

March 2018

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“Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.”

Romans 5:14 (NRSV)

This is the time of the Christian year when the church makes a conscious effort to be aware of and to repent of sin, in preparation for the celebration of Easter. The forty days of Lent (not including Sundays) remind us that this is no easy task. Most of the time we shy away from remembering that, although we are “saved,” we are still sinners in the process of being sanctified. We would rather go to worship and “*Sing, Sing, Sing*” (a big band song made famous by Benny Goodman), than to take time with God to deal with our “*sin, sin, sin!*” Therefore we must make a concentrated effort to let God show us the areas of our lives which need confession, forgiveness, change, and healing.

Interesting conversations usually ensue when the subject of sin is introduced, and many people believe that it is an outmoded concept in this modern age. Lightheartedly they think that if they had been in the Garden of Eden instead of Adam and Eve, they would have fared much better and saved us a whole lot of trouble. That is easy to say, especially in hindsight, but obviously anyone with that attitude is blinded to the ways in which they are tempted to sin regularly. In reality, people with proper self-awareness know that the story of Adam and Eve is a story about them, and as Romans 3:23 reminds us, “*All have sinned and come short of the glory of God.*” No mere human being, even someone with high morals, foresight, inspired good intentions, and the sheer grit of dogged perseverance, could have prevented death from coming into the world and spoiling the order of creation. At the root, we are all the same!

Now, outside the Garden of Eden, as we face death, we are all humbled to know that none of us can conquer it. No foolish statements here. Only Jesus, the Son of God, was able to undo the undoing of Creation. Only Jesus could reconcile us rebellious ones to God in spite of our sin. Only Jesus could bring us back home. This is why we take time to face our “*sin, sin, sin,*” so that the stuff which makes us uneasy in God’s presence can be eradicated, and we can be more at home with God. Difficult as it might be to let God look deep into our hearts for anything that might separate us from God’s will, Lent is a good time for coming closer to God and preparing for the celebration of eternal life at Easter. A time when we can “*sing, sing, sing*” with deep gratitude for what Christ has done for us!

In the Name of Christ,

Buddy 😊

Don't Forget!
Holy Week

starts the last
week of March

☞ Palm Sunday is
March 25th, 11 am

☞ Maundy Thurs.
is March 29th, 7 pm

☞ Easter Egg Hunt
is March 31st, 10 am



Birthdays

Mar	1	Bill Boyles
	2	Rylee Arlington
	2	Cheryl Cook
	5	Ken Bakewell
	5	Jerry Schultz
	6	Raymond Barrett
	6	Mynda Rossman
	7	Mark Nickerson
	8	Rachel Hughie
	10	Eric Jones
	12	Neil Morrison
	13	Andrea Larsen
	15	Gary Olson
	21	Emily Jones
	22	Brenda Scott
	22	Wayne Swanson
	23	Londa Barrett
	24	Anaya Hughie
	25	John Schultz
	26	CJ Mix
	26	Michael Schultz
	27	Emma Jones
	27	Dave Lee

Anniversaries

Mar	1	William & Sharon Boyles
	9	William & Sandra Ransom
	14	Jack & Lynn Collins
	17	John & Marcia McKown
	22	John & Marlene Engman
	26	Gary & Kathryn Olson
	26	Bruce & Linda Swanson



Lay Leaders

Mar	04	Gloria Lindell
	11	Mark Ash
	18	Gary Brumagin
	25	Anne Ward

Greeters

Mar	04	Lois Marshall
	11	Ken Bakewell
	18	Maureen Gonano
	25	Emily Jones

Sound Booth

Mar	04	Jim Ashbaugh
	11	Stephen Ashbaugh
	18	Joshua Ward
	25	Gary Brumagin

Nursery Workers

Mar	04	Ruth Morrison
	11	Nancy Bullock
	18	Sandy Ransom
	25	Chris Case



Youth Nursery Workers

Mar	04	Julia Claypoole
	11	Natasha Ferry
	18	Natasha Ferry
	25	Natasha Ferry

Sanctuary Flowers

Mar	04	John and Donna Caito
	11	Lynn Olsen
	18	Mark and Sheryl Ash
	25	Gary and Kathy Olson



Ushers

Nancy Bullock
Autumn Claypoole
Julia Claypoole

Hospital Visitor

Marguerite Dalrymple

Coffee Hosts

Mar	04	Darrell & Carol Pusateri
	18	Lynn Olsen & Lois Marshall
	25	Bill & Sandy Ransom

Communion Servers – Maundy Thursday – March 29

Jim Ashbaugh
Darrell Pusateri
Celia Gross
Emily Jones



30 Hour Famine

The 30 Hour Famine was pushed back one week this year due to scheduling conflicts at the church. So it is scheduled for March 2nd and 3rd. A program has been planned to help teach the youth about world hunger and how it affects much of the world, even people here in the United States.

