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Preparing for Lent

"I am telling you not to worry about your life..."
Mt. 6:25

Two men sitting next to each other on a flight struck up a conversation. "What do you do?" asked one. "I'm a rancher," the other replied. "What do you do?" "I'm a statistician." the other man said. "That's a new one on me," said the rancher, "what kind of work is that?" The statistician responded with an illustration of how his work could benefit the rancher. "When you round up cattle," he said, "instead of running them through a gate to get a count, I could just fly over them and tell you exactly how many you have." "That sounds great," said the rancher, "but before I hire you let's do a test. I will run my cattle through the gate and count them. Then you will fly over them and do the same. If our counts agree, you're hired."

The men arranged to conduct the test and, a few days later, the plan was carried out. The rancher ran his herd through the gate and got his count. Then the statistician flew over the herd and got his count. They compared notes. Each had counted exactly 8,743 head of cattle. "Amazing," said the rancher, "but how do you do it?" "There are two steps involved," the statistician replied. "First, I count the number of horns. Then I divide by two."

Complicating the simple is a way of life for many of us. Jesus says, "I am telling you, do not worry", and we literally invent things to worry about. He says, *"Do not say, 'What are we to eat? What are we to drink? How are we to be clothed?' Think of the flowers growing in the fields; they never have to work or spin; yet I assure you that not even Solomon in all his regalia was robed like one of these. Now if that is how God clothes the grass in the field which is there today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow, will He not much more look after you, you men of little faith? So do not worry."* (Mt. 6:25-31).

How do we respond? Jesus is telling us that we will conquer anxious worry by trusting God unconditionally. Of course for us that is easier said than done. We hear it all the time: Trust God! We hear it so often that we're not listening anymore. We treat it like a tired old cliché, or just another pious saying. But the attitude of trust in God that Jesus teaches us is not merely a surface religious expression; it is the very essence of the Christian life. The subject must have been very important to Jesus, because He gave a great deal of attention to it in the Sermon on the Mount. The main theme is obvious: "Do not be anxious."

Grace and peace to you from the Lord Jesus Christ,
Don

HEAD DEACONS for March are:
Kim Moody
Angie Lester

THE USHERING TEAM for March is:
Mike George and Bob Schlitz
Dave and Rita McCray

ELDER GREETER for March is:

MAX & ERMA'S FUNDRAISER

Enjoy a meal (lunch or supper) at Max & Erma's on Thursday, March 3rd and 20% of your bill will be returned to the Church for our Mission Trip Fund. Vouchers are included with your newsletter. ***Gather up your family and friends, and go hungry for lunch or supper! See you there!***

TRUSTEES MEETING:
March 13th – 11:15 a.m.

DEACONS MEETING:
March 20th – 11:15 a.m.

SESSION MEETING:
March 27th – 11:15 a.m.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S NEWS
March Meetings and Events

13	-	5:30	Family Night
17	-	2:00	Friendship Circle at Betty Ferguson's
20	-	11:15	PW Board Meeting
21	-	6:30	Lena Robinson Circle at Judy Weeks'

MARCH FAMILY NIGHT ALERT!
It's that time again for our **Family Night Chili Cook-Off**!! On March 13th at 5:30p.m., come join us with your best Chili in hand (or Crock-pot.) If you'd prefer, skip the cooking and bring your taste buds 'cause we need all the judges we can get. This year, we're expanding our cook-off to include a **chocolate chip cookie bake-off**. So if you'd rather bake, get out your chocolate chips, whip up some yummy cookies and come join the rest of your church family! Prizes will be awarded!

LIFE LINE SCREENING will be at our church on Tuesday, March 15, 2011 to provide stroke, aneurysm and vascular disease screenings for those who wish to have them. *Appointments are required!* Please see the bulletin insert and the posters on the bulletin boards in the parlor and in Stenner Hall for more information and a tear-off, toll-free telephone number to call for an appointment.

TOWNSHIP ROADS TRASH PICK-UP
The mission trip fundraiser, picking up trash along some Darby Township roads, is planned for Saturday, April 2nd with Saturday, April 9th as secondary in case of bad weather. We will meet at the church at 8:30 a.m. and depart at 9 a.m. Bill Pettibone will provide donuts, coffee and milk before the clean-up begins.

