

On Eagle's Wings



St. John's Monthly Newsletter – March 2019

Growth

Pastor's Paragraphs

I grew up close to the Lykens Valley Campmeeting. It's a ministry of the United Methodist Church and somewhat like the Chautauqua Institution, but on a much smaller scale. Fifty or sixty small cabins surround an open-air worship space. Every summer there is a week long spiritual revival with speakers, workshops, and worship. People would come from all over to participate, my family included. As a kid I didn't like it. It felt like going to church twice a day, every day, for a week! There were special activities for kids while the adults did more serious things, but I would have rather stayed at home and enjoyed another week of summer vacation!

As an adult I see it all in a different light. Life gets so busy. There are so many demands and responsibilities. Work, kids schedules, family obligations, home ownership, and all sorts of other things all add up. We often think about taking a vacation to get a rest. How often though, do we take a break from our schedules and set aside several days just for spiritual nourishment? I'm guessing not often, if ever!

Jesus regularly took time away from the demands of ministry to retreat and reflect. As we're reading through Luke's gospel we see that after every major teaching or miracle Jesus withdraws from the crowds to be alone and to pray. Sometimes it's just him and sometimes he takes a few disciples. If Jesus, the Son of God, needed to take regular spiritual retreats then we should too!

While I would recommend that everyone set aside a week from time to time for focused spiritual renewal, I know it's not likely that many will do it. As we close in on the season of Lent, however, let me invite you to make it a time of -let's call it- "low impact" spiritual renewal. Don't totally escape from the demands of life for a week, but do carve out some time for renewal. There are lots of easy things to do. Here are some suggestions:

- Read a chapter of Luke's gospel each day. Then continue on with the second volume Luke wrote, the Acts of the Apostles.
- Sign up for God Pause from Luther Seminary. They'll send you a brief devotion to your email every day.
- Participate in this year's mid-week Lenten worship services on Wednesday evenings starting at 6:00.
- Pick up a copy of the Christ in Our Home daily devotional booklet that we have on our welcome table and use it.
- Make a daily prayer list based on the newspaper/internet headlines and spend a couple minutes praying about three or four major issues each day.

Keeping your faith strong usually requires an investment of time and energy, but strengthening your relationship with God is always worth it.

Blessings,
Pastor Jon

Annual Women's Retreat

A flyer for the annual retreat for women to be held May 17-19 at LCLC on beautiful Lake Chautauqua is posted on the bulletin board in the Gathering Area. This year's theme is "Stop the World---I Want to Get Off." Check out the flyer and if you have questions contact Beth Schroeder. The deadline for reserving your spot with a 50% deposit is March 17.



Men's Breakfast & Adult Sunday School

The Men's Breakfast on Wednesdays and the Adult Sunday School will watch the movie *Champion* during March. This 2017 movie is about forgiveness and restoration.

Worship

March Worship Assistants

	March 3	March 10	March 17	March 24	March 31
Greeters & Ushers	Kim & Gary Boisseau	Dick & Phyllis Henderson	John & Gay Card	Mike & Bettina Kalish	Mike & Cassie Ross
Lector	Ann King (8:30)	Ellen Storch (8:30)	Judy Vandeveld (8:30)	Kevin Maynard (8:30)	Suzy Maynard
Acolyte	Joe Wyman	Tierney White	Morgan Sackett	Molly Perdan	Katya Kurilovitch
Altar Care	Linda Thompson		Linda Thompson		Linda Thompson
Communion Assistants	Gary Boisseay & Rob Stroup		Adele Garvey & Linda Flood		Nancy & Ivan Shuler
Nursery Care	Katy Stimmel	Beth Perdan	Judy VanDeVeld	Laura Stroup	Kristi Bullwinkle
Counters	Beth Perdan & Bettina Kalish	Linda Flood & Sue Kaufmann	Tom Kurilovitch & Helen Crown	John & Linda Thompson	Tim Brown & Bill Hagerman
Coffee Hour	Sacketts		Shulers		



March Worship Texts

March 3 – Luke 5:12-26
 March 10 – Luke 9:28-45 (Transfiguration)
 March 17 – Luke 9:46-62
 March 24 – Luke 10:1-23
 March 31 – Luke 18:15-34



