

**St. John's  
United  
Church  
Of Christ, Bem**

# The Scoop!

**March, 2009**

*"...no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here in the United Church of Christ..."*

## *From the Pastor's Keyboard...*

*"What are you Waiting For?"*

*Last month, we had the great opportunity to welcome Eden Theological Seminary student Kris Schondelmeyer to Bem Church. Kris brought us greetings from Eden Theological Seminary, and offered the message that day. His sermon was focused on Mark 13:24-37, a selection that some people refer to as "apocalyptic texts."*

*In this reading, Mark is challenging us with lessons reflective of his situation in life: a culture that was being destroyed by increased Roman oppression; the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, the center of their religious life; and a growing sense of instability among God's people. There was no security in Mark's world, and the nation was growing ever more ill at ease, wondering what was going to happen; what would come next. They were holding their breath, waiting, watching, wondering.*

*We spend so much of our time waiting for the next thing to happen. In Mark's day, they were fully waiting for the end of the world, as they knew it, to occur. In our nation, we are waiting for the stock market to rise, the war in Iraq to end, more jobs to open up. In our personal lives, we may be waiting for better health, retirement, a baby to be born, or a milestone birthday. We are always waiting.*

*Kris' message to us last month developed a great wisdom that was a part of this section from Mark; he focused on the question, "What are you waiting for?" There will always be uncertainty in our world, but we need to be working while we are waiting. Like the fig tree, need to be anticipating growth; but still active in the here and now. Mark tells us to "Keep Awake;" he is not necessarily talking about "sleeping" but rather inaction, and closed off sensibilities. It is always important, even if we are waiting, to keep awake; and keep our actions focused on the work of the one who makes all things possible.*

*-Pastor Rick*

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## **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING!-MARCH MISSION OF THE MONTH**

**One Great Hour of Sharing** is one way the United Church of Christ reaches out in hope and well being around the world; and is Bem Church's Mission of the Month for March. By giving to **One Great Hour of Sharing**, you join with communities struggling to overcome poverty, illiteracy, illness and the dangers of wars and disasters. **One Great Hour of Sharing** allows us to gather together and follow God's call, "Sharing Resources, Changing Lives!" These are just a few of the ways our participation in **One Great Hour of Sharing** helps change the world:

*In **The Dominican Republic**, Elikana Dominguez volunteers to council rural families on the prevention of diseases. She says, "There are many things I did not know about health issues, which I have learned through the program. Now I can help educate others." Support from **One Great Hour of Sharing** is helping to develop programming that educates people, teaching them about illness and disease prevention.*

*Maria Elena and her family are growing vegetables in a simple greenhouse in the highlands of **Guatemala**, improving their diet and income. "We are happy and thankful because we have vegetables from the greenhouse. We have tomatoes, and it is a good thing." Your support for **One Great Hour of Sharing** helps provide greenhouses, seeds, and other necessary tools so that families and communities can grow nutritious food.*

*A two year old Iraqi girl plays with crayons from a Church World Services kit. She, her parents, and five year old sister are among the many Iraqis who have sought refuge in neighboring **Jordan**. With support from **One Great Hour of Sharing**, St. Ephraim Syrian Orthodox Church in East Amman has helped her family and others to receive some much needed basics.*

*On the island of Nias in **Indonesia**, Rosinmar has opened a small store with support from **One Great Hour of Sharing** and Church World Services. Giving women the tools to gain income for their families- funds that can go towards paying for food, their children's education, etc- is an effective way to help build up communities. Your donations are helping Rosinmar and many of her sisters around the world better provide for their families.*

*Knowledge is a path to development for communities in rural and remote areas of **Laos**, and together **One Great Hour of Sharing** and Church World Services are working to improve the quality of village schools. Training teachers on the job, providing clean water and sanitation to students, building new schools, and bolstering school libraries; your support for **One Great Hour of Sharing** is helping poor rural students discover their God-given potential.*

In this Lenten/Holy Week/Easter season, as we journey so closely with Jesus in his ministry, we recall the numerous times he tells us to love one another, to care for the fragile and needy, and to work to bring about God's Kingdom of Love and Peace. **One Great Hour of Sharing** is one way we as the United Church of Christ can come **together** and live out that call. Respond to the teachings of our Lenten journey; and give joyfully to this wonderful Mission of the Month!

### **CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR 2009**

Vicky Huebner, President; Doug Shockley, Vice President;  
Jackie Mitchell, Treasurer; Dee Ruegge, Secretary;  
Curtis Aytes and Keith Glaser, Trustees;  
and Diana Halmick, Pastor Parish Relations Committee Representative.

