

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
to
REACH UP, REACH IN, REACH OUT
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REACHING UP: WORSHIP in March

We will continue with our Lenten Emphasis: Roll Down, Justice!

03.04 “I Dream of a Church: Christ’s Representative”
Matthew 25: 31-40

03.11 “I Choose Love: Communities of Forgiveness”
Luke 23: 32-43

03.18 “God Has Work for Us to Do: Faithful Disciples”
Isaiah 58: 6-12

03.25 “The Day is Coming: We Are One” – Palm Sunday
Isaiah 35: 1-3: Matthew 21: 1-11

03.29 Maundy Thursday Service 7:00P.M.

03.30 Community Good Friday Service 7:00P.M. at
Central United Methodist Church

REACHING OUT OPPORTUNITIES

- *Food Sunday
- *Serve at Community Table
- * Clothing Bank
- *To Our House
- *Undies Sundays

REACHING IN OPPORTUNITIES:

- *Regional Assembly
- *Craig Springs Camp



WHAT'S ON WENDY'S MIND?

I am still on a high from the wonderful weekend we had at our annual leadership retreat. Friday we spent time reviewing the past year and Saturday we did a lot of work looking ahead at this year. We also spent time discussing the book, "Renew Your Congregation: Healing the Sick, Raising the Dead" by William T. McConnell. Our discussion helped remind us that being a transforming congregation is a lifelong process and it takes a lot of work.

We discussed some of our hopes and dreams for the next few years. At the same time we recognized that we are just a small group and we need to hear from the entire congregation. Sometime soon we will be putting out a survey/questionnaire to get the pulse of the congregation and to see what your hopes and dreams are as well.

We did name a few priorities to address immediately and here is the summary of our priorities:

--Improve, Revamp, and Update the Church Nursery.

We will have a baby shower for the church nursery in the very near future. The contact people for this project are Gina Rhea and Sarah Akers. The Goal is to have it completed by Easter (April 1.)

--Update our website and use our full resources to reach out to those looking for a church home. The goal is to have this ready to launch by March 19. Contact people are Wendy Wilson and Courtney Mena.

--Have a Safety Plan in place where people are trained in the awareness of danger and dealing with violent people and situations. The contact person for this is Dennis Martin. The goal is to have this in place by Easter.

--Revamp our Welcoming Strategies so that we are more intentional in greeting people when they come and to keep an eye out for first time worshippers to make sure all feel included and welcomed. The contact people of this project are Betty Jones and Becky Moore. The goal is to have everyone involved trained by Easter.

--Project Bluefield—we will begin working on the cabin again very soon as the days begin to warm up. The cabin will need to be ready for the camping season which begins June 1. The contact people for this are: Randi Lemmon and Dan Cheverton.

We are turning up transformation a couple of notches and are serious about moving forward with intentional reaching up, reaching in, and reaching out as a congregation. God has prepared us for an amazing ride!

Faithfully,
Wendy

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP **C.W.F. CIRCLE MEETINGS**

Circle Meetings: Tuesday, March 6, 2018

- OASIS (Lila): 10:30 in the Parlor
- YAH (Ruth): 1:30 Meet at Golden Bowl
- M&M's (Janet B.): 7:00 at Anne Chrisman's House
- C.W.F. Meeting: Tuesday, March 13th at 7:00 in Parlor

UNDIE SUNDAYS

Please bring new underwear for men, women and children that will be donated to The Clothing Bank and place in the box near the coat rack. XLarge sizes for men and women are the greatest need.

Collection dates: March 11th & 18th.

PAPER TOWEL DRIVE FOR OUR DAILY BREAD:

Unity Christian Church provided 108 rolls of paper towels for Radford/Fairlawn Daily Bread. Thanks to everyone who participated!!

CWF ANNUAL WEEK OF COMPASSION SOUP LUNCHEON:

Thanks to all who assisted in any way: making soup, cornbread, working before, during or after and for your wonderful donations to Week of Compassion.

CLOTHING BANK:

UCC works the entire month of March on Thursday, Friday & Saturdays. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Welcome center. Please take a look and commit a couple of hours when you can for this greatly needed and used local mission. See Becky for information.

