

ROXFORD COMMUNICATOR

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2018

Roxford Church is committed to being “A Spirit-led and God-glorifying people and place where becoming and maturing disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world is our highest priority!”



Roxford United Methodist Church

771 Roxford Church Rd., SE

Dennison, OH 44621

www.roxfordchurch.org

Ron Heasley, Pastor

Barb James, Office Manager

“Where everyone from everywhere is welcome”

SUNDAY SERVICES

**9:30 am Worship
Jr. Church**

11:00 am Sunday School

6:30 pm Bible Study in Chapel

WEDNESDAY

**7:00 pm Mid-Week
Evening Service
In Sanctuary**

SATURDAY FOOD PANTRY

**9 – 10:30 am
(2nd Sat. of each month)**

Church Office Hours:

9:00 am – 1:00 p.m.

Monday thru Friday

Phone (330) 343-5359

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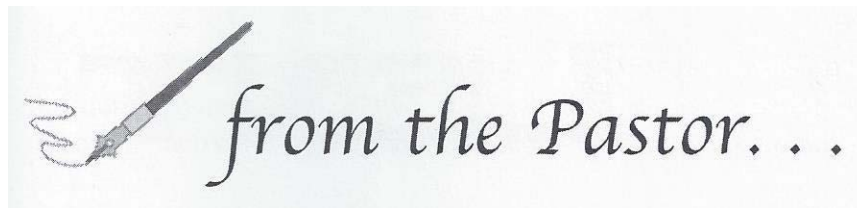
Newsletter Editors: Sandy Beans & Bernice Heavlin



February 2018

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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|  | | | | 1 Adult Basketball FLC 7/9 pm *Thelma Albaugh | 2 Youth Explosion 7/10 pm FLC | 3 |
| 4 Church Council after S. School Choir 5:30 pm Bible Study in Chapel 6:30 pm Ida Walker | 5 Adult Basketball FLC 7/9 pm Jim Scott | 6 Co-Ed Volleyball FLC 7/9 pm Carol Kirtley Chris Bower | 7 Youth at church 6/8 pm Mid-Week Service 7 pm Sanctuary | 8 Adult Basketball FLC 7/9 pm | 9 | 10 Food Pantry 9/10:30 am Aaron Heavlin |
| 11 Trustees 5 pm Choir 5:30 pm Bible Study in Chapel 6:30 pm | 12 Evangelism 6:30 pm Adult Basketball FLC 7/9 pm Daniel Keener | 13 Pastor/Parish 7 pm Co-Ed Volleyball FLC 7/9 pm | 14 Valentine's Day ASH WEDNESDAY Service 5/7 pm Youth at church 6:30/8 pm Carl & Barb James John Gibson | 15 Adult Basketball FLC 7/9 pm Jacob Bache Bertha Baxter | 16 | 17 Mark Conrad |
| 18 Missions 5:30 pm Choir 5:30 pm Bible Study in Chapel 6:30 pm Youth to YMCA 6:30/8 pm Krisann Stenz | 19 Adult Basketball FLC 7/9 pm Sherry Rausch | 20 Co-Ed Volleyball FLC 7/9 pm Steve Masten | 21 Mid-Week Service 7 pm Sanctuary Nancy Downing | 22 Adult Basketball FLC 7/9 pm | 23 Willard & Louise Dessecker | 24 Men's Group Shoney's 7 am Game Day & Soup/Dessert 2 pm FLC Louise Dessecker |
| 25 Choir 5:30 pm Youth at church 6/8 pm Bible Study in Chapel 6:30 pm | 26 Adult Basketball FLC 7/9 pm Missionaries: Mark & Mary Ann Hoobler | 27 Co-Ed Volleyball FLC 7/9 pm Eliza Downing | 28 Mid-Week Service 7 pm Sanctuary Les Hooker |  | | |

*Denotes 90 or over



"WET PANTS"

Come with me to a third grade classroom. There is a nine-year-old boy sitting at his desk &, all of a sudden, there is a puddle between his feet & the front of his pants are wet. He thinks his heart is going to stop. It's never happened before, & he just knows that when the other boys find out he will never hear the end of it. Then when the girls find out, they'll never speak to him again for as long as he lives.