## **SCRIPTURES FOR MARCH, 2009**

These are the scripture readings and topics we will be exploring in worship during the month of March. Read ahead! It is always beneficial if you read these before Sunday morning; you will get much more out of worship that way!

### **March 1<sup>st</sup>- Camp Sunday “Entering the Covenant”**

Hebrew Scripture: Genesis 9:8-17  
Psalter Lesson: Psalm 25:1-10  
Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:9-15

### **March 15<sup>th</sup>- Laura’s Mission to Kenya “Living the Covenant”**

Hebrew Scripture: Exodus 20:1-17  
Psalter Lesson: Psalm 19  
Gospel Lesson: John 2:13-22

### **March 8<sup>th</sup>- Gregory Aytes’ Baptism “Embracing the Covenant”**

Hebrew Scripture: Genesis 17:1-7,15-16  
Psalter Lesson: Psalm 22:23-31  
Gospel Lesson: Mark 8:31-38

### **March 22<sup>nd</sup>- 3:16, Part II: “Breaking the Covenant”**

Hebrew Scripture: Numbers 21:4-9  
Psalter Lesson: Psalm 107:1-3,17-22  
Gospel Lesson: John 3:14-21

*As I was contemplating the Lectionary scripture suggestions for the month of March, the theme of covenant enveloped them quite distinctly. We will be exploring this theme all month, investigating specifically how Jesus lived a covenantal life, and how our ancestral covenants reach out to us today...*

### **March 29<sup>th</sup>- Cemetery Workin’ Day “Renewing the Covenant”**

Hebrew Scripture: Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Psalter Lesson: Psalm 51:1-12  
Gospel Lesson: John 12:20-33

## **WEDNESDAY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES DURING LENT**

On the five Wednesdays of Lent following Ash Wednesday, we will have suppers at 6:00pm hosted by a different committee/fellowship group each week. After supper, we will worship together at 7:00pm.

Our worship series during Lent will feature, “Christ on Trial.” Each Wednesday evening at 7:00pm we will hear testimony from a different person, as Pilate’s prosecutor tries Jesus for claiming to be the Messiah. Come hear the testimony for yourself!

## **RELAY FOR LIFE TRIVIA NIGHT**

Mark your calendars now for Trivia Night! The Bem Church Relay for Life team will host a Trivia Night on **Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at the Owensville VFW Hall**. Doors open at 5:45 and Trivia starts at 6:30pm. Soda, popcorn, and pretzels will be provided, but you are encouraged to bring your own snacks as well. Tables of 8 are \$80; individual admissions are \$10/person. Proceeds from Trivia Night will go towards our Bem Church Relay for Life Campaign for Cancer Research.

Not so good at trivia? Don’t worry, come anyway. The fun is in the fellowship and festive atmosphere; winning and having all the right answers is really not that important! The main thing is that we are contributing towards Relay for Life and Cancer Research. Tables of 8 will be sold for \$80. For more information, talk to Kim Oberle. The Bem Church Relay for Life team includes Kim Oberle, Laurie McFalls, Sandy Landwehr, Keith Glaser, Dyana Glaser, Nancy Kohrman, Judene Huellinghoff, Laura Shore & Pat Branson.

***Plan now to participate in the Owensville Relay For Life, June 26-27!***

### **SAVE YOUR ENVELOPES**

When you receive your offering envelopes in the mail each month, there is a white envelope included that is addressed to Bem Church. Don't throw this envelope away! If you are just throwing it away each month, bring it to church and leave it on Carole's desk, or in the pew pocket in front of you. If you are using it to send your offering in to church, then please continue to do so.

### **CEMETERY CLEAN UP DAY**

Its time for some spring cleaning, cemetery style! The Bem Church Cemetery will be the site of a fun filled afternoon of cemetery working as we clean up the debris of winter, so the greenery of spring can shine through! We will be cemetery working on ***Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, right after church!***

The Cemetery Committee will be organizing a few tasks to bring our grounds up to Bem Church standards; and many hands make the work much easier. Wear your grubby clothes to church that day, and after we sing "The Ties that Bind" we will get to work. Scrubby Dutch unite! Watch for more information regarding lunch that day...

