



The Vine

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February & March 2019

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“Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. God will not grow tired or weary, and God’s understanding no one can fathom.”

Isaiah 40:28 (NIV)

Have you ever complained to God, either verbally or silently, and accused God of not taking care of you, and failing to notice the difficulties that surround your life? Leaders like Moses and Isaiah often heard their people’s dissatisfaction with God. In Isaiah 40, verse 27, the verse just before the one listed above, the prophet asks, *“Why do you complain, why do you say, “My way is hidden from the Lord; my cause is disregarded by my God?”*

We shouldn’t be too hard on the Israelites. At least they were being honest. They were away from the Promised Land in exile in Babylon. They were far away from the temple and the beauty of Mount Zion. In the stresses of exile and foreign captivity, they voiced their feelings regarding God. They complained that God had abandoned them. They felt that God did not know their plight and was unaware of their dire situation.

It may surprise us to realize that when we complain about God’s lack of care, the real dilemma lies in the fact that we really do not know the character of God. Isaiah is quick to point out both the ignorance and the short-term memory of God’s people. In verse 28 above, Isaiah reminds us that our God is never plagued by fatigue or memory loss or confusion. Our God is never “asleep at the switch.” God is never afflicted by indecision or caught unaware by troubling circumstances. These are very human shortcomings. But God’s character is never reflected in human weaknesses.

Who does God help and strengthen? Does God come to the aid of the strong, the competent, the clever, the eloquent, or the self-reliant? Isaiah reminds us that those who know God’s strength are the weary, the weak, the stumbling and those who are falling. God delights in equipping those who acknowledge their need and vulnerability and flaws. We should spend time with this passage and reflect on the God it reveals to us. When we are at the end of our abilities, we should resist the desire to complain that God’s abilities are equally limited. Instead, our weakness is the entranceway to discovering a God who is ready and able and aware of our need. Indeed God delights in giving us the strength necessary to replace our pint-size efforts.

So as we move into the season of Lent next month let us pray that God’s Spirit will free us from accusing our Lord of abandoning us and not caring for us. May God help us to know and trust Christ, so that our lives might bear testimony to God’s strength and constant care in every situation!

In the name of our ever faithful Lord Jesus,

Buddy 😊

*Valentine's
Day*

*Sweetheart
Spaghetti Dinner*

Thursday, Feb. 14th
5:00 - 7:00 pm
cost: donation

February Events 2019

Birthdays

Feb	01	Kevin Billman
	01	Parker Kiser
	02	Charlie Jones
	04	Cori Dunagan
	04	Addison Lilley
	06	Shirley Betts
	08	Jill Lester
	10	Randy Jones
	10	Heidi Swanson
	10	Buddy Ward
	13	Emma Campbell
	13	Jaylene Swanson
	13	Adam Yeager
	17	Lynn Olsen
	18	Ron Davies
	20	Madalynn Campbell
	20	Jerry Lester
	21	Nyssa Brumagin
	21	James LaRusch
	22	Justin Slack
	23	Jan Maze
	23	Penny Wolboldt
	25	Susan Stout
	26	Teresa Blumquist
	26	Heather Nelson

Anniversaries

We have no anniversaries during the month of February!

Lay Leaders

Feb	03	Scouts
	10	Lynn Bricker

17	Mark Ash
24	Anne Ward

Greeters

Feb	03	Sandy Ransom
	10	Teresa Blumquist
	17	Christina McClellan
	24	Jim Reese

Sound Booth

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	10	Hayden Turner
	17	Gary Brumagin
	24	Nyssa Brumagin

Nursery - Adults

Feb	03	Lois Marshall
	10	Susan Stout
	17	Nancy Bullock
	24	Sandy Ransom

Sanctuary Flowers

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	10	Jim and Ruth Morrison
	17	Barb Hoehn
	24	Mark and Sheryl Ash

Ushers

Nancy Bullock
Brian Wood
Kelley Wood

Hospital Visitor

Denise Cederquist

After Church Coffee

Feb	03	Scouts
	24	Lois Marshall/Lynn Olsen

February

February is the second and shortest month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian calendar with 28 days in common years and 29 days in leap years, with the quadrennial 29th day being called the leap day. It is the first of five months to have a length of less than 31 days (the other four months that fall under this category are: April, June, September, and November), and the only month to have a length of less than 30 days, with the other seven months having 31 days. This year February has 28 days.



