

Volume LIX Issue III



Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve... But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15

Every day we are faced with choices, some important, some not so important. Some that could be life changing and some that could affect not just one person or family, but a whole nation. So, how do we make right and good choices? How do we know that what we choose is the right choice? Joshua based his choices on serving God, choosing what would be holy and pleasing to God. Parents are responsible for guiding and directing their children...teaching them to make good choices based on the values and morals found in God's Holy Word. It is a great responsibility, for the life of that child depends not only on knowing right from wrong but also on knowing God and God's commandments and having a heart that is obedient to God's laws. It is so important that we adults live a life of Godly example...choosing to live a Christ-like life, living our lives as Jesus taught us, not as the world teaches. Will you choose to be a Godly example or a worldly example? What will you do with Jesus?

In the New Testament Gospels we read about people who had to make a choice, a decision of what to do with Jesus. The rich young ruler had to choose between his wealth and Jesus...unfortunately he chose not give up his earthly treasures. Peter, Andrew, James, and John had to make a decision to keep fishing with their nets or lay down their nets and become fishers of men. They left it all behind and followed Jesus. Judas had to choose between betraying Jesus for 30 pieces of silver or remaining faithful to Jesus. He chose to betray his Lord. The scribes and Pharisees had to choose what to do with Jesus too; to believe he was the messiah or to deliver Jesus into the hands of Roman authorities for punishment. They chose to crucify Jesus under the cover of darkness. Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor was responsible for administering justice and keeping peace in Jerusalem. He too had to make a choice of what to do with Jesus. Jesus was brought before Pilate falsely accused of several crimes. Pilate had the authority to sentence Jesus to death as the Jewish leaders requested. During the trial, however, Pilate announced that Jesus was innocent. But, Pilate was influenced by what other people thought. They threatened his position, his place of authority, and pressured him into making a decision that he washed his hands of, trying to wash his guilt away by symbolically washing his hands and placing the guilt on the Jewish leaders and the crowds that called for Jesus to be crucified. Pilate chose to please the crowd and sentenced Jesus to death on a cross. His choice did not bring him peace.

Each of us too, must decide what to do with Jesus. God has extended to us a gift, salvation available only through His Son, Jesus. We must decide to accept or reject God's gift. No one else can make that decision for us. We must understand that when we put aside God's Word and make decisions based on feelings or common practices, we fall into the "gray area" where right and wrong seems blurred: convictions seem to change to fit the situation. God often speaks through others, but our true authority is found in God's Holy Word and through the guidance of the Holy Spirit. One will never contradict the other. What is your response to God's gift, to God's Word? Are you choosing to do right or compromise so that the least number is offended? Who or what will be your final authority... the Word of God or the crowds around you? Will your decision bring you everlasting peace? What will you do with Jesus?

Pastor Carol



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE MARCH 6TH, 6:30 P.M



DON'T FORGET
TIME JUMPS AHEAD
ONE HOUR AT 2:00 A.M.
ON MARCH 10TH



St. Patrick's Day Potato Bar A Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser

MARCH 17TH after the 10:00 a.m. worship service

Baked Potatos with lots of toppings to choose from!

Chicken Ettoufee, Broccoli and Cheese, Chili, Sour Cream & Chives, Taco, and more!

2019 Hamilton Co. UMM Lenten Breakfast Schedule

Theme: "WHO is your neighbor?"

Scripture: James 2:8 - "If you fulfill the royal law according to the scripture,

you shall love your neighbor as yourself, you are doing right."

Offering: Metro Ministries

Time: 7:30 a.m.

Dates:

Sat., March 23, First UMC, 2051 E. Monument St., Noblesville

Speaker: Mr. Dennis Schrumpf, Certified Lay Servant

Sat., March 30, The Promise UMC, 12648 E. 116th St., Fishers Speaker: Ms. Emily Reece, Director of Church Development

Sat., April 6, St. Mark's UMC, 4780 E. 126th St., Carmel

Speaker: Mr. Craig Wood, Certified Lay Servant

Sat., April 13, Sheridan UMC, 207 E. 2nd St., Sheridan

Speaker: Rev. Adriane Curtis, Associate Pastor, Carmel UMC

Community Lenten Services 2019

March 6th	Kirklin Assembly of God	7:00 p.m.
March 13th	Sheridan Church of God	7:00 p.m.
March 20th	Christ tabernacle	7:00 p.m.
March 27th	Terhune UMC	7:00 p.m.
April 3rd	Kirklin Wesleyan	7:00 p.m.
April 10th	TBA	
April 19th	Good Friday	
	Sheridan First Christian	12:00 p.m.
April 21st	Sunrise	
	Sheridan FUMC	7:00 a.m.
	Breakfast following	