***Note- Please remove any flowers that you wish to keep from the graves before March 29<sup>th</sup>! Flowers left on graves from earlier seasons are liable to be removed that day as we clean up the grounds. Any flowers left on the graves will be left to the judgment of the ones cleaning that day; if you have any flowers you want to keep please remove them before that day!***

### **CHOIR NOTES**

Come to Choir Practice! The Bem Church Choir will be rehearsing during the week- one Monday night a month! They will meet at 6:30 on March 2; April 6; and May 4. At this time, they will choose and practice the anthems for the upcoming month, and rehearse any special music that is coming up in worship. Weekly practices are hard to make, but once a month works well. Mark your calendars for the year now, and Praise the Lord in song!

### **BEM CHURCH GERMAN MEAL COMING UP!**

Bem Church is fast developing a reputation as THE place to gather for fellowship, fun and food! The Fundraising Committee hosted a VERY successful Chicken and Dumplings dinner in February, serving over 260 people! Thank you to all who made this a success! (Shouts of praise go out especially to Jane Peanick, our chief dumpling wrangler!)

Our next big event will be on April 4<sup>th</sup>; as again we host a German Meal! The sausage will be ground, mixed and stuffed by master meatcutter Glen Mercer and his loyal crew; and it will be ready for you on April 4<sup>th</sup>! Come up and enjoy a German Meal with all the trimmings- Sauerkraut, German Potato Salad, Green Beans and the works! (Bulk Sausage available, too!)

### **PENNIES FROM HEAVEN- A HOME FOR LOOSE CHANGE**

The Penny Jar is back! Pairs and Spares has revived the Penny Jar and is putting it to good use in ministry in our community. The Penny Jar will be at back of the Sanctuary each week, awaiting your contributions of loose change. The funds raised in the penny jar will be forwarded to the Owensville/Rosebud Ministerial Alliance, for much needed services in our community.

**THANK YOU!**

*(Some thank you notes may be edited due to space limitations)*

**Dear Pastor Oberle,**

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Helping Hands Outreach Center, I wish to thank the members of your congregation for their support of our food pantry operation. Your donation of nine bags of food and \$40 came at a time of great economic uncertainty, with people having to contend with rising unemployment and food prices. This food has been used to support the truly needy of our area. The donations were made on January 7, 2009 and February 11, 2009.

The numbers of people seeking help seem to increase monthly. In January, we served 256 households (720 individuals); in the first two weeks of February, we served 181 households (456 individuals).

We are grateful for your member's recognition of the needs that people have, and their willingness to help us meet those needs.

**-Sincerely, Andrew J. Michel, President**

**Dear Rev. Oberle and the Congregation of St. John's United Church of Christ**

On behalf of the wider church, I thank you for your support of Our Church's Wider Mission; and for increasing your giving by \$184 (2008 \$ over 2007 \$). It is good to be covenantal partners with you in God's ongoing mission through the church!

**-Blessings and Joy! Rev. Krista Betz**

**Dear Friends,**

Thank you for giving so generously through the Heifer Gift Catalog. It has been called the most important gift catalog in the world; and there is a good reason! Every gift you give helps create permanent solutions to poverty and hunger for children and families all around the world.

Best of all, through our cornerstone principle of "Passing on the Gift," your gift keeps on giving-providing a sustainable source of food, income and opportunity to more and more families.

It is your kindness, generosity, and compassion that makes the Heifer gift catalog, and our programs worldwide, such a success. We appreciate your continued support! Thank you!

**-Sincerely, Jo Luck; President and CEO**

*(This Thank you note is for the \$200 raised by Bem Church through the Pairs and Spares Christmas Project for Heifer Project International)*

**Dear Friends at St. John's UCC (Bem),**

Thank you for your recent gift of \$64.20 to Eden Theological Seminary. In these economically challenging times we are especially thankful for your support of Theological Education. Your gift will help to make possible the education of more than 200 students currently preparing for leadership in the church and community. If you would like more information about the Seminary, please contact me at 314.918.2569.

**-Sincerely, Stella A. Schoen;**

**Vice President for Development, Eden Seminary**

*Eden Theological Seminary has a lot to offer on its website, including downloads of Theological Discussions and information about programming for the community. Check it out at: [www.eden.edu](http://www.eden.edu)*

## **GRAPE COUNTRY CLUSTER- CHURCHES IN MISSION TOGETHER**

The Grape Country Cluster of United Church of Christ Congregations is really ramping up their activities as they work in mission in God's world. They have chartered a Constitution, are making plans for a mission trip, and seeking new ways to do great things together.

At our next meeting, **March 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm at St. John's, Casco**, Jamie Schultz will be the guest speaker. She will be talking about the Habakkuk Project in the Conference; relaying new information, and guiding us towards recommendations for restructuring of the Conference.

