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An Open and Affirming Congregation

Church of Christ Vision Statement:
Worship God, serve our neighbors, share God's love.

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

The season of Lent traditionally serves as a time of reflection, fasting and prayer. Christians around the world spend the forty days preparing themselves for the Easter season when we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. This Lenten season, I invite you to “pick something up” as a spiritual discipline. Perhaps you can develop a practice of reading Scripture every morning or maybe commit to accomplishing one random act of kindness a day for all of Lent. Maybe this is the time you start a gratitude journal or a habit of leaving a note of gratitude a day for people in your life. Whatever you choose, do something that will shine a little bit of light and hope into your life.

The poet Ann Weems wrote a piece about Lent that I want to share with you.

As we start this season together, make the time to reflect on your faith and your commitment to it so that we may enter into Easter with refreshed and renewed lives.

With you on the Journey,

Rev. Jen

Lenten Poem by Ann Weems

Lent is a time to take time to let the power
of our faith story take hold of us,
a time to let the events get up
and walk around in us,
a time to intensify our living unto Christ,
a time to hover over the thoughts of our
hearts,
a time to place our feet in the streets of
Jerusalem or to walk along the sea and
listen to his Word,
a time to touch his robe
and feel the healing surge through us,
a time to ponder and a time to wonder....
Lent is a time to allow
a fresh new taste of God!
Perhaps we're afraid to have time to think,
for thoughts come unbidden.
Perhaps we're afraid to face our future
knowing our past.
Give us courage, O God,
to hear your Word
and to read our living into it.
Give us the trust to know we're forgiven
and give us the faith
to take up our lives and walk.

Church of Christ, Congregational Offers Two Lenten Studies

During the season of Lent there will be two study opportunities at the Church of Christ, Congregational in Millis.

Both Studies revolve around the works of C.S. Lewis and are based on the devotional book, *Preparing for Easter*.

PREPARING FOR EASTER STUDY GROUP

**Wednesdays
at 10:00am**

**March 4, 11, 18
April 1**

(no session on March 25)

The study group will meet on Wednesday mornings at 10:00am in the parlor to discuss the daily readings and scripture associated with the passages. The book will be required for full participation. Please sign up for this class so Rev. Jen knows how many books to order. (A few books are available free of charge so please do not let cost prevent you from participating.)

BIBLES & BREWS

**Thursdays
at 6:30pm**

**March 5, 12, 19
April 2**

(no session on March 26)

The Bibles and Brews meetings will be held on Thursday nights during Lent at Mickey Cassidy's, 116 Main St. (Rt. 109) in Medway. We gather at 6:30pm and the facilitated discussion starts at 7:00pm. The discussions will focus on some of C.S. Lewis' writings and ideas about faith. All are welcome. While Bibles and Brews is a drop-in event, please sign up if you are interested so Rev. Jen knows how many handouts to make (no worries if you can't make it!).

Special Collection: Sunday, March 22



One Great Hour of Sharing is part of our Church's wider mission. Your support provides clean water, food, medicines, shelter and health care, as well as disaster relief for people around the world. The theme for this year is ***Invest in Futures***. Envelopes will be distributed on March 22. **Please give generously!**

Next Visitors' Group Meeting March 19 at 10:00am

The next Visitors' Group meeting will be on Thursday, March 19 at 10:00am in the Church Parlor. Please let us know if you would like to be a visitor or if you know someone who may like to be visited. It is a very enjoyable and rewarding experience.

*"For this God is our God forever and ever;
He will be our guide even to the end."*

~Psalm 48:14

The Visitors' Group has set the date for the annual Visitors' Spring Luncheon. It will be on **Thursday, May 21 from 12:00 to 2:00pm in Fellowship Hall**. Mark your calendar – we'd love for you to join us! More details will follow.



PIPS

Parents of Infants and Preschoolers Social Group

Next Dates:
March 12 & March 26

The PIPS group was formed to provide a shared and supportive space for parents to visit, exchange ideas, and connect. The group meets in the church parlor from **9:30-10:30am on the second and fourth Thursday of the month**. Visit millisucc.org for details.

RUMMAGE



The Church of Christ is holding a Spring Rummage Sale!

Saturday, April 25

(details to come in April Spire)

Donations will **only** be accepted from Monday, April 13 to Friday, April 24. Please place them on the Fellowship Hall stage, behind the curtain.

We will only accept: clean, gently-used clothing, linens, curtains, purses, jewelry, shoes, and accessories (i.e. ties, belts, etc.).

Please DO NOT drop off any household items, electronics, or appliances. It costs us money to dispose of them.

Holy Week and Easter Services

Sunday, April 5 at 10:00am

Palm Sunday Service

Thursday, April 9 at 7:00pm

Maundy Thursday Service

**Friday, April 10 at 7:00pm to
Sunday, April 12 at 6:00am**

Silent Vigil

Sunday, April 12

6:15am Easter Sunrise Service

(with hot breakfast to follow,
hosted by Men's Fellowship)

10:00am Easter Festival Service

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST MEETING

**Men's Fellowship meets at 7:30am on the third
Sunday of each month to share breakfast,
conversation and prayer, and to plan upcoming
events. All men who consider the Millis
Church of Christ to be their spiritual
home, are welcome to join us.**

**Sunday
March 15
7:30am**



Youth Group is open to anyone in grades 7-12. We have a ton of fun, so come join us and invite your friends! You don't have to be a member of the church to participate.

Mark Your Calendars for March!

- 3/1 Meeting 6:30 PM
- 3/8 Possible Meeting 6:30 PM
- 3/15 Meeting 6:30 PM
- 3/20 Dinner Event Setup 6:00 PM
- 3/2 Dinner Event 4:00 PM

Save the Date for the Annual Dinner
Event, hosted by the Youth Group

“A NIGHT IN CHICAGO” MARCH 21, 2020

Details to follow.



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**March 8, 2020
Time to Spring Ahead!**

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