February is pronounced either as FEB-yoo-err-ee or FEB-roo-err-ee. Many people pronounce the first "r" as /u/ rather than /r/, as if it were spelled "Febuary". This comes about by analogy with "January", as well as by a dissimilation effect whereby having two "r"s close to each other causes one to change for ease of pronunciation.

(from Wikipedia)

Easter Seems a Bit Late This Year

As we were preparing for Easter, I noticed that Easter was way back in April, the 21st to be exact. This prompted me to go to the internet and do a bit of research.

Going to our old friend Wikipedia, I found that the last time that it was later than the 21st was 2011. It can't be any later than April 25, nor any earlier than March 22, by the Gregorian calendar used by the Western church.

Earliest Easter

In 1818 the Paschal Full Moon fell on Saturday, March 21 (the equinox). Therefore, the following day, March 22, was Easter. It will not fall as early again until 2285, a span of 467 years. The next earliest Easter between 1818 and 2285 (March 23) occurred in 1845, 1856, 1913 and 2008, and will occur again in 2160—an 11, 57, 95 and 152-year gap, respectively.

Latest Easter

In 1943 Easter fell on Sunday, April 25. The ecclesiastical full moon did not occur until Saturday, March 20; because it came before the vernal equinox, the paschal full moon did not happen until Sunday, April 18. Consequently, Easter was the following Sunday (April 25). Easter will not fall as late again until 2038—a span of 95 years. The second latest date for Easter, April 24, occurred in 2011. The last time this occurred was in 1859 and will not happen again until 2095—spans

of 152 and 84 years. However between 5121 and 6482, Easter will be no later than April 24.

Some people have just way too much time on their hands.

Applying Bible Principles

In 1935, Dr. R. A. Forrest, president of Toccoa Falls College in Georgia, embarked on a trip to visit former students who were serving the Lord on the mission field. R. G. LeTourneau, a prominent Christian businessman, heard him speak in Omaha and was very encouraged by what he heard. The night before Dr. Forrest sailed to Japan, a letter arrived at his hotel containing a check from Mr. LeTourneau for \$1,000. Mr. LeTourneau thought it would be nice if Dr. Forrest "had some money in his pocket as he went around the world to give to folks in a tough spot."

Dr. Forrest was elated and kept a detailed accounting of how he used that money to minister to people in need. When he returned to New York, he mailed the records to Mr. LeTourneau. A few days later, a reply came from Mr. LeTourneau that simply read, "Come see me." When Dr. Forrest arrived at Mr. LeTourneau's office in Peoria, he found a man who was deeply moved by Dr. Forrest's record of changed lives. He said, "If you can be trusted with \$1,000 and make that kind of impact, you can be trusted with \$10,000" and gave him a check in that amount.

Dr. Forrest had received "freely," and he gave "freely" (Matt. 10:8). He typified the kind of giving that God expects each of us to demonstrate as we respond to His good gifts by giving back to Him what was rightfully His in the first place.

Charles Stanley wrote this: "When God deals with us, it is always in abundant grace. He is lavish with His love and forgiveness. None of us



can ever repay Christ for what He did for us at Calvary. He generously gave His life

so we could enjoy eternal life." He went on to say, "There are two kinds of people: givers and keepers. If you decide to be a keeper, you will miss God's richest blessings. But when you give yourself away, you will reap the goodness of God."

That's because it is impossible to outgive God who has a unique accounting system. He never divides; He always multiplies. Will you trust Him today by giving generously to Him who "richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment" (1 Tim. 6:17)?

The Start of Lent

(Continued from the front cover)

An excerpt from the Companion to the Book of Common Worship (Geneva Press, 2003, 109-110)

The Lenten journey from the ashes of death to resurrected life begins on the first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday, which signifies a time

to turn around, to change directions, to repent. This first day of Lent reminds us that unless we are willing to die to our old selves, we cannot be raised to new life with Christ. The first step of this journey calls us to acknowledge and confront our mortality, individually and corporately. In many traditions, this is symbolized through the imposition of ashes — placing a cross on one's forehead. During the imposition of ashes the words: "You are dust, and to dust you shall return" (Genesis 3:19) are repeated again and again. We are to remember that we are but temporary creatures, always on the edge of death. On Ash Wednesday, we begin our Lenten trek through the desert toward Easter.