### **TIME PASSAGES...**

#### ***Births...***

Nicholas Thomas Zaccagnino was born on February 6, 2009 to proud parents Kristie (Oldfather) Zaccagnino and Tom Zaccagnino of Boston, Massachusetts. Nicholas weighed 8lbs, 3ozs, and was 19½ inches long. Proud grandparents are Anita and Ray Oldfather.

#### ***Baptisms...***

Carlee Ann Mehrhoff was baptized into the Christian Faith on Sunday, February 8, 2009 in the Sanctuary of St. John's, Bem United Church of Christ. Carlee is the daughter of Wendy (Czeschin) Mehrhoff and Jason Mehrhoff. Carlee's sponsors are Julie & Brad Czeschin.

June Sharon Steinman was baptized into the Christian Faith on Sunday, February 15, 2009 in the Sanctuary of St. John's, Bem United Church of Christ. June is the daughter of Jennifer (Adkison) Steinman and Corey Steinman. Sponsors are Kenny Adkison and Stacia Steinman.

### **BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH**

3/1- Raegan West; 3/3- Kristopher Havelka, JoAnn Glaser; 3/4- Nick Kohrmann;  
3/5- Colt Peanick, Steve Adams Sr.; 3/7- Veronica Aytes, Armin Rutz, Dorris Henry;  
3/8- Tyler Wilson, Margot Schmidt, Vera Kreter; 3/10- Cody Peanick, Amelia Wilson;  
3/11- Brittany Jenkins; 3/12- Mary Chapman; 3/14- Michelle Huellinghoff;  
3/15- April Adkison, Morgan Huebner; 3/16- Sahara Huebner, Justin Hall;  
3/17- Tammy Havelka; 3/18- Kerri Carey, Delma Rook;  
3/20- Brant Littrell, Maurice Landwehr, John Rosenbaum, Michael Spurgeon;  
3/21- Dave Ruffner; 3/22- Lisa Thornton, Robert Neuls, Zach Morris; 3/23- Betty Jean Fleenor;  
3/24- Dale Havelka; 3/25- Paula Shockley, Jennifer Kelley; 3/27- Jim Smith; 3/28- Julie Wirth;  
3/29- Bill Wirth, Jacob Kohrmann; 3/30- Ava Parker, Tyler Wilson; 3/31- Darrel Amsden

...Happy Birthday!

### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH**

3/7- Pam and Robert Idel

...Happy Anniversary!

### **ATTENDANCE**

Date:	Worship/Sun. School:	Date:	Worship/Sunday School:
Sunday, January 4	128/39	Sunday, February 1	115/35
Sunday, January 11	154/51	Sunday, February 8	154/30
Sunday, January 18	137/36	Sunday, February 15	145/28
Sunday, January 25	119/36	Sunday, February 22	136/43
<b>Total:</b>	<b>538/162</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>550/136</b>
Average:	135/41	Average:	138/34

**MARCH SERVICE SCHEDULE**      *Flowers: Fran Huebner*

<b>Nursery Workers:</b> 3/1: Tammy Baxter & Dawn Kreter	<b>Greeters:</b> Dean Kreter & Steve Adams Families	<b>Lay Reader:</b>  Nancy Roeder	<b>Acolytes:</b> Andrew Carey & Tanner Goodman
3/8: Allison Baker & Sara Whelan	Brooke Johnson & Dorris Henry Families	Rick Copeland	Kelsey Baxter & Andrew Carey
3/15: Dana Chapman & Crystal Blankenship	Chris Lewis Family	Virginia Buschmeyer	Sable Huebner & Tanner Goodman
3/22: Nancy Jenkins & Suzan Wilson	Rick Copeland Family	Peggy Schafer	Sable Huebner & Kelsey Baxter
3/29: Sharon Bacon & Brenda Sieckmann	Linda Blankenship & Debbie Adams Families	Jackie Mitchell	Andrew Carey & Sable Huebner

**BEM CHURCH FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT**

**General Fund**

<b>Balance as of 1-25-09</b>	<b>\$1163.</b>
Income:	
Offering	\$5470
Interest	\$55
Tower	\$550
Other	<u>\$215</u>
Total Income	\$6290.
Expense: Budgeted Items	(\$5354.)
<b>Balance as of 2-15-09</b>	<b>\$2099</b>

**Cemetery Fund**

<b>Balance as of 1-25-09</b>	<b>\$2723</b>
Income:	
Contributions	\$80
Interest	<u>\$137.</u>
Total Income	\$217.
<b>Balance as of 2-15-09</b>	<b>\$2940</b>

