

THANKS

to those who assisted in today's worship service:

Ministers All the Members	Lay Liturgist Bill Rau
Interim Pastor Rev. Dr. M. Jacob Kaufman	Prayers Barb Benson
Organist Lavonne Bomeli	Acolyte Matt McKean
Director of Music Brandon Sanders	Ushers Kathy Rembowski, captain
Public Address System Bob Throop	Tally Team Dawn Bentley
Host Michael Simon	Coffee Hour Hosts Kristin Ragsdale
Greeters Arnold & Dottie Fletcher	Open & Close Church Fred Loomis



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
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Learning House Director Susan Arnould
Parish Visitor Barb Benson
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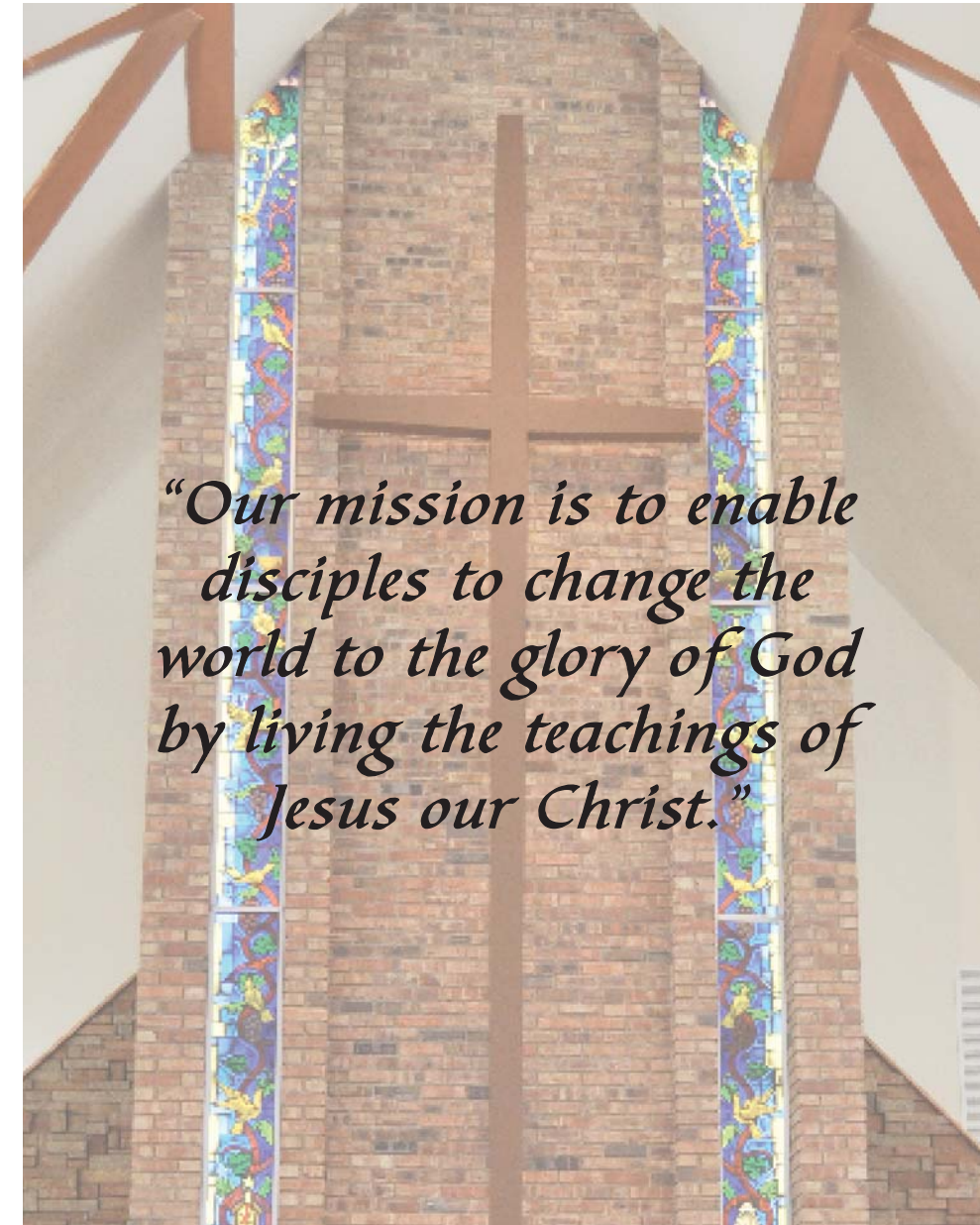
OPPORTUNITIES

for this week

SUNDAY, MARCH 13 UCC 101	9:15 Pastor's Bible Study 10:30 Worship/Sunday School/ Apprentice 11:30 Fellowship 2:00 Lavallee Travel Softball 3:30 McIntire Practice 6:00 The Net 8:00 Men's Basketball
MONDAY, MARCH 14	6:00 American Cancer Soc. 6:00 Spiritual Growth Mtg. 7:00 Boy Scout Mtg. 7:30 Pastor Search Committee
TUESDAY, MARCH 15	10:00 Pastor's Bible Study 6:30 Alcoholics Anonymous 6:30 Autism Support Group 6:30 Personnel Committee Mtg.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16	5:15 Upward Celebration Event 6:00 Pastor Relations Committee 7:00 Upward Celebration Event 7:00 Seventh-day Adventists
THURSDAY, MARCH 17	10:00 Toddlercise 4:00 Finance Team 4:30 Confirmation 4:30 Worship Team Mtg. 5:30 XYZ Program 7:00 Adult Zumba Class 7:30 Chancel Choir
FRIDAY, MARCH 18	Mom 2 Mom Set-up
SATURDAY, MARCH 19	9:00 Mom 2 Mom Sale 9:00 Seventh-day Adventists 4:00 Boy Scout Meeting 4:00 3 vs. 3 Tournament 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous
SUNDAY, MARCH 20	9:15 Pastor's Bible Study 10:30 Worship/Communion Sunday School/Aprentice 11:30 Fellowship 11:30 UCC 102 2:00 Lavallee Travel Softball 3:30 McIntire Practice 6:00 The Net 8:00 Men's Basketball

WELCOME!