Learn and Play Preschool

The last day of February we talked about March and how it comes in like a lion or a lamb. We made clouds out of Ivory soap in the microwave. We roared like a lion and baa liked a lamb. Hoping Spring is right around the corner











Happy Anniversary

Leon Brandenburg	3/1
Laura Faherty	3/1
Brad Gipson	3/1
Marie Mosbaugh	3/3
Robert Fox	3/4
Dort Pickett	3/5
Jackie Pickett	3/5
Ed Heffelmire	3/7
Lauren Bensen	3/9
Nancy Hawn	3/9
Betty Doane	3/11
John Finchum	3/11
Nancy Kerr	3/13
Yvonne Pickett	3/14
Emma Hawn	3/18
Shawn Pickard	3/19
Zachary bales	3/23
Phoenix Neff	3/26
Betty Jo Christy	3/29
Bradley Fox	3/29
Brenda Davis	3/31

Lisco & Martha Leonard	3/7
Rick & Nikki Davis	3/23

Sunflower items needed for January, February, And March.

Mouthwash
Paper towel
Shampoo Sponge & scouring pads

The Sunflower pantry is opened the first and third Tuesday of each month from 1:00p.m. to 3:00p.m.



Koinonia meets the Third Thursday of each month.



Lydia Circle Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m.



James Arthur
Don Mendenhall
Helen Pickard
Renate Ridge
Tresa Ann Waitt
Jackie Pickett

Orders are due March 17th.

Mark Blessing William Oberthur Kate Pickett Ruth Sanders Mary Walker LeeAnn Bridwell Mary Anne Ogle Janet Butcher Melba Stephens Beverly Frederick-

Please remember our homebound with a card, a call, or a prayer this week. If you know of someone who needs to be added to our list, please let us know. Contact information is available in the church office. The church number is 317-758-4195.

2019 Easter Flowers order form



Name:		
In Memory of:		
In Honor of:		
Number of Tulips ordered:	@ \$6.00 each =	
Number of Daffodils ordered:	@ \$6.00 each =	
	Total Paid:	

March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 World Day of Prayer	2
3 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m. Church School 10:00a.m. Worship 2:00p.m. Easter Choir Rehearsal	4	5 Sunflower Pantry 1:00-3:00p.m. Fat Tuesday Supper	Bible Studies 6:00-7:00p.m. Choir 7:00p.m. Ash Wednesday Service 6:30p.m.	7 Learn & Play Preschool 10:00-12:00 Lunch Club 12:00p.m.	8	9 UMW Leadership Training 12:00p.m. To 4:00 p.m.
10 8:30a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m. Church School 10:00a.m. Worship 2:00p.m. Easter Rehearsal	11	12 Lydia Circle 1:30p.m	Bible Studies 6:00-7:00p.m. Choir 7:00p.m.	Learn & Play Preschool 10:00-12:00 Lunch Club 12:00p.m.	15	16
8:30a.m. Worship 9:00a.m. Church School 10:00 Worship Spud Fest Lunch Youth Trip Fundraiser 2:00p.m. Easter Rehearsal 2:00p.m. Nursing	Trustee Meeting 7:00p.m.	Sunflower Pantry 1:00-3:00p.m.	20 Bible Studies 6:00-7:00p.m. Choir 7:00p.m.	Learn & Play Preschool 10:00-12:00 Lunch Club 12:00p.m. Koinonia Circle 7:00p.m.	22	UMM Lenten Breakfast Noblesville First UMC 7:30 a.m.
8:30a.m. Worship 9:00a.m. Church School 10:00 a.m. Worship 2:00 Easter Rehearsal	25	26 Finance Meeting 7:30p.m.	Bible Studies 6:00-7:00p.m. Choir 7:00p.m.	Learn & Play Preschool 10:00-12:00 Lunch Club 12:00 p.m.	29	30 UMM Lenten Breakfast The Promise UMC 7:30a.m.
31 UMCOR SUNDAY 8:30a.m. Worship 9:00a.m. Church School 10:00a.m. Worship 2:00 p.m. Rehearsal						