The boy puts his head down & prays this prayer: 'Dear God, this is an emergency! I need help now! Five minutes from now my life will be over.'

He looks up after his prayer & here comes the teacher. She has a look in her eyes that says he has been discovered.

As the teacher is walking toward him, a classmate named Susie is carrying a goldfish bowl that is filled with water. Susie trips in front of the teacher & inexplicably dumps the bowl of water in the boy's lap. The boy pretends to be angry, but all the while is saying to himself, 'Thank you, Lord! Thank you, Lord!'

Now all of a sudden, instead of being the object of ridicule, the boy is the object of sympathy. The teacher rushes him downstairs & gives him gym shorts to put on while his pants dry out. All the other children are on their hands and knees cleaning up around his desk. The sympathy is wonderful. But as life would have it, the ridicule that should have been his has been transferred to someone else - Susie.

She tries to help, but they tell her to get away. 'You've done enough, you klutz!'

Finally, at the end of the day, as they are waiting for the bus, the boy walks over to Susie & whispers, 'You did that on purpose, didn't you?' Susie whispers back, 'I wet my pants once too.'

May God help us see the opportunities that are always around us to do good. Remember - just going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in your garage makes you a car.

Each & everyone one of us may be going through a tough time right now, but God is getting ready to bless you in a way that only He can. Keep the faith.



All children 4 years old thru grade 6 are welcome to come to Jr. Church, held during Worship time every Sunday morning, except the last Sunday of the month. Come to learn about Jesus and the Bible, crafts, snack, fun and fellowship.

Schedule for February/March

- February 4** - Lesson: God's People Hear God's Law
Jan Heasley & Sue Crim
- February 11** - Lesson: God's People Rebuilt the Walls of Jerusalem
Shelly Prysi
- February 18** - Lesson: Sheep and Shepherds
Steve & Marilyn Masten
- March 4** - Lesson: Jesus Confronts Hypocrisy
Mark & Judy Conrad
- March 11** - Lesson: The Story of Job for Kids
Jennifer Parrish & Joan Storrie
- March 18** - Lesson: The Story of King David for Kids
Jim & Chris Hartsock



The last Sunday of the month is Family Sunday – No Jr. Church



IMPACT

ROXFORD YOUTH MINISTRIES
Leader Shelly Prysi

Schedule of Events:

- February 2 - First Friday Explosion 7/10 pm FLC**
- February 7 – (Wed.) Youth at Church 6/8 pm**
- February 14 - (Wed.) Youth at Church 6:30/8 pm**
- February 18 - (Sun.) YMCA Youth Night 6:30/8 pm (Cost is \$3)**
- February 25 - (Sun.) Youth at Church 6:8pm**
- March 2 – First Friday Explosion 7/10 pm FLC with Broadway**
- March 7 – (Wed.) Youth at church 6:30/8 pm**
- March 10 – (Sat.) Mission Project 8:30/11 am at church**
- March 14 – (Wed.) Youth at church 6:30/8 pm**
- March 18 – (Sun.) YMCA Youth Night 6:30/8 pm (Cost is \$3)**
- March 24 – (Sat.) Easter Egg Hunt & Youth Event 12:30/6 PM**
- March 28 – (Wed.) Youth at church 6:30/8 pm**

Jesus was
in a small group.
I'm just sayin'...
(Life change happens in small groups)

A FEW IMPORTANT NOTES:

Please use this schedule to keep track of events. I will try to send text messages or post on Impact Youth Facebook page. If you have Facebook, like and follow our group page!

If any parents are interested in helping with events, let me know.

Thank You! Shelly

(Shelly's home: 330-364-5665 Cell: 330-432-7520)



ADULT CLASSES:

FOLLOWERS CLASS

Teacher: Linda Armstrong
Meets in Chapel
They are studying I Timothy.
We invite YOU to come and join us for a time of discussion, fellowship and prayer.
Call 740-922-2785 for any prayer requests.

THE KING'S ADULT CLASS

Teacher: Several different teachers
Meets in Memory Hall
All adults are welcome to join us as we review the Pastor's message. Come and be a part of the fellowship with us.

