



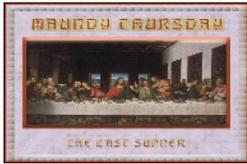
# Community of Christ Boyerne City Beacon

**Newsletter**

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## HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES

March 20, 11:00am: Palm Sunday  
Worship



March 24, 6:00pm: Maundy  
Thursday Service

March 25, Noon: Good Friday  
Service at Free Methodist  
Church, N. Hwy 75, Boyne City



March 26, 2:00pm: Easter Egg Hunt  
at the church

March 27: 9:15am: Easter  
Breakfast



11:00am: Easter Worship

*All are welcome and invited to come and  
share the activities of Holy Week!*

## EASTER JOY

Jesus came to earth,  
To show us how to live,  
How to put others first,  
How to love and how to give.

Then He set about His work,  
That God sent Him to do;  
He took our punishment on Himself;  
He made us clean and new.

He could have saved Himself,  
Calling angels from above,  
But He chose to pay our price for sin;  
He paid it out of love.

Our Lord died on Good Friday,  
But the cross did not destroy  
His resurrection on Easter morn  
That fills our hearts with joy.

Now we know our earthly death,  
Like His, is just a rest.  
We'll be forever with Him  
In heaven, where life is best.

So we live our lives for Jesus,  
Think of Him in all we do.  
Thank you Savior; Thank you Lord.  
Help us love like you!

By Joanna Fuchs



## Happy March Birthday!

- March 1: Christopher Seamon
- 4: Rob Seamon
- 20: Becky Ecker
- 22: Amanda Sweet
- 24: Allison Seamon
- 30: Kortnie Westman

# PRAYER REQUESTS

*In your daily personal prayers, please remember those on this list.*

### Family Members not attending

**All military and civilians** serving in dangerous places

**Our church members and friends** around the world



**Marlene Groh** -- arthritis, had surgery to drain abscess and now in Boulder Park Care Facility

**Our enemies** -- “. . . for they know not what they do.”

**Ileen Newlin** -- is in remission

**Whitney Wangeman** -- enlarged lymph nodes and spot on her liver. Getting treatments in Detroit.

**Michelle Archer** -- peace, joy, strength & healing.

**Wynona Wirth** -- home recuperating.

**Warren Nelson** -- motocross accident.

**Courtney Culver** -- hit by a car and is not responsive

**Sophia Eber** -- cancerous tumor on neck. Getting chemo treatments.

## GOD'S WORK CHILDREN'S CLOTHING PANTRY

Our next children's clothing pantry will be held March 19<sup>h</sup>, from 2-4pm. Anyone that can help with set up on Friday evening and during the pantry would be much appreciated.

## CONGREGATION MISSION STATEMENT

*To Share the Redeeming Love of Jesus Christ with Boyne Area Communities, while encouraging the Sacraments , Reconciliation, Healing of the Spirit, and the Pursuit of Peace.*

### *Boyne City Beacon*

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# PASTOR'S COLUMN

BY ELEANOR WEST



The season of Lent is in progress and my prayer is that you are finding a way to connect with God and the lessons His Son who came to show us, the way to be a peaceable people in a world of unrest, confusion, horrors and lack of trust. May you find peace in your souls with the Divine.

I would like to invite you to come and represent Community of Christ at the Good Friday Service at the Free Methodist Church on M-75 North. The Service starts at 12:00 pm on Friday March 25<sup>th</sup>.

In our service on February 21<sup>st</sup> we talked a little about being a congregation in mission and decided we did not have enough information and not enough time, due to previous commitments. I found the following on the Mission center news. I also asked Adam to come and visit us with more information when he would be available.

In becoming a "missional" congregation, there are 5 steps to engage in: Encounter, Discover, Envision, Experiment, Evaluate and Renew. The first one – Encounter – "creates safe and sacred space for the congregation to encounter God's Spirit, each other, and the surrounding community."\* The Spiritual Practices introduced the last few weeks are only a few of the many ways that we can encounter the divine Spirit, which is the foundation-

al, ongoing step in seeking God's guidance.

For this week's "Leading Mission Tip," let's talk about how we encounter each other as a congregation. Sometimes asking questions is the best way of becoming aware of what we are doing and envisioning a new future with the Spirit's promptings. Here are a few to consider as a congregation:

- How do we intentionally create opportunities to deepen relationships with one another?
- What might God desire to reveal to us about our sacred journey as a congregation?
- What dimensions of our congregational experience have significant meaning for us and will help maintain a foundation to build on for the future?

Find a time when the congregation meets together in which we begin with a Spiritual Practice (see previous week's Tips) and then lead into a discussion of the above questions. It could be after a potluck meal, after a church service, on a Saturday, or some other time. If there is no such time, this will be the first step – to find a time in which discussion can occur.

