

Faith is not a feeling. It is a choice to trust God even when the road ahead seems uncertain!

Gold Hymnal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *“Jesus is All the World to Me”*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills -- from where will my help come?

People: Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Leader: The Lord will not let your foot be moved, God who keeps you will not slumber.

People: God neither slumbers nor sleeps.

Leader: The Lord is the shade at our right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

People: The Lord will keep us from all evil.

Leader: The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in, from this time on and forever. **AMEN.**

***HYMN “He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought”.....no. 606**

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, despite assurances that you are good and loving, despite the psalmist's reminder that you are the ever-watchful keeper of our lives, we struggle to trust you. We find it difficult to hope in what is unseen, to believe in what we cannot prove, to take the leap of faith that believing requires.

Forgive our lack of faith, our doubt, and our fear. Forgive our desire to be the one in control. Help us to let go of self, that we might trust in you and you alone and walk with you as Abram did.

AMEN.

+SILENT PRAYER *(please use this time to confess your own personal sin)*

+KYRIE

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God loves us and forgives us. Arise and live in the knowledge that we have been given new life!

People: The old is washed away – we are a new creation!

AMEN.

***GLORIA PATRI.....no. 142**

BELL CHOIR *“Bouree”*

YOUNG PEOPLE’S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT Genesis 12:1-4 pg. 8

CHOIR ANTHEM *“Be Thou My Vision”*

GOSPEL LESSON John 3:1-16 pg. 863

MESSAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER

***THE CREED.....inside front cover of hymnal**

***HYMN “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”.....no. 21**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY *“In Christ Alone”*

***OFFERING RESPONSE/THE DOXOLOGY.....no. 382**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND LORD’S PRAYER**

***BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN**

***HYMN “Near the Cross”.....no. 254**

Let There Be Peace on Earth Gold Hymnal no. 681

CHIMES, QUIET MEDITATION (Congregation seated)

POSTLUDE *“To God Be The Glory”*

(those who are able please *- stand, +-kneel)

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Greeters.....Mel and Marian Gerhart

Head Usher.....Amy Miller

The Altar flowers are given in memory of my husband Bob by Bev Martin.

The Peace Pantry will be collecting school supplies for the Children’s Ministry Lenten Project.

Buckets in the Narthex are for a freewill offering to defray the cost of painting our outside sign. Thanks for your support.

PRAYER REQUESTS

While we pray for those whose needs we know, let us also pray for those whose need remain silent.

Doris Fultz	Bob Welliver	Kathy Schlegel
Sheree Wolf	Family of Roy Evans	Kevin Chandler
Linda Coventry	Pauline and Randy Firestone	

Adult Ministry will be hosting a Trivia Night on Sunday, March 26th beginning at 5:00. For more information, please speak with Pat Acebo.

The Peace Church Choir will be singing at the Barnstormers Baseball game on Saturday, June 17. Game time is 6:30. For more information see John Haldeman or Pat Acebo.

COMING EVENTS

Tuesday, March 14th – Bible Study – 1:00 pm
Spiritual Council 6:30 pm
Church Council 7:00 pm

Tuesday, March 21st – Marketing Meeting – 7:00 pm

Tuesday, March 28th – Children’s Ministry – 7:00 pm

LENTEN SERVICES

The theme for our Wednesday Evening Services is the Parable of Lent.
Services begin at 7:30.

March 15th – at St. John’s UCC - Bob Smallman

March 22nd – at Swamp Christian Fellowship - Phil Horning

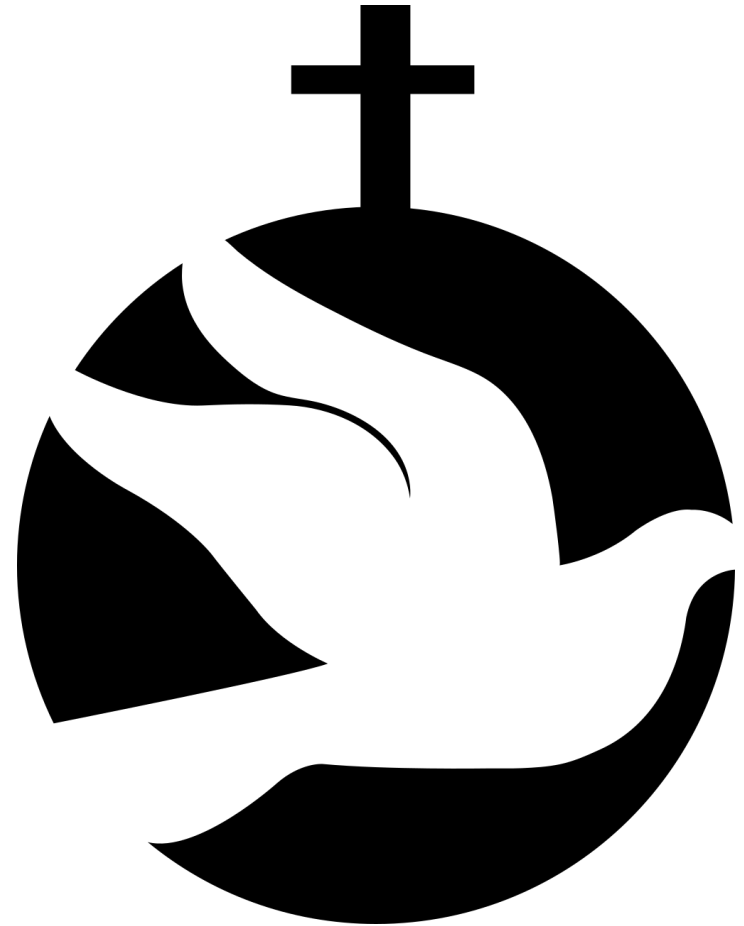
March 29th – at Gehman’s Mennonite Church - Jeff Hain

April 5th – at Emmanuel Evang. Cong. Church - Bill Hoch

Mrs. Sands is looking for brass players for Easter morning. Please talk to her to sign up. Thanks!

We are collecting individually wrapped candy to be placed in plastic eggs and used for the Easter Egg Hunt. Please place all donations in the basket at the office window.

Peace United Church of Christ



March 12, 2017
Second Sunday of Lent