CHILDREN & YOUTH CLASSES:

KIDS FOR CHRIST

Preschool thru 3rd GRADE

Teachers: Marilyn Masten, Dianna Whytsell, Jan Heasley, Karen Renicker & Jim & Chris Hartsock.
Meets upstairs in room behind water fountain.

CLASS FOR GRADES 4th – 8th

Teachers: Steve Masten, Bernice Heavlin
Meets in classroom behind Memory Hall.

GUARDIANS 9th GRADE & UP

Teachers: Sharon Beamer & Roxy Carr
We are studying people of the Bible.
All children in this age group Welcome!!
We will have work days and fun days.
Meets in room in basement on the right.

When we stumble, God is there to catch us and give us strength.

THRU AGE 3

NURSERY WORKERS

February:

- 4 - Jim & Keri Manbeck
- 11 - Tim & Dianna Whytsell
- 18 - Jennifer Parrish & Shelly Prysi
- 25 - Sharon Beamer & Sandy Beans

March:

- 4 - Ron & Denise Tedrick
- 11 - Tim & Dianna Whytsell
- 18 - Jim & Keri Manbeck
- 25 - Nichole Bache & Leona Downing

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If you would like to attend Sunday School, please look into one of the classes listed on this page. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Stop at the Welcome Center if you need directions.

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MEMORY VERSES

FEBRUARY

"May your unfailing love be with us, Lord, even as we put our hope in you."
Psalm 33:22 (NIV)

MARCH

"If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit" Galatians 5: 25 NKJV

ROXFORD "CARES" FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

We would like to thank everyone for their generous donations of food, personal items and financial support as we continue to be God's servants to those in our surrounding communities. God continues to bless us with His bounty as we share with others His love.

We serve areas of Roswell, Midvale, Barnhill, Sherrodsville and Roxford Church people. We are **open the second Saturday of the month from 9/10:30 am**. First come, first served.

Donations are appreciated, list available at the Welcome Center.

February: Toilet paper (4-pack), deodorant, toothbrushes **March:** Toothpaste, Spaghetti Sauce.

Thanks to all that help in our food pantry and those that donate. We have been helping an average of 30 families.



NAILS TO PAILS

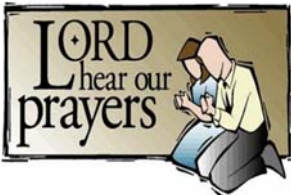


The Men's Group would like to remind the congregation that the Nails to Pails project is still available for minor jobs around the house. Example: raking of fall leaves; cleaning gutters on single story houses; painting of small sheds or garage doors; a door that doesn't close properly; leaky faucet. Will supply labor for jobs. If there is a cost for materials the group typically does not supply that.

Those needing help please call: Jim McKain 330-343-4109 or Pastor Ron.



PRAYER CHAIN



If you would like a prayer request on the Prayer Chain, please call **ONE** of the following key callers: Nadine Moreland 740-922-2785, Bernice Heavlin 330-343-6089, Louise Dessecker 330-343-2777, or Sandy Beans 330-364-2052. **Your request will then be passed on.**

**Sunday Evening (Bible study) for everyone,
7:00 pm, in the chapel**



Meet for **breakfast** at Shoney's, Saturday, February 24 & March 24, 7:00 am. **All men of the church are welcome, HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**



**GREETERS – USHERS
& WELCOME CENTER**

February Greeters:

Earlene Tidrick & Dianna McCartney

March Greeters:

Jim & Rose Downing

**Please be at the church no later than
8:40 am**

Bell Ringer - Brentin Bayer

February Ushers:

Jim & Chris Hartsock
Earl & Bernice Heavlin

March Ushers:

Bob & Linda Armstrong
Bob & Judy Horn

Welcome Center:

February:

- 4 – Caleb Hartsock
- 11 – TBA
- 18 – Sandy Beans
- 25 - Dianna Whytsell

March:

- 4 – Jim Harding
- 11 – Tim Whytsell
- 18 – TBA
- 25 – Dianna Whytsell

(Check bulletin board for when you work, or watch the bulletin, we list who works the next Sunday).