TO OUR HOUSE

We will join with Grove United Methodist Church again this year to provide food and shelter for the To Our House Program. The second week (March 3rd – 9th) we will be responsible for providing two of our men to sleep there each night to be available if needs arise. We will also help with the men's laundry during their stay in Radford. We are requesting that if you have gently used men's clothing to bring those in this month so we can offer the clothes to the men. New Backpacks or small duffle bags would also be welcomed. See Dan Cheverton for more information.

WELCOME

Please welcome our newest Unity Christian Church member, Wendy Clark. Wendy joined the church on January 28, 2018 and was baptized February 11, 2018. Wendy also dedicated her daughter, Alora Lynnae Clark on February 11, 2018. We are so glad to have them both as part of our church family.

HOLY WEEK AT A GLANCE

MARCH 25 11:00 A.M. – Palm Sunday

MARCH 29 7:00 P.M. – Maundy Thursday

MARCH 30 7:00 P.M. – Good Friday -
Community Service at Central United Methodist Church

APRIL 1 – EASTER SUNDAY

7:00 A.M. - Sunrise Service

11:00 A.M. – Easter Worship Service

(Easter Egg Hunt, March 31st. More details coming soon.)

173rd REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

The 173rd Regional Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will be May 31 – June 3, 2018 at Lynchburg College in Lynchburg, VA.

Rev. Terri Hord Owens, General Minister and President of The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada, along with Rev. Caroline Hamilton-Arnold, Associate Director of Week of Compassion will be this year's keynote speakers.

Registration information coming soon.

Mark your calendars.

EASTER LILIES

Orders for Easter Lilies will be collected the weeks of March 4th and 11th. If you would like to purchase a lily in honor or memory of a loved one or make a donation to either Community Table or Project Bluefield, please fill out the order forms in your Sunday bulletin and place in the offering tray. You may also pick a form at the Welcome and Message Centers. Lilies will be displayed Easter Sunday for all to enjoy.

COMMUNITY TABLE

Community Table is our Outreach Ministry here at UCC that serves home cooked meals every Saturday, 4-5:00p.m., in the fellowship hall, while providing a place for fellowship with others. If you are interesting in serving contact Sally Davis, Sandy Pascoe, or Wendy Wilson.

C.T. MEALS SERVED THIS MONTH:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>Seconds</u>	<u>Takeout's</u>
Feb. 3:	20	16	0	6	29
Feb. 10:	10	14	2	13	26
Feb. 17:	15	17	6	30	40
Feb. 24:	?	?	?	7	29

CRAIG SPRINGS CAMP 2018 SCHEDULE

It's hard to believe that the old year is over and the new one has begun. It will be spring before you know it. With that in mind, it's not too early to register for camp. Registering before May 15th will save you \$40 and you get a free T-shirt!

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CAMP</u>	<u>TOTAL BY</u> <u>MAY 15TH</u>	<u>TOTAL AFTER</u> <u>MAY 15TH</u>
June 25-29	Nature Camp** (Dead March 1 st)	\$335	\$335
July 1-6	Special Camp	\$335	\$335
July 8-13	First Triple	\$347	\$387
July 16-21	AMPDD	\$347	\$387
July 22-27	Second Triple	\$347	\$387
July 29-August 3	New Covenant	\$347	\$387
August 3-6	Family Retreat	\$75/adult \$50 under 18 5 and under FREE	\$100/adult \$75 under 18 \$25/ 5 and under

Remember the church pays half the registration and scholarships for camp are also available through District 2 Funds. Camp packets are available at Welcome Center. If you are interested in participating, you may go to the regional website (www.craigsprings.com) for more information or contact Wendy.

The MESSAGE CENTER

Come by and check out our new Message Center, located right outside the church office. There you can find request forms, registration forms for upcoming events, monthly newsletters, church directory, vouchers, and more.

You will also find baskets to leave anything you need to give to Wendy, Courtney, or other Team members. To ensure your message is seen and given proper attention please use the baskets at the Message Center or the metal baskets on Courtney's desk when you have something to leave for Wendy or Courtney.

The Message Center is here to help you stay informed and connected with YOUR church leaders and staff.

Thank You

✚ To Our Friends at Unity Christian Church,

Thanks to your generous donations of \$250 to the Radford/Fairlawn Food Pantry, and \$75 to the Radford/Fairlawn Ministerial Association Emergency Fund, you offer a hands up to those in need.

With your support, we can provide hope to our area's most vulnerable residents through services that meet basic needs, strengthen families, and promote economic stability. We can do so only with the help of community members like you who take our mission to heart.