But without our support, financially, through prayer, and physically, the youth will not learn



that we as a congregation care about ending world hunger. Please step up and support the program through your donations of dollars, your prayers, and your willingness to volunteer to help with some of the activities that

help the youth learn. It's a lot of work for them to go hungry for 30 hours.

One of the great things about World Vision is that they focus on teaching their clients how to do things, not just giving them food or clean water. In fact, clean water programs are one of the things they seem to be most pleased about bringing about. So pictures like the one here are no longer necessary.

Come to the Break-Fast on Saturday at 6:00 PM. We encourage you to come a bit early to chat with the youth and see how they have done and what, if anything, they have learned from their experience. The meal is free.

Ladies Luncheon Prayer Group

The hosts for March are Marcia McKown and Anne Ward. The ladies group will meet on



Thursday, March 8th at the church at 12:30 PM. All women of the church are welcome. Bring a sandwich, dessert and coffee are provided.

Sweetheart Spaghetti Supper

With the number of youth down in the church lately, we saw more adults carrying some of the load for this year's Spaghetti Supper on Valentine's Day. They worked however solely in the kitchen and the youth made for very good wait staff for the evening.

There was a very steady stream of guests that evening with even a short wait experienced at times as our "highly trained" group of restaurateurs plied their trade – for many of them this was their first time. A beautifully decorated décor supported by romantic music and an attentive staff made for an amiably pleasant evening for all in attendance.

Sight and Sound Trip

North Warren Presbyterian Church is sponsoring a trip to the Sight and Sound Theatre production of Jesus in Lancaster, PA on May 14 – 15, 2018. We will leave at noon on the 14th and return during the evening of the 15th.



Jesus is an action-packed musical stage adventure – a journey

alongside the most important person to ever walk the earth, and the everyday people whose lives he transformed forever.

Audiences will experience the story come to life on a three-sided stage, featuring one of the largest state-of-the-art LED screens in a theatrical venue ---along with Sight & Sound's famous animals...on stage and in the aisles.

Trip will be all-inclusive: Deluxe Motor Couch, Hotel, Evening meal, Breakfast, Show ticket, Buffet Lunch after show.

Last date to place reservation is 3/15/2018. As of this writing, there are 9 seats available on the bus.

What a great Birthday, Anniversary, or Mother's Day gift! Trip is the day after Mother's Day.

Questions? Contact Gary Olson @ 723-3704 or the Church Office.

Work as Worship 1-Day Local Church Retreat

The retreat is behind us. Quite a bit of preparation went into this, but sadly, few attended our local event. Those who did, however came away re-affirmed in their mission of doing God's work in their everyday lives.

The event was held February 23rd at the church and was an all-day event. Speakers gathering for a live conference in Dallas, Texas were broadcast over the internet and shared at over 1,000 churches across the country with a total of 13,000 people involved. The message that what you do on a daily basis, that is work for a living, is an act of worship, and that people shouldn't segment their faith from their work, and that every day of the week—not just Sundays—has importance to the Kingdom came across to the participants through the diverse speakers, all of whom were qualified by their

years of experience. Some were more from the Bible, some were personal stories, but all were inspiring stories of how God was and is working in their lives, through both successes and failures.

The entire Right-Now library is available to members of the North Warren congregation. To



get your email invitation, simply

inquire at the office and we'll supply you with a link to their website – no cost to you.

PRAYER CHAIN

If you would like to be included in our email prayer chain please provide your email address to the church office. We have found this to be an effective method of notifying our prayer warriors of those who are in need of prayer. We are happy to add you so that you can be praying for those in need.



If you or someone you know would like the congregation to be praying for them, simply call or email the church office or Buddy with your request and we will pass it on.