NOTE: Please turn in greeters, ushers and Welcome Center for two months. April & May due by March 15th. THANKS!



A list of people serving in different areas of the church is posted on bulletin board in hallway leading to Memory Hall.



WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Women **no February meeting**, will meet Tuesday, March 20, 7pm. Jan Heasley will lead devotions. Karen Renicker and Joan Storrie will serve refreshments.

All ladies of the church are encouraged to attend these meetings.

Hope to see **YOU** there!

Thanks to everyone who purchased nuts in December.



2018 Flower Chart is on the ledge in the narthex to put flowers in memory or honor of a loved one.

**Please follow instructions on the chart.
Cost \$30. CASH ONLY**



To the family and friends of:

- Marshall (Frank) Skelly**, Dec. 21, 2017
- Betty Norris**, Dec. 30, 2017
- Fred Rausch**, Jan. 6, 2018



IN THE MILITARY

Evan Barnes

SPC Everett Brian L
TF Steel
A 3/7 FA
FOB Torkham
APO AE 09310

Neil Finlayson

Matthew Harmon

Josh Kohler
401 Marna Dr
Vacaville CA 95686

Andrew Mann

Morgan McAtee

Michael Matthews

Tyler Masten

Reserves

Kyle Wise

National Guard

Shane Moody



REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

Rosemary Masten RM 408
Jane Walters RM 500
Judy Renicker RM 812
Hennis Care Center
1720 Cross St.
Dover, OH 44622

Bertha & Crystal Baxter
Schoenbrunn Healthcare
Room 106 – Garden Way
2594 East High Ave.
New Philadelphia, OH 44663

Assisted Living:

Donna Hurless RM 511
Jim Scott RM 602
(Phone: 330-365-348 Jim)
New Dawn Retirement Community
865 East Iron Ave.
Dover, Ohio 44622



If you are going to be in the hospital, please call the church office, 330-343-5359, and give us the name of the hospital and the date you will be there.

IF WE KNOW WE WILL GO!



In case of bad weather, please listen to WBTC – WJER –WTUZ, or channel 3 WKYC, for church cancellations.



Congratulations to Daniel & Krisann Stenz on the birth of Max Josef born January 15th 8 lbs. 8 oz. Proud Grandparents: Bud & Colleen Downing

FINANCE REPORTS

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| Beginning Date Dec. 1, 2017 | |
| Beginning Balance | 12,558.10 |
| Beginning Designated Money | 4,751.33 |
| Offerings | 14,499.62 |
| Designated Income | 113.10 |
| Building Income | 279.00 |
| Miscellaneous Income | 1,630.00 |
| Missions Income | 1,435.00 |
| Trustees Income | 205.00 |
| Interest | 0.14 |
| Total Monthly Income | 18,161.86 |
| New Balance | 30,719.96 |
| DISBURSEMENTS | |
| Building Payment | 600.00 |
| Building Savings | 279.00 |
| Camps | 0.00 |
| Church Utilities | 1,447.56 |
| Conference Givings | 1,030.77 |
| Designated Money to Misc. | 0.00 |
| District Apportionments | 63.04 |
| Education | 0.00 |
| Evangelism | 164.28 |
| Funeral | 0.00 |
| Janitors Salary | 481.88 |
| Janitors Supplies | 0.00 |
| Local | 1,105.00 |
| Missions | 1,503.94 |
| Music | 0.00 |
| Office | 32.33 |
| Pastor Discretionary | 0.00 |
| Pastor Parish | 0.00 |
| Pastor's Pension/Hospital | 2,123.00 |
| Pastor's Salary/Travel | 2,847.64 |
| Pastor's Utilities | 356.62 |
| Payroll Taxes | 760.86 |
| Secretary 's Salary | 966.98 |
| Social Committee | 0.00 |
| Sound Room | 51.00 |
| Treasurer's Discretionary | 196.21 |
| Trustees Disbursements | 525.00 |
| Trustees Savings | 205.00 |
| Vacation Bible School | 0.00 |
| Workman's Compensation | 45.57 |
| Worship Committee | 0.00 |
| TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS | 14,785.68 |
| ENDING BALANCE (Begin next month) | 15,934.28 |
| DESIGNATED MONEY | 4,864.43 |
| SPENDABLE BALANCE | 11,069.85 |