First Sunday in Lent



"Our mission is to enable disciples to change the world to the glory of God by living the teachings of Jesus our Christ."



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Morning Worship CELEBRATION

March 13, 2011

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

ADORATION

Prayer Requests (Prayer requests are received by writing down prayers on the card, found as an insert in this bulletin. These cards are passed down the pew, to the aisle, and collected by the Ushers during the Hymn of Praise. Then during Time for Meditation and Prayer, these prayers are lifted up by the Congregation.)

"A quiet time for prayer and centering"

Prelude "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" arr. Don Hustad

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

* **Hymn of Praise** "Lord, You Give the Great Commission" no. 355
(receive prayer request)

COMMUNITY

* **Welcome to Worship** Tracy Loomis

* **Celebrating Our Salvation in the Love of Christ**
Family Hymn * "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" no. 368
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* **Morning Prayer Together**
God of all creation, you have placed us in this part of your world.
Guide us as we try to live your teachings and introduce you to our
community around us. Hear us, for Jesus' sake. Amen.
(Elementary children may leave for Sunday School)

TESTIMONY

Listening to God's Word
* Hymn of the Word "How Can We Name a Love" no. 409
God's Word in Scripture
Great Commandment Matthew 22:37, pg. 857
Great Commission Matthew 28:19-20, pg. 866

SERVICE

Our Offering Is One Way We Honor God and Demonstrate Our Love for Neighbor
(Please sign the attendance pad located at the center aisle end of the pew)

Opportunities for Ministry: Men's Ministry Dave Palevich
Offering Our Gifts for God's Work
Offertory Music Chancel Choir

* **Prayer of Dedication**
Lord, your gifts to us are boundlessly loving. Receive what we have placed before you. Let this offering carry your love and ours to where you are needed, and where we want to go in your name, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

God's Word Interpreted
Going on a Journey to the Gym
Mission Statement Interpreted
Group Discussion

* **Dedication of Mission Statement Plaque** Mary Powers

* **Benediction**
* please stand if able

SUNDAY SCHOOL'S LESSON FOR TODAY

Count the Cost

Scripture: Luke 14:25-35

Faith Focus: Be serious about following Jesus,
Prayers for this week:
God, we are listening to you.
We feel your love around us as we work and play.
God, help us to take quiet moments to
hear your words and choose what is good.

Please join us after worship for refreshments in the fellowship hall

PASTOR JAKE CONTACT NUMBERS:
Munith 517-596-2275
Grand Blanc 695-2507
Emergency call Karen in the office 695-0550.

OUR STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT:

In evaluating our giving, we should plan for a short life.

*"So teach us to count our days,
that we may gain a wise heart."
(Psalm 90:12)*

Ministries & Special EVENTS

WORSHIP FLOWERS

The flowers this morning are from Barb Benson to the Glory of God.

XYZ MEETS THIS THURSDAY

The XYZ Group will be meeting this Thursday, March 17th for their monthly pot-luck dinner. The hosts are Paul & Georgette Engard and Dale & Shirley Wells. Surprise Program. Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service. They will gather at 5:00 and eat at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

MOM 2 MOM SALE

Our Mom 2 Mom Sale is Saturday, March 19th. If you would like to rent a table or volunteer to work the sale, please sign up in the Fellowship Hall after worship this morning.

"OUI, OUI AN EVENING IN PARIS!"

The Second Annual Choir Dinner will be on Saturday, March 26th at 6:30 pm. The choir will be preparing a French dinner in the Christian Life Center gym, tickets are available for \$25 per person or \$45 per couple. Reservations must be made by Sunday, March 20th. There will be a cash bar.

MEN'S MINISTRY GROUP

The first meeting of Brother Square will be Sunday, March 27th at 8:30 am in the gym. The topic will be "How We Can Live a More Godly Life," based on the book "Being God's Man by Resisting the World." The time will allow us to fellowship together and grow stronger as brothers in Christ. Coffee and breakfast will be served (free will offering). Please RSVP to the church office. See Dave Palevich for more information.

SAVE THE DATE

The Fellowship Team is planning a Hawaiian Luau on Saturday, May 14th in the Christian Life Center. There will be a pig roast dinner, music and cocktails. Cost will be \$20 per person and a cash bar. Hawaiian attire is requested.

SUNDAY OFFERING

Offering for Sunday, March 6th was \$4,818.00.

PRAYERS & CONCERNS:

*Please pray for the Gardner Family, the Harris family, Helen Jewett, the Loomis family, Wilma Palmer, Claude Shinn, Bob Tresedder, Howard Weaver and The Pastor Search Committee.
Also, please remember to pray for all the families affected by war, oppression and senseless killing.*