Ashes on the forehead is a sign of our humanity and a reminder of our mortality.



Lent is not a matter of being good, and wearing ashes is not to

show off one's faith. The ashes are a reminder to us and our communities of our finite creatureliness. The ashes we wear on our Lenten journey symbolize the dust and broken debris of our lives as well as the reality that eventually each of us will die.

Trusting in the "accomplished fact" of Christ's resurrection, however, we listen for the Word of God in the time-honored stories of

the church's Lenten journey. We follow Jesus into the wilderness, resist temptation, fast, and proceed "on the way" to Jerusalem and the cross. Our Lenten journey is one of metanoia ("turning around"), of changing directions from self-serving toward the self-giving way of the cross.

(Excerpted from PCUSA website, presbyterianmission.org.)

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 Pastor Buddy with your request and we will pass it on.



Parking Reminder

With winter weather now here with a vengeance at times, we urge you to take advantage of the parking lot and leave the on street parking on Church Street for those with mobility issues on Sunday morning.

Although a seemingly small gesture, it is a meaningful one for

those who need that extra bit of help, especially now that the bad weather has arrived in earnest.

Now, if you are someone with a mobility issue, we invite you to take advantage of the Church Street parking, keeping in mind that it is parallel parking, and keeping the handicapped spot by the door available unless you have the need.

Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study recently started a 12 session series on "Meeting God" by J. I. Packer. Packer was one of the inspirations for Chip Ingram's study on "The Real God." Come and join the men of the church at 7:15 PM to travel together from the church or go straight to Perkins in Warren and meet at 7:30 PM as we continue our study of who God really is!

No Christian Ed Meeting

For the month of February, there will not be a Christian Ed meeting. Next one will be held on March 12 at 6:00 PM in the Pastor's office.

Ladies Bible Study

Many of us ache for relationship with God, yet feel distant and disconnected from him. As if he's more of an idea we believe in our head than a person we relate to.

Why do we feel this gap between God and us? Could it be that a lot of what we think about God is wrong? Not all wrong, but wrong enough to

mess up how we relate to him? What if our "God" is really a projection of our own identity, ideas, and desires? And what if the real God is different, but far better than we could ever imagine?

This book and study is a simple but profound guide to what God says about himself. In his signature conversational style, author John Mark Comer takes the reader line by line through Exodus 34, versus 6-8 – what some scholars argue is the most quoted in the Bible, by the Bible.

It turns out, who God is just might surprise you – and change everything.

The Ladies Bible Study has begun a new study of this Book, God Has A Name by John Mark Comer, for the Monday morning Ladies Bible Study group back on January 7.

2/4	Yahweh God: A Name
2/18	Yahweh God: God & the gods

Books are \$11.00 each and are available from Gloria Lindell. The study is available to all interested ladies.

THE MAGIC BANK ACCOUNT

Imagine that you had won the prize in a contest. Each morning your bank would deposit \$86,400 into your private account, with rules that read:

1. Everything that you did not spend during each day would be withdrawn from your account.

2. You may not simply transfer money into some other account.

3. You may only spend It.

4. Each morning, when you wake, the bank opens your account with another \$86,400 for that day.

5. The bank can end the game, without warning, at any time. It can say, "Game Over!" and close the account and you will not receive a new one.

What would you personally do?

You would buy anything and everything you wanted, right? Not only for yourself, but for all the people you love and care for. Even for people you don't know, because you couldn't possibly spend it all on yourself, right?

You would try to spend every penny, and use it all, because you knew it would be replenished in the morning, right?

This "game" is actually real, to each of us. Each of us is already a winner of this prize. We just can't seem to see it.

The prize is TIME.

1. Each morning, upon waking, we receive 86,400 seconds as a gift of Life.

2. And when we go to sleep at night, any remaining time is not credited to us.

3. What we have not used up that day is forever lost.

4. Yesterday is gone forever.

5. Each morning the account is refilled, but the bank can dissolve our account at any time without warning.

So, what will we do with our seconds?

