

# THANKS

to those who assisted in today's worship service:

<b>Ministers</b>	<b>Acolytes</b>
All the Members	Meghan Otenbaker
<b>Interim Pastor</b>	<b>Prayers</b>
Rev. Dr. M. Jacob Kaufman	Arnold Fletcher
<b>Organist</b>	<b>Ushers</b>
Lavonne Bomeli	Bob Jenkins, captain
<b>Director of Music</b>	<b>Communion Servers</b>
Brandon Sanders	Jon Dietzen & Fred Loomis
<b>Public Address System</b>	Dave & Kathy Rembowski
Bob Throop	<b>Valet</b>
<b>Host</b>	Arnold Fletcher
Dave & Kathy Rembowski	<b>Tally Team</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	Barb Cunningham
The Palevich Family	<b>Coffee Hour Hosts</b>
<b>Lay Liturgist</b>	Jeff & Jamie Zannetti
Bill Rau	<b>Open &amp; Close Church</b>
	Dave Rembowski

# OPPORTUNITIES

for this week

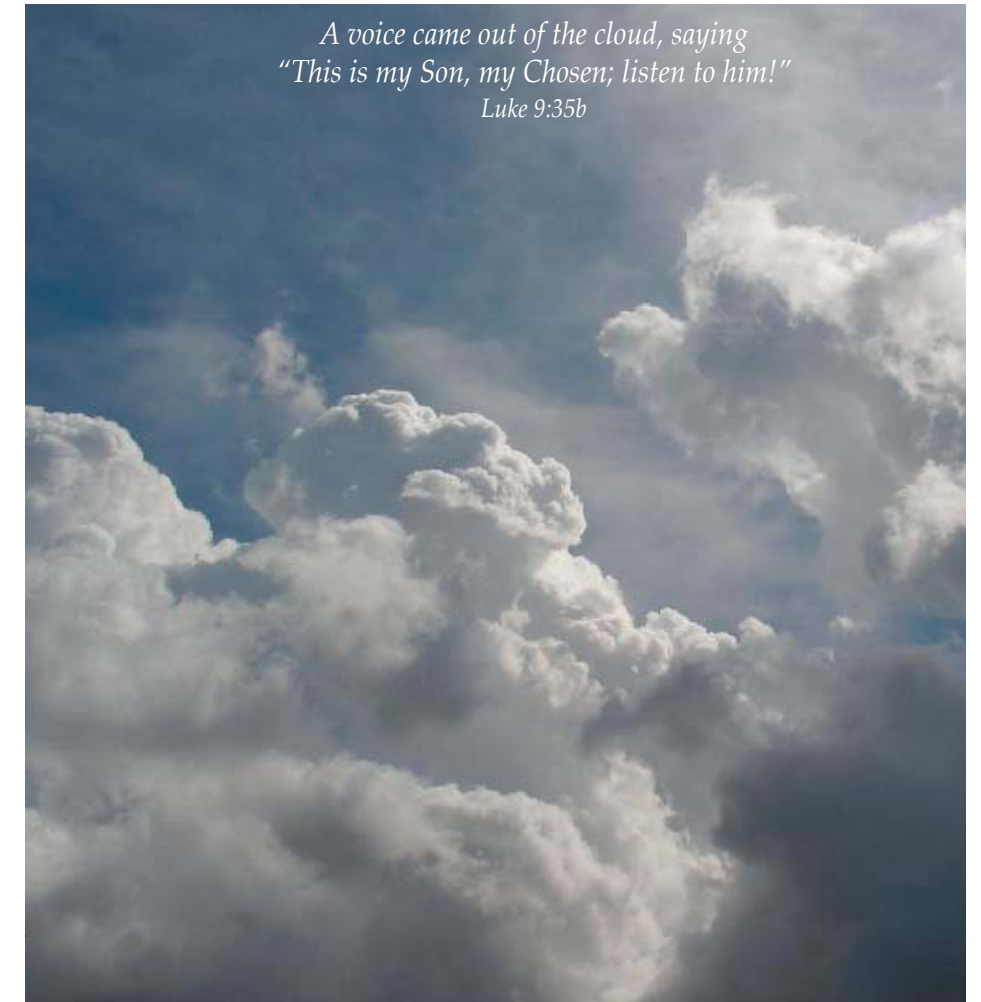
<b>SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21</b>	9:15	Pastor Bible Study
	10:30	Worship/Sunday School
	11:30	Fellowship
	2:00	Joseph Practice
	4:00	Davidson Basketball
	6:00	The Net
	8:00	Men's Basketball
<b>MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22</b>	5:30	Upward Basketball Practice
	6:00	Upward Cheerleading Practice
	7:00	Boy Scout Troop 368 Meeting
<b>TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23</b>	10:00	Pastor's Bible Study
	5:30	Upward Basketball Practice
	6:30	Upward Cheerleading Pract.
	6:30	Alcoholics Anonymous
<b>WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24</b>	5:00	Administrative Board Mtg.
	5:30	Upward Basketball Practice
	6:00	Church Growth Team Mtg.
	6:00	Arnould Rental
	6:30	Church Growth Meeting
	7:00	Seventh-day Adventists
	9:00	Arnould Basketball
<b>THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25</b>	10:00	Toddlercise
	4:30	Confirmation Class
	5:30	Upward Basketball Practice
	6:00	Youth Choir Practice
	6:45	Bell Choir Practice
	7:00	Unemployment/Transition
	7:30	Chancel Choir
<b>FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26</b>	4:00	Music & Movement
<b>Ring Leave for Spring Hill</b>	4:30	Ballet Class
	5:30	Upward Basketball Practice
<b>SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27</b>	8:00	Upward Basketball
<b>Upward Games</b>	9:00	Seventh-day Adventists
<b>Ring at Spring Hill</b>	12:00	Seventh-day Adventists
	7:00	Alcoholics Anonymous
<b>SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28</b>	9:15	Pastor Bible Study
<b>Ring Return from Spring Hill</b>	10:30	Worship/Sunday School
	11:30	Fellowship
	11:30	Blood Pressure Screening
	4:00	Davidson Basketball
	8:00	Men's Basketball