Ash Wednesday Worship

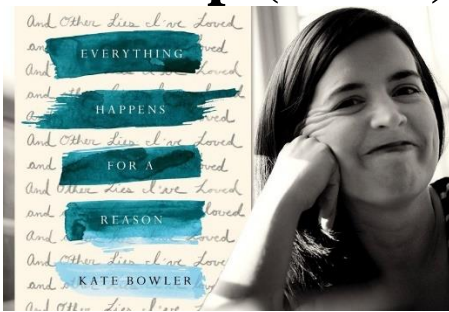
March 6 – 7:00pm
 Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes



Give Up Lint for Lent

This bizarre collection is becoming an annual tradition in our congregation's Lenten journey. If you have trouble giving something up for Lent, this will be your easiest discipline ever! There is a collection box in the Gathering Area for you to put your **dryer lint, used dryer sheets, old crayons and stubs of candles**. This worthless stuff (and somewhat gross) will be melted together and burnt on the fire at the sunrise service on Easter. This Lent give up your most worthless stuff so that God can turn it into heat and light!

Worship (Cont.)



Everything Happens for a Reason

-and other lies I've loved-

Mid-Week Lenten Series

Wednesdays starting at 6:00

This year our mid-week Lenten series will be based on the book *Everything Happens for a Reason, and Other Lies I've Loved* by Kate Bowler. As a young woman dying from cancer Kate explores the "Prosperity Gospel" and it's false claims. Each week we'll explore aspects of the Prosperity Gospel as we look at this book. Copies are easily available through Amazon.

We're using a dinner church model for these services. Cooking and set-up, plus clean-up and tear down are all part of the service. We'll start cooking around 6:00, then pray and eat a meal, read scripture and have conversation about the theme, then have dessert and clean up. Talk to Pastor Jon if you have any questions.

Nuts and Bolts

Financial Update

As of the end of January
 Income \$ 15,536.36
 Expenses 17,178.19
 Difference \$ (1641.83)

Annual Meeting Results

- Elected to Church Council: Gary Wood, Lisa Kurilovitch, Wendy Sackett
- Approved the 2019 operating budget recommended by church council
- Approved the proposed constitutional revisions. This was the second congregational vote which finalizes the constitutional revision process.

Church Council Officers and Committee Liaisons

Officers

- Tim Brown – President
- Pete Gregory – Vice President
- Tricia Kolczynski – Secretary
- Rob Stroup – Treasurer
- Dave Bullwinkle – Financial Secretary

Liaisons

- Kevin Christman – Property
- Pete Gregory – Stewardship and Finance
- Wendy Sackett – Education
- Lisa Kurilovitch – Outreach
- Gary Wood - Fellowship
- Beth Schroeder – Worship and Music

Service



- The Rev. Matthew Nickoloff and the South Wedge Mission in Rochester. Also the Rev. Eric and the Rev. Wendolyn Trozzo in Malaysia.
- Amy Plouffe, who is home and stable but continuing cancer treatments.
- Gary Myers who is being treated for multiple myeloma. He is doing well and is responding to the treatments
- Linda Ellis who continues to monitor her cancer issues.
- Bob Stroup, Rob Stroup's dad, who has been suffering from dementia and other health problems.
- Linda Roy, sister of Helen Crown, who has metastatic breast cancer.
- Knute Halvorson, who is at home after a fall and is doing rehab work.
- The family and friends of Ellen Curtis as they mourn her death.
- Al Mann, Babette Huber's father, who is home and continues rehab work.
- The family and friends of Denise Krug as they mourn her death.
- Sally Testa as she is in rehab for a couple weeks recovering from sickness.

Service (Cont.)

Community Outreach Committee



“Souper” Bowl Collection Results

The amount for Souper Bowl donated for World Hunger is \$251.05. Thanks to everyone that helped with setting up, brought in goodies, cleaned afterwards for Ellen's service. Put in something for about the boxes for LENT Feed The World collection. Thanks so much.....Burdie Gillern



Lenten Coin Boxes

This year we're aiming to collect \$400 from our Lenten coin boxes. That's enough to buy gardening tools for two communities in one of our mission countries. Set aside your coins and small bills and help communities across the world become self-sufficient! The collection boxes will be available in the Gathering Area starting on March 4th.