**Building Fund**

<b>Balance as of 1-25-09</b>	<b>\$2642.</b>
Expense:	(\$135)
<b>Balance as of 2-15-09</b>	<b>\$2507.</b>

**Quilters**

<b>Balance as of 1-25-09</b>	<b>\$1457</b>
Income:	\$38
Expenses:	
Kenya Mission Trip	(\$1000)
Quilt Batting	(\$11)
<b>Balance as of 2-15-09</b>	<b>\$484</b>

**Special Offering Fund**

<b>Balance as of 1-25-09</b>	<b>\$1391.</b>
Income:	
Mission Fund	\$299.
Helping Hands Food Pantry	\$50.
Eden Seminary	<u>\$114</u>
Total Income	\$463.
Disbursements:	(\$1015)
<b>Balance as of 2-15-09</b>	<b>\$839.</b>

**Memorial/Gift Fund**

<b>Balance as of 1-25-09</b>	<b>\$8059.</b>
Income: Memorial	\$25
New Century Hymnal Fund	<u>\$1420</u>
Total Income	\$1445
<b>Balance as of 2-15-09</b>	<b>\$9504</b>

**Youth Fellowship Account**

<b>Balance as of 1-25-09</b>	<b>\$611.</b>
Income: Donation	\$25.
Expense: Lock in Supplies	\$41
<b>Balance as of 2-15-09</b>	<b>\$595.</b>

**Etta Licklider VBS Fund**

<b>Balance as of 2-15-09:</b>	<b>\$1503</b>
<b>CD Balance:</b>	<b>\$9891.</b>

**FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT: HOW ARE WE DOING IN 2009?**

Year to Date income as of February 15, 2009 is \$13,909; Year to Date goal is \$19,250. *As of February 15, income is behind by \$5341, or 28%.* Our Annual Budget for 2009 is \$135,538.

**TIME TO START THINKING CHURCH CAMP!**

Winter is warming up, spring is almost upon us, and thoughts of Bem Church members are turning eastward; to Camp Mo-Val in Union, MO! Bem Church has a history of being very active in Mo-Val and the Conference ministry programming of which Mo-Val is such a vital part. This summer is shaping up to be one of the best years yet, as we Breakthrough God's world, investigating the ways Jesus broke through the culture of his world.

Folks have been asking for registration forms for a few weeks; rest assured, they will be out any day now. If you have attended camp before, registration form will be mailed to your house; we will also have plenty of registration forms in church, just as soon as they arrive! The summer schedule is detailed below, though; so you can begin to make plans around these dates.

Bem Church will pay half of the early bird registration fee for anyone going to camp; plan on getting your forms filled out as soon as they arrive, so we can get them in by the early bird deadline of April 8! Questions? Ask Pastor Rick

*Check out what's going on in the United Church of Christ at: [www.ucc.org](http://www.ucc.org)!*

**ST. JOHN'S UCC PRAYER LIST**

...as of 2/23/09

*Prayer Joys and Concerns...*

**Hero Schmidt...** recovering well from hip surgery 2/23  
**Jon Crook...** recovering from medical emergency (Jim Crook's brother)  
**Norman Stumpe...** living with cancer (Hester Tayloe's brother)  
**Laura Shore...** Back from Kenya!  
**Tammi Branson...** upcoming surgery  
**Ray Mortimeyer...** upcoming heart surgery  
**Jim Cook...** health issues; upcoming surgery (Nancy Carl's friend in Tennessee)  
**Don Koepke and Doris Barnhouse...** engaged to be married June 6!  
**The Family of Sandy McCormack...** on their loss (Teresa Ringeisen's friend)  
**The Family of Tim Steinbeck...** on their loss (Teresa Ringeisen's friend)  
**Healing, Wholeness and Forgiveness...** for families of Bem Church members in need

*Recovering from surgeries & other procedures...*

**Diana Halmick; John Kreter; Esther Hollander; Willard Tayloe; JoAnn Glaser;**  
**Art Knehans** (Bill Knehans' father)

*Health Issues...*

**Jim Honse** (Dee Ruegge's friend); **Remi Bruning** (Paula Shockley's friend);  
**Norman Blankenship; Betty Raack; Vi Miller; Joe Smith** (Carole Dotson's nephew);  
**Andrea Schotz** (Connie Koepke's cousin); **Steve Aberle** (Connie Koepke's friend);  
**Til Knobbe** (Kim Oberle's grandmother); **Butch Rice** (Diana Halmick's father);  
**Don Koepke** (knee problems); **Lawrence Pankey** (Courtney Shockley's grandfather)  
**Ranzo Nowack; Hap Eddens** (Jackie Mitchell's cousin); **Pam Crider**