**IMPORTANT Reminder:** Make sure everyone understands the principles of respectful discus-

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sion – Speak for oneself, rather than disagreeing with another person's ideas; Speak and listen one at a time; Establish a basic time limit for any one person to speak, so all have opportunity; Have someone write down the ideas for future reflection and/or decisions by congregational leadership. Don't rush to make decisions! Allow plenty of time (months?) for open discussion and discernment of God's will.

\*Ideas for "Leading Mission Tips" come from the site and Michigan Mission Center materials.

My hope is that we will seek out wherever we can information on being a Congregation in Mission.

May God bless you, your families and home with the Peace of the Kingdom here on earth.

## WHAT DOES EASTER MEAN?

By M.S.Lowndes

Children's Devotional on the meaning of Easter

Read: Matthew 27: 33-38; chp. 28: 1-11

It would be good to read all of chapter 27 if you have time to do so. It speaks of Jesus trial and ridicule and abusive treatment from the soldiers.

Jesus had to die on the cross and shed His blood for us, so we could be brought back into relationship with God. He was the final sacrifice. Through Jesus blood being shed for us, our sins have been forgiven (washed away). Then, through His resurrection (coming back to life) we, too, can be risen to new life in Him. When we come to the Lord, He makes us new creations. We have Jesus resurrected life in us.

Easter isn't at all about Easter bunnies and Easter eggs as such, though these things are nice to have at Easter time. I've heard it said that the Easter egg represents 'new life' – as a chicken hatches from an egg. It is okay to enjoy chocolate bunnies and Easter eggs at Easter time, but let us not forget the real meaning of Easter.



# March 2016

Date/Time	Worship Leader	Speaker	Assisting	Musician
<b>March 6:</b>				
<b>God's Expansive Love and Grace</b>				
<i>World Hunger Emphasis</i>				
9:00am:	Priesthood Meeting			
10:00am:	Classes			
11:00am:	L. Ecker	E. West		A. Seamon
<b>March 13:</b>				
<b>Practice Extravagant Generosity</b>				
10:00am:	Classes			
11:00am:	S. Ecker	R. Fuller		A. Seamon
11:45am:	Congregation Business Meeting			
<b>March 20:</b>				
<b>Witness the Joyful Entry</b>				
<i>Passion Sunday</i>				
10:00am:	Classes			
11:00am:	R. Fuller	S. Ecker		A. Seamon
<b>March 27:</b>				
<b>Resurrection of the Lord</b>				
<i>Easter Sunday</i>				
10:00am:	Classes			
11:00am:	E. West	L. Ecker		A. Seamon

## Evening Activities

- Wed, Mar. 2, 6:00pm: Prayer & Share** with Elder Ron Fuller. Theme: *"God's Expansive Love and Grace"*
- Wed, Mar. 9, 6:00pm: Fellowship at The Brook**
- Tues, Mar. 15, 6:00pm: Congregational Planning Meeting**
- Thurs, Mar. 24, 6:00pm: Maundy Thursday Service** with High Priest Eleanor West & Priest Sandi Ecker
- Wed, Mar. 30, 6:00pm: Prayer & Share** with High Priest Eleanor West. Theme: *"Peace Be With You"*

## Dates to Remember

- Sun, Mar. 13, 11:45am: Congregation Budget Business Meeting**
- Sat, Mar. 19: 2-4pm: Children's Clothing Pantry**
- Mar. 24, 6:00pm: Maundy Thursday Service**
- Mar. 25, Noon: Good Friday Service** at Free Methodist Church, N. Hwy 75, Boyne City
- Mar. 26, 2:00pm: Easter Egg Hunt** at the church
- Mar. 27: 9:15am: Easter Breakfast**

# March 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b>  Christopher Seamon	<b>2</b> 6:00 PM Prayer & Share		<b>4</b>  Rob Seamon	
<b>6</b> Priesthood Mtg Speaker: E. West			<b>9</b> 6:00 PM The Brook			
<b>13</b> 11:45 AM Congregation Business Meeting Speaker: R. Fuller		<b>15</b> 6:00 PM Planning Mtg				<b>19</b> 2:00 PM -4:00 PM Clothing Pantry
<b>20</b>  Becky Ecker Speaker: S. Ecker		<b>22</b>  Amanda Sweet		<b>24</b> 6:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service  Allison Seamon	<b>25</b> 12:00 PM Good Friday Service @ Free Methodist Church	<b>26</b> 2:00 PM Easter Egg Hunt @ the church
<b>27</b> 9:15 AM Easter Breakfast Speaker: L. Ecker			<b>30</b> 6:00 PM Prayer & Share  Kortnie Westman			


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