VOLUNTEER AT CAMP JOY THIS SUMMER! Camp Joy is a week-long overnight summer camp for developmentally disabled adults that serves approximately 100 campers every year. Since its founding in 1982, it has thrived as an ENTIRELY volunteer based organization and to maintain our Christ-centered, inspirational, fun-filled experience for these individuals, we need volunteers like you! Camp is held at the Rotary Sunshine Campus in Rush, NY, where campers' favorite activities include the pool, a state-of-the-art climbing wall and zip line, the pool, fishing and boating, arts and crafts, and did we mention the pool?! In the evenings, campers enjoy programs such as a concert with the Dady Brothers, a camp-wide dance, and a talent night. Campers and staff alike share of themselves and grow in their faith, while learning about

the love of God from each other – it is a toss-up as to who learns more from whom, campers or staff!

Our need for volunteers has become dire as we often keep a waiting list of campers wishing to attend but are unable to accommodate due to an insufficient number of volunteers. Please consider being a part of this outstanding organization and share the experience of a lifetime to continue to make this camp possible for so many individuals who desire this fulfilling experience.

Camp Joy will be held this year from June 16th-21st (Sun-Fri), both full- and part-time staff are needed, full room and board are provided for full-time staff, and there is absolutely no monetary requirement for volunteers and no previous experience with this population is needed! Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult, but we are a very family-friendly volunteer experience. For more information or to register as a volunteer, visit our website: www.campjoy.org, or call (585) 371-8851 with any additional questions.

We're sure you'll find volunteering with Camp Joy to be a highlight of your summer and many more to come!
THANK YOU!

RIT Campus Ministry

We will be providing dinner for RIT students after their service on the evening of March 24. Volunteers are needed to supply food and to help serve. Please see the signup sheet on the bulletin board and contact Jeanne Christman (jkchris@frontiernet.net) with any questions. Thank you.



-Thank you to everyone who helped with snow plowing in February.

-Thank you to the Sunday school children and the teachers for leading the 10:30 service on February 10th.

-Thank you for everyone who provided cookies and brownies for Ellen Curtis' memorial service.

-Thank you to Karen Spawton for leading music when Heidi was on vacation.

-Thank you to Beth Schroeder for organizing the Euchre night.

-Thank you to Wilma Townsend for organizing the museum tour.

Thank you Lisa Kurilovitch, Beth Perdan, and Beth Schroeder for organizing the youth group sub sale.

Service (Cont.)



Serenity House will be holding its annual Gala at the Locust Hill Country Club on Saturday, March 2nd at 6:00pm. There will be silent and live auctions, dinner, dancing, and an inspiring presentation. Serenity House does not charge its residents and their families for this 24-hour care, and receives funding primarily through fund raisers and memorial donations. Please contact Serenity House at 585-924-5840 or serenityhousegala@gmail.com for ticket information or questions.



Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 24, 2019 through Sunday, March 31 which will be our next turn to host guests from Family Promise. Login to Signup.com from the link on the church website to volunteer and/or provide supplies. Keep watch for other opportunities to assist with Family Promise and if you have questions please contact Beth Perdan or Beth Schroeder.

FPOC 2nd Annual Comfort Food Cook Off March 2 3-5pm

Save the date! We'll have three locations again this year: Clifton Springs, Geneva and Canandaigua.

United Methodist Church, Clifton Springs
Mount Olive Baptist Church, Geneva
St. John's Episcopal, Canandaigua

To register to cook, please email fpocweb@fpocny.org or text or call Brenda at 315-719-4096. Information on tickets to attend and how to be able to vote for your favorite dishes will be coming soon from your church FPOC coordinators!

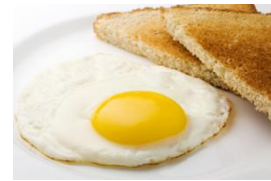
Fun



Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper

Fat Tuesday is March 5th this year. On this day Christians traditionally celebrated by consuming all the fat in their pantries in preparation for the somber and penitential season of Lent.