Those 86,400 seconds are worth so much more than \$86,400. Think

about it, and remember to enjoy every second of your life, because time races by so much more quickly than you think.

Take care of yourself, be happy, love deeply and live life to the fullest!

Start spending...Wisely.

And don't complain about growing old! Some people don't get the privilege.

From www.mikeysFunnies.com

8 Can Soup

Winter is the time for soups and we all could use an easy recipe for a reasonably healthy, quick, and tasty



soup. We used to do something like this in Boy Scouts when we would all

bring a can of something and mix it together, but that was pretty unpredictable! This takes care of that problem.

I got this from one of the women in the church who tells me she got it from one of the other women who says she got it handed down from somewhere else – usually the best recipes. Normally I won't eat canned veggies, but in this case, it's completely different. By the way, there's a ton of variations on this on the web as well, so feel free to vary any way you feel.

- 1 Can Mixed Vegetables
- 1 Can Whole Kernel Corn
- 1 Can Green Beans
- 1 Can Minestrone Soup

- 1 Can Chili with Beans
- 1 Can Chili without Beans
- 1 Can Stewed Tomatoes
- 1 Can Chick Peas (Garbanzo Beans)

Don't drain anything. Put it in a decent sized pot. Bring to a boil, reduce heat, and cook for a few minutes, stirring regularly. Serve alone or with crackers, corn muffins, bread, or come up with your own sides. Quick and easy, we keep the cans together in the cupboard for that evening when no one wants to cook.

Ladies Luncheon Prayer Group

The February meeting of the Ladies Luncheon Prayer Group is cancelled. The regularly scheduled meeting fell on Valentine's Day, which is also the same day as the Sweetheart's Spaghetti Supper. That seemed like it might be a bit much food for one day, so plan on meeting March 14th at 12:30 PM at the church. Hostesses are Judy McElhatten and Donita Reddick.

Reminders

Sweetheart Spaghetti Supper is February 14, 5:00 – 7:00 PM here at the church. Help is needed as well as your attendance.

30 Hour Famine is the first weekend in March. See Youth page for more information.



Youth Stuff

Sweetheart Dinner

Thursday, February 14th

On **Thurs., Feb. 14th**, the youth will host their 10th annual **Sweetheart Spaghetti Supper** to benefit World Vision! Cost is by donation and the hours will be from **5:00 until 7:00 p.m.**

Come and bring a sweetheart or a friend or two! We are also asking for donations of food items. A sign up sheet is in the church narthex. Youth do **NOT** have to do the Famine to help with the Supper! **Adult help is appreciated!** Share Jesus' love and fight world hunger!



...And a Movie (in March)

We are scheduling a movie night for Saturday, March 23rd at 6:30 p.m. (*Using our new, sharper projector!*) The movie will be **Spider-man: Into the Spider Verse**, rated PG. The event is free so invite your friends, family, and neighbors! Refreshments will be served.

Footsteps Weekend Ahead!



When: March 29th-31st
 Where: Camp Mission Meadows
 Who: High School Students
 Cost: FREE (we have funds available)
Register by the end of February! See Anne or Ruth!

February & March Birthdays:

Rev. Buddy Ward Feb. 10th
 Jaylene Swanson Feb. 13th
 Logan Nelson (rec) March 24th



Meeting Info

Confirmation class continues on alternate Sunday nights from 6:00-7:15 ish.

We are meeting on February 3rd and 17th, and March 3rd, 17th, and 31st.

Recreation is on Wednesday nights from 7:00 until 8:30 p.m. at the Community House for those in 5th grade and up.

World Vision's 30 Hour Famine March 1st and 2nd

We will once again be participating in the 30 Hour Famine to raise money for World Vision. All youth 6th grade and up are invited to participate in this life changing adventure. We are signing up interested teens, and adults are welcome to participate. The fast will begin after lunch on Friday and continue into Sat. afternoon. We are able to drink juices and broth. The Famine is an "overnighter" with different activities centering on hunger and other needs in the world, including a Saturday service project.

If you are interested, contact Anne Ward for a packet of information. Invite your friends! We hope to raise even more money than last year to fight hunger, hopelessness, and suffering. Adults are welcome to help! Check out the bulletin board for all the information!