Please join us after worship for refreshments in the fellowship hall

# WELCOME!

First Sunday of Lent

A voice came out of the cloud, saying  
"This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"  
Luke 9:35b



## HEARING ASSISTANCE

If you need hearing assistance, ask an usher about our Williams Sound System.

### CHURCH STAFF

**Interim Pastor**

Rev. Dr. M. Jacob Kaufman

**Director of Youth & Educational Ministries**

Tracy Loomis

**Church Office Manager**

Karen J. Palevich

**Chief Financial Officer**

Carla Meier

**Director of Music**

Brandon Sanders

**Organist**

Lavonne Bomeli

**Learning House Director**

Susan Arnould

**Parish Visitor**

Barb Benson

**Christian Life Center Director**

Karen J. Palevich



FIRST  
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# Morning Worship CELEBRATION

February 21, 2010

176 Years of Reaching Up in Faith - Reaching Out in Love

## CALLS US TO WORSHIP

### *The Bell Calls Us to Worship*

### *Welcome*

### *Greeting One Another in the Love of Christ*

**Prelude** "Prelude in D Minor" Johann Sebastian Bach  
from Eight Little Preludes and Fuges

**Hymn of Praise\*** "I Danced in the Morning" no. 206  
(receive prayer request)

### *Call to Celebration\**

One: O Lord our God, you answer those who call on you.  
All: **You are a forgiving God for those who come to you.**  
One: Render praise unto the Lord our God!  
All: **Worship the Lord, for our God is holy!**

### *Morning Prayer Together\**

O God, you remain the same, yet we experience you in so many different ways. You are so far beyond us. Draw us close to you now as we worship you together. Let us feel your Spirit around us. Help us to hear your whispered love and truth. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