Sincerely,

Terry Smusz
Chief Executive Officer
New River Community Action

✚ Dear Friends,

Thank you for your gift of Christmas gifts for two families. Our community is our biggest partner in providing free services to adult and child victims of sexual and domestic violence.

"Thank you a million times for taking care of these families for Christmas. You always care for people with such love."

With sincere gratitude,
Pat Brown

Women's Resource Center of the New River Valley

MARCH SERVING SCHEDULE

ACOLYTES

03.04 Erin Wilson
03.11 Michaela Akers
03.18 Caroline Pappas
03.25 Emily Phillips

COMMUNITY TABLE

03.03 Altizer Team
03.10 Cheverton Team
03.17 Christ Church
03.24 First Baptist
03.31 AST

WORSHIP LEADER

03.04 Lori Whitt
03.11 Wes Wilson
03.18 Kennise Baker
03.25 Gloria Boyd

WELCOME CENTER

03.04 Jenny Doud
03.11 Lori Whitt
03.18 Kathy Young
03.25 Treena Stike

Elders: Nancy Martin, Craig Chrisman

Diaconate: Natasha Pappas, Jordon Phillips,
Wes Wilson, Emily Jackson

Narthex Greeter: Dottie Wheeler

Cares & Concerns: Sonny & Sharon Dodson,
Don Mottesheard

COMMUNION PREPARATION

03.04 Betty Jones/JoAnna Fox/Katie Lemmon
03.11 Grady DeVilbiss
03.18 Frances Dalton/Becky Moore
03.25 Sid & Barbara Johnson/Nancy Dalton

CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

03.04 **"Jesus and Bartimaeus"**
Storyteller: Gina Rhea
Greeter: Erin Wilson/Katie Lemmon
03.11 **"Jesus and Zacchaeus"**
Storyteller: Gloria Boyd
Greeter: McKenzie Pappas
03.18 **"Jesus is King"**
Storyteller: Alyssa Wilson
Greeter: Janice Cheverton
03.25 **"Jesus' Last Passover"**
Storyteller: Lori Phillips
Greeter: Sally Davis

MARCH DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Date	Morning	Evening
	Mark	Numbers
1	7:14-37	23, 24, 25
2	8:1-21	26, 27
3	8:22-38	28, 29, 30
4	9:1-29	31, 32, 33
5	9:30-50	34, 35, 36
		Deuteronomy
6	10:1-31	1, 2
7	10:32-52	3, 4
8	11:1-18	5, 6, 7
9	11:19-33	8, 9, 10
10	12:1-27	11, 12, 13
11	12:28-44	14, 15, 16
12	13:1-20	17, 18, 19
13	13:21-37	20, 21, 22
14	14:1-26	23, 24, 25
15	14:27-53	26, 27
16	14:54-72	28, 29
17	15:1-25	30, 31
18	15:26-47	32, 33, 34
		Joshua
19	16	1, 2, 3
	Luke	
20	1:1-20	4, 5, 6
21	1:21-38	7, 8, 9
22	1:39-56	10, 11, 12
23	1:57-80	13, 14, 15
24	2:1-24	16, 17, 18
25	2:25-52	19, 20, 21
26	3	22, 23, 24
		Judges
27	4:1-30	1, 2, 3
28	4:31-44	4, 5, 6
29	5:1-16	7, 8
30	5:17-39	9, 10
31	6:1-26	11, 12

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

R. J. Phillips	3
Lauren Young	4
Janet Johnston	6
Kayden Akers	8
Travis Akers	8
Mike Hopkins	8
Ralph Doud	10
Christine Mottesheard	10
Kelly Davis	10
Benny Keister	13
Lois Horton	15
Alice Gallimore	16
John Cole	20
Peggy Wilson	20
Dennis Jones	21
Christopher Thompson	21
Kathy Young	21
Sally Davis	22
Dennis Martin	23
Tiffany Wall	26
Justin Whitt	26
Danielle Wall	27
Heather C. Akers	28
Craig Chrisman	28

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Chanz & Amanda Hopkins	8
Dan & Janice Cheverton	12

Sunday School Attendance: Worship Attendance:

February 4	ICE	February 4	ICE
February 11	32	February 11	102
February 18	37	February 18	126
February 25	26	February 25	108

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