Invest an Acre)
- Medical Missions For Christ Clinic
- LAMB House



St. Patrick's Day Trivia

You may know that St. Patrick used shamrocks to teach about the Trinity, but did you know these other facts about him?

- St. Patrick wasn't Irish. His parents were Roman citizens living in either Scotland or Wales.
- He was kidnapped and sold as a slave at age 16. After escaping six years later, he joined a monastery in England.
- March 17 is the date of St. Patrick's death, not his birth. He died in 461 A.D.
- The color originally associated with St. Patrick is blue, not green.
- The harp, not the shamrock, is the national symbol of Ireland.




- 2..... Charles Wallace
- 4..... Greg Kissell
- 7..... Carroll Rinker
- 7..... Lorene Wilcox (101st)
- 8..... Peggy Lippitt
- 9..... Jim Nielsen
- 9..... Sue Wentz
- 11..... Mary Cline
- 15..... Norma Johnson
- 17..... Nancy Caldwell
- 18..... Ruth Somers
- 20..... Maggie Houdek
- 21..... Carol Easter
- 21..... Sharon King
- 27..... Ruth Magill
- 29..... Mary Ellen Flinn
- 30..... Cindy Hoch
- 31..... Diane Gilmore



- 12..... Mick & Kathie Williams
- 31..... Norman & Judith Richardson

Daylight Savings Time
 begins Sunday, March 13.
 Be sure to set your clocks
ahead one hour
 before you go to bed Saturday night.



Church Directory Addition



New Members:

Bruce and Bobbi Miles joined 2/7/16
 785-282-0107
 18021 Blue Anchor Dr. #242
 Gravois Mills, MO 65037

Please be sure to make these additions in your directory so that you will always have the most current information.
 Thank you. Sandy White

March 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Worship		Fellowship			Service	
Sunday Mornings 8:00 Partners in Prayer 9:15 Parables Class 9:30 Children 10:30 Sanctuary Worship		1	2 9:30 Exercise 5:00 Praise Team 6:30 Supper & Sou1	3	4 9:30 Exercise	5
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Dona Johnson, Music Coordinator
Betty Greenley, Parish Nurse

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Updates On Your Giving.

What a Super SOUPER BOWL OF CARING Sunday!
You donated **193 cans of soup** and **\$425** in donations for the Community For Christ food pantry! Your generous giving will provide many hot soup suppers to many thankful families, and the money will help restock the shelves of the food pantry.

With proceeds from our fun White Elephant Auction and special offering gifts, we were able to give **\$1,280.50** to WEEK OF COMPASSION.

**Your blessings from God
will now be a blessing to many others.**