## GOD INVITES US TO LISTEN

**Moment With the Youth** Pastor Jake

**Biblical Witness of Our Faith** Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18, pg. 11  
Luke 9:28-36, pg. 900

**Anthem** "Jesus Walked That Lonesome Valley" Chancel Choir

**Sermon** "Clearly Hearing Cloudy Voices"  
A voice came out of the cloud, saying  
"This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" Luke 9:35b

**Some Time for Meditation and Prayer**

## GOD INVITES US TO SHARE AND TO SERVE

### *Opportunities for Ministry*

**Our Offering Is One Way We Honor God and Demonstrate Our Love for Neighbor**  
(Please complete the attendance card in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate)

**Offertory** "In the Garden" arr. Paul Mickelson

### *Sacrament of Holy Communion*

Communion Hymn\* "Eat This Bread" no. 195  
Communion Experience  
Communion Prayer  
Words of Institution  
Invitation and Direction  
The Sacrament  
Prayer of Thanksgiving\*  
Let us give thanks!

**We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who taught us to pray, saying...(The Lord's Prayer - using "debts, debtors.")**

**Empowering Hymn\*** "What Wondrous Love Is This" no. 183

### *Benediction\**

**Choral Benediction\*** "Shalom to You" Chancel Choir

**Postlude\*** "Grand Choeur" R.G. Hailing

### *SAVE THE DATE*

The Spring Fling will be on Saturday, March 20th. The theme this year will be Mardi Gras. Details to be announced soon.

### *PASTOR JAKE CONTACT NUMBERS:*

Munith 517-596-2275  
Grand Blanc 695-2507  
Emergency call Karen in the office 695-0550.

## **PRAYERS & CONCERNS:**

Please pray for Jack Anderson, Allen Gottschalk Dorothy Feeser, Helen Jewett, Bryan Merkel, Wilma Palmer, Stacy Price on the passing of her mother and Claude Shinn on the passing of his father.

Also, please remember to pray for all the families affected by war, oppression and senseless killing.

## *Ministries & Special EVENTS*

### *WORSHIP FLOWERS*

The red rose on the table this morning is in celebration of the birth of Alisyn Marie Raether, born Wednesday, February 17th. Proud parents are Andy & Erin and big brothers Brayden and Carson. The flowers this morning are in celebration of Julie Kozlowski's 26th birthday and Dennis & Lori Setera's 21st wedding anniversary.

### *UPWARD SCHOLARSHIPS*

Thank you so much for those who stepped up to sponsor a child in need of an Upward scholarship. We received enough to cover all 10 scholarships.

### *FOLDING CHAIRS*

Thank you to everyone who has donated toward the purchase of folding chairs. We received enough money to purchase 24 folding chairs last week. Our goal is to purchase at least 76 more chairs. The chairs are \$11.00 a piece and checks can be made out to the church with "folding chairs" in the memo.

### *SISTER CIRCLE*

The new Women's Ministry will be holding their first meeting on Tuesday, March 2nd at 7:30 PM. All women are invited to attend to share in friendship, food and fellowship. We will be reading the Sister Circle Handbook as it leads us to find our purpose, accept our differences and celebrate our individual strengths. Don't miss this opportunity to get to know this fabulous group of women! Contact Jamie Z at 695-1967 to purchase your book and/or sign up your children for child care.

### *EUCHRE*

This month's Euchre game will be held at Gary & Nancy Docter's home next Saturday, February 27th at 6:30 PM. Everyone is welcome, the cost is \$5 to play and \$0.25 per euchre. Everyone is asked to bring a snack to pass and the hosts will provide beverages. You can RSVP at n.docter@hotmail.com or at 810-931-7655.

### *SUNDAY'S OFFERING*

Offering total for last Sunday, February 14th, \$5,006.37  
Blanket Sunday offering \$795.00  
Folding chair offering \$264.00  
Upward Scholarships \$700.00

## **OUR STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT:**

*Generous giving always results in God's blessing.*

*"He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness." (2 Corinthians 9:10)*