2019 Theme is "Just Hunger"

The Sign Up Deadline is February 23rd!

Mission Trip



I would like to take youth on a mission trip this summer, probably in July with Youth-Works. We would not go too far, Please let me know if you are interested and what dates you have available. We might do a RADA cutlery sale, but don't let finances hold you back. We can provide most of the assistance!

Don't forget Penny Sunday, the **first** Sunday of each month, to support our church's mission fund. February and March Penny Sundays will be the 3rd! Profits from the pop machine continue to support the youth mission fund. **THANK YOU for your generosity!**



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10 9:15 AM Prayer Meeting 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Daylight Savings Time Begins	11 7:00 PM Qadosh Bells 	12 6:00 PM Christian Ed	13 7:00 PM Youth Rec	14 12:30 PM Ladies Prayer Luncheon 7:30 PM Men's Bible Study	15	16
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24 9:15 AM Prayer Meeting 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship After Church Coffee 6:00 PM Session Meeting	25 7:00 PM Qadosh Bells 	26	27 7:00 PM Youth Rec	28 7:30 PM Men's Bible Study	29	30
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March 2019

March Events 2019

Birthdays

Mar	01	Rylee Arlington	
	01	Bill Boyles	
	02	Cheryl Cook	
	02	Tanner Robeson	
	05	Ken Bakewell	
	05	Jerry Schultz	
	06	Raymond Barrett	
	06	Mynda Rossman	
	07	Mark Nickerson	
	08	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	
	23	Rylie Yeager	
	24	Anaya Hughie	
	25	John Schultz	
	26	CJ Mix	
	26	Michael Schultz	
	27	Emma Jones	
	27	Dave Lee	
	30	Abbie Yeager	

Anniversaries

Mar	01	William & Sharon Boyles	
	09	William & Sandra Ransom	57
	14	Jack & Lynn Collins	51
	17	John & Marcia McKown	
	22	John & Marlene Engman	56
	26	Gary & Kathryn Olson	53
	26	Bruce & Linda Swanson	42

Lay Leaders

Mar	03	Chris McClellan	
	10	Ruth Morrison	
	17	Gary Brumagin	
	24	Susan Stout	
	31	Gloria Lindell	

Greeters

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	10	Karen Ashbaugh	
	17	Judy McElhatten	
	24	Jim Ashbaugh	
	31	Martha Brackemyre	

Sound Booth

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	24	Hayden Turner	
	31	Gary Brumagin	

Nursery - Adults

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	17	Nancy Bullock	
	24	Christine Case	
	31	Chris McClellan	

Sanctuary Flowers

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Ushers

Martha Brackemyre
Carol Pusateri
Darrell Pusateri

Hospital Visitor

Marguerite Dalrymple

After Church Coffee

Mar	24	Chris & Denny McClellan	
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Transfiguration Communion

Servers

Christina McClellan
Martha Brackemyre
Gary Olson
Jim Reese
Nancy Bullock
Marian Hartman

The Symbols of March

Its birth flower is the daffodil, a sure sign of spring.

Birthstones are aquamarine and bloodstone. These stones symbolize courage.



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The Start of Lent

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent with a public act of confession and contrition. Acknowledging that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, we stand in solidarity as fellow creatures before our Creator, acutely aware of our mortality. In the face of our transience, we pledge ourselves anew to live unto God's Word in Jesus Christ, the eternal Word that remains forever.

Historically, Ash Wednesday was a time when penitents were presented for church discipline during Lent, culminating in reconciliation on Maundy Thursday. Ash Wednesday is also the occasion when would-be disciples of Christ known as catechumens were enrolled in the catechumenate, a special time of learning the basics of the faith in preparation for baptism on Easter Sunday or during the Easter Vigil. In some traditions, Ash Wednesday is a fast day, beginning the Lenten time of fasting and preparation for the Great Three Days that culminate in Easter. (continued on News from the Pews, pg. 2)

ASH
WEDNESDAY

A graphic featuring a simple, hand-drawn cross made of thick, textured lines. Below the cross, the words "ASH" and "WEDNESDAY" are stacked vertically in a large, serif, all-caps font.