*Challenges in Life...* **Fran & Dan Graham; Ken Wittich; Richard & Pam Koepke;**

**Noe Guzman** (New Haven High School Senior fighting deportation)

*Living with Cancer...*

**Mary Ackermann; Mary Spurgeon; Sue Sassman; Casey Lamb** (Darin Layman's cousin)  
**Joyce Elsperman** (Lori Adams' friend); **Dustin Quirouet** (C. Blankenship's friend)  
**Karen Willimann** (Armin Enke's daughter); **Diane Hughes** (Judene's friend);  
**Eddie Tayloe; Joy Schneider** (Nancy Carl's Friend);  
**Brian & Heather Sample...** (Friends of Brenda Sieckmann & Debbie Adams)

*Our family members and friends in care facilities...*

**Blanche Lewis & Geneva Schaefferkoetter** at Gasconade Manor;  
**Ira Licklider** at Sunset Health Care in Union; **Bernice Licklider** at Frene Valley

*Serving us in the Military...* **Tommy Creedon, Landon Freeman, Page Neville, Jason West**

**Brendan O'Very, Erik Laudahal & JR Lackey**

*Pregnancies in our church family...*

<b>Kristen &amp; Cody Echols</b>	<b>Paula &amp; Rick Copeland; Jay and</b>
<b>Renee &amp; Brandon Shaw &amp; Ashlee</b>	<b>Drew</b>
<b>Brandi &amp; Chris Lauth &amp; Will</b>	<b>Ashley &amp; Matt Spurgeon</b>
<b>Tina &amp; George Wnuk &amp; Molly</b>	<b>Michelle Huellinghoff &amp; Jeremy Bay</b>
<b>Jessica &amp; Chad Mittelhauser</b>	<b>Layne Kreter &amp; Megan Volker</b>

*This year's confirmation class...*

**Kelsey Baxter, Andrew Carey, Tanner Goodman & Sable Huebner**

**ST. JOHN'S UCC, BEM- MARCH 2009 CALENDAR**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES- 10:00am      SUNDAY SCHOOL- 8:45am**

March 1 <sup>st</sup> -	<b>Camp Sunday!</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
March 2 <sup>nd</sup> -	Choir Practice/Christian Education Committee Meeting	6:30pm/7:00pm
March 3 <sup>rd</sup> -	Book Study- "Unbinding the Gospel"	6:30pm
March 4 <sup>th</sup> -	Confirmation/ Lenten Meal/Worship	5:00pm/6:00pm/7:00pm
	Cemetery Committee Meeting	8:00pm
March 5 <sup>th</sup> -	Pastor/Parish Relations Committee Meeting	6:30pm
March 8 <sup>th</sup> -	<b>Gregory Aytes Baptism</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
	Youth Group Meeting	11:15am
March 9 <sup>th</sup> -	Council Meeting	6:30pm
March 10 <sup>th</sup> -	Book Study- "Unbinding the Gospel"	6:30pm
March 11 <sup>th</sup> -	Confirmation/ Lenten Meal/Worship	5:00pm/6:00pm/7:00pm
March 15 <sup>th</sup> -	<b>Laura Shore's Kenya Presentation</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
	Youth Group Bake Sale	11:00am
March 17 <sup>th</sup> -	Book Study- "Unbinding the Gospel"	6:30pm
March 18 <sup>th</sup> -	Confirmation/ Lenten Meal/Worship	5:00pm/6:00pm/7:00pm
March 21 <sup>st</sup> -	<b>Bem Church Relay for Life Trivia Night at VFW</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
March 23 <sup>rd</sup> -	Mission Committee Meeting	6:30pm
March 24 <sup>th</sup> -	Book Study- "Unbinding the Gospel"	6:30pm
March 25 <sup>th</sup> -	Confirmation/ Lenten Meal/Worship	5:00pm/6:00pm/7:00pm
March 26 <sup>th</sup> -	Grape Country Cluster Meeting at St. Peter's	7:00pm
March 29 <sup>th</sup> -	Cemetery Clean Up Day after church	11:00pm

**QUILTING EVERY TUESDAY 9:00AM-2:00PM: BRING SACK LUNCH**  
**YOGA EVERY MONDAY: 6:00-7:30pm**

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