



## UPCOMING EVENTS



**Let Everything That Has Breath Praise God!**

**March 5, 2010 - Schweitzer United Methodist Church**

**9:30 am-Registration and Coffee**

**10:00 am-Celebration**

**Speaker: Sharon Rome from "Newborns in Need"**

**Park on west side of building, use the west entrance. Handicap Accessible.**

### Coming... **THIS WEEK!**

**Wednesday, March 3**

- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, March 4**

- 3:00 pm Culture Club

**Sunday, March 7**

- 9:30 am Worship
- 10:45 am Sunday School

**Monday, March 8**

- 9:00 am Men's Fellowship
- 1:00 pm Domino's & More
- 3:00 pm Culture Club

**Tuesday, March 9**

- 9:00 am Quilters
- 9:30 am CWF Service Day
- 3:00 pm Culture Club

**Wednesday, March 10**

- 5:30 pm Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

**March 7, 2010**

**Isaiah 55:1-9**

**"Ho, everyone"**

### CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

LOVE GIFT LUNCHEON

EVERYONE IS INVITED

DATE: Sunday, March 14th @ 11:30, following Sunday school

MENU: Ham Dinner

ENTERTAINMENT: Join us for a delicious lunch, hear a spectacular piano player, lovable, Charlie Spangler, and support C.W.F. in their outreach mission. Causes we've supported this year include: Basic Mission Finance, Haiti Relief, Rainbow Network, Culture Club, Boys and Girls Club, and Crosslines, just to name a few.

Love Gift offering will be collected at the luncheon or can be placed in the general offering plate (marked C.W.F) or can be mailed to the church office.

HEARTFELT THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

# CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ***Attention Everyone!***

Beginning Sunday March 21 - April 19th we will need volunteer custodians. The volunteer will need to be at the church from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm everyday and also Wednesday evenings from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm.

Sign-Up sheets will be available.

Anything major that needs to be done in the church, the property committee will be overseeing.

If anyone has any questions please feel free to call the church office.

## **Congregational Concerns**

Sam Gardner  
Charlie Lynch  
Jean Hagerman  
Cal Wise  
Debra Gleghorn  
Sue Brown  
Bonnie Montgomery  
Will Brown



*Please keep the office informed of those who need our prayers.  
Thank you!*

# CONGRATULATIONS!!!

## **CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

Lisa Lynch was recently selected the Volunteer of the Year for Boyd School PTA. She is also nominated for the Missouri PTA Distinguished Volunteer of the Year award. Lisa is actively involved in both the Boyd School PTA and in the church. Please congratulate her the next time you see her.

***Our Local Benevolence Fund is decreasing quickly because of needs inside and outside our community of faith. Life is so difficult for many people right now and Central Christian is reaching out to help those in need! If you would like to help increase the fund - please give and designate on your check - "Local Benevolence"! Your gift above regular giving would be greatly appreciated.***

## **Lenten Meditations**    Education Committee

As we continue our journey through the second and third week of Lent, let us reflect upon the struggles of Jesus and the theme of ***speaking truth to power and the theme of forgiveness.***

### March 1-7:

Scripture readings, Isaiah 55:1-9, Psalm 63:1-8, 1 Corinthians 10:1-13, Luke 13:1-9.

### March 8-14:

Scripture readings, Joshua 5:5:9-12, Psalm 32, 1 Corinthians 5:16-21, Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32  
Explore the different opportunities for spiritual growth during Lent through Bible Study, special worship, prayer vigil, and the Easter Cantata.

# PASTOR SPEAKS

## **Week of Compassion Do You Love Me? Feed My Sheep!**

### A Week of Compassion Reflection on John 21:15-19

How do we love well? To love well speaks to the quality of our love, not the quantity. I don't believe Jesus was asking Peter how much he loved him, but simply, how did he love him. How do we, then, as followers of Jesus the Christ, love well?

"Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" What is Jesus really asking Peter here? Peter, caught a bit off guard, says, "Of course, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus responds by saying, "Ok then, feed my lambs."