Community Good Friday Service

The will be held on Friday, March 30 at 7:30 PM at First United Methodist Church in Warren. This service is sponsored by the Warren Ministerial Association and there are twelve



participating churches from our community. The service will include congregational singing and guided

readings as we reflect on the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

Everyone is encouraged to attend this service that brings to a culmination the weekly Lenten services which were held each Thursday at noon.

Easter Morning Breakfast

The Youth of our church along with some adult volunteers will be serving breakfast following the 7:00 AM Easter Sunrise



Service. All proceeds will benefit the missions work of the church. A list of items for which they are asking donations for that time will be on the table outside the church office.

Thank You!

Have You Ever Thought About It?

Judging by the obituary notices, nobody mean and unhappy ever dies.

If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.

I asked God for a bike, but I know God doesn't work that way. So I stole a bike and asked God for forgiveness.

We live in a society where pizza gets to your house faster than the police.

No Birthday?

Do we not list your birthday or anniversary? It's not that we don't like you, but more likely than not, we just don't have that information.

Drop us an email (or a phone call at 723-5060) and let us know that info and we're more than happy to include you in our list of celebrations.



Final Thoughts from the Secretary

The Lenten season is upon us. It is a time when we usually devote more time for reflection. For most of us though, our lives are too busy with activities and distractions. Take a moment and ask yourself these questions:

- Are your activities truly "directed", or are you just busy?
- Distractions, things like TV-watching, sports, playing games, may be ways of socializing, but are they really that?
- Do these things really engage and improve you?
- Or your relationship with your family? Or God?

For many of us, it just turns out that our lives are cluttered. Our workspace is cluttered. Our home is cluttered. And ultimately, our minds are cluttered. That last one is probably the worst since it's the one that gets the least attention. All those distractions listed above are just a way to avoid (and add to) the clutter we already have.

How do you do that?

First, begin to work on the physical clutter in your life. Part with that stuff you haven't touched in years and don't need. Get some help if necessary.

If you are a worrier, drop that behavior. Even Christ implores you to quit worrying. It's not easy to do, and we all worry to an extent, but ask yourself, how does this affect me now? What can I do about it now? If you are coming up with negative answers, then put no thought to it. If there's something you can do, then do it.

Create an evening or end-of-the day list of what you would like to accomplish the next day. It clears your mind to focus on what is in the present.

And be patient. This all takes time.

LOW CARB BACON CHEESEBURGER CASSEROLE

This is a surprisingly good find. Try it.

Prep time: 5 MINS cook time: 30 MINS total time: 35 mins



- 1 pound ground beef
- 1/2 pound bacon, cooked and chopped
- 2 Tbsp ketchup or reduced sugar ketchup
- 2 Tbsp mustard
- 1 Tbsp dried onion flakes
- 1 Tbsp Hidden Valley Original Ranch Salad Dressing & Seasoning Mix
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 4 large eggs
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/2 cup sour cream

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Lightly spray an 8x8-inch or 11x7-inch pan with cooking spray.
2. Cook ground beef in skillet over medium heat until no longer pink. Drain fat.
3. Combine cooked beef, cooked bacon, ketchup, mustard, onion flakes and Ranch mix. Spread in bottom of prepared pan. Top with shredded cheese.
4. Whisk together eggs, milk and sour cream. Pour on top of beef mixture.

Bake, uncovered, for 30 to 35 minutes.

Read more at <http://www.plainchicken.com/2018/01/low-carb-bacon-cheeseburger-casserole.html#ZqHGkFJUc73b0YXs.99>

EASTER MEMORIALS AND HONORS

As we prepare to decorate our church sanctuary for Easter, we are again asking for your help. You may purchase a flowering plant of your choice that will be used to decorate our church sanctuary or you may specify your donation to be placed into the Deacon Fund or both. All donations may be placed in memory of or in honor of family, loved ones and/or friends.



Cost is \$9.00 each

Please specify your choice of flower below. Sorry no choice of colors.

ORDER DEADLINE IS March 12, 2018

Flowers must be picked up after the Easter Sunday Service on April 1, 2018. Orders may be mailed to the church office or placed in the collection plate. Please enclose your check or cash in a separate envelope % Flower Committee. All Checks Should Be Made To: North Warren Presbyterian Church (or NWPC).