Our annual pancake supper starts at 6:00 with all the pancakes, sausage and fancy toppings you can eat! We'll have a movie after we eat. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Gathering Area so we know how many are coming.



Lenten Breakfasts on Sundays

During Lent we'll have a breakfast of eggs toast and a pastry right after the 8:30 service. Enjoy a Sunday meal with your brothers and sisters in Christ! There's no need to sign up.



February Bible Trivia Questions

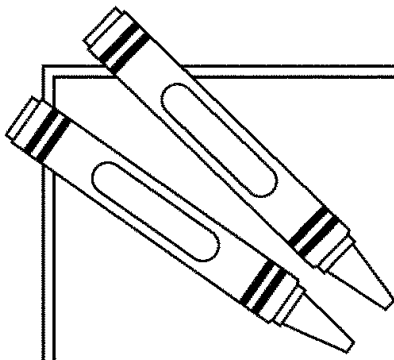
1. What did the people of Nazareth want to throw Jesus off after he taught in their synagogue? Answer: A cliff (Luke 4:29)
2. From what prophet did Jesus read when he was in the synagogue in Nazareth? Answer: Isaiah (Luke 4:17)
3. What lake was Jesus standing by when he called the first disciples? Answer: Gennesaret/Galilee (Luke 5:1)
4. What did Jesus cure Simon's (Peter) mother-in-law from? Answer: A fever (Luke 4:38)

March Bible Trivia Questions

1. What three disciples saw the Transfiguration?
2. What did James and John offer to do to the Samaritan villages who did not accept Jesus?
3. How many people did Jesus appoint to go out in pairs to the towns and villages he himself intended to go?
4. Why did Zacchaeus have to climb a tree to see Jesus?

MARCH 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 7:00-6:00 YMCA Fun Clubs 8:00 Holy Yoga 3-8 Cello Lessons	2
3 <u>8th Sunday after Epiphany</u> 8:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Communion	4 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:00 Holy Yoga 3:00-8:00 Music Lessons 7:00 Boy Scouts	5 <u>"Fat Tuesday"</u> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 3:00-8:00 Music Lessons 5:30 Weight Watchers 6:00 Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper 7:00 Community Chorus	6 <u>Ash Wednesday</u> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:30 Men's Breakfast 3:00-8:00 Music Lessons 7:00 Ash Wednesday Communion 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	7 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 10-2:30 Monarch Homeschool 1:00 Women's Bible Study	8 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:00 Holy Yoga 3-8 Cello Lessons	9 Denise Krug Funeral
10 <u>1st Sunday in Lent</u> 8:30 Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	11 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:00 Holy Yoga 3:00-8:00 Music Lessons 7:00 Boy Scouts	12 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 3:00-8:00 Music Lessons 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 Community Chorus	13 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:30 Men's Breakfast 3:00-8:00 Music Lessons 6:00 Lenten Supper and Worship 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	14 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 10-2:30 Monarch Homeschool 1:00 Women's Bible Study	15 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:00 Holy Yoga 3-8 Cello Lessons	16
17 <u>2nd Sunday in Lent</u> 8:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Communion -Family Promise-	18 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:00 Holy Yoga 3:00-8:00 Music Lessons 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Church Council -Family Promise-	19 <u>Joseph, Guard'n of our Lord</u> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 3:00-8:00 Music Lessons 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 Community Chorus -Family Promise-	20 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:30 Men's Breakfast 3:00-8:00 Music Lessons 6:00 Lenten Supper and Worship 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous -Family Promise-	21 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 10-2:30 Monarch Homeschool 1:00 Women's Bible Study -Family Promise-	22 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:00 Holy Yoga 3-8 Cello Lessons -Family Promise-	23 9:00-12:00 Vipassina Meditation -Family Promise-
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31 <u>4th Sunday in Lent</u> 8:30 Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Communion RIT Campus Ministry Meal						



Just for KIDS

Each child of God is important! Everyone has been given different gifts and talents. Some are musicians; some are athletes; some are good listeners; some are peacemakers.

Here are some other gifts listed in Romans 12:6-8:

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6 – Ash Wednesday