A second time Jesus says to Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter responds again, perhaps a bit more frustrated, "Yes, Lord, you know that I do!" This time Jesus says, "Then tend my sheep." *Tend my sheep. We're not only feeding now, but tending, caring for the whole animal, not little lambs any longer, but full-grown sheep.* Tend my sheep, Jesus said. Take care of one another; accompany your sisters and brothers on the journey to healing. Commit to them for the long haul.

But Jesus asks Peter yet a third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" This time Peter gets totally exasperated. "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you!" to which Jesus says, "Ok then, feed my sheep. For very truly I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and go wherever you wished. But when you grow up, you will stretch out your hands and someone else will fasten a belt around you and lead you to where you do not want to go." After this he finished his inquisition of Peter by saying, "Follow me."

Follow me. Yet we find it challenging just to follow the news! Feed my sheep, Jesus said. To love me is to follow me. To follow me is to care deeply, effectively and appropriately for others, and this means standing up for those the world has forgotten and speaking out for those who are in misery and poverty. To love me is to follow me; this also means doing the unpopular and the misunderstood. It can even mean risking our very lives.

Do you love me? What Jesus is actually asking Simon Peter is, "Do you agape me?" Agapan, in New Testament Greek, is a verb meaning sacrificial, redemptive love, often understood as the highest form of love. "Do you love me in this way, Peter?" And he responds, "Yes Lord, you know that I am your friend; I have such affection for you," using the Greek verb philein. But this kind of love between friends or even family is not necessarily agape love. Jesus asks again, "But do you love me? You're not hearing me! What is the quality of your love, Peter?" After all that time being a disciple of Jesus, after all that work and commitment, Jesus asks him only then to follow him. Follow me, he says to Peter. If you love me, follow me. Give all that you have right back to God. This is what it means to love me well.

It is often a long, painstaking, arduous journey to learn to follow Christ. It takes courageous compassion. It takes a commitment. It takes sacrificial giving so that others may not suffer but have enough. That's loving well. On your own journey of discipleship, what is the quality of your love? Do you love Christ the way Christ loves you?, with a love so powerful that it rises out of the rubble? a love so pure that even in the darkness and total chaos, surrounded by post-earthquake debris, it sings songs of praise to God all night long? A love so profound it leads you to the cross?

Do you love him? Do you love him? Do you love him?

**Love well.** Feed Christ's sheep. Please give sacrificially to this year's Week of Compassion so that we are able to meet the needs of God's people each and every day.

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**2/28/2010**

***Sunday School***

**Nursery: 3**  
**Elementary: 3**  
**Junior/Senior: 5**  
**Faith Builders: 4**  
**Bilshan: 14**  
**Loyal Workers: 19**  
**Builders: 13**  
**General: 25**  
**Friends: 10**

**2/28/2010**

**General Fund**  
**Contributions:**  
\$3146.00  
**Attendance:**  
167

**Serving March 7, 2010**

**Elders:**

Gary Morris  
Gwen Thomas

**DEACONS:**

**Everett French**

Gloria Brown  
Carolyn Condict  
Karen Fischer  
Debra Gleghorn  
Mary Gleghorn  
Bill Grier  
Helen Gunther  
Mary Howard  
Darrell Kays  
David Lane  
Paula Letterman  
Sean McGinnis  
Jacques Sachs  
Geri Sporcic  
Allen Taylor  
Darrell Zweerink

**Junior Deacons:**

Geoff French  
Ian Frazier

**Ushers:**

Helen Gunther  
Patty Soukup

**Communion Preparation:**

Joe & Kay Parrish

**Fellowship Preparation:**

Joe & Kay Parrish

**Greeters:**

Greg & Kay Walton

**Ministry Team**

**John Bermond, Board Chair**  
**Rev. John Andrews, Senior Pastor**  
**Rev. Don Brown, Parish Minister**  
**Candy French, Music Director**  
**John Cook, Organist**  
**Geoff Weinman, Youth Director**  
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