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| Building Fund | |
| Balance Dec. 1, 2017 | 631.01 |
| Offerings | 279.00 |
| Interest | 0.01 |
| Transfer to Gen. Fund | 600.00 |
| Ending Balance Dec. 31, 2017 | 310.02 |

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| Saving Account (Trustees) | |
| Balance Dec. 1, 2017 | 12,037.33 |
| Offerings | 205.00 |
| Interest | 0.20 |
| Transfer to Gen. Fund | 0.00 |
| Ending Balance Dec. 31, 2017 | 12,242.53 |

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| MISSION REPORT | |
| Balance Dec. 1, 2017 | 4,043.14 |
| Offerings 483.70 + Stop payment 1,000 | 1,483.70 |
| Disbursements | 1,271.24 |
| Balance Dec. 31, 2017 | 4,255.60 |

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| FOOD PANTRY | |
| Balance Dec. 1, 2017 | 532.64 |
| Offerings | 819.94 |
| Disbursements | 543.45 |
| Balance Dec. 31, 2017 | 809.13 |

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| TOTAL MISSION BALANCE | |
| Balance Dec. 31, 2017 | 5,064.73 |

**BALANCE ON LOAN AS OF 12/31/17
\$128,853.61**



JUDAS BAGS

Bags will be passed out February 18th. These are to be filled with 30 pieces of silver, the price of Jesus' betrayal. Return bags Palm Sunday.



REPORT FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee would like to take this opportunity to communicate the finances of Roxford Church.

The Food Pantry donations continue to come in. The Missions Committee met all their obligations for the 2017 fiscal year. They were also able to help above those obligations through the Helping hands, Christmas baskets and baskets at Easter time.

We are truly blessed at Roxford Church to have an anonymous donor that has been making the monthly loan payment on behalf of the church. We give God the thanks for this person.

Recently we were asked about the financial information in the bulletin each week. The question is, if we need \$3624.00 weekly and our offerings are coming up short of that amount how do we cover all the expenses? The answer is "we are not". As I have explained in the past, we have not been able to meet our Conference givings or District Apportionments. You might ask how we can do this? The Administrative Council adopted a procedure for the Finance Committee to follow and they are. Anytime our previous month's spendable balance is above \$10,000, we make a full payment to the Conference and District. If the spendable balance is between \$5,000 and \$10,000, the previous month we make a half payment to Conference and District. When the previous month's balance drops below \$5,000 we make no payments. These procedures were set up by our Administrative Council and followed by the Treasurer. For the 2017 fiscal year we were only able to make one full payment, 8 half payments, and 3 no payments. We have fallen short by approximately \$15,000, to the Conference and District Apportionments needs for the 2017 fiscal year.

You might ask can we take money from other areas of the church that is doing well and transfer to the General Fund. The answer is, "no". The money designated to these areas must be spent in those areas.

We would ask that each person take this to the Lord in prayer and ask God for guidance.

If you have any questions regarding church finances, contact Finance Committee members or Jim Downing, chairperson at 330.343.9390.



SATURDAY FEBRUARY 24TH - 2 PM – FLC

SOUP SUPPER

Bring either soup or dessert – drinks and crackers will be provided

There will be relays and active games. People are encouraged to bring cards or board games.



EASTER EGG HUNT – MARCH 24 -2 PM FLC

Broadway UMC will be joining us.