Please write "Flower Committee" on the memo line
Thank you for your participation. *The Flower Committee*

Name _____ Phone _____

Email: _____

Type	Number	Total
Tulip	_____	\$ _____
Daffodil	_____	\$ _____
Lily	_____	\$ _____
Deacons Fund	_____	\$ _____
TOTAL	_____	\$ _____



In Memory Of: _____

In Honor Of: _____

2018 Holy Week Activities for The North Warren Presbyterian Church



Palm/Passion Sunday – March 25th

11:00 AM, Worship and "One Great Hour of Sharing" Offering

Join your friends and neighbors for an inspiring time of worship as we usher in "Holy Week" and the passion of our Lord. The service will feature music by the Qadosh Bells, as well as the gathering in of this year's "One Great Hour of Sharing," one of our largest offerings of the year. Pastor Buddy's will be speaking from Mark about "The King on a Donkey."

Maundy Thursday – March 29th

7:00 PM, A Maundy Thursday Service of Remembrance & Communion

We will have a re-enactment of the Last Supper patterned after the Da Vinci painting. The "hand bell room" in our sanctuary will be transformed into the upper room with participants invited to come forward and take a seat at the Lord's Table as one of Christ's disciples, breaking the bread and drinking the cup. For his message for the evening, Pastor Buddy will speak from John about servanthood and "Extreme Humility." If you have attended this service in the past, you will certainly want to come back this year, and if you haven't attended before, you should plan now to attend. Invite a friend. It promises to bring new meaning to your Holy Week Observances!



Good Friday – March 30th

7:30 PM Community Good Friday Service, at First United Methodist Church

The Warren Area Ministerial will again hold a Community Good Friday Service. This year's service will be held at 7:30 PM at First United Methodist Church, 200 Market Street in Warren. A Community Choir will provide special music for the service.

Saturday – March 31st

10:00 AM - Noon, Community Easter Party & Egg Hunt

Children from preschool to grade 6 from the North Warren Presbyterian Community Day Care, Sunday School, and their friends are invited to a Community Easter Egg Hunt and Party. This is not only a time of fun and excitement for the children, but a great opportunity for them to invite their friends to hear that Jesus died and rose again so we can have a good relationship with God. For some of these kids, it could easily be the first time they hear the story of the Gospel, so don't overlook this opportunity to invite the children into the church.

Easter Sunday – April 1st

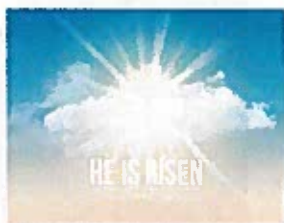
7:00 AM, Outdoor Community Easter Sunrise Service in Community Park

Come and worship the Risen Lord with your friends and neighbors in the North Warren Presbyterian Church Community Park as we face the sun together and give praise to the "Risen Son!" The service will take place outside (rain or shine) in the Dave Clark Pavilion. Be Missional – invite a friend to join you.



Breakfast Following the Community Park Sunrise Service

The Youth Group will provide a hot breakfast in Fellowship Hall featuring egg casserole and fresh baked goods! The breakfast is provided free of charge, but the youth do ask you to consider making a donation to the Youth Mission Fund for our Summer Mission Trip.



9:30 AM, Sunday School for all ages

Our Easter observances will continue with our regular Sunday School classes for nursery to adults, celebrating the Good News of Christ's Resurrection.

11:00 AM, Worship of the Risen Lord

The Celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord continues with a special service of praise and thanksgiving. The sanctuary will be decorated with flowers, the Qadosh Bells will play, and we will celebrate our Lord's Resurrection together.



Youth Stuff

Bulletin Board

Hooray...Bravo...Kudos...Well Done...Stupendous...Terrific...

THANK YOU: Nancy Bullock, Lynn Bricker, Darrell Pusateri, Denny McClellan, Martha Brackemyre, and Buddy Ward for helping with the Spaghetti Supper! Thanks also to Ruth Morrison for the beautiful decorating job!

2018 Summer Mission Trip!

Our 2018 mission trip is tentatively from June 24th -29th with YouthWorks! We will be partnering with ministries in the area and much of the work will be minor home repair and working with children. Interested youth may sign up before April 15th and submit an \$80 deposit.



Youth helpers (especially great egg hiders!) are needed for our Kids Easter Party on March 31st from 10:00 am until noon!



FOOTSTEPS WEEKEND AHEAD!

Another Footsteps weekend will take place on April 13th—15th at Camp Mission Meadows. If any high school youth are interested in going, contact Anne Ward or Ruth Morrison soon!