This year's Lenten Bible Study will begin Sunday, March 6th at 6:30 p.m. and run for six weeks through April 10th. The book we will use is "Razing Hell", Rethinking Everything You've Been Taught about God's Wrath and Judgment, by Sharon L. Baker. Ms Baker is an associate professor of theology and religion, has published numerous articles and speaks frequently throughout the United States on nonviolent atonement and hell. In her candid and inviting style, Sharon Baker explores and ultimately refutes many traditional views of hell. She presents instead, theologically sound ways of thinking that are more consistent with the image of God as a loving creator who desires to liberate us from sin and evil. There is a sign-up sheet in the parlor if you plan to attend this study. We will need to order books in advance. Cost is $10.00 per book.

ANNIVERSARIES:

6	-	Fred & Brenda DeLeon
11	-	John & Marilyn Snively
13	-	Matt & Angie Brown
16	-	Bryan & Jill Dunham
		James & Barbara Berry
21	-	Mike & Barbara George

BIRTHDAYS

2 - Katelyn Moody
3 - Joe Collins
4 - Fayoke Longe
Tom Myers
5 - Jamie Bishop
Jay Ferguson
Betty Ferguson
Misty Hilkerbaumer
8 - Alexis Rihl
11 - Sonia Walker
15 - Drew Lear
16 - Beverly Longe
D.J. McCray
Arlene Perkins
18 - Whitney Landis
21 - Mackenzie Johnston
23 - Janell Tuller
24 - Jessica Rozelle
28 - Brian Berry
29 - Vivian Lester
30 - Tracy Beach
Bruce Keiser

KUMJOINUS will meet Saturday, March 5th at 6:30 p.m. at the church in Fellowship Hall for our regular potluck and an evening of table games and outstanding fellowship. Anyone who is interested in becoming a part of this jovial group is welcome and encouraged to "kumjoinus"! Just bring your own table service and a dish or two to share.

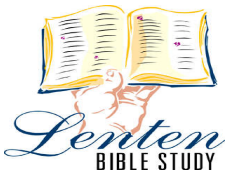
CAN SUNDAY is March 27th.
Regular can drop-offs for recycling are *the last Sunday of each month*. If you need to have a large amount of cans picked up, call Bill Bowen at (614) 371-3266. **Thank you!**

PAPER RECYCLING NEWS
The proceeds from this program help support our Mission Projects. In January we collected 3.19 tons of paper for which we received a check in the amount of $15.94. Don't forget to thank your friends and neighbors for helping with this important mission project and, at the same time, helping to keep Plain City *green!*

2011 MISSION TRIP
Planning is well underway for our 2011 mission trip. We will be traveling to Marion, Iowa, near Cedar Rapids, to provide assistance in rebuilding homes damaged in a major flood about two years ago. That area did not receive the kind of publicity or assistance that many disaster stricken areas have received, and many folks are still struggling to recover from the effect of the flood.

We plan to fly to Iowa on Saturday, June 18, 2011, and to return on Saturday, June 25th. Everyone in the congregation, who is 14 years or older and is willing to spend a week providing hands-on assistance to someone in need, is encouraged to volunteer for this event. You will meet and work with people from Dublin, Marysville, and Plain City, as well as residents of Marion, Iowa. Past mission participants will tell you that it can be a very rewarding experience.

The cost of the trip will be borne by the Mission Trip Fund. The deadline for signing up is March 15, 2011. That is the date we are to tell the travel agent how many airline tickets we need, at a discounted rate. If you are interested, or have questions, please see Pastor Don or Harley Bodenbender.



March 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7:00 Boy Scouts	2 4:15 LOGOS Baby Face 7:00 Choir	3 **PCPC Day at** **MAX & ERMA'S** 7:00 Scout Dist. Mtg. Stenner Hall	4	5 6:30 KUMJOINUS at Church, Fellowship Hall-Regular Potluck
6 9:00 Adult S.S. 10:00 Worship 1:30 At Edgewater 6:30 Bible Study	7 7:00 Cub Scouts	8 7:00 Boy Scouts	9 4:15 LOGOS **ASH WEDNESDAY** 7:00 Choir	10 7:00 Scout Dist. Mtg. Fellowship Hall 7:00 PC Lions Stenner Hall	11	12 5:00 Cub Scout Cake Bake/Soup-Off in Stenner Hall
13 9:00 Adult S.S. 10:00 Worship 11:15 Trustee Mtg. 5:30 Family Night 6:30 Bible Study	14 7:00 Cub Scouts	15 7:00 Boy Scouts	16 4:15 LOGOS Special Angels 7:00 Choir	17 2:00 Friendship Cr at Marian Thomas' **St. Patrick's Day** 7:00 Scout Dist. Mtg. Stenner Hall	18	19
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