Watch bulletin for more information

MARCH 2018

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| 11 Daylight Saving Time Begins Trustees 5 pm Choir 5:30 pm Bible Study in Chapel 6:30 pm | 12 Evangelism 6:30 pm Adult Basketball 7/9 pm FLC Millie Myers Mary Jane Walker | 13 Pastor/Parish 7 pm Co-Ed Volleyball FLC 7/9 pm James McCartney Erma Thomas | 14 Mid-Week Service 7 pm Sanctuary | 15 Adult Basketball 7/9 pm FLC NEWSLETTER DEADLINE | 16 | 17 |
| 18 Youth to YMCA 6:30/8 pm Missions 5:30 pm Choir 5:30 pm Bible Study in Chapel 6:30 pm | 19 Adult Basketball 7/9 pm FLC | 20 Women's Group 7 pm Co-Ed Volleyball FLC 7/9 pm Miles Smith | 21 Mid-Week Service 7 pm Sanctuary Judy Horn *Iris Kerschbaumer | 22 Adult Basketball 7/9 pm FLC Rob & Jill Mason | 23 | 24 Men's Group Shoney's 7 am Egg Hunt 2 pm FLC with Broadway Holle Reichman |
| 25 Palm Sunday Choir 5:30 pm Bible Study in Chapel 6:30 pm Mildred Malone Rich & Lisa Skelly | 26 Adult Basketball 7/9 pm FLC | 27 Finance 7 pm Co-Ed Volleyball FLC 7/9 pm | 28 Mid-Week Service 7 pm Sanctuary Bob Armstrong | 29 Maundy Thursday Adult Basketball 7/9 pm FLC | 30  Worship in Sanctuary 7 pm Dusty & Karen Renicker | 31 Ellie Bower |

*Denotes over 90



MARCH 11

"OPPOSITES ATTRACT"

How do we become like Jesus Christ (& do we really want to)? Interestingly, God is often more committed to this than we are at times. It's a good thing, too, for if it all depended only on us, we would never get very far in the process. We would probably be too easy on ourselves.

Philippians 1:6 tells us, *"Being confident of this very thing, that GOD is the One who began this good work in you, & I am certain that He won't stop before it is complete on the day that Christ Jesus returns."*

One of the ways we become like Jesus is by letting the opposite thing happen to us. What do I mean? Do we need to learn to love? Then get ready for someone you just can't stand! Need more patience? Better prepare for some aggravation to come your way! Looking for some peace? Here's a little chaos you weren't expecting! Need a dose of joy? Did I mention sorrow?

Why is God like this? Is He some sort of killjoy? Does He get a kick out of kicking us around? In truth, He does this for the very reason that He is the One who starts & finishes every good work within us. You see, all these qualities really belong to God – love, joy, peace, patience, & on & on (see Galatians 5:22-23). They are the "fruit" of God's Spirit that can be nurtured & grow in the lives of those who believe in Him. God provides all these things we need, yet we don't find them – they don't take root & become a part of our nature – until we desperately need them. It's just the way we were made.

If we could develop these qualities ourselves, we wouldn't need God. We would have rules, formulas, & steps to go thru that lead to a better you. In other words, religion would be enough. As it is, we are all deeply flawed in one form or another. Even our best attempts at producing the right things in our lives in some senses comes up short. Now understand, religion is a fine thing. It's just that it has never made anyone like Christ. In fact, the more religious we become, often the further from Christ we become. We can only mirror Christlikeness by having a relationship with Him – by needing HIM more & more in our lives.

You can't make the right stuff out of the wrong material. Or as Jesus put it, you can't put new wine in old wineskins. So God allows things in our lives that break the old in order to make room for the new. The new is BEYOND us. So we are forced to discover it when we are stretched beyond our means. Thus God brings into our lives the opposite to create in us what we really need to be who He wants us to be. That's when we grow.

In the name & love of Christ...

Pastor Ron



Ash Wednesday Meditation Service: Wednesday, February 14, 5-7 PM.

This year you can come as you are & stay for as long or as short a time as you want. At the doors leading into the sanctuary, you'll be provided a "Meditation Guide" to direct your mind & spirit into God's presence while in your pew or at the altar. When you feel led, you are invited to come to the altar to speak to the Lord about any & every thing on your heart & mind. Then the Lord's Supper will be available for those desiring it, & for those who choose to, you will have an opportunity to be anointed with ashes, either on your forehead or on the hand. We hope you will give serious thought to starting off Lent right by coming & sharing some time with God on this evening.



March 25, 9:30 AM in the Sanctuary



Friday, March 30, 7 PM
Good Friday Worship in the Sanctuary



Sunday, April 1, 7:30 AM
Easter Sunrise Service in the Sanctuary



EASTER RESURRECTION SERVICE in the Sanctuary
Sunday, April 1, 9:30 AM