



The Chimes

March 2015

Friends,

LENT, BOAT, NEW CHURCH

Those of you who have been observing this Lent, I am sure, must be sensing a significant change within yourself, even having clear direction in life. More than fasting or relinquishing something for Lent, our daily meditation of the cross fills us with inner spiritual strength.

Lenten journey reaffirms our faithfulness to God. By way of penitence and prayer we reaffirm our commitment to live our daily life in obedience to Christ.

Remember church is like Noah's Ark; God made it a mirror image of a church. What then do we learn from the Ark?

Try not to miss the boat.

Remember we are all in the same boat.

Plan ahead! It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.

Be ready when God calls you to do something really big.

Don't be discouraged of the critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.

Build your future on high ground.

Learn to live with others who are not like us.

No matter how big the storm, God shields his faithful.

Lately we are taking steps for a Next Generation Church. What do we know about our next generation or millennials?

It is not true that our next generation does not care about spirituality; they'll be way more serious about their walk with Jesus once they find faith relevant to their life.

They are not content with borrowing the faith of their parents; they are asking questions and seeking to understand *WHAT* they believe and *WHY* they believe it.

It is not true that millennials do not respect authority, but surely they do not accept authoritarian attitude.

Older generations tend to place a higher priority on church activity and attendance. The younger generation demands to know the purpose behind each activity.

HAVE A MEANINGFUL LENTEN WALK MEDITATING THE CROSS OF JESUS

Harsha

EDUCATION WORK AREA

The youth will be performing in church on 3/22/, 4/26 ,and 5/17th. Please put the dates on your calendar.

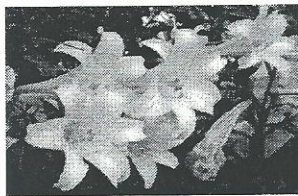
Upcoming events for the kids and others are Bowling at Classic Lanes on Saturday, March 7, 3:30-5:30 PM and Game Night on Saturday, March 28th 6:00-9:00PM.

Youth Group

Youth Group will continue to meet and will be led by Miranda Visintainer.

Please bring in your aluminum cans for recycling. Proceeds from your donations benefit our youth. Please rinse out the cans and make sure they are emptied before you bring them to the church. Thank you!

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Easter Flowers

This year we will be offering the Nellie White Lily. The cost will be \$11 each. Orders are due to the office by Sunday March 15th, 2015.

Nellie White Lily _____

Memory
of: _____

Or
Celebration
of: _____

Name _____

Please pickup your flower after the Easter Service.

Flowers are from Custom Grown Greenhouse,
4507 S. 6th St. Milwaukee, WI 53221.

MISSIONS WORK AREA

Pancake Breakfast

March 22nd 2015, \$6 for adults, children 6-11-\$4 and under 5 free. We are sorry to have to raise the price of our Pancake Breakfast again as the price of sausage has went up. (The sausage we purchased in January was twice the price.) We hope this will not deter you from coming. Where else can you get an all-you-can-eat breakfast for \$6 including beverage. Plus no tax or tip!

Valentine Cookie Sale

We packed 114 plates of Valentine cookies. Our profit was \$186.80. Thank you to all of you who made money donations and baked the delicious cookies. We could not do it with out you. This helps us meet our Mission obligation each year.

The first installment of \$250 has been sent to Paul Webster's agricultural project in Zambia and the Children's Center in Sierra Leone.

42 jars of sauce and 23 pkgs of spagehetti were delivered by Marilyn & Dick Laru to the Milwaukee Rescue Mission.

South Milwaukee Human Concerns

This is the Mission project for March. They are in need of boxes of potatoes, canned meats, personal hygiene items as well as groceries of any kind, (non-perishable) and paper products.

Women Fellowship and Friendship meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 11:30 a.m at the Market Place restaurant.

RUMMAGE SALE

Date for the Rummage Sale has been set for April 25th, 2015. More information will be available at a later date. Please put the date on your calendar and offer your help. Thanks.

Birthdays

March 29th will be our Birthday Celebration Day. Plan to attend (immediately following the 9:00 A.M. service) for birthday cake, beverage, conversation and fellowship with other birthday people.

Scripture Readings for March, 2015

March 1

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Psalm 22:23-31

Romans 4:13-25

Mark 8:31-38

March 8

Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm 19

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

John 2:13-22

March 15

Numbers 21:4-9

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Ephesians 2:1-10

John 3:14-21

March 22

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm 51:1-12

Hebrews 5:5-10

John 12:20-33

March 29

Mark 11:1-11

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

Mark 14:1-15:47

UPCOMING CHANGE

A change in the way that South Milwaukee United Methodist Church's newsletter, "The Chimes" is distributed. For bulk mail you need a minimum of 200 pieces. We have this year fallen way below that number. So going forward we will be putting some out in the narthex to be picked up. The Chimes will also be on our web page, (www.umcsm.org). You can call the office with questions.

Foreign Exchange Students Need a Place to stay for July!

This July, we will be hosting approximately 60 foreign exchange students in the Milwaukee area! They are coming from Spain and France, so that means we need to find homes with friendly families for each and every one of them to live the American dream while they are here.

We understand that modern families are diverse in their make up and we welcome all of you who have to share and an extra bed to offer! Students will spend most of their free time just hanging out with their American family as they go about their daily routine, but there are a few fun outings being planned as well.

Host families are asked to provide a bed, three meals a day, and some transportation to events. Students have their own money for other things. Each family will be asked for references and background check. The first step in the application process is a home visit from local coordinators.

I know this is something that will take some time for you to think about, which is why we are starting so early in the year. Our goal is to have all families in place by mid June.

Tony and Sue Stoecker
414-764-9787
Local Coordinators
Education Homestay Programs



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
BEGINS ON MARCH 8. BE SURE TO
CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS. MOVE
THEM ONE HOUR AHEAD.**

Recipe for the month

M & M Chocolate Cookies

1 cup butter
1 cup sugar
¾ cup brown sugar
2 large eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 ¼ cup flour
⅓ cup cocoa
1 teaspoon bakine soda
½ teaspoon salt
1 ¾ cup M & M (minis milk chocolate)
1 cup walnuts

Cream butter and sugar. Add eggs and vanilla. Sift flour, cocoa, baking soda and salt. Add to other ingredients. Fold in M & M's. Chill 1 hour. Drop rounded tablespoons full on lightly greased pan 2 inches apart. Makes 24-30 cookies. Bake 7-9 minutes for chewy cookies and 10-12 minutes for crispy cookies at 350 degrees.

Dates to Remember

March 6, World Day of Prayer
March 8, Daylight Savings Time
March 20, First Day of Spring
March 29, Palm/Passion Sunday



**CANTATA
NOW IS CHRIST RISEN
Sunday, March 29, 2015
Lyrics by Frank L. Cross
Music by John M. Rasley**