

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

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**Gold Hymnal**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *"Partita on Crimond"*

**\*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**

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 pg. 11

CHOIR ANTHEM *"Take My Life and Let It Be"*

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 8:31-38 pg. 820

MESSAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

**\*HYMN "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling".....no. 21**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY *"O For the Wings of a Dove"*

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

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**\*BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN**

**\*HYMN "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross".....no. 258**

Let There Be Peace on Earth Gold Hymnal no. 681

CHIMES, QUIET MEDITATION (Congregation seated)

POSTLUDE *"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"*

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

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The Altar flowers are given in memory of William Coventry by his wife Linda Coventry and "Wally" Binns by his wife Alice Binns.

During Pastor Bill's absence Rev. Ed Dickel from Ephrata Manor will be available for emergency pastoral services. Please contact John McDonough or Ephrata Manor if you need assistance.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

*Let us also pray for those whose needs remain silent.*

Doris Fultz	Mel Gerhart	Deb Schleicher
Sally Romich	Lori Hartranft	Anna Leshar
Betty Leisey	Mildred Krick	Pastor Bill
Family of Ralph Roseboro		

## COMING EVENTS

Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup> – Bell Choir Rehearsal – 7:00 pm  
Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> – No Bible Study  
Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup> – Choir Rehearsal – 7:00 pm  
Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup> – Women’s Stitch and Chat group – 9:00 am  
Benevolence – 6:00 pm  
Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> – Council Meetings – 6:30 & 7:00 pm  
Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> – Marketing Meeting – 7:00 pm  
Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> – Easter Egg Hunt – 10:00 am

Due to Pastor Bill’s illness Bible Study will be cancelled until further notice and the March Newsletter will be delayed.

## MID-WEEK LENTEN SCHEDULE MINISTRY MATTERS

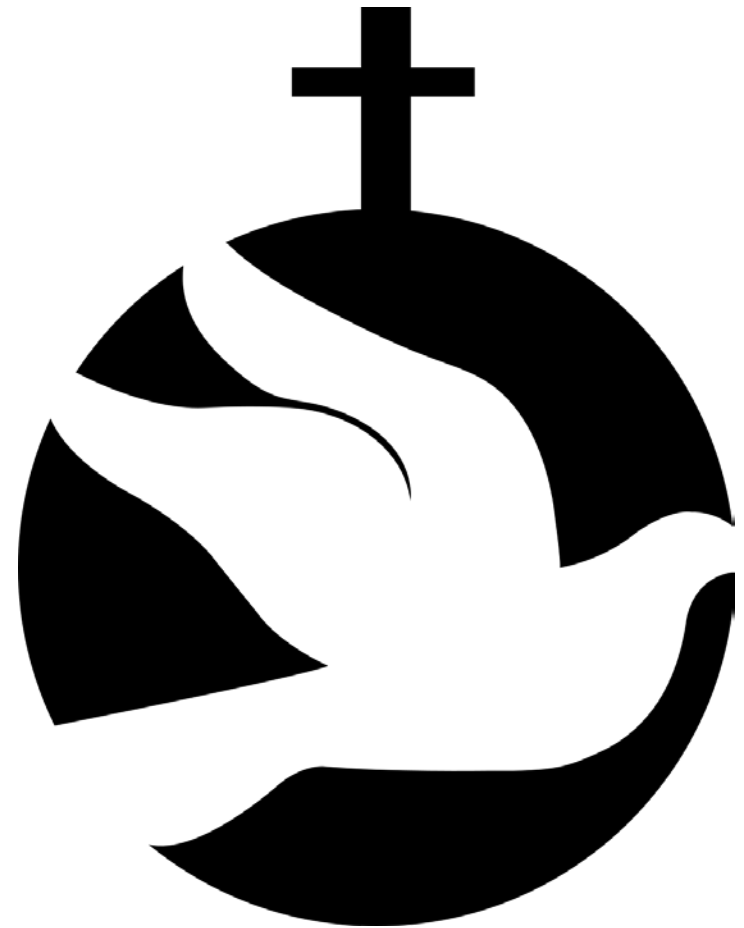
All Services begin at 7:30 pm

February 28<sup>th</sup> – St. John’s UCC, 659 S 4th St, Denver, Mike Roney  
March 7<sup>th</sup> – Swamp Christian Fellowship, 390 Swamp Church Rd,  
Reinholds, Brad Haws  
March 14<sup>th</sup> – Gehman’s Mennonite, 127 Witmer Rd, Reinholds,  
Craig Frazier  
March 21<sup>st</sup> – Emmanuel EC, 70 W Main, Adamstown, Phil Horning

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.

We invite you to follow the example of our youth and write a letter expressing your hopes and prayers for the people of Zion Church and Puerto Rico as they continue to rebuild in the coming New Year. Please drop your cards in the box that will be provided in the Narthex and we will send them all together.

# Peace United Church of Christ



February 25, 2018  
Second Sunday of Lent