

Lent stimulates us to let the Word of God penetrate our life and in this way to know the fundamental truth: who we are, where we come from, where we must go, what path we must take in life.

Gold Hymnal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Ashokan Farewell" Eric Schweitzer

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: He was bruised for our iniquities. He was wounded for our transgressions. The lashes cut deep into his flesh. The crown of thorns pierced the skin of his head. The nails bit through his hands. The sword pierced his side. He was oppressed, afflicted and spoke not a word. Upon him was the burden that makes us whole.

People: By Christ's wounds we are healed! By His mercy we are saved. By His grace we are restored and made new.

Leader: By and in his Spirit we worship and we rejoice! **AMEN.**

***HYMN "The Old Rugged Cross".....no. 256**

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, forgive us when we stray from your path and succumb to the temptation of the moment. Forgive us for failing to see every person as one of your beloved children. Forgive us when we fail to share from the resources we have, allowing others to go hungry for lack of food. Forgive us when we hold onto our anger and hurts, failing to forgive as you have forgiven us. Forgive us when we forget to live our lives in a way that shows that you are our God and we are your people. Forgive us and restore us to your way and your will shown in the life and sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Savior. AMEN.

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

+KYRIE

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader- Believe the good news of the Gospel, in Jesus Christ we are all forgiven.

People- Christ suffered for our sins that we might have, and know the path to God's redeeming love. AMEN.

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

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

EPISTLE LESSON 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 pg. 926

CHOIR ANTHEM "God Spoke to Me"

GOSPEL LESSON John 2:13-22 pg. 863

MESSAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

***HYMN "God of Grace and God of Glory".....no. 528**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

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

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

***BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN**

***HYMN "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley".....no. 217**

Let There Be Peace on Earth Gold Hymnal no. 681

CHIMES, QUIET MEDITATION (Congregation seated)

POSTLUDE "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"

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

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The Altar flowers are given in memory of Esther Schlouch by her husband Harvey.

Pastor Haan Phelps will be available for emergency pastoral services this week. Please contact John McDonough or Haan at 717-553-5409 if you need assistance.

Please welcome Pastor Deborah Winters as she leads us in worship today.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Let us also pray for those whose needs remain silent.

Doris Fultz	Mel Gerhart	Deb Schleicher
Sally Romich	Lori Hartranft	Anna Leshner
Mildred Krick	Pastor Bill	Jean Trostle
Jim Gress	family of Betty Leisey	

COMING EVENTS

Monday, March 5th – Bell Choir Rehearsal – 7:00 pm
Women's Stitch and Chat group – 9:00 am
Benevolence – 6:00 pm
Thursday, March 8th – Choir Rehearsal – 7:00 pm
Tuesday, March 13th – Council Meetings – 6:30 & 7:00 pm
Tuesday, March 20th – Marketing Meeting – 7:00 pm
Saturday, March 24th – 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

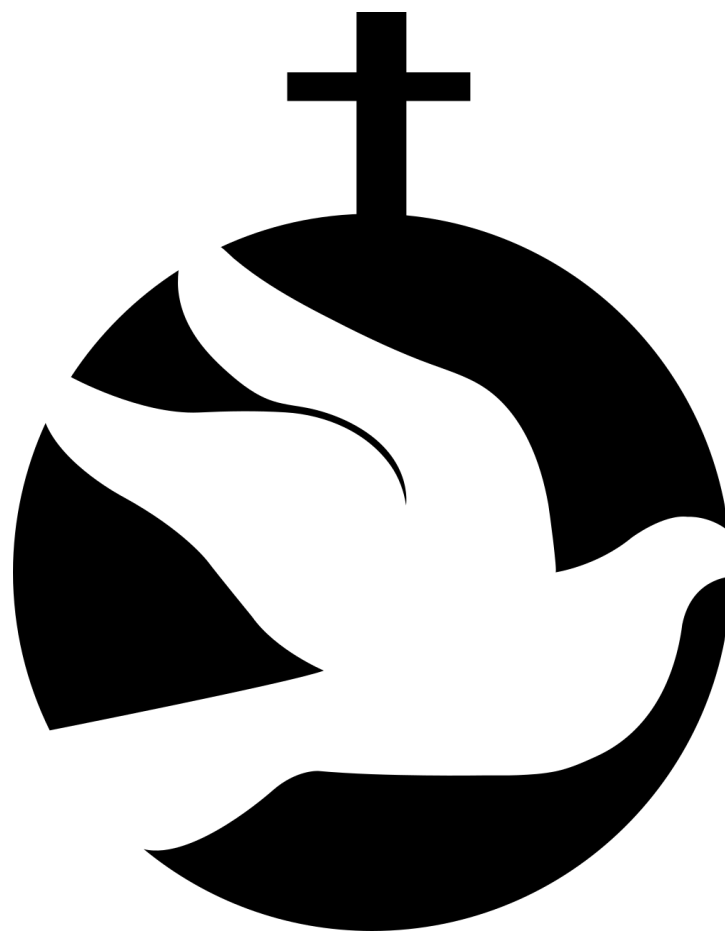
All Services begin at 7:30 pm

March 7th – Swamp Christian Fellowship, 390 Swamp Church Rd,
Reinholds, Brad Haws
March 14th – Gehman's Mennonite, 127 Witmer Rd, Reinholds,
Craig Frazier
March 21st – 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



March 4, 2018
Third Sunday of Lent