Youth Group Info!

Sunday Nights

6:00-7:30 p.m. 7th through 12 grade

Regular meetings on March 11th & 18th & 25th.

Recreation is on Wednesdays from 7:00—8:30 p.m. at the Community House. Bring your water bottles!



A youth group outing to the 2nd of four youth Passion Conferences at Praise Fellowship will take place Sunday, March 4th. Meet at the church at 5:45 pm!



Please pray for our 30 Hour Famine on March 2nd—3rd

"Break fast" at 6:00 p.m. Sat

Report in April's newsletter!

Spaghetti Supper Successful!



The Valentine's Day Sweetheart Spaghetti Supper was a success as \$1,114 was collected for World Vision. About 102 people attended and were very generous with their donations. We had six youth helping during the supper and they all did a stupendous job! They were Jacob Bullock, Julia Claypoole, Hayden Turner, Jaylene Swanson, Rosea Clemente and Natasha Ferry. We couldn't have done it without the adult helpers who are listed above! What a blessing it was to serve others! Thank you for the donations of food which allowed us to donate all the money received to World Vision. We appreciate your support of this service aspect of our youth ministry.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<p>1 12:00 Noon Community Lenten Service @ 1st UMC 6:00 PM Deacons</p>	<p>2 30 Hour Famine</p>	<p>3 5:30 30 Hour Famine Break- Fast</p>
<p>Penny Sunday 4 9:15 AM Prayer Meeting 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship After Church Coffee 6:00 PM Youth Group</p>	<p>5 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study 5:45 PM Worship Team 7:00 PM Qadosh Bells</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 7:00 PM Youth Rec</p>	<p>8 12:00 Noon Community Lenten Service @ 1st UMC 12:30 PM Ladies Prayer Luncheon Sharing Place</p>		<p>10</p>
<p>Daylight Savings Begins 11 9:15 AM Prayer Meeting 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 6:00 PM Youth Group</p>	<p>12 5:45 PM Worship Team 6:00 PM Community House 7:00 PM Qadosh Bells</p>	<p>13 6:00 pm Christian Ed</p>	<p>14 7:00 PM Youth Rec</p>	<p>15 12:00 Noon Community Lenten Service @ 1st UMC</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>St. Patrick's Day 17 </p>
<p>18 9:15 AM Prayer Meeting 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship After Church Coffee 6:00 PM Session 6:00 PM Youth Group</p>	<p>19 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study 5:45 PM Worship Team 7:00 PM Qadosh Bells</p>	<p>20 Spring Equinox </p>	<p>21 9:15 AM Presbytery Missional Gathering in Corry 7:00 PM Youth Rec</p>	<p>22 12:00 Noon Community Lenten Service @ 1st UMC</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>Palm Sunday 25 9:15 AM Prayer Meeting 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship After Church Coffee 6:00 PM Youth Group</p>	<p>26 5:45 PM Worship Team 7:00 PM Qadosh Bells</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 7:00 PM Youth Rec</p>	<p>Maundy Thursday 29 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service</p>	<p>Good Friday 30 10:00 AM Fill Easter Eggs No School 7:30pm Community Good Friday Service @ 1st UMC</p>	<p>Passover Begins 31 10:00 AM – Noon Kid's Easter Party</p>

For a complete up-to-date view, visit our website at <http://www.nwpchurch.org/events-news-and-lists>

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It Can Happen to Anyone



Many of us in today's environment of digital purchasing, bill paying, and non-cash transactions feel a little unsafe at times. It really seems now that it's not a matter of "if", but "when" you get hacked. You can't stay stuck in the "old days" of cash and mailing all your bills though. Sometimes you have to jump through hoops to do that. And no matter how careful you are, almost everyone eventually falls for one of these schemes – I know from personal experience.

Remember, never respond directly to an email asking for financial information. Don't click on the links. Telephone the company and ask questions **first**. I ignore most calls I don't recognize, but if you do take a telephone call, ask first for the caller's name and employee number. You may end up with a dead line and it's over at that point. Then call the company and check on him before you cooperate with any survey or listen to any product presentation he may have. Don't use any phone number he may give you. Use a number you can look up independently. Never give out your social security number over the phone, your credit card number, or any bank account information unless you have initiated the call.

And you've heard it a zillion times, get some better passwords. And be more wary the next time. Good Luck!