

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP AND SERVICE

For March the McCook Food Pantry focus is; **Non-sugar cereal (Cheerios, Rice Krispies, Chex, etc.)** Please have all items to the church by the end of the month. Thank you!

*Thank you, Rev. Mike Japenga, for filling in for Pastor Jerry today while he and his family are on vacation.

*A four-week study on Jesus' Passion Week will begin today after worship. Please see Brad or Cody, if interested.

***Eight exchange students from the ACES program** (including two from our own congregation) will be preparing and serving food from their home country in our fellowship hall at 1 pm **NEXT Sunday**, March 12th. Everyone is welcome! Please come out to support the foreign exchange students!

*A small group study will begin on March 19 at 4 pm at Cody and Erin's house. Pastor Jerry will be facilitating a discussion on "What is the church? Why it still matters." Please sign-up, if interested.

***Confirmation Sunday** will be held on **Sunday, April 2, 2023**. There are 11 confirmands this year. The confirmation banquet will be held on Sunday, March 26th at 5:30 pm.

*On Easter Sunday, April 9th, we welcome Flynn Kerrigan into the waters of baptism. Let us join in prayer for that day. The youth will provide a continental breakfast at 8:30 am (donuts, rolls, fruit, and juice).



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**March 5, 2023
2nd Sunday in Lent**

Order of Worship

Diane Mammenga, Organist

Prelude

Call to Worship

After he was baptized by John,
Jesus went by himself to the wilderness
where he was tempted.
Forty days in the desert, Jesus was tempted.
Today, we continue our journey with Jesus through the season of
Lent,
which brings us to face some of our own weaknesses and temptations.
Let us worship God and walk the journey together,
seeking the Spirit as our guide and companion along the way.

*Opening Song "Amazing Grace" #299

*Opening Prayer & Greeting

Welcome & Announcements

Birthday / Anniversary Song

Song "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" #82

Scripture Reading Matthew 20:1-16 NT pg #801

Congregational Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Choir Anthem

Children's Message Susie Schroeder

Song "Grace Greater Than Our Sin" #383

Sermon "LASIK Surgery"

Communion Song "Let Us Break Bread Together" #265

The Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Song "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" #358

Benediction

Postlude

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Please pray for these joys and concerns this week:

*Prayer/Praise Requests:

Prayers for Dawn Nebelsick who is battling a kidney infection.

Pray for Karyn Montgomery's great niece, Dakota, who was recently diagnosed with cancer. She is 6 years old.

Prayer of celebration for Mary Cooper's 100th birthday this Saturday!

Prayers for former United Church Pastor, Rev. Roy Caudill, who continues to receive treatment for cancer.

Ongoing health concerns: Sherry (Jerman) McKay, Donna Diede, Alexa and Rylie Rothenberger, Sally Ortman, Margie Stevens, Susan Anderson, Judy Scott, Barb Falk, Rev Dick Rinearson and David McGirr.

Weekly Schedule and Activities:

Sunday: 3/5

8:15 am Choir

9:30 am Worship

Monday: 3/6

9:00 am Prayers and Squares

Wednesday: 3/8

3:45 New Youth Bell Choir

4:30 pm Older Youth Bell Choir

5:30 pm Jr. High

6:00 pm Family Meal

6:30 pm SHINE

7:00 pm Sr. High

7:45 pm Adult Bells

Friday: 3/10

6:00 am Men's Breakfast

